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First, icy weather; now, electric bills



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Soaring energy costs are causing bills to spike, but that's not the only problem. Customers are having to make up for losses suffered by energy companies during 2021's Winter Storm Uri, when the state's power grid nearly collapsed.

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Perhaps the only thing people fear more than breaking an arm or a leg in icy weather conditions is an electric bill that will cost them both.

Everyone feels the financial pain, but some can handle it better than others. Those unable to pay risk disconnection of service.

With February stretching ahead and last week's prediction that winter will last another six weeks, there is no guarantee that freezing conditions won't strike again.

Soaring energy costs are causing bills to spike, but that's not the only problem. Customers are having to make up for losses suffered by energy companies during 2021's Winter Storm Uri, when the state's power grid nearly collapsed. Uri cost the city of Granbury about \$4.4 million, and last June the city adjusted the Power Cost Adjustment Factor by one cent to help recoup some of those costs.

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'OVERWHELMING'

"We always get a higher volume of requests during the hottest and coldest months of the year," she

wrote via email, "but this year the number of people seeking help is even greater because the cost of energy is so much more than it was a year ago, two years ago, etc.

"Most of our clients are reporting a bill that's anywhere from 30% to double what they expected it to be. Seniors on fixed incomes are especially vulnerable since they budget every penny. Inflation has far surpassed any (cost of living increase) they saw on their social security check."

She continued, "This is the longest stretch of wintry weather we've had this year, so we know we will have more people needing assistance. One client asked for a blanket instead of a heater because she was afraid the heater would be too expensive to run. The other backbreaker will be those who were unable to work (during the ice storm) and had their children home all week, so they kept their heaters on more than normal, plus they are going to have smaller paychecks. The need will be much greater and for some, this will be a game changer. So



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many are just barely getting by, so missing two to four days of work and having higher utility bills is overwhelming."

WHAT TO DO

Scovel advises those who feel they may need help not to delay requesting it.

"Individuals who need assistance with their utility bills should call our Resource Center and ask to speak to a case manager," she

wrote in her email. "If the case manager is on the phone or with another client, they will return the call the same day."

The case manager will need a photo ID, a copy of the bill (which must be in the client's name) and proof of income, Scovel stated.

Anyone who is a contract employee, such as someone who cleans houses, or is self-employed will need to provide a letter and

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Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center sells out annual gala

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center's annual winter gala set for Saturday, Feb. 25, at La Bella Luna is now sold out.

Since 2006, the PRCAC has been promoting the healing of child abuse victims in Hood, Somervell, and Erath counties. The PRCAC serves abused children and supportive family members, helping children move from hurting to healing to thriving.

The center's annual winter gala — with this year's theme "An Evening in Paris" — is used as a fundraising event each year, where funds are used to provide essential services to abused children in local communities.

"Probably 17% to 20% of our budget, we have to raise in the community through individual business contributions and fundraising events," said PRCAC Executive Director Margaret Cohenour. "We like doing a gala, because it's also an opportunity to thank our donors. We want them to have a good evening and know that they're supporting our mission."

Tickets for the event sold out in the last week of January. Cohenour estimated they will have 280 people in attendance on Feb. 25.

"We are really excited to be sold out," Cohenour said. "We appreciate everyone who is sponsoring a table as well as those who have provided live and silent auction items. We are looking forward to a really fun evening, and we are grateful for the community's support of our mission."

MISSION

The mission of the PRCAC is to "promote the healing of child abuse victims one child at a time." However, Tracy Cooper-Ives, director of community education and engagement, said she wants to expand the mission to include education and outreach.

"I want us to expand the (mission statement) to also be about educating our community about the problem of child abuse, so that we can prevent it," she said. "Not just healing the victims, but also helping people to recognize the signs."

Services of the PRCAC include forensic interviews, family advocacy, multi-disciplinary team, counseling, prevention education, and outreach.

"With the counseling program, a lot of people don't realize that even though the majority of our counseling clients are going to come through the forensic interview, the advocate will stay with that child throughout the whole course, however long that lasts," Cohenour said. "We offer counseling services, and we don't charge anybody."

"And the level of counseling that we provide, it would be very expen-

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sive," Cooper-Ives added. "I mean, (our staff is) so highly trained, and they're magnificent on what they offer."

COMMUNITY IMPACT

In 2022, the PRCAC staff conducted a total of 407 interviews, 1,104 family advocacy sessions, and 2,340 counseling sessions. "We're working on making a dent in some of those statistics," Cohenour said. "The one statistic that we really talk a lot about is if only one in 10 children ever tell you that they've been abused, that means there's nine that aren't telling. We would prefer to think that we're preventing those nine from being abused by reaching them, or if they have been abused, that they talk about it so they can get the help and healing that they need. We can't control the number of cases that come to us, so we can just sit and wait for those interviews, or we can go out and try to make sure that we're sharing as much information as possible to prevent it from happening or to recognize it."

Approximately 10,636 people were reached by PRCAC prevention presentations last year. A total of 1,763 people were trained in recognizing and reporting child abuse, and 16,353 people were reached during community outreach events.

"We'll be happy to talk to any group that would listen," Cooper-Ives said. "Because really, it's not enough. We used to just train teachers and schools to recognize and report child abuse and child sex trafficking, but every human over the age of 18 is a mandated reporter in Texas so every single person needs to know that — that's why any group we speak to, we want them to get the same training that teachers would."

"Abuse has been around for a



Staff members of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center get ready to welcome guests during last year's winter gala event at La Bella Luna.

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long time," Cohenour said. "I think we're just now learning more about what to look for, how to recognize it, and maybe how to prevent it. I think that's what's the key about it."

Individuals can help the PRCAC by donating materials or funds, requesting a tour of the center, inviting staff to speak at a club or organization, attending PRCAC fundraisers, or by volunteering.

"We've got a really good team here, and everybody's really passionate about what we do, and committed to the mission," Cohenour said. "We partner with several nonprofits in the community. Everybody has their niche, and we all work closely together doing our different functions, and I think that's what works really well."

For more information, visit paluxyrivercac.org online, or call 817-573-0292.

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The elegant ambience was set as salads were being served during last year's Crystal Gala hosted by the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center at La Bella Luna.

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State seeks ice-related property damage reporting

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Most people who endured last week's multi-day ice irritation made it through unscathed or with just a bruise or two from a slip and fall.

But if you sustained property damage, Gov. Greg Abbott urges you to report it via an online Individual State of Texas Assistance Tool, or iSTAT, damage assessment survey.

During the ice storm, power outages occurred in parts of the state because of power lines affected by broken tree branches.

"I urge any Texan who sustained property damage to report it in order to aid officials in identifying community needs," Texas Division of Emergency Management chief Nim Kidd said in a prepared statement.

Texas residents can report ice storm damage to their home or business through the iSTAT sur-

vey. It can be filled out in English or Spanish online at damage.tdem.texas.gov. Click on "Ice Storm/Winter Weather January 29-Ongoing." Videos in English and Spanish are available to explain how to fill out the surveys.

The information provided through the survey helps emergency management officials gain an understanding of damages that have occurred and identify any immediate resource needs. Survey information also helps officials de-

termine if the state meets federal requirements for various forms of federal disaster assistance.

Filling out the survey is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency and does not guarantee disaster relief assistance.

Despite several days of icy roadways, Hood County may have largely escaped the type of damage that the iSTAT survey seeks to record. Sheriff Roger Deeds said late Thursday that 9-1-1 dispatch had

not been contacted about property damage or power outages.

"We have had the ice but not enough to take down trees or power lines," he said.

Additional winter weather resources and safety information can be found at tdem.texas.gov/disasters/january-2023-winter-storm.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Icy winter weather creates a variety of unfortunate problems

We all know the weather last week caused upheaval in everyone's life. I do not really dislike cold weather per se, but the part of winter I have always detested is when poor weather prevents travel. It makes me crazy to be in a situation where I am not sure if I can successfully drive someplace or can get back home without ending up stranded in a ditch. Traveling by plane is even more problematic. Flights get canceled and it is easy to end up in a far away airport for an extended period waiting for the weather to break.

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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.

over the weather. As the weather broke at the end of the week, we worked through the weekend getting caught up and having papers delivered.

All these weather-related problems were almost too much for me. It was impossible to create a concrete plan of action for work because of the inability to know with certainty what the weather was going to do, and the status of roads that would allow staff to get to work.

When I got up on Tuesday morning I was determined to travel to the office and get something accomplished. I had parked my car out on the street to avoid issues with getting up my very downhill slanting driveway. Ice was defrosted and scrapped from my windshield and I took off. It was pleasing to find I was able to negotiate the roads with little difficulty. I

made the 15-minute trip to the office, stopped my car and started to enter the building when I realized I had left my phone at home!

I will never be able to print the words I shouted out at my incompetence for not being sure I had everything I needed when I left the house. I had no choice but to drive back home as I knew employees would be reaching out to me by phone seeking instructions. I turned the car around, drove home and started back to work. By now the sleet once again began to fall and the roads had deteriorated by 50% from the time of my first trip just a few minutes earlier. It was treacherous but I made it.

I got back to work and stayed there until midafternoon. All the staff had been sent home or had never attempted to brave the roads. The weatherman indicated more sleet would fall starting after lunch,

so I decided to head home out of fear I would never be able to get there once the weather took another turn for the worse.

Driving home it seemed like everything in town was closed and there was very little traffic. Staying slow and steady, my car turned onto my street and I was thankful I had made it back without any issue. I had brought my laptop from the office so I could work from home if I was unable to get out the next day. Once parked, I gathered up my materials and started down the driveway. I took no more than two steps on the slanted driveway when my feet flew out from underneath me, and I fell on my backside and began a rather steady slide down the driveway toward the house. The items I was carrying flew everywhere as I began a slow descent on my backside. It was not pleasant.

The humiliation of the fall was overwhelming, and nearly matched by the pain I felt in my hip and lower back. It was a strategic nightmare to get myself gathered to the point where I could stand on the ice, pick up my materials, and get in the house. The rest of the day my back reminded me of the travails of

winter weather.

The bright spot of this silly weather situation was the way I saw people working together to overcome the problems the sleet and ice created. It seems everyone was accepting and understanding about the newspaper being late for delivery. Our staff was exceptional in helping every way they could to get us back on our normal production schedule. In the community, neighbors helped neighbors and we all made out the best we could.

My wife is still giggling about seeing me slide down the driveway on my backside while the items I was carrying flew all over the place. I am sure it created an image lots of our readers would enjoy seeing.

I hope you made it through the weather in good shape.

Would somebody please explain to me how they prefer the cold over the heat of summer?

Thought for the day: We should all take a lesson from the weather; it pays no attention to criticism.

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

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HOOD COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE

Adoption days unlike all others that come up in district court proceedings

In district court, most days are hard. We often hear about the worst day of people's lives.

There are very few hearings that end with everybody happy. Just since December, I have presided over two murder jury trials and conducted a punishment bench trial on an indecency with a child case. While district court is a vital place for justice, it is not always an uplifting place.

There is one very notable exception, and that is on an adoption day. As judge, I get the distinct honor of granting adoptions. Assuming that all the paperwork is in order and the adoption should be granted under the law, it is a joy to do so.

Child adoptions are precious.



BY JUDGE BRYAN BUFKIN

Bryan Bufkin is the 355th Judicial District Court Judge in Hood County. Bufkin grew up in Granbury and went to Granbury schools through high school graduation. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the UT-Arlington and a juris doctor degree from Baylor Law. He and his wife, Rachael, are raising their four sons here in Hood County.

Our local bar association provides stuffed animals to give to the children at the end of the hearing. To conclude the hearing, I allow the child to bang the gavel. They seem to get a big kick out of doing that. In a typical court hearing, any noise or distraction is strictly forbidden. During adoptions, we let the children be children, which includes laughter and maybe even some cry-

ing. Who can control those sweet sounds? Court sounds so different during adoptions.

Adult adoptions are a beautiful thing. Often a stepparent, grandparent, or other family member raises a child as their own but never formally adopts the child. Then when the child reaches the age of 18, they decide they want to make it official. Adults who are adopted

are often the most emotional and thankful for the gift of being officially adopted.

Some adoption proceedings are small and intimate, including only the parents and child. Some proceedings are big. Really big. Supporters pile into the courtroom to get a chance to witness this beautiful moment.

Normally in court, we have restrictions on people taking pictures. Those restrictions are lifted for adoptions. Family and friends come up to the bench for pictures. Some moments are so sweet they need to be captured and memorialized forever. Getting to share in that monumental day — and having the authority to make it legal — is a blessing and responsibility I do

not take lightly.

As is true with many other legal concepts in our justice system, adoption has a special significance in scripture. At a recent adult adoption, I recognized a Christian pastor who was there to support the family. After granting the adoption, I spoke with one of the men who was adopted. I told him that the Bible teaches that Christians are adopted as children of God through Christ. I could see that this was special to him. The Bible tells us that every good and perfect gift is from above. Adoption is a great gift. I am so thankful that God gave us the adoption process on Earth to point us to our need for Him.

Until next time, this column is in recess.

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verification of payment from the individuals or businesses they provide services to.

"Our mission is to help make people sustainable; to help them get through a crisis like losing a job, losing a spouse, having to pay for car repair, getting evicted, etc.," Scovel said. "It is not our mission to become part of their budget."

"And contrary to what some seem to believe, telling us you have had no income at all and no one has worked for months, yet your budget sheet shows rent, utilities, cable TV, car payments and food is not a good idea."

Still, Scovel advised full disclosure and noted, "We will do everything we can to help those who are honestly trying. We want to help people get back on track."

WHAT TO EXPECT

According to Scovel, Mission Granbury typically pays a portion of a bill, "though every case is handled individually."

"We have paid entire bills, but the circumstances were extreme," she stated.

The nonprofit uses federal poverty guidelines to determine where clients fall on the poverty scale and the impact that Mission Granbury's assistance will have to calculate how much to pay toward a bill.

Scovel stressed the importance of not waiting until disconnection is imminent. Mission Granbury does not pay reconnection fees.

"It is always, always better to call us as soon as you know you can't pay your bill so we can process a pledge before you're disconnected," she detailed in her email.

She added, "The other mistake is waiting until the very day it's scheduled to be disconnected, because it takes time to process a transaction. The worst thing to do is wait until late Friday afternoon. If a case manager is not available, your request will have to wait until Monday. This goes for all emergency assistance, utilities, rent, prescriptions, etc."

Also, those requesting assis-

tance should not expect money to be given to them directly. It won't be. Mission Granbury pays vendors, such as the client's electricity provider.

Scovel noted that cold snaps also bring an increase in the number of people requesting propane.

"We have a fairly large population of people who live in RVs," she said.

HELPING THE HELPERS

Scovel said that Mission Granbury receives funds from the city of Granbury and United Cooperative Services to help their electric customers when they are having trouble paying their bills. Mission Granbury determines eligibility. "These households must still

meet certain income requirements (no more than 150% on the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines) or have some other qualifying event," Scovel wrote. "Clients who have other energy providers are helped but those funds come from private donations from the community."

Granbury Communications Manager Jeff Newpher said that the City Council approved a \$40,000 donation to Mission Granbury on Jan. 19, 2021 to assist city utility customers and budgeted \$30,000 for the 2023 fiscal year for that same purpose.

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Donna Lorraine Millsaps

July 23, 1965 - January 31, 2023

Donna Lorraine Millsaps, 57, passed away peacefully in her home in Madison, Alabama, on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, following a courageous fight with cancer. Donna was known by all to be one of the kindest, most faithful, courageous, giving, and loving people that ever walked the face of the earth. She would give the shirt off her back to anyone, even if she did not know them, and she never met a person that she could not call a friend. She was truly one of a kind.

Donna was born on July 23, 1965, in San Antonio, Texas, to Jeanie and Don Campbell. She grew up in the town of Granbury, Texas, a place that she held so dear to her heart. Her early days were spent raising all kinds of animals on her family's farm, from dogs to ducks. Her pride was her sheep, which competed at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Her first job was at 12 years old, working the soda fountain at her local drug store in Granbury. Throughout her teenage years, Donna was a social butterfly, making friends with any and every person she met.

At the age of 17, Donna left home to attend college at The University of Texas in Austin. Though her time in Austin was brief, leaving school after two years, she made memories that lasted a lifetime. Her eyes always lit up when she spoke of her time in Austin and how much fun she had.

From there, she moved to Huntington Beach, California, with her life-long best friend, Wendy Webb, where they lived on a boat and made even more memories to last a lifetime prior to moving back to Granbury.

While back in Granbury, Donna worked at Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant. Here is where she would meet her future husband and the love of her life, Michael.

In 1994, Donna would move to Huntsville, Alabama, to be with Michael, who had been working in the area for a couple of years already. In 1997, they got married in Huntsville. Donna and Mike would eventually have two sons, first Brandon and then Brody, who she loved so dearly. Her favorite thing in the world was to be a mother. And she was the best at it. Donna was a regular attendee of Whitesburg Baptist Church, where she volunteered in the church's nursery during service.

From tee-ball all the way up through high school, she was always the team mom. She always had snacks for every player after the game. From making sandwiches for Brandon's travel basketball team to eat during their tournament in Memphis to peeling oranges for Brody's tee-ball team, she always did so with love and a smile on her face. She was a



beloved member of the Heritage Elementary School PTA, nearly single-handedly transforming the school's foyer into a whimsical garden dedicated to learning the characteristics of a strong student. When duty called and the James Clemens High School basketball team required a booster club president, Donna answered, spending countless hours manning the concession stands, catering meals, and raising money for the program for three and a half years. She would eventually become a merit badge counselor and advancement chair for Brody's Boy Scout Troop 7350 at St. John's Catholic Church in Madison. Scouting became her passion, and she looked forward to each and every meeting. After her boys had long grown out of picture books, she decided to volunteer with Therapy Partner's Partners Achieving Literacy (PAL) program. With PAL, she traveled to various Huntsville elementary schools, offering supplementary reading education to students in need alongside Mary and her therapy poodle, Nellie. Through all these positions, Donna connected with not only her two babies, but so many other young people. She loved each like her own, relishing in their accomplishments and leaving her wealth of knowledge with not only her sons, but the sons and daughters of her entire community.

She loved going to the beach in Destin, Florida, and always called it her "happy place." Here is where she would meet with longtime friends to relax with her toes in the sand. There was not much in the world that made her happier.

Donna is survived by her husband of twenty-five years, Michael Millsaps; sons, Brandon Millsaps and Brody Millsaps; mother, Jeanie Campbell; brother, Steven Campbell; nieces and nephews: Trisha Campbell, Crystal Lister (Tyler), Nikki Campbell, Ian Campbell, Eric Wood, Brian Wood (Victoria), Kevin Wood, David Wood, and Anna Wood; and her loyal hound dog, Neyland.

She was preceded in death by her father, Don Campbell.

Visitation was Sunday, February 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Berryhill Funeral Home, Huntsville AL, followed by service at 1:30 with Pastor Huey Hudson officiating. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery

Brenda Gay (Hughes) Wilkinson

November 21, 1940 - January 30, 2023

Brenda Gay (Hughes) Wilkinson of Granbury, Texas, died peacefully in the presence of family on Monday, January 30, 2023 at Medical City Las Colinas.

Brenda was born on November 21, 1940 in Cleburne, Texas to Oscar Mauris and Velma Ruth (Free) Hughes. She married Lewis Wayne ("Dutch") Wilkinson on April 25, 1963 in Lamesa, Texas and the couple enjoyed fifty-five years of marriage before Dutch's passing in 2019. They had two children, Marcia Rae, who passed as an infant, and Garland Wayne, born in 1965.

Brenda grew up in Cleburne with summers spent traveling to places around the country, such as Ohio and Florida, with her father who worked as a construction engineer. She attended North Texas University before marrying Dutch. From Lamesa, the couple moved to Littlefield, Texas in 1964 where, after sixteen years with Tide Products, an agricultural services company, Dutch acquired a General Motors dealership in Littlefield, which he and Brenda owned and operated until 1990. Shortly afterwards, Dutch and Brenda acquired the Plantation Inn, a lodge in Granbury, Texas, where he and Brenda settled for the remainder of her life. She remained in close contact with their West Texas friends just as she made new ones in Granbury, leading philanthropic ini-



tiatives and becoming a member of the First Presbyterian Church. As a founding member of the Hood County United Way, she served as the second president and as a member of the board for many years, raising funds and planning events to benefit her community.

Nothing brought Brenda more joy in life than time spent with family and friends, particularly her grandchildren. With them, she and Dutch traveled to Croatia, Scotland, Ireland, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan and Canada. She and Dutch also spent considerable time together and with their family in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Brenda was preceded in death by Dutch, her brother, Oscar Mauris Hughes Jr., and is survived by Garland, along with daughter-in-law, Melinda, and three grandchildren, Shelby, Grant and Nancy.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to make contributions to the Hood County United Way in her memory by visiting unitedwayhoodcounty.com.

Ivan Max Keen

January 3, 1930 - January 28, 2023

Ivan Keen of Granbury, 93, was peacefully embraced as he passed from this life into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Saturday, January 28, 2023 in Granbury.

Ivan was born January 3, 1930 in Hopewell, KS. He grew up in Hutchinson, KS. He married Laura Masseur Bailey on July 1, 1973. He was a fantastic welder and made several items for Laura. He spent most of his life working in steel fabrication. He spent 17 years at General Steel. He retired from NASCO Steel after 17 years as a shop foreman. After retiring, he started a lawn service. When Laura retired, she joined him. He mowed lawns for 20 years. They had 42 customers before retiring again. His other hobbies were bowling and square dancing. He was a faithful member of the Oak Trail Baptist Church where he was always ready to help where needed. He has been a Trustee of the church for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, a nephew, grandson Chad Bailey and a great



granddaughter.

Survivors: wife Laura Keen, daughter and husband Janice and Tom Sherwood, daughter and husband Cheryl and Jim Loudermilk, son Robert Bailey and wife Debbie, son Duane Bailey and wife Bonnie, 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, 6 siblings and nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on 2023-02-10 at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 7100 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134.

A funeral service will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on 2023-02-10 at Laurel Land Funeral Home, 7100 Crowley Road.

Lisa Marie Allinder

April 17, 1957 - January 30, 2023

Lisa Marie Allinder, 65, passed away in her home on January 30, 2023. Lisa was a loving wife and mother of three children. She was known for working hard and enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and had a green thumb that showed in her beautiful yard and garden.

Lisa is preceded in death by her Father, Edward Twigg and sister, Cindy Kretzer. She is survived by husband Ronnie Allinder, son Larry Lane (Paula), daughter Terisa Ayers (Rodney) and daughter Rachel Benedict, as well as grandsons Noah Lane, TW Ayers and granddaughters Kacey Evans (Josh), Brittany Petersen (Caleb) and Leah Lane (Eli Embray),



and one great granddaughter, Ayla Evans, as well as brothers Buddy Twigg, Douglas Twigg (Lisa) and sister Tracy (Scot) Stoddard.

The family will celebrate her life in a private ceremony.

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Richard Thomas Berry

May 28, 1965 - February 2, 2023

Richard Thomas Berry, 57, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at his home in Granbury. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at a later date.

Richard was born in May 1965, in New Jersey, to Bobby and Elizabeth Berry. He married Patricia Magallon and preserved a devoted marriage of almost 29 years. Richard and Patricia had two children, Colton and Sarah. In his free time, Richard enjoyed traveling, flying kites and spending time with family. Richard was a 'trivia master' and had a plethora of knowledge. Richard's quirky sense of humor and playful character will be missed, but the precious memories created will never fade.

Richard is survived by



his wife, Patricia; his children, Colton Berry and wife Bethia and Sarah Berry; great-granddaughter, Indie Stegall; and by his siblings, Erin Linney and husband Donald, Suzanne Morton, Jenny Bryant and husband Ricky, and Patrick Berry and wife Kelly; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Angela Berry.

ACROSS

1 Guadalupe River floater

5 TXism: "busy as _____ tender on pay day"

6 Laredo smelter turns stib _____ into antimony

7 large TX family

8 TXism: "_____ mouth" (discouraged man)

17 TXism: "sticks like tar _____ road"

18 TX Willie Nelson & George Strait, e.g.

21 TXism: "let it _____"

22 TX "_____ -Million" Gates risked everything on barbed wire

23 famous TX heart surgeon, Denton

24 "Texas Water _____" boat race

29 flowerless plant

30 soldier beds

31 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)

32 near Newton: _____

_____ Canyons' trails charged atoms

35 Stetson can be used to _____ a fire

36 TXism: "_____ old range cow"

37 Houston beat Santa _____ at San Jacinto

38 TX will film: "Honeysuckle _____"

39 an account to pay taxes and insurance for property

40 TXism: "hook, _____ and sinker" (all)

41 TX Patrick Swayze film "_____ Dancing"

42 sax's sound? (2 wds.)

44 "Get along, little _____"

45 TX singer Orbison (init.)

46 TXism: "plows _____ row" (dependable)

48 news/weather program

49 Garth Brooks album: "_____ the Wind"

DOWN

1 TX Patrick Swayze's former spread in California (2 wds.)

2 Taylor County seat

3 TXism: "_____ boardinghouse cat"

4 current style

9 TXism: "horse _____" (western)

10 "_____ Wild"

11 gun assn. (abbr.)

12 "_____ I knew then ..."

13 in Montague County on U.S. 82

14 horse gaits

15 health care groups

16 TXism: "slippery as an _____"

19 sample again?

20 TX William _____ Porter was O. Henry

22 TXism: "feel like I've _____ rode hard and put up wet"

24 dir. to Pittsburgh from New Boston

25 TXism: "I _____ to"

26 TXism: "high tail it"

27 track sprint (2 wds.)

28 bitter resentment

29 defects

30 holder of TX Blue Bell scoops

31 TX George W. is _____ of George H.W.

34 TX Dennis Quaid 1987 sci-fi film

35 TXism: "would trade all the mineral rights in Texas _____" (highly desired)

37 TXism: "what he don't know _____ learning" (smart)

38 TXism: "it's a smart piece" (far)

40 TXism: "he couldn't beat a drum"

41 TXism: "trunnin' with the big _____" (going well)

43 bronze body color

44 this Malouf wrote "Cattle Kings of Texas"

47 small saclike cavity in a gland

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY *Texans add 28 football players*

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Last year, with an already young football team entering 2022, Tarleton State University went after veterans in the transfer portal and wanted just a few to complement the roster, announcing seven additions on National Signing Day. This year was a little different — multiplied by four. On Wednesday (Feb. 1), National Signing Day for the 2023 season, Tarleton announced the addition of 28 football players to its 2023 roster.

The Texans have added six defensive linemen, six offensive linemen, five linebackers, three defensive backs, three quarterbacks, two wide receivers, two tight ends and a running back. That's an even split of 14 defensive players and 14 on offense.

Several players have plenty of NCAA Division I experience from the likes of Mississippi State, Washington State, Florida State, and even fellow Western Athletic Conference foe Utah Tech.

Of the 28 additions to the 2023 roster, 21 are transfers, with seven joining straight out of high school.

THE FULL LIST OF TARLETON'S 2023 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY CLASS, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, IS BELOW:

Kariem Al Soufi (6-3, 335, OL, junior. Previous: Ellsworth CC)
Steve Albert (6-2, 215, LB, freshman. Previous: Ellison HS)
Luke Anderson (6-1, 215, LB, freshman. Previous: Fort Worth Christian)
Nathan Baker (6-5, 285, OL, junior. Previous: West Virginia Wesleyan)
Javian Bellamy (6-1, 185, WR, senior. Previous: Glenville State)
Kayvon Britten (5-7, 190, RB, junior. Previous: Arkansas-Pine Bluff)
Tramaine Chism (6-3, 300, DL, junior. Previous: Hinds CC)
Rikter Connally (6-5, 300, OL, freshman. Previous: Seminole, Texas, HS)
Ahmir Crowder (6-3, 295, DL, senior. Previous: Washington State)
Victor Gabalis (6-3, 218, QB, sophomore. Previous: Utah Tech)

Daniel Greek (6-4, 225, QB, sophomore. Previous: Mississippi State)
Josh Griffith (6-4, 255, DL, junior. Previous: Jackson State)
Jake Hall (6-3, 290, OL, freshman. Previous: Southlake Carroll HS)
Dabari Hawkins (6-4, 190, DB, sophomore. Previous: Trinity Valley CC)
Dawson Hearne (6-3, 230, TE, sophomore. Previous: Texas A&M-Commerce)
Markell Johnson (6-5, 190, LB, freshman. Previous: Edmond Memorial HS)
Caimyn Layne (6-0, 235, LB, junior. Previous: Navarro JC)
Jordan Love (6-2, 290, OL, redshirt sophomore. Previous: Kennesaw State)
Amechi Ofili (6-3, 225, LB, freshman. Previous: Sachse HS)
Benjamin Omayebu (5-10, 200, WR, junior. Previous: Idaho State)

Dawson Otto (6-6, 245, TE, sophomore. Previous: Garden City CC)
James Paige (6-0, 195, QB, freshman. Previous: Newnan HS)
Charles Perkins (6-3, 250, DL, junior. Previous: Coffeyville CC)
Ty Rawls (6-0, 215, DB, junior. Previous: Jones College)
Dylan Reyes (6-3, 190, DB, junior. Previous: Iowa Western CC)
A.J. Sargent (6-1, 285, DL, sophomore. Previous: Coffeyville CC)
Senituli Teuhema (6-2, 300, OL, junior. Previous: Fort Hays State)
Amadeu Vital (6-1, 270, DL, senior. Previous: Norfolk State)

Mason Miller returning to TSU to be OC under head coach Whitten

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's football program has added a familiar face to the coaching staff — someone who has spent the last few years coaching in the Southeastern Conference. Mason Miller has been hired to be the Texans' offensive coordinator entering 2023, the team announced on Jan. 31.

Miller is returning to Stephenville and Tarleton, where he coached for three seasons from 2014-16. He was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach all three years, serving under head coach Todd Whitten in



COURTESY PHOTO

Mason Miller

the title of run game coordinator for the Bulldogs last year.

"I think so much of Mason Miller, he's a first-class person who I've worked with in the past," Whitten said. "Our players really enjoyed his coaching style, and he has a knack for coaching, teaching and working with young

men. He's a really smart, creative football coach. He's been with some of the best football minds out there, with Mike Leach and Hal Mumme and guys like that. He'll be good for our program and he'll be good for our players."

Miller has guided different offenses to among the best in the nation at every level of NCAA football, including the best offense in the nation at Southeastern Louisiana (2004). He's also helped produce top-five offenses nationally at Tarleton, New Mexico State and McMurry.

Miller joined the late Mike Leach's staff upon his arrival to Mississippi State in 2020.

Over his final two years with the Bulldogs, Miller's offensive line ranked No. 2 in the SEC and No. 15 in the FBS in offensive line efficiency.

At Tarleton, Miller led his side to third nationally in total offense in 2014, averaging 522.8 yards per game, scoring 43.7 points per game. Exceptional offense continued in 2015, as the Texans averaged 38.1 points and 451.2 yards per contest.

"Our family is very excited about returning to Stephenville where we spent three wonderful years with friends and family," Miller said. "We are grateful for our time at Nevada, Washington State, as well as Mississippi

State. However, we are glad to be home."

Miller will inherit a successful offense from a season ago, a Texan group that led the WAC in yards per game (436.7) and rush yards per game (174.6), and was second in scoring average (31.0 PPG). Tarleton is also set to return 1,000-yard running back Derrel Kelley III, 1,000-yard wide receiver Darius Cooper, and 800-yard wide receiver Jaden Smith.

Whitten, who engineered that offense, will hand over play-calling duties for the first time in his Tarleton tenure, in what will be his 14th season at the helm in

Stephenville.

"I think it's time to turn this over to somebody else, and Mason Miller, to me, is the perfect guy to do that," Whitten said. "I'm going to step away from being the offensive coordinator and being the play caller. It will be the first time that I've ever done this, so it will be an adjustment for me, but I think it's the best thing for our team and best thing for our offense."

Miller began his full-time collegiate coaching career in 2000, and has since been a part of eight collegiate programs across 21 seasons.

Texans hold off Utah Tech comeback, stay perfect on home court

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Texans remain undefeated at home on the season with a 74-72 men's basketball victory over Utah Tech on Jan. 26.

Tarleton remained one of only two teams that were perfect at home this season, along with Seattle University.

The Texans got off to a hot start with the first four points of the game. Utah Tech responded quickly, earning its first lead of the game after four minutes had passed.

It took less than a minute for Tarleton to regain the lead and not look back for the duration of the competition. The Texans went on a 15-3 run to earn a 10-point lead with 10 minutes left in the first half.

Tarleton ended the half dropping 50 points and earning a 22-point lead over the Trailblazers, led by Lue Williams with 16 points. The Texans shot 20-of-32 (.625) from the field in the first half.

Both teams had a slow start to the second half. After three minutes, the Trailblazers had the only two points of the half.

Tarleton and Utah Tech traded buckets back and forth as the Trailblazers gradually cut away at the Texans' lead. With 12 minutes left in the game, the Trailblazers reduced their deficit to 10 points.

The Texans built their lead back up to 12 points with three minutes remaining. The second half comeback attempt by Utah Tech fell short, and the Texans continued their home winning streak with the two-point victory.

The Texans were led in scoring by Lue Williams, the Fireside District Player of the Game, with 25 points, six rebounds and four steals. Garry Clark earned 13 points coming off the bench and had five rebounds to boot. Javontae Hopkins scored eight points and Shakur Daniel had seven points with four assists.

Freddy Hicks picked up seven points (3-4 FG) and four assists. KiAndre Gaddy scored six points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds on the game. Tiger Booker came off the bench in the second half to record six points late.

TSU WOMEN SUFFER 70-44 ROAD LOSS TO UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY



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The Tarleton State University's women's basketball squad turned in a strong defensive third-quarter performance on Jan. 26 versus Utah Tech at Burns Arena in St. George, Utah, but the Texans ended up suffering their ninth loss in 10 games, 70-44. Nyajah Mitchels came off the bench to pace Tarleton in scoring, with 12 points. TSU slipped to 1-7 in Western Athletic Conference play, and 7-12 overall.

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Area teams prepping for hoops playoffs

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

For the first time in several years it appears all six area public school varsity basketball teams could be heading to the postseason. As the regular season winds down, this week for the girls and next week for the boys, five of the six teams entered this week having clinched a playoff berth with another just a victory away — and that was possibly being sealed at press time.

Also, because of last week's ice storm, all games that were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 31, were rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4.

GRANBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates will be advancing to the playoffs for a third straight season after a pair of victories this weekend. On Friday they topped Saginaw on the road in overtime, 58-52, followed by a late rally on Saturday to edge Justin Northwest 45-43 at home.

The Lady Pirates (22-10 overall) have secured second place in District 5-5A with an 8-3 league mark. Among their district victories is a 58-43 home win over Brewer, ranked 12th in the state, the Lady Bears' only loss in district.

In defeating Saginaw the Lady Pirates fell behind 35-32 as the fourth quarter started thanks to an 18-9 Brewer run. They rallied to tie the game at 50 before going on an 8-2 run of their own in overtime.

An even bigger fourth-quarter rally occurred against Northwest as Granbury finished the game with a 13-2 run to overcome a nine-point deficit. Madison Black, off an assist by Ella Garner, scored the winning basket.

"We played great defense the whole game," Granbury coach Alan Thorpe said. "Just to get to the playoffs in this tough district is a big

accomplishment for these girls. So proud of them."

Leaders vs. Saginaw: Ella Hamlin, 19 points, six rebounds, five assists; Garner, 15 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals, two blocks; Kate Hamlin, nine points, six rebounds; Black, five rebounds.

Leaders vs. Northwest: E. Hamlin, 24 points, five rebounds; Alexa Mueller, seven points, three assists; Garner, seven rebounds, five assists; K. Hamlin, 10 rebounds, four steals.

The Lady Pirates were ending the regular season by hosting Aledo at press time. They will likely face Fort Worth Arlington Heights or Fort Worth Wyatt in bi-district, with details to be determined.

GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates moved within one victory of reaching the playoffs for the first time since 2016 with two wins, 60-51 at Saginaw Friday and 36-34 at home in overtime over Justin Northwest Saturday.

The Pirates were hosting Aledo at press time and a victory would secure a post-season spot.

Granbury (17-10 overall) has won four straight following three consecutive losses and is 6-3 in District 5-5A, alone in second place.

In the win over Saginaw, the teams exchanged runs. Granbury led 15-4 early and had a 9-0 run in the third quarter before Saginaw

used an 11-0 run to take a two-point lead. The Pirates countered with another run to go up by 11 in the fourth and the Rough Riders couldn't answer.

The game against Northwest was tied at 14 at the half. Then, the Texans went on a 7-0 run, offset by a 9-0 Pirates run.

In overtime, Northwest held the ball until about a minute was left. Then, Granbury forced a turnover and held the ball until 12 seconds remained. Jenaro Reyes drew the defense in, passed to Isaiah Trejo, who then dealt an assist to a wide-open Dylan Couto for the win.

Leaders vs. Saginaw: Trejo, 19 points, 7-of-8 shooting from the field, forced four turnovers (coach David Breazeale called it "his best game in district"); Kensington Colston, 15 points; Couto, 14 points.

Leaders vs. Northwest: Trejo, nine points; Couto, eight points; Jermain Rucker, eight points off the bench and what Breazeale called "a sensational performance in all aspects."

The Pirates host Brewer Friday, Feb. 10 and travel to Azle on Tuesday, Feb. 14 to end the regular season. Both games tip off at 7:30 p.m.

TOLAR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Rattlers won twice to run their winning streak to five with a 42-21 victory at Poolville Friday and a 42-23 home win over DeLeon Saturday. With the victories, the Lady Rattlers (13-15 overall) improved to 8-3 in District 11-2A and have clinched second place.

In its win streak, Tolar has surrendered just 108 points, and average of 21.6 per game.

"The girls are meshing at the right time," said first-year coach Candace Clayton. "They're finally playing confident as a team. I'm very happy with the way



they've been competing."

Leaders vs. Poolville: Senne Imel, 20 points, 11 rebounds, four assists, four steals; Trinity Rousseau, 11 points, six steals; Skylar Nunley, four assists; Kenzi McQuain, three steals; Emma Jackson, five rebounds.

Leaders vs. DeLeon: Imel, 17 points, nine rebounds, six steals; Rousseau, eight points; McQuain, six rebounds; Jackson, three steals.

The Lady Rattlers were ending the regular season by hosting Lipan, ranked No. 3 in the state, at press time. They will likely play Frost in bi-district Feb. 13 or 14, with details to be determined.

TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers (24-6 overall) will be returning to the playoffs after winning 49-35 at Poolville Friday and 58-33 at home over DeLeon Saturday to improve to 8-1 in District 11-2A. The Rattlers, ranked No. 21 in the state, were hosting No. 1-ranked Lipan, the only team to defeat them in district, at press time.

In the win over DeLeon, the Rattlers found themselves down 19-16 at the half before going on a 25-12 run in the third quarter. They ended with a 17-2 run over the course of the final period.

"We are really starting to understand each other and our role as a team," Rattlers head coach Scott Richardson said. "I feel like we are about to start playing our best basketball at just the right time."

Leaders vs. Poolville: Reis Brown, 19 points (four three-point baskets);

Merritt Imel, eight points; Cade Moody, eight points.

Leaders vs. DeLeon: Moody, 20 points (all in second half, including five three-pointers); Isaac Blessing, 11 points; Brown, 11 points; Derek Brafford, 10 points.

The Rattlers host Santo Friday, Feb. 10 and end the regular season at Hico on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Both games tip off at 6:15 p.m.

LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians (27-2, 11-0 in District 11-2A) have clinched the district championship and are ranked No. 3 in the state. They ran their win streak to 20 games with a 75-10 victory at home over Hico Friday and an 82-21 win at Santo Saturday.

Leaders vs. Hico: Taylor Branson, 18 points, four assists, three steals; Trinity Benitez, 11 points; Hanna Gaylor, 11 points, three steals; Chelsea Lott, 10 points, three steals; Ashlyn Clark, six rebounds; Lynsey Little, five assists.

Statistics against Santo were not available at press time.

The Lady Indians were playing at Tolar at press time to end the regular season.

LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The state's top-ranked Indians surpassed the century mark twice in the same week and for the third time this season with a 100-23 home win over Hico Friday and a 111-33 victory at Santo Saturday.

In defeating Hico, five Indians scored in double figures, while four scored in double figures against

Santo.

Leaders vs. Hico: Garrett Smith, 23 points; Tripp Phillips, 16 points; Cole Reynolds, 12 points; Darius Steed, 12 points; Reese Cook, 10 points.

Leaders vs. Santo: Smith, 28 points; Cook, 24 points; Phillips, 21 points; Beau Broumley, 12 points.

The Indians, who have clinched the postseason, were playing at No. 21-ranked Tolar at press time. They travel to Ranger Friday, Feb. 10 and host DeLeon Tuesday, Feb. 14. Both games are at 6 p.m.

GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates (5-6 overall) fell to 2-1 in District 5-5A with a 6-0 loss at home to Wichita Falls Rider Friday, Feb. 3. They host Saginaw Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m.

The junior varsity Gold won 8-0 over Justin Northwest as Janice Silva scored two goals with three assists, and Braelyn Desormeaux and Alissa Biscardi each scored two goals.

GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates fell to 1-9-5 overall and 0-2-1 in District 5-5A with a 3-1 home loss to Wichita Falls Rider. Scoring details for Granbury were not available at press time.

Granbury hosts Saginaw Friday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

LOOKING BACK

Officer foiled 1972 escape attempt, after two held at gunpoint

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

From Staff Reports

51 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 1972

After a man from Weatherford, who was under arrest, attempted to escape from Granbury Police custody and held two people at gunpoint, the suspect ended up hospitalized in serious condition with a pair of gunshot wounds. That's according to an article in the Dec. 28, 1972 edition of the Hood County News.

The wounded suspect was one of four in police custody after being arrested in connection with the burglary of a Granbury grocery store.

Granbury police officer Eddie Bodiford and a police radio dispatcher were temporarily held at gunpoint

by the suspect, according to the article. Bodiford said the incident began at about 1:50 a.m. "when he noticed a car parked at Northside Grocery," the article states. "After the car left Northside, I called for a routine license check and went back to the store and noticed that the door was open and the window had been broken."

The article continued: "He radioed the dispatcher calling for assistance from Chief Milton West. Bodiford then reported he had located the suspects on the Square where he stopped them. After searching and handcuffing the four, he and West took them to Granbury City Hall. West then returned to the suspects' car for further investigation."

The story went on to state that one of those four men under arrest "requested permission that his handcuffs be removed while he went to

the restroom."

The story quoted Bodiford as stating, "When he returned, he began to scuffle with me knocking my gun belt to the floor and grabbing my gun."

While the dispatcher was calling West for assistance, the suspect then took her and Bodiford "at gunpoint in an attempt to escape."

West stated, "When I reached the Hall, they were coming out the back door and the suspect pointed his gun at me and told me to 'hold it'."

Fortunately, West used a keen eye to spot an opening and quickly made a brave move — putting an end to the potentially deadly crisis.

West described how he managed to shoot the escapee, stating, "I put both my hands up and as I got out of the car, I watched the suspect's movements and for a quick second he looked

away. As he did I pulled my gun from my holster and rushed into the suspect pulling the trigger of my gun two times striking the suspect in the left side with one shot and the other shot hit him in the right leg."

The wounded suspect was transported to Hood General Hospital, and later taken to a Fort Worth hospital. His condition was listed as "serious but undetermined," and was scheduled to have surgery later that day.

Bodiford noted in the article that "the other three suspects did not attempt to escape or aid (the wounded suspect) in his escape," but were facing a burglary of a business felony charge.

93 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1930

An ad for Vance Chevrolet Company in Granbury in the Friday, Feb. 21, 1930 edition

of The Granbury News advertised some interesting prices for several vehicles.

The ad states, "The new Chevrolet Six is enjoying the greatest public reception ever given a Chevrolet car. For it offers scores of new improvements and refinements that make it a finer car in every way. Yet it sells at greatly reduced prices!"

The 12 Chevy vehicles priced in the ad ranged from \$365 for a "light delivery chassis" to \$675 as the price for "The Sedan." An online search recently found on Motortrend.com listed the MSRP of a 2022 subcompact Chevrolet Spark hatchback ranging from as low as \$13,600 (MSRP), up to \$18,100. The same online post showed a 2023 Chevy Corvette ranging in price from \$64,500, to as much as \$126,150.

69 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1954

A crime story in the Feb. 11, 1954 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet described a report to Sheriff Oran C. Baker that stated a truck driver had been robbed by four men at 10 o'clock the previous night, in Granbury.

The article stated that the men, who were driving a light-colored Oldsmobile 88, "stopped him a block off the square on West Pearl, took his 17-jewel Elgin watch, (and) knocked out the truck headlights with rocks."

Law enforcement officers apparently worked quickly on the case, because the story noted that "At 11:45 one of the men was arrested in Garland and at 2:00 a.m. this morning another was arrested" in Richardson. The article also noted, "They were returned to Granbury and placed in jail at 6:45."

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CRYSTAL EPSTEIN in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of DAVID MURL BASS, 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, Texas.

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By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John Paul Aaron, Jr., Deceased, were issued on January 27, 2023 in Cause No. P09919 pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Carlton Rob Cullins.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Colby Gunnels
Hyde Law Firm
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DATED the 31st day of January, 2023.

/s/ Colby Gunnels
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Sheriff: Man jailed on two felony counts after arrest

From Staff Reports

A 28-year-old Hood County resident was arrested and booked into jail on two felony charges after Hood County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an address on Killough Road at about 9:30 a.m. on

Feb. 2, according to information in a news release from Lt. Joshua Lane. Lane's release states that Michael Darric Fountain "reportedly assaulted his wife (age 28) by choking her and his mother-in-law (age 68) by grabbing her by the arms and pushing leav-

ing visible injuries on both involved. Based on information, probable cause was established and (Fountain) was charged / booked into the Hood County Jail for Assault Family Member Impede Breathing / Circulation," a third-degree felony (\$20,000 bond),

"and Injury to Elderly," a state jail felony (\$10,000 bond). Lane also noted that Fountain "is still in the Hood County Jail at this time."

GPD: Two facing felony charges after stolen pickup was tracked with app

From Staff Reports

Two Granbury residents arrested by Granbury Police on Jan. 28, are facing felony counts, including one charged with theft of a vehicle that had been reported stolen. Officers found the missing 2022 Ford F-150 pickup later that day at a local convenience store on South Morgan Street in Granbury, and John-Michael Brent McDaniel, age 19, of

Granbury was arrested at the site, according to Granbury Police Lt. Russell Grizzard. "Later that day, the owner reported that he was able to track the truck using an app. Officers located the truck and subsequently recovered a handgun in the truck, which had been stolen from a separate victim," Grizzard stated in an emailed news release. McDaniel was charged with a third-degree felony

count (theft \$30,000-less than \$150,000) along with a second-degree felony charge (unlawful carrying of a weapon with felony conviction), Grizzard noted. The second suspect, 21-year-old Shane Matthew Jumper of Granbury, was arrested at a local motel, according to Grizzard. Officers responded to that location "Based on information provided by another occupant involv-

ing additional stolen property at their motel room," Grizzard wrote in the news release. The lieutenant added, "Another stolen gun from a third victim was located in the room," and Jumper "was subsequently arrested for unlawful carrying (of a) weapon with felony conviction (second-degree felony). "Additional charges for theft of a firearm (state jail felony) for both subjects are likely forthcoming."

Sheriff: Man charged with felony after knife incident

From Staff Reports

An 18-year-old Hood County resident was arrested on Jan. 30 and is facing one felony charge and one misdemeanor count following an incident involving a knife, according to information from Hood County Sheriff's Office Lt. Joshua

Lane. When deputies responded to a disturbance call just after midnight to a residence on Mesa Loop in the Canyon Creek subdivision, they "learned Bryndon Avery Lewellen (age 18) of Granbury had gotten into an argument with his parents and dur-

ing the argument it reportedly got physical between them, which eventually led to (Lewellen) displaying a knife in a threatening manner," Lane's email stated. "Based on this information, probable cause was established and (Lewellen) was charged / booked into the Hood County Jail

for Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon (a second-degree felony; bond \$15,000) and Assault (Causing) Bodily Injury - Family Violence (a Class A misdemeanor; bond \$3,000)." Lt. Lane noted that Lewellen was released from jail after posting his bond.

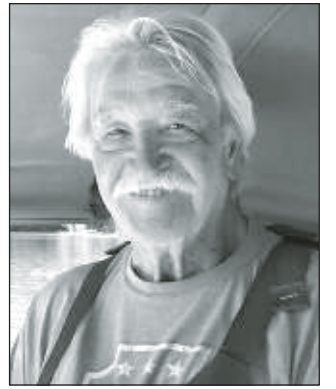
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Kenneth Edwin Thomas

October 31, 1935 - January 24, 2023

Kenneth "Ken" Edwin Thomas, 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in Granbury. A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at a later date, to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kenneth Thomas Benefit Fund at First National Bank, PO Box 400, Granbury, Tx, 76048.



Kenneth brought out the beauty of anything he touched, but most of all, he cherished time spent with his family - particularly his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was born on October 31, 1935, in Elk City, Oklahoma, to Bill and Jewell Thomas. Kenneth and Mary Sue Heald married in 1977. He proudly served his country in the US Navy and retired from Burns Security at the Comanche Peak Power Plant. Before moving to Granbury, he spent many years in St. Joseph, MO, where he was known for restoring and customizing old cars into showcase "muscle cars", and he continued that passion in Granbury. He also had a passion for restoring motorcycles and minibikes, with two of his custom minibikes on show in the Harley Davidson dealership in Wichita, Kansas.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Mary Sue; his sons, Mickey and wife Kelly Thomas of Kansas, and Bobby Cole and wife Taylor Thomas of West Virginia; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his four brothers, Billy Thomas, Ronnie Thomas, Keith Thomas, and Clifford Thomas; and his sister, Linda Thomas Bender. In addition to his parents, Kenneth was preceded in death by his son, Kenneth "Corky" Thomas.

Brenda Blake

June 13, 1977 - February 2, 2023

Brenda Blake, 45, passed away on Thursday, February 2, 2023.



Viewing Friday, February 10, 2023 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury. Service, Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2 p.m., Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury.

Brenda was born on June 13th, 1977 in Seminole Texas to Lonnie and Juanita Blake. She worked as a CNA for 10 plus years and enjoyed taking care of other people's loved one. Brenda moved to Granbury Texas in 2005 where she spent the majority of her life raising her children and leaving her stamp on this world. Brenda loved spending time with her family and was always the life of the party. She made sure every second of her life was lived to the fullest. She knew how to be an ear to listen to and a shoulder to cry on. She was a bright light for so many people who loved her. Time waits for no one and Brenda knew that. She spent most of her time loving and cherishing and taking care of her grandchildren. She was a country girl living in

city world. Brenda was preceded in death by her parents Lonnie and Juanita, brother Leslie Earl Blake and nephew Leo Johnson. She is survived by her daughters Brittany Wideman; husband Ulysses, Katrina Shaw, Aliya Noell, and Morgan Shaw; Son Trey Noell; five Grandchildren Ulysses Wideman III, Odysseus Wideman, Treavon Noell, Sianna and Everly and 11 sisters and brothers. Brenda will forever be loved and missed. We will always keep her name and memory alive. May she find peace. Rest in paradise our beautiful angel.

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North Central Texas Civil War Round Table sets Feb. 13 meeting

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Hwy 377 East, in Granbury.

The program will be presented by Dr. Anne Bailey, Ph.D., who will speak on the Confederate Army of Tennessee. That army, while second in size only to



BY BILL DYESS

Bill Dyess, a retired attorney, has lived in Granbury since 2007, and has had an interest in the American Civil War since childhood. He is a member of the steering committee of the North Central Texas Civil War Round Table.

Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, never attained the success of Lee's army, due largely, historians believe, to problems within its leadership.

Dr. Bailey, a specialist in Civil War history in the Western and Trans-Mississippi theaters, has taught at Texas Tech University, the University of Arkansas and in the University of Georgia system, and has authored and edited numerous books and articles on the war. She will examine the strengths and weaknesses of Confederate Generals Braxton Bragg, Joseph Johnston and John Bell Hood, the three principal commanders of the army.

On Jan. 9, Thomas Holder, an author and historian from

Weatherford, presented an interesting and informative program on Confederate Brigadier General Hiram Granbury, for whom the city of Granbury is named.

FEBRUARY IN THE CIVIL WAR

On Feb. 16, 1861, Jefferson Davis, the newly elected provisional president of the Confederacy, arrived in the Confederate capital of Montgomery, Alabama. On Feb. 23, Abraham Lincoln, president-elect of the United States, arrived in the capital of Washington, D.C. Both men fervently and prayerfully hoped to maintain the fragile peace that still existed between the two regions, but both were determined to lead their administrations on their stated courses. For Mr. Davis, this meant a permanent government of the seceding southern states. For Mr. Lincoln, it was the continuance of the union of all the states.

DID YOU KNOW?

Union Brigadier General William Rufus Terrill, a West Point graduate, was killed in September, 1862, at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky. His brother, Confederate Brigadier General James Terrill, a Virginia Military Institute graduate, died in June, 1864, at the Battle of Cold Harbor. Their father, a prominent Virginia politician, recovered both bodies and buried them in a single grave in the family cemetery, under a headstone reading, "Here lie my two sons. Only God knows which was right."



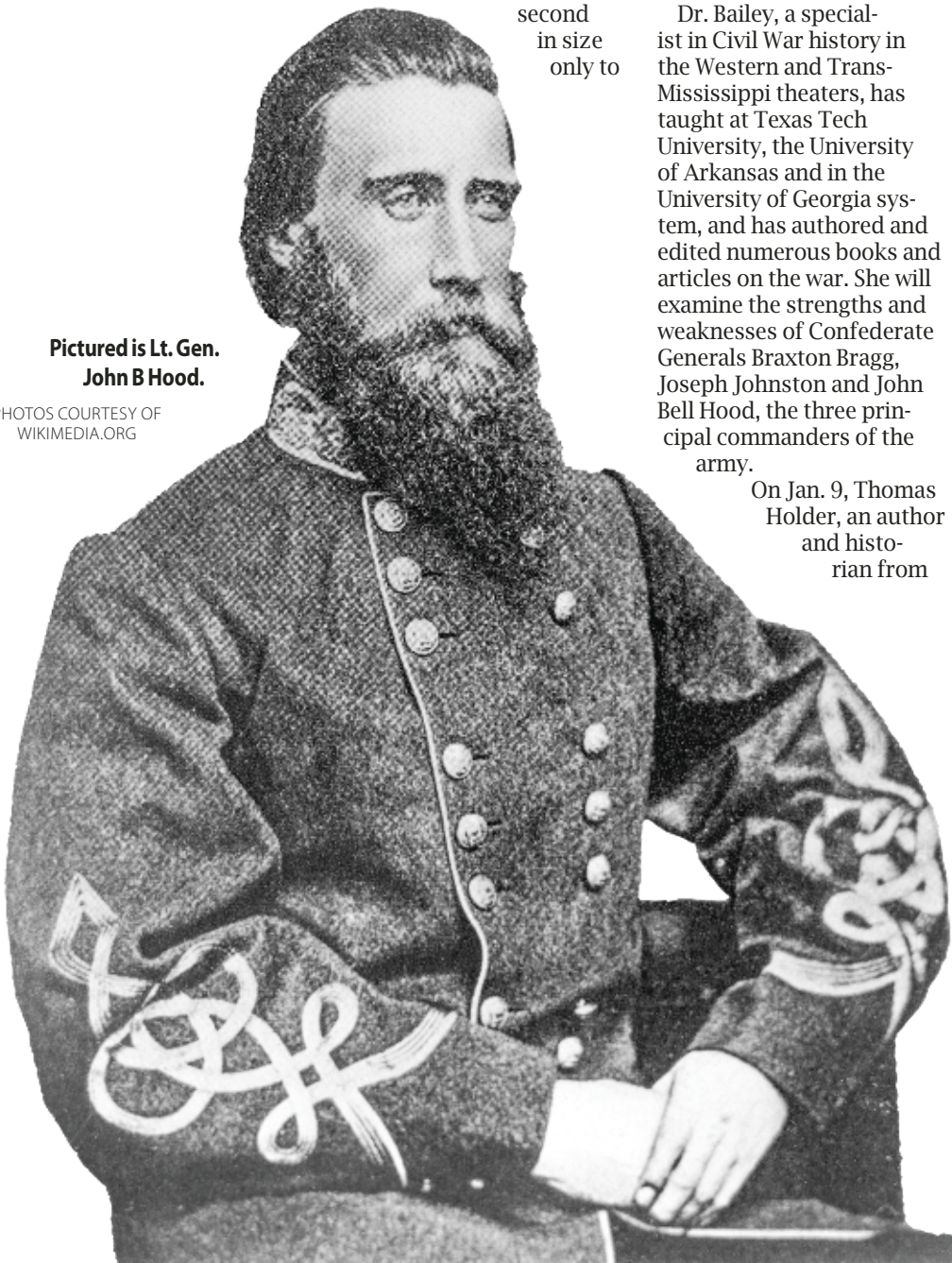
Historical marker in front of the birthplace of John Bell Hood, located at 82 E. Main Street (U.S. Route 60) in Owingsville, Kentucky, United States.

DID YOU ALSO KNOW ?

While figures vary greatly, the general estimate as to the total deaths, both military and civilian, in the Civil War is 750,000. Most of these were military deaths, many more of which were due to sickness and disease than to injury in battle.

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table meets on the second Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Hwy 377 E in Granbury, and guests are always welcome. For more information, please refer to our website: WWW.ncentexcwrt.com, or call either David Wells, at 817-579-5769, or Bill Dyess, at 817-326-8216.

Civil War Round Tables exist in cities and communities worldwide. All are independent, and share a common objective in promoting and expanding interest in the study of the American Civil War.



Pictured is Lt. Gen. John B. Hood.

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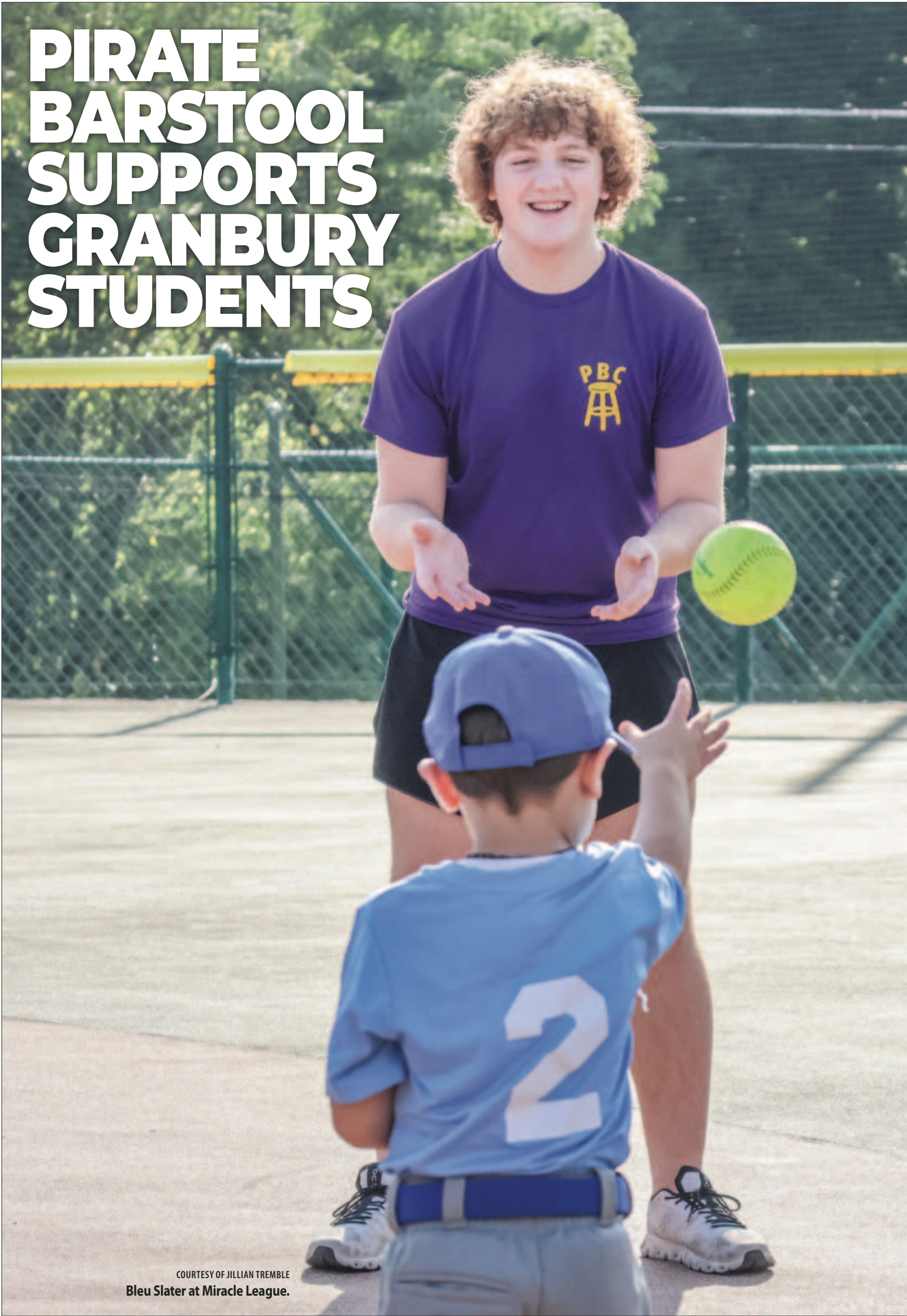
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Bleu Slater at Miracle League.

BY JILLIAN TREMBLE

Special to the Hood County News

Right around this time last year, Emmie Vaughn noticed a problem at Granbury High School: There was a severe lack of student involvement in sports and other extracurricular events after the conclusion of football season. Students were putting hours upon hours of practice into their sports, only to compete in front of nearly empty stands.

Vaughn decided that it was time to take matters into her own hands. She created a Barstool account for Granbury High School. This is a popular social media trend in

which students create accounts that are unaffiliated with their schools to post commentary about their own and the surrounding area's sports teams.

What she didn't expect, however, was for the account to quickly become very popular among students. This account is currently being followed by more than 1,150 people. Faced with this new influence, Vaughn decided that it would be better to take the account in a new direction and focus more on uplifting Granbury students rather than furthering rivalries with surrounding schools.

Very quickly, this account began to grow into something that nobody could have imagined. Vaughn was being bombarded with requests to feature different

PLEASE SEE **BARSTOOL** | B2

BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

If an inch of rain falls, how much does the lake actually rise? It's complicated



BY CHARLIE SHUGART

Charlie Shugart, is the assistant public information officer for the Brazos River Authority, based in Waco. A former newspaper reporter, she has been with the organization for four years.

It's not a trick question, but one with a complicated answer.

First, it's important to remember that if rain has fallen on the lake, it's more than likely made a splash on adjacent properties as well. A portion of that rain could then "run off" the land and drain into the reservoir, contributing to an increase in that reservoir's level, said Peyton Lisenby, Ph.D., BRA water resources planner.

The amount of runoff and the rise in lake level that follows depends on several hydrologic and geographic factors, such as where the rain falls, how heavy the storm might be, the type of surface the rain falls upon and the amount of water already in the lake.

Hydrologists know that the portion of total rainfall that actually "runs off" to the reservoir is always less than the total amount of rainfall. Lisenby said that the difference between the total rainfall amount and the runoff amount is called the runoff ratio.

A runoff ratio can vary from 10% to 95% depending on the type of surface the rain falls upon and the intensity with which the rain falls.

Paved surfaces, for instance, yield higher runoff percentages, while permeable surfaces, such as soil, yield lower runoff percentages since the water sinks into the ground. Also, a more intense rainfall generally yields higher runoff volumes because the ground can't soak up the water as fast as it's raining.

"Moreover, the distribution and intensity of rainfall can change significantly across rainfall events, along with the soil moisture content and infiltration capacity of the land surface, so that there is no constant runoff ratio for any landscape," Lisenby said.

He said that predicting how much a reservoir may rise in response to rainfall is inexact. But, we can make estimates using a few known quantities.

For example, when Lake Granbury is relatively full, it takes about 650-acre feet of inflow to raise the reservoir about 1 inch. An acre-foot is the amount needed to cover one acre (43,560 square feet) with one foot of water or 325,851 gallons.

So, if 100 square miles of land surrounding Lake Granbury were entirely paved by concrete and asphalt and received an evenly distributed but intense ¼ inch of rain, the event would generate about 1,300 acre-feet of inflow, and the

PLEASE SEE **LAKE** | B3

Lake Granbury Master Gardeners install greenhouse in research garden

From Staff Reports

Lake Granbury Master Gardeners (LGMG) now has a new addition to its Demonstration and Research Garden — a greenhouse.

Used to shelter tender trans-

plants in harsh weather, the greenhouse will be the place where many learn to propagate, cultivate, and grow plants successfully.

"In January, we fulfilled a long-time wish for this group when we erected a greenhouse," said Tori

Schaneman, the Master Gardener charged with spearheading the effort to build a greenhouse. "Our goal in doing so is to support the community horticultural education programs of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Hood County.

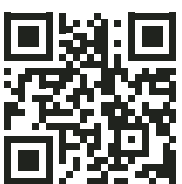
By adding a greenhouse, LGMG will expand its ability to offer hands-on teaching programs onsite."

Master Gardeners will focus on teaching members of the public horticultural practices that will help them to become better stew-

ards of limited natural resources. For example, plants propagated and grown in the greenhouse will include Texas natives and well adapted species — those that

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require less water for growth and those that have fewer problems with pests and diseases. Individuals will be taught how to best utilize these plants.

In addition, Master Gardeners will offer educational programs

on how to economically develop a garden, such as starting plants from seed and propagating from cuttings.

"Learning these techniques will help residents to lower the cost of growing plants and landscaping," Schaneman added.

Master Gardeners have their sights on developing more environmentally friendly neighborhoods

where conservation is at the forefront of landscape practices.

"As we all know, this region is drought prone," Schaneman said. "We will particularly focus on lowering water usage by careful selection of plant materials and compost use. We'll minimize the use of harmful chemicals and resulting ill effects by teaching integrated pest and disease management."

Adding a greenhouse will facilitate an increase in LGMG-propagated native and well-adapted plants available for the annual plant sale.

The greenhouse will also be used to house cultivars for the group's annual plant sale, which is slated from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22.

Members of the public may visit

the Demonstration Garden and view the greenhouse on Monday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon or take a tour during the upcoming plant sale.

For more information, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

BARSTOOL

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groups or people's accomplishments, from the powerlifting team winning district to the theater program advancing in their competitions.

It became too much to handle for Vaughn, who was also juggling a successful photography business and teaching 11 dance classes a week. She decided to create a barstool council to help her plan events for her fellow students. Through this council, Pirate Barstool had been able to keep representing their fellow students on social media, as well as to plan and host several sand volleyball tournaments, to create and show an end of year video to send off the Class of 2022, and to organize volunteer efforts at Miracle League in Weatherford. Later this year, Vaughn plans to host more events, including a school-wide talent show, to raise funds for Project Graduation and make sure the Class of '23 gets the celebration it deserves.

Why would Vaughn put in all the time and money it takes to create these events? For her, it's all about community. She believes that, while she is a student at Granbury High School, it is her "home" and that she should "invest in where she is." She also spoke often of her motivation to work alongside charities because of a want to prove that "Granbury High School kids aren't just high school kids - (they) can actually do something."

The next big obstacle for Barstool will come on May 26, when Vaughn will walk the stage at graduation and have to leave GHS, as well as Pirate Barstool and its council, behind. The challenge that she is facing between now and then is finding a suitable replacement to run the group. She described needing to find someone who is willing



COURTESY OF JILLIAN TREMBLE

Barstool Council at Miracle League.

to put in the necessary time and effort, but will not just use the power handed down to them for personal social gain.

Pirate Barstool was originally founded on the hope of making every student at GHS feel equally important. The most important thing to Vaughn is that, as it progresses into the future, that initial focus should remain clear and unclouded.



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Emmie Vaughn and sand volleyball participants.

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EVERY DAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life enters its 25th year with sessions on Sundays, Oct. 2 - Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. This grief support group will meet in the education building at St. Frances Cabrini

Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Highway. Details: 512-560-4885 or 817-657-0822.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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).

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

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

EVERY THURSDAY

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

Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

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FIRST MONDAY

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

FIRST TUESDAY

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

SECOND SATURDAY

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

THIRD TUESDAY

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

FOURTH TUESDAY

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

FOURTH SATURDAY

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

LAKE

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lake might come up about 2 inches, Lisenby said.

If that same 100 square miles of land were made up of deep, sandy soil and received the same evenly

distributed but intense ¼ inch of rain, the event would generate about 130-acre feet of inflow, and the lake would come up less than ¼ inch.

"The reality of lake level rise after an actual rainfall event is much more complex than either of these scenarios

because of the many different kinds of land surfaces and the uneven distributions of rainfall amount and intensity," Lisenby said.

There is a handy tool available to view a BRA water supply reservoir elevation without having to do any tricky

math.

Go to www.BrazosBasinNOW.org. From there, click "Reservoir Elevation." Now zoom in to one of the lakes and click on the associated dot. A box will pop up showing the latest elevation readings and how

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Cooling with Cabbage

One of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game had an unusual trick for keeping cool. He would place a chilled cabbage leaf under his hat on hot days to beat the heat! He would replace the cabbage leaf with a new one every two innings. Circle every third letter to reveal this famous baseball player's name.

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Cabbage Confetti

Gather the ingredients for a healthy dish.

Work with an adult to make this refreshing, crunchy, sweet treat!

- 1 small green cabbage
- 1 small red cabbage
- 20 oz can of crushed pineapple with 100% juice
- salt & pepper

February 17 is National Cabbage Day

CABBAGE

About how many different types of cabbage are grown throughout the world? Do the math to find out!

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Head of Cabbage History

Replace the missing words in this article.

Nearly 3,000 years ago, wild cabbage from Asia and the Mediterranean was _____ to Northern Europe by the Celts and later the Romans.

Able to be stored for long _____ of time, cabbage was a staple item of Europeans in the Middle Ages. Its juice was commonly used to heal wounds and as a _____ remedy. In 1541, French _____, Jacques Cartier, introduced cabbage to North America.

Since cabbage contains lots of vitamin C, other explorers, including Captain James Cook, _____ with it in order to prevent scurvy. Scurvy is a terrible _____ caused by a diet lacking in vitamin C. Cabbage rapidly spread across the North American _____.

Crunchy, Cruciferous Cabbage

Crunchy cabbage is full of good things your body needs. It has vitamin C and vitamin K. It's a **cruciferous** (crew-si-fur-us) vegetable.

Cruciferous vegetables are plants that contain phytochemicals with possible anti-cancer properties. Other cruciferous vegetables are bok choy, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, collard greens, kale, Swiss chard and turnips.

Do the math to label each cruciferous vegetable.

11 = ARUGULA	22 = HORSERADISH
15 = BOK CHOY	18 = KALE
14 = BROCCOLI	17 = KOHLRABI
16 = CABBAGE	19 = RADISH
26 = CAULIFLOWER	21 = WASABI
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Hard C and Soft C

Sometimes the letter C is a *soft C* and is pronounced as an S, as in *cell* and *celery*. Sometimes the letter C is a *hard C* and is pronounced as a K, as in the word *cabbage*. Look through the newspaper and cut out six words starting with the letter C. Group them into **Hard C** and **Soft C** groups.

Standards Link: Identify letter sounds.

Double Double Word Search

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

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

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Healthy Mealtime

Look at the grocery ads in the newspaper. Select items and make a healthy meal menu. Cut out the pictures and names of the foods in your meal, and paste them on a sheet of paper to display on your refrigerator.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow written directions.

Write On!

What's the best way to eat cabbage?

In coleslaw? As sauerkraut? Roasted? Or? Give other kids ideas on how to best enjoy eating cabbage!

Chop cabbages into thin strips.

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup of juice.

Mix cabbage strips with pineapple and juice.

Add salt and pepper to taste, toss and chill for 30 minutes.

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GRANBURY CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION



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The Granbury Cultural Arts Commission announced the Jazz Society presents a completely free one-day celebration of what has been called "America's Classical Music," featuring 15 different bands performing from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on three stages. The event will take place Saturday, February 25.

All that jazz among many interesting events slated in Granbury this month

BY STACEY WATKINS-MARTIN AND CORA WERLEY

Stacey Watkins-Martin and Cora Werley are local artists and members with several others of the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission. Both work diligently with many other people and organizations to promote Granbury as the exciting arts destination it has become.

On Feb. 8, members of your Granbury Arts, along with Mayor Jim Jarrett, Tammy Dooley of Visit Granbury, Teresa Houston of Granbury Arts Alliance, and Chris Ireland of Tarleton State University's Visual Arts Department are going together to Austin to participate for our district in the Texas Arts Advocacy Summit organized by the Texans for the Arts. Granbury's Stacey Watkins-Martin has been designated as one of the TFA Advocacy Leadership Coalition to serve as a liaison between Texans for the Arts, elected officials, and our community.

Members help arrange and host legislative visits at the Summit while back home they build a community of local advocates, disseminate important information, and represent arts partners and their needs at the local level to those who represent them. These advocates also ensure that their elected officials have their finger on the pulse of the arts community they represent by inviting them to local arts events and keeping them apprised of the arts, culture, and creative industries in their communi-

ties. There is no better way to make the case for the arts than to have decision-makers experience the arts being offered in their communities by their constituents and neighbors. Also this month we present the Jazz Society's contribution: There's nothing quite like the feeling of wanting to kick back in a plush armchair while bouncing to the beat of an easy samba, while simultaneously wanting to dance with our nearest and dearest until we've either worn holes



in our socks or been kicked off the dance floor for our terrible dance moves. This is what jazz does to the best of us and we are so glad that jazz is swinging its way to multiple stages here. Join us on Saturday, February 25 for this completely free one-day celebration of what has been called "America's Classical Music," featuring 15 different bands performing from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. on three stages. The Langdon Center Main Stage showcases some of

Texas' most popular jazz artists, including Tatiana Mayfield, Brasuka, and Grammy award winning Brave Combo. Big bands from across North Texas, including the Granbury Jazz Orchestra, Tarleton Jazz Ensemble I & II and the Granbury High School Jazz Band, will bring a swing sound to the Hewlett Park Stage. The Granbury Square Plaza Stage will host smaller combos, including Pocket Tangerine, Jonathan Fisher and the French gypsy

jazz group, La Pompe. The Granbury Trolley will be regularly shuttling hip jazz fans between the three stages. Jazz fans can kick off their weekend with special Night Cap events, beginning Thursday evening with Jet Blacq at Restaurant Anise and Friday evening at Baron's Creek Vineyards. The official Saturday evening after-party features Retrophonics at Brew Drinkery, and D'Vine Wine wraps it all up that Sunday with a jazz brunch featuring

David Carr Jr. Vendors offering food, drinks and local artwork will be at all three stages. This year's Jazz Fest is presented by The Complete Backyard and Luminant Energy and is organized by the Jazz Society of Hood County. Check it out online: www.granburyjazzfest.com. srebal01@aol.com / 817-733-2118 cwerley@werleylaw.com / 817-946-3865

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GVFD honors members for notable service in 2022

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Granbury and Hood County depend on their volunteer firefighters and by all accounts those firefighters are a crackerjack bunch.

At the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, awards were recently handed out to several of the department's 35-plus members for their exceptional service in 2022.

Those honored were Landon Drake, Firefighter of the Year; Jesse Slaughter, Chiefs Award; Donnie Hurd, Rookie Firefighter of the Year; and Lowell Ercanbrack, GVFD Member of the Year.

Ercanbrack, pastor of Hope Community Church, serves the GVFD not only as a firefighter but as its chaplain. He has helped the department in other areas as well, such as enlisting churches to feed the GVFD's largest-ever Fire Academy class last year.

In speaking to the Hood County News, the pastor,

who has volunteered with the GVFD for the past four years, praised his fellow firefighters for dedication and expertise that benefit not just Hood County but surrounding counties as well. Some of the GVFD's members work or worked at large fire departments, he said.

Ercanbrack also noted the department's diversity.

"We have business owners and we have retired people, young people with huge aspirations," he said. "There are so many amazing people in the department and they all deserve recognition."

Last year brought a record number of calls for the department, with an average of 125 calls per month and a response time of less than two minutes, according to Chief Matt Hohon. The department is seeing a call volume increase of 8%-10% every year, he said.

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Above, the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department recently presented awards to several of its members for exceptional service in 2022. From left are: Landon Drake, Firefighter of the Year; Donnie Hurd, Rookie Firefighter of the Year; and Jesse Slaughter, winner of the Chiefs Award.

Left, Lowell Ercanbrack received the GVFD's 2022 Member of the Year award. Ercanbrack, pastor of Hope Community Church, serves as the department's chaplain and a volunteer firefighter.

GARDEN PATCH

Roses need a bit of loving care

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.

Roses come to mind around Valentine's Day. They symbolize love, thus being a gift of choice between couples. What's more, gardeners know the days surrounding Feb. 14 are prime time for pruning landscape roses. By mid-month, roses will boast lush new foliage, soon followed by the season's first buds.

Roses have worked their magic for hundreds of years. Nero, for instance, ordered hundreds of roses for his banquets. Cleopatra, ever the seductress, supposedly covered her bedroom floor with roses to lure Mark Antony. The genus *Rosa* was always held in high esteem, although the popularity of various rose types fluctuated.

Rose cultivation is not without its challenges. They are browsed by wildlife, pursued by pests and often damaged by disease. To grow roses successfully, you must tend to their needs. What follows are general guidelines for taking care of these beloved flowers.

Planting roses amidst other perennials, annuals and shrubs, rather than isolated in formal rose gardens,

will keep the overall garden healthier. When disease strikes, such as the dreaded Rose Rosette, it can wipe out an entire rose population. Mixing roses amid other plants lessens the devastating effects of disease and deters pests and wildlife. Learn which plants are deer resistant, for example, and surround your roses with these plantings. Plant roses where they receive direct sunlight at least eight hours per day. To minimize foliar disease, select a site that provides good air movement. Do not crowd plants. When planting, leave about a foot of open space all the way around each rose at its expected mature size.

Good rose bed preparation includes incorporating fully decomposed, plant-derived

compost into the existing soil. To improve drainage, also add expanded shale. Mix soil, compost and shale together to create a uniform planting mix. Use a three-inch layer of organic mulch around plants to conserve moisture and reduce weeds.

Drip irrigation is preferable since disease is promoted by water droplets sprayed on foliage. Irrigating the root zone limits disease and reduces evaporation. Roses generally need 1-2 inches of water per week. If using spray irrigation, limit it to early morning hours, which minimizes the time droplets remain on foliage before evaporation. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is dry to a depth of one inch at the root zone. Do not overwater.

Prune roses in February. Additional fall pruning is acceptable. Reasons to prune antique roses or EarthKindR roses include removing dead, damaged, diseased or crossing canes, removing sucker growth, directing growth or taking out canes that are growing inward to facilitate an open, airy habit. Do not prune away more than one-third of the plant. Deadhead as desired. Modern hybrid rose cultivars require more stringent pruning.

Always water before fertilizing. Antique roses and EarthKindR roses need minimal fertilizer if planting beds are properly maintained. Do



COURTESY PHOTO BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

Belinda's Dream Rose

not overfertilize; at most, apply once in spring and again in early fall. Preferably use organic and/or slow-release products.

For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to

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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>.

LAKE GRANBURY, Art Association monthly meeting Feb. 13, 6 p.m. at Shanley house art center 224 N. Travis, Granbury, Texas. Demo artist guest will be Bill Dale renowned, watercolor artist. Fun, fellowship, and refreshments. All are welcome.

DAV GRANBURY memorial chapter 238 monthly chapter business meeting. Meeting agenda: discussion on our 2023 goals for reaching veterans and their families to help them secure the benefits they have earned. Meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 3601 fall creek hwy., Granbury, TX 76049. For more information contact Chris Georgopoulos, Adjutant 682-719-5560

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 orga-

nization.

THE SALVATION Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County will be meeting Feb. 14 at De Cordova 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 sauxiliaryofhoodcounty@gmail.com To attend meeting only or meeting and luncheon.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

HOOD COUNTY Republican Women monthly meeting will be held at the Women's Wednesday Clubhouse located at 306 North Travis Street, Granbury 76048 on Feb. 15, 2023. Social/check in is at 10:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. This month's guest speaker is Dr. Jeremy Glen. Dr. Glen will be speaking on information before legislation regarding our schools. Lunch will be served. We hope to see you there.

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.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE Celebration - David Crockett Chapter / Sons of The Republic of Texas presentation of the Revolution leading to Texas Independence in 1836. Location - Historic Granbury Courthouse in the 2nd floor courtroom. Multiple displays starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Celebration begins 11 a.m. to Noon. Free family friendly event. Great way to learn some Texas History.

MARCH

MONDAY, MARCH 13

THE NORTH Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. Hwy. 377. The program will be presented by Dr. Jonathan Steplyk, a Professor of History at the University of Texas at Arlington. Dr. Steplyk will speak on the Union attack on the Confederate Ft. Do-nelson, on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

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I'VE BEEN THINKING

Nature's entertainment: three active raccoons on an apple tree

CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER



Carol Goodman Heizer is an author who moved to Hood County from Louisville, Kentucky in 2019. She has had short stories and articles published in six editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her column for the Hood County News will appear every two weeks. She was a public school teacher for 17 years, earlier in her professional career.

We had been fortunate to have a variety of animals on our property, but perhaps the funniest of all was a family of three young raccoons.

As we watched their antics through the kitchen window, we realized we could be watching three brothers, three sisters, or a combination of siblings. We also realized that determining the gender of the three playful souls really didn't matter.

We were mesmerized by the raccoons' ringed tails, erect ears, and pointed snouts. But, of course, we could hardly look away from those indescribably cute "masked" faces. Were those actually expressions we saw? Researchers tell us that raccoons make good pets when they are young. Their winsome personalities and sense of curiosity intrigue even the most sophisticated adults. But by the time they are one year old, the animals can be easily angered and tend to bite their owners.

We were watching these lively critters in the backyard one day in their natural habitat, and we had no desire

to capture them. The three of them raced around the tree, up the tree, and down the tree. We were amazed they managed not to collide with each other during their hectic racing. I wonder if they ever momentarily forgot whether they were racing up or down the tree. Do animals ever forget things like that?

In their game of "catchers," the young ones rarely stopped to catch their breath. They seemed oblivious to the fact they were playing in the midst of a human's backyard. Perhaps, because we never bothered the animals, they felt the freedom and security to entertain us. Or perhaps they

were merely entertaining themselves and giving little thought to us.

We had often seen possums, ground hogs, squirrels, and chipmunks on our property. We had also seen two or three skunks, one red fox, several deer, and one cow. Since our property had a "park" atmosphere, the cow truly seemed out of place. We learned she had "escaped" from her owner several properties away and apparently decided to take a scenic tour of the neighborhood.

But raccoons? We had never seen them on the property before, and we were certainly enjoying their performance. As our fascination with them increased, we crept silently

and quietly nearer, not wanting to frighten them. We merely wanted a better view.

Their funny shenanigans continued until we were almost directly under them. Then suddenly they stopped. We were afraid we had gotten too close. We were afraid they would run, and we would never see them again.

Run ... they didn't.

Stay ... they did!

But the situation as suddenly reversed. We, the observers, were now the observed!

The raccoons stopped their racing as each took his or her rightful position somewhere in the tree. Each found a branch upon which to sit. But their position quickly changed from sitting

to hanging. As their paws grasped the branches, the critters twisted and turned their bodies in various directions to watch us intently as we sat motionless on the ground. Their contorted positions and their inquisitive faces amused us to such a degree that it was difficult to keep from laughing out loud. But we did not want to do anything to frighten them, so we continued our silent watch.

Suddenly our little masked friends must have decided that watching those boring humans doing nothing but quietly sitting on the ground was a waste of their precious time. They quickly changed into race mode again as they scampered down the tree

and into the surrounding landscape.

I wonder ... to what degree can raccoons think? Did they realize we would never harm them? Did they realize how much we enjoyed them? And after they arrived home for the evening, did they have a family discussion about those crazy humans sitting on the ground and looking up into the tree?

Had we not taken time from our busy daily schedule to enjoy a period of relaxation, we would have missed one of nature's treats. But by doing so, our day had been made complete by three raccoons and an apple tree.

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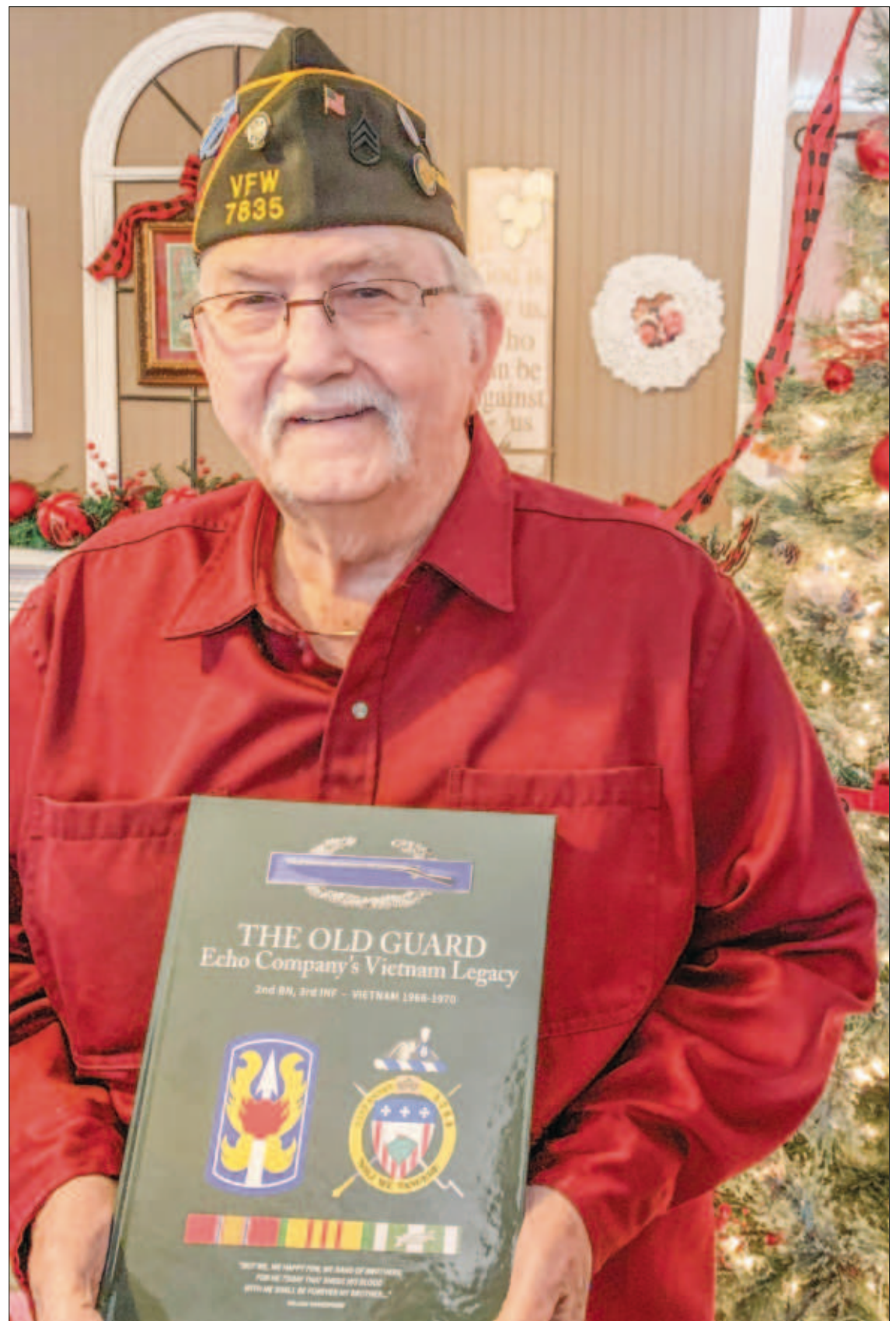
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DENZEL W. TEEL SR.
U.S. Army Veteran

Denzel Teel Sr. was born in Commerce, Texas, and is a U.S. Army veteran. He enlisted in the Army in 1958, completing his basic training at Ft Chaffee, Arkansas, and Engineer School at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

In 1959 he was stationed in Straubing, Germany, where he served along the Austria/Czechoslovakia border. During his off time in Germany he would often volunteer at a children's orphanage in Pausau, Germany. Teel returned to the U.S. in 1961 and was stationed at Ft. Hood, where he earned a re-designation as an infantryman and returned to Germany (Nuremberg) in 1962 as part of a liaison unit assembling gear in preparation for potential cold war conflict. When he returned to Ft. Hood, he and his unit were placed on alert in 1962 during the Cuban missile crisis. After the crisis Teel would again be stationed in Germany (Munich) with the 7th Army until 1966.

In 1966 Teel attended jungle warfare training in Panama, as preparation for his assignment to 2nd BN, 3rd INF, 199th Light Infantry Brigade "Redcatchers" at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and their combat deployment to Vietnam. In February of 1967 near Na Bhe Province in Vietnam, Sgt. (E-5) Teel's squad entered into a firefight with the

Vietcong and he suffered life threatening wounds from an enemy mortar. Teel spent the next several months recovering from his wounds at Camp Zama, Japan, where he learned to walk again, after doctors told him he would never walk again. While recovering, Teel was promoted to Staff Sgt. (E-6) and returned home to the Dallas area where he received a rare heartfelt welcome home from his sister's elementary school that wrote him letters of encouragement as he recovered.

It is a true testament to Teel's willingness to serve as he remained on active duty until 1974, deploying again to Germany in 1969 and Vietnam in 1969 as part of the 159th Transport Unit near Cat Lai.

With great reservation he was medically retired from service in 1974, but his desire to serve his country has never wavered. His awards include the Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart. After retiring, he worked as a security force leader at Oak Cliff Bank & Trust in Dallas from 1974-84 and then as the owner of a small upholstery business from 1984-1992. He moved to Granbury with his wife Donna in 1996. They have eight children, 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren who all reside across the state of Texas. Teel is a lifetime member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7835 and Disabled American Veterans, and is a member of American Legion Post 491. He is a Christian and enjoys fishing.