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Students, like Kindergartner Lennon Ortega, had tons of Friday fun on Valentine's Party Day at Acton Elementary School. Please see more photos, A2 and A10.



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## City hires lawyer for sewer plant appeal fight between opponents, TCEQ

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

The city of Granbury will be paying more legal fees in its quest to build a second wastewater treatment plant. The city had hoped to break ground on the new facility in 2019. The Granbury City Council voted unanimously last week to hire a lawyer to act as an "intervener" in the continuing battle over the WWTP's planned location of 3121 Old Granbury Road. Much of the city's growth is in that

area, in the eastern part of town. Opponents have appealed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's decision to issue the permit. Although the matter is between the opponents and the TCEQ, Granbury city officials decided to enlist a lawyer to ensure that the city's interests are represented in the legal process. At the council's regular meeting on Feb. 7, Mayor Jim Jarratt made a motion to allow City Manager Chris Coffman to execute a contract for the legal services. Councilman Bruce

Wadley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The agreement will be with Jason Hill, who represented the city throughout the permit process. That process included a contested case hearing before two administrative law judges at the State Office of Administrative Hearings. The parties presented evidence and witness testimony pertaining to 13 raised issues. The administrative law judges

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## Sparks Music School comes to Granbury

BY ABIGAIL GAGE  
Special to the Hood County News

Granbury's Sparks Music School opened in September after co-owners Ryan and ZsaZsa Clifford and Michael Manning recognized a need in the community. The school caters to all ages and offers both group and private lessons on 18 instruments and vocals.

Manning first co-founded a music center in Sparks, Nevada and then relocated to Fort Worth, where he opened Sparks Music Center. The Cliffords noticed Manning's unique ability to teach while taking their son to lessons at the center.

"Mike's curriculum that he has created is just so fabulous. We recognized that a while back, you know, when we first met him when he was teaching our son," Ryan Clifford said. "We just knew he was so special, so when the opportunity came for us to partner up we were like, 'Yes, let's do it. Let's do it now.'"

Manning serves as the school's creative director, and Shelby McPherson is the lead teacher. McPherson has been teaching music for 40 years and taught alongside Manning at his Fort Worth location before coming to Granbury.

The Cliffords said the school currently has 100 students and that they were pleasantly surprised that almost a third of them are adults.

"We had two 84-year-olds walk in saying, 'Hey, you know, I know how to play.' One of them said, 'I

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Ralph Seals, right, attempts to blow out his birthday candles, while his daughter-in-law Marcia Seals, lends him a hand.

## 104 LIKE NEVER BEFORE

### Retired veteran celebrates 104th birthday in Courtyards at Lake Granbury

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

**Y**ou're never too old to play dress up. Just ask retired military veteran Ralph Seals, who recently celebrated his 104th birthday in style with a "top hats and tiaras" party.

Seals, a resident of the Courtyards at Lake Granbury, had a birthday party celebration like no other on Feb. 6, complete with live musical entertainment from local singer Baileigh Rhodes.

Growing up, Seals spent time in both Lone Wolf and Hobart, Oklahoma. He played football in school, but his real passion was watersports.

"I had a good time in high school. I was small but was pretty active," he said. "I really enjoyed watersports. I could handle that easier than football. I did different things like that that I really enjoyed. I was a pretty good water-

skier and enjoyed that more than any other sport. I spent a lot of my younger years out at the lake."

Seals worked as a mechanic in the Army Air Corps and retired as a master sergeant after about five years in the service.

"I was glad to get in there and get going, but I'd rather be sitting here on my butt," he said, with a chuckle. "I had a great time though."

He married his wife, Pansy, and they had one son: Ralph Seals Jr., who currently resides in DeCordova with his wife, Marcia.

For the larger part of his career, Seals owned and operated a ser-

vice gas station with his younger brother — a career he continued for about 20 years.

Following the decline of his wife's memory, Seals moved along with Pansy to a senior living facility about 15 years ago, so he could get his wife the memory care that she needed.

"The best thing he did in his life was take care of mom," Ralph Seals Jr. said.

"She (Pansy) passed away about 12 years ago, and they were the star dancers at the senior living center," Marcia said. "After she passed away, he was the guy who danced with part of the school because there weren't that many men there compared to women, so he's a dancer."

Seals said he's not sure about the secret to living as long as he

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# Granbury Fire Department Brigade to host spaghetti fundraiser

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

The community can support the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department by participating in Saturday's spaghetti fundraiser sponsored by the GVFD Support

Brigade.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Station 1, 1701 W. Pearl St.

The meal will consist of spaghetti, a garden salad, dessert, and a drink. Take-out will be available.

There is no set price. Participants are asked to make a donation.

All proceeds will benefit the GVFD Support Brigade and their programs to support the fire department.

Last year was a record year

for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, which responded to an average of 125 calls per month. It was also a record year in terms of the number of graduates who successfully completed its Fire Academy.

The GVFD, one of nine volunteer

fire departments in the county, has been serving the community for 115 years.

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## Granbury achieves 'Music Friendly' designation

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

An announcement made Friday by Gov. Greg Abbott is more good news for Granbury's tourism industry. The city has been designated as the 40th Music Friendly Texas Certified Community by the Texas Music Office.

The Music Friendly Texas program seeks to foster music business-related economic development and job creation in Texas cities and communities. It was the first such program in the nation when it was introduced in 2016.

In a prepared statement, Abbott as well as State Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and State Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville, congratulated Granbury for having successfully completed the multi-step certification process.

City Manager Chris Coffman said that the designation has been a goal of his since the program's inception.

"The music ecosystem this program promotes will increase tourism and allow local musicians

to excel in their career goals without having to leave the area," he said. "Texas music is unique, has its own following, and is continually growing. I am so proud of our team in acquiring this new designation."

Early last year, the Granbury City Council tweaked the city's noise ordinance due to the square and surrounding area becoming a thriving entertainment district with about a dozen establishments offering live music.

Mayor Jim Jarratt said Monday that he is "delighted" with the Music Friendly achievement and offered "kudos" to all involved in the effort, including Visit Granbury Director Tammy Dooley.

Jarratt noted that he and other Granbury representatives attended an event last week as part of the city's quest to be designated as a cultural arts district.

He said he hopes that the cultural arts designation will be achieved by the end of the year.

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## ACTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VALENTINE'S DAY



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Crosby Howe (standing) and the Hampton twins Abigail and Addalyn (wearing heart glasses) settle in for some sweet Valentine's treats with their Acton Elementary classmates in Serena Rivera's Kindergarten class Friday, Feb. 10, at Acton Elementary School. Please see more photos, A10.

## SEALS

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has, but Marcia has her own theory. "He was known in Hobart as 'The man that walked that entire town,'" she said. "He walked miles and miles, so that's why (he's lived so long), and he's worked hard all his life."

When asked if he ever thought he would make it to 104, Seals chuckled and replied, "Oh, no. I was too busy."

He admitted he's not as active as he used to be, but he said he doesn't mind.

"You gotta slow down and go where (your body) wants you to, instead of where you want to go, but I'm gonna get there eventually," he said. "I don't know if I've got 10 days left. I don't know how long I do have, but I don't plan on doing very much. This is about as much as I'm planning on doing, sitting in my chair."

Overall, according to Seals, he has lived a "pretty good life."

He added, "I've had a few bad moments and everybody else has too, I guess, but I've come through all right."

Seals has resided at the Courtyards at Lake Granbury for about a year and a half. He has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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Ralph Seals, retired Army Air Corps veteran, is all smiles during his 104th birthday party held at the Courtyards at Lake Granbury on Feb. 6.

## TCEQ

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determined that the city met its burden of proof and recommended that TCEQ issue the permit. The agency's commissioners did so, voting unanimously in favor of the permit at their monthly meeting last October.

On Nov. 18, opponents filed a motion for a rehearing. Last month, they filed an appeal in Travis County district court to repeal the permit.

Granbury Communications Manager Jeff Newpher emailed a statement to the Hood County News in response to the newspaper's request for additional information about the council's vote to hire an "intervener."

His message stated, "Progress on expanding needed City infrastructure has again been slowed by Granbury Fresh, Victoria Calder, Stacey and James Rist, and Bennett's Camping Center and RV Ranch, who — after having been denied at multiple levels — are

now taking legal action by filing an appeal in court against the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to halt a much-needed increase in Granbury's wastewater treatment capacity."

As for the city enlisting Hill again, Newpher wrote: "Hill has successfully represented the City throughout the permit process. His knowledge and assistance to the state Attorney General's office will be advantageous to expediting the process as it reviews and fights Granbury Fresh on behalf of the

TCEQ."

The fight, which has spanned several years, has resulted in a citywide development moratorium that includes part of the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction. According to the city, an estimated \$250 million in projects are on hold because of the building ban.

Newpher stated that delays in building the WWTP have cost city taxpayers an estimated \$15 million in construction fees as well as about \$735,000 in legal fees and expert witness fees.

Construction and labor costs significantly increased after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Newpher wrote that according to testimony provided by Ray Perryman, president and CEO of The Perryman Group, annual job loss associated with the inadequate wastewater capacity is 1,029, with almost half of the jobs lost being in the retail trade industry and about one-quarter being in the health services industry.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Valentine's Day has come and gone...thank goodness!

This may come off as sort of a rant, but I do not like Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day, which is celebrated annually on Feb. 14, originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. Through the years it has evolved into a significant cultural and commercial celebration of love and romance in many parts of the world. The U.S. Greeting card company has estimated approximately 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each Valentine's Day and the number rises to more than a billion cards if the computation includes school-based activities, with teachers having the honor of receiving the most valentines. It is reported Americans spent \$21.8 billion on Valentine's Day in 2021 with the average amount spent being \$164.76.

So why do we celebrate Valentine's Day? To show people we love or care about them? I know there is a lot of money being spent on marketing to tell people they need to spend their cash to show their love on this one specific day. So why is this day more important or "special" than all the others? I have never figured that out.



**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.

Mind you, I am all for treating loved ones well and letting them know how you feel, but shouldn't it be done year-round? I hope I show my people I care about them every day. Only a fool needs a reminder from the calendar to do something nice to those he is close to. Love should be demonstrated every day, in every way. Seems like in Sunday school I learned of a famous leader of a major religion who focused his teaching on "love"; Loving one another and even loving your enemy.

Listen up guys. Valentine's is over for the year. Instead of waiting 364 more days perhaps you should go and gas up your wife's car, so she doesn't have to. Maybe bring her a cup of coffee while she is watching the morning news. Or, heaven forbid, stop and tell her how much you appreciate her for how she takes care of you and how happy you are she loves you back. If I have one fear in life, it is some-

one I care about will not know it. They deserve to know. They should rejoice in learning that another human being cares about them deeply. There is no better feeling than knowing another human being cares enough to love you. Remember, it doesn't have to be your sweetheart, it can be a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, or a family member. Simply tell them and show them you care.

Don't take your loved ones for granted, for life would be nothing without them. Just ask anyone who is alone or unloved.

Thought for the day: You don't love someone because they are perfect, you love them fully knowing all their imperfections.

Until next time I will keep riding the storm out!

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# OBITUARIES

## Dalton Morris Gilliam

December 7, 1928 - February 8, 2023

Dalton Morris Gilliam born December 7, 1928 (94) in Hunt County, Texas passed February 8, 2023 in Kingwood, Texas. Service: 1 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2023, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury. Graveside service: 1 p.m., Saturday, February 18, 2023, Fort Towson Cemetery, Fort Towson, Oklahoma.

Dalton M Gilliam age (21) married our mother Marjorie Jean Tate (16) the 3rd of February 1950. He was preceded in death by his wife Jean, and grandson Jeremy Chad Gilliam. Dalton was the last living child of George and Rosa Gilliam. His parents and six brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors: include son Brian Keith Gilliam and wife, Kimberly of Huffman; daughters, Sharon Ellington and husband Bob of Granbury and Paula Yoder of McAllen. Grandchildren, Stephen, Stefany, Jason, Jamie, Jessica, Lindsey, Lauren and Annah. Great grandchildren, Corey, Meagan, Ethan, Hunter, Mallory, Emmalyn, Jacob, Zachary, Brittany, Nathan, Ryan, Jackson, and Sadie.

Dalton served his country in our Armed Forces and reached rank of SFC from 1947 through 1967, travelled much of the world, and served in Korea. He enjoyed fishing, and supporting his favorite NFL Team the Dallas Cowboys. Raised in a strict environment, he was a star running back for the Denison Yellow Jackets win-



ning a Texas State High School Championship his junior year. His football cleats were stolen off season and his father never allowed him to play again. Dalton enjoyed his friends during his time living in Arlington, employed by Cummins Diesel, then later the hardware store. His work ethic was second to none. His latter part of his life spent in Granbury Texas, he enjoyed most of his time being with friends at The Hood County Senior Center, where he was a door greeter. He will be missed by all of his family and friends, and especially his neighbors from Granbury.

## Joseph F. Keane, Jr.

May 26, 1939 - January 22, 2023

Joe was born in Huntington, Long Island, New York. He loved playing golf, baseball and was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the Dallas Cowboys. He loved knowledge and never lost in trivia games. He was a generous man and a good listener, who gave great advice and enjoyed taking care of others. His dry sense of humor left many wondering if he was serious or joking, but those who really knew him could always tell.

He is survived by first wife, Melissa Keane, son and daughter-in-law Paul & Doris Keane, daughter and son-in-law Grace & Javier Garcia, daughter Elizabeth



Kruger, brother James P. Keane, grandchildren and spouses, Kelly & Will Taylor, Steven & Madison Keane, Tomas Garcia, PFC David Kruger, Benjamin Kruger, and three great grandchildren, W.L, Henry and Loralei Taylor.

Service: 11 a.m., Monday, February 20, 2023, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Granbury. Inurnment will be scheduled at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery at a later date.

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# Granbury City Council backs license renewal for nuclear power plant

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
Senior Staff Writer

The Granbury City Council has adopted a resolution in support of renewing the licenses for Units 1 and 2 of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant near Glen Rose for another 20 years.

The facility owned by Vistra Operations Company is currently undergoing the license renewal process for its pressurized-water reactors.

A council document for the City Council's Feb. 7 regular meeting referred to the power plant in

Somervell County as "a good neighbor and community partner."

The document prepared by city staff stated, "The city and county work closely with them on emergency planning on a regular basis and we lease space to them here at city hall for them to provide an emergency communications center as part of their emergency preparedness program."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission announced last week that it is extending the public comment period through March 1. Members of the public can request a hearing on the renewal application.

Comments may be submitted via regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC-2022-0078, via email to ComanchePeakEIS@nrc.gov, or by U.S. mail to Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

The Comanche Peak license renewal application can be viewed on the NRC website, at the Somervell County Library at 108 Allen Dr. in Glen Rose, and at the Hood County Library at 222 N. Travis St.

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# City Council votes to buy new radio system for Granbury fire department

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
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The Granbury City Council has acted to address what could be a critical problem: the inability of the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department to communicate via radio.

At its regular meeting on Feb. 7, the council approved the purchase of 28 2-way portable radios from L3Harris Technologies, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

A document about the agenda item stated that the existing radio

system used by the GVFD "has many pitfalls," including "the inability to communicate with other agencies and the lack of coverage and signal strength in areas of the community."

The new radio system will solve those issues, the document stated, and will "create a secure and regional solution that other agencies can use in partnership" with the city of Granbury.

The purchase "is needed to bring the GVFD portable radios onto the same P25 system as the Police Department, thus allowing them to communicate with surrounding pub-

lic safety agencies," the document stated.

The city is receiving a 45% discount per radio and associated equipment due to an interlocal agreement with Henderson County that allows the city to use the Henderson/L3Harris competitive pricing.

The cost came to \$124,416.50, but city staff recommended that the council approve an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to cover any unforeseen expenses.

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**OBITS**  
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**Jack Wayland Woodley**

October 11, 1933 - February 7, 2023

Jack Woodley of Granbury died Tuesday, February 7, 2023, surrounded by family at his home in Granbury following a two year battle with cancer.

He was born in Coleman, Texas to "Bap" and Ruby Woodley.

Jack served in the Navy near the end of the Korean conflict, helping to ferry Vietnamese refugees who were fleeing the invading communists.

Once his Navy days were over, he returned to central Texas to complete his degree at Howard Payne University in pursuit of a high school teaching and coaching career. After graduation, he and his young family migrated to West Texas, where he began coaching and teaching in Garden City. Because Garden City was a small community, Jack coached "whatever they were playing" for a number of years, already mentoring students only a few years younger than he was. During his tenure there, he became a Mason and was active in the lodge there for many years.

His next coaching position was in nearby Forsan. After several years coaching, he assumed the high school principalship there until his retirement. Upon retirement, he and Ann moved to Voca, in central Texas, building a home and small sheep ranching business there. Once the drive to town became burdensome, a new residence was established in nearby Brady. Jack began selling real estate, specializing in buying and selling nearby ranches. Once truly retired, he found time on his hands and served on county hospital, electric cooperative, tax appraisal and chamber of commerce boards. Through these positions he forged other lifelong friendships and associations.

As it became apparent that the children and grandchildren were moving nearer to the metroplex, it was decided that Brady was too far away to be actively involved in their various activities. Learning that a number of their West Texas friends and associates had retired to Granbury, they moved to Pecan Plantation. They enjoyed for almost twenty years spending time with former friends and making new ones there, as well. Eventually, Jack decided that a move to a smaller house in town was in order, and they delighted in welcoming new neighbors once established there.

Jack's legacy is his posi-



tive influence on scores of students he coached or supervised throughout his career. For decades, he has maintained relationships with young people (some now in their 70s) who developed into responsible and wholesome adults. He continued his mentoring through the decades after retirement through new church and community contacts.

Jack was a longtime member of Granbury United Methodist Church, volunteering regularly in the food pantry there, Habitat for Humanity and for church-sponsored community events.

Jack was a 32nd degree Mason, active in the Masonic lodge of Garden City as a young man.

Jack leaves behind a loving family, including his wife, Ann, of the home, daughters Kay Chandler and spouse Ken, Karen Spottswood and spouse Hal. In addition, are stepson Charlie Bott and spouse Sarah and stepdaughter Stacey Bott.

Grandchildren include Matthew McCraney, Megan Bonnot, Stormi Bryan, Madison Wilsman, Sydney Wilsman, Hailey Wilsman, Noah Bott, Oliver Bott. Great grandchildren are Bentley Bryan, Emily Bryan, Slayde Bryan, Coulter Bryan, Levi Bonnot, Ollie Bonnot, Maelie Bonnot, and Evie Bonnot. Jack also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack had a wide circle of friends, including his Pinnacle and Augusta golf groups, his Scripture Study Sunday School class family and a myriad of others encountered throughout his life.

Jack treasured his family and friends, and the feeling was mutual.

A celebration of life service will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church on Loop 567 in Granbury.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to make a donation to his favorite charity might consider First United Methodist Food Ministry, Shriners' Hospital or our local Habitat for Humanity.

**William Batzloff**

December 16, 1938 - February 7, 2023

William "Bill" Russell Batzloff, was born in San Diego California to the late Margaret and Wilber Batzloff, in December of 1938. Bill was an avid and accomplished pilot, and took his final flight in life on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at the age of 84 at peace and surround by his loving family.

Bill graduated from Mission Bay High School in San Diego, then went on to San Diego City College. He joined the US Navy in 1962 where he honorably served for 4 years as a Hospital Corpsman. After serving his country, Bill used his GI Bill benefits to study flying and achieve his pilot's license.

Bill was an irreplaceable genius. He was a master craftsman, chef, pilot, airplane builder, diver, surfer, sailor, trucker, and skilled machinist. He worked hard and enjoyed it! He liked to share the benefits of his skills and could make anything you needed, from plane parts or VW parts. Bill was skilled at making his own machining equipment, when standard tools couldn't do what he needed! You name it and Bill could make it. Bill worked hard his entire amazing life, right until the day before he passed, making airplane components at SureFly in Granbury.

Bill and his wife Gloria met in the 7th grade at Pacific Beach Junior High in San Diego. After high school they lost touch until they met again at their 50th High School reunion. It was love at first sight. Bill followed Gloria home to Granbury where they were married in December



2003. Bill and Gloria loved to travel in their motorhome and enjoyed working in various state parks out west over the years to escape the hot Texas summers. Bill passionately loved his dogs, Roxie, Luther, Darcey, Lucy and Bentley.

Bill leaves behind his wife, Gloria, son John Batzloff and his future bride Julie, daughter Carey Revels and her husband Dave, stepdaughter Christy Brabec and husband John, and stepson Richard Desmond. Bill was proud of his many grandchildren; Richard Brabec III and his wife Cassie, Tyler Brabec and wife Kelsey, Aric Brabec and wife Shelbi, and Miranda Desmond, as well as great-granddaughters Ella and Evelyn Brabec. Bill enjoyed hanging out with sister-in-law Margaret Preston and her husband John here in Granbury.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 2pm to 5pm at the home of John and Christy Brabec.

In lieu of flowers, friends are invited to make a contribution in his memory to Friends for Animals in Granbury.

**Reginald Hilton Lambeth**

July 28, 1934 - February 10, 2023

Reginald Hilton Lambeth, 88 passed away on Friday February 10, 2023, at his home in Granbury, Texas. He was born July 28, 1934, in Canton, Texas. His father was deployed to Europe during World War II and he spent much of his childhood with his grandfather on a farm without indoor plumbing or electricity. After the war he deployed with his family to Japan. He returned to Fort Hood where he attended high school at Fort Hood High School, lettering in football, track, basketball, and baseball. He attended Stephen F Austin on a football scholarship where he was named a Little All American.

He was drafted into the US Army in 1959 and spent most of his service at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Tx. After his military service he made El Paso his home coaching football at El Paso, Ysleta, Irvin, and Austin High Schools. He also spent one year coaching football at UTEP. Although he loved El Paso, he wanted to return to coaching high school and the family relocated to Richardson, Tx where he coached at JJ Pearce High School. The next stop was Clarksville, Texas and finally Mansfield High School where he retired after over 30 years teaching and coaching. Working with young men was his calling and had lasting impact on countless young lives.



In retirement Hilton focused much of his time and energy on the golf course. He was a scratch golfer and won many club titles and senior club titles. One of his personal highlights was qualifying for the USGA Eastern Regional in Charlottesville, Va.

Hilton was preceded in death by his parents as well as numerous aunts and uncles.

Hilton is survived by his wife Mary Wright Lambeth. He is also survived by his children Charles Hilton Lambeth and his wife Ruth and Reggie Dawson; grandchildren Dylan Dawson and wife Laura, and Douglas Dakota Dawson; mother of his children Marthasu Lambeth.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, 2023 in the Chapel of Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy. Granbury. Burial will follow at Acton Cemetery under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury.

**Dakodah Lee Allen Horton**

December 8, 1988 - February 4, 2023

Dakodah Lee Allen Horton, aka "The Joker", 34, beloved son, father and friend to many, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday evening, February 4, 2023, in Tarrant County.

Visitation was held Friday evening, February 10, 2023, from 6 until 8, at Martin's Funeral Home, 100 S. Morgan St., in Granbury, under the direction of Wiley's Funeral Home. Funeral services celebrating his life were held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Tolar Baptist Church. Burial followed at Granbury Cemetery.

Dakodah was born on December 8, 1988, in Odessa, Texas to Roger and Cynde Horton. He recently worked for Equipment Share as a relocation specialist. A devoted Harley Davidson and motorcycle enthusiast, Dakodah was a member of the Chula Chasers of Fort Worth raising money for children of MHMR (It's for the Kids). On his bike, "he took off sideways more than he did straight." He will affectionately be remembered for his warped sense of humor, his unforgettable laugh, being the life of the party, and for being a "Facebook Felon." He also will be remembered for his willingness



to help anyone who was in need. Most of all, Dakodah had absolute devotion to his children which he was known as a "dad without a filter" and for his sarcastic bad "dad jokes!".

Dakodah is survived by his beloved children, Jacob White, Harley Horton, Dominic Horton and Breanna aka "BeBe" Graham; his mother Cynde Horton; his grandmother, "NaNa"; his brothers, Joe Horton, Trevor and wife Tori Horton, William Jeffrey; his beloved niece, "Little Red"; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles; and by his extended family - his brothers and sisters of the Chula Chasers.

Dakodah was preceded in death by his father, Roger Horton; his uncle Cliff; and by his PaPa Charlie and Matt McCarthy, brother.

**Thomas Royce Harber**

November 18, 1932 - January 19, 2023

Thomas Royce Harber, 90, of Granbury, TX passed peacefully on January 19, 2023. His memorial service will be held at Acton United Methodist Church on February 18, at 2 pm in the sanctuary.

Royce was born November 18, 1932 in Knox City, TX. His family later moved to Dallas. He graduated from Sunset High School in Dallas and then enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. After his service, Royce had a successful career in the plastic industry doing injection molding and vacuum forming, eventually owning his own business.

Royce married the love of his life, Margaret, in 1956 and they had two children. They began their life together in Dallas and later moved to Pecan Plantation in 1976. Together they were very active in their community and church and loved spending time with family.

Royce was a man of faith and enjoyed many activities in and out of church. One of his favorite past times was restoring antique cars and being an active member of



the American Austin Bantam Car Club. He will be remembered for his quick wit, sense of humor and ability to make everyone smile. Royce was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Wilson and Gladys Harber, and two sisters, Teresa and Nancy. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sister, Ivena; daughter, Cynthia; son, Kelly; grandchildren, Zachary, Daniel and Sarah; two great grandsons, Leo and Clayton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to: Pecan Plantation VFD & EMS, 9518 Monticello Dr., Granbury, TX 76049 or to the charity of your choice.

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- boot underside
- shoe, Texas
- West Texas climate
- "keep a stiff upper \_\_\_"
- TXism: "fits like scales \_\_\_ fish"
- golfing mistake
- many diets call for this (2 wds.)
- wax your car, e.g.
- TX Larry Hagman 1960s sitcom: "I \_\_\_ Jeannie"
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- TXism: "cowboy \_\_\_" (jukebox)
- flower stalk
- "if I \_\_\_ then what I know now"
- electrical installation in a house, e.g.
- Marie Osmond's "\_\_\_ Wanted You"
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# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Texans' 2023 football schedule is announced

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — The next college football season can't get here fast enough, but there is now a starting date in sight.

Tarleton State University recently announced its 2023 regular-season football schedule, which is set to begin on Saturday, Sept. 2, and go through Saturday, Nov. 11.

The Texans have another 11-game slate that features five home games at Memorial Stadium and six true road games, including a Sept. 16 contest at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. The schedule alternates between road and home games the entire season, and features no open date until the final week of the college football regular season. This is the first time since 2009 that Tarleton has no consecutive home games and no consecutive road games. The Texans had a 10-3 record that year and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

All games will be on Saturdays this season.

Of the 11 opponents Tarleton will face, 10 are NCAA Division I programs, the most the Texans will have ever played against in a single season in program history.

"As the Tarleton football program enters its final year of reclassification, we continue to elevate our strength of schedule and that is evident once again this year,"

head coach Todd Whitten said. "This is again the best and most difficult schedule we've ever faced. The 2023 season will be our greatest challenge, but I know we're up for it."

Tarleton opens Sept. 2 in Lake Charles, Louisiana, for a rematch against McNeese State University. The Texans and Cowboys played a double overtime thriller in Tarleton's first-ever game as an NCAA Division I program in the 2020 season that played in the spring of 2021. The Texans last played on the road at McNeese in 2016, which served as Whitten's first game back with the program in his third stint.

The Texans' home opener will be a "Purple Out" on Sept. 9 against North Alabama.

That matchup will serve as a conference game for Tarleton as part of the continued ASUN-WAC partnership, which for the first time is serving as a single sports conference. The ASUN-WAC football group has nine participating institutions; Abilene Christian, Austin Peay, Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky, North Alabama, Southern Utah, Stephen F. Austin, Tarleton and Utah Tech. UTRGV will join the competition on the field in 2025. Tarleton went

to Florence, Alabama, last year and snapped North Alabama's 16-game homecoming win streak in a 43-28 decision, as the Texans outscored the Lions 23-7 in the second half.

Like last year, Tarleton will take on a Big 12 program on the road, this time Texas Tech at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock. Whitten will take his Tarleton team to where he began his coaching career in 1988. The Texans have never played the Red Raiders in football. Last season, Tarleton played its first-ever game against a Power Five conference program at TCU, who ended up playing in the College Football Playoff National Championship.

On Sept. 23, Tarleton hosts Family Weekend against the Southwest Baptist Bearcats, who the Texans beat last year. On Sept. 30, Tarleton will be at the Southland Conference's Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond. The Lions just advanced to the second round of the 2022 NCAA FCS Playoffs.

On Oct. 7, Tarleton's Legends Game will feature WAC foe Southern Utah, which heads to Stephenville for the first time. The Texans and Thunderbirds have split their meetings over the past two years in chaotic fashion, with Tarleton winning 42-40 in Cedar City, Utah, this past season, and SUU winning 40-35 at Choctaw Stadium (formerly Globe Life Park) in Arlington the year before.

The Texans will honor the 2002-03 men's basket-



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DATE	OPPONENT	THEME	LOCATION
Sept. 2	McNeese State		Lake Charles, La.
Sept. 9	<b>North Alabama*</b>	Purple Out	Stephenville
Sept. 16	Texas Tech		Lubbock
Sept. 23	<b>Southwest Baptist</b>	Family Weekend	Stephenville
Sept. 30	Southeastern Louisiana		Hammond, La.
Oct. 7	<b>Southern Utah*</b>	Legends Game	Stephenville
Oct. 14	Eastern Kentucky*		Richmond, Ky.
Oct. 21	<b>Morehead State</b>	Homecoming	Stephenville
Oct. 28	Central Arkansas*		Conway, Ark.
Nov. 4	<b>Stephen F. Austin*</b>	Military Appreciation	Stephenville
Nov. 11	Abilene Christian*		Abilene, Texas

HOME GAMES IN BOLD  
\*WAC GAMES

ball program at the Legends Game this year — a team that was 29-4 overall on its way to the Lone Star Conference North Division title and a three-game run in the NCAA South Central Regional Tournament, held in Stephenville. Members of the team interested in attending the festivities should reach out to Tarleton Athletics Associate AD for Alumni Engagement and On-Air Broadcasting Byron Anderson at banderson@tarleton.edu.

On Oct. 14, Tarleton will be back in Richmond, Kentucky, this time for a

conference game against Eastern Kentucky. The two teams met as non-conference opponents in 2021. On Oct. 21, the Texans return to Stephenville for their homecoming game against Morehead State. The Eagles, out of Morehead, Kentucky, and the Pioneer Football League, will face the Texans for the first time.

Tarleton will then make its first trip to Central Arkansas on Oct. 28 in Conway to play the Bears. This will be a conference game for the first time, which wasn't the case when Tarleton hosted UCA in the 2021 season finale

at Memorial Stadium. The Texans put on a show to win 24-3.

For the first time since 1974, Stephen F. Austin will travel to Stephenville. On Nov. 4, the Texans will clash with the Lumberjacks for the third straight season but for the first time at home in 49 years. The WAC rivalry game will also be Tarleton's Military Appreciation Game.

To conclude the 2023 campaign, Tarleton will travel to Abilene to play Abilene Christian on Nov. 11. Tarleton's open date is the last week of the regular season, Nov. 18.

## Texans stay undefeated at home with 81-62 victory over Grand Canyon

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Texans led by as many as 33 point in their decisive 81-62 victory over the Grand Canyon University Lopes on Jan. 28.

Tarleton (12-10, 5-4 WAC) and Seattle University are the only two teams in the WAC to remain undefeated at home this season.

The Texans set the tone

early as Shamir Bogues instantly stole the ball from the opening tip-off and slammed it home for the first points of the game.

GCU (14-8, 5-4 WAC) took its first lead of the game shortly after that, off a pair of free throws and jumper after three minutes of play. The Texans and Lopes traded the lead four times over the next five minutes until Tarleton began to pull away.

The Texans put together a 19-0 run through the middle of the first half with five players contributing to the offensive onslaught. The Lopes were held scoreless for seven straight minutes as Tarleton climbed to a 21-point lead.

Tarleton pushed its lead to 24 points heading into halftime after shooting better than 50 percent from the field and holding GCU to 6-of-20 (.300).

Tarleton quickly pushed its lead to 27 points after three minutes had passed to start the second half. Both teams went on a four-minute scoring drought before the Texans peaked their lead for the game. With 11 minutes remaining in the game, Tarleton was on top of the Lopes by 33.

The Texans shot 75 percent (15-20 FG) from the field in the second half and 61.5

percent for the game while holding the Lopes to 18-of-42 (.429) shooting overall.

Gaddy was a dominant and disruptive presence against GCU. He was perfect from the field (7-7 FG) and scored 15 points in the game.

Freddy Hicks, the Fireside District Player of the Game, was the top scorer with 18 points (7-10 FG, 2-3 3PT). Hicks also grabbed a game-high eight rebounds.

Bogues, who helped set the tone for the game in the opening seconds after tip-off, scored 12 points (5-9 FG) and had three rebounds. Lue Williams scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Jakorie Smith contributed eight points, Tiger Booker picked up six points and Shakur Daniel had four points and five assists.

## TSU mourns death of assistant coach, former player Marc Martinez

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton Football announced Friday that longtime assistant coach and former player Marc Martinez has died following a car accident in the Stephenville area Friday morning.

"This is a terrible day in the Texan Football program," Tarleton head football coach Todd Whitten said. "Coach Martinez was not only a great assistant coach, but he was a great leader, a great person, and a great friend. He has done an incredible job in helping boost this program to where it is today, and we're beside ourselves that he is no longer with us. My heart breaks for his family, his wife Lacie, and his daughters, Estella and Camilla. We will miss him dearly."

Martinez completed his sixth season as a full-time linebackers coach and his fifth as the program's summer camp director in 2022, marking his eighth season with the Texan coaching staff overall.

"It's hard to find the words when we lose a valued member of the Tarleton Athletics



Martinez

family, and to find out we lost Coach Martinez this morning was devastating," Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Lonnn Reisman said. "Not only was he a treasured member of the Tarleton Football coaching staff, he has been a treasured member of Tarleton Athletics for the past 12 years. Marc will be remembered for his great servitude and for his tremendous career as a true Tarleton Texan. We will miss Marc, and we pray for all of his family and friends."

Martinez was an integral part of helping the Texans start their NCAA Division I reclassification with three straight winning seasons. In just his second full-time season in 2018, Martinez helped coach the Texan defense to the most successful season in school history. The Texans went 12-1, winning the first outright LSC title in program history and advanced to the NCAA regional finals with a No. 5 national ranking.

The Tarleton State

University alum has coached several all-conference linebackers, including the highest drafted Texan in school history, E.J. Speed, who was picked in the fifth round of the 2019 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts.

Martinez began his coaching career at Tarleton in 2015 as a graduate assistant coach for the defense, following a stellar four-year playing career for the Texans. He was a two-time All-LSC linebacker, capped off by his senior campaign when he topped the 100-tackle mark to lead the team. For his career, Martinez played in 35 games and was part of the 2013 Lone Star Conference Championship team. He amassed two interceptions, four forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries in his career while making 253 total tackles (119 solo). He made 17 tackles for a loss in his career and deflected seven passes. Martinez earned his undergraduate degree and master's degree from Tarleton. The 30-year-old leaves behind his wife, Lacie, and his two young daughters, Estella and Camilla.



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Tarleton State University's Tyler Jackson (22), a 5-9 sophomore guard from Allen, looks for an opening while dribbling the ball during the Texans' 55-48 women's basketball road loss to Southern Utah University on Jan. 28. At left is TSU teammate Nyajah Mitchels (21).

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# GHS swim quintet hoping to make splash in Austin

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Five members of the Granbury High School swim team will continue what has become a trend of competing at the Class 5A State Swim Meet when they hit the water Friday at the Lee & Joe J-mail Texas Swimming Center at the University of Texas.

Three of the qualifiers are returning from a year ago — seniors Jordan Buchanan and Tyler Guidry along with junior Braxton Heffernan. They will be joined this year by two other teammates, senior Ryan Solisz and sophomore Mylie Erez.

They qualified in their respective events at the 5A Region II Meet, Feb. 6-7, at the Debbie Weems Natatorium in Mansfield. The top two finishers in each event earned automatic qualifications to state.

The relay is seeded 15th out of the 24 competing in the state meet, while Erez is seeded 22nd in her event.

The highlight of the regional meet was Guidry, Solisz, Buchanan and Heffernan teaming up to take the regional championship in the 200-yard freestyle relay. They clocked a time of 1 minute, 30.24 seconds, their best of the season and less than two minutes off the school record of 1:28.66.

Erez qualified with a runner-up finish in the 100 freestyle with a time of 55.59.

"If we can all drop a half second we can get that record," Guidry said. "We all swim a really fast 50 free. If we do that we'll more than likely be swimming in the finals on Saturday."

The top 16 times from Friday will advance to compete Saturday.

"Wow, what a first year to be a part of GHS Pirate swimming!" said an ex-

cited first-year Granbury coach Charles Overton. "We were so proud of what these kids achieved so far this season. It felt like every time someone started a race we were seeing something awesome."

Several Granbury swimmers narrowly missed advancing to state, finishing third in their respective events. They were: Boys 200 medley relay of Solisz, senior Tyler McDermott, junior Colin Lindsey and Heffernan, 1:43.69; Heffernan, boys 50 free, 22.35; Girls 200 free relay of My. Erez, sophomore Avery Young, sophomore Madison Erez and junior Brenna Haynes; Girls 400 free relay of Haynes, Young, sophomore Grace Larsen, My. Erez, 3:54.94; and Boys 400 free relay of Solisz, Guidry, senior Preston Beauchamp, Buchanan, 3:25.15.

As a team, the Pirates were second out of 22 at regionals, while the Lady Pirates were fourth among 24 girls teams. Combined, Granbury was second.

## GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates (20-11 overall, 7-4 in district) have secured second place in District 5-5A, defeating Aledo 56-44 at home on Feb. 7 and falling 43-37 at home to Fort Worth Brewer, No. 20 in the state, on Feb. 10. It is their first postseason appearance since 2016.

Dylan Couto scored 22 points against Aledo and 11 against Brewer,

while Kensington Colston added 19 and eight, respectively.

The Pirates led Brewer at the half, 18-15, before the Bears went on an 11-1 run and built the lead to 10 in the fourth quarter. Granbury cut it to two points late, but Brewer held on by hitting free throws.

Granbury was missing three players, including two with ankle injuries, coach David Breazeale noted.

"We were playing guys who hadn't played a total of 10 minutes in district and they did great," he said. "We proved we can play with them."

Nine of the Pirates' 11 losses this season have been by eight points or less. It was also the 17th time they held an opponent under 50 points.

The Pirates will face Fort Worth Arlington Heights (20-12) in the bi-district round of the playoffs on either Feb. 20 or 21.

## GRANBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Pirates (22-11, 8-4 in District 5-5A) ended the regular season on Feb. 7 with a 48-45 home loss to Aledo, but still finished second in league play. They were playing Fort Worth O.D. Wyatt (15-12) in bi-district at press time.

Ella Hamlin led Granbury against Aledo with a double-double of 25 points and 11 rebounds. Also, Ella Garner scored eight points, Kate Hamlin and Faith Fry each grabbed five rebounds and Alexa Mueller delivered four assists.

A bi-district win would give the Lady Pirates their most wins in a season since the 2011-12 campaign. They would face either Mansfield Timberview (32-3), ranked No. 2 in the state, or Lake Dallas (16-16) this weekend.

## TOLAR/LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Indians (29-1, 11-0 in District 11-2A), ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 2A, finished a sweep of their county rivals on Feb. 7, winning 58-24.

Garrett Smith led four Lipan players in double figures in scoring with 16 points, along with five rebounds and three steals. Tripp Phillips added 12 points, while Darius Steed had 10 points and two blocked shots and Tate Branson scored 10 and had four steals.

The Rattlers (25-7, 9-2) were led by Cade Moody with six points, while Merritt Imel grabbed seven rebounds.

Both teams will advance to the postseason beginning Feb. 20-21.

## LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Indians topped the century mark for the third time in four games as they won 112-47 at Ranger on Feb. 10. Lipan hit 25 shots from three-point range.

Freshman Payton Cornelius hit seven three-pointers en route to 21 points. Smith led all scorers with 26, including six treys, while Phillips added 13 points and Steed scored 10.

## TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers bounced back from their loss at Lipan with an 84-34 home win over Santo. Reis Brown paced Tolar with 32 points and Cade Moody scored 24.

"I feel like our team is battle tested and ready for a playoff run," said Tolar coach Scott Richardson, whose team is ranked 21st in the state in 2A. "Exciting time of year!"

## TOLAR/LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians (28-3 overall) ended a 12-0 run through District 11-2A with a 69-7 victory at Tolar (13-16, 8-4 in district) on Feb. 7. Both teams advanced to the postseason, however, as the Lady Rattlers finished second in league play.

Lipan was led by Trinity Benitez with 20 points and two blocked shots, Madison Cornelius scored 11 with four steals and Madison Harrison scored nine. Also, Ashlynn Clark pulled down six rebounds and Taylor Branson had five assists and five steals.

Skyler Nunley led Tolar with three points and four rebounds, while Senne Imel had six rebounds.

Lipan was playing Italy (11-20) in bi-district at press time and Tolar was facing Frost (24-9). A Lipan win would advance them to play Cisco (25-6) or Seymour (22-8) this weekend. A Tolar win will pit them against Stamford (17-4) or Petrolia (19-12) in the playoffs.

## GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates (3-10-4 overall) improved to 2-3 in District 5-5A (one shootout win) with a 1-0 victory at Saginaw on Feb. 10. It was following a 2-0 loss at Justin Northwest on Feb. 7.

Weston Cantrell had the goal in the win while Gabe Moore assisted. Cristian Padron posted the shut-out as goalkeeper.

"We played a great game against Northwest but got a little unlucky. The boys did a great job of building off Tuesday's performance," Pirates' coach Drew McKinney said.

Granbury is at Fort Worth Brewer Friday, Feb. 17. The girls are set to play at 5 p.m. and boys at 7.

## GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

After dropping a 4-0 contest at Justin Northwest on Feb. 7, the Lady Pirates (6-6 overall, 3-2 in District 5-5A with a shootout win), outlasted visiting Saginaw 2-1 in a shootout on Feb. 10.

Tessa Rohleder scored in regulation with an assist from Elise Mikulskis. In the shootout, goals were scored by Mikulskis, Dominique Callahan, Kyleigh Chavez, Claire Burdette, Lesley Briones, Keily Zschiesche and Addison Clark.

Burdette also had two clutch saves of kicks in the shootout, along with a key save in regulation.

"She came through in a big way," coach David Winkleman said. "Those were phenomenal saves."

## GRANBURY TENNIS

Hanna White placed third in girls B singles at the South Hills Tournament on Feb. 10. In junior varsity action, Aly Kramer and Tyler St. Don won mixed A doubles consolation, while Kenia Jimenez and Karla Perez won JV2 girls doubles, with Miranda Munoz taking girls singles consolation and Ritter Eatherly winning boys singles consolation.

The Pirates/Lady Pirates are scheduled to play in the Keller Timber Creek Varsity Tournament Thursday, Feb. 16. They will host their own JV Invitational Tuesday, Feb. 21 and Varsity Invitational Feb. 24.

## LOOKING BACK IN SPORTS

# Plans for 850-seat GHS stadium announced in 1954

From Staff Reports

## 69 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1954

An article in the Thursday, Feb. 11, 1954 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet announced that "A new stadium is being planned for the Granbury High School with the Pirates Club and the School Board cooperating in its financing."

The story continued by stating that plans called for "an 850-seat stadium, fifteen rows high and 80 feet long of a type that can be added to in twenty foot sections as needed. Under the proposed financing the Pirates Club will furnish

\$1,000 and members have agreed to sell 400-seat options," at \$5 each to raise an additional \$2,000 — something that was "unanimously adopted at an enthusiastic meeting of the club."

The school board agreed to finance the remainder of the approximate \$3,000 cost, according to the report.

The story also noted that "The 400 seat options to be sold by the Pirates Club will cost the buyer \$5 or \$1 per year and will give the buyer a numbered, reserved seat for each home game during that period. An average of five home games are played each year, which brings the cost per person to 20 cents

per game."

The report added that Superintendent A.H. Pritchard stated that "everyone seemed wholeheartedly in favor of the new stadium."

Granbury High School's modern football venue — Pirate Stadium, featuring Johnny Perkins Field — opened for play in 1973 and has a seating capacity of 5,135 according to the website texasbob.com.

## 97 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1922

Not only was some of the sports wording and reporting presented differently in the early 1920s, but it

appears that defensive tenacity far out-weighted the offensive skill levels at that time.

A column headlined "Nubbin Ridge Notes" in the Friday, Feb. 5, 1922 edition of The Granbury News reported some underwhelming small-town basketball (spelled as two separate words — "basket ball") scores involving some Hood County schools.

"Brushy and Neri's ball teams came down Friday and played," the sports note stated. "The scores were as follows: Nubbin Ridge and Brushy girls, 13 to 10 in our favor; Neri and Nubbin Ridge girls, 4 to 16 in our favor; Brushy and Nubbin

Ridge boys, 14 to 15 in Brushy's favor."

## 53 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1969

The Feb. 20, 1969 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet announced that the Tolar High School girls basketball team had won the Class B District 23 championship, and had a season record of 31-1 going into a bi-district playoff game against Rising Star High School. The story notes the following players were on that THS girls basketball team: Deborah Neely, Deborah Mabery, Sandra Neely, Kathy Swaim, Sheila McIntire, Deborah Couch,

Wanda Lane, Joyce Marsden, Melinda Vest, Donna Shackelford, Neila Cherry, Jan Nickel, Rita Couch and Donna Edwards.

## 78 YEARS AGO JANUARY 1945

This news brief was posted under a headline of "Granbury School News" in the Jan. 11, 1945 edition of the Hood County Tablet was a brief note reporting, "The boys and girls basketball teams went to Glen Rose Friday night. Our girls won by a score of 38 to 9 and the boys 24 to 14. We are very proud of both teams, for all did outstanding playing throughout the games."

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit, Required Food and Beverage Certificate by Bangrica Inc d.b.a. Fuzzy's Taco Shop Granbury to be located at 115 West Pearl St, Granbury, Hood County, Texas.  
Officers of said Corporation are:  
Mumun Mehdi President  
Iqbal Rahman Secretary

**NOTICE OF CLAIM**  
Carolyn Sue Cross Green, a co-tenant heir to the real property known as Lot 17, Block 3, THREE 77 SUNSET STRIP, an addition of Hood County, Texas according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, page 86, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas has filed an Affidavit of Adverse Possession by Co-Tenant Heir in the Deed Records of Hood County, Texas, claiming Adverse Possession of the aforementioned real property.

**Notice of Annual Public Hearing**  
The Granbury Housing Authority has rescheduled a Public Hearing to be held on 03/28/23 at 12:00 pm at 503 N. Crockett, Granbury, Texas to discuss the proposed plans for the upcoming fiscal year.  
julia@granburyhousing.org

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON PETITION TO MODIFY WILL PURSUANT TO SECTION 255.451 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates Of VIOLET PARKS-POLLARD, Cause No. P09404, County Court of Hood County, Texas.  
TRACY S. BUSH in the above numbered and entitled estate filed a PETITION TO MODIFY WILL PURSUANT TO SECTION 255.451 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE of the said Estate of VIOLET PARKS-POLLARD, deceased.  
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.

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

Said application requests that all parties and respondents be cited to appear and answer herein, and that upon a final hearing of the cause, be entered and that this Court modify and reform the Last Will and Testament of Violet Parks-Pollard by modifying section 2.2 as attached in Exhibit "1" or in the alternative to order modification of the Will to order the Independent Co-Administrator to release one-third of the estate to Rhonda Louise Freelen, free of trust and the remaining estate to Steven Earl Parks and Debbie Denise Penkala as they agree or otherwise prefer the Will to be amended, if at all; that the Will be modified to correct the spelling of Rhonda Louise Freelen's name; and such other and further relief to which the Petitioner may be entitled at law or in equity.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 8th day of February, 2023.  
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Hood County Clerk  
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By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy Clerk

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patricia Suzanne Lewis, Deceased, were granted on January 27, 2023, in Cause No. P09895, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Kimberly Renee Strange.

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: Samuel I. Reid  
Attorney at Law  
1840 Acton Highway  
Granbury, TX 76049  
DATED the 27th day of January 2023.  
The Reid Firm, P.C.  
Attorneys for Applicant  
By:/s/ Samuel I. Reid Steven J. Reid  
State Bar No.: 16747900  
Samuel I. Reid  
State Bar No.: 24105702  
1840 Acton Highway  
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of BARBARA JEAN CAROTHERS, Cause No. P09943, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

MARK ALAN GREEN in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application for Independent Administration and an Application to Determine Heirship to declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of BARBARA JEAN CAROTHERS, 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.

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

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Texas  
To all persons interested in the Estate of:

BENNY DALE KIRKLAND, Deceased, docket No. P09484.

JAMES CALVIN KIRKLAND filed in the County Court of Hood County, Texas on the 3rd day of February 2023, an application for the TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR PENDING WILL CONTEST PURSUANT TO TEXAS ESTATES CODE § 452.051.

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.

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

The Applicant requests the Court to make an immediate appointment of Applicant as Temporary Administrator of Decedent's Estate to serve for a period of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, unless the appointment is made permanent by order of this Court.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Howard T Cook, Deceased, were issued on February 9, 2023, in Cause No. P09936, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Donna Cook Querner.

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: Law Office of Mark Piland  
1107 W. Pearl St., Ste 101  
Granbury, TX 76048  
DATED the 10th day of February, 2023.  
E. Mark Piland  
Attorney for Donna Cook Querner  
State Bar No.: 16008870  
1107 W. Pearl St., Ste 101  
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c/o: Robert Christian  
1405 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 27th day of January, 2023.  
Robert T. Christian  
Attorney for Lela Ann Schaich  
State Bar No.: 00798106  
1405 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (682) 936-4003  
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robert@christianandchristianlaw.com

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Jesse J. Lawson, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2023, in Cause No. P09849, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Micheal Blaine Hargis.

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c/o: Robert Christian  
1405 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 26th day of February, 2023.  
Robert T. Christian  
Attorney for Micheal Blaine Hargis  
State Bar No.: 00798106  
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A meeting will be held at: Somervell County Expo Center, 202 BO GIBBS BLVD, W Hwy 67, Glen Rose, TX 76043  
Thursday February 23, 2023  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., local time

In addition, the NRC staff will host informal discussion one hour before the start of the session at the same location. The meeting information can be found at the NRC Public Meeting Notice System link below:

<https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg?do=search.results&pageno=1&StartDate=2/23/2023&EndDate=2/23/2023>

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COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Manning teaches piano to a group of young students at Sparks Music School.

**SPARKS**

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know how to play the piano, but I don't know how to play music and want to learn.' And the other one was like, 'I can play a little bit on my guitar. I want to get good at it if I have another 20 years on this Earth.' ZsaZsa said. "At 84, why not, you know? It's

just so amazing to see what joy it brings to people."

The Cliffords said they are grateful for how the school has bettered their lives as well as their son's life.

"The hand of God is most certainly over our business and guiding our lives and our business," ZsaZsa said. "Our son is actually very much involved in all of this too. He is the one who cre-

ated our logo and who came up with the fun rewards we use in our rewards program for the kids."

ZsaZsa is currently taking piano lessons, and Ryan is learning to read and compose music in guitar lessons through the school. Manning has started to compose music for community celebrations.

"It's really something

that's just so wonderful to see how enriching it can be in one's life, especially because we see it in ours, Ryan said. "We're not only owners of the business, but we're also patrons of it and so we want to share that with our community. We also just want to be very involved in the community, and Mike is especially doing that."

The Cliffords are eager

to continue reaching new people and hope to set up a band and choir for home-schooled students.

"One of the things that Mike has always said is that it's certainly about the music, but also about what it can do within an individual's life, especially children's lives," Ryan said. "As they're learning, they're sponges - they'll soak it up and then

it translates into so many different areas of life in terms of life skills, decision making, and the way you go about solving problems. We're all about creating leadership. So, as Mike said again, the idea that music readers are life leaders is something we strongly believe in."

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Class volunteer Amy Winters and her daughter Abby enjoy a donut moment at Friday's Valentine's party at Acton Elementary School.



These kindergartners let it glow with novelty heart-shaped glasses for everyone!



Serena Rivera's creative kindergartners used stickers, stencils, markers, and more to create lovely Valentine's card carriers.



Gunner Brown is fully engrossed as he finishes his artistic Valentine's project.

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## Tolar Junior High program funded by TEF a hit with students

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

You wake up one morning and all the adults are gone.

Last month, that post-apocalyptic scenario introduced Gifted

and Talented students at Tolar Junior High School to Quest to Learn, a fun, game-based learning experience paid for by the Tolar Education Foundation.

The students love the twice-a-week engagement and are learning

valuable skills from it, said principal Casey Hamilton.

"They want to do it every day," he said.

Hamilton said that he had the idea to purchase a \$3,500 subscription for Quest to Learn and that

TISD Assistant Superintendent Kristen Carey helped him write a grant to present to the TEF.

The TEF holds fundraisers to pay for scholarships and grants to benefit Tolar schoolchildren.

Hamilton said that the TEF also

purchased about 300 books for the Tolar Junior High library and has awarded multiple grants to teachers at the school.

According to Quest, leading edu-

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### SOPHOMORE PEYTON BROWN VOTED TO FIRST TEAM



RUSSELL HUFFMAN | HOOD COUNTY NEWS FILE PHOTO

Peyton Brown was honored recently by the Texas Sports Writers Association voters. Brown was named to the Bluebell/TSWA Class 2A All-State Team.

## Five Rattlers named TSWA All-State in football

**BY RICK MAUCH**  
*Special to the Hood County News*

To the victors go the spoils — and the Tolar Rattlers spoiled a lot of Friday nights for their opponents on the football field this past season.

The Rattlers posted the best season in school history in 2022. They spent the entire season ranked in the state's top 10, and reached the quarterfinal round of the Class 2A Division I playoffs, and finished with a 13-1 record.

As a result five members of the team were honored recently by the Texas Sports Writers Association voters in being named to the Bluebell/TSWA Class 2A All-State Team.

Leading the Tolar selections is sophomore running back Peyton Brown on the first-team offense. Senior lineman Mason Berry was

named to the second-team defense.

Honorable mentions for Tolar on the TSWA team went to senior wide receiver Wyatt Jones, senior defensive lineman Luke Willmon and junior linebacker Isaac Blessing.

"Each one of these guys is very deserving of being recognized in the Sports Writers All-State team," said Tolar head coach Jeremy Mullins. "It's a great honor to them and their teammates and really serves as a reminder to the year this group had."

Brown was not only one of the top running backs in Class 2A, but in all of the state's classifications.



Brown



Berry



Jones



Willmon



Blessing

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In fact, he was among the best in the nation.

Brown rushed for 2,777 yards on 322 carries, an average of 198.4 yards per game, ranking third among all state classifications and 21st nationally. His 49 touchdowns and 296 points scored both led the state in all classifications. In addition, he was 10th nationally in

touchdowns and 11th in points.

In his two varsity seasons, Brown has rushed for 4,171 yards with 77 touchdowns.

Berry was a force on the Rattlers defense that surrendered an average of just 7.8 points per game, posted four shutouts, and held nine opponents to a touchdown or less. He had 78 tackles, includ-

ing 14 for a loss, with three quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception.

Jones caught a team-best 35 passes for 658 yards and 11 touchdowns.

He was a multi-threat, with three interceptions on defense and 165 points scored — 87 of which came from kicking.

Blessing led all Rattler defenders with 135 tackles, including nine for loss.

Willmon had 57 tackles, a third (19) of which were for loss. He also had a team-leading five sacks.

## Three Granbury FFA members scramble to win at Fort Worth Stock Show

*From Staff Reports*

FORT WORTH - Three members of the Granbury FFA — Larry "Trey" Wilkins III, Audrey Ann McKee, and

Marissa Holbrook — each caught a calf during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble on Jan. 30, earning a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the

chance for up to \$16,000 in scholarship awards.

A news release notes that the Calf Scramble, one of the most popular events, gives 20 students an

opportunity to catch 10 calves during one of 23 performances of the Fort Worth Stock Show, which was held this year from Jan. 13 through Feb. 4. Those not catching calves

received a pair of Justin Boots. Justin Boots and Texas Mutual Insurance Company are overall un-

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# DAKOTA'S LAST RIDE



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MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Dakodah Lee Allen Horton, aka "The Joker", 34, beloved son, father and friend to many, passed away unexpectedly Feb. 4. A devoted Harley Davidson and motorcycle enthusiast, Dakodah was a member of the Chula Chasers of Fort Worth raising money for children of MHMR. Friends, family and motorcycle enthusiasts joined the funeral procession Saturday, Feb. 10. A GoFundMe account has been set up to support any needs of the family and can be found at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/dakodah-joker-horton?utm\\_source=facebook](https://www.gofundme.com/f/dakodah-joker-horton?utm_source=facebook).

# SCRAMBLE

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derwriters for the legendary Calf Scramble Program. Wilkins' parents are Angela and Larry Watkins of Granbury. Trey's award was sponsored by Dick and Kelly Myers. McKee is the daughter of Shelli McKee of Granbury. Her award was sponsored by Mike and Rosie Moncrief. Holbrook's parents are Dena and Bret Holbrook of Acton, and her award was sponsored by Redpoint Capital. Since the Fort Worth Calf

Scramble began in 1987, according to the news release, the program has distributed almost \$4 million to nearly 8,000 Texas students — providing funds for the purchase of their beef or dairy heifer. Also, more than \$3.6 million in scholarships has been awarded to more than 1,600 students in recognition of their hard work and completion of the program. The students will use the purchase certificates toward the cost of a heifer that they will raise and exhibit at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show. Exhibitors who submit monthly reports and

a final essay may be eligible for scholarship awards that can range between \$500 and \$16,000. The Stock Show & Rodeo, held in Fort Worth's Dickies Arena, is just part of the experience of the annual event, which also includes tantalizing food, shopping, livestock shows, live music, a carnival-midway, equestrian competitions, a petting zoo and much more. You can start to make plans to attend next year's event by going online ([www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com)).



Granbury FFA member Larry "Trey" Wilkins III won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee member Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Dick and Kelly Myers.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW



Granbury FFA member Audrey Ann McKee won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee member Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Mike and Rosie Moncrief.



Granbury FFA member Marissa Holbrook won a \$500 purchase certificate toward a beef or dairy heifer for a 4-H or FFA project for exhibition at next year's Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. The certificate, presented by Stock Show Calf Scramble Committee member Paxton Motheral, was sponsored by Redpoint Capital.

# TOLAR

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ational researchers have found that games "allow for some of the richest learning experiences." Students collaborate and learn by doing, the company's website states. Quest to Learn applies seven

principles to its game-based learning: everyone is a participant; challenge; learning happens by doing; feedback is immediate and ongoing; failure is framed as "iteration"; everything is interconnected; and learning feels like play. Through the combination online/in-person experience, Tolar students in grades 6, 7, and 8 work together to solve problems. They

compete against other students in their grade level. Hamilton said that students are divided into "tribes" of four or five. Not only must they work together as a team, they must also work with other groups through bartering. With Quest's post-apocalyptic scenario, figuring out how to survive is priority No. 1. Priority No. 2 is creating a new society with its

own government. "They're getting challenged outside of their everyday classroom," Hamilton said of the students who are participating. Each tribe has a laptop but the game is tracked on a projector screen so that teams can see where they stand as the game progresses, he explained. "They gather points by how well

they do in a competition or a problem-solving equation or any challenge that is presented to them," Hamilton stated. The three teachers who are teaching Quest are enjoying it, too. "They're enjoying the change of pace," the principal said.

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# Opera Guild invites community to D'Vine Wine fundraiser March 23

From Staff Reports

The Opera Guild of Granbury is inviting the community to its annual D'Vine Wine Sip and Support fundraiser set from 4-8 p.m. on March 23. Each year, the D'Vine Wine fundraiser helps support the Opera House and its al-

lied arts by using the funds to repair the Opera House and by donating scholarships to the Granbury Theatre Academy. Appetizers, finger sandwiches, and desserts will be provided by Opera Guild Members, and will be served inside D'Vine Wine. Guests are also asked to purchase

their wine or drinks of choice from D'Vine Wine as well, because 20% of their sales from that evening will go toward the fundraiser. During the event, Bridge Street will be closed for street dancing, as B-Ray and the Humans Band will play from 4-7 p.m. Drawings for wine-relat-

ed baskets and door prizes begin at 7 p.m. Tickets for these items can be purchased at the event from guild members for \$5 each or five for \$20. Guests are also asked to bring their own chairs for the event to ensure plenty of open seating for all. Vendors for the event

will include Opulenza Jewelry, Southern Reflection Kettle Korn, and Harmony Massage Chairs. Caylor Creek Boutique will also be open late for attendees' shopping pleasure. To join the Guild to help support the Opera House, email granburyog@gmail.com. Memberships are avail-

able for \$25 for single and \$35 for joint and business. If interested, join their next meeting set for 11 a.m. on March 7 at the DeCordova Country Club. Individuals are asked to RSVP no later than March 3.

## SUPPORT SYSTEMS

**SUPPORT SYSTEM** calendar will feature recurring activities that provide group support and are open to the public. These items will run each Wednesday. Submit Support System listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

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**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.

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**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).

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

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**PUNCHIN' PARKINSON'S** in Granbury. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. A non-contact boxing and fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's. First Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

**FIRST MONDAY**

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

**FIRST TUESDAY**

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

**SECOND SATURDAY**

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

**THIRD MONDAY**

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

**THIRD TUESDAY**

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

**FOURTH TUESDAY**

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

**FOURTH SATURDAY**

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



**Amanda Gorman**  
Amanda was born in Los Angeles in 1998. Her love of poetry began when she was in the third grade.  
Amanda was encouraged to read her poems out loud. This was a challenge for Amanda. She had a *speech impediment*, which means she had trouble saying certain letters, especially the letter **r**. For Amanda, poetry was a way to express her feelings and practice pronouncing words that were difficult for her.

*And so we lift our gazes, not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.*

*We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside.*

*We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another.*

*We seek harm to none and harmony for all.*  
— From *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman

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**Line 2:** Description of subject in three words  
**Line 3:** Something more about the subject  
**Line 4:** Opinion about the subject  
**Line 5:** One word related to the subject

Example:  
**Amanda**  
Brilliant poet, famous  
Cares about the world  
She is the best  
Inspires

**Give it a try!**  
Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Poetry at the Super Bowl?**  
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**Amanda for President?**  
Amanda has said she wants to be President of the United States as soon as she is old enough. She has to be 35 to run for president. In what year will she be 35? Add this to the timeline.

Elections for President are held every four years. Will there be a Presidential election the year she turns 35? If not, what year can she run for President?

*Somehow we've weathered and witnessed a nation that isn't broken, but simply unfinished. We, the successors of a country and a time where a skinny Black girl descended from slaves and raised by a single mother can dream of becoming president, only to find herself reciting for one.*  
— From *The Hill We Climb* by Amanda Gorman

**Conquering Fears**  
Many people are afraid of entering competitions and performing in front of people — even Amanda Gorman. She advises people to just go for it and don't hold yourself back, even if you are nervous or afraid.

**How many differences can you find between these two pictures?**



**Local Laureates**  
Look through the newspaper and find five people you think should be called laureates. Write down each name. After the name, write what you think they should be called.  
Examples:  
a mayor laureate  
a teacher laureate  
a construction laureate  
a parent laureate

**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**  
**Adjective Search**  
Look through the newspaper for three adjectives that describe Amanda Gorman. Use these adjectives to write a sentence or two about her.  
**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.

**Write On!**  
**My Favorite Poet**  
Who is your favorite poet, and why?

**What a Character!**  
**Caring is ...**  
Dear Mom,  
Have a great day!  
I love you so much!  
— Keem

... leaving a nice note telling a family member how much you love them.

# Hood County SCENE

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Band members smile with approval as Ashton Harmon, 1, joins dad Brian Harmon on the drums with the Tatiana Mayfield band during Jazzfest 2022.

## Jive to the second annual Granbury JazzFest Feb. 25

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

The Granbury JazzFest is returning in full 'swing' for its second year, with more performances and a longer event.

Hosted by a nonprofit organization, Jazz Society of Hood County, the free 10-hour-long music festival is set from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. The event will feature 15 regional and national jazz acts that will be performing across three stages: Granbury Square Plaza, Langdon Center, and Hewlett Park.

Acts will include local jazz bands like the Tarleton State University Jazz Ensemble I and II, Granbury High School, and the Granbury Jazz Orchestra.

"We wanted to be able to showcase some of the great jazz education in the area,"

said Matt Deming, president of Jazz Society of Hood County. "Granbury High School has an excellent jazz band and Tarleton State University has a wonderful jazz program. We just want to showcase the local groups in the community. There's also a lot of good music and jazz musicians in the North Texas area with UNT (University of North Texas) in Denton. There's tons of bands that are out there playing good jazz music, so we wanted to have an event that could bring them all to Granbury — just a little bit different music than what Granbury is used to seeing."

Well-known jazz acts like Retrophonics, Brave Combo, and Tatiana Mayfield are also scheduled in the lineup.

"Tatiana Mayfield is awesome," Deming said. "She's from UTA (The University of Texas at Arlington) and she's a great vocalist. She's

gonna be one of our headline bands on the mainstage. Seeing her perform again is gonna be great. Brave Combo is a Grammy Award-winning band that will be our headliner Saturday night. They do the Hokey Pokey too, so hopefully they'll play it and get everybody up dancing and doing stuff, so it should be fun."

The lineup will feature staggered start and end times for each location, with the last performances ending between 6-9 p.m. depending on the stage.

"There's a very wide array of bands that we have playing, and I believe this is the only actual music festival in the area that's solely music-focused," Deming said. "Jazz is kind of the true American music form, and so it's cool to say this is something that's uniquely American. It's got lots of different styles and genres that

we can play and listen to, so we're trying to showcase all of that."

More than 50 vendors will be set up at the JazzFest, including Churro Kings, Messy Mama's, Brick by Brick Pizza, Southern Reflections Kettle Korn, and Brew Drinkery.

"It's free and it's outside, so bring a chair, bring a jacket or blanket and plan on sitting and hanging out all day and moving from stage to stage," Deming said. "It's gonna be a really good day just to hang out, listen to good music, and enjoy the day."

Although the event will only last for one day, the Jazz Society of Hood County wanted to keep the fun going with nightcap sponsors.

"Nightcap sponsors starts Thursday night," Deming said. "What that means is, we have picked one business on Thursday night that will have a jazz group come

and play there and is one of our sponsors. For Thursday night, it'll be Restaurant Anise with JetBlacq. Baron's Creek is our night cap sponsor for Friday night. They're still trying to nail down their artist for that evening, but then the official after party after the show's over will be at Brew Drinkery and they'll have Retrophonics on Saturday night. D'Vine Wine has agreed to do a Sunday brunch from 10 to noon, and they'll have a great saxophone player called David Carr Jr. come and play — which is the first time D'Vine's ever done a Sunday brunch, so we're excited about that."

### JAZZFEST HISTORY

A jazz lover himself, Deming was also instrumental in creating the Granbury JazzFest event last year.

"We were just a group of friends who kind of got to-

gether and said, 'You know, Granbury kind of needs something like a music festival,'" he said. "Then we just kind of put together a team and a board that would host it and start it, so that's how last year went. Then this year, we've kind of grown and we filed to become a nonprofit. We became the Jazz Society of Hood County, and it kind of increased our scope beyond just the JazzFest to include possible scholarships and other philanthropic means and doing other music events in the area and in the future, just to kind of give back to the community and bring some more culture to the town."

The Jazz Society of Hood County is comprised of 13 members including: Andrew Stonerock of the Tarleton Jazz Program as vice president; Janice Horak,

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# Lifeline or life vest? It takes both

BY KATY OFFUTT



Katy Offutt is executive director of Forward Training Center of Hood County. Her community leadership roles include: Help Ministry coordinator, Stonewater Church; alumnus and past president, Leadership Granbury; vice president, Granbury Housing Authority; president, Public Facility Corporation; Nominating Committee chair, LGMA; and volunteer with Ada Carey Center.

In a recent conversation with United Way Executive Director Crystal Moore, we discussed ways to create long-term sustainability of the core values of our programs in the community. We recalled the metaphor from Desmond Tutu “We need to come to a point where we stop just pulling people out of the river. We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in.”

We are fortunate our community service agencies are prepared to throw lifelines for emergency needs. Forward’s mission is to equip them with a life vest before they fall in the river. We can prevent the drowning emergency and allow time to prepare for a long-term plan.

Of course, there is so much more to real life than the simplicity of this metaphor, yet the concept can help us think more deeply as it relates to the challenges people face. It would make life easier if we could turn things into a one size fits all solution, but until the individual’s story is heard how can we find an answer? This process needs

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Jobs for Life class preparing for mock interviews from community leaders and mentors.

Going around the room left to right, Katy Offutt Executive Director, Jobs for Life students: Nicole Terry, Chris McKenzie and Avery Villa, mock interviewers: Julia Richardson, Granbury Housing Authority, Ann Blessing and Vince Blankenship, FTC board members, mentors: Rich Sanders, Linda Husong, student: Kelly Rasco, and center front instructor Lori Vale.

reer and a brighter future.

Volunteers are here to listen, care, equip, and guide students to find their own solutions to make that long-term plan to self-sufficiency by using a proven curriculum, Jobs for Life National, designed for youth ages 13-18 and adults 18 and up. We look beyond a person’s monetary needs, planting seeds of information and inspiration that can grow into flourishing careers with the foundation needed to stand strong and independently without the life vest. Students, in turn, become part of the prevention of further drownings for generations to come.

Registration is open now for enrollment in all classes on Tuesday and Thursday from 11-2 p.m. or call Laurie Lilly at 214-533-5020 for an appointment. Classes include Jobs for Life Graduate Program (job skills training), Beginning Typing, Computer Basics, Microsoft 365 Word and Excel, Email and Internet, QuickBooks, GED, ESL, CAD, and Cisco Networking Academy. Classes are offered at no cost to the students.

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Students learning Microsoft office word: front row Anita Fant, back row Kelly Fore and Balie Ashmore.

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**JAZZ**

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executive director of development at Tarleton as secretary; John Dreyfuss, Luminant employee as treasurer, and Deming’s wife, Reagan, as marketing director.

“We wanted to make sure that we had enough people from different standpoints who wanted to be involved and help guide us to make good decisions, so all the decisions we make are board decisions,” Deming said.

The Granbury JazzFest is funded by sponsorships from several local businesses like First National Bank, Magnolia Realty, and Visit Granbury, as well as sponsors from neighboring towns like Luminant, owner and operator of the Comanche Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose, and The Complete Backyard, Inc., from Aledo.

“It takes a community, and it’s just been great see-

ing just the sponsors that are really stepping up and just willing to help make (this event) happen,” Deming said. “Hopefully as the event grows, so will the support too, but we’ve been really pleased with the level of support that we have received.”

Deming said he’s excited that the Granbury JazzFest is continuing to grow, and is thankful for the help he’s received from the Jazz Society of Hood County board.

“It’s really daunting to start something from the ground up, so I guess I’m excited that it’s actually continuing on and that we have a really great board that’s helping make it what it is,” he said. “It couldn’t be done just by one person. It’s so much work to even make the event happen.”

He said he’s also looking forward to growing the Jazz Society of Hood County into something more, like assisting local students in achieving their music dreams.

“It’s not just Granbury JazzFest, which is great, but it’s also Granbury Jazz Society that’s here to do good for the community; to give back and support local events with music; to support local students by sending them to jazz camp; and by giving them scholarships to go to school,” Deming said. “I’m excited about that side of the Jazz Society, being able to give back and become more charitable to the community in whatever way that means — whether it be through music performances that are free to the community or by monetary donations to students, I’m excited about those opportunities.”

For more information about the Granbury JazzFest, visit [granburyjazzfest.com](http://granburyjazzfest.com) online or email Deming at [admin@granburyjazzfest.com](mailto:admin@granburyjazzfest.com).

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### 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 Glenn. Dr. Glenn 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.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 28

**MID CITIES** Stamp Club - Granbury Branch will be getting together on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Bentwater Activities Center located at 1800 Emerald Bend Court. Program by Rick How-

ell -"Jenkins Express: Dodging the Yanks in Virginia" For more information call 817-910-8174.

## MARCH

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**GRANBURY LIONS** Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at 12 noon at Spring Creek Barbeque located at 217 E. US Hwy 377. Guest speaker will be Gabriela Gamez. Manager at Ruth's Place. Everyone is welcome. The Granbury Lions Club supply free eyeglasses, flu shots, medicine, help single mothers with clothes for job interviews, and much more. For more information contact Glenn Jennings, membership chairperson at 214-679-4540

or visit <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/Granbury>

### 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. Donelson, on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

### MONDAY, MARCH 20

**ELIZABETH CROCKETT** Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Program: Steve Kuban, Attorney at Law on Probate Estates Elderly Issues. 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 a.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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



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Sun: 12:30PM, 3:00PM, 5:30PM, 8:00PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM.  
Thurs: 2:25PM, 5:00PM

**A Man Called Otto (PG13)**  
Daily except Sat, Sun: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Sat: 11:30AM, 2:30PM, 5:30PM, 8:30PM.  
Sun: 12:00PM, 3:00PM, 6:00PM

**Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania (PG13)**  
Thurs: 3:00PM, 7:35PM

**Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania in 3D (PG13)**  
Thurs: 6:00PM

**Knock at the Cabin (R)**  
Fri: 3:00PM, 5:30PM, 8:00PM, 10:30PM.  
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Thurs: 8:55PM

**Missing (PG13)**  
Fri: 2:05PM, 4:50PM, 10:05PM.  
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Sun: 1:00PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:10PM, 4:55PM, 7:40PM

**Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)**  
Fri: 2:20PM, 4:55PM, 7:30PM.  
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Mon: 2:00PM, 6:10PM

**Titanic 25 Year Anniversary in 3D (PG13)**  
Fri: 2:50PM, 7:00PM, 7:40PM.  
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## Educational, meaningful ways to celebrate Black History Month

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Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of Black individuals.

Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of

African descent. In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass — two individuals who were essential to the fight for equal rights for Black people.

Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample chances for individuals from all walks of

life to learn more about people and events that have shaped the nation.

**WATCH DOCUMENTARIES**  
During Black History Month, many networks feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or special interview series available that highlight certain Black figures.

### VISIT A CULTURAL CENTER

Museums and other cultural or community centers emphasize Black history in February. Even in smaller towns one may be able to

attend speeches or readings at local libraries.

### WATCH MOVIES

Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black directors or feature Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies of Black historical figures also can be educational.

### LEARN ABOUT LOCAL BLACK HISTORY

There may be specific Black individuals in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts. In addition, many people might be surprised

to learn about events in their own communities that helped to shape Black history.

### READ MLK JR.'S FAMOUS LETTER

People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events.

## Influential Black individuals making a difference in the world today

(MetroCreative Connection)

Black History Month commemorates important people and events in Black history. While exploration of notable figures focuses on individuals from past eras, plenty of Black men and women are currently making a difference and setting positive examples in various arenas.

### KAMALA HARRIS

Vice President Kamala Harris is not only the first Black Vice President of the United States, she is the first South Asian American and first woman to hold the office. She also was the first Black American to serve as California's Attorney General. Harris attended an historically Black college,

Howard University, and also is a member of the oldest Black sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

### SERENA WILLIAMS

Serena Williams is no stranger to success. Williams was ranked world No. 1 in tennis for 300 weeks over the course of her career. She holds the record for most Open-era titles. Williams often is characterized as the greatest tennis player of all time.

### DWAYNE "THE ROCK" JOHNSON

Dwayne Johnson, also known by his wrestling name The Rock, is an American and Canadian actor, producer, and mostly retired professional wrestler signed with the WWE. In addition to his success-

ful entertainment career, Johnson founded a charity that helps at-risk and terminally ill children.

### OPRAH WINFREY

The media mogul is so influential she has been called "Queen of all Media." Despite a difficult childhood, Winfrey went on to host a long-running talk show, start a magazine, television network, and also spearheads various philanthropic efforts.

### MICHAEL JORDAN

Nicknamed "His Airness," Michael Jordan was a force to be reckoned with on the basketball court. His dunks were impressive, and it seemed as though he could fly during games. Jordan played

for the Chicago Bulls for 12 years, earning many accolades and product endorsements. Jordan has since thrived as a businessman off the court and is the principal owner of the Charlotte Hornets.

### ROSALIND BREWER

When Rosalind Brewer stepped into her role as CEO of Walgreens Boots Alliance, she became the only woman leading a Fortune 500 firm, and just the third Black woman in history to serve as a Fortune 500 CEO. She previously served as Starbucks' COO.

### AARON JUDGE

New York Yankee and home run champion Aaron Judge made history in the 2022 season by hitting an

American League record 62 home runs. Judge, who was adopted as a baby, does not know who is biological parents are, but he has stated that he is biracial, although his exact ethnicity is unknown.

### KIZZMEKIA CORBETT

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett is a viral immunologist and research fellow in the Vaccine Research Center of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. She served as a lead scientist on the team that developed the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. That vaccine helped save countless lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Black History Month is a chance to learn about influential Black figures, including those who are making a difference today.

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The history of African Americans has been shaped by many influential figures, including various civil rights activists. Ruby Bridges may be one of the youngest. At age six, Ruby Bridges became the first African American student to integrate the formerly all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. Although Bridges lived five blocks away from William Frantz Elementary School, she had to attend kindergarten several miles away at an all-black segregated school. Bridges volunteered to take an entrance test to be able to attend the all-white school. The test was purportedly designed to be extremely difficult so that students would have a hard time passing it, and thusly New Orleans could avoid de-segregation if all the African American children failed the test. Individuals from the NAAP informed Bridges' parents that their daughter was one of only six African American students to pass the test. On November 14, 1960, she was escorted to class by her mother and the United States Marshals Service due to the presence of angry mobs outside the school. Bridges was the first African American student to attend the school and the first black child to attend an all-white elementary school in the south. The first day of school proved poor as nearly all of the white parents at the school had kept their children home and Bridges spent the day with the principal. The ensuing days weren't much better. Eventually, only one teacher in the school, Barbara Henry, formerly of Boston, agreed to teach Bridges. Bridges never missed a day of school that year, even though she ate lunch alone each day and no one played with her at recess. Her early foray into civil rights prompted Bridges to establish The Ruby Bridges Foundation to promote tolerance and change through education.



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After a Federal court ordered the desegregation of schools in the South, U.S. Marshals escorted a young Black girl, Ruby Bridges, to school in 1960.

# LGMC's Lakeside Physicians launch Care Management at Home Program for managing chronic conditions

By Staff Reports

A new remote monitoring and virtual care support program for Lakeside Physicians patients managing certain chronic health conditions was announced by Lake Granbury Medical Center.

Care Management at Home will initially serve patients managing hypertension, heart failure, diabetes, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with the goals of helping patients stay well between physician visits and reducing avoidable hospitalizations.

Through a partnership with Cadence, a leader in remote patient monitoring, qualified patients will be given cellular-enabled devices, such as blood pressure monitors, pulse oximeters, weight scales, or glucometers to capture daily vital information from the comfort of home.

Daily readings are then transferred to Cadence clinicians who can help monitor for change in a patient's condition and provide virtual care support when needed. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports 60% of Americans have at least one chronic condition, and 40% have two or more chronic conditions. Chronic conditions are among the leading causes of death and disability in the U.S. and a leading driver of healthcare costs.

"This new program extends our ability to help patients monitor, prevent, and manage chronic conditions," Darren George, D.O.

said. "With daily monitoring, we can improve patient outcomes, quality of life, and enable early interventions when necessary."

Other benefits of remote patient monitoring can include fewer preventable hospitalizations and a reduction in the cost of care for specific patient populations. Many patients who participate in remote monitoring programs report stronger engagement in managing their own health as well as higher satisfaction with the overall health-care experience.

"We are committed to delivering more ways to help people in our community get well and live healthier," Curt M. Junkins, Chief Executive Officer of Lake Granbury Medical Center

said. "Remote patient monitoring is an innovative and convenient way for patients to monitor changes to their health and can provide peace of mind for patients who have serious health concerns."

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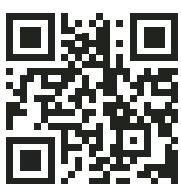
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