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County seat remains unfilled as UTGCD lacks quorum

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The vacated seat on the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board that has become the focus of a political tug-of-war in Hood County remains unfilled after

the Thursday, Feb. 16 board meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum.

UTGCD General Manager Doug Shaw said that three board members were unable to attend.

The UTGCD encompasses Hood, Parker, Wise, and Montague coun-

ties. Each county is assigned two representatives, which gives the board eight members.

Commissioners courts make the appointments for their counties. However, when a vacancy occurs, commissioners courts can make a recommendation on who to ap-

point but the board makes the decision.

With the vacancy created by the resignation of Hood County's Richard English, that leaves just seven board members. Five votes are needed to adopt a motion.

The board has indicated a desire

for all sitting members to participate in the vote on the vacated seat.

Last November, the Hood County Commissioners Court voted 3-2 to recommend Mike Massey for the spot. He served on the UTGCD

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The Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center members are going blue this April, in order to spread awareness about child abuse and prevention.

PRCAC raises child abuse awareness with blue T-shirts

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center is going blue this April, with staff hoping that their movement will spread awareness about a cause near and dear to their hearts — child abuse.

Since 1983, April has been designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, with blue representing the official color of prevention since 1989.

During the month of April — and specifically Friday, April 7, known as Texas' official "Go Blue Day" — thousands of individuals across the nation will wear blue to show their support for children in need.

To join in their solidarity with the cause, staff members of PRCAC are selling 100% ring

spun cotton T-shirts to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"We begin planning for Child Abuse Prevention Month in December," said PRCAC Executive Director Margaret Cohenour. "Each year, the number of organizations and individuals participating has increased. We are excited to see so many different groups all coming together for one cause — to raise awareness about child

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Auditor: County in good shape for funding new jail

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

County Auditor Becky Kidd presented good news to the Hood County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting last week where the need for a new jail was again discussed.

"You're in a unique position here," she told the county judge and commissioners. "You're about to be out of bonded debt. I expect to pay that off within the next year. You have enough debt service rate to fund the jail."

Kidd also noted that the county's annual payment of \$1.18 million for its share in the Cresson bypass project will be paid off in four years, freeing up that money to ap-

ply to a new jail.

The auditor also stated that the county could finance the estimated \$96 million, 400-bed facility in "stages and segments" and noted that certificates of obligation can be paid off over a span of 40 years without the need for voter approval.

Kidd told the elected officials that she had consulted with Jim Sabonis of Hilltop Securities, who has advised the county in the past on financial matters. She said that former Precinct 2 Commissioner Ron Cotton and Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle had previously been involved in discussions with Sabonis about a new jail as well.

Kidd's brief comments capped a lengthy discussion about the jail that spanned two agenda items. No action was taken on either item.

The first jail-related agenda item included a report from Captain Eric Turbeville, the sheriff's jail administrator, about the growing challenges to housing inmates at other facilities in Texas. The Sheriff's Office has been forced to house inmates at other facilities for years because of overcrowding at the 192-bed jail located inside the Law Enforcement Center.

According to Turbeville, other jails are struggling with space issues, too, and some also have staffing shortages. In addition, some jails charge a daily rate that is con-

siderably higher than the \$61.33 per day it costs to house inmates at the Hood County Jail.

Turbeville and Sheriff Roger Deeds responded to several questions posed by Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson recapped points that had been made in prior discussions: that the current facility is in poor and worsening shape, and that housing inmates out of county is costing considerable sums of taxpayer money.

The Commissioners Court has not yet voted on a course of action.

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abuse.”
The main purpose of the blue shirts is to raise awareness about child abuse around Hood County and the surrounding areas.
“This cause is important to us because we see the harm done to children on a daily basis,” Cohenour said. “The more awareness we can raise, the more education we can provide (that) we believe will make a difference in the lives of many children.”

The T-shirts are a royal blue color featuring pinwheels in various shades of blue on the front along with the phrase “Child Abuse Awareness.” The back includes the hashtag #standupforchildren.

Each shirt costs \$15 plus tax. Youth and adult sizes are available.

All orders must be placed online by 11:59 p.m. on March 1. No late orders will be accepted.

Shipping is also available for an additional charge.

If orders do not include shipping, customers will be notified before April 1 that their shirt is ready to be picked up at the PRCAC Granbury location — 1540 Southtown Drive, Suites 102/103.

Residents are encouraged to wear their blue shirts for “Go Blue Day” on April 7, and every Friday in April to spread awareness about child abuse.

To purchase the T-shirts, go online to: texas-sportswear.printavo.com/merch/capm-shirts online or follow the QR code.

PRCAC staff also encourages residents to post pictures of themselves and their friends wearing



COURTESY OF PRCAC FLYER

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blue on social media using the hashtag #standupforchildren.

To have your pictures shared on PRCAC social media, send your pictures to info@paluxyrivercac.org.

“We hope everyone wants to purchase T-shirts,” said Traci Cooper-Ives, director of community educa-

tion and engagement at PRCAC. “However, the main thing is to wear blue on Fridays.”

The blue shirts campaign is just one of the many fundraisers, activities, and events that PRCAC puts on each year as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“We will kick off the events with the Sasha Neulinger presentation for the public free of charge March 29,” Cohenour added. “We will put blue ribbons on the courthouse square and pinwheel gardens will begin popping up around town.” For more information about

PRCAC, visit paluxyrivercac.org online or call 817-573-0292.

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board from 2007-2019 and was its president for six years.

However, shortly after that meeting, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle sent a letter to the UTGCD asking that the board delay the

decision until January when a new commissioner for Precinct 2, Nannette Samuelson, would be seated.

At the UTGCD board’s November meeting, a motion was made to honor Eagle’s request but it failed in a 4-3 vote due to not meeting the five-vote threshold. A motion to appoint Massey also failed 4-3.

In January, the Commissioners Court, with Samuelson on board, took up the seat recommendation a second time. That time, the court’s 3-2 vote flipped and Eagle, Samuelson, and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews outvoted County Judge Ron Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson. They rescinded the Massey

nomination and recommended Bob Lusk instead.

Efforts to prevent Massey from taking the seat have led to anger and to requests that the UTGCD honor the original majority vote of the Commissioners Court.

The appointment was tabled at the board’s December and January meetings due to all seven members

not being president.

UTGCD Board President Tracy Mesler said the seat vacancy will continue to be placed on the agenda until the seat is filled.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16 at the UTGCD’s Springtown office.

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FRIENDS OF MEMORIAL LANE CELEBRATE LEAD DAY IN HOOD COUNTY



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Friends of Memorial Lane Board Members join with Walmart in Granbury again on LEAD Day (Law Enforcement Appreciation Day) to deliver 272 Take Along Snack bags. Sheriff's Office deputies and Police Department officers, state troopers, constables, and Brazos River Authority servants hand delivered the appreciation gifts. Board members pictured (from left) are Laura Fisher, Faye Landham, Bob Pannell, Julia Pannell, Mickey Allen, Connie LaClair, and Chris Matthews.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Remember the Alamo: How could we forget?

Tomorrow is Feb. 23. On that date 187 years ago marks the beginning of the siege at the Alamo.

Texas was not yet a republic and a long way from becoming a state in the Union of the United States. It was a possession of the sovereign nation of Mexico and its President Santa Anna had traveled north bringing 10,000 Mexican soldiers to south Texas. He was intent to once and for all, eliminate all opposition to the authority of the Mexican state. Trouble had been brewing for months with the independent-minded Texan population expressing displeasure of the authoritative nature of the Mexican government, with many expressing the desire for independence.

The Alamo defenders were facing an experienced, well-trained army, perhaps the best one in the western hemisphere. They were fighting



BY SAM HOUSTON

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overwhelming numbers and were short of food and supplies. They were not an army, they were a rag tag group of men, hardly even militia. They were an odd collection from different backgrounds and cultures, but all shared the dream of independence and freedom. If necessary, they were all prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice to achieve that dream.

After 13 days of siege the valiant defenders of the Alamo were overwhelmed and perished to the man. Their bodies were removed from the old mission by their opposition and burned as a warning to all who

would oppose Mexico. Their bravery and dedication will forever live in the hearts of their fellow Texans.

Fortunately, here in Hood County we have two separate groups who are holding events this week to educate and inform us on the great history of Texas.

The Texas Hero's Foundation is conducting a weekend-long exhibit at the Acton Methodist Church. Go by and you can see all the wonderful entries in the Student History Fair (like an art show) and you can even vote for your favorite entry. The awards ceremony will be held on Friday at 5 p.m. You will

be amazed at the skill level of the students who entered this competition. If you need more information, you can reach out to Heather Flannery, the Student History Fair Coordinator, by calling 940-465-0431. This event never disappoints. Stop by and check it out!

On Saturday, Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m., the David Crockett Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas will present selected readings from the Robert Hollmann play, "God Bless Texas." The event will be held in the historic Hood County Courthouse located on the square, on the top floor in the old district courtroom. There will be exhibits, plus the opportunity to visit with descendants of the men and women who made our Texas possible. The reading is entertaining and informative. Be sure to come see this wonderful event presented by men who are dedicated to keeping our

Texas history alive.

February, March and April are important Texas history months. We should all stop and say a prayer for the men and women who fought and died to create our Texas. We should remember their resolve and the principles for which they stood. Don't take what they sacrificed for granted. Remember our heroes and remember the Alamo!

God bless our Texas!
Thought for the day: "The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission." John F. Kennedy.

Until next time ... be thankful that of all the people on the earth, you have the privilege of being a "Texan."

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Granbury adopts rules for naming requests for streets, parks, and more

BY KATHY CRUZ
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After receiving naming requests for streets and other things, and anticipating more requests to come, the Granbury City Council recently adopted a naming policy.

The purpose of the policy is to establish a uniform procedure for the naming or renaming of various things such as streets, city-owned facilities, parks, or major features within a park.

The policy doesn't apply to the naming of streets through the sub-

division platting process.

The guideline, which was adopted unanimously at the Feb. 7 council meeting, doesn't necessarily open the door to widespread naming or renaming. It notes that not every facility has to have a name and existing named facilities should only be renamed in "exceptional circumstances."

The policy lists such guiding principles as:

- Does the name have historical, cultural, or social significance for current and future generations?

- Does the name engender a positive image?

- Will the name symbolize a major achievement or advancement for the community?

- Will the name be suitable based on the location of the street, park, facility or major feature?

- Does the proposed name have an unintentional meaning?

The policy states that exceptional community members should have made a lasting and significant contribution to the city, made a substantial contribution to the better-

ment of a specific facility or park, had a positive impact on the lives of Granbury residents, and/or had a demonstrated service record of volunteerism for many years.

The three-and-a-half-page policy also addresses major gifts, corporate naming rights, and the naming or renaming process, which will involve public hearings by the City Council.

City Manager Chris Coffman said that the city has "had all kinds of requests for different things" where naming or renaming is con-

cerned and that he felt it was "important to put perimeters up." He also stated that there are "plenty of folks who are deserving of name recognition."

Mayor Pro Tem Trish Burwell expressed a similar sentiment about residents who have contributed to the betterment of the community and said of the requests, "I think that in the future we're probably going to see a lot more of this."

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OBITUARIES

Sarah "Sally" Douglass Cleveland

December 22, 1927 - February 15, 2023

Sally Cleveland, a long time resident of Hood County and member of Acton Methodist Church, passed away peacefully at her home on February 15, 2023. She was 95 years of age.

Sally was born in Ft Worth, Texas, to Harry and Mamie Douglass. She was 14 years younger than her sister Nancy. Being a surprise to her older parents, Sally was the apple of her father's eye.

Sally was a very precocious child, and loved to go fishing and pal around with her Daddy, who she had wrapped around her finger at an early age.

After World War II, she met her future husband and soulmate, Courts K. Cleveland, Jr. He was an owner of the C & C Candy Company, where she worked for about 30 years. She essentially "ran" the candy company for decades, and eventually the two of them were married on June 18, 1980.

She often recalled with a big smile the day Courts invited her to meet his family. She thought he had said they were going to Grand Prairie. Later she discovered he had actually said Granbury, which would eventually become their beloved home town in Hood County.

Courts was the love of Sally's life. The two of them loved to dance. Sally loved to dress up in fine clothes and jewelry, and go out on the town. After they settled in Granbury, for about 25 years, Sally was a founding member of the Wednesday Ladies Club, which hosted an annual "Style Show". She was the master of ceremonies of the yearly gala event for over twenty years, proving to the community she was, in fact, quite an "entertainer".

Courts and Sally were members of Acton Methodist Church, and founding members of their beloved 50-50 Sunday School Class, which met in the historic White Chapel, where Courts had been christened as an infant.

Sally was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She had a kind heart and a beautiful spirit. She cared deeply for others with much more than just words, she was a loving soul. One never had any doubt where Sally stood on issues, she was



very direct and honest in her words. She always had a beautiful smile, was full of laughter and always brought out the best in others. There was not a bashful bone in Sally's body. More than anything else, even chocolate, Sally loved the Lord Jesus Christ. She and Courts both lived their strong faith and walked with the Lord daily.

Sally was a very generous philanthropist and supported many local, regional and national causes. In Hood County, besides her church, she was a major supporter of Mission Granbury, the Granbury Theatre Company and People Helping People, along with many other causes too numerous to mention.

Sally is preceded in death by her parents Harry and Mamie Douglass, her beloved husband Courts Cleveland, her sister Nancy Pierce and her son Daniel Merle Towns. She is survived by her granddaughter Mamie Towns, her grandson Cass Towns, great-grandchildren Sonja Winter Towns, Lezlie Rowan Towns and Audrey Willow Towns, her nephews Doug Pierce and George C. Pierce, Jr. and their families, along with many other nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Sally lived a wonderful, story-book life and Heaven is now a happier place with Sally in it. She will be missed by all of those she has come in contact with in her life, and her passing leaves a big hole in the hearts of many.

Sally, we all love you so dearly!

Service was held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023, Acton United Methodist Church with interment to follow at Acton Cemetery. Visitation: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2023, Wiley Funeral Home Chapel under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Carl Edwin Livingston

November 5, 1935 - February 16, 2023

Carl Edwin Livingston, 87, passed away February 16, 2023, in Fort Worth, Texas. Visitation was held at Wiley's Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 6 to 8 p.m. A service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Wiley Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Carl was born November 5, 1935 in Little Rock, Arkansas to Oliver Roy Livingston and Ola Hardin. On January 29, 1954 he entered the United States Air Force to serve his country. He married Mary Jean Horn on March 16, in Weatherford, Texas. Carl and Mary Jean graduated together from Arlington Baptist College in 1987. They both enjoyed their time teaching at Oak Trail Christian Academy. In 1998, they started Western Hills Baptist Church in Granbury, Texas, where they faithfully served their Lord and Savior.

Carl loved his children and grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them. He spent countless hours touching the lives of those God placed in his path by lifting them up in prayer, visiting in their home, and lending a helping hand when needed. Both Carl and Mary truly



showed the love of God by opening their home and hearts to help others.

Pastor Livingston was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jean Livingston; mother, Ola Hardin; father, Oliver Roy Livingston; sons, Kenneth Ray Livingston and Carl Livingston II; great-grandchildren, Morgan Johnson, Carl Edwin Livingston III, and Zaveri Deponte.

He is survived by his adult children: Ellen Gaudin and husband Doug, Don Livingston and wife Jerri, Debbie Smith and husband David, Sherry Brooks and husband Darrell. God placed Ivory Good into their lives, and they loved her as their own daughter. Carl has 22 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas.

Tommy B. Culpepper

November 6, 1958 - February 10, 2023

Thomas "Tommy" Culpepper entered the Gates of Heaven on Friday, February 10, 2023. Tommy was born on November 6, 1958, to Luther Culpepper and Winona "Nonie" Greenwood Culpepper.

Tommy worked at Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station for 34 years holding various positions, such as valve technician, manager, and head of the union. While working there he saw Terri and announced to all that he would have her, for Tommy it was love at first sight but for Terri it was a much slower process. But the cowboy in him never gave up and he won the prize. Tommy had many passions in his life, but his very favorite was the love of his life and soulmate, his wife Terri Lynn Hill Culpepper. They were married on April 4, 1996. Theirs was a match made by heaven itself and withstood the test of time for twenty-seven years. When he retired from Comanche Peak, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a full-time rancher relocating his ranch operation to De Leon in 2019, from Stephenville.

Tommy's other passions were his Zebu cattle. He was known as one of the largest breeders and sellers of registered Zebu Cattle in the US. He loved all animals, especially dogs of all shapes, sizes, and breeds. Tommy was an avid coon hunter in his prime; he and Tex Lotto took the coon hunting profession by storm, and they were the best of the best. We know that the reunion in heaven between those two was glorious.



To have known Tommy was to know love, friendship, and a helping hand. He was a friend to many, and always first to lend a hand to anyone in need. He lived by the cowboy code and was known to give the shirt off his back if he believed it would help someone. He was known to "wheel and deal", but you would not get the best of him, and you would get an honest deal every time. Tommy touched so many lives during his too short time on earth, and the outpouring of love has been appreciated.

Tommy leaves behind his wife, Terri Culpepper, and their babies: Samantha, Fancy, Punkin, Blaze, Ranger, Tandy, Audi, Jessie and a host of guard dogs. His special friend Spur Stewart whom he loved like a son, many family members that he loved dearly. Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Nonie Culpepper; and a brother, Scooter Culpepper.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home Chapel, De Leon, Texas. Condolences may be offered online at www.nowlinandersfh.com.

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Lynn Ragsdale

December 19, 1954 - February 17, 2023

Lynn Ragsdale, 68, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away early on Friday, February 17, 2023.

Cremation has taken place and all services will be private.

Lynn was born on December 19, 1954, in St. Louis County, Missouri, to Dwayne and Lucille Rolfingmeyer. Lynn was married to Donald Ragsdale. As a graphic artist, she designed a postage stamp commemorating the Holocaust. Lynn enjoyed knitting, crafting, and going to the casinos! Most of all, Lynn will be remembered for her strong personality and the her loving devotion she had for her family.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Donald; children, Michael and wife Julie



McGruder, Andrew and wife Jennifer McGruder, Michael Ragsdale, Deann Ragsdale, Daniel Ragsdale and April Ragsdale; by 18 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and by her beloved dogs, Trippy, Gizmo, and Chewy.

In addition to her parents, Lynn was preceded in death by her favorite dog, Lovev.

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- 29 this Jean was a Cowboy tight end (1972-75)
- 30 Davy Crockett rifle: he ___ "Betsy"
- 32 dir. to Azle from Springtown
- 33 TXism: "gone ___" (deteriorated)
- 36 means of 47-across
- 37 TX McFarland was on TV's "___ Gang"
- 38 "Dandy Don" would sing "___ the lights..." on ABC

DOWN

- 11 follows Bible's OT
- 12 TX Ross Perot founded Data Systems (1962)
- 13 Boot Hill epitaph: "___ in Peace"
- 14 completely satisfy
- 15 beefed up livestock
- 16 "___ Reaper" (death)
- 17 gratifying the senses
- 18 declare forcefully
- 20 historical periods
- 22 Texas actress, Fawcett who was 17-down (init.)
- 23 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in a wheel ___"
- 39 America started this in the 1980s but we're not much healthier (3 wds.)
- 41 Texas-filmed "___-wee's Big Adventure" (1985)
- 42 dissertation
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- 46 Asner of "JFK," partially filmed in the Dallas area
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- 48 American conglomerate
- 49 increase the quality of
- 52 "Just ___" (to drugs)
- 53 TXism: "he's kin ___ rattler" (mean)
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- 55 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)

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- 31 parent to child: "___ I say, not as I do"
- 34 TX Willie's "Why ___ I Have to Choose"
- 35 "___ of kilter"
- 37 TXism: "finally got the hang ___"
- 40 TX Brooks who played at UNT and now the USFL
- 43 TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 44 Frank of 1963 film "4 for Texas"
- 50 "what's in ___?"
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Texans picked 10th in WAC baseball poll

Tarleton Sports Information

The Western Athletic Conference released its 2023 WAC Baseball preseason honors and coaches' poll earlier this month. Tarleton was picked to finish 10th among the 13 universities by vote of the league's head coaches, ahead of Utah Valley, Seattle U and Stephen F. Austin.

Grand Canyon was selected to win the conference with 10 first-place votes, followed by Sam Houston in second with three second place votes.

Sam Houston's Carlos Contreras and Grand Canyon's Jacob Wilson were selected as the WAC Preseason Players of the Year. Grand Canyon's Daniel Avitia was

named the WAC Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

The Texans will play 30 conference games this season. The divisional format from a season ago is no longer in place. Starting this season, the teams will compete for eight spots in the conference tournament. This season, Tarleton is eligible for the conference tournament at the Division 1 level for the first time.

Season tickets are on sale now to see the Texans play in the newly renovated Tarleton Baseball Complex.

2023 WAC BASEBALL PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Rank	Team (1st-Place Votes)	Points
1.	Grand Canyon (10)	141
2.	Sam Houston (3)	131
3.	California Baptist	115
4.	Abilene Christian	100
	UTRGV	100
	Sacramento State	100
7.	NM State	88
8.	Utah Tech	54
9.	UT Arlington	47
10.	Tarleton	40
11.	Utah Valley	38
12.	Seattle U	36
13.	Stephen F. Austin	24

Hicks, Booker combine for 41 points to help Texans edge Utah Tech

Tarleton Sports Information

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Tarleton State University's Texans caught fire in the first half and didn't look back on Feb. 11 as they topped the Utah Tech Trailblazers 75-71 on the road at Burns Arena.

The Texans (14-12, 7-6 WAC) shot 17-of-23 (.739) and 7-of-10 (.700) from beyond the arc before halftime. TSU's Freddy Hicks was perfect from distance in the first half, making all three of his shots beyond the arc.

Tarleton was led in scoring by Hicks, who picked up a game-high 21 points. He also recorded six assists and four rebounds.

The Fireside District Player of the Game, Tiger Booker, scored 20 points and picked up two assists.

The Texans were first on the board, courtesy of a contested jumper from Shakur Daniel. Utah Tech (11-15, 3-10 WAC) immediately re-

sponded with a three pointer to take the one-point lead.

The teams exchanged the lead six times over the first 11 minutes of the half. The Texans then mounted a 12-1 run over four minutes to extend their lead to 10.

Four Texans, including Hicks, Booker, Jakorie Smith and Lue Williams, connected for seven shots beyond the arc to extend their lead to 13 to end the first half.

Daniel claimed the first points of the second half for the Texans, draining a pull-up three pointer to extend Tarleton's lead to the largest of the game, at 16.

The Texans maintained a 15-point lead over the Trailblazers through the first 10 minutes of the second half. Utah Tech mustered a 10-1 run lasting five minutes to reduce Tarleton's advantage to five points with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

With time winding down,

the Trailblazers implemented a full court press in hopes of diminishing their deficit. The Texans persevered and were able to push the ball up the court, wrecking Utah Tech's strategy.

Booker played a crucial role in sealing the win. He was 8-for-8 from the free throw line in the final three minutes of the game, ensuring the Texans lead stayed intact.

Utah Tech's full-court press proved unsuccessful as the Texans secured the victory.

Daniel notched 10 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals. Williams picked up eight points and Coreyoun Rushin scored three points while also causing havoc for the Trailblazer offense.

Smith scored seven points and had five rebounds. Shamir Bagues picked up five points, four rebounds and two steals.



Tiger Booker (12), who scored 20 points in Tarleton's 75-71 men's basketball victory Feb. 11 at Utah Tech University, takes aim at a free throw.

Raines sets 200-meter school record to lead Texans at Jarvis Scott meet in Lubbock

TSU Sports Information

LUBBOCK — Tarleton State University's track and field squads concluded the two-day Jarvis Scott Open on Feb. 11 at the Texas Tech Sports Performance Center with some impressive performances all the way around.

Justin Raines once again broke a school record, this time in the men's 200-meter run, finishing in 21.57 seconds. His time topped Mikel Stone's run of 21.63 from 2020. Raines placed 16th in the men's 200m final.

Kevin Baez made his return to the track and did not disappoint, running the men's mile in 4:15.98. He won his heat handily and placed sixth.

Gabriele Tosti jumped 15.29m in the men's triple jump, good for a third-place finish behind two student-

athletes from TCU. Jaden Hall placed seventh with a jump of 14.94m for a personal record.

Danielle Thomas finished highest among Texan women runners in the 200m, placing ninth and running it in 25.10 seconds.

Dora van Doremalen cleared 1.70m in the women's high jump for a second-place finish. Jordan Rae followed behind, placing fourth and clearing 1.65m.

Alan Palmer and Jamariyan Howlett cleared 2.02m in the men's high jump to place second and third.

The TSU women's 4x400m relay team of Jordan Anglin, Hanna Dudley, Alessa King and Macie Evans placed sixth, running 3:49.72.

Tarleton will now set its sights to the WAC Indoor Championships in Seattle from Feb. 24 to Feb. 25.



Tarleton State University's Gabriele Tosti recorded a jump of 15.29 meters in the men's triple jump during the recent Jarvis Scott Open track and field meet held Feb. 10-11 inside the Texas Tech Sports Performance Center. Tosti's performance was good for a third-place finish behind two TCU athletes.

TSU women fall in double overtime to CBU, 89-84

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — It took 50 minutes of basketball, but after 22 lead changes and 19 ties, California Baptist won a double overtime classic Feb. 11 at Wisdom Gym over Tarleton State University, 89-84.

The Texans (7-17, 1-12 WAC) nearly were trying to snap their season-long losing streak — with multiple chances to win the game, and coming up with multiple defensive stops to preserve it. The Lancers (13-11, 9-4 WAC) made 8-of-10 free throws in the second overtime, plus used a late three-pointer to head home with the win.

Tarleton's women have lost eight consecutive games, their longest losing streak since 2002-03.

It was Tarleton's sixth double overtime game in program history, and first since Feb. 2, 2017, vs. Eastern New Mexico. The Texans are now 2-4 in double overtime games all-time, last winning in 2011.

Several Texans had big performances to give fans a show on Play4Kay day, for which Tarleton wore pink accessories, hosted a silent auction and gave out free pink wristbands to show support and to raise money for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund.

Teresa Da Silva achieved her sixth 20-plus point game of the season, playing 49 of a possible 50 minutes, and recording 24 points, five rebounds and four steals.

For Tarleton, Nyajah Mitchels scored a career-high 21 points on 9-of-14 shooting, adding two rebounds in 20 minutes. Teammate Tyler Jackson played 48 minutes, going for 12 points, six rebounds and three assists. Jenna Dick added 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-5 from distance, three rebounds and four assists.

California Baptist's Grace Schmidt had a game-high 27 points on 10-of-20 shooting, to go with eight rebounds.

This game was as close as it could get, beginning that way with neither team leading by more than a possession in the first quarter. Da Silva nailed a three-pointer with 37 seconds left that CBU's Kinsley Barrington answered at the first quarter buzzer to end the frame knotted at 12-12.

It turned into three straight Tarleton possessions with three-pointers as the Texans opened the second with back-to-back three-pointers. Tarleton took a 30-28 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The largest lead for both teams in the third quarter was four points, with the squads going back-and-forth. Tarleton made 7-of-9 (.779) in the quarter to lead 50-47 entering the fourth.

The Lancers scored the first four points over the first minute in 2OT. Da Silva made a lay-up with 20 seconds to go to get Tarleton back within three, but the Texans wouldn't connect again, losing by five.

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OGDEN TURNS 101



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Mary Ogden blows out the candles on her birthday cake at The Oaks of Granbury on Friday, Feb. 17 to celebrate her 101st birthday. Mary grew up in Louisiana and was married to her husband of over 40 years Randolph (Rand), who was an Air Force veteran. Mary did not have a professional career, as she was "mostly a military wife who took care of her children," according to her granddaughter LaDonna Allen. To celebrate her big day, Mary was served her favorite meal at lunch on Friday — chicken and dumplings. Nurse Virginia Marsh said Mary told her the secret to living long is to "drink a Dr. Pepper every day."

OBITS

FROM PAGE A4

Kathi Woelfel

February 18, 1932 - February 18, 2023

Kathi Woelfel, beloved mother and grandmother, of Granbury, passed away on her birthday, February 18, 2023, at the age of 91.

A 'Celebration of Life' will be held at the Harbor Lakes Golf Club in Granbury, at a date to be announced.

Kathi was born on February 18, 1932 in Germany to Karl and Martha Rohrmann. On October 22, 1956, Kathi married the love of her life, Otto H. Woelfel. Together as a young couple they explored all over Europe with his motorcycle and sidecar. In 1958, at the age of 26, they moved from Germany to California, and started a new and everlasting adventure together. After purchasing their first home in Walnut Creek, CA, they started their family, having two children; Thomas and Heidi. Throughout Kathi's life, she always enjoyed sewing, swimming, fishing, boating, and flower gardening. Kathi and Otto lead a full, active life. Always busy, always on the go. She is remembered for her love of life, but most



of all, Kathi will be remembered for the love she had for her family.

Kathi is survived by her children; Thomas & wife Lisa Woelfel, of California, and her grandchildren; Daniel and Morgan Woelfel. Heidi and husband Ronnie Livingston of Granbury, TX. Nephew, John and wife Susan O'Reilly of Placerville, CA.

In addition to her parents, Kathi was preceded in death by her beloved husband Otto, and her sister Leni.

The family greatly appreciates the loving care Aviva (Quail Park) Memory Care staff and caregivers gave to Kathi this past year. They are true angels.

Otley Lloyd Smith, III

January 22, 1949 - February 16, 2022

Otley Lloyd "Smitty" Smith, III, 74, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2022, in Granbury.

Visitation will be held from 9 until 10 a.m., Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the Wiley Funeral Home, 400 Highway 377 East, in Granbury. Funeral services will follow at 10 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Otley was born on January 22, 1949, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Otley, Jr. and Marie Smith. On June 21, 2013, Otley married Tammy Westbrook. In his youth, he enjoyed racing dirt bikes and cars. Recently, Otley enjoyed his passion for being a private pilot and for being a boat captain on fishing trips! Otley was part owner of Oncore Technology, a medical waste disposal company. He attended the Triple Cross Cowboy Church.

Otley is survived by his wife, Tammy; his children, Otley, IV and wife Kristy; step-sons, Tommy Atkin-



son Jr and wife Sarah and Timmy Atkinson; his in-laws, Bill and Doris Westbrook; grandchildren, Daniele and husband Nick Knee and Shelby and husband Austin Randol, Haley, Otley V, Sierra, Natalie, NatNat and Thomas III; great-grandchildren Nixon, Dawsyn, Bowen and Magnolia; his sisters Cheryl Van Haselen and husband Bruce; Cissi Cole and husband Gary; and by his long-time friends, Rickie J Williamson, Joe Alvarado and Jim Fletcher; and by many more friends and family.

In addition to his parents, Otley was preceded in death by his brother, Michael.

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LAKE GRANBURY KIWANIS TEAM BRAVED THE COLD

Lake Granbury Kiwanis was presented a check from Visit Granbury for having the most jumpers at the 2023 Goosebump Jump this past January.

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LOOKING BACK IN SPORTS

Tolar High School announced it was bringing back baseball in 1998

From Staff Reports

25 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 1998

In a Feb. 11, 1998 article in the Hood County News, Tolar High School announced that it was bringing back the sport of baseball because of student interest.

Bob Wager, the Rattlers' athletic director at the time, said that the program was going to first begin at the junior high level, but noted, "We anticipate baseball becoming a full-blown varsity sport in 2-3 years."

The article noted that Tolar had fielded a high

school baseball team in the 1950s, but eventually dropped the sport.

"We took a survey of our 7th-12th graders," Wager said, explaining that the junior high students wanted to play baseball. "The interest wasn't nearly as great at the high school level, however."

"Adding baseball is another step in the building of the athletic program at Tolar."

Tolar's baseball plans at that time included only road games, because there was no field to play on. Wager named Lipan, Brock, Strawn, Santo, and Gordon as possible matchups at that time, along with tournament

play, until a home field was ready.

The article noted that a baseball field was, however, planned as part of the construction of a new high school in Tolar. Wager also indicated that other sports would be added in the "near future" — adding that volleyball was "a real possibility" on the high school level for the 1998-99 school year.

85 YEARS AGO MARCH 1938

A former teacher and coach who joined the Granbury High School staff after having a notable history in as an athlete both high

school and college sports was highlighted in a March 3, 1938 article published in the Hood County Tablet.

Duane E. Abbey was hired as a math teacher and athletics coach at GHS after having taught and coached at Tioga High School. Abbey was a graduate of Denton High School and North Texas State Teachers College, also in Denton. He lettered three years in football, at Oklahoma University and at North Texas State.

"He lettered in track for four years and holds the Lone Star (Conference) record for the mile and one half mile at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show track and field

meet," the article states. "He also holds the 800- and 1,500-meter Southern Amateur Athletic Union Record. He was also assistant track coach at N. TSTC (previously)."

35 YEARS AGO MARCH 1988

When the District 4-4A All-District basketball voting results following the 1987-88 season were announced, Granbury High School senior stand-out Bowen "Bo" Brawner was honored as the Most Valuable Player, by vote of the coaches.

Brawner scored an aver-

age of 18.3 points per game. Teammate Wade Lane, also a senior, was named first-team all-district after he had averaged scoring 12 points per game.

Second-team all-district honors were earned by Granbury's Greg Blakney. Honorable mention went to Pirate teammates Landon West and Tommy Marrs.

The first-team all-district list for that season also included two Crowley players, two from Brownwood and one from Cleburne. The second-team list had two players from Crowley, along with one each from Joshua, Cleburne, and Stephenville.



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Hamlin ends GHS career with milestone



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Ella Hamlin capped her program legacy with 1,500 career points despite many challenging moments such as this 2022 game against Azle where Hamlin was both fouled and blocked.

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Granbury Lady Pirates senior guard Ella Hamlin capped her program legacy with 1,500 career points. She scored 24 and secured six rebounds in an 81-48 loss on Feb. 17 to Mansfield Timberview, which was No. 1 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association rankings, in the second round of the playoffs.

"Ella Hamlin is one of the most special shooters I've ever coached," Granbury coach Alan Thorpe said. "She has a tremendous work ethic and puts a lot of extra hours on her shot and it shows up in her games."

Hamlin spent three years on the varsity, helping the Lady Pirates reach the second round of the playoffs each season. This year's team finished 23-12, the most victories since 2011-12.

Hamlin scored 185 points as a sophomore, 652 as a junior and 663 as a senior.

Also against Timberview, junior Ella Garner scored 13 points with five assists and senior Alexa Mueller pulled down five rebounds.

"We had great senior leadership, which always makes it nice. We had very strong showings in the three tournaments we went to, got second in district and went two rounds deep in the playoffs, getting beat by the top-ranked team," Thorpe said. "I would say these young ladies had a very successful year. They set the bar high for next year's team and I'm excited to see what they can do. I think we have a good nucleus to

build around. Should be another fun ride."

LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians (30-3), ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 2A, advanced to the third round of the playoffs with a 60-53 victory over No. 23 Cisco (26-7) on Feb. 17.

Lipan built a 31-13 half-time lead and held off a rally.

The Lady Indians were led by Lynsey Little with 16 points and four assists, while Taylor Branson scored 12 with three steals. Trinity Benitez scored 10 with three steals. Chelsea Lott led all rebounders with four, along with five steals and three blocks.

Lipan was playing Windthorst at press time in Mineral Wells. The winner advances to the Region II Tournament Friday and Saturday at McKinney North High School against Lindsay (18-6) or Cooper (27-10).

GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates (20-12) were facing Fort Worth Arlington Heights (21-12) at press time in Crowley. It was the Pirates' first playoff appearance since 2016 after finishing second in

District 5-5A.

The winner advances to face Mansfield Summit (26-4, ranked No. 11 in the state) or Colleyville Heritage (22-9) later this week.

The Pirates dropped their regular-season finale at Azle on Feb. 14, 62-58. Kensington Colston led Granbury with 20 points and Dylan Couto added 17.

TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers (26-7, 10-2 in 11-2A, second place) ended the regular season with a 107-19 victory at Hico on Feb. 14.

Tolar, ranked No. 21 in the state in Class 2A, was facing Italy (11-14) in bi-district at press time. The winner will play Windthorst (10-19) or Hawley (13-4) in the area round later this week.

Cade Moody led Tolar against Hico with 22 points, followed by Merritt Imel with 21 and Colton Gibson with 18. Reis Brown added 12 and Isaac Blessing tallied 11.

LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The state's top-ranked Class 2A team rolled on Feb. 14 as the Indians (30-1) downed visiting DeLeon 71-31 behind 20 points from Tripp Phillips. Teammates Tate Branson scored 16 and Darius Steed added 12.

The Indians were playing Valley Mills (9-15) in bi-district in Glen Rose at press time. The winner will face Archer City (17-13) or Cisco (20-7) later this week.

GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates (3-12-4 overall, 2-5 in 5-5A) fell 4-3 in a

shootout to Aledo at home on Feb. 14 and dropped a 3-0 contest at Fort Worth Brewer on Feb. 17.

The loss to Aledo ended regulation tied at 1. Weston Cantrell scored the goal for Granbury with an assist from Kevin Aguado.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates play at Wichita Falls Rider on Tuesday, Feb. 28, with the boys starting at 5 p.m. and girls at 7.

GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates (7-7, 4-3 in 5-5A) dropped a 3-0 home match to Aledo on Feb. 14 and bounced back with a 2-1 win at Fort Worth Brewer on Feb. 17.

Jillian Williams and Dominique Callahan scored goals with assists from Kelly Zschiesche, Tessa Rohleder and Elise Mikulskis.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

Coach Katie Lefler's second season at Granbury began this past weekend in the Forney Tournament. She returned players from last season's 10-14-2 team that advanced to the playoffs.

Returning for the Lady Pirates are junior pitcher Allison Dafoe, who struck out 167 batters and also batted .306; sophomore catcher Karmyn Williams (.375 average); senior Lilli Williams (.360 average) at third base; junior outfielder Brenna Haynes; senior outfielder Lauren Petty; junior Abby Stone at first base; sophomore Faith Evans at pitcher/first base and senior outfielder Bailey Stone.

"We have a lot of returners and we have four freshmen on varsity that have a high softball IQ and are great ball players," Lefler said. "All around we have a very solid team this year."

The Lady Pirates began the season with a rough weekend, dropping four of five games.

Richardson 10, Granbury 3. L. Williams, three-run home run.

Garland Sachse 6, Granbury 5. Kaitlyn Cervantes, double, two RBI; Carli Carlton, double; Hannah Dafoe, two hits, RBI; Evans, RBI.

Longview 6, Granbury 1. L. Williams, double.

Waco University 8, Granbury 3. K. Williams, two hits, triple; Petty, double; Carlton, triple, RBI; L. Williams, triple, RBI.

Granbury 3, Highland Park 2. Cervantes, two RBI; Dafoe one hit, RBI.

The Lady Pirates are in the Mansfield Tournament Thursday-Saturday.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers got underway in a tournament at Rio Vista this past weekend.

Tolar returns several key players from the best season in their history, advancing to the third round of the playoffs in 2022 and winning the 11-2A championship.

Leading returner is junior pitcher/infielder Reese Tryon (.500 average, seven doubles, four triples, three home runs, 27 RBI; 17-0 pitching, 161 strikeouts).

Also back are senior outfielder Courtlynd Hogan, junior Ava LeCluyse at third base (.350 average), sophomore catcher Allyson Dobbs (16 RBI) and sophomore shortstop/utility player Senne Imel (.522 average, six doubles, two home runs, 20 RBI).

"We lost five starters last year, but we have incoming freshmen that will aid to the program's traditions," Collie said. "The returners are strong leaders and great players who are excited about building the team and walking alongside the underclassmen."

The Lady Rattlers' season got off to a strong start.

Axtell 6, Tolar 2. Tryon, two doubles, RBI; Dobbs, two hits.

Tolar 13, Everman 3. Dobbs, two hits, triple, walk, five RBI; Tryon, double, walk, two RBI; Imel, three walks. Tryon and Imel combined to pitch a one-hitter.

Tolar 8, Waco Texas Wind 0. Hogan three hits, double, RBI; Lane Gardner, two hits, three RBI. Tryon pitched a one-hitter with 10 strikeouts and no walks.

Tolar 9, Waxahachie Life 1. Tryon, two hits, double; Imel, triple, walk, two RBI; Dobbs, one hit, walk, RBI.



Tolar plays at Fort Worth Country Day Saturday at noon.

GRANBURY GIRLS GOLF

The Lady Pirates JV Purple won their own tournament at Nutcracker Golf Club on Feb. 15, shooting a 406. They were led by Lilley Prewitt with a 94, second individually, with Reagan Neal's 98 placing third.

GRANBURY BOYS GOLF

The JV Pirates won the Saginaw Invitational on Feb. 13 with a 397. They were led by Parker Jones with a 91 and Andrew Haynes with a 99.

GRANBURY TENNIS

The varsity duo of Jaden Stover and Katie Childs claimed consolation in Mixed A Doubles at the Keller Timber Creek Tournament on Feb. 16. Also, Caleb Hammond and Molly Grossman took Mixed B Doubles consolation.

In singles, Connor Townsend topped Boys B consolation.

In JV action at the Arlington Seguin Tournament, Seth Culton and Justin Rios captured Boys A Doubles consolation.

Granbury hosts the Pirate Invitational this week, JV at press time and varsity Friday.

GRANBURY GIRLS POWERLIFTING

The Lady Pirates hosted district competition on Feb. 18. Estrella Diaz and Emily Massey finished second, while Anne Barnes and Jazmynn Torres took third.

Diaz lifted 840 pounds for an automatic regional qualification. The regional meet is March 3-4 in Elgin.

The boys were competing in district at Aledo at press time.

NCTA TAKES FORT WORTH CRISTO IN FEB. 16 GAME



COURTESY OF CHRISTY DODSON, NCTA

North Central Texas Academy's boys soccer team defeated Fort Worth Cristo Rey by a 9-0 count in their non-conference game on Feb. 16. In this photo, Sava Cadjenovic (10) maneuvers through defenders during the contest, in which he scored a game-high three goals and recorded two assists.



COURTESY OF CHRISTY DODSON, NCTA

Sergej Golubovic makes a kick for the North Central Texas Academy boys soccer squad during a 9-0 non-conference victory over Fort Worth Cristo Rey on Feb. 16. Golubovic recorded one assist in the game.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of RAY WAYNE MOUNT, Cause No. P09962, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

FRANCES A. MOUNT in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of RAY WAYNE MOUNT, 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.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 15th day of February 2023.

KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
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By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy Clerk

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The petition of Amanda Layne, Petitioner, was filed in the County Court at Law County of Hood County, Texas on the 13th of September, 2022, against Aron Smith, Respondent, numbered CL2022116 and entitled "In the Interest of Kylea Morgan Hudson, a Child".

The suit requests: Original Petition to Terminate Parent-Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit is Kylea Morgan Hudson March 15, 2006 Texas

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Members of the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department Support Brigade manned the dessert table during the Saturday, Feb. 18, spaghetti lunch fundraiser at Station 1 on West Pearl Street. Pictured (from left) are Heather Walls, Donna Hohon, Cheri Miller, and Jane Reyes.



Volunteers (from left) Sally Kennemer, MaryAnn Paquin, Meredith Bennett (back), Suzanne Walsh, Kendra Alexander, and Brian Miller took a moment from their duties at Saturday's spaghetti fundraiser to pose for a photo with Granbury volunteer firefighter Lowell Ercanbrack, far right.



Delany Fazio, 5, and Lauren Fleming, 7, enjoy some games after eating a spaghetti lunch at Saturday's fundraiser for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department Support Brigade.

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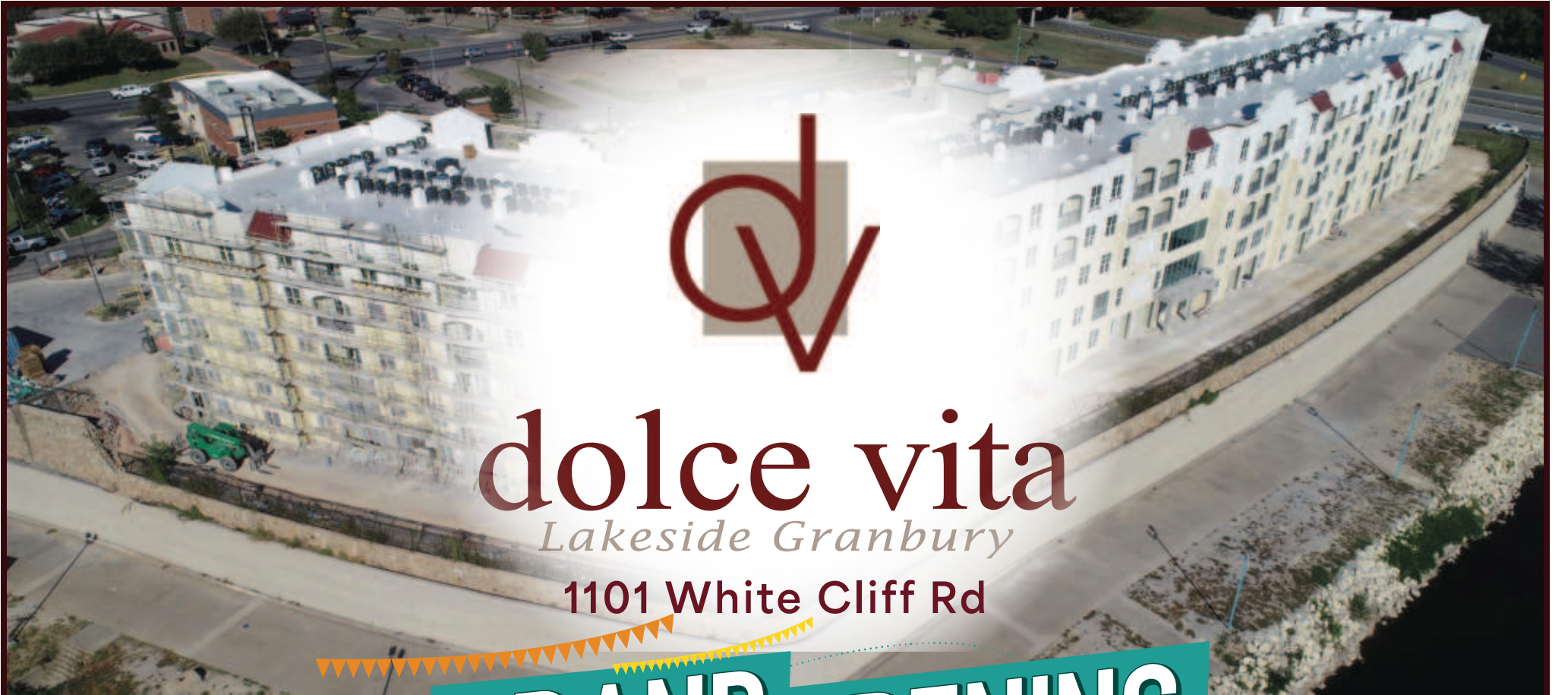
Left, Brenda Massingill takes advantage of a fun photo op after stopping by the GVFD Support Brigade's spaghetti fundraiser with her husband, County Judge Ron Massingill.

Below, Granbury firefighter Lowell Ercanbrack (from left), Sally Kennemer, and MaryAnn Paquin busily fill orders during Saturday's spaghetti fundraiser. The lunch included a garden salad, a dessert, and a beverage.



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BRA: More pelicans on Lake Granbury could be due to golden algae, fish kill

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Recently, some local residents have expressed excitement on Facebook about having spotted pelicans on Lake Granbury.

One such post was on The Granbury Square Facebook page and explained that the American White Pelican is migrating.

A large pod, or flock, had flown over the historic Hood County courthouse, the poster

wrote, and had been floating and flying near the Lake Granbury bridge by Mesquite Pit restaurant.

But although the large aquatic birds do indeed migrate south in the winter, there could also be a more concerning reason for their appearance at Lake Granbury, according to the Brazos River Authority.

A recent post on the BRA's Facebook page stated that the appearance of more pelicans at Lake Granbury "could be due to

a fish kill."

The post that appeared last week stated: "Golden Algae is suspected to be the cause of a reported fish kill on Lake Granbury today. The BRA has received notice from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department that routine sampling for Golden Algae taken last week on the reservoir shows a moderate toxicity level. Under these conditions, fish kills are probable."

The BRA is asking for the

public's help in tracking fish kills and possible harmful algal blooms. Reports can be submitted at bit.ly/3EfQ4MX.

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Local residents have spotted American White Pelicans on Lake Granbury near Mesquite Pit restaurant. BRA states these sightings "could be due to a fish kill" caused by Golden Algae.



GHS swimmers carry on tradition



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

From Left, Ryan Solisz, Braxton Heffernan, Mylie Erez, Tyler Guidry and Jordan Buchanan carry on a long-standing tradition of excellence for Granbury High School in swimming.

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the
Hood County News

There must be something in the water in Austin.

Well, as a matter of fact, there is — Granbury High School swimmers on a frequent basis this time of year.

The tradition of swimming at GHS includes an Olympic champion (Dana Vollmer) and numerous others who have gone on to swim in major college programs across the nation. And much of this was accomplished long before the team had its own regulation-

length indoor pool. When the new pool opened at the YMCA a few years ago it allowed the team to begin practicing locally and only enhanced the success of the program, which included sending 11 swimmers to state in 2019.

Continuing that long standing

tradition, five members of this year's GHS swim team competed this past weekend at the Lee & Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center at the University of Texas. Three of those are returners from last season and they brought two new-

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LGMC Auxiliary scholarship applications now open for aspiring healthcare professionals

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Scholarship applications for Hood County residents seeking a career in the medical field are now open, thanks to the Auxiliary of Lake Granbury Medical Center.

HISTORY

Since 1973, the Auxiliary of LGMC has been awarding scholarships to aspiring healthcare professionals.

"I don't know how many scholarships we've given out over the

years, but each year it will be dependent upon the proceeds or profit from the gift shop, so each year the board determines how many scholarships will be given," said Kathy Matus, member of the LGMC scholarship committee. "We encourage people to buy gift items from the gift shop because it will all go back to students of Hood County who are pursuing a medical degree."

Last year, Matus said LGMC awarded six scholarships in the amount of \$2,000, with the funds distributed evenly for the fall and spring semesters to cover tuition

and books for each student.

"Half of the \$1,000 is paid for the fall semester, and the second \$1,000 is paid in the spring after they provide their transcripts and prove that they've had the required 12 hours in a semester, and a GPA of 3.0 or greater," Matus said.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Scholarship applications are now open for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applications are available at the gift shop at LGMC or online at lakegranburymedicalcenter.com.

To access the application online,

go to "Careers," scroll down and click on "Volunteer Opportunities," and then scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "2023/2024 Auxiliary Scholarship Application."

Applicants must be Hood County residents pursuing a career in healthcare.

Each applicant must provide a letter stating their reasons for applying for the scholarship, two letters of recommendation, and their current transcript of high school or college grades as of June 1.

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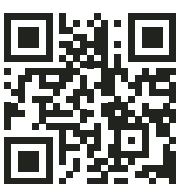
The deadline to submit the scholarship application is June 1.

"I love working with the students," Matus added. "I'm in awe of their energy level, their dedication, and their excitement about going into the medical field; it's very encouraging."

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comers with them. Seniors Jordan Buchanan and Tyler Guidry, along with junior Braxton Heffernan made a return trip, having competed last season on a 200-yard freestyle relay with the now graduated Matthew Walters. They were back in that same event this season with senior Ryan Solisz replacing Walters.

The quartet finished 19th in the state with a time of 1:31.20. They qualified for state by winning the Class 5A Region II championship, clocking their fastest time of the season, 1:30.24.

They were joined by another rookie at state, sophomore Mylie Erez, who placed 22nd in the 100 freestyle in 56.21 seconds. She qualified by finishing second at regionals with a time of 55.59 seconds.

First-year coach Charles Overton came to Granbury from the Lubbock School District, where he is also used to sending athletes to state. In fact, the LISD produced three girls state championships the past three seasons.

"At this stage all the hard work has been done," Overton said of the state meet. "At this point it's pretty much all mental, just making sure things are polished."

A big part of the mental toughness and accompanying confidence comes from having been there before, Guidry said.

"For me, going last year has helped me know what to expect, the atmosphere," Guidry said. "There's a lot more emotion there."

Solisz said that, along with them all having out-of-the-pool chemistry, made it easier for him to transition onto the relay.

"I've been coming to school with these guys and



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COURTESY OF GHS SWIM TEAM TWITTER

Clockwise from left, Ryan Solisz, Braxton Heffernan, Tyler Guidry, and Jordan Buchanan finished 19th in the state with a time of 1:31.20. They qualified for state by winning the Class 5A Region II championship, clocking their fastest time of the season, 1:30.24.

swimming for four years. It wasn't difficult," he said. Solisz was an alternate last season, but he said actually getting to swim in the pool at UT was even more awesome.

"To actually make it on my own hard work feels so good, and having these guys with me really helps me to be more relaxed," Solisz

said. Buchanan plans to continue swimming in college as he has committed to Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. For Guidry and Solisz, this is their last competition in a scholastic setting.

Erez said she is proud of herself for reaching state as a sophomore, but she has

plans for even more in her high school career.

"I'm just excited to see how I do this year and the next couple of years," she said prior to the meet, adding that she has, likewise, received advice from the veterans. "I'm close to each one of them. They've all been talking to me about what to expect."

Erez has a twin sister, Madison, also a sophomore, who narrowly missed advancing to state herself with a third-place finish at regionals. She is one of a handful of underclassmen who came close to reaching state.

Overton said the swimmers in Austin serve as an inspiration to those and

others to try even harder to get there next season.

"Granbury has a really long history of success at the regional and state level, and we have a good mix of upperclassmen and underclassmen," Overton said. "It starts with showing these underclassmen what it takes to get there."



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EVERY DAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life enters its 25th year with sessions on Sundays, Oct. 2 - Dec. 11 at 3

p.m. This grief support group will meet in the education building at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Highway. Details: 512-560-4885 or 817-657-0822.

EVERY MONDAY

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

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, Gran-

bury, this program is a support group designed to help rebuild lives. Book for course, \$20, "Finding hope after the loss of a loved one." Register: GriefShare.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175.

AMATEUR RADIO

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

EVERY THURSDAY

TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEF SHARE RECOVERY

seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at

Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

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FIRST MONDAY

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

FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30

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

SECOND SATURDAY

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

THIRD MONDAY

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THIRD TUESDAY

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FOURTH TUESDAY

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

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Mountain to Monument

Have you ever looked at a stone, a cliff, or even a mountain and thought you could see a face?

In 1924, the American sculptor Gutzon Borglum was invited to the Black Hills in South Dakota to turn a mountain into an enormous sculpture. When he looked at one of the mountains, he saw that he could carve the faces of four of our presidents there.



The people of South Dakota hoped the monuments would attract tourists to their state. And attract tourists they do. Nearly 3 million people visit Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial every year.

Who is carved into Mount Rushmore?
Four presidents were chosen to be carved into Mt. Rushmore. Unscramble the name of each president. The clues will help you.

OREGEG TAWGONHISN
The first president of the United States.

MOTSHA FEFEJORSN
Third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence.

ARMAAHB COLLNNI
Our 16th President ended the Civil War and slavery.

DOORTHEE VELSTROEO
The 26th U.S. President helped to grow the country at home and abroad.

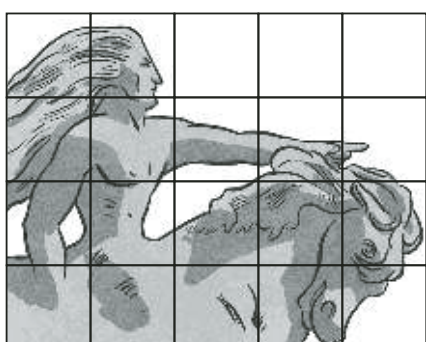
Crazy Horse Memorial
A mountain in the Black Hills is being carved into the shape of a man. It is a giant carving of Crazy Horse, a fearless and famous Lakota war leader.

When finished, the Crazy Horse Memorial will be the biggest sculpture in the world.

Chief Standing Bear and other Native American chiefs invited sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to carve the Crazy Horse Memorial out of a mountain. Work began over 70 years ago, and it will take many more years to complete it.

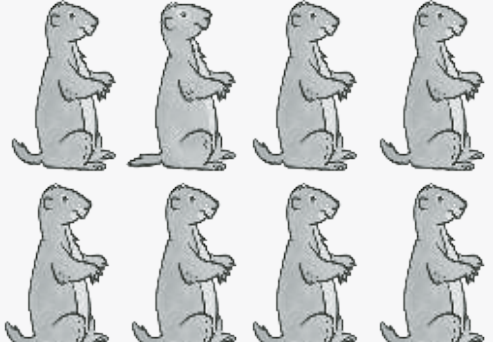
Extra! Extra!
Carve Out the ABCs
Choose one page of the newspaper. Find five or more words and write them on another sheet of paper in ABC order.
Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

Grow a Picture
You can make a small picture larger in much the same way Borglum and Ziolkowski expanded small sculptures into mountain-sized ones.
Look at the small drawing of Crazy Horse. It is drawn in a grid of small boxes.
To the right is a grid with larger boxes. Copy the drawing of Crazy Horse, one box at a time, and you will make a drawing that is larger than the original. One box is done for you.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Black Hills are filled with wildlife. Prairie dogs romp and play in the fields and meadows. Can you find the prairie dog that looks different than all the others?



Double Double Word Search

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

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H	S	T	J	J	E	Z	N	O	
I	E	U	M	V	I	S	I	T	U
E	R	R	G	H	I	L	L	S	R
F	P	E	P	D	I	R	G	I	V

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Memory Buddies
Play this game with a buddy. Choose a picture from the newspaper. Study the picture for one minute. Then cover the picture and take turns telling each other everything you can remember about it.
Standards Link: Language Arts: Summarize main ideas in writing.

Write On!

If I Were President
Imagine that you have been elected President of the United States. What would you do? What would you change?

Kid Scoop Together

Monument Fun Facts

Have a family member take a guess at answering these questions. Use the code to check their answers.

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	= 1		= 6
	= 2		= 7
	= 3		= 8
	= 4		= 9

1. How tall are the faces on Mt. Rushmore?
 feet tall
2. How wide are the eyes on Mt. Rushmore?
 feet wide
3. How long are the noses on Mt. Rushmore?
 feet long
4. How wide are the mouths on Mt. Rushmore?
 feet wide
5. How tall is the face on the Crazy Horse Memorial?
 feet tall
6. How long is the outstretched arm on the Crazy Horse Memorial?
 feet long
7. How long is the pointing finger on the Crazy Horse Memorial?
 feet
8. How tall is the horse's head on the Crazy Horse Memorial?
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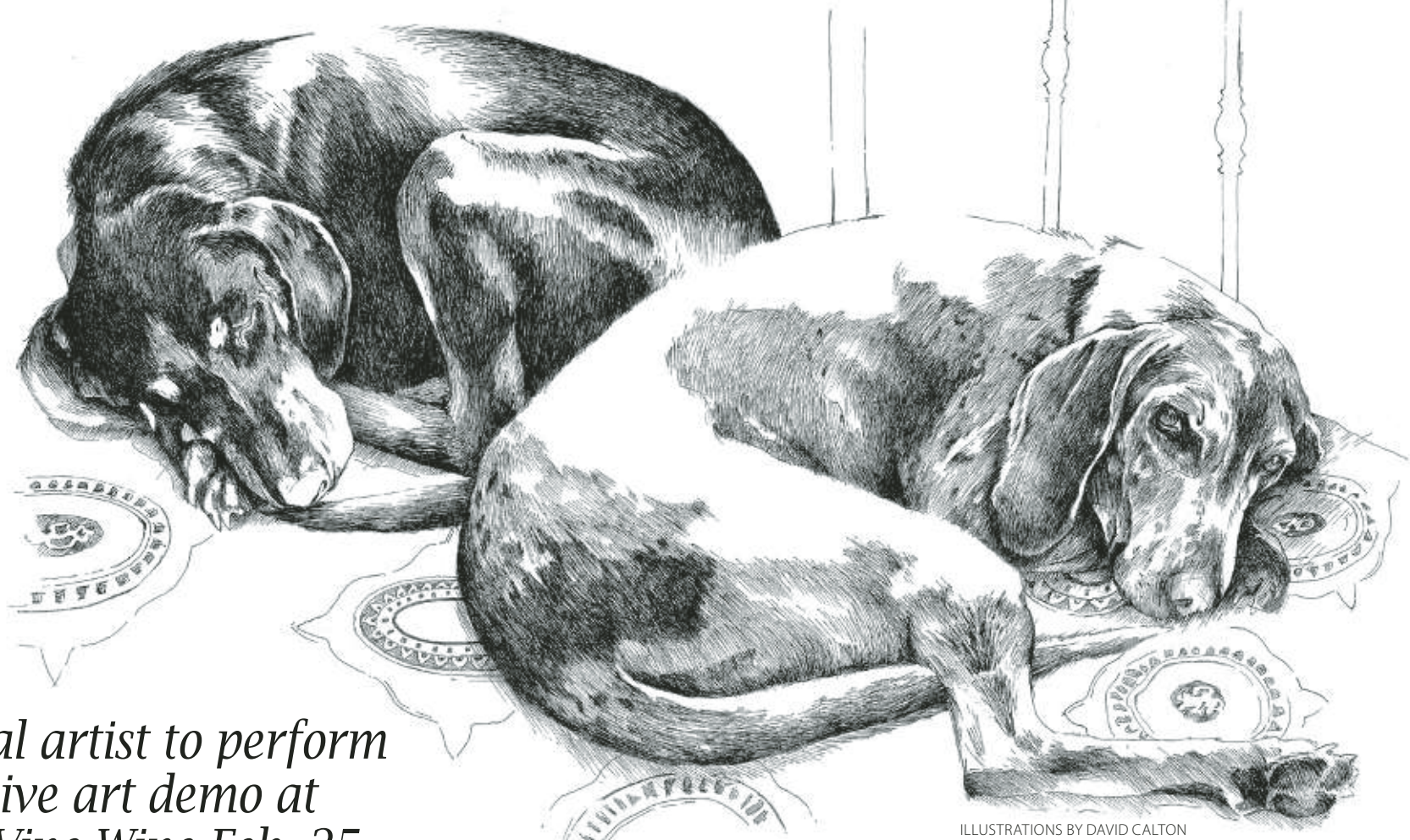


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ILLUSTRATING 'THE MAGIC'



ILLUSTRATIONS BY DAVID CALTON

Local artist to perform live art demo at D'Vine Wine Feb. 25

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

For years, local artist David Calton has used mediums of sculpting, drawing, and painting to illustrate the "magic" of his subjects. He is often known to create animal portraits, like the one of the two bloodhounds shown above. He received an Award of Excellence from the Lake Granbury Art Association's fall show last year from his art piece pictured below.

For as long as he can remember, David Calton has always been an artist — using sculpting, drawing, or painting as a creative medium.

"Through my paintings and sculptures, I try to illustrate the magic, energy, and spirit of every subject that I create," he explained.

Now, as a special gift to Hood County residents, Calton will be revealing his illustration "magic" by performing a live art drawing demonstration during D'Vine Wine's free Gallery Night from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25.

"I'm gonna do a drawing demo on a couple of different things and show how I do it," Calton said. "Because it's one thing to see a picture or a painting. It's like, 'Wow, I wonder how he did that,' so I'm gonna kind of show them the preliminary process I go through in getting to that."

Calton studied art at Florida State University and did his graduate work at the University of Georgia.

After artist residencies in both Michigan and Alabama, where he creates Western and nature-themed art.

"I do a lot of nature stuff, and that's evolved over time," Calton said. "I do pet portraits, but I also do wildlife animals and people. I travel a lot, so I see a lot of different things, and I think it's connecting with what we know and love, and the beauty we get out of nature and what it brings to us. A lot of my subject matter I do because I love, but also because of how people relate to it and the excitement they get out of it."

He said his favorite part about art is "the expression on people's faces" when he paints pet portraits for his clients — especially when that pet is no longer with them. "It's an everlasting thing," Calton said. "It's something they can keep with them, and I think a lot of the feedback that artists get is truly why we do the work. You really don't know if you've done good art until you've seen somebody see your art and express how they feel about it. It doesn't matter whether they get it or not; it's just interpretations, but when you make that connection with them, that's really the joy of doing art."

Calton said he hopes the live art demo will encourage other potential artists to pick up their paintbrush or pencil and try to create their own piece of artwork. "People come up to me all of the time — especially my friends — and they'll say, 'I've got talents, but I can never draw,'" he said. "But I used to tell this to my students: 'Everybody can draw. Give me 10 minutes and I can get you to draw, but the hardest part is putting the pencil to the paper.'"

D'Vine Wine's Gallery Night will also feature a live performance by musician Michelle Winters. "She's performing, so I thought I should perform too," Calton said, regarding his live art demo. His artwork will also be showcased at the Langdon Center Art Gallery from March 17-25.

"It's going to be a bigger show — more than I can show at D'Vine Wine," he explained. "It's a huge house. I don't know if I can fill it all, but I'm going to at least try to fill half of it. To get a show together, you have to have 15 to 20 pieces of really solid work, so I'll have bigger pieces done by then. I'm kind of pushing myself to do bigger things. I haven't done a show in a while, so to have a show this big, I'm really excited."

For more information about D'Vine Wine's Gallery Night, go online to visitgranbury.com.

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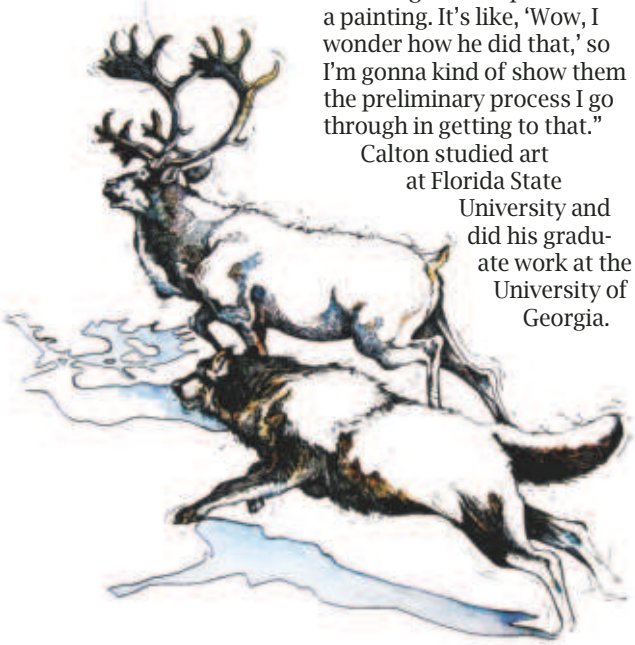


David Calton studied art at Florida State University and did his graduate work at the University of Georgia. After artist residencies in both Michigan and Alabama, he became a working artist and a college professor. He now resides in Granbury, where he creates western and nature-themed art.

COURTESY OF DAVID CALTON

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Watery meteors: Watch out when hailstones begin to fall

CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER



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

I purchased my first "Old Farmer's Almanac" last year and have found it quite interesting. Having come from areas in Ohio and Kentucky where hailstorms frequently made their presence known, the article in the almanac about them was informative, and I wanted to share the information with my readers, taken directly from the almanac.

Hail forms when raindrops are caught in an updraft of air inside the parent cloud and lifted into the region of the cloud that is below freezing. Once frozen, the raindrop can then grow by colliding with still-unfrozen

droplets to create an ever-larger hailstone. Updrafts, downdrafts and horizontal winds propel the growing hailstone in various directions through the storm. The yo-yo effect continues until the hailstone becomes too

heavy to be lifted by the updraft and thus falls to Earth.

The hailstone's size is determined by the strength of the updrafts in the storm cloud. It is estimated that these updrafts can be moving at speeds over 150 miles per hour and can create grapefruit-size hailstones (five to six inches in diameter). The tops of the cumulonimbus clouds that host large hail can soar as high as 70,000 feet into the atmosphere. Of course, not every hailstone is citrus-size. The National Weather Service did away with hail descriptions related to food products some time ago. They now range from the size of "bb" (less than 1/4th of an inch) to "dvd" (approximately 4 3/4 of an inch).

Smaller storms usually produce smaller hailstones, while larger storms produce larger ones. But there has been an increase in the

frequency of large-size hailstones (two-inch or greater in diameter), the kind that puts dents in a car's hood, roof and trunk areas. Science still does not have the answer to the increased majority of hail reports that come from the Plains/Prairies regions, because that is where the most severe thunderstorms and tornadoes occur. Large hail and tornadoes go together. The months of May through August account for 85 percent of all annual hailstone reports in the U.S. and Canada, with June being the peak month.

The largest hailstone ever recorded in the U.S. was eight inches across, 18.5 inches in diameter, and weighed almost two pounds. It was collected by Lee Scott near Vivian, South Dakota, on July 23, 2010. Scott claims it really measured close to 11 inches across when he first picked it up

and put it in his freezer. This was before a power outage (a result of the storm), during which the stone melted to only eight inches before it refroze when the power returned. Scott eventually turned the hailstorm over to the National Weather Service for preservation and analysis.

Very large hail (four inches or greater in diameter) is rare outside the U.S. Midwest and Plains states, but it can occur — even in Hawaii. At Kailua on Oahu Island on March 9, 2012, hailstones measuring 4.25 inches in diameter pummeled the ground.

Even larger hailstones have been reported in other places. On Feb. 8, 2018, a thunderstorm in Cordoba Province, Argentina, produced a stone collected and measured at 7.1 inches in diameter. Videos of the stones falling through the air have been analyzed by

meteorologists who estimated the size of some to be 9.3 inches in diameter. This created a new size category — "gargantuan."

A series of storms passing over the same area can dump hail for hours and result in massive accumulations. In Selden, Kansas, on June 3, 1959, an 85-minute storm piled hailstones up to 18 inches deep. Often, rainfall accompanying such an event can wash the hail to low points and pile it into heaps. On Aug. 13, 2004, in Clayton, N.M., an accumulation of hail washed into a creek and backed up behind a clogged culvert. Hail cliffs resembling the edge of a glacier rose to nearly 15 feet and took weeks to melt.

So ... be careful when all hail breaks loose!

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LIPAN SCHOOLS

Big and Little Indians program a success in Lipan ISD

As students file into the cafeteria, like every other day at Lipan Elementary School, they realize today is extra special.

Two large tables are placed on the stage and behind them in balloon letters are the words "Big Sis" and "Big Bro." All the students are then made aware that today is the day they get to meet their Big Brother and Sister Indians. All the students roar with excitement, bursting at the seams wondering who they will receive.

At Lipan ISD, the Big



BY GRACE HEAVYSIDE

Grace is a senior student at Lipan High School whose interests include journalism, participating in Student Council, National Honor Society and various FFA events.

Indian program, run by Lipan ISD employee Michelle Heavyside, connects elementary students with various teams and clubs in the high school. Heavyside stated, "It all started with basketball, where the varsity boys and girls were paired up with students, and they would give them gifts and run out with them at a home game."

Each year the program grew in size with students from Pre-K through fifth grade wanting to be paired with the Lipan Indian and Lipan Lady Indian basketball teams.

After 2020's COVID-19 pandemic, the program came to an abrupt stop until 2021. At that time, the program only included the varsity basketball teams. However,

this year the program grew drastically. Beginning in the fall, students were paired with high school students involved in cross country, basketball, fishing teams, archery club, softball, baseball, barbecue teams, golf, tennis, and track. "Close to 100 students are involved in the program now," Heavyside said.

Each student wishing to participate in the program fills out a sheet choosing which teams they would like to be a "little" to, and later they are paired up with their "big" — which are announced at lunch.

Many elementary students choose multiple sports and being involved in the program allows them to find new interests and activities that they will get the opportunity to participate in when they are older. However, it's not only beneficial for the elementary students. High School senior Madi Harrison said, "I love how my little Indians are so supportive no matter what!" Players could have a bad game, but no matter how they did, their little Indians would be beaming with pride because they saw their bigs on the court or on

the field.

Heavyside said, "Hearing the students talk about how cool their bigs are in the classroom, or talking to their peers about them with pride brings so much joy!" The Big and Little Indians Program at Lipan ISD is expected to grow in the next few years as more students want to be involved. Heavyside said, "It is a lot of work, but seeing the joy on all the children's faces, big and small, makes everything worthwhile."

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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.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

GRANBURY WINE Society is hosting Wine Presentation 101 – Festivals & Competitions and presented by Debbie Reynolds, Coordinator of the Master Wine Classic of Granbury from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Spring Creek Barbeque 317 W Hwy 377, Granbury. Attendees are asked to dine (at their own expense) prior to or at the conclusion of the presentation. Open to members and non-members, RSVP is appreciated to Society President Vickie DiGiovanni @ 407-

595-9226. Should you have any questions or need to alter the content for spacing/size purposes please advise. Have a wonderful weekend!

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

MOVIE NIGHT! "The Sheriff" by KrisAnne Hall, National Speaker, Author, Radio/TV host. Join us to see how the Sheriff has transformed from a blind enforcer into a defender of peoples rights. The Sheriff and their constitutional responsibility. Brazos Covenant Ministries, 1950 Acton Hwy. Social 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN will be holding Lenten Services on Wednesday at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. Emmanuel is located at 2301 Fall Creek Hwy. For more information go to <http://www.elcgranbury.com>

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

LAKE GRANBURY Newcomers Club will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Tammy Smith, PT, owner of Freedom Physical Therapy will talk about how her center promotes good health through physical fitness and also offers a variety of tools to educate and carry out skills that prevent further injury and help us age gracefully. Tammy will discuss the attributes of physical therapy and recovery from surgery, illness, or injury. Social hour 9 a.m., meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. at the DeCordova Bend Country Club located at 5301 Country Club Drive, Gran-

bury, Tx. Reservation required by noon on Friday, February 24, 2023. For more information email at lgnc.reservations@gmail.com or call 682-719-3343.

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>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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MONDAY, MARCH 13

THE NORTH Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Spring Creek Bar-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 Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

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Sat: 11:35AM, 2:05PM, 4:35PM, 7:05PM, 9:35PM.
Sun: 12:30PM, 3:00PM, 5:30PM, 8:00PM.
Mon, Tues: 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM.
Wed: 3:00PM.
Thurs: 1:00PM, 3:30PM

A Man Called Otto (PG13)
Fri: 12:45PM.
Sat: 11:35AM.
Sun: 12:50PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:45PM.
Thurs: 1:20PM

Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania (PG13)
Fri: 12:15PM, 1:10PM, 3:10PM, 6:05PM, 7:00PM, 9:00PM, 9:55PM.
Sat: 11:40AM, 1:10PM, 2:35PM, 5:30PM, 7:00PM, 8:25PM, 9:55PM.
Sun: 12:30PM, 1:40PM, 4:35PM, 6:20PM, 7:30PM, 9:15PM.
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Wed: 1:45PM, 2:20PM, 4:40PM, 7:35PM, 8:10PM.
Thurs: 1:35PM, 2:50PM, 5:45PM, 8:40PM

Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania in 3D (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 4:05PM.
Sun: 3:25PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 5:15PM.
Thurs: 5:00PM

Cocaine Bear (R)
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:30PM, 8:50PM

Jesus Revolution (PG13)
Thurs: 6:00PM, 8:25PM

Jesus Revolution: Early Access (PG13)
Wed: 6:00PM, 7:35PM

Knock at the Cabin (R)
Fri: 3:45PM, 6:15PM, 8:45PM.
Sat: 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 3:50PM, 6:25PM, 9:00PM.
Mon, Tues: 4:45PM, 7:15PM.
Wed: 4:45PM.
Thurs: 4:45PM, 7:40PM

Magic Mike's Last Dance (R)
Fri: 2:50PM, 7:00PM, 7:40PM.
Sat: 11:50AM, 4:00PM, 8:10PM, 8:30PM.
Sun: 12:40PM, 4:50PM.
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9	2	5	1	8	4	6	7	3
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

When does it begin and where does it stand going forward?

(MetroCreative Connection)

Each March, Daylight Saving Time (DST) is welcomed by millions of people in the northern hemisphere, especially those who lament the lack of sunlight when leaving their offices in the evenings throughout winter.

The future of DST is an open question in the United States and elsewhere, but the clock switching that is synonymous with DST will again take place in participating locales in March 2023. This year, DST will take place at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, at which time clocks will be moved forward one hour. That means sunset will take place one hour later that night, providing that much-loved extra hour of evening sunlight.

The tradition of DST could soon end in the United States. That's because the United States Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021, which makes DST permanent, thus removing the need to change clock times twice a year. However, the bill stalled in the U.S. House of Representatives, and thus never became law. So while Americans could one day soon stop changing their clocks twice a year, they will still be doing so in 2023, and perhaps beyond.

The reason the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 stalled in the House can be traced to a debate regarding which time should be permanent should DST be abandoned. Some support making DST time the permanent time, while others insist standard time is the safer option. In addition, certain advocates for abandoning DST simply say that changing clocks is the real threat, and that any fixed permanent time, be it DST or standard time, is a favorable alternative to switching clocks twice per year.

Among the concerns on both sides of the debate are the effects of DST on human health and its potential link to traffic accidents. The issue of DST and health is not insignificant, as AARP reports that a 2020 analysis of more than 6,000 patient admissions at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York found that



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admissions for atrial fibrillation, a type of heart arrhythmia often referred to as "AFib," surged in the days following spring DST. The American Heart Association suggests that spike could be linked to a disruption in the body's circadian rhythm caused by DST.

The debate in the U.S. is not isolated and has even prompted discussions in other locales, in-

cluding various areas of Canada, where DST is observed in nine of ten provinces and two of three territories.

Though the future of DST is in doubt, individuals will once again change their clocks in March 2023.

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