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## Judges partner to move cases along at faster pace

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
Senior Staff Writer

Something that has never been done here before is happening in Hood County's courts and it is expected to move cases along at a faster clip.

With the county growing at such a rapid pace, court dockets tend to be crowded but the COVID-19 pandemic created a significant backlog.

355th District Judge Bryan Bufkin and County Court-at-Law Judge Richard Hattox have agreed to a "cross-assignment" arrangement that is allowed under the Texas Government Code. The agreement, good for one year, was approved by David L. Evans, presiding judge of

the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region.

Cross assignments allow judges to hear cases from each other's courts.

As court-at-law judge, Hattox has jurisdiction over misdemeanors or cases. As district judge, Bufkin has jurisdiction over felony cases. In normal circumstances, Hattox would not have authority to preside over felony cases and vice versa. Evans' signed order eliminates that restriction.

"What that means is, if Judge Hattox has to be out of town, something comes up and he doesn't have time to get a visiting judge, I can hear his cases," Bufkin said. "I can hear his misdemeanors if I need to, whereas that couldn't hap-

pen before."

The arrangement may be particularly beneficial to Bufkin, who has been trying to have two trials per week in his courtroom. Thanks to Hattox's willingness to help, he is now shooting for three, with Hattox handling "the lower level case" in his courtroom down the hall at the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center.

As a former district attorney for Hood County and a former long-time defense attorney, Hattox has plenty of experience with felony cases.

"We did it the first time a couple of weeks back," Bufkin told the Hood County News last week. "And we picked three juries in a day."

Hattox said that with the high cost involved in maintaining a jail,

he feels it is "incumbent on our elected judiciary" to be as efficient as possible.

"Our promise is unprecedented, extremely practical, and maximizes our ability to provide justice in Hood County," he stated in written remarks to the HCN.

Hattox said that the arrangement was made with the approval of County Judge Ron Massingill, who hears probate and juvenile cases in the courtroom at the courthouse on the square. Although Massingill isn't directly involved in the case sharing, Hattox indicated that he and Bufkin felt it was appropriate for him to be involved in the agreement.

"Our goal is, by working together, to do the best job we can with what

we have available, at the least cost to our taxpayers," Hattox stated. "There is no doubt that we can and will reduce our jail population and still afford the public the assurance and safety it deserves."

Asked whether the arrangement might help delay the need for a second district court, Bufkin said he believes that those decisions are based on population.

"But, essentially, the way I look at it is, we have one district court and we have a lot of cases and we're all willing to work together to help each other out," he stated. "I think it's going to be really good for the county."

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# TIME TO REBUILD

COURTESY OF LISA JOHNSON

Miss Mary Lou symbolically rings the bell announcing: It's time to rebuild.

## New GOP group seeking to restore civility

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
Senior Staff Writer

Hood County was under a tornado watch with the possibility of another hailstorm, yet more than 40 people turned out last Thursday night for the inaugural meeting of United Republicans of Hood County.

The group, originally a political action committee called Hood County Forward, was created to restore party principles and to push back against a political element that its members feel has caused division through personal attacks, false or misleading information, and refusal to consider differing viewpoints.

"The political scene in our county has become incredibly toxic and that has kept many people from participating in our elections," Bret Deason said in a press release sent to the Hood County News the day after URofHC met at Farina's Winery & Café on the square. "We hope this group can change that. We believe in Ronald Reagan's 'big tent' philosophy: all Republicans are welcome, but unanimity of thought is not required."

Former Granbury School Board trustee Nancy Alana stated, "We want people to be involved in our local government. They should have a place to debate issues without fear of being targeted or harassed for having a different opinion."

The new organization has a logo and a website that is under construction at URofHC.org (no "f" is in the web address).

A program was printed for its inaugural meeting. Issues discussed included member recruitment, primary elections, and how United Republicans of Hood County will be involved in the community, a topic

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Lipan senior awarded \$10,000 scholarship and Hood County CERT offering free disaster training beginning March 20. Please see stories, B1.



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# SPRING HAS SPRUNG EARLY



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Spring is blooming in Hood County thanks to warmer weather patterns.

## Commissioners table tax abatement rules

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

Should Hood County agree to tax abatements to bring more jobs and industry here, or is the community already so appealing that businesses will come without special favors given by local government?

That question was posed by some who spoke at a recent regu-

lar meeting of the Commissioners Court where the county judge and commissioners considered adopting the 2023-2025 Hood County Tax Abatement Guidelines, a 20-page document.

The court decided unanimously to table the matter for further study.

Precinct 2 Commissioner

Nannette Samuelson made the motion to table, stating that perhaps the court should either consider not offering tax abatements at all or making guidelines "much more robust so that people who want to apply for a tax abatement will know exactly what their responsibilities are."

Samuelson expressed the view

that Hood County will undoubtedly continue to grow and that "businesses will follow the people and people will follow jobs."

She stated, "The government needs to get out of the way and let the economy grow."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle seconded her motion.

"I'm not sure we should be in the

abatement business," he said. "I'm not sure we should be in the 'bring in more business' business."

He echoed Samuelson's view, stating, "The best thing the government can do is get the heck out of the way."

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## City's new economic development department honored by state

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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Less than one year into the city of Granbury's go-it-alone economic development efforts, its fledgling department created for that purpose has been honored by the Texas Economic Development Council.

Granbury's Economic Development Department was among 54 organizations to receive

the TEDC's Economic Excellence Recognition award for 2022. The awards were announced Feb. 24 in Austin.

"In the midst of the development moratorium, the city is still successfully attracting new businesses," City Manager Chris Coffman said in a prepared statement. The development moratorium is due to opposition to the planned location of a second wastewater treatment

plant.

"We also anticipate current businesses to expand, providing more jobs and opportunities for our residents," Coffman continued. "Much of that growth is due to the efforts of our Economic Development team and the many months, sometimes years, of business cultivation and recruitment."

The honor from the TEDC, awarded to less than 10% of

the state's economic development organizations, comes just nine months into the tenure of Economic Development Director Lance LaCour, who has more than 30 years' experience in economic development. He started the Granbury job last June.

Since his arrival, the city has also named an economic development coordinator: Sharon Bridges. She has been assisting LaCour in

various tasks that include looking at site readiness and conducting a labor market evaluation of the region.

The new, two-person department was created under the direction of Coffman after past partnerships between the city, county, and Chamber of Commerce failed.

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## GROUP

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that many in attendance felt was particularly important.

"We have to be active," former chamber president and CEO Mike Scott said. "We will be at council meetings, commissioner meetings, and school board meetings. We plan to be involved in the process of governing our county and our communities."

Although last week's gathering was the group's first official monthly meeting, the organization has already become involved in local politics. Last December, under its previous name of Hood County Forward, the group sent a letter to the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board asking the board to disregard a letter sent by Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle regarding a vacated seat designated for Hood County.

The UTGCD board makes deci-

sions about water rights.

Eagle's letter was an attempt to thwart a 3-2 vote by the Commissioners Court to recommend Mike Massey, a former long-time UTGCD board member and board president, for the vacated seat.

Hood County Forward's letter bore 42 names, including prominent local residents and current and former elected officials.

The vacated seat still hangs in the balance, but Eagle did suc-

ceed in rescinding the court's November vote for Massey and replacing it with a recommendation for Bob Lusk. He did so in January with the help of newly seated Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson and Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews.

The still-unresolved situation has riled anger locally.

United Republicans of Hood County are focused on more than just the UTGCD seat, though.

"Elections are just around the

corner," member Marilyn Luton said. "We are already planning how to get our membership active and involved."

Anyone interested in joining the organization can email URofHC@gmail.com for more information.

Details regarding URofHC's April meeting will be announced at a later date.

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# PRESERVE GRANBURY RECOGNITION



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY

Members of Preserve Granbury were on hand at a February City Council meeting when Mayor Jim Jarratt, center, recognized the organization for contributing \$5,000 toward the restoration of 1,500 gravestones at the Granbury Cemetery.

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH

### A little 'spaced' out: We love our stuff and we are keeping it!

Perhaps more so than any place else on earth, we Americans are a society of consumers. We are obsessed with acquiring "stuff," and even after we acquire "stuff," we want even more. In 1950 the size of an average American house was 983 square feet. By 2015 the average house averaged 2,439 square feet. During the same time period, the average number of people living in a house dropped from 3.6 people in 1950 to 2.5 people in 2015. This means while the number of occupants in a house dropped by 31%, the number of square feet increased nearly two and half times!

Why do we need so much space, and why such dramatic growth in such a short period of time? What do we do with all the space, which people did not have in 1950? The



**BY SAM HOUSTON**

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answer: We get more stuff! We "need" more knickknacks, coffee and end tables, chairs and sofas. We "need" more wallcoverings, paintings, lamps and beds. The "bigger and better" houses call out to us to be furnished, and that is exactly what we do.

Once we get a house decorated just the way we like, we are not satisfied. Every few years there is a change in style, or we simply get tired of our "look" and a change must be made. Out goes the sofa purchased a mere five years ago, and in comes the new. Wall decora-

tions must change, as well as the other adornments.

And what do we do with the items that have been replaced? We get a storage unit to keep our "stuff" in case we ever need it "one day." Nowadays, a cowboy cannot throw an old horseshoe without hitting a storage facility! The rental units must be very profitable, because there seems to be a new facility everywhere you look. It is not uncommon for a person to rent a storage facility and, in a couple of years, need to upgrade to a bigger space because the old unit is full

of too much "stuff" as the "newest old stuff" gets added to the inventory. Thank goodness we have a safekeeping place for our excess "stuff."

Granted, some folks do have garage sales to get rid of "stuff" they no longer want. Frequently they take the money and go to a different garage sale and buy someone else's unwanted "stuff," or take the cash and buy new "stuff."

This is not to imply the only "stuff" we buy is for the house. Heavens no! Though the closet in the master bedroom is full, as well as the closet in the guest room, we feel compelled to get new clothes, shoes and accessories. While sometimes we sell or give away those items that have become unfashionable, more times than not we keep our "stuff" just in case we lose

some weight, or something comes back into style. One never knows when they might want to break out a polyester leisure suit or the like.

We are consumers, even when there is absolutely nothing we need or require. It is like a genetic trait we cannot separate from ourselves. We are destined to buy, and then buy more.

I have decided to take my savings and invest heavily in Amazon and storage units. I have faith that their future is bright.

Thought for the day: How come people love clothing when they buy it, but yet hate 75% of the clothes in their closet?

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

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## Texas Public Information Act's anniversary excellent time to strengthen law

*Editor's note: Fifty years ago, responding to public demand in an era of reform, Texas enacted a sweeping law ensuring the people's right to know about their government. The Texas Public Information Act - originally known as the Open Records Act when it passed in 1973 - was one of the strongest transparency laws in the nation. It allowed Texans to hold their state and local governments accountable by obtaining all sorts of public records.*

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know," states the act, born after the Sharpstown stock fraud scandal that gripped state government.

Despite those bold words, the act has been eroded by subsequent legislation, court rulings and maneuvers by some government offi-



**BY KELLEY SHANNON**

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cials to sidestep the law. In the current Texas legislative session, we, the people, must protect and strengthen the Public Information Act and maintain our state's open government legacy.

The Texas Sunshine Coalition is doing exactly that. Sixteen diverse organizations are working together to push for bipartisan transparency legislation. The nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas is part of the coalition and was founded on the belief that access to public records allows everyone to scrutinize and speak up about government.

The Sunshine Coalition aims to shore up the Public Information

Act so taxpayers can view "super public" information and other key provisions in government contracts; create a uniform "business days" definition requiring governments to respond to public records requests, even on days of remote work; require that governments provide certain data to requestors in searchable-sortable spreadsheets; and restore public access to dates of birth in criminal justice and political candidate records.

Another coalition pillar is to allow recovery of attorneys' fees if a requestor must sue to get public information. A series of court decisions have made this extremely difficult by allowing governments

to hand over documents at the last minute - after months of litigation - and avoid paying any of the requestor's legal fees. Consequently, governments may be inclined to ignore or delay records requests.

Meanwhile, the FOI Foundation of Texas works every legislative session to defend the Texas Open Meetings Act, the state's other major transparency law that was expanded during the early 1970s reform movement. Its enforcement provisions must remain available to everyday citizens. That includes civil court action, when necessary, to prevent or compel an action by a government to ensure compliance with the open meetings law. The FOI Foundation weighed in on this provision with an amicus brief in court.

In another recent legal brief, the FOI Foundation supported the Odessa American in the newspaper's ongoing lawsuit against the

city of Odessa to enforce the release of basic public information "promptly," as called for in the Public Information Act.

Government officials who stall by seeking unnecessary attorney general rulings or ignoring requestors are not honoring the intentions of the law. All state and local government information in Texas is presumed to be available to the public, unless specific legal exceptions apply.

Many Texans believe our state is exceptional; the historic Public Information Act is one of the reasons it is special. The 2023 legislative session is an excellent time to improve this landmark law governing the people's right to know.

Today's lawmakers have an opportunity to continue their predecessors' commitment to open government so that it endures for generations to come.



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# Educational diagnosticians honored

## Submitted Item

Texas educational diagnosticians are being honored for their work and service during a special week on March 6-10, 2023, proclaimed by Governor Greg Abbott. "An important part of ensuring Texans stay on a road

to success is making sure they have a rigorous and well-rounded education," wrote the governor in the proclamation designating Educational Diagnosticians' Week. "For some children, learning new things and succeeding in their classes is a smooth process. For others,

additional or specialized instruction is necessary for maximum success. When young Texans need a greater helping hand, educational diagnosticians play a vital role." "Educational diagnosticians undergo specialized training to use academic and

psychological tests to isolate factors that could enhance students' performance in the classroom," Abbott continued. "These professionals help provide our next generation of leaders with the knowledge and skills that are the building blocks of lifelong excellence by de-

veloping and recommending teaching strategies and materials." Diagnosticians serving in the Granbury ISD special education department are Jill Brown, Chrissy Gage, Lori Kohl, Nicole Perriello, Patricia Ray, Teresa Stone, Francis Vasquez, Mickie

Williams, Shannon Parker, Tamara Hudson, Michelle Haggart, Katie Breaux, Andee Holmgreen, and ARD Managers Rebecca Weeks and Deborah Pina.

## OBITUARIES

### Lew Click

1951 - 2023

Lew Click passed away Wednesday, March 1, surrounded by family and friends. He was 71 years old. He had been suffering from recurring pneumonia along with dementia. Lew was a man who took up all the space in his life. He was full of life, laughter, and usually candy in his pockets. People were drawn to him, young and old. He will be missed greatly, but we are so thankful he is Home now, and suffering no more.

Lew Click was survived by his wife, Carolyn Click, his daughter, Casey Click, grandchildren, Lily Litchfield and Hunter Keith, his nephews Lonney and Sheree Click, Daren Click, Bill Mike Graham, and their families. His nieces Robin and Randy Rawls and Kandi and Dan Nelson and their families. The Fry Family, Lacy and JJ Barton, and her family. And everyone who knew him. Lew was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Dixie



Click. His brother Kendall Click and his sister Joy Graham, and his dog Bo and his granddog Estes.

Services for Lew were held at the Tolar Church of Christ, Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m. Visitation was held at the Wiley Funeral Home Chapel, Friday, March 3, from 5-7 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Go set up camp and shuffle the dominoes, Daddy.

### Virgil Lewis (Buddy) Stoker

February 20, 1937 - March 3, 2023

Virgil Lewis (Buddy) Stoker, 86, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023, at his home in Lipan. He was born February 20, 1937, in Fort Worth, Texas. Buddy graduated from Birdville High School in 1955. In high school, he lettered 4 years in football and was All State his junior and senior high school years.

Buddy married his high school sweetheart, Betty Tabor in 1956, and they had two children. A son, Guy Stoker, and a daughter, Camey Reynolds and her husband Terry. They have 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Buddy is also survived by his younger brother Roscoe Stoker and his wife Gayle.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gorman and Jewel Stoker and by his older brother Charles Stoker.



In 1958, Buddy went to work for the United States Postal Service, working 34 years to become the Director of Finance. Buddy and Betty retired in 1992, Betty retiring from American Airlines, and they moved to Lipan to enjoy ranching and Lipan basketball.

A Gathering and Celebration of Life will be held for Buddy at the family home later and will be announced at that time.

### Sandy Whitworth

October 29, 1943 - March 3, 2023

Sandy Whitworth was born on October 29, 1943 in Tulsa Oklahoma. Sandy was married to the love of her life, Gary, for 35 years. Her loving daughter, Lori Barker, blessed her with a son-in-law, Mike, and grandsons Evan and Bryce.

Sandy was a gentle spirit, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and a great friend to so many. She was a woman of great courage and strong faith. After a long struggle with dementia, Sandy went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 3, 2023.

Join us for a Celebration of Sandy's Life Friday,



March 10, 3 p.m. at Acton Baptist Church in the 1894 Building.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Alzheimer's.

### Joyce Mae Stinson

September 10, 1961 - January 26, 2023

Always willing to open her heart and home to anyone in need, she was known as Mom by many. She fought like a true warrior until the end, never giving up no matter the odds, or pain. She loved everyone and will be remembered for her ability to love no matter what. Survived by her children John, Michael, and Marie. As well as her brothers Ed, Jerry, and Billy.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS ARCHIVE PHOTO  
GISD extended an appreciative 'Thank you' to bus drivers Feb. 22

## February 22 was National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

### Submitted Item

Bus drivers and transportation staff bring students safely to and from school every morning and every afternoon, and they serve as leaders and mentors, too.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 5 gem found in TX
- 6 "San Jacinto Battleground State Historic \_\_\_\_\_"
- 7 state tech. college system (abbr.)
- 8 Mitchell County seat
- 17 TX Benson film: "\_\_\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
- 18 TXism: "he blazes \_\_\_\_\_" (big man)
- 21 TX Janis sang "\_\_\_\_\_ and Bobby McGee"
- 22 chunk of dirt
- 23 some East TX areas
- 24 Iraqi dictator Hussein who was caught in 2003
- 29 this was to be channel 19 in Nacogdoches
- 30 TXism: "his axles \_\_\_\_\_ hot" (active)
- 31 Commemorative Air Force Texas founder, Nolen (init.)
- 32 TXism: "he couldn't drive \_\_\_\_\_ snow bank" (incompetent)
- 34 snakes or scarves
- 35 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big \_\_\_\_\_ John"
- 36 plow pullers
- 37 TX Tommy Lee Jones film: "Eyes of Laura \_\_\_\_\_" (1978)
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- 1 Houston group for 1992 Republican convention (2 wds.)
- 2 a story in TX Eva Longoria's "Desperate Housewives"
- 3 Texas snake sound
- 39 TXism: "lost every-thing \_\_\_\_\_ under my fingernails" (broke)
- 41 this Sophia was in "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer
- 42 TXism: "let sleeping dogs \_\_\_\_\_"
- 43 Abilene's Dyess Air Force \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 removed an apple skin
- 45 filmed in Galveston: "Capricorn \_\_\_\_\_"
- 46 "\_\_\_\_\_ Houston" was sunk in WWII
- 47 "mister" in Mexico
- 48 Alamo book: "\_\_\_\_\_ Days to Glory"
- 50 this Frances was in "War Games" with TX Dabney
- 51 hair products
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- 4 "the echo" in Mexico (2 wds.)
- 9 this TX English sang for Lawrence Welk
- 10 soldier no-no (abbr.)
- 11 "I \_\_\_\_\_ It My Way"
- 12 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)
- 13 jai alai wickers
- 14 TXism: "if \_\_\_\_\_ any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
- 15 Luby's transport
- 16 sweet tater
- 19 TX Byron's "How \_\_\_\_\_ the Game"
- 20 "L" of TX LBJ
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ no cigar"
- 24 "Alamo City" letters
- 25 fire or red insect
- 26 natl. patriot org.
- 27 in Texas: "Sierra \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains"
- 28 \_\_\_\_\_ School in Dallas
- 29 Houston AM
- 30 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ of" (kinda)
- 33 TXism: "likely as \_\_\_\_\_"
- 34 TXism: "nekkid"
- 35 more "nekkid"
- 37 TX rancher Chuck Norris 1984 film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Action"
- 38 brainless
- 40 short, quick race
- 41 former Speaker of Texas House, Pete
- 44 skins an orange
- 47 Joan of "Gunpoint" with TX Audie
- 49 TX Beasley, an NFL defensive back



# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Texans' defense too much for WAC's top-ranked Utah Valley

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University Texans defended Wisdom Gym against the top-ranked men's basketball team in the Western Athletic Conference, Utah Valley, with a decisive 77-58 victory on Feb. 23.

Tarleton (15-14, 9-8 WAC) held Utah Valley (21-7, 12-3 WAC) to only two made shots (2-17 FG) from the field the entire first half and the Wolverines' lowest field goal percentage (.318) this season. Although undersized compared to the Wolverines, the Texans beat Utah Valley on the boards (39-38).

The Texans tied their largest margin of victory of the season (19; Grand Canyon; 1/28/23) with a 77-58 win over Utah Valley, which held the top spot in the WAC entering the game.

On offense, the Texans outpaced the Wolverines in

points from turnovers (22-3), in the paint (24-20), off second chances (17-7), off fast breaks (11-8) and from the bench (19-12). Tarleton also recorded its highest free throw percentage of the season, making 34-of-38 (.895).

The Texans played lights out from tip-off, establishing the lead off a three-pointer from Garry Clark after trailing Utah Valley for less than a minute to start the game.

Halfway through the first half, Tarleton had only yielded nine points to Utah Valley and wouldn't allow another Wolverine field goal for the remainder of the half. The Wolverines worked their deficit down to five points with just over four minutes remaining until halftime.

An 11-2 run for the Texans over the final two minutes of the half secured a 15-point Tarleton advantage heading into the locker room at 35-20.



Shamir Bogues (3) of Tarleton State University drives toward the basket during the Texans' 77-58 men's home basketball victory over Utah Valley. Bogues scored 16 points in the contest.

COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

At the 17-minute mark of the second half, Utah Valley's Trey Woodbury was dealt a Class A technical foul off a shooting foul from Tim Fuller, resulting in four-straight made free throws from Lue Williams to build up a 19-point lead.

With 10 minutes left in the game, the Texans established their greatest lead, at 21 points, off another pair of free throws from Williams.

However, a 12-2 run from the Wolverines narrowed Tarleton's lead to 11 with just over six minutes left to play.

At just under the five-minute mark, Woodbury was charged with his fifth foul of the game. An exchanging of words with a referee led to him receiving two more Class A technical fouls and the Utah Valley bench receiving two Class B technical

fouls. Hicks capitalized on the moment, sinking five of the six free throws awarded from the Wolverine fouls to take a 17-point lead.

The teams traded buckets back and forth over the final minutes, but a second-chance dunk from KiAndre Gaddy helped secure the win.

Hicks and Williams scored 17 points apiece for the game. Hicks went 12-of-

13 from the charity stripe, secured a team-high eight rebounds and grabbed two steals. Williams went a perfect 8-of-8 from the free throw line and grabbed four rebounds.

Bogues scored 16 points (4-9 FG, 7-9 FT), five rebounds, three steals and two assists.

## Tarleton football spring game slated for Saturday, Aug. 15

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State University Texans will be back on the field in less than a month to start spring football, and for the second straight year, they'll conclude the training with the Tarleton Football Spring Game.

The Texans will play an intrasquad game on Saturday, April 15, at 6 p.m. at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville. Admission is

free for all students and fans.

The Spring Game will serve as the kickoff to Tarleton's annual Founder's Week, which is a celebration of the university's founder, John Tarleton. Several events take place during the week, like the Silver Taps Ceremony and May Fête, and this year, the Spring Game will signal the beginning of the special Texan tradition.

The format of the game will be determined closer to

April 15. It will either be a conventional game or match what the Texans did last year, which was a "Purple vs. White, Offense vs. Defense" game with a unique scoring system.

The Spring Game will provide fans the first chance to see the newest Texans in action. Tarleton announced on National Signing Day that they've added 28 players ahead of the 2023 season, 14 on offense and 14 on defense.

Tarleton will treat the

Saturday like a traditional game day, with tailgating, concessions and entertainment. Texan Alley will open at 9 a.m., plus beer and wine will be available for sale to the general public. Further details regarding game day activities and events will be announced as the game approaches.

For information regarding Texan Alley, fans should contact the Tarleton Ticket Office at 254-968-1832 or go online (tickets@tarleton.edu).



COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

## TSU has 'parted ways' with women's basketball coach Misty Wilson

### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics Lonni Reisman announced on March 2 that Tarleton has parted ways with women's basketball head coach Misty Wilson, effective immediately.

A TSU media information source was contacted the following day, but indicated that a more specific explanation should not be expected.

"First and foremost, I want to thank Misty Wilson for her nine years at the helm



Wilson

of the Tarleton women's basketball team," Reisman said. "This decision was not an easy one to make. We will begin our search immediately to find the team's next leader."

Wilson just completed her ninth season as head coach of the Texans with a career record of 146-114 (.562). She had been a member of the coaching staff since 2002 following a four-year playing

career at Tarleton.

The Texans ended their 2022-23 campaign on Tuesday, March 21, at 8-21 overall and 2-16 in conference play.

### CLOSING WIN

March 28 was the final game for three of Tarleton's women's basketball players, and the team gave them a perfect parting gift — a win.

Tarleton snapped its longest skid in nearly 30 years with a 74-65 win over Seattle University in the season fi-

nale inside Wisdom Gym.

The Texans (8-21, 2-16 WAC) broke through their 12-game losing streak and improved to 7-7 at home this year, making it their 20th straight season of playing .500+ basketball at home. The Redhawks (5-22, 5-12) lost in their first-ever visit to Stephenville.

In her final collegiate game, TSU's Mayra Caicedo turned in her first double-double of the season with 11 points (9-10 FT), 11 assists, five rebounds and three steals, playing all 40 min-

utes. Her 11 assists matched a season-high and boosted her into the top-10 in program history for single-season assists, matching Kristin Curtis' 140 assists in 1990-91, 10th most. It was the fifth time Caicedo played the entire game this season.

Teresa Da Silva had a game-high 22 points (4-10 3PT), adding three rebounds and two steals in 24 minutes. It marked her eighth 20+ point game of the season and she is now Tarleton's leading scorer in their D1 era at 14.5 points per game. She

also finished with the fourth most three-point makes in a single-season in program history at 65, surpassing Bailey Wipff's (2015-16) and Helena Smith's (1991-92) 63 makes in their respective seasons.

The Texans held a special pregame ceremony for departing players Caicedo, Axelsson and Starr Omooze on Purple Out, with many tears shed and laughs abound ahead of tip-off.

## Raines repeats as WAC 60-meter champ; Texans earn three medals

### TSU Sports Information

SPOKANE, Washington — Tarleton State University's track and field teams wrapped up the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Championships at The Podium on Feb. 25. The Texan men placed seventh and the women placed 10th.

Kevin Baez broke a school record in the men's 3000m, running it in 8:27.83 and

placing 11th.

Junior Angel Contreras followed behind placing 17th with a time of 8:34.28.

The women's 4x400m relay team of Jordan Anglin, Alessa King, Macie Evans and Brenna Lee placed sixth out of 12 squads, running 3:49.02. That was another Tarleton school record.

Sophomore Justin Raines defended his title in the 60m dash, improving yet again as

he ran 6.60 seconds to earn gold and become the 2023 WAC 60m champion. The time was Raines' best yet as he improved on his time from the previous day in the prelims, a then school record 6.65 seconds. Raines also competed in the 60m hurdles, placing fourth running the race in 8.00 seconds.

Freshman Gabriele Tosti earned silver in the men's triple jump, at 15.42m. The

Seriante, Italy, native was just behind the first-place finisher Astley Davis from Southern Utah, who jumped 15.47m. TSU junior Jaden Hall followed right behind Tosti earning bronze and placing third as he jumped 14.76m.

Freshman Ca'terrin Cox medaled in the 60m hurdles, in 7.98 seconds to place second. He was just two hundredths behind the second-

place finisher.

In women's high jump, sophomores Rylee Hennig (1.71m) and Dora van Doremalen (1.68m) placed fourth and fifth, respectively.

Reid Vincent placed sixth in the 60m dash as the other Texan who qualified for the finals aside from Raines. He ran it in 6.78 seconds.

Bonnie Clifton managed a school record in the wom-

en's weight throw as she hurled it 15.90m, breaking her own mark of 15.77m she set earlier this season.

Rounding out the men's results, Ethan Bratton placed 11th in the men's weight throw as he had a mark of 16.14m, good for second all-time in the school record book. Jamariyan Howlett cleared 1.97m in the men's high jump to place ninth.

# Lady Pirate Hamlin named District 5-5A Offensive MVP

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Lady Pirates senior guard Ella Hamlin was named the Offensive Player of the Year in District 5-5A by the league's coaches. Her final points of her senior season, which came against Mansfield Timberview in the second round of the playoffs, gave her 1,500 for her high school career.

Hamlin is one of four Lady Pirates honored. Joining her are junior forward Ella Garner on the first team. Named to the second team are senior guard Madison Black and sophomore forward Kate Hamlin, Ella's younger sister.

## GRANBURY POWERLIFTING

Six Pirates competed in the 5A/6A Regional Meet at Keller Central High School Saturday, March 4 and two will move on to the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene on March 25.

Qualifying as runner-up in their respective weight classes were Braydon Olthoff in the 242 division and Enrique Sanchez in the 275 class.

Also placing were Nhat Hoang, fourth in 123; Tyler Rodgers, sixth in 165; Casen Moore, 10th in the 132; and Miles Cable, 12th in 132.

The Pirates placed eighth out of 36 teams.

Three Lady Pirates placed at the Region 2 Division 1 Meet in Elgin Saturday. Estella Diaz was third, Angelica Perez was fourth and Jessica Aguado took fifth. Diaz and Aguado will be submitted as alternates for the March 18 State Meet.

## GRANBURY TRACK

The Pirates and Lady Pirates competed in the Marshall Young Invitational in Cleburne on Thursday, March 2. Cassidy Kirkpatrick won a pair of gold medals in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 2 inches, and her leap of 17-07.50 topped the long jump.

For the varsity boys, Miller Schenewark won the

high jump, clearing 6-04. Also, Jadon Rogers was second at 5-10.

Bryan Hailey placed third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:58.72. The 400 relay of Soleman Hanchell, Tony DeBello, Rogers and Kanon Lightfoot clocked a 45.87 for third.

## GRANBURY BASEBALL

With a host of returning starters from a squad that reached the second round of the playoffs in 2022, Pirates coach Brad Eppler has plenty of reason for optimism this season.

Returning starters are seniors Tyler Guidry (pitcher/first base, second-team all-district), Cooper Thomas (catcher, first-team all-district) and Garrett Jones (pitcher/shortstop, on disabled list to start season); juniors Braxton Heffernan (outfield, second-team all-district) and Gavin Current (infield); and sophomores Levi Martinez (infield, second-team all-district) and Blake Bramlett (outfield, district Newcomer of the Year).

Additional returning lettermen are seniors James Byrd (pitcher/outfield), Michael Holbrook (pitcher), Ty Halvorson (outfield) and Jaden Poe (outfield).

Sophomore infielder Kyler Crites saw limited time in 2022 but Eppler said he will move to full-time on the varsity this season.

Other newcomers who could have a significant impact, Eppler said, are juniors Hunter Jones (pitcher/infield), Noah Maderis (pitcher/first base), Cooper Brown (pitcher/infield) and Austin Pruett (infield).

"District play will be tough. Aledo and Azle are set up to be at the top,

especially when it comes to depth on the mound," Eppler said. "Rider, Saginaw, Brewer, and Northwest can all play.

"I imagine at the end of the day there will be a team left out of the playoffs that is pretty dang good. We like our chances early in the playoffs, just have to make it there."

In the rain-abbreviated Mike Thompson Southwest Tournament this past weekend, the Pirates (4-6) defeated Cleburne 6-5, Dallas Skyline 10-2 and Seagoville 9-0 with a 6-5 loss to Benbrook.

Leaders for Granbury were:

Vs. Cleburne: Byrd, double, two RBI; Guidry, double, walk, RBI.

Vs. Skyline: Thomas, three hits, double, triple, three RBI; Bramlett, double, walk; Current, double, RBI; Martinez, double, RBI.

Vs. Benbrook: Bramlett, double, two RBI; Thomas, one hit, RBI; Martinez, one hit, RBI.

Vs. Seagoville: Current two hits, double, RBI; Bramlett, two hits, walk; Thomas, two hits; Brown, two hits; Halvorson, double, three RBI. Martinez pitched a two-hitter with six strikeouts and a walk over five innings.

The Pirates are scheduled to be playing in the Northwest ISD Tournament Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11.

## TOLAR BASEBALL

With 10 returners who saw starting time, the Rattlers once again have high hopes. They are back-to-back Class 2A regional quarterfinalists.

Returning are: Senior Jackson LeCluyse, pitcher/infield/outfield, Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-State, Texas Sports Writers Association All-State, district MVP.

Senior Reis Brown, pitcher/infield/outfield, district Pitcher of the Year.

Senior Brock Owens, pitcher/infield, first-team all-district.

Senior Cade Moody, outfield, first-team all-district.



Senior Keaton Morrison, infield, first-team all-district.

Junior Jesse Owen, catcher/pitcher, THSBCA All-State, district Offensive MVP.

Junior Talan Brown, pitcher/infield, back-to-back district Utility Player of the Year.

Junior Clayton Stembridge, outfield, second-team all-district.

Sophomore Talan Culberson, pitcher/infield, district Newcomer of the Year.

The seniors have been starting since they were freshmen.

Sophomore Drake Owens will be new to the starting lineup on the infield, and sophomore infielder/pitcher Hunter Michels will also be pushing for a starting position, coach Lance Alford said.

"Competition for playing time will be intense once basketball is over," Alford said.

As for district, he added, "Santo will always be tough and will be well-coached. Lipan may be in a rebuilding year, but they build on their success from basketball for their competitive edge.

"The expectation is to be playing baseball after graduation and into the first week of June. If we play to the level we know we are capable of and control the things we can, then the sky's the limit for this team."

Missing several players because of the extended basketball season, the Rattlers (0-4-1) participated in the Glen Rose Tournament.

Tolar leaders were: Vs. Glen Rose (8-1 loss): Talon Brown, two hits, RBI. Vs. Boyd (3-1 loss): J. Owen, double.

Vs. Ennis (11-0 loss): Owens and J. Owen, one hit each.

Vs. Stephenville (1-1 tie): LeCluyse, pitched a one-hitter with no earned runs, seven strikeouts and

one walk in eight innings; Hunter Michels, RBI.

The Rattlers are in the Krum Tournament Thursday through Saturday, March 9-11.

## GRANBURY SOFTBALL

After having their own tournament called off because of rain, the Lady Pirates (6-7-2) had no trouble besting Benbrook this past Friday, March 3, winning 20-4 in a game played in Brock. This came after dropping their District 5-5A opener to Brewer in eight innings.

Saturday, they blanked Big Spring 5-0 before falling 9-0 to Brock.

Leaders for Granbury were:

Vs. Benbrook: Kamryn Williams, three hits, walk, four RBI; Lilliam Williams, three hits, triple, three RBI; Hannah DaFoe, two doubles, triple, five RBI, winning pitcher surrendering four hits, no earned runs with four strikeouts and no walks.

Vs. Brewer: L. Williams, two doubles; A. DaFoe yeoman effort pitching, eight innings with nine strikeouts and three walks.

Vs. Big Spring: Carli Carlton one hit, RBI; A. DaFoe 4 innings pitched, two hits, nine strikeouts, one walk.

The Lady Pirates host Wichita Falls Rider on March 13.

## TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers (6-1-1) continued their strong start to the season behind the pitching of Reese Tryon. In the rain-shortened Venus Tournament, they had shutouts of Crowley (5-0) and Dublin (10-0) as Tryon pitched a pair of two hitters with 16 strikeouts and five walks.

Prior to the tournament, Tolar defeated Whitney 3-1 on Feb. 28 as Tryon pitched a two-hitter with no earned runs, 10 strikeouts, no walks and a hit batter. Senne Imel had two hits, as did Lane Gardner

(who also drove in a run), and Allyson Dobbs doubled in a run.

Leading Tolar in tournament hitting were:

Vs. Crowley: Ava LeCluyse, two hits, RBI; Imel, double, walk, RBI; Dobbs, home run, RBI.

Vs. Dublin: LeCluyse three hits; Gardner and Kaira Krause, two hits each; Dobbs, triple.

The Lady Rattlers are set to host Texas Wind Friday, March 10 with a 5:30 p.m. start.

## GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates dropped a heartbreaking shootout to Justin Northwest Friday, March 3, after ending regulation tied at 3-3. The loss eliminated Granbury (4-14-4 overall, 3-7 in District 5-5A) from playoff contention.

Brack Peacock scored two goals and Kevin Aguado added one.

Earlier in the week, Granbury fell 4-0 to Wichita Falls Rider.

The Pirates were slated to finish the season at Aledo Friday starting at 5 p.m.

## GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates dropped a pair of shutouts last week, 5-0 to Wichita Falls Rider and 2-0 to Justin Northwest. Granbury (7-10 overall, 4-6 in District 5-5A) is tied with Azle for the fourth and final playoff berth from district.

The Lady Pirates were playing at Saginaw at press time and will finish the regular season Friday at Aledo, Friday starting at 7 p.m.

## LOOKING BACK

# Sadler, candidate for Texas governor, set 1920 campaign stop in Granbury

From Staff Reports

Looking Back is a column that highlights articles retrieved from local newspaper archives published in years past.

## 83 YEARS AGO

### MAY 1940

An article published May 23, 1940 in The Hood County Tablet announced that a candidate running for governor of Texas was coming to Granbury and predicted his speech on the courthouse lawn would draw the "largest crowd since dedication of the Brazos River Bridge."

The article stated that "Thirty-two year old Jerry Sadler, plain talking junior member of the Texas Railroad Commission" and candidate for Texas governor, was scheduled to speak "on the public square on June 1, "in the interest of his candidacy for governor."

Sadler's story was that one of his ancestors, Captain W.T. Sadler, "fought for the freedom of Texas in the battle of San Jacinto." The candidate had noted, "If you believe that the business of this state should continue to be run by a select few mil-



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The gravestone of Jerry Sadler, who gave a speech in Granbury in 1940 during his campaign for governor of Texas, is pictured, from its location in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. Sadler served the country with two stints in the Army, then went on to be elected to the Texas House of Representatives before being commissioner of the Texas General Land Office from 1961-1971.

lionaires and their minions, promising you the rainbow, and giving you alibis and bitter ashes of disappointment,

then Jerry Sadler cannot be your candidate for governor. You have other choices.

"But if you believe that the

office of governor should once more be returned to the people of this state and your duly elected representatives,

then Jerry Sadler is your candidate. If you believe that the old people of this state should be limited to no pension at all or to a mere pittance as is now the case, then Jerry Sadler is not your man. "But, if you believe that our deserving old folks should be paid every possible dollar under the laws of this state and the United States, then Jerry Sadler is your candidate."

According to Wikipedia, Gerald Anthony Sadler served two different stints in the Army — 1927-1929, and in 1942. He was in the Texas House of Representatives from 1955-1961, was with the Texas Railroad Commission from 1938-1942, and was the 23rd commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, from 1961-1971. Unfortunately for Mr. Sadler, he died at age 74 in February of 1982, and his resume did not include being elected governor of Texas.

## 103 YEARS AGO

### JULY 1920

An article published in The Granbury News on Friday, July 2, 1920 had a headline with the wording, "That Glen Rose Road" — reporting

that "A delegation of Glen Rose businessmen came up Tuesday to confer with our citizens regarding some needed improvements on the road to Granbury."

The article noted that the road had "become almost impassable and will result in the cutting out of the mail line unless something is done."

A judge who was chairman for the meeting had said "that \$1,000 had been lying in (a) bank since last February to be used on this road," according to the article. Two committees were formed, with the following residents named: A.E. Firmin, W.H. Cherry, L.G. Waltrip, J.N. Nutt, Dr. Morgan (no first name given), Barney Green, J.T. Price, D.O. Baker, S.H. Cook, H.L. Nutt, and W.E. Fairman.

The committees were to have a "mass meeting of citizens" at the courthouse," the story noted.

The article concluded, "We believe this move will result in at least putting the Glen Rose road in passable condition, and we should thank our neighbors for that town for stirring up interest in this important matter."

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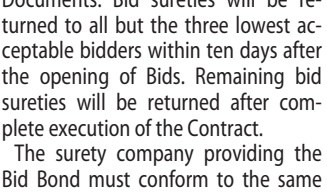
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# LADY INDIANS CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

## Fundamentals, defense key to title as Lipan tops defending champion

BY RICK MAUCH  
Special to the Hood County News

In the end it came down to fundamentals — which Lipan basketball teams have done so well over the years.

Lipan's Lady Indians (35-3) won their third state championship and second in the past three seasons Saturday, going 8-for-8 at the free throw line in the final 1:02 to defeat last year's state champion Gruver (30-6) 53-48 in the Class 2A state final at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Hanna Gaylor was 6-for-6 in that span. In all, the Lady Indians were 19-of-23 at the foul line.

"That's a lot of pressure, for them to be able to step up and handle it, that was just amazing," Lipan head coach Amber Branson said.

Also, in the final 22 seconds, the Lady Indians forced the Lady Hounds into missing a pair of layups. They outscored Gruver 11-4 in the final 1:52.

"It feels like a dream, all praise to God," coach Branson said. "I know it's just a basketball game, but it means so much to our town, it means so much to these girls, right now it's just kind of surreal."

Senior Chelsea Lott led Lipan in her final game with 16 points, six rebounds and three steals. Lott was named as the Most Valuable Player of the championship game, and Taylor Branson — daughter of the head coach — joined her on the state all-tournament team along with two players from Gruver and one from state semifinalist Hearne.

Lott's day included three clutch three-pointers in the fourth quarter.

"I looked up at the scoreboard and thought, 'Why not?' So I let it fly," Lott said. "And everyone said, 'Well, you made that one, next one's going to go in, too.' I wanted to win real bad, so I was doing it."

Also, sophomore Taylor Branson held Gruver stand-out Brenlee Butler — who is going to play for Oklahoma State University — to six points.

"All year long Taylor has done that to people," coach Branson said. "This kid was a rock star today."

The win was the second nail-biter in two days for the Lady Indians, who defeated Martin's Mill 32-31 in Friday's semifinal.

"We talked about both days just riding the wave, whether we're up on top or down, just riding because we knew it was going to be back and forth," coach Branson said.

The major difference in the game was at the free throw line. Gruver was 11-of-16. Otherwise, each team made 11 two-point baskets, Lipan had four threes and Gruver had five.

And while Gruver had a 26-21 rebound advantage, Lipan only turned the ball over five times while forcing 13 miscues.

Along with Lott, Lady Indian seniors include Madison Harrison, Jolie Russell, Lynsey Little, Savannah Green, Ellie Peacock and Trinity Benitez. Their roster also featured five juniors, two sophomores and a freshman.

The Lady Indians previously won state championships in 2016 and 2021.

Lipan ended the season with a 16-game win streak and ended Gruver's run of 17 in a row.

### SEMIFINALS

Lipan 32, Martin's Mill 31  
Sometimes it's not how much you score, but when you score.

And Lynsey Little scored her only two points of the game Friday, March 3, at a time the Lady Indians needed them most.

In a game that was every bit as close as the score indicates, the Lady Indians held



The joy and emotion of winning the Class 2A girls state basketball championship shows on the faces of the Lady Indians after they overcame defending champion Gruver, 53-49, in the title game Saturday in San Antonio.

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off their rival to return to the state final. Neither team had a lead of more than five points in the contest.

With 5:09 remaining in the game, the Lady Mustangs scored to take a 31-28 lead on a three-pointer by Kate Lindley. It would be their final points of the season.

Taylor Branson pulled the Lady Indians to within a point with a jumper at the 3:19 mark, aided by an assist from Little. Then, after a steal by Branson, Little scored the game-winning points on a layup with 2:25.

From there, Lipan used

its stern defense to hold on. Possible go-ahead scoring opportunities for Martin's Mill were averted with steals by Branson and Chelsea Lott.

From the time of Little's basket to the end of the game, Martin's Mill managed a single shot. That was coming out of a timeout following a missed Lipan free throw and a Lady Mustangs rebound with five seconds left.

"It was a battle of two great teams," coach Branson said. "Both teams were well-prepared, worked hard. It was just a fun game."

Lipan used a 9-2 run over

the second quarter to go up 19-15 at the half. The Lady Indians led 28-26 entering the final quarter.

"It's too bad someone had to lose," coach Branson said of Saturday's game, adding with a smile, "I'm glad it wasn't us."

The statistics were, likewise, virtually even. Lipan shot 33% from two-point range (6-of-18), compared to 35% for Martin's Mill (8-of-23). The Lady Indians shot 35% from three-point distance (6-of-17) and the Lady Mustangs hit 31% (5-of-16). Lipan had seven turnovers to nine for

Martin's Mill, and the Lady Mustangs held a 26-25 rebound advantage.

And while neither team did much at the free throw line, Lipan did make two of its six attempts compared to not sending the Lady Mustangs to the foul line the entire game. The Lady Indians committed just seven fouls in the contest, compared to 11 for Martin's Mill.

That was a stark contrast to their first meeting, a 49-45 Lady Mustangs victory, when the two met in Martin's Mill on Nov. 19 and combined to shoot 54. Lipan hit 13-of-22 free throws that day and the Lady Mustangs made 19-of-32.

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Lipan (34-3) 32, Martin's Mill (31-7), 31  
Gruver (30-5) 45, Hearne (33-9) 32

### Lipan box score

Martin's Mill 13 2 11 5 — 31  
Lipan 10 9 9 4 — 32

Lipan scoring: Hanna Gaylor 10, Taylor Branson 8, Ashlyn Clark 5, Chelsea Lott 4, Trinity Benitez 3, Lynsey Little 2.

Lipan rebound leaders: Madison Harrison 5, T. Benitez 4.

Lipan assists leader: T. Benitez 3.  
Lipan steals leader: Branson 3.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, March 4  
Lipan (35-3) 54, Gruver (30-6) 48

### Lipan box score

Gruver 10 10 12 16 — 48  
Lipan 11 11 12 19 — 53

Lipan scoring: Lott 16, Branson 12, T. Benitez 10, Gaylor 8, Little 5, Clark 2.

Lipan rebounds leader: Lott 6.  
Lipan assist leaders: Branson 3, Little 3.

Lipan steals leader: Lott 3.

### EXTRA!

Be sure to check the upcoming Saturday edition for more photo coverage of the Lady Indians.

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# INDIANS TOP RIVAL, RETURN TO STATE

## Despite loss, Rattlers had record season

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

On the same day their Lady Indian counterparts won the Class 2A girls state basketball championship, the Lipan Indians stamped their return to the state tournament with a 43-30 victory over rival Tolar in the Region 2 final at McKinney North High School Saturday, March 4.

The Indians (36-1), who are 75-2 over the past two seasons, now look to seal the deal on dual championships at the Alamodome in San Antonio this weekend. While the programs have seven state championships between them, the Lipan girls and boys have never won a title in the same season.

"It's been a fun couple of weeks," Indians head coach Brent Gaylor said. "We're so proud of the girls winning a championship, and we're still getting to play, and that's a great thing."

The Indians will meet New Home (31-7) in the first Class 2A semifinal Friday at 8:30 a.m. The winner will take on the winner between Larue LaPoynor (32-7) and Flatonina (34-4), Friday's 10 a.m. matchup. That boys state title game is set for Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Lipan is seeking its fifth state championship and LaPoynor is going for No. 6. New Home is going for its first and is in the tournament for the first time since 1989, while Flatonina is making its first appearance.

Between them, Lipan (14) and LaPoynor (11) have 25 state appearances.

"We're hoping to go one step farther than we did last year, which was one step farther than the year before," Gaylor said.

The Indians came within one victory of a perfect season a year ago. They were 39-0 before fall-

ing to Clarendon 65-51 in the state championship game. It was also Clarendon that eliminated them in the semifinals two years ago, 68-47, en route to the first of back-to-back titles.

"It left a bad taste, but we're blessed to have good kids. They do all the things coaches ask," Gaylor said.

The Indians versus New Home contest will be a rematch. The Indians defeated New Home 65-28 earlier this season when the Leopards were just coming out of a 13-2 football season. Lipan does not play football.

"I told our kids that was the Old Home and this is the New Home," Gaylor said.

Despite Saturday's loss, Tolar (30-8) set program records for most victories in a season and for the Rattlers' deepest playoff run. Three of their losses came to Lipan, the first two in District 11-2A.

"They are really great. They are going to be really hard to beat at state," Tolar coach Scott Richardson said of his team.

Lipan led 27-14 at the half before the Rattlers closed to within eight points in the fourth quarter. However, on three straight trips down the court with a chance to make it a two-possession game, Tolar turned the ball over.

A big difference in the game was three-pointers. Lipan made six, including four by Garrett Smith, while

Tolar hit three.

Smith led all scorers with 16 points, while Tripp Phillips added nine. Tolar was led in scoring by Merritt Imel with 13 points and Matthew Behrens scored six.

Richardson said he told his team after the game, "I told them I love them and thanks for being a part of that special run. They set a new standard for Tolar basketball.

"Our seniors are great leaders." The Rattlers will return four players next season.

"We graduated six of 10 last year and look what we did this year," Richardson said.

Gaylor praised Richardson and the Rattlers for their success this season.

"Hats off to coach Richardson and Tolar on a great season," Gaylor said. "It's amazing the success they've had in his two seasons. I told (Merritt) Imel he's a great player, I just wish he were a senior so we don't have to see him again next year."

### SEMIFINALS

#### Lipan 69, Wolfe City 51

The Indians built a 39-18 halftime advantage and stretched it to 60-32 after three quarters en route to a return to the regional finals.

In winning their 21st straight game, the Indians dominated from two-point range. They hit 24 while limiting the Wolves (19-15) to just nine.

The Indians were led in scoring by Tate Branson and Smith with 18 points each. Branson had three of Lipan's four three-point baskets.

Also, Phillips scored 17 points and Reese Cook added 10.

#### Tolar 53, Sam Rayburn 33

The Rattlers' record victory was convincing from the outset as they jumped out to a 29-9 lead over Sam

Rayburn (29-7) after the first half. Reis Brown led Tolar with 21 points that included a trio of three-pointers. Imel added a dozen points and Isaac Blessing tallied eight.

Two big differences in the game were two-point baskets (Tolar made 15, Sam Rayburn made nine) and free throws (Tolar was 11-of-22, Sam Rayburn was 3-of-4).

### CLASS 2A BOYS STATE

#### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Alamodome, San Antonio

Friday-Saturday, March 10-11

Semifinals, Friday

Lipan (36-1) vs. New Home (31-7), 8:30 a.m.

LaPoynor (32-7) vs. Flatonina (34-4), 10 a.m.

Championship, Saturday

Semifinal winners, 1:30 p.m.

### LIPAN INDIANS

#### Region 2 champions

Texas Association of Basketball Coaches state ranking: No. 1

How they got here: Defeated Valley Mills 83-38 in bi-district, defeated Cisco 60-43 in area, defeated Itasca 37-24 in regional quarterfinals, defeated Wolfe City 69-51 in regional semifinals, defeated Tolar 43-30 in regional final.

Win streak: 22.

State tournament appearances: 1953, 59, 94, 98, 2003, 04, 05, 06, 09, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23

State championships: 1994, 2005, 2017, 2018.

### NEW HOME LEOPARDS

#### Region 1 champions

TABC state ranking: 5.

How they got here: Defeated McCamey 89-31 in bi-district, defeated Sterling City 76-41 in area, defeated Christoval 53-36 in regional quarterfinals, defeated New Deal 60-32 in regional semifinals, defeated Floydada 76-65 in regional final.

Win streak: 18.

State tournament appearances: 1989,



2023.

State championships: None.

### LARUE LAPOYNOR FLYERS

#### Region 3 champions

TABC state ranking: 2.

How they got here: Defeated Lovelady 79-58 in bi-district, defeated Dawson 85-41 in area, defeated Grapeland 88-74 in regional quarterfinals, defeated Timpson 68-57 in regional semifinals, defeated Martin's Mill 53-43 in regional final.

Win streak: 19.

State tournament appearances: 1970, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 85, 95, 2020, 22, 23.

State championships: 1972, 1973, 1975, 1985, 1995.

### FLATONINA BULLDOGS

#### Region 4 champions

TABC state ranking: 10.

How they got here: Defeated Thrall 89-56 in bi-district, defeated Evadale 69-43 in area, defeated Milano 62-50 in regional quarterfinals, defeated Port Aransas 46-43 in regional semifinals, defeated Thorndale 65-54 in regional final.

Win streak: 7.

State tournament appearances: 2023.

State championships: None.

### EXTRA!

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## Lipan senior awarded \$10,000 scholarship

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

A Hood County student's passion for agriculture paid off in more ways than one during the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo last month.

Cameron (Camey) Powers, a senior at Lipan High School and 4-H member, was awarded a \$10,000

scholarship on Feb. 11 after being crowned the Agricultural Public Speaking Champion in the Senior Agricultural Policy/Agribusiness category.

"Ag policy deals with legislation and policy relating to agricultural events and issues," Powers said in an interview with the HCN. "What makes a good speech is something that everybody cares about,

and something that would impact everybody."

Her speech titled "When Care Becomes Cruelty," centered around Initiative 16, a ballot initiative that was proposed in Colorado in 2021. The ballot initiative would have criminalized farmers, ranchers, and veterinarians who use accepted animal husbandry practices — like spaying

and neutering, birthing assistance, and reproductive practices — to care for animals.

"It was basically going to cause upheaval in every single animal husbandry practice because it deemed artificial insemination as rape, and they deemed any sort of touching of an animal's genitals as rape or sexual assault because an animal cannot consent," Powers

explained. "Essentially, it outlawed slaughter of an animal until they were a quarter of the way into their natural lifespan, which would obviously cause huge economic impacts."

Initiative 16 is a topic that Powers feels very strongly about. In fact, she gave this same speech

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From left: Paul Petty, Mike Brewer, Vickie DiGiovanni, and Tim Payne are among the dedicated Hood County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers who are educated in disaster preparedness.

## I'VE BEEN THINKING March 8 is International Women's Day



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.

Today's woman is expected to be all things to all people, and most women seem to have the inability to say "No" to increased demands upon her time and energy. Although today is International Women's Day, this column will focus on the American woman and the health concerns with which she must deal. Various sources list the leading causes of women's health concerns, and some of these lists may vary. But there are four that top all listings.

Heart Disease — More than one in three women have some type of cardiovascular or heart disease. According to the Center for Disease Control, 56% of women do not recognize heart disease as the leading cause of death for them. In at least 98% of these deaths, the woman has at least one of the following major factors: smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, overweight, physical inactivity, or diabetes.

Cancer — Three major health concerns for women fall under this category: Breast, ovarian, and cervical. Breast cancer can be detected early by monthly self-exams. Symptoms can include a lump, bloody discharge, and changes in the shape or texture of the breast. Treatment depends on the stage of cancer. It may consist of chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgery.

Ovarian cancer is the second gynecological concern for women. Symptoms are often subtle and may include the following: abdominal bloating or swelling, quickly feeling full when eating, weight loss, discomfort in the pelvic area, fatigue, back pain, changes in bowel habits, or frequent urination. Tests for this cancer include a pelvic exam, ultrasound, CT scan, CA-125 blood test, or biopsy. Ovarian cancer often goes undetected until the cancer spreads outside the ovaries.

Cervical cancer is the third gynecological concern for women. It is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). The HPV infection is common and often goes away on its own. However, it can lead to cervical cancer. This is the most common type of cancer that affects women of all ages worldwide. This cancer develops very slowly and can take years or even decades for the abnormal changes in the cervix to become invasive cancer cells. Cervical cancer might develop faster in people with weaker immune systems, but it will still likely take at least five years. Who is most likely to get cervical cancer? The potential for high-risk HPV infection that is persistent and ultimately leads to cervical cancer is higher in people who become sexually active before age 18 and those who have had multiple

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## PREPARING FOR 'WHAT IFS'

### Hood County CERT offering free disaster training beginning March 20

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Ammy Jo Schenewark was driving home from dropping off her son at a middle school event one Saturday morning when she came upon a massive house fire.

Using skills that she learned from Hood County CERT, a local disaster training course, Schenewark woke up residents, used fire extinguishers near propane tanks, and made sure other bystanders could assist in providing 911 with the necessary information.

"No one was up, no one was in the area, and no one was on the way to help," she said. "I believe being trained in emergency situations better prepares you to assist when you encounter yourself in one."

And that's exactly why Hood County CERT was formed several years ago.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area — like severe thunderstorms, wildfires, and tornadoes in Hood County.

Vickie DiGiovanni, CERT training coordinator and instructor, is one local resident whose family was severely impacted by a tornado.

"I have always been the type of person who is ready and willing to help," she said, in an email to the HCN. "(But) in 1998, I, along with my family, found ourselves on the end of needing vs. giving when our home was struck by an F5 tornado. What we experienced in the aftermath and the months following that tornado demonstrated that there is always more that can be done to prepare, to help, but planning and preparation are a MUST before that disaster strikes — (because) after may be too late."



Hood County CERT basic training course begins March 20.

The CERT Basic Training course was created to teach individuals what to do before, during, and after the hazards their communities may face, according to the CERT website.

According to a Hood County CERT information webpage, the training has been available nationally since 1993, through FEMA.

The 20-hour free course trains individuals in basic disaster response skills, such as first-aid, disaster medical operations, disaster psychology (how to relate to people who are in stressful situations), fire safety, utility controls, light search and rescue, and how to recognize terrorism.

"If you've never used a fire extinguisher — or don't know there are different types of fire extinguishers — don't know how to turn off access to gas lines or water main lines, or how to assist at the scene of an accident while waiting for help to arrive,

this class is for you," Schenewark said. "CERT helps you be more prepared, and helps you think outside of the box — as no emergency incident is ever the same — and sometimes we need more than the literal and figurative 'tools in our toolbox.'"

The CERT basic training course will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, March 20 through April 1. Once individuals finish all 20 hours of instruction, they will receive a CERT basic certification qualifying them to apply for membership on a CERT team, either locally or in another state.

Attendance at all six classes is required in order to receive CERT certification on graduation day Saturday, April 1.

"When people ask why they should join CERT, I ask them a few questions," said Tim Payne, CERT trainer and instructor. "What if your luck runs out? Are you and your neighbors ready to

come out swinging after a disaster? Can you help yourselves for the first few hours and reduce the burden on professional responders? Don't you want to be survivors and not victims? The second that tornado, wildfire, or flood arrives, the answers become really important."

Paul Petty, CERT quartermaster, trainer, and instructor, has been a CERT member since 2001, which he said has given him numerous opportunities to help neighbors during and after disasters.

"CERT training gives you extra tools to help your family and neighbors in the time of a disaster," he said. "Besides the confidence that I do know what to do if a disaster happens, I have gone on to become a CERT certified trainer, which has given me the opportunity to train others."

Classes for the CERT Basic Training course will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays from



COURTESY OF LORI POWERS

Lipan High School senior Camey Powers, middle, was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship at the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo on Feb. 11, after being crowned the Agricultural Public Speaking Champion in the Senior Agricultural Policy/Agribusiness category.

## LIPAN

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last year during the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo.

“As an Ag person, and as somebody who has lots of friends who are livestock producers, (Initiative 16) is an issue that affects all of us,” she said. “Agriculture is something that I really care about, so the speeches are about ‘How do we address these issues so that we can ensure agriculture has a place to continue?’”

Ever since she was nine years old, Powers has been

attending the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo and has been competing in the horse judging division, but this was her first year to be awarded for a speech.

“Last year, winning a horse judging meant a lot to me — that was my first \$10,000 scholarship from San Antonio,” she said. “But I’ve been saying that speech for a year. Last year, I took that speech to San Antonio, and I got like third place, but just being able to see my public speaking improve over the past year meant a lot to me.”

Not only did she receive

a monetary award, but Powers was also able to educate a few agriculturists through her speech.

“In FFA, we have what’s called the FFA Creed,” she said. “It’s a five-paragraph creed, written in 1928, and it basically outlines the values that we are to have as agriculturists. It basically outlines we’re supposed to create a space for agriculture to continue to exist, because it’s necessary, so to me, that’s what public speaking is for. Every single time I go to one of these contests, there’s always somebody who approaches

me afterwards that says ‘I didn’t know about that. That’s crazy.’ These organizations in agriculture as a whole have given me so much, so it’s just rewarding to be able to educate and give back; that’s what keeps me going.”

While originally from Lubbock, Powers said being able to continue to compete in horse judging with her lifelong friends in San Antonio is also special to her.

“The thing about San Antonio is that it brings us all together,” she said. “Winning San Antonio, my

friends get to be there and see that for me and that’s been pretty meaningful every time.”

Following graduation from Lipan High School, Powers will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station.

“I’m committed to horse judge at A&M so I’ll be starting with them in the fall and studying animal science for my undergrad,” she said. “Hopefully the goal will be to go back to be a professor of equine/animal sciences, and then coach their collegiate horse judging team.”

Powers added that she is

“very grateful” for her agricultural opportunities, for Lipan FFA, and for her mentors: Dr. Christy Petry at West Texas A&M University, and her mother, Lori.

“I’ve had some incredible mentors along the way,” she added. “Dr. Christy Petry, she has been with me for 10 years. She has coached me in judging and speaking, and it’s pretty much her and my mom. I have had a great example of really strong women in my life, and I’m just grateful.”

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## THINKING

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sexual partners.

Stroke — Someone in the United States suffers a stroke approximately every 40 seconds, and a person dies as a result of the stroke every four minutes. Sixty percent of these deaths occur in women. Many who survive become temporarily or permanently disabled. Could you recognize the warning signs of a person having a stroke? Remember the FAST rule: Face drooping, Arm weakness or numbness, Speech problems, Time to call 911! Time is critical in treating a stroke patient because additional brain tissue is affected by each passing minute.

There are two major types of stroke. The most common is the “ischemic” stroke when flood flow through the artery that supplies oxygen-rich blood to the brain becomes blocked. The second type of stroke is “the hemorrhagic” stroke when an artery in the brain leaks blood or ruptures and either floods the brain tissue with blood or causes bleeding in the area between the brain and the thin tissue covering it.

In addition to the two major types of strokes, there is another type called a “transient ischemic attack” (TIA) that is also known as a mini-stroke. When this occurs, the blood flow to the brain is blocked for only a short time — usually five minutes

or more, and this limits the damage to the brain.

Depression — True clinical depression is quite different than the usual “blues” most of us experience from time to time for perhaps a couple of weeks. Clinical depression can last anywhere from weeks or months and, in some cases, throughout one’s life. Its severity interferes with one’s daily life. Women are affected at twice the rate of men, while men with depression are more likely to die by suicide.

There are also gender differences in the way symptoms are experienced.

Clinical depression can take several forms. Some examples are: Major Depressive Disorder, Persistent Depressive

Disorder (Dysthymia), Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), and Postpartum Depression. With the advances in mental health treatment, hope is high on the horizon. Many people in the spotlight have achieved many of their goals while living with this health concern. Such people include Dick Cavett, Sheryl Crow, Ashley Judd, Jim Carrey, Judy Collins, Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, Brooke Shields, Kirsten Dunst, Buzz Aldrin, and Terry Bradshaw.

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“The CERT Basic Training class last winter served to reaffirm that we need to take care of ourselves, remain safe, but then be ready to assist in ways that are indeed helpful to our neighbors, our community, and to those professionally trained responders that may not get to us for hours or days

after that disaster strikes,” DiGiovanni added. “Are you ready? I am happy to say that I am more so than I was back in 1998, partly because of my CERT training and additional classes I take each month to help me stay sharp and ready. What about YOU?”

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

**EVERY SUNDAY**

**STARTING A New Life** is a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. This in-

cludes the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or close friend. For the past 26 years this group has helped people work through their grief process. If you, or someone you know, is suffering from the loss of a loved one, come or bring them to our next session that begins March 19, 2023. We are Christian based, nondenominational, and welcome all who are suffering. We meet 3-5 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish Hall of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. For more information, call Ben Bradley at: 575.706.5703 or Sherry Birmingham 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).

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

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**EVERY FRIDAY**

**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.

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**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.

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

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**FOURTH TUESDAY**

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

**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.

# CALENDAR

**TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County News to inform readers of programs, special meetings and nonprofit events. The event should be open to the public and free to attend. Email the who, what, when and where. Include the meeting location and a street address for the location. The topic for the meeting, program or guest speaker must be included. Email to [calendar@hcnews.com](mailto:calendar@hcnews.com).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

**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>

**LAKE GRANBURY** Medical Center-Healthy Connections will host a special lunch presentation with Kira Butler, M.D. She will be discussing Women's Cancers. The presentation will take place on March 8 at 1321 Water's Edge Dr., Suite 100, Granbury, TX. For more information or to RSVP call 817-579-2979

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

**THE GRANBURY** Women's Club, 306 North Travis Street will meet March 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a light meal. Errol Flannery, member of the Texas Heroes Foundation will present "David Crockett Comes To Texas". All women who are interested may contact Club President, Donna Engel at 817-219-3246 for additional information or to register for the meeting.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

**LAKE GRANBURY** Medical Center-Healthy Connections will host a special brunch presentation with Darren Rape, PA. He will be discussing Pain Management. The presentation will take place on March 10 at 10 a.m. at 1321 Water's Edge Dr., Suite 100, Granbury,

TX. For more information or to RSVP call 817-579-2979

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

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC** Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Guest speaker: Mendi Tackett will talk about

school libraries, legislation and litigation. 11:00 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. Details: 254-716-5195.

**DAV GRANBURY** Memorial Chapter 238 will hold their monthly business meeting on Monday, March 13, 7 to 8 p.m. at 3601 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX. For more information contact Chris Georgopoulos, Adjutant at 682-719-5560.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

**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>

**HOOD COUNTY** Republican Women March meeting will

be held at the New Granbury Police department, located at 2050 NE Loop 567, Granbury, 76048 on March 15, 2023. The meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. This month Chief Mitch Galvin will speak and give a tour of the new police department. A light lunch will be served. We hope to see you there.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

**HOOD COUNTY** Democratic Club meets every 3rd Thursday of every month. Snacks and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., meeting time is 7 to 9 p.m. at Annex 1 located at 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX. For more information text to 817-233-5453.

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR | B6

**The Cost of a Decision**  
These kids are facing a decision about spending money. What would you do?

These ZING sneakers are super popular with the kids at my school. But they cost \$69 a pair!

These generic sneakers cost \$29. They're not nearly as fancy as the ZING sneakers, though.

Which pair of sneakers should Kevin choose? Give at least two reasons to explain your choice.

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A lot of young movie stars wear the jeans at left. They are \$80. The generic ones in the middle are \$30. And the used pair at right is \$8 at the thrift store.

Which pair of jeans should Emma choose? Give at least two reasons for your choice.

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Which is the best deal? The small can of fruit juice or the 64 ounce size?

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**Double Double Word Search**

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

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

**Game Night!**

Can you come up with a family fun game night that costs \$0?

Can you add up all the coins you see on this page?

**Extra! Extra!**

**It All Adds Up**

Find four 4-digit numbers in the newspaper. Copy the numbers onto a piece of paper and add them together. Repeat with 5-digit and 6-digit numbers.

Standards Link: Math: Addition.

**Kid Scoop Together**

**Change Maker**

With a BLUE crayon, circle the coins that add up to the amount shown on the top coin purse. Then, use a RED crayon to circle the coins that add up to the amount shown on the bottom coin purse. Have a family member check your work. You should have 5¢ left over if you circled the correct coins.

Standards Link: Math: Add money amounts.

# Hood County SCENE

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

## MARTY HAGGARD

Honoring dad while living own memorable life

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

**M**arty Haggard, son of country music legend Merle Haggard, remembers the best advice his dad ever gave him.

"He told me, 'Be yourself. Don't say what you think they want to hear,'" Marty said. "When dad wrote songs and sang them it was about his life, and he was just a regular guy who was exactly what you saw. When is honesty never attractive?"

"Dad's concept of America was the same as mine. When I talk about my allegiance, I'm not talking about the government. I love this country and the people in it — and there are good people in it."

Marty, 64, has carved his own niche in the music industry. Between 1981 and 1987 he charted five country singles on the Hot Country Songs charts and in 1985 he received a nomination for Top New Male Vocalist from the Academy of Country Music.

These days, however, he can be found most of the time enjoying life with his wife Tess and their son Jamey — named after Marty's late best friend — on their land just outside of Shreveport.

"We have a bunch of chickens and a cat," he said with a laugh.

Marty also has two daughters from his first marriage, and he regularly stays in touch with them.

He still performs regularly, mostly paying tribute to his late dad. He will be at Granbury Live Saturday, March 11 starting at 7 p.m. doing just that.

"It's a nice little room to hear what I have to do," Marty said of Granbury Live. "I'm not an entertainer. I'm a sharer."

And Marty has a lot to share besides music. For one thing, he's lucky to still be alive and performing.

### LEFT FOR DEAD

Marty began an acting career in his teens and had a recurring role in the CBS drama "The Fitzpatricks," along with a bit part in a TV movie starring Henry Fonda named "Com-tac 303" that was released in 1977. While driving from his home in Bakersfield, California to the filming location of the TV movie he picked up a hitchhiker, who then shot him and left him for dead.

Fighting to stay alive, he drove for 15 miles before spotting a 13-year-old girl who called an ambulance for him.

"The minute he shot me and the bullet hit my body I went into shock," Marty said. "The only thing I could think of was getting back to Bakersfield."

"I was dying. I pulled in and there was a little girl waiting at the bus stop. It was around 5:30 in the morning. I opened the door and rolled out. It must have scared her incredibly, but she sat there with me, brushing my hair while we waited on the ambulance. She gave me a reason to keep my eyes open."

"I don't know her name, but Father in Heaven sent her my way. I am no

longer a believer, I'm a knower."

Marty is devout in his Christianity and loves to share his faith with anyone who will listen. He also said that while he believes in eternal glory, in the meantime this life will still have challenges.

"The Bible said 'From cradle to grave there shall be pain, sorrow and suffering,'" he said, adding, "He didn't say, 'Except for you.'"

In 1995, after stopping at a church in Conway, Arkansas, he decided to take up music ministry. He recorded a couple of country-gospel albums.

In 1987 Marty experienced another tragedy when he was in a head-on motor vehicle accident.

He lost his memory for an entire year and it was four years before he was almost fully recovered.

Almost, because, "I still have big black holes in the memory of my life," he said. "Maybe it's a blessing. Scripture says there are no memories in Heaven."

"My career was over. I lost relationships, but I never forgot about Jesus."

Marty recalled going to the store for milk and disappearing for three days.

"And I didn't even remember it," he said. "It was a horrible period."

Marty credits his fighting spirit to his mother.

"She's my hero. I love my dad, but my mom's my hero," he said. "She influenced me more than anybody."

### RAISED IN A BOXCAR

Marty was raised in a railroad boxcar. He returned to it to live in adulthood before leaving his dad's band to go to Nashville in 1985. It is now a museum in Bakersfield.

"It was in my grandma's will that no one would touch that boxcar until I was done with it," he said.

His grandfather, who worked for Santa Fe Railroad, acquired the boxcar to turn into a temporary residence while he built himself and Marty's grandmother a new home. Then, in 1956 Merle and Marty's mother moved into it.

"It wasn't because he was poor, it was because he was building another house," Marty said of his grandfather. "My dad wasn't raised in poverty like some people believe."

"That old boxcar was something else, though. It wasn't level. You'd be walking to the bathroom and you'd go uphill."

Marty played with Merle for several years and joined his father on the road even when he was a child as young as 9. While he didn't realize it at the time, he learned some valuable lessons.

"There's a lot you learn and you don't even know you're learning it,"

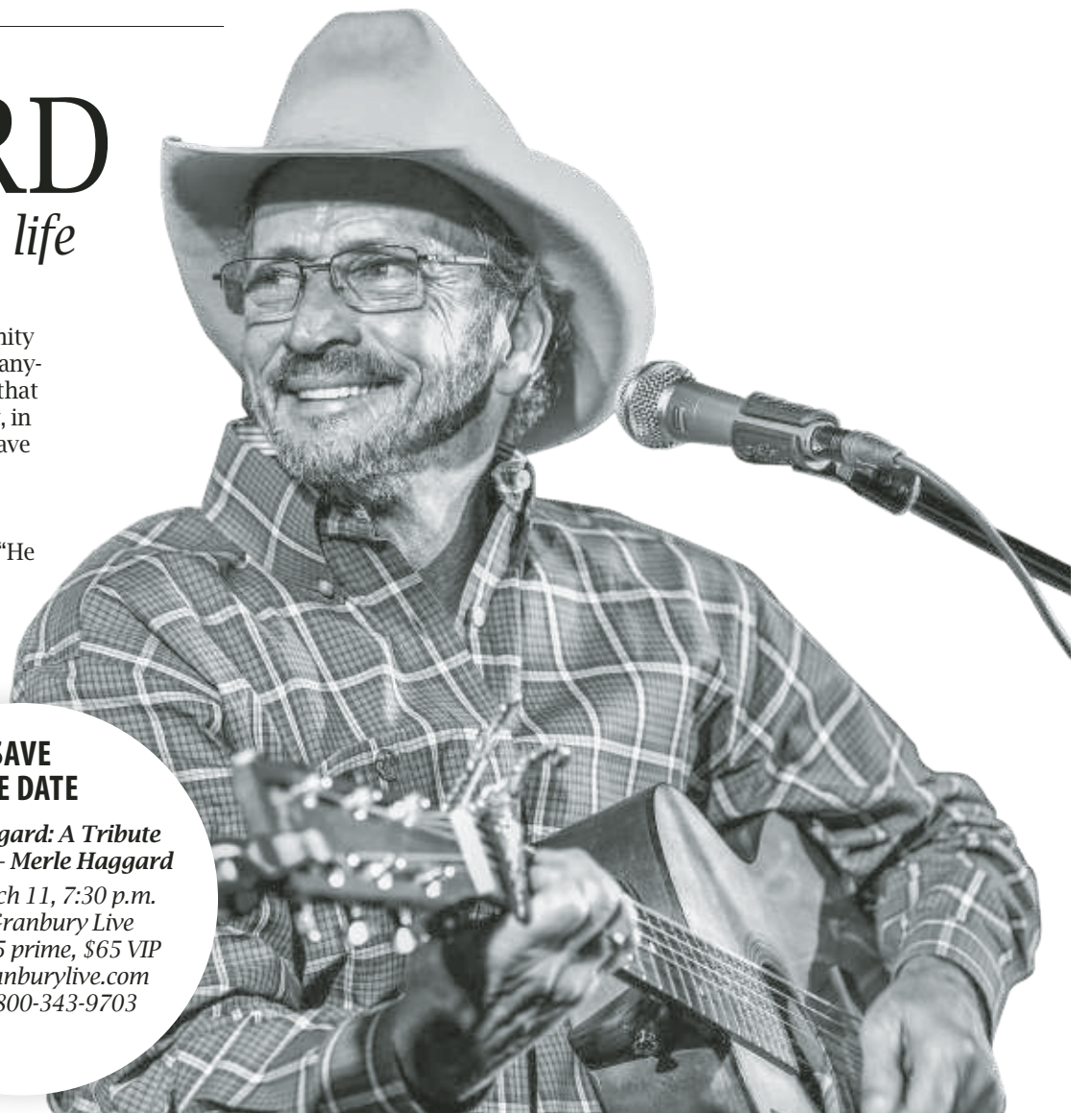
### SAVE THE DATE

**Marty Haggard: A Tribute to My Dad — Merle Haggard**

When: March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Granbury Live

Tickets: \$55 prime, \$65 VIP  
thenewgranburylive.com  
or call 1-800-343-9703



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### MARTY HAGGARD

Singer/Songwriter

he said. "Mostly, I learned honesty."

"Onstage, Dad was so good. The biggest thing I learned from him was to be the same guy onstage as you are off — and that's exactly what I am. There was not one iota of phony about my dad and the same is true with me."

"There's something about a man telling you the truth."

Marty and his older sister Dana played together for three years starting in 1979 before she ended up leaving the music business. While other siblings also went into the music business, Marty never performed with them.

### HIS NAMESAKE

Marty was named after another country music legend, Marty Robbins, who toured with Merle in the 1970s. Marty and Marty became good friends and when Robbins passed away in 1982 Marty was a pallbearer at his funeral.

"He was down to earth and funny. He had a sharp sense of humor," Marty recalled.

Sometimes in concert, Marty will pay tribute to Robbins. His favorite song to remember him with is "Don't Worry About Me."

"I do a little impersonation, but I'm not very good at sounding like him. He had an unforgettable voice," Marty said.

Marty doesn't consider himself to be in "the music business" anymore. He pretty much only goes to Nashville when he's asked to perform at the Grand Ole Opry.

But he does still love singing and knowing folks are enjoying listening. "As long as I know I'm singing in pitch I'm gonna keep on singing," he said. "I want to be like Ray Price and still singing my best when I die."

When Marty was born, Merle was serving time in San Quentin prison after trying to rob a Bakersfield roadhouse to feed his family during hard financial times. He was released in 1960 and later pardoned by then California Governor Ronald Reagan.

Marty admits that, were it not for "the grace of God," he might have gone there himself. However, lessons learned from that and so much more make him all the more appreciative of what he has today.

It also made Merle thankful for the life his son found after all the challenges.

Fighting back tears, Marty referenced a handwritten note from his dad before he died in 2016. It included the message, "Son, I'm so happy for you. You have the life I always wanted."

Then, Marty paused, thought, and added, "The only real things we have in this life cannot burn up in a fire."

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GRANBURY CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION



# Harnessing the power of art: community involvement

BY STACEY WATKINS-MARTIN AND CORA WERLEY

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

**Y**ou may not be an artist, but you can still become a friend of Granbury Arts Alliance (GAA) and enjoy volunteer opportunities. For example, in 2023 GAA will put on the dramatic “Dinner in White” under the stars, as well as the Dan Coates Memorial Exhibit and Art Sale highlighting our own nationally-known local artists.

Why would I want to do that, you ask? Well, it’s fun! You get to hang out with creative people, eat good food, hear good music, and of course see great art — why would you not want to do it?  
And it’s not just opportunities

with the GAA. Our mayor is asking that our art leaders and City Council be trained by the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) to encourage art. “TCA recognizes that art and cultural activity is thriving all across our state.” TCA

also gives out grants to communities like ours for different programs — and once we get on their grant list, we can apply again and again. So the more involved we all are, the more we gain.  
But why is TCA so willing to help us out? Because art tourism is a big part of the \$69 billion (yes, “billion”) tourism industry in Texas. So TCA is interested in serving tourist communities like ours. Recently the Texas legislature approved \$5 million for, among other things, an increase in TCA salaries — that’s a commitment to the arts. And just one example of what TCA is proud to be doing, along with the National Endowment for the Arts, is the program called Creative Forces to help our military veterans heal from their complex wounds . . . because art is also healing.

In fact, art impacts much of our lives — tourism, of course, but also the growth and health of our citizens of all ages, from children to the adults they grow to be.  
Now, would you take a moment to let us know how art has impacted your life? What position do different artistic expressions take in your life? Maybe your kids are addicted to their electronics. Introduce them to art and see how they respond. Are both sides of your brain developing — even as adults? How else will we develop solutions to the world’s difficult problems without that balance, which creates the confidence that allows us to grow.  
If you’re a professional artist here in Granbury/Hood County, don’t be shy, show us what you’ve got. We want to know what you’re

doing to be able to help you as needed and to show what Granbury and Hood County have to offer our local community and the entire nation.  
Finally, 2023 is the 45th year of Granbury’s iconic Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts held on Oct. 27 (set-up) and October 28-29 (show days). Act now to become a volunteer. Committees are just forming. We need 100 volunteers in areas ranging from hospitality, childrens creations, sponsorships, decorations, advertising and others. Contact either Cheshe Langdon (409) 789-3436 or Stacey Watkins-Martin (817) 733-2118 soon.  
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CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

# Civil War Roundtable sets next meeting for March 13

The North Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday March 13, at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 Hwy 377 Highway East, in Granbury. The program will be presented by Dr. Jonathan Steplyk, professor of History at the University of Texas at Arlington and the author of "Fighting Means Killing," a study of Union and Confederate soldiers' experience of killing in the war. Dr. Steplyk will speak on Union General Ulysses S. Grant's Feb. 13, 1862, attack on Fort Donelson, a Confederate bastion on the Cumberland River in Tennessee. The fall of this fort, commanded by Confederate General John B. Floyd, would secure western Tennessee, and the state of Kentucky, for the Union. This battle gave General Grant national recognition, and made Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest a legend. On Feb. 13, Dr. Anne Bailey, historian and author, gave an outstanding



**BY BILL DYESS**

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

program on problems of command in the Army of Tennessee, which included much information on Confederate General John Bell Hood, for which our county is named. Attendance at the meeting was the largest we have had since the COVID suspension.

**MARCH IN THE CIVIL WAR**

On March 28, 1961, after days of conferences, consultations, discussions and considerations, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln reached a decision: The U.S. Army garrison at Fort Sumpter, South Carolina, would not be evacuated, as the Confederate government requested, but would instead be resupplied. The president hoped that if he made public the fact that the resupply would be

limited to food and related material, without additional troops, armament or ammunition, the Confederate government would refrain from interfering with the operation. Since the Confederate government now controlled all the land approaches to the fort, the resupply would have to be carried out by sea, and appropriate orders were given to the U.S. Navy.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

There were four clergymen who became generals in the Civil War. They were Confederate Lt. General Leonidas Polk, an Episcopal bishop; Confederate Brig. General Mark P. Lowry, a Baptist minister; U.S. Brig. General William A. Pile, a Methodist minister; and Confederate Brig. General

William H. Pendleton, an Episcopal minister.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

A total of approximately 3,835,000 men would serve in the military during the Civil War. Of this number, approximately 2,802,000 served in the Union Army, and approximately 1,033,000 served the Confederacy.

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

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



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Pictured is General Ulysses S. Grant.

## CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B3

**MONDAY, MARCH 20**

**ELIZABETH CROCKETT**  
Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)  
Program: Steve Kuban, At-

orney 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.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

**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 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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Solution for the puzzle on Mar. 4 (Puzzle 6).

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**ZACHARY CRAWFORD**  
U.S. Army Veteran

Mr. Zachary Crawford is a U.S. Army Veteran from right here in Granbury. While at Granbury High School he joined the inaugural Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) class and would be a part of both the silent drill team and visited the United States Capitol as a cadet representative for the unit.

Upon graduating high school Mr. Crawford worked for a short period at the local power plant in Granbury, before enlisting in the Army in 2003. He attended basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and earned his qualification as a combat engineer in the Army. He served for just over eight years and achieved the rank of Sergeant (E-5). While in the Army he deployed to Iraq in 2005 for 12-months, conducting route clearance for the local population and ground forces near Iskandariya and

earned the combat action badge. In 2009 he would deploy to Iraq again and after two months his unit would make the largest re-deployment between combat theaters since World War II, by moving directly from Baghdad, Iraq to Kandahar Province in Afghanistan for the remaining 10-months before returning to the United States.

Mr. Crawford was honorably discharged from the Army in 2012 and would attain his Associate Degree in Business in 2014. Currently he works at Pecan Valley Centers for Behavior & Developmental Healthcare as a Peer Services Coordinator helping Veterans across six counties (Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker and Somervell) receive the care and benefits they have earned. Mr. Crawford is married to Tammy and they have two beautiful girls. When he isn't working at Pecan Valley Mr. Crawford supervises his lawncare business and enjoys spending time with his family, kayaking, fishing, camping and hunting.

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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

# Seeing dead fish? It could be caused by golden algae



BY JUDI PIERCE

Judi Pierce has been the public information officer for the Brazos River Authority for 20 years. Her office is in Waco.



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Golden algae when in bloom can release a toxin deadly to fish and other aquatic species.

If you've visited Lake Granbury recently and wondered why you're seeing dead or dying fish, it could be a golden algae bloom.

What? Yes, just like flowers, microscopic algae living in surface water can bloom. But unlike flowers, when in bloom, golden algae can release a toxin that can be deadly to fish and other aquatic species, such as clams and mussels - causing fish kills.

One of several species of algae that live in the lake year-round, *Prymnesium parvum* or golden algae, is a microscopic organism found worldwide in surface waters, especially water with higher salinity levels. It usually remains dormant; however, when a bloom occurs, it could cause the death of several or even thousands

of fish.

Golden algae were first identified in 1985 as the cause of a fish kill in the Pecos River. Since then, it's been attributed as the cause of fish kills in the Colorado, Canadian, Wichita, Red and Brazos river systems.

Golden algae blooms often occur during colder months in Texas, usually after a major temperature shift, though fish kills caused by the algae have been noted during summer months as well. The algae releases a toxin that affects fish's gills during a bloom. Smaller fish, such as shad, usually succumb first with larger game fish dying as the bloom continues or appears with higher toxicity levels. Water is often discolored, appearing brown, much like the color of tea. Often a foamy substance will also appear.

According to the

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), no risks to human health is associated with golden algae; however, people are warned not to consume dead or dying fish. Likewise, creatures that consume dead or dying fish, such as pelicans or other animals, are unaffected.

According to the TPWD, over the past 30 years, golden algal blooms have killed an estimated 34 million fish throughout the state.

Lake Granbury has experienced numerous fish kills since 2001, including the largest in 2003 when an estimated 5 million fish, from shad to large game fish, were lost.

The Brazos River Authority

was one of numerous organizations that worked with the TPWD's Golden Alga Task Force to research and attempt to find a means of controlling blooms. The group, which included an international network of stakeholders, reported that despite their efforts, the factors that cause blooms and toxin formation are still not well understood.

Though the group had some success in treating blooms in ponds, there is still no feasible means of controlling golden algae in large reservoirs, such as Lake Granbury, or in river systems.

What does this mean for Lake Granbury? TPWD tests

for golden algae toxicity regularly in Lakes Granbury, Possum Kingdom Lake and Lake Whitney. Though recent testing found no blooms on PK and Whitney, toxic levels were found in several areas on Lake Granbury.

Unfortunately, until some form of control is found, fish kills caused by golden algae will continue with some years seeing no activity and others seeing numerous kills.

**YOU CAN HELP**

The Brazos River Authority has established a reporting system for harmful algal blooms where you can report a fish kill that can then be

researched to determine if golden algae is the cause.

If you are near Lake Granbury and notice dead or dying fish on the water's surface, grab your phone and take photos of what you see. Then go to this link (<https://arcg.is/14COnK>) and upload your photos, noting what you see. Or, if you are not able to take photos, simply describe the number and type of dead fish. With your help, the BRA will track the bloom's progress and hopefully gain insight that will help work toward a method of control.

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