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Lipan High School's fifth boys state basketball championship in 14 state tournament appearances, was captured Saturday in San Antonio. Lipan won the girls state title a week earlier. Pictured is senior Garrett Smith, MVP of the championship game. See game story, A10, more photos, B2.

## Eagle accuses city attorney of stalking, harassment; threatens legal action

GRANBURY ★ TEXAS

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

A letter from Hood County Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle threatening possible legal action due to City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle's alleged stalking and harassment of him was recently sent by certified mail to members of the Granbury City Council.

MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER

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"Currently, I am trying to decide what legal action I might want to pursue, if any, for being stalked by the City of Granbury's attorney," Eagle wrote.

The letter accuses SoRelle of taking a photograph outside

the courthouse on the afternoon of Feb. 2 when county offices were closed due to winter weather. Eagle, whose office is at the courthouse, was there that day. His letter states that his friend Nathan Criswell brought a hammer to the courthouse at his request to break up ice on the building's steps.

"Little did we know that someone was stalking us at that very moment," Eagle wrote in his letter.

A photo of Criswell leaving the courthouse appeared later that day on the Hood County Killer Whale Group Facebook page along with a post from

"Leroy Phoenix" speculating on what the two were doing there when county offices were closed. Criticisms of Eagle, Criswell, and others involved in local politics appear frequently on that Facebook page.

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Eagle's letter refers to SoRelle as a "rogue employee" and accuses him of being Phoenix.

SoRelle, reached on his cell phone while out of town, denied being Phoenix. He declined to comment further but said that he would address the matter more fully upon his return.

Criswell filed a report with

the Sheriff's Office the day after the courthouse incident. The report lists Criswell as the "complainant" and Eagle as the "subject."

The Sheriff's Office determined that no crime occurred.

The Hood County News emailed questions to Eagle asking for any evidence that SoRelle is Phoenix and what specific acts the city attorney allegedly committed that make him liable under Texas Penal Code 42.072, which is the statute pertaining to stalking, or any other applicable Texas statute.

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## Child abuse survivor, filmmaker to speak at LGCC March 29

PRCAC to host free screening of 'REWIND' documentary

#### **BY ASHLEY INGE** Staff Writer

A world-renowned child abuse survivor and filmmaker will soon be coming to Granbury to shed light on sexual trauma and the necessity of child advocacy centers.



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In conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month, Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center will be hosting a free screening of the award-winning documentary, "REWIND," on Wednesday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

Neulinger

Sasha Joseph Neulinger, director of the Emmy-nominated documentary, will be present to answer questions following the film and to serve as the event's keynote speaker.

"REWIND" is a candid and personal documentary that centers around Neulinger's childhood and the events that tore apart his seemingly perfect world.

While his father was constantly filming family celebrations and events, he was also unknowingly documenting a hidden family secret that eventually led to a media firestorm, a highstakes court battle, and a generational reckoning, according to PRCAC's news release on the event.

Now, Neulinger travels the world, sharing his story and providing a voice for children who deserve justice and healing.

"I think it is crucial that people are able to hear, firsthand, the impact that child abuse makes on not only children, but also their families and the community," said PRCAC Clinical Director Shannon Engbrecht. "Sasha does an excellent job at taking attendees through his journey from deep hurt to growth and healing, and he is able to do so in a way that really assures us here at the Child Advocacy Center that we are doing work that is truly bridging the gaps that previously existed for children who have been victims of abuse."

Julie Boudreaux, executive director of Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest

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or white cheddar macaroni and cheese, made with a touch of brisket rub and mild Hatch chili peppers, Martin posts alerts on social media. The food is made fresh daily and there's only so much of it, so if you snooze,

Smokers behind the restaurant, by a parking lot that Hill City shares with the Department of Motor Vehicles office, is where much of the ribs, smoked turkey breast, smoked bologna, original Waygu sausage, and Akaushi Wagyu jalapeno cheese

When top sellers are running Martin rising in the wee hours

Martin. just like he used to do on some of the jobs he worked. This time it's different, though. This

#### WINDING ROAD

Hill City Chop House is named for Hill City Highway in Tolar, where Martin learned to drive, even though he grew up in Granbury. He graduated from Granbury High School, Class of 2003. His first job, which he loved, was working the hot dog stand at The Home

As a young man, Martin was adventurous and perhaps a bit

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#### PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON I HOOD COUNTY NEWS

For years, Dustin Martin hauled a smoker on a trailer to feed friends at birthday parties, Super Bowl gatherings, and other events. After realizing that feeding people is his passion, he opened Hill City Chop House in Tolar.

## Dustin Martin feared he might bite off more than could chew, but his Hill City Chop House is a hit

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

Martin.

OLAR — Clues to what Dustin Martin was meant to do with his life were all around him but it took a while for all the ingredients to come together like the meat he seasons to perfection and smokes for hours at his Hill City Chop House.



magic happens. Hill City's meat selections include brisket, pork



Depot.

Smoking meats is an art, according to Hill City Chop House owner Dustin

#### PLEASE SEE BBQ | A9



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Eagle declined to respond to the questions.

"My letter speaks for itself," he replied via email. "If you would like to publish said letter, go for it.'

The HCN has posted the full two-and-a-half-page letter with the online version of this article at hcnews. com. If the article is not visible on the homepage, it can be found by clicking on "News" then on "Local Government."

Mayor Jim Jarratt said that he could not speak for the City Council. but he indicated that the city might not respond to the letter. He noted that SoRelle is "not a city employee," as Eagle stated, but rather "an outside vendor" with whom the city contracts for legal services.

SoRelle works for the Hyde Law Firm. The firm's owner, Paul Hyde, also owns the Hyde Media Group, which owns the HCN and three other community

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Mayor Jarratt and City Council members

You currently have a regue employee who is in a position of influence within the city, bring this to you in high hopes and with caulious optimism that you are unaware of what going on with this regue employee and therefore would in no way support or condor such agregious behavior.

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As you may recel, on Thursday, February 2, 2023, the Hood County offices were officially diseed due to iny ponditions on the roads. Be that as it may, at stoot 12:45 pm I traveled to my office, which is located in the oil inscrite courtinouse. Upon arrival, I travel that the the steep steps leading up to the west door of the courtinouse were road own. I assessed that trying to go up these steps in that condition was not a good lice, so I want back out to my truck to see if I had a nammer or something I could use to hnak up the ice. I did not. I then called a hammer by any charoe. He replicat in the affirmative and offered to bring it over the heid a hammer by any charoe. If the replicat in the affirmative and offered to bring it over break up the loe on the steps.

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The letter and attached exhibits can be viewed at hcnews.com or by scanning the QR code.

newspapers.

Jarratt said that the city receives communications "every day" about city employees and that he always wants to know the other side of any allegation. "This one is not even

an employee," he said of SoRelle.

#### THE LETTER

Eagle's letter indicates that surveillance cameras captured the license plate number of a large black pickup truck that was headed west on Pearl Street, then north on Houston Street at around the time Criswell was photographed exiting the courthouse.

Eagle did not detail in his letter why a photo that appeared to have been taken by someone on a public street of someone exiting a public building constituted stalking or harassment under the law.

"Upon running ownership connected with this plate number, it turns out that the truck belongs to your city attorney, Mr. Jeremy SoRelle, a/k/a Leroy Phoenix," Eagle's letter states.

The commissioner wrote, "Why would the City of Granbury's attorney be stalking another elected official? Why does he utilize a fake Facebook character to carry out his attacks? Who is 'pulling his strings' to have him carry out such a clandestine operation against political opponents?'

Eagle's letter goes on to say that "stalking and harassment allegations may be advanced under the Texas Penal Code as a criminal matter as well as the Texas **Civil Practices & Remedies** Code as a civil matter."

The Sheriff's Office report details the Texas Penal Code's harassment statute and states, "Based on the law as written it does not appear an offense was committed as (1) the communication of the (Facebook) post was not made specifically to the complainant (Criswell) (2) there is no threatening language contained within the post (3) no false report was made in the post (4-6) no telephone communication was attempted (7) electronic communication was not attempted to the complainant by the person making the post and (8) the communications made are

believed related to a public matter of public concern (local politics)."

Eagle's letter claims that SoRelle's alleged behavior "could taint future efforts for the city and county to work together on such issues as Hwy 377, wastewater, stormwater and other infrastructure concerns."

He continued, "Part of my decision-making process will be predicated on how you choose to respond to this correspondence. I am in high hopes we can avoid an embarrassing situation here and now and handle this problem quickly and discretely. That, my friends, I leave up to you."

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#### REWIND **FROM PAGE A1**

Florida, said in the news release that Neulinger shares his own experience of surviving multi-generational sexual abuse to allow outsiders to see the impact these abuses have on children.

She also added that "REWIND" sheds light on the necessity of children's advocacy centers.

"In order to not be defined by their trauma, children require proper support," Neulinger stated in the news release. "Trauma doesn't have to derail the life of a child. With the support of Children's Advocacy Centers, children can find immense strength, selfawareness, and confidence from confronting their



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trauma and the source of their pain head-on. If these

speak up, then as the adults, we must have the courage children have the courage to not only to listen, but to do

everything in our power to support them." The event is free to attend, and all registered attendees will also receive a free lunch provided by the PRCAC.

"We are very excited to bring this event to our community," PRCAC Executive Director Margaret Cohenour said. "We have amazing sponsors that provided this opportunity. Sasha's story can change people's lives. I hope everyone will consider joining us for the screening of his documentary and Sasha's presentation, sharing his story. We will provide lunch and then he will have a question-and-answer session."

Event signature sponsors include the Hood County for Healthy Children Coalition, Comanche Peak Coalition, LDL Foundation, and Brian and Patricia Rosetti.

"We want our communities to know that not only



is healing possible, but it

For more information about the event, email PRCAC Outreach and Event Coordinator Lauren Rishel at lauren@paluxyrivercac. org.

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# Sheriff: Lipan teen charged in shooting

#### From Staff Reports

A 60-year-old Lipan man is in stable condition in a Fort Worth hospital after being wounded late Monday night as a result of two gunshots fired by the 14-year-old son of his adopted daughter, according to Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds. The son has been in Granbury's Juvenile Justice Center since his arrest and was booked Monday morning on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, Deeds

#### told the Hood County News.

The wounded man, Mark Stephen Pendergrass, suffered injuries to his face and his left shoulder when "multiple shots" were fired from a .38 caliber revolver at "point blank range," the sheriff stated.

Because he is a juvenile, the name of the suspect is not being released. According to Deeds, Pendergrass had been raising the boy in his home "for several years."

The HCSO news release noted

that Texas EMS and Lipan VFD First Responders responded to a Lipan residence "after an adult resident called 911 reporting possible shots fired inside the residence, however later indicated they believed a medical device had exploded. Upon EMS and first responders arriving on scene to treat an injured resident, they observed signs in the residence to be inconsistent with an explosion, but injuries to the resident to be consistent with an assault." The investigation of the case is ongoing, involving the Sheriff's Office as well as a Texas Ranger, Deeds noted.

Deeds told the HCN that deputies had been searching for the suspect, but the boy "showed up on his own" at the residence at about 5 a.m. Tuesday.

"Recently there have been some problems that have come up. It's a shame the whole thing happened," Deeds said of the family's situation, noting that the boy's mother does not reside in Hood County. "He (Pendergrass) was doing the best he could to raise this boy. It's great that it wasn't fatal."

The sheriff added, "It's sad that this happened in such a small town of Lipan, where everybody knows everybody. It's greatly affecting the whole town."

Deeds noted that the suspect had been cooperative with investigators.

"He gave a lot of good information — but that's all part of the investigation. It was a sad event."

## FROM MY FRONT PORCH Don't blame messenger for message they deliver



#### **BY SAM HOUSTON**

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

Bame. It is easy for humans to attempt to blame someone else for their mistakes or errors of judgment. I remember hearing a story about an 8-yearold boy, sitting on the kitchen table with his arm in a cookie jar trying to retrieve one more Chips Ahoy. When his father came around the corner and caught him, he asked the boy, "Didn't I tell you no cookies before dinner?" The young boy looked up at his parent and responded, "It's all your fault Dad. You shouldn't have left them where I could reach them."

The boy, instead of taking responsibility, immediately looked to blame someone else to avoid the consequences of his actions.

In today's edition, HCN reports how Precinct 4 County Commissioner Dave Eagle recently authored a letter to the Granbury Mayor and the respective City Council members, alleging that City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle had been "stalking" him. He asked the City Council to act against their "employee," and if they didn't and Mr. SoRelle continued to "stalk' him, "such behavior could taint future efforts for the city and county to work together on issues such as Highway 377, wastewater, storm water, and other infrastructure concerns.'

This story is important to our readers for a variety of reasons. The allegations of Mr. Eagle sugsuch a way that is inappropriate, and he questions if Mr. SoRelle is "dedicated to the highest ideals of honor and integrity as it relates to his public relationships." As such, it is the responsibility of the HCN to present the facts so readers can formulate their own opinion as to what the heck is going on.

The HCN got a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Eagle, reviewed it, and then reached out to Commissioner Eagle via email, asking for his response to several specific questions. Mr. Eagle declined to answer the questions posed, and responded by emailing, "My letter speaks for itself. If you would like to publish said letter, go for it."

After receipt of Mr. Eagle's response, I personally emailed him again to make sure he did not want to comment on the questions posed. My intent was to give him story into the article. His response was "I think I did respond, and I did comment. You just don't like what I stated."

Later in the day, I got another email where Mr. Eagle wrote, "Thank you for yet another story that attempts to cast me in a bad light. If I had any reason to believe the HCN was in the black, I would request a royalty percentage for all the stories you have published that included or focused on me." Poor misguided Commissioner

Eagle. It is hard to know where to start.

First, no one at the Hood County News has written stories to cast Mr. Eagle in a bad light. Quite the contrary. The HCN has presented factual news we are obligated to print, and our readers want to see. Whether the facts paint Mr. Eagle in a bad light or a good light is a determination left to our readers.

Trying to deflect and dodge is one of the oldest political tricks in the books. In today's world, when a reporter has the temerity to write a story about a politician and allow the readers to draw their own conclusion, politicians seem to blame the news media for making the report. They declare it to be a "witch hunt," politically motivated, or simply attack the reporter. It is like a shell game, where if the shells are moved fast enough and attention is diverted, the player will be unable to know where the "pea" is hidden.

The HCN is not the one who chose to write a letter to the mayor and City Council. We are not the author who made the allegations contained within. At no time did Mr. Eagle deny he wrote the letter or the letter was altered from its original form. In his own words, "the letter speaks for itself." Mr. Eagle, don't blame the messenger for the message. If you think the letter and your allegations reflect poorly on you, why did you write it?

Why did Mr. Eagle refuse to respond to simple questions asking for clarifications to his letter? We have placed the letter, in its entirety. on the Hood County News web site. Members of the public can read the letter for themselves and learn Mr. Eagle's allegations and representations. We hoped he would explain why the letter repeatedly refers to Mr. SoRolle as being an employee of the city, when in fact he is contracted by the city and has never been an employee of the city of Granbury at any time. A first-year law student would know the difference between the two legal relationships.

We asked Mr. Eagle to clarify what acts Mr. SoRelle had committed that would cause him to believe he had been "stalked" under Texas law? He refused to respond. Notably, the sheriff's office investigated this matter, found there had been no crime committed by Mr. SoRelle, and recommended charges not be filed. This report is available on the HCN web site for viewing.

Mr. Eagle was asked what authority he had from county government to make the representation that if the city did not act against Mr. SoRelle, the relationship between the city and county could suffer. Why would he make such a statement? Under what county and its relationship with the city?

When the HCN presented a story that reported County Commissioner Eagle was alleged to not be a resident of the precinct from which he serves, or when the HCN reported he attempted to have the election administrator removed from office for reasons when the appellate court later affirmed her actions were lawful, or when hundreds of citizens sign a petition and present it to the Commissioners Court seeking an investigation of Mr. Eagle's residency, it was our obligation to report those acts to the public. This is the First Amendment of the Constitution in action. It is the scrutiny public officials should welcome.

Mr. Eagle regularly appears and sometimes speaks at GISD school board meetings, city of Granbury council meetings, and of course at Commissioner's Court. Mr. Eagle is free to speak his mind and exercise his free speech rights during those meetings. It is the duty of the HCN to report on those occurrences so members of the public can make their own determination if they approve or disapprove of the ideas and thoughts he puts forward. We will continue to do so.

Thought for the day: If you could kick the person in the pants who is responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month. — Theodore Roosevelt Until next time ... I will keep ridin' the storm out.

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## City schedules spring bulk trash pick-up day for April 11

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer

Planning a little spring cleaning? The city of Granbury will help you get rid of the big stuff.

The city's next bulk trash pickup day is scheduled for Saturday,

#### April 1.

Items can be placed outside the night before but must be curbside by 7 a.m.

Accepted items include mattresses as well as refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioning units as long as they have certification of Freon reclamation. Tree limbs are also accepted but must be bundled and less than four feet long.

There is a limit of six items per household.

Items not accepted include tires, paint, oil, liquids, and construc-

tion and masonry materials. The bulk trash pick up schedule does not affect normal trash pick-up.

Those with questions can contact Waste Connections at 817-579-8855 or customerservice5194@wcnx.org or email the city's utility administration department at ub@granbury.org.

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## OBITUARIES

#### Norma Johnson Martin

October 28, 1930 - March 6, 2023

Norma Johnson Martin, 92, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2023, in Granbury. She was born October 28, 1930, in Scotland to Walter and Agnes Johnson.

Norma was well known in Granbury where she had a retail space at Market on the Square and several other shops where she sold various Scottish merchandise, including jewelry and Scottish treats. She was a friend to anyone she ever met and loved by all. Norma was of the Presbyterian faith.

She is survived by Loren Kemp, great-granddaughter; Charley Hanna, greatgranddaughter; and greatnephew, David Henderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters in Scotland; by



her son, Roy Johnson Martin; her daughter, Nancy Charmon Martin; granddaughter Charmon Cassie Kent; and her great-granddaughter, Presley Hanna.

A Celebration of Life for Norma will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury.

## Amelia Sue Rogers

September 19, 1947 - February 13, 2023

Amelia Sue "Susie" Rogers, 75, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2023 at Prestonwood Court in Plano, TX. Susie was born on September 19, 1947 in Fordyce, AR to Edward and Mildred Poole and was the youngest of four children. Susie spent her childhood in Fordyce and graduated from Fordyce High School in 1965 where she was a standout cheerleader. She later attended Henderson State College and graduated in 1969. While at Henderson, Susie met the love of her life Andy Rogers and the two sweethearts were happily married for 52 years. Susie and Andy raised their two sons in Arlington, TX and later retired in Granbury, TX. She was a dedicated and beloved schoolteacher for almost three decades and spent the majority of her



career teaching kindergarten. Susie loved her family deeply and was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be missed by all.

Susie is survived by her brother, James Poole; two sons, Josh and Zack; granddaughter Gabriela; four grandsons Cade, Alec, Brock and Preston.

Memorial Service: Details forthcoming

#### Shirley Nelle Nix November 16, 1939 - March 8, 2023

Shirley Nelle Nix passed away Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Shirley was born on November 16, 1939 in Pampa, Texas to Dena Mae and Sam Oates and granddaughter of beloved Nelle and Bo Brinton.



#### **MAGGY'S BIG CATCH WAS A RECORD-SETTER**



She was preceded in death by her husband Carroll of 58 years.

Survived by her son Jeff and wife Mary of Ponte Verda, Florida, daughter, Erica and husband Joey Jenkins of Tolar, and daughter Monti and husband Daniel Woolley of North Richland Hills, Texas; and nine grandchildren.

Services: The family honored Shirley's wishes to be cremated and there will be no public services. Memorials: Family and friends wishing to remember Shirley in a way that would be very special to her are invited to make a donation to Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Texas North Region P.O. Box 143806 Austin, TX 78714-3806

#### COURTESY OF TPWD FACEBOOK PAGE

Recently, nine-year old Maggy Sojourner of Granbury recognized as having set a Junior Waterbody record on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Waterbody records page. Among the comments from the public on social media was, "Teach a girl to fish and she may bust some records," said the TPWD Facebook post. Maggy caught the blue catfish in January from Lake Granbury. The record-breaker, which she snagged using cut shad, weighed 26.37 pounds. The notice of the record stemmed from the TPWD's Angler Recognition Program, which keeps lists of state records for public and private waters, and water body records for public lakes, rivers and bays. Junior anglers, under 17, compete in a division separate from adults.

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or the church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary.

The Hood County News deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m. Wednesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

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## Texans win first-ever D1 conference tourney game

#### TSU Sports Information

LAS VEGAS — Tarleton State University's men's basketball team has officially entered March Madness. In the Texans' WAC

Tournament opener on March 8, they held off multiple UTRGV rallies to win 74-70 at Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. The victory will forever be etched as the first NCAA Division I conference tournament win in Tarleton Athletics history.

The 7-seed Texans advancef to the WAC Tournament quarterfinals, where they were scheduled to play the 2-seed Utah Valley Wolverines at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

The Texans (17-15)

got a true taste of what March Madness has to offer, a glowing nickname typically reserved for the NCAA Tournament, but it was a classic in the WAC Tournament versus UTRGV. Tarleton led over the 10-seed (15-17) for 37:33 of the 40 minutes, but like most conference postseason games, it was never truly over.

Clearly energized to be playing in their first D1 conference tournament, the Texans raced out to a 21-4 lead, using a 21-2 run after giving up the opening basket to lead by 17 just over nine minutes in. Several players were contributors early on, with Garry Clark scoring Tarleton's first D1 conference tournament points, Lue Williams adding on with a jumper, plus Shamir Bogues and Jakorie Smith foreshadowed what they would do the entire game, combining for 12 of Tarleton's first 21 points.

But, in a game of runs, UTRGV refused to end their WAC Tournament run in the first 10 minutes, and answered with a 9-0 burst to get back within eight. They chipped away the remainder of the first half to get within one-possession at the break, 31-28.

With their season on the line, the Vaqueros gave their all in a last-ditch effort to get back in it. First they went on a 7-0 run to get within eight at the 3:11 mark. After Smith buried two free throws to make it a 10-point game, UTRGV went on another 7-0 run to make it a one-possession game with about 90 ticks left. With Tarleton up three but without the ball, the Texans forced a Will Johnston three-point miss with 52 seconds left, then after a timeout, Tiger Booker worked the lane and got an open layup to make it a two-possession game with 24 seconds remaining, 71-66. UTRGV's All-WAC First Team guard/forward Justin Johnson made a quick three on the other end to cut it to two.

With all of the pressure imaginable facing Smith at

the free throw line, he calmly canned them both to put the Texans back up two possessions, 73-69. It still wasn't over though, as UTRGV induced a Tarleton foul on a three-point attempt. Johnson made the first but missed the next two, and Tarleton's Williams corralled the rebound. He split his pair to put Tarleton back up four, 74-70, and one more defensive stop sealed the win for the Texans.

Smith stepped up in the biggest game of the season with career-highs in points and rebounds, recording 26 points (7-15 FG, 11-11 FT) and eight rebounds in 34 minutes off the bench, adding two steals. This was his first 20-plus point game of his career, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Hicks and Bogues did what they've done all season - produce. Hicks tallied 18 points (8-8 FT), eight rebounds and a steal in 39 minutes, while Bogues finished with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting, five assists and two steals in 37 minutes. Shakur Daniel dished out four assists in 31 minutes, and Rushin secured seven rebounds in 18 minutes as a reserve.

Tarleton attempted just seven three-point shots, shooting 3-of-7 (.429), while UTRGV was forced to go for threes down most of the game, making 11-of-32 (.344) from long range.

# Texans get third straight run-rule win

#### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE - TarletonState University's baseball squad earned its eighth straight home victory and third consecutive run-rule victory in a 17-1 seven inning win over Randall University on March 8 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex. Tarleton (10-3) plated 17 runs on 12 hits, scoring over 15 runs for the fourth time this season and more than 10 runs for the eighth time. The Texans held Randall (1-9) to four hits and a lone run scored.

TSU freshman Tyson Drake hit his second career home run, a grand slam, in the bottom of the third inning to break the gates open for the Tarleton offense making it an 8-0 lead. He led the Howell notched his first two hits of the season as well as finishing with two RBI.

Three other Texans, Cole Miears, Payton Pennington, and Jake Escalon each contributed two RBI in the win. Senior Isiah Campa was the starting pitcher for Tarleton, making his first start dating back to March 19 in the 2022 season when his season ended due to injury. He pitched the first inning allowing just one hit and faced only three batters, forcing a double play.

The Texans employed a staff day on the mound, with seven pitchers throwing seven innings. Piercen McElyea (W, 1-0) earned the win pitching the second inning and striking out two. Jon Cordaway, Peyton Hutson, Devon Patel and Grant Garza

## Hicks, Bogues earn all-WAC basketball honors

#### TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Texans Freddy Hicks and Shamir Bogues on March 5 were awarded with WAC postseason honors following standout regular seasons from both players. Both will lead Tarleton to new heights this week in the Texans' first WAC Championship Tournament appearance in Las Vegas.

Hicks earned All-WAC Second Team recognition while Bogues was one of just five players named to the All-WAC Defensive Team. Awards were voted on by conference head coaches.

Hicks began his season as a Preseason All-WAC Second Team last October and battled through injuries. He started in all 20 of the games he appeared during the regular season while leading the team with 15.7 points per game on a 44.8 shooting percentage from the field. He is currently on pace to set the best scoring average in Tarleton's D1 era. The sophomore from Searcy, Arkansas made his season debut with 26 points and a new singlegame NCAA D1 record for free throw attempts with 28 against Belmont at the Paradise Jam. His 18 made free throws from the same game were the most by any WAC player this season. He continued his solid play in the U.S. Virgin Islands, scoring 21 points and six rebounds against Boston College, helping Tarleton secure their first ever win against a Power Five opponent. He then dropped a season-best 30 points and nine rebounds against Drake in the Championship Game,

earning a spot on the All-

Tournament Team. Bogues now has been named to the All-WAC Defensive Team in backto-back seasons. He was top-three on the Texans in scoring, rebounds, assists, steals, and blocks in the regular season.

He led the Texans in rebounds (113) and is now tied for third for steals (63) in a single season at Tarleton. His 63 steals this season also has him at the top of the WAC leaders heading into the postseason. He is on pace for career-highs in rebounds per game (3.6) and steals per game (2.0).

Bogues recorded his first career double-double with 30 points and 11 steals in the Texans' regular season finale, securing Tarleton's all-time single-game steals and surnassing Chris



Tarleton State University's Freddy Hicks gained All-WAC Second Team recognition in voting by the conference's head coaches.



Texans with four RBI. Senior Carter Dobrinski finished with three hits, a season-high, and two RBI. Sophomore transfer Brandon

each had two strikeouts. Tarleton plated six runs in the third and five runs in the

the third and five runs in the sixth, using those innings to eliminate any Randall threat.



Brown's (1994-95) 10 steals.

The Killeen native started in 30-of-31 games for Tarleton. He recorded 24 multi-rebound and 18 multisteal showings, contributing heavily to Tarleton's No. 1 ranking in the WAC in steals and turnover margin.

All-WAC teams and individual honorees are below:

Player of the Year: Qua Grant, Sam Houston

Defensive Player of the Year: Aziz Bandaogo, Utah Valley

Sixth Man of the Year: Dee Barnes, Southern Utah Freshman of the Year:

Chendall Weaver, UT Arlington Newcomer of the Year:

Aziz Bandaogo, Utah ValleyCoach of the Year: Mark Madsen, Utah Valley COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Shamir Bogues of Tarleton State University was one of five players named to the All-WAC Defensive Team. The awards were voted on by the conference's head coaches.

## Da Silva rewarded with WAC postseason basketball honors

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — In Teresa Da Silva's first season in Stephenville, she quickly made her mark and built that into Tarleton State University's highest postseason award women's basketball honors in their NCAA Division I era. Da Silva was named All-WAC Second Team and to the WAC's All-Newcomer Team on March 5, after a vote by the Western Athletic Conference head coaches. The TSU junior is the first player to make a First or Second Team postseason list in the program's D1 era. She is the first player to earn postseason recognition since Marissa Escamilla and Iyana Dorsey were both Honorable Mention All-WAC honorees

#### in 2020-21.

Da Silva, a do-it-all guard who joined the Texans this season after spending the last two years at Arizona Western College, was toptwo on the Texans in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals and blocks, along with threepoint percentage.

She led the team with 14.5 points per game, eighth most in the WAC, and the best scoring average in Tarleton's D1 era. She also averaged 3.9 RPG, 2.4 APG, 1.4 SPG and 0.4 BPG, shooting 37.8 percent from distance.

Da Silva was lethal from distance all year, making 65-of-172 (.378) from downtown, finishing with the fourth most three-point makes in a single-season in program history. She surpassed Bailey Wipff's (201516) and Helena Smith's (1991-92) 63 makes in their respective seasons.

Da Silva had eight 20-plus point games on the year, from her first game to her last game, the fifth most such games in the WAC. She scored a career-high 31 points (14-16 FT) with nine rebounds, a tied-career-high six assists and three steals in Tarleton's 86-69 win over Weber State on Dec. 6.

She started all 28 of Tarleton's 29 games she played this year, finishing with 20 double-digit scoring performances and 10 multi-steal outings, including a career-high five steals with 17 points and four assists in Tarleton's 67-46 win over Northwestern State on Dec. 14.

Other key WAC postseason

awards included: Player of the Year: Starr

Jacobs, UT Arlington Defensive Player of the Year: Lizzy Williamson, Southern Utah

Sixth Woman of the Year: Tomekia Whitman, Southern Utah

Freshman of the Year: Jordan Harrison, Stephen F. Austin

Newcomer of the Year: Tomekia Whitman, Southern Utah

Coach of the Year: Tracy Sanders, Southern Utah

> COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University's Teresa Da Silva was named All-WAC Second Team and to the WAC's All-Newcomer Team on March 5.



## Lady Pirates advancing to soccer playoffs; Pirates' Thomas Defensive POY

#### **BY RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Hood County News

he Granbury Lady Pirates are returning to the Class 5A soccer playoffs following a pair of road victories this past week.

Granbury finished fourth in district. The Lady Pirates will meet District 6-5A champion Fort Worth Arlington Heights (13-5-1) in bi-district March 24 at 7 p.m. in Weatherford.

In the win at Saginaw, the Lady Pirates got two regulation goals from Emery Kirby with assists from Riley Morris and Bryleigh Ortiz. In the shootout they got goals from Elise Mikulsckis, Dominique Callahan, Claire Burdette, Addison Clark and Jillian Williams.

Also, Burdette had three key stops as goalkeeper in the shootout.

In defeating Aledo the Lady Pirates overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit as Callahan had two secondhalf goals with an assist. Williams also had a goal, while Kirby had an assist and Tessa Rohleder had two helpers.

The Lady Pirates are hoping to advance to the second round for the first time since 2019, when they defeated Arlington Heights 1-0 in bi-district. They lost to perennial power Grapevine in the second round that season, the school that also eliminated them in bi-district the past two seasons.

There was no postseason in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lady Pirates were 18-3-2 that season, one of the best regular seasons in their history.

#### GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

Four members of the Pirates were named to the All-District 5-5A Boys Basketball Team by the league's coaches, led by junior Isaiah Thomas as the Defensive Player of the Year in voting by the coaches.

Thomas was joined on the squad by first-teamers, both juniors, Kensington Colston and Dylan Couto. Senior True Hughes received second-team accolades.

The quartet was key in the Pirates (20-13) finishing second in district and making their first playoff appearance since 2016, dropping a heartbreaker to Arlington Heights in overtime, 47-45.

#### **GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER**

The Pirates finished 4-16-4 overall and 3-9 in District 5-5A after losses of 3-0 at Saginaw on March 7 and 5-0 at Aledo on March 10.

#### **GRANBURY BASEBALL**

The Pirates evened their record at 7-7 with three straight wins in the Northwest ISD Tournament this past weekend. Following an opening-round 8-3 loss to Denton Guyer, Granbury defeated Alma, Arkansas 12-0, Lake Dallas 3-1 and Denton 10-5.

In the shutout of Alma, Tyler Guidry pitched five innings of one-hit shutout ball with five strikeouts and two walks. He was also 4-for-4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and four runs batted in. Guidry also had a grand slam home run against Denton.

Leaders in each game for the Pirates were: Vs. Guyer: Kyler Crites,

two hits, RBI; Cooper Thomas, double, walk, RBI; Blake Bramlett, hit, RBI.

Vs. Alma: Hitting -Guidry four hits, two doubles, four RBI; Thomas, two hits, two walks, two RBI; Bramlett, two hits, stolen base; Crites, double, three RBI; Gavin Current, hit, RBI. Pitching - Guidry, 5 innings, one hit, no runs, five strikeouts, two walks; Hudson Hamilton, one inning, no hits, no runs, one strikeout, no walks.

Vs. Lake Dallas: Hitting -Current, two hits, double, RBI; Crites, two hits, double; Hamilton, RBI. Pitching - Hunter Jones, 5 innings, four hits, one earned run, two strikeouts, two walks; Hamilton (save), two innings, one hit, no runs, no strikeouts, two walks.

Vs. Denton: Hitting -Current, two hits, walk, two RBI; Bramlett, two hits; Thomas, two hits, double, two walks, four RBI, stolen base; Guidry, two hits, grand slam home run, four RBI; Jones, hit, walk; Michael Holbrook, double. Pitching - Bramlett three innings, four hits, one earned run, six strikeouts, two walks; Holbrook, three innings, one hit, no runs, one strikeout, two walks.

The Pirates were hosting Azle at press time and travel to Azle Thursday, March 16 for a 7 p.m. contest, both District 5-5A games. In district play this season teams are playing home-and-home series each week. Granbury travels to Wichita Falls Rider on March 21 and hosts Rider on March 24, both at 7 p.m.

#### TOLAR BASEBALL

The Rattlers (2-5-1) took two of three in the Krum Tournament, defeating the hosts 5-3 and Ector 9-1, along with dropping a 6-3 contest to Grandview.

Tolar got off to a slow start to the season as several players were on the basketball team that advanced to the Class 2A Region 2 final before falling to state champion Lipan.

In the win over Ector, the Rattlers had 12 stolen bases, including two each by Jackson LeCluyse and Keaton Morrison. Leaders for the Rattlers

were: Vs. Grandview: Drake Owens, two hits, RBI; Jesse Owen, double, walk.

Vs. Krum: Hitting -LeCluyse three hits, double. Pitching - Brock Owens, four innings, one hit, two runs (one earned), one strikeout, three walks; LeCluyse (save), one inning, no hits, no runs, two strikeouts, no walks.

Vs. Ector: Hitting - Talan Culberson, two hits, two stolen bases; B. Owens, double, walk, RBI, stolen base; D. Owens, double, walk, RBI, stolen base; Talon Brown, hit, RBI. Pitching - Owen, six innings, three hits, one earned run, six strikeouts, one walk.

The Rattlers will host Krum Thursday at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to Fort Worth Country Day Saturday at 3 p.m. They open District 13-2A play at Santo on March 21 at 6 p.m.

#### **GRANBURY SOFTBALL**

The Lady Pirates (7-7-2 overall) evened their District 5-5A record at 1-1 with a come-from-behind 8-4 win at Azle on March 7. Granbury trailed 4-1 entering the top of the seventh before erupting for seven runs.

Every Granbury batter reached base in the game:

Hannah Dafoe, two hits, double, walk, two RBI, three stolen bases.

Kamryn Williams, two hits, two RBI.

Amanda Periman, hit, talk, stolen base. Carli Carlton, hit, walk.

Lillian Williams, double, RBI.

Kaitlyn Cervante, double, RBI.

Allison Dafoe, hit, walk. Brenna Haynes, hit, walk, two RBI, stolen base.

Lauren Petty, walk. The two Dafoes pitched for Granbury with Allison going five innings with five hits, four earned runs, 10 strikeouts and one walk and Hannah going two innings with one hit and no runs for the win.

The Lady Pirates were hosting Wichita Falls Rider at press time and host Northwest Wednesday, March 15 at 1 p.m. They also host Saginaw March 21 at 7 p.m.

#### TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers (8-1-1),

ranked No. 18 in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association, posted wins of 18-2 and 6-1 over Waco Texas Wind on March 10 and Benbrook on March 11.

Leaders for Tolar were: Vs. Texas Wind: Hitting -Allyson Dobbs, three hits. two RBI, two stolen bases; Kanyn Deaver, two hits, double, four RBI; Reese Trvon, two hits, double, two RBI; Lane Gardner, hit, two walks; Ava LeCluyse, double, two RBI; Kaira Krause, double, walk, two RBI; Senne Imel, walk, RBI, stolen base; Courtlynd Hogan, walk, hit by pitch, RBI, stolen base; Landri Kimmel, RBI. Pitching -Imel, three innings, one hit, two runs (one earned), four strikeouts, five walks.

Vs. Benbrook: Hitting - Imel, three hits, triple; Tryon, two hits, double, two RBI; LeCluyse, two hits; Deaver, hit; Krause, hit; Kimmel, hit; Dobbs, hit, walk, three RBI, two stolen bases. Pitching -Tryon, seven innings, three hits, one run (no earned), 13 strikeouts, one walk.

The Lady Rattlers were playing their District 11-2A opener at Lipan at press time and travel to Santo on March 21 for a 6:30 contest.

## LOOKING BACK Article highlighted electric, water plant concerns for Granbury in 1927

#### From Staff Reports

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

#### 96 YEARS AGO MARCH 1927

Granbury resident Earl Cogdell wrote an article that was published in the March 25, 1927 edition of The Granbury News about issues the city was having at the time with its municipal plants providing electricity and water.

Cogdell, who was born in Granbury in 1880 and died at age 84 on April 28, 1965, was writing in response to a previous article written by Frank Gaston, who at that time was The Granbury News editor. Parts of Cogdell's article presented startling insight into how different things were then, compared to our modern world.

A former Granbury City Council member, Cogdell wrote, "At the time the building (of) this plant was conceived, we were paying the former owners of the electric light and water works the sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars per month for street lights and fire protection.

"Sometimes during a fire we would have water, but most of the time we would not, and if as much as 40 (pounds) of pressure was applied to the mains they would leak like a sieve or

perhaps blow out entirely. During the hot summer months you would be compelled to leave your hydrants open all night with a wash tub under them so that you could accumulate during the night enough water with which to cook dinner and wash your dishes the next day, and it is a fact that those of us who did not have a windmill were compelled to take our regular Saturday night bath in the Brazos River, or else sit up until about 4 a.m. awaiting for the bathtub to accumulate enough water in which to wet our bath towels and take what you would term a half dry and a half wet bath."

Cogdell's commented on the electric lights in local homes by writing, "... most of the nights they would be on until 12 o'clock, that is they would be on and off, mostly off ..." He added, "... not only

He added, "... not only was the service bad, but we were paying 17-1/2 cents per (kilowatt) for current, which was excessive, and due to the building of the municipal plant this rate as you all know has been reduced one-fourth."

#### 104 YEARS AGO MARCH 1919

An article in the March 14, 1919 edition of The Granbury News noted an upcoming election that was going to "be held in the corporation of Granbury on Tuesday, April 1st," to select a mayor, two aldermen, a city recorder, city tax assessor and collector, and city treasurer.

"Said election will be held under the laws of the state of Texas governing such selections, and all qualified voters in said corporate limits may cast their votes," the brief note stated, adding that George W. Gordon "is hereby appointed presiding officer of said election. Done by order of the City Council, this Feb. 24, 1919."

The news note closed by indicating the information was provided by Mayor E.B. Crites.

#### 58 YEARS AGO MARCH 1965

Here's a note from the archives for those of us al-

ready looking forward to the hot summer days ahead, as a reminder that colder temperatures could make a return visit.

A front-page brief in the March 25, 1965 edition of the Hood County News-Tablet reported, "After dropping into the teens the latter part of the week, another front came in Tuesday of this week. Reports were that temperature would drop to 20, but this was revised, and it only dropped to 32 on most thermometers."

According to a current website, "davesgarden.com," the risk of frost in Hood County and surrounding areas ranges from Nov. 7 through March 29.



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Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the . County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at the above-mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such applica-tion should they desire to do so. Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 9th day of March 2023. KATIE LANG Hood County Clerk P.O. Box 339

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

c/o: Steven G. Kuban Attorney at Law 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 DATED the 7th day of March, 2023. Steven G. Kuban Attorney for Toni L. Ferrill State Bar No.: 24078807 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: (817) 573-8872 Facsimile: (817) 579-1651 E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

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risky. He loved motorcycles and wakeboarding. His love of outdoor activities and his everybody's-buddy personality led to him meeting a lot of people and making a lot of friends. Life was good, but it almost ended in his early 20s before it ever truly began.

A car accident on Holly Hills Cemetery Road left Martin with a broken back, broken ribs, two collapsed lungs, and minus his right kidney. He was in a coma for 14 days and flatlined a couple of times.

He managed to recover but about a year later, on Memorial Day 2007, he was in a serious wakeboarding accident on Lake Granbury. Martin slammed into the railroad bridge.

He was rushed to Lake Granbury Medical Center. A doctor there told him he was going to be taken to a Fort Worth hospital because "we don't do amputations here."

In Fort Worth, Martin was told that if he awoke from surgery and saw his leg up in the air that meant he still had a leg. If he awoke and did not see his leg in the air that meant it was gone. There was a 50% chance either way.

Martin beat the odds a second time. He awoke from surgery with his leg intact.

However, he faced another long hospital stay — about six weeks. He spent six months in a wheelchair and rolled across the stage at Texas State Technical College to claim his diploma. He studied mechanical engineering there.

After graduating, Martin was hired by a company in Weatherford but was among about 180 employees who were later laid off.

His career path after that involved buddies who wanted him on their professional team.

He worked for a year and a half as a parts runner for a roofing company in Scottsdale, Arizona, then accepted another job offer from



The Hill City Chop House crew includes, from left, Jack Allison, owner Dustin Martin, Cadence Lewis, and Mara Hall. The Tolar restaurant is open Thursday-Sunday and sometimes offers live music.

a different friend who needed a heavy equipment operator for his environmental cleanup company in Williston, North Dakota.

'The weather is not fun up there." Martin said. "It's extremely cold all the time."

For five-and-a-half years, Martin worked for that company, living in a "man camp" with a bunch of oilfield guys whose meals involved gas station food or nuking something in the microwave.

This was unacceptable for Martin, who had always been exposed to cooking and had a trailer with a smoker that he used to cater for friends. Martin's brother was an executive chef and his late father, Andy, loved to grill and would cook a pot of beans every Sunday.

"I was like, no, no, no, no, no. We're going to have meals at the house," he said of those man-camp days in North Dakota, when he hauled wood on his trailer from

Texas to use for his smoker. 'That's when I honed in on barbecue."

Martin cooked breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the 15-member crew, all while still doing his "real" job.

"I would send all the crews out to the jobs, have lunch ready by the time they got back from the job, and then fire up the smoker for dinner," he said. "If there were too many spills or too many jobs, I would put the cooking on hold and we would go do the job and come back and finish (the cooking). But, like (with) a smoker, you can throw a bunch of logs on it. And this was before I really honed in on the art of it. This was me just throwing wood in and cooking it and people going, man, this is the best brisket I've ever had.'

Martin started entering oilfield cook-offs and rib competitions and did well in those contests, he said. When things began to dry

up where the work in North Dakota was concerned, vet another friend offered Martin a job. That job was in Southlake doing drywall for

commercial construction. Eventually he realized that he didn't enjoy the work. It wasn't something he felt passionate about.

During this time, he still had his trailer and still cooked for friends, including a buddy who sponsored dirt bike races.

"My job for construction went from Monday to Friday and then on Friday, whatever time I got off, I would fire up the smoker and then cook all Friday night and Saturday morning," Martin said. "I mean, it was insane. I was making more on a Saturday than I was making a week at my job (that) I wasn't happy at. So, I said, what am I doing here?'

Martin moved back to Granbury because, naturally, another friend offered him a job. After about eight months, Martin's rent house burned.

That event, along with jobs that taught him what his passion wasn't, convinced him that he did not want to continue along the path he was on

And then one day, another friend rang him up.

**'MEET ME IN TOLAR'** 

John Newman is in real estate and is one of Martin's best friends.

"He's like a brother to me," Martin said.

Newman had just purchased five buildings in Tolar, one of which was a "turnkey restaurant," the former Razorz Edge Cafe at 8718 U.S. Highway 377. He phoned Martin and said, "Meet me in Tolar.

Newman felt confident that Martin could operate a successful restaurant in that space but Martin wasn't so sure.

"I told him I was nervous," Martin, 38, said. "But then again, I'm like, you know, if I don't do this now, when am I going to have another opportunity like this?"

He decided to go for it. On Oct. 6, after about 10 months of doing electrical, plumbing, and other work at the location, Hill City Chop House opened for business

The restaurant seats 69, with room for another 30 on the patio. There is also the breezeway. There is parallel parking in front and across 377, which is two lanes in Tolar. During the DMV's business hours. half of the parking lot behind both buildings is available for Hill City customers. On weekends, when the DMV is closed, Hill City has the whole parking lot.

The restaurant is open Thursdays from 4-9:30 p.m. or until they are sold out. On Fridays, hours are noon to 9:30 p.m. Hours for Saturday are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, the restaurant is open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to smoked meats, the Hill City Chop House menu includes a variety of sandwiches (cheese Wagyu beef, jalapeno Wagyu beef sausage, smoked turkey, bologna, brisket, brisket grilled cheese and smash burger) and sides (borracho beans, potato salad, coleslaw, elotes (Mexican street corn), and brisket chili.

"Specialties" include loaded baked potatoes, chili dogs, brisket chili cheese hot dogs, brisket mac, and brisket chili cheese Frito pie.

There are Dublin sodas and dump cake.

If any food is left over at closing time, Martin takes it to the local firehouse for volunteer firefighters to enjoy. His generosity also extends to the Tolar Education Foundation. Hill City will be providing sides for the TEF's 'Taste of Tolar" fundraiser in April.

Martin said he is trying to make the chop house a fun place for his team, which includes fiancé Nicole Hollingsworth, Jack Allison, Mara Hall and two high school students, one from Tolar and one from Granbury. Martin and Hollingsworth often handle off-site catering gigs such as golf tournaments and other sporting events while employees handle things at the brick-and-mortar location.

"We're just extremely excited to be here," Martin said. "It's fast paced, but it's fun."

Life, which almost slipped from Martin's grasp twice, is the best it's ever been. He has found his passion, both professionally and personally. One gave birth to an exciting business venture, the other will soon give birth to their daughter.

Sitting at one of the wood tables in his restaurant, Martin smiles easily and often as he talks about his life.

"I don't mind getting up at two or three in the morning to start a fire up here," he said, referring to the smokers that are to him what a canvas is to a painter. "I used to be getting up at three in the morning to go sit in an office. This is my office now. It's a lot of fun."

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## **TWICE AS NICE!** Indians complete Lipan title sweep with triumph over LaPoynor

#### **BY RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Hood County News

ipan High School's basketball program has had a plethora of success in its history. But one thing they had not accomplished — before this year — was winning both the boys and girls state championships in the same season.

They have now. A week after the Lady Indians captured a Class 2A state title, the Indians hoisted their own trophy with a 50-46 victory over fellow perennial power Larue LaPoynor in the championship game Saturday, March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

This is Lipan's fifth boys state championship in 14 state tournament appearances – the Indians' first since 2018. LaPoynor also has five in its 11 appearances.

"It's awesome. It's been a goal for the last (three) years. Just to have my mom there was special," said Indians senior point guard Tate Branson, whose sister Taylor, is a guard for the Lady Indians. Also, his mom, Amber Branson, is the Lady Indians head coach.

Also like his sister a week earlier, Branson was named to the All-State Tournament Team.

"We told each other last weekend we were going to get the job done," Tate added. "In my opinion the two best teams made it where they should be," Indians head coach Brent Gaylor said. "I thought all along us and LaPoynor were the top two teams in the state."

The Indians (38-1) found themselves trailing 46-43 after the Flyers (33-8) converted a three-point play with 3:11 to play. Those turned out to be the Flyers' final points of the season as Lipan ended with a 7-0 run.

The Indians regained the lead for good on a threepoint play with 44 seconds left by Garrett Smith, who was named Most Valuable Player of the championship game. Smith would seal the victory with two free throws with three ticks remaining.

Smith led all scorers in the game with 21 points.

Gaylor said at that point he told his team, "We've got the lead. We've just got to make one final defensive stand and clinch it."

In fact, over the final 3:11, the Flyers managed a single shot, a missed three-point attempt late. Lipan also

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For photo coverage of the games, please see page B2.

forced two turnovers in that span.

"I knew we needed a bucket. Tripp (Phillips) made a phenomenal pass," Smith said. "I said at the timeout, "Let's go out and execute, and that's what we did.

"We weren't going to lose. I had it in my head I was going to make the shot, just getting fouled was even better."

In fact, Gaylor had the same message for his team after the Flyers went on a 14-6 third-quarter run to pull within 38-33.

"I said, 'Guys, we are going to win this game. We're too good a team to come this far and not do it," he said. "When they started saying it that's when I was like, 'All right, we're in good shape now. They're believing."

The victory was exceptionally sweet for the Indians after losing only once all of last season — to Clarendon in the championship game. This same group of players who are seniors now also lost in the semifinals two years ago.

"Our motto all year long has been 'Can't leave without it,' and I'm happy to say these guys ain't leaving without it," Gaylor said. A big difference in the game was free throws. Lipan hit 13 of 20 and LaPoynor was 4-of-7.

"There's no better feeling than right now," Smith said. "The amount of hours that we spent at the gym, all the hard work, all the long practices, us sitting in the locker room an hour after practice talking about what we wanted to do — win a state championship.

"Coming up short the last two years just made us work harder. Now we can say we've done it and it feels awesome."

#### SEMIFINALS

Lipan 52, New Home 44

The Indians took an 11-2 lead after the opening quarter and retained control throughout en route to a return to the finals.

Phillips led Lipan with 19 points.

While New Home (31-8) hit more three-pointers (5-3) and more free throws (7-of-9 against 5-of-10), Lipan had a commanding 19-11 advantage on two-pointers to help overcome a 7-4 turnover deficit. The Indians also controlled the boards with a 29-25 rebound advantage. "One of the things I put on

the board before the game was 'rebound,'" Gaylor said. "New Home is good on the boards, especially offensively (New Home had an 11-5 advantage)."

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Entering the game New Home was rebounding around 40% of its own missed shots in the postseason.

Lipan led 49-33 before New Home went on an 8-0 run to pull within eight with 1:17 left in the game. The Indians clamped down on defense at that point.

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**Lipan scoring:** Tripp Phillips 19, Reese Cook 10, Tate Branson 10,

Garrett Smith 8, Cole Reynolds 5. Lipan rebound leaders: Cook 9,

Phillips 8, Smith 7.

**Lipan assist leaders:** Smith 4, Phillips 3, Branson 3.

Lipan steals leader: Branson 3. Lipan blocked shots leader:

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The Artwork Award winners at the Texas History Fair were, from left, Sarah Duncan, Hannah Rainwater, Cooper Henderson, Kylie Sparks, Gavin Sullivan, and Elaina Brown.

#### From Staff Reports

very year the Texas Heroes Foundation hosts a Student History Fair around Texas' Independence Day to promote Texas Education in the community. This year's theme was "Frontiers in Texas History: People, Places, Ideas." Students in third through 12th grades in and around Hood County were invited to enter in one of five categories: Performance, Exhibit, Artwork, Research Paper, or Creative Writing Paper. Third place, Porter Graves of Acton Middle School. Group is Chloe Reagan, Murphy Flewelling, and Rylee Sparks of Acton Middle School.

RESEARCH PAPER, HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

First place, Victoria Brown.

PERFORMANCE, ELEMENTARY DIVISION Dieterichs of Lakeside Baptist Academy.

#### **PERFORMANCE, HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION** First place, Hannah

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 Duncan of Lakeside Baptist

 Academy.
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#### **GIBSON AWARD** Jillian Williams and Camila Aguilar of Acton Middle

BY VICTORIA BROWN

Sam was 13, his mother, Elizabeth, moved the family to Tennessee after Sam's father died in 1807. He ran away from home in 1809 and spent nearly three years living among the Cherokee people in eastern Tennessee. Sam was adopted by a clan led by "Chief Oolooteka" and learned to speak the Cherokee lan-

COURTESY PHOTO

The awards ceremony was held on Friday, Feb. 24 at the Acton United Methodist Church. Here are the winners in the different divisions.

#### RESEARCH PAPER, ELEMENTARY DIVISION

First place, Ruth Duncan of Lakeside Baptist Academy.

Second place, Gavin Sullivan, Homeschool.

#### RESEARCH PAPER, MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

First place, Jaxson West of Lakeside Baptist Academy. Second place, Kendra Allsup of Lakeside Baptist Academy. First place, Elly Thorne of Oak Woods Elementary School.

Second place, Grace West of Lakeside Baptist Academy. Third place, Joshua Brown, Homeschool.

#### PERFORMANCE, MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION

First place, Claire

School.

#### CROCKETT FAMILY AWARD

my. James Sullivan of Oakwoods Elementary

#### School. **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

Jenna Marquardt and Ashlee Bradford of Acton Middle School. Sam Houston was born March 2, 1793, to Samuel and Elizabeth Houston. Both of his parents were of Scottish and Irish descent. They settled in Colonial America in the 1730s and began to raise a family. The Houstons had 8 children: 5 boys and 3 girls. When Sam was 13. When

STUDENT HISTORY FAIR ESSAY

Sam Houston: Most

Influential Person

in Texas History

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## Granbury FFA members win FWSSR calf scramble scholarships

#### Submitted Copy

Scholarships were recently awarded to members of the Granbury FFA Chapter by the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Scholarship Committee. The scholarships awarded were:

Jade Cox, daughter of Julie and James Cox, \$12,000. Blythe Ogburn, daughter of Krystal Koehn and Richard Ogburn, \$4,000.

The students participated in the 2022 Fort Worth Stock Show Calf Scramble program, making them eligible for the scholarship program. Sixty-seven youths shared \$425,000 in Calf Scramble scholarship dollars.

Their scholarships are the result of the hard work and dedication necessary for participants to complete the rigorous Calf Scramble program. The moment they caught a calf during a 2022 Stock Show rodeo performance, their Calf Scramble journey began.

These youths utilized Stock Show funds toward the purchase of a calf that they cared for in 2022. Caring for their heifer, submitting monthly reports, exhibiting at the 2023 Fort Worth Livestock Show, and submitting a final essay were required for scholarship consideration. Meeting in February, the Committee awarded the scholarships.



Jade Cox, left, of the Granbury FFA was awarded a \$12,000 scholarship by the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Scholarship Committee.



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Blythe Ogburn, left, of the Granbury FFA was awarded a \$4,000 scholarship by the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble Scholarship Committee.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS INDIANS** Class 2A State Basketball Champions



On Saturday, March 11, Lipan High School's boys basketball squad matched what the school's girls team had done on March 4 — earning a Class 2A state championship with a 50-46 victory over LaRue LaPoynor. Pictured during Saturday's trophy presentation and celebration in San Antonio are, from left, senior Korrie Massey (15), junior Tyson Tarpley (0), and seniors Tripp Phillips (22) and Garrett Smith (23). Smith was named Most Valuable Player of the state championship game.



## Lady Pirate Rifle team qualifies for Junior Olympics

#### Submitted Copy

Seven Granbury High School Lady Pirate Rifle Team members qualified for the USA Shooting Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs, according to a selection announcement made by USA Shooting on March 7,

#### 2023.

The Lady Pirates receiving an invite were Sunnee Schumann, Cadince McGrath, Julia Czernik, Ashton Arlington, Caroline Martin, Kameron Wells, and Kennedy Wells. The competitors were invited based on their qualification score at

a State level Junior Olympic match.

The ladies will shoot against the best juniors and college shooters in the nation in April at the Olympic Training Center located in Colorado Springs. This is the most team members Granbury Rifle has qualified in the same year for the USA Shooting Junior Olympics.

"The seven standouts in the state qualifier had a great match," LtCol Casey said. "The Junior Olympic match in April will feature the top 30 percent of all junior competitors in the nation and will feature invitees that ei-

ther won their state championship or were selected based on a score they attained. The seven Granbury shooters shot college-level scores; it was fun to watch them compete at such a high level." Other Granbury shooters

competing at the state Junior

Olympics were Mataya Turner, Aisnley Milligan, Viola Allen, and Caylynn Price.

The Granbury Rifle Team's next match will be the JROTC Nations in Camp Perry, Ohio on March 23, 2023.

## Brawner PE Showcase a hit with teachers, students, parents

#### Submitted Copy

The students at Brawner Elementary School enjoyed an evening of physical fitness and family activities at the PE Showcase on Tuesday, March 7,2023.

At the family night organized by PE teachers Sonja Chastain and Charles Overton, third, fourth, and fifth grade classes performed PE routines for their parents in the school gym. The students were proud to showcase the routines they learned and practiced during their PE classes.

Parents also enjoyed various activities with their students at stations around the building, including shopping at the book fair.

"A huge thank you to all the Brawner Elementary School faculty and the specials teachers team who made the showcase a success," shared Chastain.



**Two Brawner Elementary students** showcase a teamwork routine to parents.

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#### ESSAY **FROM PAGE B1**

guage and adopted many of their customs; they gave him the Indian name "Colonneh" or "the Raven." In 1812, Sam enlisted in the United States Army; he quickly impressed his officers, in just one year, he had risen to the rank of third lieutenant.

While serving under Andrew Jackson in the Battle of Horseshoe Bend on March 26, 1814, Houston suffered three near-fatal wounds and would carry fragments of a musket ball that lodged in his right shoulder until his death. His wounds healed slowly, and by the time he returned to duty, Jackson's

sive victory in the Battle of New Orleans. Jackson was very impressed with young Houston and arranged for him to serve on his staff in Nashville. Years later in October 1835, Texan and Mexican forces clashed in the Battle of Gonzales, beginning the Texas Revolution. Houston was appointed commander-in-chief of the Texan army and helped negotiate a treaty with the Cherokee living in eastern Texas. Even as Mexican forces under General Santa Ana besieged the Alamo in March 1836, Houston attended the convention at Washingtonon-the-Brazos that voted for Texan independence. With news of the Alamo's fall,

Gonzales as Santa Ana's forces advanced. The strategic retreat enabled Houston to better prepare his soldiers for battle, and on April 21 the Texans caught Santa Ana's troops in a surprise attack along the San Jacinto River. The stunning victory led to Santa Ana's capture and surrender, and the battle for Texan Independence was won.

After leading the Texan troops in victory over the Mexican army in the battle of San Jacinto, Houston became the first president of the "Lone Star Republic". He was also elected one of the first 2 senators to represent Texas after Texas joined the Union 1845. Houston and Jackson continued to have a tight

Jackson's death. According to accounts in June of 1845, Houston was crying at the deathbed of Andrew Jackson. Houston hadn't made it to The Hermitage in time for Jackson's final moments. The former American President died shortly before the former Texas President arrived, and "the towering Texan sank to his knees and openly wept over the body". Houston remained for the funeral and served as one of Jackson's pallbearers. In 1861, as Civil War

loomed, Texas Governor Sam Houston watched his constituents vote to secede from the Union. Houston could not believe that two decades of his work was about to unravel. His loyalty and he was not willing to switch his allegiance to the Confederacy. Houston was forced out of office but not before saying, "I love Texas too well to bring civil strife and bloodshed upon her." Sam Houston's fighting days were behind him, and he retired a quiet life in Huntsville, Texas. Two years later, in 1863, as the Civil War was raging, Sam Houston died quietly in the downstairs bedroom of the Steamboat house. The funeral service was held in the upstairs parlor on July 27, 1863. Sam Houston was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery during a rainstorm, with Masonic gravesite services. Few attended the service due

of Texas because he defeated the Mexican army within 18 minutes, killing 630, wounding 208, and capturing 730. The Texans only lost 9 men with 30 wounded. He fought for Texas' independence from Mexico, changing it from a province of Mexico to its own republic. He is highly regarded as the most influential person in Texas historyeven the largest city in Texas was named after him, which speaks to his tremendous influence during frontier times. Some of his major ideas and goals were to civilize, establish, and unify the state. Sam Houston was a major catalyst who transformed Texas from a wild frontier to what Texas

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## Charlotte's Web, Edgar Allan Poe, The Nutcracker coming to Granbury



In "The Charlotte's Web Experience," guests will follow Fern and Wilbur as they meet a very talented spider. Attendees will lose their mind with Poe in "The Edgar Allan Poe Experience," as he enters his final days in an insane asylum where nurses transform into ravens.

## Brian Clowdus Experiences returns in May with new shows, season passes

**BY ASHLEY INGE** Staff Writer Reprint Clowdus, the mastermind behind both Sleepy Hollow and Christmas Carol Experiences, will soon be returning to Granbury for his most epic season yet.

From May to December, Brian Clowdus Experiences will be offering three brand new shows in Hood County: "The Charlotte's Web Experience," "The Edgar Allan Poe Experience, and "The Nutcracker Experience," — all in three different locations. "Granbury is so incredibly near and dear to my heart," Clowdus said, in the Visit Granbury news release. "It has become my favorite home away from home. I am in love with the town's history, architecture and incredible residents. After two incredible years of 'The Sleepy Hollow Experience' and 'The Christmas Carol Experience,' we are changing things up this year with three new epic experiences and in three locations."

In "The Charlotte's Web Experience," guests will follow Fern and Wilbur as they meet a very talented spider. Showings will be held from May 6-28 at 620 E. Bridge St. on Saturdays at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Attendees will lose their mind with Poe in "The Edgar Allan Poe Experience," as he enters his final days in an insane asylum where nurses transform into ravens. Showings will be held from Sept. 28 through Oct. 31 at 308 E. Pearl St. on Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Finally, guests can escape into a winter wonderland with Clara as she steps

into a world where nutcrackers and sugar plum fairies come to life in "The Nutcracker Experience." Showings will be held from Nov. 30 through Dec. 30 at 201 E. Pearl St. on Thursdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m. "Cranbury fell in love with Brian Clowdus and his incredible team as they brought entertainment like we had never seen before with 'The Sleepy Hollow Experience' and 'The Christmas Carol Experience," Visit Granbury Director Tammy Dooley stated in the news release. "We expected these shows to be successful, but we didn't realize how quickly they would sell out and how buzz would carry all over Granbury, Dallas, Fort Worth, and beyond.

experiences, highlighting the history and architecture of Granbury and now with three new shows. We look forward to welcoming back the community and visitors ready to be entertained with these new experiences."

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Clowdus is also offering attendees a seasonal pass option, where they can save 35% when they purchase one.

world-class national talent and are wonderful for the whole family," Clowdus added. in the news release. "Audience members can have dinner on the square, shop the incredible boutiques, see unique and immersive entertainment, and stay overnight as well. This year is a celebration of all things Granbury: commu nity, love, friendship, laughter, and even a few things haunted. We can't wait to see you all this year." Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at visitgranbury.com/ BCE. To choose dates for the shows, email the box office at boxoffice@brianclowdus.com. Reservations should be made two weeks prior to the desired show date.

"We saw audience members from all over the country and we are over the moon to make this season a third-year Granbury

Tickets for the VIP season pass are \$175, and tickets for the general admission season pass are \$125. Both include rain insurance. Individual tickets for "The Charlotte's Web Experience," are \$59 for VIP, with general admission prices ranging from \$19 to \$49 depending on day and availability. Individual tickets for "The Edgar Allan Poe Experience" and "The Nutcracker Experience," are currently not available for purchase.

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#### GARDEN PATCH

# *It's getting to be that time of year:*

Dandelions are making their annual spring appearance. Considered pesky weeds by many homeowners, these plants have many beneficial qualities.

**BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER** 

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

fter last year's drought, we are grateful for the recent rains. But if there is a negative to water soaking the landscape, it is the emergence of pesky weeds. Yes, they're back!

While it's been said that some plants are weeds only to those that dislike them, Texas does have its fair share of opportunistic vegetation. Weeds invade in the blink of an eye, spreading and thriving in planting beds, lawns and beyond. At worse, they rob garden plants of water and nutrients, strangle trees and clog

waterways. Left to their own devices, many weeds can spoil landscapes and disrupt ecosystems. What's more, some are poisonous.

However, weeds are not without their good qualities. Some are edible, such as the dandelion. Others sport flowers that produce pollen and nectar for pollinators. Many are attractive. Identifying the weeds present in your landscape will help you to know how best to manage them. Common Texas weeds include:

Dandelion — A non-native, this broadleaf perennial produces pretty yellow flowers, which are followed by wispy seed balls. Its greens are edible, and its flowers are used to make wine. Pollinators benefit from their pollen and nectar. Dandelions spread by seed, taproot or root crowns. In winter, the plants sprout green rosettes at their base. Pull dandelions when they are young. If they age and form a taproot, they are difficult to eradicate. Adding mulch to garden beds and mowing lawns regularly will discourage dandelions and other weeds.

Henbit — This Asian native in the mint family is edible. It germinates in the fall and blooms in late winter. Also known as dead nettle, these broadleaf annuals have coarsely toothed green-topurple leaves. In late winter/ spring, henbit boasts small pink/purple flower clusters. Pull henbit in winter or early spring to prevent seed spread. Preemergent or

post-emergent products may be used to control henbit in lawns. In gardens, spot treat plants with herbicidal soap or glyphosate. Tip: In a wildlife garden, allow henbit to bloom, providing nectar to pollinators when little else is available.

Spotted Spurge — A native plant, spurge is not beneficial or edible. Look for it in late spring/early summer. This annual weed produces a milky substance when cut. It is particularly aggressive since it quickly produces seeds in large quantities. Spotted spurge grows from a shallow taproot, forming a multi-branched, creeping mat. The oblong leaves have reddish-brown spots on their upper sides. Dig up plants soon after sprouting or spot

treat them with a post-emergent product. If more control is needed, apply a preemergent next fall.

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To further identify weedy Texas plants, see photos online at aggieturf.tamu.edu. Note that several "weeds" are also considered gardenworthy wildflowers, perennials, groundcovers, etc. Remember, a weed is simply a plant growing where someone doesn't want it!

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

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# 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.

#### 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.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 20

#### **ELIZABETH CROCKETT**

Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Program: Steve Kuban, Attorney at Law on Probate Estates Elderly Issues. Acton Methodist Church, Education Building, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. the meeting called to order 10:00 a.m.

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's Annual D'Vine Wine Sip and Support - March 23, 2023 – 4 p.m.- until close. Appetizers, finger sandwiches and desserts will be provided by Opera Guild Members. Bridge Street will be closed for street dancing, B-Ray and the Humans Band will play from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Drawings for Goodie Baskets and Door Prizes begin at 7:15 p.m. A few tables and chairs will be available but bring your own chairs for you and your family or group. The guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House

and its allied arts. For more information contact granburyog@gmail.com or 817-776-2898

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

HOOD COUNTY Hospital District regular monthly meeting to be held at noon in the Annex I meeting room, 200 Deputy Larry Miller Dr.,



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#### **SUDOKU** Solution for the puzzle on Mar. 11 (Puzzle 9).

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Puzzle by websudoku.com								

## SUPPORT SYSTEMS

#### SUPPORT SYSTEM calendar

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

#### **EVERY DAY**

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONY-**

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

## ACTON 12-STEP Group.

Meeting daily at 7 p.m. 3609 Acton Highway (behind Madison Park).

mation, call Ben Bradley at: 575.706.5703 or Sherry Bingham 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

#### Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is

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not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

**GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY** 

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#### **FIRST MONDAY ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT**

at 10 a.m., The Big O Restaurant,1302 S. Morgan St. Details: 817-894-2449 or 817-219-9833.

#### **THIRD MONDAY**

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT** 

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

#### **THIRD TUESDAY**

#### **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIV-**

ERS 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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#### **EVERY THURSDAY**

TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximun weight scale: Group, join others to share concerns, 10 a.m. at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-2355.

#### **FIRST TUESDAY**

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#### **SECOND SATURDAY**

**GRIEF SUPPORT** breakfast for anyone grieving the loss of someone they love

#### **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.

Friday, 10 March 2023 - Thursday, 16 March 2023

#### 65 (PG13)

Fri: 2:20PM, 4:45PM, 7:10PM, 9:35PM. Sat, Sun: 12:00PM, 2:25PM, 4:50PM, 7:15PM, 9:40PM. Mon: 2:10PM, 4:35PM, 7:00PM, 9:25PM, Tues, Wed: 11:45AM, 2:10PM, 4:35PM, 7:00PM, 9:25PM. Thurs: 11:45AM, 1:20PM, 2:10PM, 4:35PM, 7:00PM, 9:25PM

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#### Champions (PG13)

Fri: 1:15PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:55PM. Sat: 10:20AM, 1:15PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:55PM. Sun: 10:15AM, 1:05PM, 3:55PM, 6:45PM, 9:40PM. Mon: 1:00PM, 3:55PM, 6:45PM, 9:40PM. Tues, Wed: 1:05PM, 4:00PM, 6:50PM, 9:45PM. Thurs: 1:10PM, 4:10PM

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#### Jesus Revolution (PG13)

Fri: 1:00PM, 3:50PM, 6:40PM, 9:30PM. Sat: 10:15AM, 12:00PM, 2:50PM, 5:40PM, 8:30PM. Sun: 10:25AM, 12:00PM, 2:50PM, 5:40PM, 8:30PM. Mon: 1:10PM, 4:00PM, 6:50PM, 9:40PM. Tues, Wed: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 4:20PM, 7:10PM, 10:00PM. Thurs: 12:15PM, 1:35PM, 3:15PM, 6:15PM, 9:15PM

#### Scream VI (R)

Daily except Sat, Sun: 1:00PM, 6:50PM. Sat: 10:45AM, 12:40PM, 6:30PM. Sun: 12:40PM, 6:30PM

Scream VI in 3D (R) Daily except Sat, Sun: 3:55PM, 9:45PM. Sat, Sun: 3:35PM, 9:25PM

Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG13) Thurs: 3:45PM, 6:45PM, 9:45PM

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## FORWARD TRAINING CENTER A gift to our community: Julia Pannell explains impact of Bridge Builders

#### BY KATY OFFUTT



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

Ulia Pannell continues to give her time, skills and finances to Forward Training Center. When asked why volunteer, she will not hesitate to say because, "As long as I see fruit there, I will continue to serve in the best way I can." As Forward's Bridge Builder Chairperson, Julia is very passionate about offering opportunities for partners to join hands in walking students across the Bridge to create a foundation for success!

I asked Julia to elaborate on the significance of how becoming a part of Forward's Bridge Builders can result in producing that fruit and what outcomes she has witnessed. She replied and went on to say, "If you take a tour, become a mentor, or attend a meeting where the guest speaker is from Forward Training Center; you will hear about being a Bridge Builder. The definition of "bridge" is a pathway over obstacles! That pathway becomes the foundational tool for the Jobs for Life classes taught by Forward Training Center volunteers. Students come to Forward Training Center for that lifeline that will empower them to become successful employees and leaders in our community. There is no condemnation, no judging, no second guessing. Students learn how to dress, how to write resumes, how to interview, and how to present themselves to the community. Breaking the cycle of discouragement, mothers and dads often learn how to be better parents and how to break that generational bondage keeping them 'stuck' in a lifestyle of

lower-paying jobs and the feeling of failure. No longer do we have to ask ourselves how we can help, how we can get these students that might slip through the cracks into a program that works, how we can partner with existing community programs and resources and stay true to the core principles taught by Jobs for Life for youth and adults. Forward Training Center has answers! The goal of the board, staff and volunteers is to keep developing classrooms outside the Pearl Street location so that the increasing number of students can take advantage of this gift. Yes, I call it a gift; a gift to the community. One that comes wrapped in success!"

"We need YOUR help! We need partners to pray and financially support our Bridge Builder Campaign. Results are graduates moving with confidence toward becoming successful employees and leaders in our community! Today YOU can make a difference in a life. Become a Bridge Builder! There are several levels of being a partner; call me with any questions (817-308-7427) or use the QR code



Julia Pannell points to the Bridge Builder Wall where donors are honored and prominently displayed in Legacy Hall at Forward Training Center 600 W. Pearl St. Granbury.

and donate to The Bridge Builders Campaign!" I want to thank Julia Pannell for being Forward's champion using her passion, love of people and community, and putting her thoughts down on paper to share with the Hood County residents. We invite the community to join Forward's mission to Educate, Support and Inspire life-changing growth

in men and women and say yes to being a Bridge Builder.

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