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## 'GOD SAVED HIM'



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Trevor Vossler, a 16-year-old student at Granbury High School, spent three months in a Fort Worth hospital following a car accident that resulted in a double amputation. Fortunately, Vossler's upbeat attitude and faith in God have helped him cope and persevere through the unimaginable.

### GHS teen shows resilience through positivity, faith in dealing with losses

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

One local teen's positive attitude and unwavering faith in God are helping him cope and persevere through the unimaginable.

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**CRYSTAL BAGWELL**  
Trevor's mom



Trevor Vossler, right, a sophomore at Granbury High School, lost both legs after a car accident last December. His mom, Crystal Bagwell, left, stayed by his side throughout his entire three-month hospital stay.

## On heels of twin titles, Lipan looks at future

BY RICK MAUCH  
Special to the Hood County News

If you drove through the little burg of Lipan with a population of just over 500 either of the past two weekends, odds are it was a lot quieter than normal — and it's ordinarily extremely quiet and quaint.

But then, there was hardly anyone in town. Many of them were several hundred miles away in San Antonio celebrating the Lady Indians and Indians winning Class 2A state basketball championships on consecutive weekends.

The little town has done a lot of celebrating over the years because of its basketball teams, but never before had the Indians and Lady Indians both won titles in the same season. In fact, it hasn't happened all that often in the history of the University Interscholastic League, with the last time being Nazareth - ironically, a state tournament rival of Lipan - 16 years ago.

"It's absolutely incredible. I'm very proud of our kids, coaches and excited for our school and community," Lady Indians head coach Amber Branson said.

This season was the Lady Indians' third state championship (also in 2016 and 2021), all with Branson at the helm. It was their 10th state tournament appearance and eighth since 2011.

"It's definitely a great time to be a Lipan Indian," Indians head coach

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## Former chief: Sprinkler systems could save square; otherwise, fires are 'predictable'

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

When a fire broke out on the second floor of the Nutt House Hotel earlier this month, the under-renovation historic structure was freshly equipped with some modern-day technology: an automatic sprinkler system.

Tragically, since the hotel was not quite ready to reopen, the sprinklers had not yet been connected to a water source and alarm system.

Had it been, the fire that started on the second floor in the early morning hours while most of Granbury was asleep would have been quickly extinguished by one or two sprinkler heads, according to former Granbury Fire Chief and longtime firefighter Homer Robertson. There would have been some water and sheetrock damage, he told the Hood County News on Tuesday, but the harm likely would have been minimal.

Instead, the beloved hotel, whose former owner, Mary Lou Watkins, is depicted in

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**CRYSTAL BAGWELL**  
Trevor's mom

**VOSSLER**

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On Dec. 10, 2022, Granbury High School sophomore Trevor Vossler was riding in the car with his dad, Arthur Vossler, as they were traveling on Loop 567. While turning onto Lipan Highway, Arthur rapidly accelerated, lost control of the car, and slid into the southbound lane where he collided with another car, according to a previous Hood County News article.

Arthur was "found to be deceased at the scene," and Trevor was immediately transported to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

"When he got (to the hospital), they had to remove his spleen, and he had internal bleeding," Trevor's mom, Crystal Bagwell, told the HCN on March 13. "They had to remove his right leg immediately because it was already kind of dead on him. He had a lot of degloving — a lot of dead tissue and muscle."

Bagwell said according to the doctors, Trevor only had about a 15% chance of survival.

"But because of his age and how fit and active he was, that's kind of what saved him," she explained. "Plus, the big man upstairs, because looking at the car, it was like, not a car anymore; it was bad."

For three weeks, doctors tried to salvage Trevor's left leg, but unfortunately, there was nothing more they could do.

"It was just so far gone that they had to actually amputate that as well, so he could have a full active lifestyle with a prosthetic rather than dragging around a leg



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CRYSTAL BAGWELL

Crystal Bagwell gives her son, Trevor Vossler, a kiss on the forehead at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth.

that didn't work," Bagwell said.

For the past three months, Trevor remained at the Fort Worth hospital, where he underwent several skin graft

surgeries — with his mom never leaving his side.

"I've been at the hospital with him every single day," she said. "I've been by his side since everything

happened."

On March 10, Trevor was discharged from John Peter Smith Hospital — exactly three months since the accident.

"He's got to heal for like six months, and then we'll be working with physical therapy and working with his prosthetics because the ultimate goal is to get his pros-

thetics and get him walking again," Bagwell said.

Trevor still has a long road to recovery ahead, but Bagwell said she is proud of her son's resilience and strength.

"They were calling him 'Baby Hercules' in ICU because of how well he kept pushing through," she said. "They were amazed at all of his progress."

His positivity and faith have also played a major role in his attitude and optimism in what the future holds.

"He's been having a pretty positive attitude about everything," she said. "He's still trying to be independent, and he's really been leaning on God with everything that's happened. God saved him because things could have been worse, but (I'm so proud of him because) I don't know how I would handle what he's going through."

Bagwell said Trevor has received an outpouring of love and support from teachers, counselors, and students at Granbury High School.

"A lot of his friends are cheering him on," she said.

Before the accident, Trevor enjoyed fishing, boxing, and welding — with the goal of turning welding into a career.

But Bagwell said she knows once he heals and obtains his prosthetics, he will eventually continue an active lifestyle and achieve every goal he sets his mind to.

"He was a very active kid before all this, so I feel like once he gets his life back and everything, he'll get back to it," she said. "He's a very tough kid, and he's a go-getter. He'll be active again."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# 'Bonnets in Bloom': Enter your photo for a chance to win!



**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.

It is my favorite time of year, and I don't think I am the only person who feels that way. We live in Texas, and it is time for the bluebonnets to bloom! This means thousands, if not millions of people will seek out bluebonnets that have bloomed, and take photos.

Over the years I have seen a great many bluebonnet photos. Some are of whole families, some of children, occasionally of the family pet in a patch of bluebonnets, and sometimes simply a beautiful Texas

landscape photo that includes bluebonnets.

The bluebonnet is our state flower, and other than a cowboy hat and the "lone star," I know of no other symbol that says "Texas"

more than bluebonnets.

With this important rite of spring upon us, and in order to celebrate the event, we decided to have a contest at each one of our newspaper outlets. All our staff believed readers would be as excited about "Bonnets in Bloom" as we are. Starting the week of March 20, we are asking folks to send us their favorite bluebonnet photo. It does not have to be taken this year, so you can use an older photograph as well as those taken this year. Go to your newspaper's website and click on the link to the "Bonnets in Bloom." You can upload your photo and will then be entered in our "Bonnets in Bloom" contest.

When you submit your entry, it will appear as part of the "bluebonnets gallery" on the newspa-

per's website, making all entries available for viewing to the public. Beginning the week of March 20, the newspaper will select a weekly winner, and will select additional weekly winners for a period of five weeks.

Each weekly winner will receive a "Bonnets in Bloom" T shirt, recognition on the newspaper's social media sites and website, and a free one-year subscription to the newspaper. At the end of the five weeks of weekly winners, a Grand Prize will be awarded and the winner shall receive \$100 cash, a Bluebonnet T-shirt, and a one-year free subscription to the newspaper. The winning photo will adorn the front page of your newspaper!

We hope you have a great time seeing some tremendous entries.

I am sure some will make you smile because of their jocularly, and others will take your breath away because of their beauty. I am looking forward to seeing them all and eventually announcing the grand prize winner. Tell your friends, dig out those old photos, go and take new photos — but let's have some fun and show how Texans feel about their beloved bluebonnets.

Thought for the day: If heaven does not have a large blooming field of bluebonnets, not sure I want to go.

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

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## Texas Rent Relief currently accepting applications for assistance

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Texas Rent Relief (TRR) has \$96 million to help Texans affected by the pandemic.

Texas Rent Relief is accepting

applications for rent and utility assistance between March 14 and March 28.

First-time TRR applicants may be eligible for up to 18 months of rent and utility assistance.

Returning applicants who have not received the maximum allowed 18 months of assistance for rent and/or utility bills can submit an Additional Funding Request via their existing online user account.

Applicants who have already received 18 months of assistance are not able to apply for additional assistance.

Please visit the TRR website at texasrentrelief.com.



## Beautification group to fund colored lights for trees on square

**BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer

Trees around the courthouse on the historic Granbury Square will soon be illuminated in vibrant colors, thanks to the Lake Granbury Area Beautification Council.

The Beautification Council will fund LED, color-changing lights

and will have them installed and maintained by professionals on 16 trees around the courthouse.

The lights will be at no cost to the county, and the city will pay for the electricity, according to Beautification Council representatives who addressed the Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Tuesday. The court unani-

mously approved the organization's offer.

It was noted at the meeting that other cities have enhanced their squares with lighted trees and that colors can complement festivals sponsored by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association and other events.

The Lake Granbury Area

Beautification Council has also donated to the city to help pay for holiday lights and has funded other projects that add to the aesthetic appeal of the historic district, boosting the city's tourism industry.

"I think that's a great idea," County Judge Ron Massingill said after the Beautification

Council's brief presentation at the Commissioners Court meeting. He drew a chuckle from the audience when he added, "I like the fact that it's at zero cost to the county."

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## FIRE

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bronze just across the street by the courthouse, sustained major damage. According to Granbury Communications Manager Jeff Newpher, the cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Robertson said that Granbury firefighters have long predicted catastrophic fire loss on the square. In addition to his own personal history with the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, Robertson's father was the city's fire chief back in the 1960s and some of his ancestors served as volunteer firefighters dating back to when the Granbury VFD was founded in 1907.

"It was a tragedy," he said of what happened to the Nutt House. "But it was predictable. And if it's predictable, it's preventable."

Robertson fears that the next time a fire breaks out in a building on the square — and it will, he said — the tragedy will be far greater. Unlike other buildings there, the Nutt House doesn't abut another structure, and that is what saved other buildings on the square's north side. The gap next to the Nutt House is because the building that was once there burned, according to Robertson, who retired last summer as executive assistant chief for the Fort Worth Fire Department, where he worked for 37 years.

Robertson said he feels the city should take action to make sure that historic buildings on and



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

After the recent devastating fire at the Nutt House Hotel, longtime firefighter and former Granbury Fire Chief Homer Robertson hopes the city will take action to protect historic buildings on the square with automatic sprinkler systems. The City Council considered such a move in 2019 but did not act on it.

perhaps around the square are equipped with automatic sprinkler systems. Doing so would not only protect the buildings, he said, but also the city's tourism industry.

Automatic sprinkler systems are expensive to install, but those that are properly installed and properly maintained "are 97% effective," Robertson said.

**SOUNDING THE ALARM**

Several years ago, then-councilman Gary Couch sounded the same alarm that Robertson is sounding now. As a result of a City Council

discussion, a group of city representatives visited Grapevine to learn how that city successfully executed a public-private partnership involving automatic sprinkler systems.

The partnership involved the city bearing the cost of the tap and connection to the city water system, the underground piping to buildings, the riser assembly, the monitoring and alarm system, and the branch line that runs through all of the buildings over the entire length of each block. The private building owners were responsible for the

cost of the sprinkler grid system within their individual building spaces.

Most building owners supported the project but a few did not. To ensure full participation, the Grapevine City Council adopted an ordinance in November 2007 requiring that sprinklers be installed within six months of the adoption date.

The Granbury City Council hired Jensen Hughes to conduct a feasibility study. The engineering consultant had prior experience in designing fire protection retrofit

projects in historic buildings and had designed the Grapevine project as well as one for Plano.

At the City Council's regular meeting on Dec. 3, 2019, city officials heard a presentation on the feasibility study from Jensen Hughes representative John Wurts. The study estimated that construction costs would run approximately \$1,771,350. With "soft costs" including engineering, architectural design, surveying, and a 5% contingency, the "conservative estimate" grand total was a little over \$2 million.

Based on Grapevine's public-private partnership formula, the city would pay 64% of that figure and private business owners would pay 36%. Grapevine paid the total cost of the project at the outset and relieved the burden on building owners by offering a 20-year, fixed-rate payment plan.

Granbury city staff recommended funding Granbury's project through a certificate of obligation fund issue if the City Council chose to act.

Council member Trish Reiner, now Trish Burwell, made a motion for the city manager to bring back at a future date a financing package for funding that project and several other projects. Council member Greg Corrigan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

However, for whatever reason, the sprinkler system project never went forward.

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## CORRECTION

A headline in the Wednesday, March 15 edition gave the wrong date for the city's bulk trash pickup day. As stated in the article, the correct day for the bulk trash pickup will be Saturday, April 1.

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# OBITUARIES

## Cecil Clyde Nelson, Jr.

November 15, 1934 - March 8, 2023

Cecil Clyde "Buddy" Nelson, Jr., 88, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in Whitney, TX.

Graveside service: 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2023 in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Fort Worth, TX.

Buddy was born November 15, 1934 in Fort Worth, TX. He graduated from North Side High School in Fort Worth, and then served in the U.S. Navy for four years and in the Naval Reserves for six years. He retired from TXU after a 31-year career. Buddy was a devout Christian disciple. He read his Bible faithfully and was a loving, caring, generous man. He loved camping, water skiing, and fishing with his family and friends. And, he enjoyed teaching us all to water ski and to fish.

Survivors: sisters, Elsie Lucas, and Linda Levick; and seven nieces and nephews.



Preceded in death by: Wife, Dorrie Nelson, of 27 years; his parents, Victoria and Cecil C. Nelson, Sr; and his sisters, Billie Smith (David), and Ann Mills (Jay); brother-in-law, Alvy Levick; and niece Nancy White.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Town Hall Estates Nursing, in Whitney, TX where Buddy resided for several years, or any church or charity of your choice.

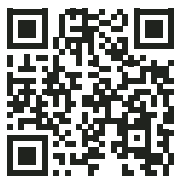


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## BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER

# Civic-minded David Cleveland is also a history center founding board member

### BILL WALTERS

David Cleveland is a lifelong resident of Hood County and was born in Acton, on Sept. 22, 1942, on the family farm. David's great-grandfather came to Texas in 1870 from South Carolina and bought 500 acres. He had five children, and each child received 100 acres. The land basically ran from what is now Highway 4 north to the railroad tracks just behind H-E-B and extended west to Bennett's Camping. (Highway 377 didn't exist at the time). He states he was delivered by Dr. Lancaster at home on the dining room table. He grew up working on the farm, like most boys living in the country. He was plowing with a team of horses at the age of nine. They raised cotton (cash crop) and took it to Godley to sell, as Granbury didn't have a cotton gin at the time. Peanuts and corn were kept for feed for the animals on the farm. David started school at the age of 5 in a two-room schoolhouse in Acton and attended through the 6th grade. David then transferred to Granbury schools in the 7th grade and graduated from Granbury High School. David's sister was 10 years older and had left home to work and live in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, and thus David was the primary helper on the farm. As a freshman in high school, David played football and

had to stay after school for practice. When he got home, his father asked him where he had been, and David said I had to stay after school for football practice. David's father said, "That isn't going to work," and David quit the team the next day so he could help his father on the farm. David remembers as a kid back in the '50s, one of the main forms of entertainment was the "Old Settlers and Soldiers Reunion" held at the Reunion Grounds each year. Former Confederate soldiers would come by wagon and camp at the Reunion Grounds for 3 days. They had a carnival, games and rides and a fiddling contest.

David is the son of John and Margaret Lusk Cleveland and brother to a single sister named Deann Cleveland Raines. David married his high school sweetheart, Leneta Howard, after graduating from Granbury High School in 1961. They had two children, Lisa and Wesley. David immediately went to work for the Texas Highway Department, where he worked for the next 20 years. He initially operated heavy equipment in a 9-county area of North Central Texas called District Two. In 1974, the Texas Highway Department sent David to Texas A&M University to attend a 6-week Instructor Training course for heavy



## The Bridge Street HISTORY CENTER

Granbury, TX

equipment operators. Upon course completion, David started a school to train Highway Department Equipment Operators in the 9-county area. After retiring from the Texas Highway Department, in 1997 David went to work for a land development company and built Bentwater and Mallard Point subdivisions in Hood County.

David was very involved in local government and was civic minded. In 1984, he was elected County Commissioner in Hood County, and incidentally, his father John was elected County Commissioner in 1952. David served on the Hood General Hospital Board, he was a board member of Palo Pinto Community Service - the

board oversaw the Head Start program and provided free food for needy people in a 12-county area. David was appointed to the Community Development Program by Governor Ann Richards. The board approved grants for small cities to provide water and sewer. In 1991, David was asked by the North Texas Council of Government to be in charge of providing Hood County with the first 911 Emergency System. And in 1994, he helped open the Hood County Recycling Center where people could dispose of old oil, tires and batteries. And finally, David was a founding board member of the Bridge Street History Center for the past ten years, recently retiring this year.

## FIRE

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### THE PROBLEM WITH OLD BUILDINGS

Robertson said that buildings on the square are what firefighters refer to as "ordinary construction," which means that they have masonry walls (in this case, built from "Granbury stone" mined from a quarry that was once at the Reunion Grounds) and floor and/or roof systems featuring a lot of wood.

"The inherent danger of that ordinary construction is it creates a lot of void spaces," he said. "So, between the first and the second floor, and the roof that could be covered with wood or covered with tin, if fire ever gets in those, it's very difficult to control."

He added, "This is not a debate about volunteer firefighters versus career firefighters, or the kind of equipment. This is a debate about automatic sprinklers being in place."

The Nutt House, which has been closed for several years for renovations,

was reportedly just weeks away from reopening. Robertson said there were reasons why the sprinkler system had not yet been connected.

For instance, he noted, water is turned on at the street and is loaded into the street from the sprinkler system. However, since the heat at the Nutt House had not been turned on, there was no way to keep the sprinkler system from freezing.

He said that automatic sprinkler systems are tied into an alarm system and that, had the Nutt House's sprinkler system been in operation, the fire department would have received a water flow alarm within about 30 seconds of the first sprinkler head activating, he stated.

Robertson said that when an automatic sprinkler system is triggered, "it's not like you see in the movies." Only one sprinkler head will deploy, or maybe a couple. It's not every sprinkler head in the building, he said.

Robertson stated what many already know to be true: Granbury's his-

toric buildings cannot be replaced.

"So, is it better for us to make an investment now and protect them?" he posed. "How attractive is the square going to be for tourists when it's not a square anymore, it's a 'u' if you have one side that's gone, which could easily happen?"

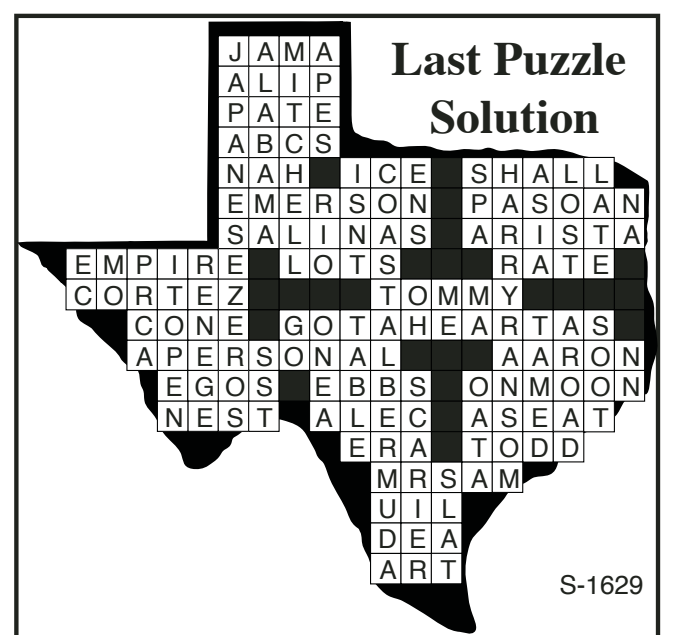
Robertson noted the amount of money spent 15 years or so ago when the county, with help from state grant funds, restored the courthouse. The grant partnership involved mandatory sprinklers. He feels that an automatic sprinkler

system should be part of any renovation where older structures in Granbury are concerned.

Robertson noted as well the city's significant investment in the square, which is considered the community's crown jewel.

"The city has spent a tremendous amount of money on that square, and they've done an awesome job," he said. "But something we've got to remember is, it's not preserved until it's protected."

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# Have you built an emergency fund?

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Many people make financial New Year's resolutions, such as reducing their debts or contributing more to their retirement accounts — both of which are certainly worthy goals. But among those who planned to make a financial resolution for 2023, the primary reason was the desire to build an emergency savings fund, according to a December 2022 study by research firm Morning Consult. Factors such as economic

concerns and the sharp rise in inflation seem to be driving this greater interest in building an emergency fund. But it's extremely valuable to maintain this type of fund in any economic environment. An emergency fund can help you prepare for a temporary job loss or early retirement, or pay for large home or auto repairs, sizable medical bills and other needs.

So, how much do you need to keep in an emergency fund? The answer depends on your stage of life. If you're

still working, you might want at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund. If you're already retired, however, you may need at least three months' worth of expenses for emergencies, plus another 12 months' worth of expenses, after accounting for your other sources of income, to cover your everyday spending needs.

And if you are retired, it's especially important to maintain this larger emergency fund so you can avoid dipping into your investment portfolio to pay for any unforeseen costs and daily expenses. As you know, the

financial markets can be volatile, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid having to sell investments when their prices may be down.

When building an emergency fund, where should you keep the money? You'll need it to be accessible, so you'll want it in a liquid investment vehicle. At the same time, you don't want to take risks with this fund, so you'll want to be confident that your principal will likely be preserved. Some possibilities might include short-term certificates of deposit (CDs) or money market accounts. But wherever you put the money, keep it separate from your regular check-

ing or savings account — it's called an "emergency" fund for a reason, and you don't want to mingle it with the accounts you use every day.

Given the high cost of living, it's not always easy to sock away money for emergencies — and if you wait until all your bills are paid before addressing an emergency fund, you may only make very slow progress. One possible strategy is to pay yourself first, so to speak, by having some money automatically moved from your checking or savings account each month into your emergency fund. And whenever you get a financial windfall,

such as a tax refund or a year-end bonus at work, you might use some of it for this fund.

It will take time and discipline to build and maintain an emergency fund. But once you've got such a fund in place, you'll feel more confident in your ability to deal with unexpected costs that could potentially disrupt your progress toward your financial goals. So, make it a priority this year to build or strengthen your emergency fund. It will be worth the effort.

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By: Pat Stewart  
Title: Director of Aviation  
Date: 3/11/23

**State of South Carolina County of Horry In the Magistrate's Court Notice and Order of Public Sale of Vehicle Civil Case Number 2023CV261070398**

HW Diversified LLC, 135 Bucksport Rd., Conway, S.C. 25927, 843-855-6589 Plaintiffs vs. John Newsom, 1406 Conejos Court, Granbury, TX 76048 Defendants.

By the authority vested in me by Section 29-15-10 of the SC code of Laws, 1976, as amended I will sell at Public Auction the below listed vehicle. Description of Vehicle: 1985, 18'3 Skeeter  
Vin # STE1P406C595  
Accrued Charges: \$7,500.00  
Sale will take place at Bucksport Marina 135 Bucksport Rd., Conway, S.C. on April 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.

To Plaintiff and any named party with an interest in the herein described vehicle: A hearing is scheduled prior to sale on March 27, 2023 9:00 a.m. at the Court's address: 1201 Third Avenue Conway, S.C. 29526, Phone 843-915-5290. If you wish to contest the repair, towing or storage charges or the right to sell:  
**YOU MUST APPEAR AT THIS HEARING.**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF JULIA D. JOHNSON as Independent Executrix of the Estate of JOHN S. JOHNSON, Deceased.  
Pending in the County Court, Hood County, Texas, Cause No. P09957

LEGAL AD  
Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for:

PECAN PLANTATION, UNIT 9, LOT 1682R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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**Public Hearing Notice**  
The City of Tolar, Hood County, Texas proposes to institute voluntary annexation proceedings to enlarge And extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to wit:  
BEING 11.21 acres situated in RACHEL STORY SURVEY, Abstract No. 501, City of Tolar, Hood County, Texas, being a portion of certain tract of land described in deed to Mike L. Combs and Wife, Judith Ann Combs, recorded in Volume 1107, Page 483, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas.  
Zoning approval and replat of the property to Multi-Family Residential (MF), be requested at the time of annexation.  
Zone request of the 8.8 acres situated in RACHEL STORY SURVEY, Abstract No. 501, City of Tolar, Hood County, Texas, being a portion of that certain tract of land described in deed to KB Properties, LLC, recorded in Instrument Number 2022-0009206, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas, from Agriculture (A) and Rural Residential (RR) to Multi-Family Residential (MF), subdivision and replat.  
Zone request of the 1.01 acres at 500 W. 7th St., situated in RACHEL STORY SURVEY, Abstract No. 501, City of Tolar, Hood County, Texas being a portion of that certain tract of land described in deed to KB Properties, LLC, recorded in Instrument Number 2022-0009206, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas to be zoned to Rural Residential Zoning (RR), subdivision and replat.  
The public hearings will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Tolar, Hood County, Texas on the 20th of March 2023 at 6:00 P.M. and 6:15 P.M. at 8712 W. Hwy 377, Tolar Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation, rezone and replat. At said time and place, all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard.  
Should you need any further clarification concerning this notification or the above changes, please contact Michelle Burdette, City Secretary (254) 835-4390.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Archer Court Utility Extension will be received, prior to the deadline, by the City of Granbury, at the office of the Purchasing Department, 401 N. Park Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, until 2:00 pm local time on April 12, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing Extension of water and sanitary sewer utilities from Archer Court along U.S. 377.

Bids shall be on a lump sum and/or unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: KSA Engineers, Inc.: 8866 Synergy Drive, McKinney, TX 75070, (972) 542-2995. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

Contract documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the Project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com.

Please submit questions for this Project 72 hours prior to bid opening through www.civcastusa.com in the Q & A portal.

Addenda issued will be posted on www.civcastusa.com. You will be notified of addenda automatically through email if you downloaded your plans and specifications via civcastusa.com.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Granbury Regional Airport Terminal Building, 400 Howard Clemmons Rd., Granbury, TX 76048.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: City of Granbury  
By: Pat Stewart  
Title: Director of Aviation  
Date: 3/11/23

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates Of JENNIFER PAIGE BERBERICH, Cause No. P09986, County Court of Hood County, Texas.  
PATTI BERBERICH in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of JENNIFER PAIGE BERBERICH, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas.  
All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at the above-mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.  
Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 13th day of March 2023.  
KATIE LANG  
Hood County Clerk  
P.O. Box 339  
Hood County, Texas 76048  
By /s/ CAMERON COZART, Deputy Clerk

**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a BQ -Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by NAGARJUN LLC dba Vishma Shop, to be located at 1901 E US Highway 377, Hood County, Granbury, Texas 76049. Officer of said corporation is SHREE RAM GHIMIRE, a manager.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, LEM Hollow Self Storage, 101 Killough Road, Granbury, TX, 76049, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. The sale will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 101 Killough Road, Granbury, TX, 76049. Phone number is 817-573-6622. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. This facility has a right to place a minimum bid on each unit. All sales will be final. Clean up deposit of \$50 is required. Sales tax will be added to the winning bid. Immediate removal and cleanup of purchased contents of sold unit is required. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in space(s) of the tenants listed below.

Nancy Neighbors, Unit G809, 10x20, trundle bed, dressers, buffet, treadle sewing machine, Budweiser sign.

Britt Standefer, Unit G208, adult drum set with cymbals, entertainment center, Campbell Hausfeld portable air tank, Bose speakers.

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# LETTER

## What the plane has revealed about how Granbury ISD operates

Granbury ISD is in the midst of a battle for its integrity and the trust of the parents, guardians and taxpayers in which we serve. I was elected to serve in November 2022 – the same time that the now infamous “plane” scandal rocked our small public school district.

The cornerstone of good, citizen-led government is transparency and now is the

time for Granbury ISD School Board to lean in and restore trust.

But a recent vote by the board has me extremely concerned. I worked with fellow board member Mrs. Graft to offer a chance to make a public statement and a district policy requiring school board members, administrators and staff to report suspected crime to the authorities.

Common sense, right? Especially after the public was told that “since there was no official policy around

referring matters to the police,” we as members of the Board could not do anything.

In light of that shocking revelation, trustee Graft and Lowery felt it was prudent to create a clear policy that had a duty-to-report for the board and our taxpayer-funded district employees when it comes to potential crimes such as the abuse and misuse of District property.

It’s not just good policy but our community needs to know that we are fully committed to being good stewards of their hard-earned tax dollars and that we will not tolerate, shield or protect those who abuse their trust.

But we were shut down and voted down by our fellow trustees on the GISD

School Board. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis famously remarked that sunshine is the best of disinfectants. We need a good dose of it in Granbury.

After the local media broke the story about the plane, the school board recently voted to sell it. That’s simply not enough.

We need to address the culture of our local school board and ensure that there are clear policies and rules that promote transparency and ethics for everyone in this school district. Our citizens deserve nothing less.

Granbury ISD is a great district full of great families, but we are on the precipice of losing the confidence of the people. This isn’t truly

about the plane. It’s about how it’s been handled and the apparent desire to make the situation go away above making sure the situation never happens again.

And while as a board member, I will always be a fierce advocate for the members of this community, remember that it is your right – and at times, your duty as a voter – to ask questions of your elected officials.

In the end, we are setting examples for young minds on how to handle controversy and adversity. Let’s be worthy of them above all else.

**Karen Lowery  
Granbury**

## Guidelines for letters to the editor

Email letters to sam@hcnews.com. Letters must include author’s first and last name, and home address. Specific address will not be published.

Writers are limited to one letter every 30 days.

Letters should be 500 words or less. All letters are subject to editing. All submissions to the Hood County News will become the property of the Hood County News. Letters to the Editor will appear in the Saturday edition of the Hood County News.

Questions: Call 817-573-7066 or contact Publisher Sam Houston.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Lipan girls basketball head coach Amber Branson smiles brightly on the sideline in December while watching her Lady Indians secure another big win — her career coaching victory No. 400 — a 58-33 decision over Nacogdoches Central Heights. The 2022-2023 season marked the third state championship for the Lady Indians with Branson as their coach, and their 10th appearance in the girls state tournament overall.



HCN FILE PHOTO

Brent Gaylor, pictured coaching during a 2021 game, guided the Lipan boys to the Class 2A state basketball championship on March 11 in San Antonio, 50-46 over LaRue LaPoyner. It was the fifth state basketball crown for the Lipan boys, and the 14th time overall the Indians reached the state tournament. Gaylor led them to the state semifinals two years ago, and they were 39-0 a year ago before being topped by Clarendon in the state title game.

## LIPAN

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Brent Gaylor said. “I am just so happy for the guys to finally take that last step and win it all. They have worked so hard and put so much time and energy into it that it is great to see that effort rewarded. They definitely earned it.”

It is the fifth state championship for the Lipan boys (also in 1994, 2005, 2017 and 2018) and their 14th trip to state. Two years ago they lost in the state semifinals and last season they took a 39-0 record into the state final before falling to Clarendon.

This season the Indians (38-1) and Lady Indians (35-3) combined for 73 wins. The Indians ended the season with a 24-game win streak and the Lady Indians won their final 16. But for the first time ever they will carry win streaks that include the post-season into the next season.

### HOW DOES LIPAN DO IT?

Of course, tradition plays its role. When you’ve won as much as Lipan has almost any opponent who takes the court against you is going to feel some intimidation.

But there’s also the dedication that goes with keeping up that tradition. There is something to be said for the best players ever being the first in the gym and the last to leave, and that extends to pretty much every Indian and Lady Indian who donned the uniform.

“I’ve been in Lipan my entire life, growing up and

seeing all the great players coming through, coach (Tommy) Bleeker and everybody coming through,” said Indian senior Tate Branson. “It means a lot to be the starting point guard in the state championship.”

Gaylor gave credit to the parents, many of whom played when they were Lipan students.

“We’ve got incredible parents who are very supportive, taking them to Grapevine for shootouts and taking them to fall league and summer camps,” he said. “We probably played 70 to 80 games since the state tournament last year before our season started this year.

“The program is what the players are. They’re the ones who go out there and wear

that uniform and represent our community.”

### LOOKING AHEAD

The Lady Indians will return more than half of their state tournament roster, including junior all-state tournament honoree Taylor Branson and sophomore Hanna Gaylor, whose clutch late-game free throw shooting was a key to the title. They will lose big-time players such as state championship game MVP Chelsea Lott and Trinity Benitez among the seven seniors.

Overall, the girls will have five juniors, two sophomores and a freshman back.

The Indians will graduate significantly more from their state tourney roster,

including Tate Branson, Tripp Phillips, Garrett Smith and Cole Reynolds, all who started since they were freshmen. In all, seven of the 11 players on the roster at state were seniors.

The returning players include one junior, a sophomore and two freshmen, including standout Darius Steed.

When asked about losing the quartet of four-year starters, coach Gaylor responded with a laugh, “I’m going to have to start coaching, that’s the scary part.”

Well, maybe for opponents, but Tate Branson, when asked about the future of Lipan basketball, simply said, “It’s going to be good for a long time.”



PHOTO BY NANCY HOLTSFORD

Lipan High School’s girls basketball team poses in front of the Alamo following their 53-48 victory over Gruver in the March 4 Class 2A state championship game in San Antonio.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lipan’s boys basketball squad members pose on the court with their medals after Saturday’s 50-46 Class 2A state tournament victory over LaRue LaPoyner in San Antonio’s Alamodome.

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## Live music, street dance, door prizes galore



COURTESY OF GARI WISE

The Opera Guild of Granbury's Sip & Support fundraiser held at D'Vine Wine every year provides Hood County residents an opportunity to mingle while enjoying tasty wine.

## 'Sip & Support' Opera Guild of Granbury at D'Vine Wine March 23

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

**N**eed an afternoon to unwind? Then, head on over to D'Vine Wine for a relaxing drink on Thursday, March 23, to "Sip & Support" the Opera Guild of Granbury for its annual fundraiser from 4-8 p.m.

For the past several years, the Opera Guild of Granbury has held its Sip and Support fundraiser each spring to support the Opera House and its allied arts by repairing the Opera House building and by donating scholarships to the Granbury Theatre Academy. "Next month, we're doing eight

scholarships for the kids, and this helps us do those scholarships, and it helps us redo the front of the Granbury Opera House that we just did in December," said Gari Wise, vice president of the Opera Guild of Granbury and director of fundraising. "It had some rotted wood, and we had it all redone

around the windows and painted. We spend our funds pretty wisely, and these fundraisers help that."

Wise said the Opera Guild of Granbury has already pledged \$30,000 for the purchase of 80 seats in rows A through D of the Opera House for necessary upgrades and repairs.

"It may take us five years, but they need to be done," Wise said. "That's our purpose is to keep the Opera House in its current condition where it's always welcoming

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**GARI WISE**

vice president of the Opera Guild of Granbury, director of fundraising

## Pirate Production Studios producing opportunities

BY JILLIAN TREMBLE  
Special to the Hood County News

Hidden inside the halls of Granbury High School, there is a room with a setup that looks far more akin to what a person may expect to see in a professional newsroom than in a public high school.

This is just a piece of a much larger program at the high school known as Pirate Production Studios. This program serves the dual purposes of keeping the general student body updated about the many different things going on around the high school and allowing interested students the opportunity to gain experience with all kinds of media creation, from graphic design to news reporting to sports commentary.

Senior Alayna Jenkins lists the sports commentary element as her biggest challenge since beginning her involvement in the program. Pirate Production Studios has students doing live commentary on many home sports games, which was a challenge for Jenkins due to the limited sports knowledge she had coming into the class. As challenging as she found this element to be, Jenkins said that she's glad she gained that experience as it has helped her learn to think on her feet and not panic in stressful situations.

Mason Covert, another senior in the program, credits the program's ability to blend cohesively into other extracurricular activities as a major advantage of getting involved. Covert, who is active in GHS's theater department, enjoys the ability to use his acting and script-writing skills for another medium.

Similarly, Jenkins, who will be attending college to study graphic design next August, enjoys the ability to make promo graphics for events. She believes that it will be beneficial to get as much practice as possible because speed is an important part of producing graphics professionally.

One thing that is very clear is that becoming involved with this class is in no way a free period. Those who choose to involve themselves are expected to be active participants in all aspects of media creation and work hard to make the best possible end product to be shown to the high school's students through weekly announcement videos and live streams.

Dawn Bradley, the teacher in charge of this program, demands hard work from her students. She is a perfect role model of the commitment she expects. Midyear, Bradley lost the second teacher that was overseeing the program with her and was left running the program on her own. She has truly shown her students, by example, what it means to work hard for their craft.

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<https://www.granburyisd.org/piratesportsnetwork>

## Three Granbury schools recognized as Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools

Submitted Copy

Granbury ISD is proud to announce STEAM Academy at Mambrino, Acton Middle School and Granbury Middle School as Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools.

Acton Middle School and Granbury Middle School received recognition this school year, while the STEAM Academy at Mambrino earned recognition during the 2022-23 school year.

"The Special Olympics Unified

Champion Schools program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change. With sports as the foundation, the three-component model offers a unique combination of effective activities that equip young people with tools and training to create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance. These are school climates where students with disabilities feel welcome and are routinely in-

cluded in and feel a part of all activities, opportunities and functions," according to the Special Olympics of Texas.

The campus recognition was achieved with the offering of the Unified Robotics program. Unified Robotics is a UIL-sanctioned event that is intended to encourage students with special needs who are interested in engineering to come out and display their talents, while continually emphasizing inclusion and awareness in STEM.

Granbury ISD students on robotics teams at our Unified Champion Schools are:

Middle School Robotics Team: Paxton Haile (AMS), Renee Sermarini (AMS), Colton Jones (GMS), Jakin Sherrill (AMS), Madie Crawford (GMS), Jaime Rosas (GMS)  
Elementary Robotics Team at STEAM Academy at Mambrino: Team One - Billy Bot: Cayden McDonald, Jackson Drew, Alex Webb, Karter Enix  
Team Two - The Bee Bots: Dakota

Lightfoot, Charly Scroggins, Mason McIntosh, Mateo Alvarez

The Unified Robotics program was made possible by the teachers who have been instrumental in launching the program by volunteering many hours of after-school practices and attending training sessions last summer.

STEAM Academy teachers Justin Burton and Deb Miller coach the elementary teams, and Granbury Middle School teacher Nicole Jones coaches the middle school team.



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**GARI WISE**

vice president of the Opera Guild of Granbury, director of fundraising



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GARI WISE

B-Ray and the Humans will be performing live music during the Sip & Support fundraiser on Thursday, March 23, from 4-7 p.m.

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and always updated."

During the event, Bridge Street will be closed for street dancing, as B-Ray and the Humans will perform from 4-7 p.m.

Performing everything from country, Christian, blues, rock, and R&B to classics such as Wilson Pickett's "Mustang Sally," B-Ray and the Humans will have songs for everyone to enjoy.

"If you close your eyes and listen to him when he sings, (B-Ray) can imitate 'Satchmo' (Louie Armstrong) perfectly," Wise said.

Guests are also asked to bring their own chairs for the live performance to ensure plenty of open seating for all.

After B-Ray and the Humans' performance, drawings will take place for wine-related baskets and door prizes, varying in price from \$50 to \$300.

"Various vendors here in town have donated gift certificates, like Ami's Art Glass Boutique, Pat Boyles, has donated a cross on a stand," Wise said. "Some of them will have wine glasses, cheese and crackers, a gift certificate to Granbury Live, and there will probably be some food certificates in some of them."

Tickets for the door prizes and baskets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Drawings start at 7 p.m. and ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Prepurchase tickets can be



Attendees of last year's Sip & Support fundraiser went "green" for the event by celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

bought by contacting Sally Adamson at 469-387-3477 or by email at sadamson97@yahoo.com.

Vendors for the event will include Opulenza Jewelry, Southern Reflection Kettle Korn, Studio "C" Crafts and T's, and Harmony

Massage Chair.

Caylor Creek Boutique will also be open late for attendees' shopping pleasure.

Light appetizers of finger sandwiches, chips and dip, fruit and veggie trays, and desserts will be

provided by Opera Guild members and will be served inside D'Vine Wine.

Guests are also asked to purchase their wine or drinks of choice from D'Vine Wine because 20% of all sales from that evening will go toward the fundraiser.

Wise said she is looking forward to helping the Opera Guild of Granbury grow and "build up their reputation as a charitable organization."

"For us, it's really appreciated," Wise added. "We only do three fundraisers a year, so these are things I know that we can do and put our effort in and walk away with a decent return to do what we need to do for the scholarships and for the repairs at the Opera House."

Future fundraisers for the Opera Guild of Granbury include Chow Down for Charity on Sept. 6 and Bingo Night on Oct. 12.

To join the Opera Guild of Granbury to help support the Opera House, email granburyog@gmail.com for an application. Single memberships are \$25, while joint and business memberships are \$35.

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**Spring activities for families to enjoy together**

(MetroCreative Connection)

Spring is one of the most popular seasons of the year. After several months of chilly temperatures in many regions, spring provides a welcome reprieve from the cold.

Moderate temperatures make it much more comfortable and inviting to venture outdoors, particularly for families with children who might not adapt to the cold as well as adults. The following are some family-friendly activities that make the most of spring renewal.

**VISIT BOTANIC GARDENS**

If there's a botanical garden nearby, a visit in spring is a great time to soak in the beauty of nature. That's because an abundance of flowers bloom during the spring, meaning a garden will be in peak

form. Visitors can meander through rows of rose bushes or tour the labyrinth of trimmed hedges. Beautiful, flowering cherry trees, with their delicate pink or white petals, also are sights to behold in spring.

**PREPARE A HOME GARDEN**

Visiting a garden is one thing, creating one at home is another. In addition to planning a vegetable garden to enjoy tasty pickings throughout summer, you can devote some property to flowers that will attract wildlife. Check with a garden center about which flowers and plants attract butterflies and other beneficial insects. Many garden centers sell butterfly and hummingbird mixes to attract wildlife.

**GO ANIMAL WATCHING**

Flowers are not the only thing on display in the spring. Many animals, including birds, are born this time of year. Baby animals are not only adorable, they can be entertaining to watch grow. Families can spend time viewing the animals that visit their yards or surrounding parks, being careful to keep their distance. Adults may be quite protective of their young, so it's better to watch from the lens of a camera or with binoculars. Always resist the urge to help a baby animal who seems like it was abandoned. The parent may be a short distance away gathering food or trying to avoid drawing attention to the young to deter predators.

**GET OUT ON THE WATER**

A bright, warm day is an

ideal time to enjoy the open water. Spring is a season when many marinas reopen and avid boaters put their vessels back into the water. You also can venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

**MAKE WIND CHIMES**

Enhance the garden or decor around the home by making wind chimes or other percussion items that can create beautiful music when spring breezes blow. Commercially available kits are sold, but wind chimes also can be made from items like bamboo or even strung shells.

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Windspeed can often effect how fish will bite.

## Strong spring winds on the water



**BY MICHAEL ACOSTA**

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. A Granbury resident of more than 35 years, he has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

**I** don't know about you, but my recent trips to the lake happened to land on days when the wind has been strong. Fishing in the wind requires a lot more effort, but if you stay focused you can put fish in the boat.

I normally try to avoid getting on the water with wind speeds greater than 20 mph. Many times, the actual winds are much stronger than predicted (north Texas weather is hard to predict). If you are out on the water and trying to make the best of the windy conditions, you will of course have to work a little harder controlling the boat, but persistence will and can pay off.

Anchoring the old way with a metal anchor is still a good option and may be your best option at times. Most lakes have sufficient bottom structure to anchor, but some areas on many lakes may be difficult to stick an anchor especially in substantial winds. You might need several hun-

dred feet of rope out before the anchor will catch and you may have to try several times. Other areas may be real easy to set an anchor. Getting the anchor back up in strong winds is another story.

Whether you get an anchor out or not, you will have work hard in the wind. It is a good idea to toss a buoy marker as soon as you locate some fish or structure that you want to work so you can keep a good reference point to go back to just in case you drift off.

Having a strong trolling motor is a plus. The newer GPS-controlled trolling motors are preferred of course to tossing a real anchor, but I have had to resort to the old style anchor on occasion when the trolling

motor batteries get weak. It's good to keep the old option.

Fishing in high winds can be dangerous as well. Working on the bow with waves bouncing you around can knock you out of the boat. Getting wet from the water spray is common also. Be careful when out there.

I have noticed over the years that drastic ups and downs while fishing in the wind can affect the bite. If your bait is bouncing hard just due to the boat rising and falling in the waves, this is not natural and if the bite is finicky, the predators may resist biting. If this happens to be the case on the water, work your presentations off the back of the boat where the ups and downs are less than on the bow (if you have your nose pointed into the wind).

The only reason to fish in the wind or on a windy area is, of course, that is where the fish are located. It is desirable to locate a wind break or protected area where there are fish to catch and where you won't be beat up by the wind. However, many times the fish are usually on those windy points and you may

have to take on the wind's challenge to get your bait where it will work best. Winds stir up the water/oxygen, which will concentrate the baitfish and of course the predators will not be far behind.

Another technique when fishing in the wind is to use a drift sock or two to slow the drift of the boat. This is a great alternative as you can slow your presentation down and work a large area. Once feeding fish are located, you may want to stop and work that area or you can go back and drift over the area repeatedly.

We all wish for those beautiful days with light winds and active fish, but in reality those don't necessarily show their face too often. Actually a little chop on the water with cloud cover can make for a better fishing day, as many anglers know. Really high winds on the water can take the fun out of the trip and they can be dangerous. When lake advisories are out, it is best to stay off the water.

**HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the

middle 60s. Golden alga is still plaguing many areas of the lake. Sand bass action in the river near Tin Top continues to be good on small roadrunners and minnows. Crappie action under docks is good to excellent in the backs of major coves. Largemouth bass are good in the river above Hunter Park. Best bass lures include spinners, soft plastics and crankbaits. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut bait fished on the upper ends and near DeCordova. Striped bass are slow to fair to 9 pounds on jigs and live shad fished on the lower ends.

Comanche Creek continues to boast on numbers of largemouth bass and channel catfish. Channel catfish are good on worms, cut shad, or prepared baits. Largemouth are good on poppers, soft plastics and crankbaits on many areas of the lake. I do not have a tilapia report.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass limits are common on jigs and live shad fished near the McCown flats and near Steel Creek.

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# Physicians' reaction to COVID-19 pandemic

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You know exactly who's in charge here. It's the person in the white coat, a physician with a stethoscope around his/her neck, and a packed pocketful of paper notes and pens. The white coat instantly gets your attention. It's meant to quickly convey authority, and it does - so much so that you trust your very life to the person wearing it. In "Code Gray" by Farzon A. Nahvi, M.D., that white coat won't leave you in the dark. It was only supposed to be a friends-catching-up kind of text thread, but for Nahvi and his colleagues around the country, the flurry of messages they exchanged during the pandemic became a lifeline. For each, it

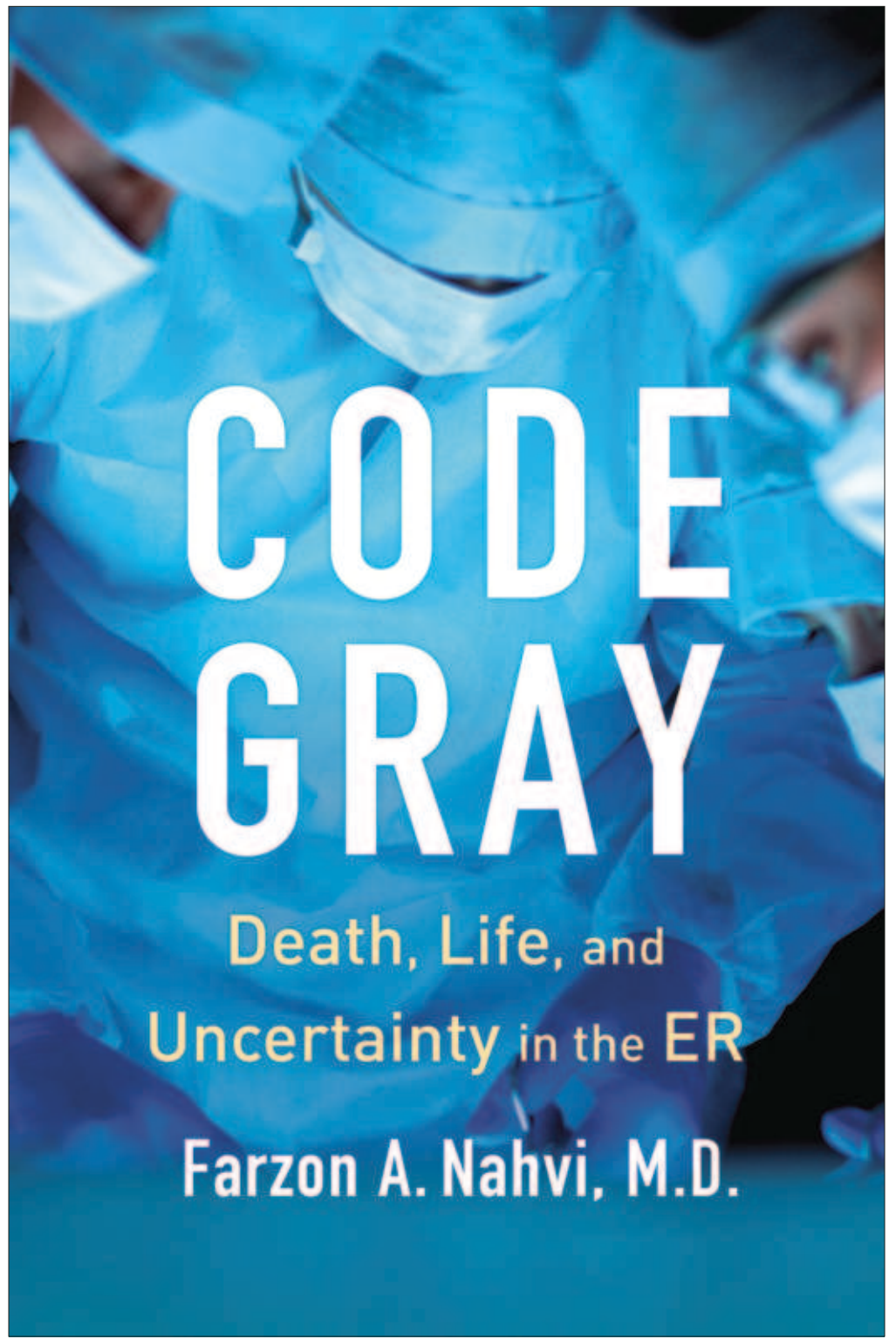
was good to know that his/her hospital's reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic wasn't the only one lacking. And yet, Nahvi said, "The most challenging circumstances I faced during the pandemic ... had little to do with the virus itself." More than a decade ago, Nahvi went to medical school because he "wanted to help people," which is "a meaningless catchphrase" with good intentions, he said. Indeed, he was "surprised at how hard it was to truly help anyone at all." Sometimes, it made Nahvi wonder if a goofy Labrador retriever might be the "doctor" his patients really needed. Patients, in a way, are surprised, too; treatment for a disease can save a life, but it comes with sometimes-hid-

den strings attached - and despite all that doctors do, people still die. A patient's family can rally around a bed and cheer as though they're in a race, but coaching and bargaining can't restart a pulse that's been missing for 20 minutes. And sometimes, getting what you want can be the worst thing of all. Medicine can sometimes be rather arbitrary. Manuals are written for certain procedures, but not for others, which goes doubly when things are not always black and white. In fact, Nahvi said, "the Code that most often applies in the emergency room, as in life, is code gray." So you try to take care of yourself. You eat right, give up your vices, spend time exercising, and look: you're going to die someday anyhow. As you'll see in "Code Gray," that's not at all for a lack of effort. Beginning with text messages and an arced story of a 43-year-old New York woman who comes to his ER with no pulse, Nahvi, wrote about the daily struggles of life, health, and being completely truthful to patients versus doing what's easiest. There's frustration in this, of course, not only with the medical system in America, but also with decision-making that's never clear and maybe never will be. What Nahvi writes about here may be things your doctor wishes she/he could say; for sure, these are things every patient and family member needs to hear. Medical drama fans will love everything about this book, as will those who enjoy thoughtful meditations on humanity, life and death. If that's you, then you'll find that "Code Gray" is gold.



Pictured is author Farzon A. Nahvi.

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"Code Gray: Death, Life, and Uncertainty in the ER" by Farzon A. Nahvi, M.D.

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## Lake Granbury Area Shrine Club

### 2023 Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, April 3, 2023  
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**SHOTGUN/4-MAN SCRAMBLE**  
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# GO PLAY

**GO PLAY** calendar will feature recurring activities that are open to the public. These items will run each week along with other activities across the area. Submit Go Play listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

## MONDAYS

**HEALTHY CONNECTIONS** exercise classes. 9 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11:15 a.m. chair yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club, ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game, noon at Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$8, earn Masterpoints. Details: 817-480-4472.

**SONS OF** the American Legion Post 491 of Granbury Burger Night. 5 - 7 p.m. American Legion Post, 3409 Davis Road. Funds raised are used to support veteran and community youth programs. Open to members and guests. Details: 515-554-6498.

**GRANBURY CIVIC** Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: granburycivicchorus2001@gmail.com.

**MODERN SQUARE** Dancing lessons every Monday at the Granbury YMCA at 1 p.m. For more information contact Ted at 435-720-6920 or Faye at 682-309-8504.

## TUESDAYS

**LINE DANCING** 2 p.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**GRANBURY JAM** Session 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Brock's Food and Drink, 4012 Acton Highway. Bring your instrument or get up and sing! Details: 505-710-5100.

## WEDNESDAYS

**HAND AND** Foot game day. 10 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**HABITAT FOR** Humanity of Hood County volunteers needed. Go to 3710 S. Sagecrest Court, Rancho Brazos. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch and tools provided. Details: visit habitatofhoodcounty.org or call 817-573-2812.

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club offers a "fun duplicate" bridge game at noon at the Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$4. Details: 817-480-4472.

## THURSDAYS

**HEALTHY CONNECTIONS** exercise classes. 9 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. tai chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11:15 a.m. chair yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**CHESS CLUB**, 5-9 p.m. at YMCA, 1475 James Road. U.S. Chess Affiliate, all ages and skill levels, children 10 and under must be accompanied by adult. Y membership not required. Details: HoodCountyChess.com.

**GENERAL TRIVIA**, 7-9 p.m. at Brew Drinkery, 206 E. Pearl Street. Prizes and fun. Use your phone to play. Free.

**MELODY BELLES** singers, women's choral group rehearsals. 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the

Annex), 301 W. Bridge Street. Details, please call 817-999-1364.

## SATURDAYS

**HABITAT FOR** Humanity of Hood County volunteers needed. Go to 3710 S. Sagecrest Court, Rancho Brazos. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch and tools provided. Details: visit habitatofhoodcounty.org or call 817-573-2812.

**HOOD COUNTY** Hummers Walking Club, 8 a.m., meet every Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 635 E. Pearl St., for 5K or 10K walk for fun, fellowship and fitness. Details: 972-567-3278.

**THE GRANBURY** Disc Golf Club has Mini tournaments every Saturday at 2 p.m. at 600 W. Moore St. Welcoming all levels of disc golfers. Show up at least 15 minutes early to pay the \$12 entry fee and warm up.

## FIRST MONDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Hood County Emergency Operations Center, 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive.

**LOVE KNOTS** Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry is in need of people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. 1 - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

## FIRST TUESDAYS

**GRANBURY DOLL** Club meeting, 2 p.m. Granbury Doll House Museum, 421 E Bridge St. All doll appreciators are welcome!

**SECOND TUESDAYS**  
**GRANBURY KNITTING** Guild meets to knit, learn and share knitting tips each month at First Presbyterian Church Annex, 303 W. Bridge St. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting from 10-11:30 a.m.

**FOURTH TUESDAYS**  
**HOOD COUNTY** Historical Society meets the 4th Tuesday each month (except November and December) at 7 p.m. at the Historic Granbury Railroad Depot, 109 E. Ewell St. Contact Karen Nace 817-279-2995 for additional details.

**FIRST THURSDAYS**  
**BRAZOS RIVER** Corvette Club meets on the first Thursday each month for fellowship, planning events and other business. Dinner, if desired, at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs8aol.com.

**SECOND SATURDAYS**  
**2ND SATURDAY** Showoff at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 115 W. Pearl St. Car show, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**THIRD MONDAYS**  
**GRANBURY QUILTERS** Guild meets on the third Monday each month at United Coop Electric, 320 Fall Creek Highway, 6 p.m. Details: 817-296-8186.

**LOVE KNOTS** Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry is in need of people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. 1 - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

**PETS OF THE WEEK**

**Valentine** is a female Husky mix dog. She is approximately 1-1/2 years old and weighs about 45 pounds. Valentine is good with other dogs and is friendly. Special adoption fee of \$25! The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

**Weston** is a neutered male shepherd mix dog. He is approximately 2 years old and weighs about 62 pounds. Weston loves treats and gets along with other dogs. Special adoption fee of \$25! The adoption fee includes all things listed above.

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**Friday, 10 March 2023 - Thursday, 16 March 2023**

**65 (PG13)**  
Fri: 12:00PM, 2:20PM, 4:40PM, 7:00PM, 9:20PM.  
Sat: 12:05PM, 2:25PM, 4:45PM, 7:05PM, 9:25PM.  
Sun: 11:20AM, 1:45PM, 4:05PM, 6:25PM, 8:45PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:50PM, 6:10PM, 8:30PM.  
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:20PM

**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

**Creed III (PG13)**  
Fri: 1:50PM, 4:40PM, 7:25PM, 10:10PM.  
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:40PM, 4:30PM, 7:20PM, 10:10PM.  
Sun: 10:35AM, 1:20PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:50PM.  
Mon: 1:20PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:50PM.  
Tues, Wed: 1:35PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 10:00PM.  
Thurs: 7:05PM, 9:50PM

**Creed III (PG13)**  
Sun: 2:00PM

**Jesus Revolution (PG13)**  
Fri, Sat: 11:00AM, 1:50PM, 4:40PM, 7:30PM, 10:20PM.  
Sun: 12:00PM, 2:50PM, 5:40PM, 8:30PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:40PM.  
Thurs: 2:10PM, 4:50PM, 7:40PM

**John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)**  
Thurs: 3:00PM, 6:40PM

**Scream VI (R)**  
Fri: 11:00AM, 1:50PM, 7:30PM.  
Sat: 11:00AM, 1:55PM, 7:35PM.  
Sun: 11:10AM, 1:50PM, 7:50PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:20PM, 8:00PM.  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 7:40PM

**Scream VI in 3D (R)**  
Fri: 4:40PM, 10:20PM.  
Sat: 4:45PM, 10:25PM.  
Sun: 5:00PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 5:10PM.  
Thurs: 4:50PM

**Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG13)**  
Fri: 12:30PM, 3:35PM, 6:40PM, 9:45PM.  
Sat: 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 4:05PM, 7:10PM, 10:15PM.  
Sun: 11:00AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Tues: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:05PM

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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. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.

## 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 gran-

buryog@gmail.com or 817-776-2898

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Solution for the puzzle on Mar. 15 (Puzzle 9).

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## PECAN PLANTATION BITS

*Brazos River Sportsman's Club members gather to hear from wildlife manager*

BY DIANE LONG



A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 28 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother and English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 15 years cumulatively. She spends her time gathering neighborhood news and teaching students how to avoid passive voice.

The Brazos River Sportsman's Club met last week and heard from Colton Nolen, a wildlife biologist at Fawcett Wildlife Management near Palo Pinto. The crowd was healthy in number and enjoyed Colton's slide show seminar followed by a question-and-answer session. A business meeting followed the presentation.

Several club members have fishing trips planned for March through May to area lakes. At the next club meeting on Thursday, April 13, folks will gather at Pecan's Shady Campground Pavilion at 6 p.m. for a fish fry.

Interested in the Sportsman's Club and its activities? Contact President Cecil Caldwell by email at ccald67@gmail.com.

**CLEAN-UP**

In agreement with TxDOT, Pecan Plantation has adopted two miles of Fall Creek Highway beginning at our neighborhood's front entrance and will endeavor to keep it litter free and lovely.

The next cleanup day is happening today, Saturday, March 18, with volunteers gathering at the PAC at 9 a.m. All safety items, supplies, and water will be provided. When work is complete, participants' names will be drawn for gift certificates from Pecan businesses.

**COMMITTEE SIGN-UP**

Committee sign-ups are now happening! Folks desiring to volunteer may sign up online via Pecan's website. In addition, paper sign-up sheets are available at the

PAC front desk until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20. Please provide complete contact information when submitting forms. Pecan holds great appreciation for neighbors volunteering to represent members and provide input to management and the board.

**GOOD COOKING**

Cooking classes are on the PAC's schedule for March 20-24 when students will learn to prepare four simple, tasty, and affordable meals. Instructor Li Cross said that ages "16 to 96" are welcome. Contact the PAC to sign up as space is limited: 817-573-7952.

**EMERGENCY CLASS**

The Hood County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be presenting basic training classes March 20-April 1. Anyone wishing to become CERT certified is welcome. Attendees must attend all six class sessions, which will be held in the Hood County Emergency Operations Center. Pecaners received an email with sign-up information.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Pecan's Breakfast Club will meet again on Wednesday, March 22 when speakers from the Brazos River Authority will address the crowd. Lake Granbury Area Project Manager Connie Tucker, and Upper Basin Regional Business and Project Development Manager Jonathan Dulus will discuss the mission of the Brazos River Authority



COURTESY PHOTO BY DIANE LONG

The Brazos River Sportsman's Club met last week and heard from wildlife biologist Colton Nolen from Texas Parks and Wildlife. The crowd enjoyed a slide show presentation and question and answer session followed by a business meeting. Pictured, from left, are club President Cecil Caldwell, Colton Nolen, and Vice President Ron Croft.

and answer questions about both Lake Granbury and the Brazos River. All Pecaners are welcome to the Terrace Room for a 9 a.m. start, and reservations are requested by noon on Tuesday, March 21.

**BOOT SCOOTIN'**

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club's annual boot scootin' dinner and dance is on the calendar for Saturday, March 25, and tickets are on sale now. Folks who would like to reserve a spot may visit [www.mypwc.com/](http://www.mypwc.com/) bootscootin online to order tickets.

**GATHERING TIME**

Pecan's Widows and Widowers Club will gather on Tuesday, March 28 in the Terrace Room of the club-

house for a reception at 5:30 p.m. A "no-host" dinner will follow at 6 with games included in the evening.

This club focuses on a fun night out, making new friendships, and enjoying good food. It meets the fourth Tuesday of each month and invites Pecaners who have lost their spouse to join. To RSVP, send email to Caryl Mahaffey at [caryl.mahaffey@charter.net](mailto:caryl.mahaffey@charter.net).

**CORRECT DATES**

Golfers take note: the correct dates for Pecan's annual Guys and Dolls Couples Golf Tournament are Friday through Sunday, May 5-7. Spots are limited, so participants will want to sign up soon at the golf pro shop: 817-573-2645.

**MARINA NEWS**

Pecan's marina held a grand day last week when the grill unveiled its new menu and served patrons well. Chef Jordan Ray has created a menu of delicious barbecue dishes, and the reception they are receiving is fantastic.

Smoked meats and all the trimmings are on the menu and prepared by Chef Ray and his staff in Pecan's kitchens. The acquisition of an industrial grade smoker makes the foods possible. Other plans for the marina are in the works, and residents will be pleased upon their reveal in the near future.

Marina hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with food service running from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

**PLAY BALL**

Senior softball is in full swing and has boasted healthy turnouts at its first games. Each Monday beginning at 9:30 a.m., players arrive, warm up, draw for teams, and play seven innings from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone bats and plays. Players (ladies and gentlemen) and spectators are welcome. For more information, contact Jerry Gazda: [jvgazda@yahoo.com](mailto:jvgazda@yahoo.com).

**SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of James Bolton, who passed away March 5.

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# Condos and townhomes: Are they really that different?



**BY PAM KNIEPER**

Pam Knieper, Broker/Owner of Knieper Real Estate, is and has been the #1 Top Producer for more than 15 years in Hood County and running. She is known as the Waterfront Expert and the Authority on Real Estate.

**T**he answer to that is a resounding YES. Townhouses and condominiums both refer to a type of ownership. However, owning a condo and owning a townhouse is very different. In short, condominium owners do not own the exterior of the unit or the land it is on, while townhouse buyers purchase the structure, inside and out, and the lot it is built on. To better understand the distinctions between townhomes and condos, let's go into a bit more detail.

When purchasing a condominium, the important thing to understand is that

you are only purchasing the INTERIOR of the unit. You will own and be responsible

for maintaining and insuring the interior walls and everything inside those walls. The exterior of the Condo is owned, maintained and insured by a condo association. This includes the outside walls, roof, grounds, amenities on the premises, and the land that it sits on. Because the condo association owns and is responsible for all the exterior items, there will be monthly fees to the individual owners. Buyers are often shocked at the amount of these fees, but upon closer inspection, they are typically very reasonable. Especially when you factor in the savings you will enjoy in not paying to insure or maintain the exterior walls or the roof of your unit, no lawn mowing or irrigation

water bills, outside pest control, etc.

Townhouses are similar to traditional homes in that they usually have front and back yards. They are still classified as multi-family homes because they are not stand-alone structures and are typically part of a row of narrower homes that are attached to one another through one or two walls. The other MAJOR DIFFERENCE is that when you purchase a townhome, you are purchasing the interior and the exterior, as well as the property it sits on. As a result, you will be responsible for insuring and maintaining the property, inside and out. Monthly fees for townhome associations vary and can range from ZERO

to several hundred dollars a month, based primarily on the types of amenities and services provided by the association.

When deciding which is better for you, price is a considerable factor. Both options are typically more affordable than detached houses due to their community-centered living arrangements, but there are differences when it comes to cost.

Condominiums tend to be cheaper to buy because ownership is confined to the interior of the unit. Condo owners also tend to spend less on property and insurance because there is less square footage, and owners do not have to pay taxes or insurance on the rest of the building or complex.

Although the purchase price and property taxes can be more expensive for townhouses, the HOA fees are often lower. Because townhouse owners maintain their own properties, there are fewer communal expenses.

When trying to decide what is right for you, the best thing you can do is ASK QUESTIONS, and, of course, any of the agents at the Knieper Team office would be honored to help you determine the best solution for you and your family.

So please, give us a call at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at [www.WeSellGranbury.com](http://www.WeSellGranbury.com). We love talking about real estate, and we would love to talk to you.

## CALENDAR

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### 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., Granbury. For more information please call 817-579-3200.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28

**MID CITIES** Stamp Club Granbury branch. At 7 p.m., Mr. Skip Ely presents collectible varieties of U.S. flag stamps and the city stamp. Visitors welcome. Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Ct., Granbury. For more information, please call Jim Case at 817-910-8174.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

**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>

**FRIENDS OF** Memorial Lane will gather on Wednesday,

March 29 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Military Site Memorial Lane located at Jim Burks Firefighter Park, 550 N. Travis in Granbury. There will be music, special recognition, and gifts for Veterans in attendance.

## APRIL

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**BULK TRASH** Pick up Sat., April 1. Please have items curbside by 7 a.m. For more information, please contact Waste Connections at 817-579-8855 or customerservice5194@wcnx.org or the City of Granbury Utility Ad-

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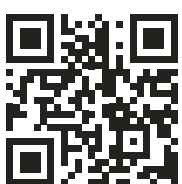
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