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Tolar set to build second fire station

BY KATHY CRUZ
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TOLAR — Thanks to a generous donor, the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department is building a second fire station, to be in the southern part of its 154-square-mile cover-

age area.

Assistant Fire Chief Ray Wilson said that firefighters being able to arrive on any scene quicker will save lives and likely result in a reduction in the cost of homeowners insurance.

Wilson said the location for the new station is near the intersection of Paluxy Highway and Prairie Creek Lane. He said the fire department purchased the land and that the \$250,000 given by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous will go toward the building and infrastructure.

The money may not be enough to complete the building, but it should cover enough of the costs to enable the fire department to occupy it, Wilson said. Walls and

sheetrock can be taken care of later.

Wilson said that a fellow firefighter has “stepped up” to serve as the general contractor and is working with various suppliers

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Leadership Granbury presents a \$3,000 check to Rancho Brazos Community Centers on March 24.

ON THE PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

Leadership Granbury builds mobile chicken coops for Rancho Brazos

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

One local organization is proving that through teamwork, dedication and diligence, our community can work together to achieve a common goal — building a better tomorrow for Granbury.

For 20 years, Rancho Brazos Community Centers located at 3701 Sundown Trail in Rancho Brazos in Acton, has been providing food and hygiene items for families in need as well as: life skills training, parenting education classes, job training/employment assistance, food preparation/nutrition instruction, and emergency assistance.

Last year, Hood County and RBCC entered into a lease agreement in which 4.5 acres would be leased to RBCC at the Sundown Trail location for 99 years at a cost of \$1 per year. Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack

Wilson funded the entire 99 years. Plans for that site include a second building, a community garden and chickens to be raised by local children.

With RBCC’s eventual goal of having a centrally located five-acre complex developed with the mindset of long-term sustainability, Leadership Granbury decided to help.

As part of its class project, Leadership Granbury spent all day on March 24 working in shifts to build three mobile chicken coops for RBCC.

“The class started back in September, and they had

three presentations from nonprofit organizations on a project,” said Brian Bondy, class leader of Leadership Granbury. “They chose this project for Rancho Brazos Community Center to build mobile chicken coops. Basically, they’ll be able to pull the bar up and move (the coops) from place to place, which they need to be moved based on the use of the land at the community center.”

Consisting of 22 students, the Leadership Granbury class of 2022-2023 came up with a plan to raise the money for the three chicken coops themselves.

“Everybody has played a role in getting us to this point,” Bondy said. “They worked the Tough Mudder event back in November and earned \$3,000. They made

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BRIAN BONDY

Class leader of Leadership Granbury

New public works director brings decades of municipal experience

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Chester Nolen made his first contribution to Social Security at age nine after selling plastic tablecloths door to door for \$1 apiece.

With that kind of work ethic, maybe it’s no surprise that even after more than 50 years working in various municipal leadership roles, he’s still not ready to retire.

Nolen’s new gig as Granbury’s public works director came about through a chance lunch encoun-

ter with City Manager Chris Coffman at Hoffbrau Steak & Grill House. Nolen had driven with his wife Sally from Cleburne to eat there that day.

He knew Coffman from when Coffman was city manager in another Texas city and he worked for the headhunting firm Strategic Government Resources. SGR assisted the Granbury City Council when the city was in need of a new city manager in 2015.

Nolen said that when he ran into Coffman, the city manager

said he was looking for an interim public works director while a search for someone to fill the position long-term was conducted. Nolen responded that he might be interested in filling the interim role. He was later hired for that position and came on board last October.

After a few months on the job, Nolen decided he’d like to stay. In February, “interim” was removed from his title.

“The City of Granbury is fortunate to have someone with

Chester Nolen’s decades of experience, public works expertise, and knowledge of Granbury and Hood County become a candidate for the Public Works Director position,” Coffman stated in a press release issued by the city. “Although we did a nationwide search, the best candidate was already here.”

Nolen replaces Rick Crownover, who now has a wider scope of responsibilities as assistant city

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manager. Nolen reports to him.

Nolen is a native of the West Texas town of Kermit, named after the son of President Theodore Roosevelt after the elder Roosevelt visited Winkler County.

He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Sul Ross State University in Alpine and has studied international relations and public administration at the graduate level. He is a Certified Public Manager through Southwest Texas State University.

Nolen's career in local government began in 1972 in the city of Odessa's billing department. He worked for that city for 13 years, holding several different job titles as he rose through the ranks.

During his career, Nolen also held municipal government jobs in Bloomfield,



Chester Nolen, Granbury's new public works director, brings more than 50 years' experience in municipal government.

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New Mexico, and the Texas cities of Harlingen, Hereford, Cleburne, Glen Rose, and Bridgeport. His job titles have included assistant city manager, acting police chief, municipal court administrator, interim finance director, and city administrator.

In 1983, at age 34, Nolen ended his bachelor days and married Sally. They have two sons. Cody, a graduate of Tarleton State University, lives in Burleson with his wife and two children. Tucker, a graduate of Texas A&M University, lives in Benbrook.

Nolen's assignment as the city of Granbury's public works director comes at a time when the city is awaiting the outcome of a case in district court in Austin between opponents of a second wastewater treatment plant planned for Old Granbury Road and

the Texas Commission on Environment Quality, which approved a permit for the site.

Nolen said that if the city receives a green light for the project, he'll be ready.

"As soon as that happens, we'll start the ball rolling," he said.

Nolen oversaw a sewer line replacement on Crockett Street on the square and is also supervising repairs on Acton Highway, where there have been issues with the pavement cracking and breaking.

As public works director, Nolen oversees a department of 30 but is not as publicly visible as Coffman, Crownover, or Deputy City Manager Michael Ross, and that's just fine with him.

"We just do our job," he said of his department. "There's no reason for me to be out front. That's what Chris and the mayor do. They're out front. They need to be. I'm behind the scenes."

Nolen said he is enjoying working for the city.

"You know, we've got a good staff, a good group of folks to work with, and it seems to be a very cohesive unit," he said.

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presentations to civic organizations, and the Optimist Club attributed money for that. Then we created T-shirts, and they earned a commission on every shirt that was sold. Last time I checked, they had already sold like 75 shirts."

In total, the Leadership Granbury class raised approximately \$6,000 for three aluminum chicken coops. Each coop measures 5 feet by 6 feet and can hold up to 10 chickens.

"It is a consummate team effort right here, and

that's what makes it cool," Bondy said. "It's good for Leadership Granbury to have projects like this because not only are they working together as a team, but they're also helping an organization, and it's a win-win for everybody."

"It feels amazing," said Courtney Core, student of Leadership Granbury. "I homestead in my house, and it's awesome to be able to bring that to a community center to help the community at large. With the chickens and the eggs, they can extend that into 4-H and other programs, and it helps them to also be self-sustain-

ing and provide a needed resource for the community. So, regardless of if there's eggs on the food truck that day or not, they've got their own source that they can draw on."

Leadership Granbury creates an awareness of community resources and needs, enhances leadership skills, and helps identify future leaders, according to its website.

The program consists of one full-day session each month — September through May — that offers learning opportunities and challenges participants to become actively involved in

their community, according to leadershipgranbury.org.

"They learn more about Granbury and Hood County, and that's the whole purpose of the program — to teach them about all of the resources that are in our community from public safety, government, education, tourism, history and health care; it kind of cuts across a wide swath," Bondy said.

"I have been able to learn so much about this community that I had no idea about, like the things that happen behind the scenes every day that keep our community running, and

the amount of community partnerships, networking and the amount of people that work together for the good of this community," Gore added. "I thought I knew; I had no idea. It's heartwarming, and it's just been mind-blowing and incredible to be a part of this and see what happens to pull this community together."

The Leadership Granbury class will be graduating in May, with the next class ready to tackle new projects and learn all there is to know about the community they call home.

"We are grateful for all the

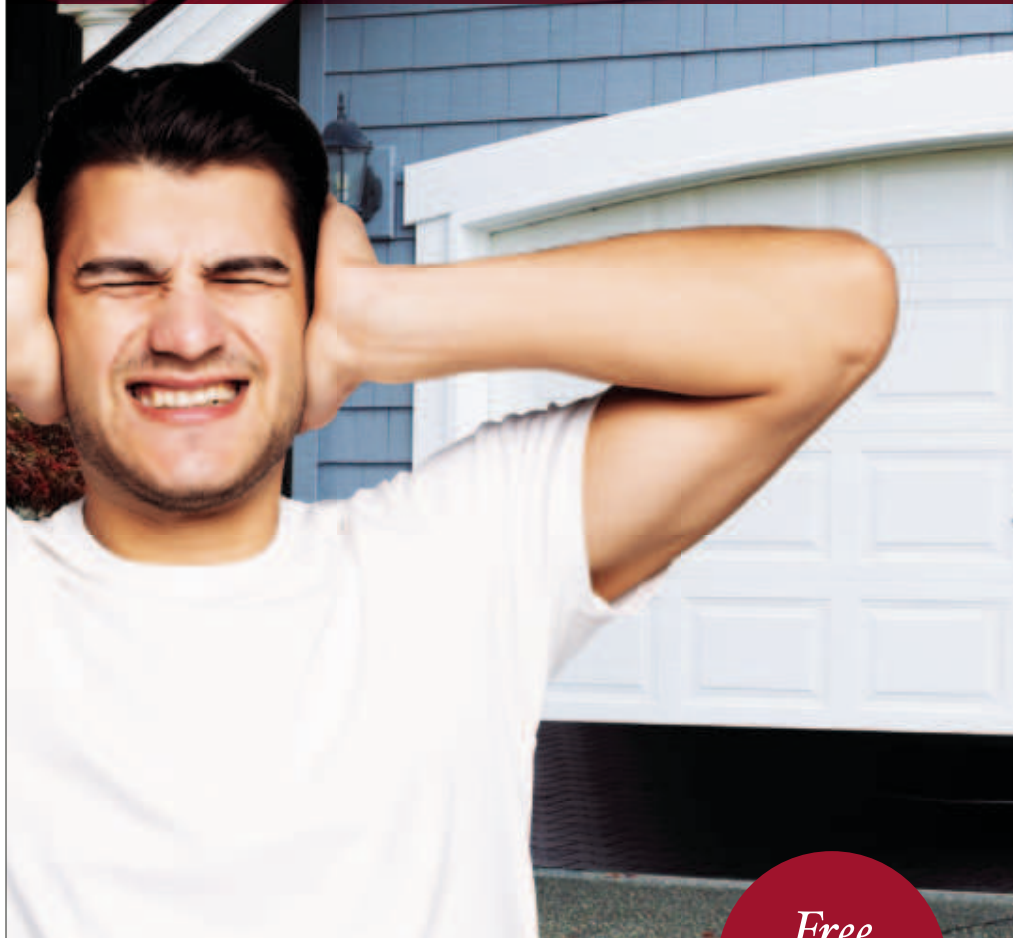
hard work from Leadership Granbury class of 2022-2023 for helping us save our homeless chickens and building 'The best little chicken coops in Texas,'" added Rancho Brazos Community Center Board President Jan Neal. "We appreciate all of our community partners supporting our goal to create five acres of impact for Hood County."

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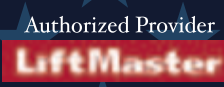

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Remember to be thankful for the troubles you don't experience



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.

I must admit I am having a tough day. You all are probably thinking there is some sort of breaking news causing upheaval in the newsroom, or maybe there is a production problem with the press, or even an employee issue. The truth is the problem is much deeper than all of that. Frankly, all the issues you might guess would probably not rise to the level of the problem that is concerning me.

This morning I got an email from someone who gave me an update on the status of a friend. For purposes of this column, I shall identify the friend as "Mary." (I am using a pseudonym for my friend in order to respect their privacy).

It has been my pleasure to work with "Mary" on various civic projects over the years. As time passed, my wife and I got to know her better and I found her to be personable, energetic, and have the ability to be a visionary when tackling a problem. She is the kind

of person who can tell you "have a great day" and she really means it. Her opinion is valued, and her efforts appreciated.

This past spring, I came to learn "Mary" had been diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, which many refer to as Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS. Upon first hearing those words associated with my friend, my knees weakened and my heart sank. It is a progressive nervous system disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, causing loss of muscle control. ALS often

begins with muscle twitching and weakness in a limb or slurred speech. Eventually, ALS affects control of the muscles needed to move, speak, eat and breathe. There is no cure for the disease.

After the diagnosis, a group of friends took "Mary" to eat. We wanted to have the opportunity to take "Mary" out in the public before her condition worsened and she was unable to feed herself, walk or speak. It was a very pleasant evening, though it was obvious the disease was progressing. It was hard to know what to say to "Mary." We did not know if we should address the elephant in the room or ignore it completely.

I think I can speak for everyone gathered, we watched "Mary" and decided to take her lead. If she wanted to talk about her problems, we would engage the subject. If she merely wanted our evening to be lighthearted and fun, and to forget the symptoms that were ravishing her body if even for just one night, we would do so. It was a very pleasant evening, but the subject of the disease was carefully circumvented.

This morning's email let us know "Mary" wanted to hear from

her friends and get the "scoop" on what was going around town. She is now paralyzed from her neck to her toes. For now, she can move her head a little from side to side, but she cannot talk. She has an amazing high-tech wheelchair that fully reclines, and she often sleeps in it. She must take her nourishment from a feeding tube. Though her brain is fully operating, her function level is steadily declining.

You might ask why I am sharing "Mary's" plight. I am deeply in pain to see such a fine woman being decimated by a disease. A disease where her personal behavior or habits did not contribute to its onslaught. She is a victim. She is in a condition I would not wish on my worst enemy, and I can only imagine the despair she has in her daily existence, watching herself continue to slide to the conclusion.

I know there are times when we think we have a problem or issue confronting us that is insurmountable. We stress and we strain wondering how we will survive. It might be as small as how to deal with someone in a relationship or how to come up with the money to pay a bill. Frequently, the issues

of life seem overwhelming, and we are all susceptible to letting the challenges overcome us.

In the future, when I am confronted with an obstacle, or find myself stressing over a challenge, I hope I think of "Mary" and appreciate how insignificant my problems are in relation to hers. No matter how bad your life is there is always someone who is suffering from something greater.

Mary is brave, she is strong, and she is terminal. It hurts me to see such a fine woman in peril and there is nothing any of us can do but console her and be "present" during this part of her life. I admire her, am sympathetic to her suffering, and ask God to never place me in such a situation.

We should all be thankful for the problems we do not have.

Thought for the day: We all have a terminal illness called life. Live each day appreciating what we have, and appreciate even more, the problems we don't.

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

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No more 'good-ol'-boy': Tolar city officials crack whip on developments

BY KATHY CRUZ
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TOLAR — With Tolar growing at a rapid pace, city officials are looking to toughen development standards and to hold developers responsible if they fail to meet those standards.

The city council recently hired Fort Worth-based Shield Engineering Group to help achieve those goals.

"Basically, any time a new project comes up, they'll be the ones to make sure everything's on the up-and-up and to help us to know what we don't know, basically, because it's all new to us," Mayor Matt Hutsell told the Hood County News. "We're learning as we go."

Hutsell said that the town's growth has been making it challenging for City Administrator Michelle Burnette to keep up with permits and various other things associated with expansion. As an

example of the town's growth, he said that last year there were 430 water meters but over the past four or five months, 500 new homes "in various stages of development" have gone on the books.

"I mean, it's a phenomenal growth," he said. "We're basically doubling the amount of water meters that we have. And, so, for each one of those meters, that represents about three people, at least."

Tolar city officials are about to start construction on a new sewer plant that will double the capacity of its current plant and will be easily expandable. As for potable water, the city is expanding on that, too, with an additional well and a 40,000-gallon ground storage tank.

MINDING THE STORE

At its regular meeting last week, the Tolar City Council discussed two developments that are in

progress by the same developer. Multiple issues have been found at both, but one, in particular, has raised concerns.

Burdette was part of that discussion as were SEG representatives Craig Barnes, the company's president and chief executive officer, and engineer Max Aransen.

Council members Brian Gall and Kevin Fron expressed a desire for accountability and a willingness to shut down construction.

No action was taken against either development that night, but Hutsell told the HCN that the council will work with SEG to monitor the developer's progress toward conformity.

"If he's not receptive to what we're saying, then absolutely, I'm for shutting that project down until it comes into compliance," he said.

Burdette stated that a possible course of action for the city in such situations might be to halt

work on homes under construction in a development and to refuse to issue additional building permits to builders, which might cause "a chain reaction" resulting in a developer's compliance.

While speaking of developers in general, Burdette said that there has been "a good-ol'-boy thing going on in lieu of the professional standards that we want the city to have."

She indicated that even though city staff "work very hard" to put everything in writing, opinions often differ about the city's expectations and developers' interpretations of those expectations. There has been a good deal of "misrepresentation" or "miscommunication," she said, but "not as much of that happens" now that SEG is involved.

Burdette praised the SEG representatives and noted how helpful they have been.

"They've probably given us way

more than they've ever charged," she stated. "They're just invaluable to us."

Hutsell later told the HCN that, as a longtime council member and new mayor, he does not find it difficult to ride herd on developers despite living in a small, albeit rapidly growing, town where most people know each other.

"For me, it's not (difficult) because as the mayor, I feel like I've been charged with that responsibility to keep the developments positive or make sure they put out a quality product to keep the town nice and to keep home values up and everything that goes along with that," he said. "It's my duty to do that. Sometimes I (personally) know some developers and some people that are house builders, and we hold them to the same standards as everyone."

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and vendors.

Tolar's main fire station at 9005 W. U.S. Highway 377 has seven bays. The new fire station will have three bays.

According to Wilson, one of the department's three brush trucks will be moved to the south station once it is built.

The VFD has purchased an engine with a 1,000-gallon water tank that will be kept at the south station, he explained, while a county-owned 2,000-gallon pump-tanker that the department

uses as its "primary structural truck" will remain in town.

Wilson indicated that if there is a structural fire in the southern part of the coverage area, the smaller apparatus will provide "a good water supply" for battling the blaze until more help arrives.

On "the medical side," Wilson noted that the department recently purchased a new Ford Expedition to use as a "rescue squad" for medical calls.

"Out of this new, three-bay station, we already have the apparatus and the fire trucks to respond to grass fires, controlled burns, smoke investigations, fires, fire alarms, you know, whether it be

structure or commercial, or a medical call if somebody is hurt or sick," the assistant fire chief stated.

Wilson, who was hired by the Tolar City Council last week to serve as the town's police chief, said that the Tolar VFD's sprawling coverage area in the western and southern parts of the county is not the most populated service area among the county's nine volunteer fire departments, but it is the largest.

"We go all the way to the Erath County line, we go all the way south to the Somervell County line, we go halfway up toward Lipan, so that's a lot of ground to

cover," he said. "Right now, we only have the one station in town. For us to get down to the Paluxy area proper, down deep into Paluxy Highway before you get to Somervell County, it takes a while to get down there. This (new station) will shorten that response, which in my opinion is going to help save property, but also save lives."

It may also save homeowners' money. Wilson said he believes the second station will lead to a better rating by the Insurance Services Office, which determines rates for homeowners insurance.

Just as Tolar is growing, so, too, is its volunteer fire department.

Wilson said that seven or eight volunteer firefighters joined the department over the past year, bringing its current membership to 38.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter for the Tolar VFD can call 254-835-4334 or email info@tolarvfd.org. Wilson said that potential members are welcome to attend the VFD's business meetings at the main Tolar fire station. They are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

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OBITUARIES

Don B. Tramel

December 28, 1931 - March 26, 2023

Don B Tramel, 91, of Tolar passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Service: 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Tolar Baptist Church.

Internment: Stroud's Creek Cemetery, Tolar.

Visitation: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Tolar Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests any donations be made to the Tolar Baptist Church Youth.

Don was born December 28, 1931 in Hobart, OK to William and Allie Tramel. After the untimely death of his parents in 1944, Don moved to Dallas attending Dallas Sunset High School while working nights at The Dallas Morning News. After completing his GED in 1949, Don enlisted in the Air Force and trained as an aircraft mechanic, later becoming an instructor retiring in 1974. Much of his 24-year military career was spent in the Pacific basin including two tours in Vietnam, receiving the Bronze Star in 1969.

Don married Billie Campbell in 1957 eventually settling in Tolar where they raised three children. After his retirement from the military, Don worked as a maintenance supervisor for the Fibergrate Corporation until 1992.



In his later years, wood-working along with his service as a Gideon occupied much of his time. Don was active in the Tolar Baptist Church serving both as a deacon and teacher for 45 years. He served as a member of the Tolar School Board, City Council, and on the Hood County Transit Committee. He was a great husband, father, teacher, grandfather and example of devotion and service.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Billie of 60 years, sister Wanda Harvey, and brother Odell Tramel. Survivors include daughter Linda Burns of Ponder, daughter Debra and husband Dale Moore of Granbury, and son Paul and wife Karla Tramel of Granbury. He will be missed by all nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Melba Jeanne Beckworth Beavers

March 8, 1934 - March 9, 2023

Melba was born and raised in Eustace, TX until the age of 7 years. She moved to Dallas, TX for the next few years where she frequented the local library and began a life-long love of books. Her family then moved to the Irving, TX area where she lived until the age of 30. Melba attended Irving High School where she was a Cheer Leader and Majorette. She married her High School sweetheart Jay Vadon Beavers. They had 3 daughters, Paula, Vadonna, and Laura. She and her family then moved to Bedford for the next 40 years. During this time Melba attended Tarrant County Jr College where she took many courses, mainly in the arts. She greatly admired the French Impressionist painters and decorated her home with many of their works.

During this time, she also completely renovated her home, and then bought the house next door and completely renovated it.

Melba and Jay then moved to Pecan Plantation where another renovation took place. Melba's other



passion was health and fitness. She was very careful about her vitamins food and supplements. She was also an avid physical fitness person. She would often work out for several hours. Melba was the picture of health.

Then Alzheimer's struck. She was examined by many expert doctors to no avail. Melba got progressively worse over several years. It was heart breaking to watch

Melba is survived by 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Melba was entombed at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Irving, TX, 3/18/2023.

Ann Surley

June 15, 1943 - March 22, 2023

Ann Surley, 79, of Granbury, Texas passed away on March 22, 2023.

Ann was born on June 15, 1943, in Wichita Falls, Texas to Terrell Stewart and Gracie (Gee) Stewart. She graduated from Granbury High School, went on to get a degree in education from Tarleton State University and completed a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Texas at Arlington. Ann was a math teacher at Tarleton State University and went on to a 30-year career as a math teacher and math department chair at Granbury High School.

Ann met Clinton Surley while in college at Tarleton State. They were married on August 3, 1963. Ann and Clinton enjoyed almost 60 years of blessed marriage. They went on to have two children, Alecia Surley Morrison, and Brad Surley.

Ann retired from teaching after 30 years. Retired in this case just meant still teaching math. Ann continued to tutor and help students for the next 25 plus years. She loved to help those who needed to understand and be successful with math.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents Terrell and Gracie Stewart and



her daughter Alecia Surley Morrison. She is survived by her husband Clinton Surley, son-in-law John Morrison, grandson Coleman Morrison, son Brad Surley, daughter-in-law Nikki Surley, granddaughters Abby and Ally Surley, grandson Nate Surley, sister Mary Jo Elliott (Jay Elliott), brother Larry Stewart (Suzy Stewart), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends that are like family.

Services will be held at Granbury First United Methodist Church on March 30, 2023. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. followed by the memorial service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Granbury First United Methodist Church or another charity of your choice.

Under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.



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LOOKING BACK

Article noted highway disagreement among counties — circa 1923

From Staff Reports

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

100 YEARS AGO MARCH 1923

The following headline — "Will the highway be completed?" — ran on Page 1 of the March 30, 1923, edition of The Granbury News, borrowed from a report in the Weatherford Herald. The article brought up some questions that today's news readers might find interesting. It noted that "the State and Federal Highway Aid Department" appropriated \$56,000 to Parker and Hood counties "to be applied to

the construction of Highway No. 10. This highway, running from Fort Worth via Cresson and on through Hood County toward Stephenville, passes through the southeast corner of Parker County for a distance of only about three miles.

"The Parker County Commissioners Court has refused to appropriate any county funds toward the construction of this short stretch, upon the grounds that Parker County citizens would not receive any benefit therefrom. However, it is believed that the State and Federal authorities will decide to construct the gap at their own expense. The building of the Parker County stretch will necessitate the construction of two

expensive bridges." That construction cost the article mentioned — \$56,000 — would be quite a bargain for such a project in today's world.

In the same March 30 edition of The Granbury News, an ad with the following wording (among other points) also ran on Page 1: "The Latham Tailor Shop Can Clean and Press your Clothes

Just like you want it done or you don't have to pay. I guarantee every job to please my customers.

Ladies' Work a Specialty." The phone number given to reach Latham Tailor Shop was ... a whole two digits long — 71.

80 YEARS AGO APRIL 1943

Local political figures showed they may have had a sense of humor — at least in the April 15, 1943, edition of The Hood County Tablet.

An article noting that newly elected Granbury city Alderman Jack Caskey had been sworn in during a City Council Meeting stated, "After a speech of welcome, Jack Brown, city secretary, (on) behalf of the city, presented the new alderman with a box of aspirin tablets beautifully wrapped in a well decorated box. Mayor Keith and the other four aldermen were of the opinion Mr. Caskey would need the aspirin many more times before his term expired two years

from now."

59 YEARS AGO MARCH 1964

On April 2, 1964 — less than two months after the Beatles made their famous American performance debut on the Ed Sullivan Show in February of that year — Granbury High School seniors were working in their own way with entertainment in mind.

On Page 1 of The Hood County News-Tablet was the following headline: "Senior Day at Dub's Place." The article stated:

"Saturday is Senior Day at Dub's, the day when members of the Senior Class of Granbury High School will be on duty at gas pumps (and) changing tires. In fact

they'll be doing all the jobs required and Mr. Thomas is giving them a percentage of all their sales.

"This will help finance the senior trip. 'We'll give you the best service and the biggest thanks you've ever had,' the seniors say in inviting friends to visit them at Dub's Saturday."

An online search found information on T.W. "Dub" Thomas of Granbury on the Hood County Texas Genealogical Society website that highlighted a December 2, 1982, Hood County News article. An editor's note states, "Dub Thomas has been a businessman in Granbury since 1933. His enterprise, Dub's Place, recently closed and became a part of local history."

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- TXism: "if ___ any better I couldn't stand it"
- TX McMurry's "Lonesome ___"
- TX Vikki Carr's "Cosas del ___"
- TX Big Bopper's "Chantilly ___"
- TXism: "fits like hide ___ horse"
- monastery laypersons
- fed. ag. agcy. (abbr.)
- TX Vikki Carr was born ___ Bisenta de Castillas Martinez Cardona"
- TXism: "cooking ___ the front burner"
- LBJ took ___ on Air Force One "bidness" abbr.
- roughing it in Dallas' Highland Park? (2 wds.)
- tall beer glasses
- TX summer necessity (abbr.)
- Pancho Villa's birth name: "Jose Doroteo ___ Arambula"
- TXism: "___ as nails"
- Boerne's "Cave Without ___"
- TXism: "cold ___ cows give ice cream"
- Hitler followers an elderly Texan
- TXism: "the tail ___ wagging the dog"
- Astro scores
- dir. to Lufkin from Comanche
- TX Willie hardware
- "going ___ fast" (making no progress)
- dir. to Trinity from Nacogdoches
- patriotic org. (abbr.)
- TX singer, Charley
- TXism: "two ___ full" (ate too much)
- film of TX rancher Chuck Norris "An Eye ___ Eye"
- TXism: "useless as perfume on a ___"
- Dallas university
- TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- in Lubbock County on U.S. 62 and 82
- in Denton: Texas ___ University
- guacamole fruits
- withered, dry
- TXism: "out ___ kilter"
- TXism for "relative" (2 wds.)
- word after "car" or "student"
- "art" in Mexico
- capital of Iran
- ___ Joe in Delta County
- TX Roddenberry genre: ___-fi
- TX Dan Rather was this at CBS
- TXism: "you're dancing ___ field" (in danger)
- means of entering
- sodium symbol
- ___ City, TX
- TX-born Steve Martin film: "The ___ With Two Brains"
- 17-down asset: "___ for news"
- the Texas Seal has an ___ background (color)
- TXism: "howdy"
- TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny ___"
- food canal
- UT teacher (abbr.)
- songbird
- TXism: "he'll never drown in ___ own sweat" (lazy)
- ___-turvey
- TX Sam Bass turned to ___ at the age of 23

CORRECTION

In the March 25 edition of the HCN, The "No Place Like Home" story was mistakenly attributed to Sierra Wells. The piece was written by Rick Mauch.

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HICKS HITS 30

TSU's season ends with 72-70 OT thriller in CBI

TSU Sports Information

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Freddy Hicks has played with virtually one hand for months, and he's still been one of the best players on the court night in and night out. On March 19 in Tarleton's first-round game in the College Basketball Invitational, Hicks couldn't be stopped and nearly powered the Texans to victory before the purple and white fell in overtime to Radford 72-70.

The Texans (17-17, 9-9 WAC) wrapped up their season at the Ocean Center, playing in their first-ever NCAA Division I postseason tournament, the second across all of Tarleton athletics. The Highlanders (20-14, 12-6 Big South) tied it with three seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime, then hit a go-ahead jump shot with 36 seconds left in the extra period to advance to the CBI quarterfinals.

"That was a tough loss," TSU head coach Billy Gillispie said. "We had several chances to win and advance but we didn't get it done. It wasn't for a lack of trying though. These guys always gave themselves a chance no matter who we played."

Tarleton played like the better team for most of the game, staying ahead for 30:41 in regulation, and leading by as many as 12 in the second

half. Both teams battled back-and-forth late, with neither leading by more than a possession over the final 10:30 of the game.

The 2022-23 season saw the Texans set a new single-season D1 record with 17 wins, capped off by an opening win in the Texans' first ever WAC Tournament and a CBI invitation for their first national D1 postseason tournament.

"I am so proud of this team," Gillispie said. "I haven't been around too many who did the things they did. It was not the result we wanted today but I wouldn't trade this group for anyone. They have accomplished so much in a short time no matter what obstacles we faced. They play for each other and play for Tarleton and not every team can say that. It's a unique group of young men in the best of ways.

"The things we have done at the NCAA Division I level is quite amazing," Gillispie added. "The exposure they've brought to the school is astounding. Everyone in the basketball world knows this is a giant in the making. We will build off the successes and the mistakes we've made and we will cut down the nets in no time. Thank you to everyone who has helped us and supported us this year. We appreciate each and every single person."

Hicks powered the Texans with his first double-double of the season and second 30-point game, recording 30 points (2-2 3PT, 14-16 FT), 11 rebounds and four steals, while playing all 45 minutes. His 30 points tied a career-high (Nov. 21 this season), his 11 rebounds were a season-high, and his four steals tied his career-high.

"Freddy was fantastic, as good as a player could be today," Gillispie said. "What a season he has had. A broken foot to start the summer that cost him a few games at the start of the season and he didn't quit. He broke his hand in the middle of the season and he never let his head get down. He came back extremely strong, culminated by a championship performance. I've never seen anyone like him in my life. I applaud his



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Freddy Hicks, a 6-6 guard for Tarleton State University, is pictured in the Texans' 72-70 overtime loss to Radford on March 19 in the College Basketball Invitational. Hicks led TSU in scoring against the Highlanders, with 30 points.

toughness, determination, disposition and competitive spirit amongst many other things. What a player and what a great young man."

Hicks finished the season leading the team in scoring (16.2 points per game) and rebounding (6.0 rpg), the first Texan to average 15-plus points and 5-plus rebounds since Josh Hawley in 2018-19. Hicks now owns Tarleton's single-season scoring record at the D1 level, and he finished tied for ninth-most free throw attempts in a single-season in program history with 194, matching Michael Hardge (2014-15) and Brandon Burney (1999-2000).

Of course, Hicks wasn't alone on Sunday, as he was joined by solid outings

from Jakorie Smith and Lue Williams. Smith led the bench with 15 points on 7-of-14 shooting, six rebounds, four assists and a steal. Across all three of Tarleton's postseason games, Smith averaged 17.7 points, 5.7 rebounds and 1.7 steals. Williams notched 12 points (5-7 FG, 2-3 3PT), seven rebounds and two steals.

The Highlanders had the team shooting advantage, making 29-of-54 (.537) from the field to Tarleton's 24-of-54 (.444). The Texans were more efficient from deep (5-10, .500) and at the FT line (17-20, .850), plus had the advantages in rebounds (29-26) and turnovers (19-15). Radford outscored Tarleton in the paint 36-24.

Hicks made a pair of free throws to give Tarleton the lead 63-62 with 28 seconds left in the fourth quarter. He added a free throw with 12 ticks left to put Tarleton up 64-62, and Radford sent the game to OT with a dunk with three seconds left.

In overtime, Radford scored on the first possession, but more Hicks free throws quickly tied it. Shakur Daniel calmly sank a mid-range jumper to keep the Texans on the brink. Smith then gave the Texans the lead at 70-69 with 2:10 left, but it would be Tarleton's final points of the game. Radford split free throws at the 1:33 mark to tie the game, then made a jumper with 36 seconds to play to go up two.

Tarleton hires Tulane's Jake Stone as OLB coach

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Bowl experience has been a theme among Tarleton State University's recent additions to the football coaching staff, and that was prevalent once again with the Texans' latest signing.

The Texans announced on Thursday that they have hired Jake Stone as their new outside linebackers coach, a longtime Tulane Football member who helped the team reach four bowl games in his postgraduate career. Stone spent the last 11 years with the Green Wave and was part of Tulane's incredible turnaround season in which they went 12-2 in 2022. They won their first ever American Athletic Conference Football Championship and then capped it off with a Cotton Bowl victory against USC.

"Jake's a really sharp young coach who's been

well-trained," head football coach Todd Whitten said. "Jake comes highly recommended and has learned a great deal from (Tulane head coach) Willie Fritz, someone I've been friends with for many years. I think Jake is going to be a really good addition to our coaching staff."

The Cleveland native earned three degrees at Tulane; a Bachelor of Science in Management, a Master's of Liberal Arts and a Master's of Business Administration.

Stone spent the last three seasons as the Green Wave's defensive analyst, from 2020-22. He was a graduate assistant for four years prior, serving three seasons from 2017-19 as the defensive GA and 2016 as the recruiting GA. Before that, he was a student assistant with the team for four years during his undergraduate career.

"My wife Chelsea and I are both incredibly excited to be joining the Tarleton

family," Stone said. "Upon my arrival to Stephenville, I have found everything about the university and the surrounding community to be first class. I'd like to thank Dr. Hurley, Mr. Reisman, Coach Whitten and Coach Nix for giving me this unbelievable opportunity."

"It is clear to me that there is a high standard and level of expectation that comes with the privilege of wearing the Tarleton Texan logo," he continued.

Stone helped Tulane reach unprecedented heights this past season, as the Green Wave turned a 2-10 2021 campaign into a forever memorable 12-2 season in 2022. Defensively, Tulane had the 32nd best scoring defense at the NCAA Division I FBS level, allowing just 22.2 points per game. That was the second best mark in the AAC.

With the help of Stone, the Green Wave defense

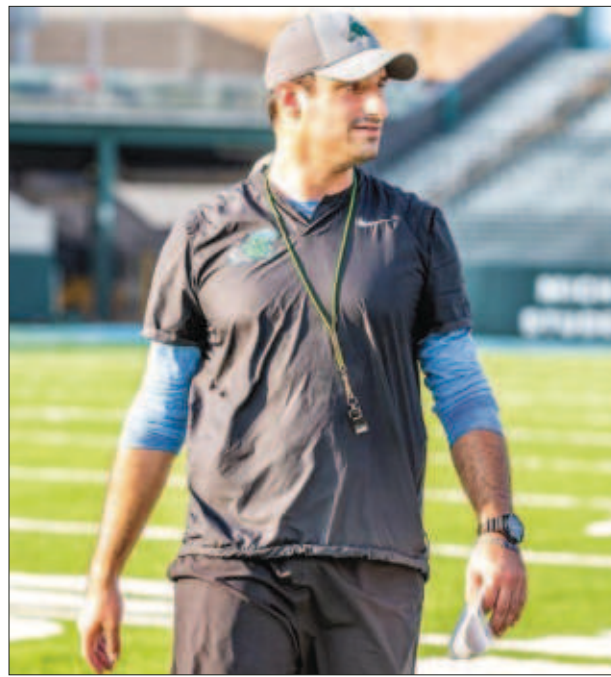


PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University announced on March 16 that the football program had hired Jake Stone as the Texans' new outside linebackers coach. Stone spent the last 11 years with the Tulane Green Wave and was part of that school's 2022 turnaround season when the team won 12 of 14 games.

has consistently been a top-five unit in the AAC. Since begin his postgraduate career on the coaching staff in 2016, Tulane made it to four bowl games, winning the Cotton Bowl over USC in 2022, falling to Nevada in the Famous

Idaho Potato Bowl in 2020, a win over Southern Miss in the Locked Martin Armed Forces Bowl in 2019, and a win over Louisiana-Lafayette in the AutoNation Cure Bowl in 2018.

38th Annual Bobby Fox Memorial Golf Tournament set for April 13

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University football will stage its 38th Annual Bobby Fox Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 13, at Canyon West Golf Course in Weatherford.

Registration is now open for the scramble tournament. Teams of four can participate for \$500, or individuals can sign up for \$125 and will be assigned to a team. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, lunch, and beverages. Donations and hole sponsorships are also available, with all proceeds benefiting the Tarleton football program.

To sign up for the event online, visit www.tarletonsports.com/bobbyfox. Or you can download the registration form that can be submitted by email (jbeasley@tarleton.edu), fax (254-968-9178) or mail (P.O. Box T-0080 - Stephenville, TX 76401).

Walk-ups will be accepted. The registration table will open at 10:30 a.m., with lunch beginning at 11 a.m., and a shotgun start set for noon.

Bobby Fox was Tarleton's head football coach and athletic director in the 1980s. He led the Texans to the Aztec Bowl in 1984. Fox, a good friend, golfer, and football coach, passed away in 1986.

For more information about the tournament, call Jonathan Beasley at 254-968-9517.

Texans edge UTA in series finale for first WAC baseball win

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — A wild pitch that escaped UT Arlington's catcher to the backstop brought Tarleton's Jack Wagner sliding safely home from third base as the Texans completed a comeback walking the Mavericks off 5-4 in the ninth inning on March 19 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex.

It win was the Texans' (11-5, 1-2 WAC) first Western Athletic Conference win of the season as they avoided a series sweep by the

Mavericks (7-8, 2-1 WAC). It was the Texans' first win over UTA at the Division I level as they were previously 0-5.

Trailing 4-1 heading into the bottom of the eighth, the Texans proceeded to scratch across three runs to tie the game at four. With two outs and two runners on, Kooper Shook hit an RBI single made it 4-2.

Grant Kerry and Cole Mears were then hit by pitches in consecutive at-bats as the Texans made it 4-3. The tying run came courtesy of a UTA wild

pitch as Shook jetted home from third base.

The game winning run in the ninth came the same way as the runs in the eighth inning did, with two outs. Jack Wagner singled to left field, the first baserunner of the inning after two Texan groundouts. Carter Dobrinski singled to right field in the next at-bat, pushing Wagner to third. Wagner then scored on a passed ball as Shook was batting.

Jake Burcham (W, 1-1) threw 3 innings, blanking the Mavericks in the eighth and ninth innings to help

fuel the Texan comeback and earn his first win of the season. He had two strikeouts and two walks, allowing just one run in the seventh inning on four hits.

The Texans' first run came courtesy of Cole Mears in the third inning, as he answered UTA's one spot in the top half with a solo home run to left field, his second home run of the season.

UTA plated two in the sixth for a 3-1 lead. Wilson Galvan led the Mavs with three hits, an RBI and run scored.

Hunter Day got the starting nod on the mound for Tarleton and threw 6 innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, striking out four. Connery Peters (L, 0-2) was given the loss as two runs (one earned) scored on his watch in the final 1-1/3 innings.

Mears led Tarleton with two hits and two RBI. Mason Hammonds also added two hits while Wagner had a hit, two walks and two runs scored.

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Lady Pirates advance in soccer

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Dominique Callahan's goal off of an out-of-bounds free kick by Madison Black came with three minutes left in the second overtime and lifted the Lady Pirates (10-10) to a 2-1 Class 5A bi-district victory over District 6-5A champion Fort Worth Arlington Heights (13-6-1) in Weatherford Friday, March 24.

The teams ended regulation tied at 1 after 80 minutes, then played a scoreless first overtime of 10 minutes.

Jillian Williams scored Granbury's first goal with an assist from Emery Kirby.

"I'm so proud of these girls. They are so banged up and played with all their hearts!" exclaimed coach David Winkleman. "It's an accomplishment to beat a first seed.

"Tessa (Rohleder) works so hard up top. Em and Dom and Jillian create so much pressure on other teams. Maddie Black, Lesly (Briones), Cha Cha (Kyleigh Chavez), Addy (Clark) and Bry (Ortiz) work hard in the middle. Riley (Morris), Madison Rogers, Elise (Mikulskis) and Kenzie (Prock) played stout defensively and didn't give anything to a team used to scoring lots of goals.

"(Goalkeeper) Claire (Burdett) was really composed and dominated in the back tonight."

The Lady Pirates were playing Midlothian Heritage (15-8-2) in the area round in Burleson.

ALL-STATE/ALL-REGION BASKETBALL

Six area players were named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 2A All-State Boys and Girls Teams.

From the Lipan Indians, seniors Tate Branson, Tripp Phillips and Garrett Smith were honored, along with Tolar senior Reis Brown. From the Lipan Lady Indians, junior Taylor Branson and sophomore Hanna Gaylor received accolades.

Smith was the state championship game MVP and both he and Tate Branson were named to the All-State Tournament Team after the Indians (38-1) won the 2A state title. Taylor Branson was named to the girls All-State

Tournament Team following the Lady Indians (35-3) capturing a Class 2A championship, making Lipan the first school in 16 years to win both boys and girls crowns in the same season.

Brown was a key factor in the Tolar Rattlers having their best season in program, finishing with 30 wins (most in team history) and reaching the 2A Region 2 final before falling to Lipan.

Lipan and Tolar also combined to have eight TABC All-Region 2 selections, each of the all-state players, along with Lady Indian seniors Chelsea Lott, Trinity Benitez and Lynsey Little. Lott was named the championship game MVP at the state tournament.

Tolar senior Cade Moody was also named All-Region 2.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE BASKETBALL/POWERLIFTING

Nine from Granbury High School were named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Basketball Academic All-State Team.

Lady Pirates honored are Alexa Mueller, Ella Hamlin and Averie Coffman, first team; Katie Wood and Madison Black, second team; and honorable mentions Haley Pennock and Maycee Slatten.

Pirates True Hughes and Makai Scott were named first team for the boys.

Two Lady Pirates were also named to the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Academic All-State Team. Krizln Van Patten is on the elite team and Madison Alvarado is on the second team.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

The Lady Pirates began the week rallying for a 10-9 home victory over Saginaw on March 21. They ended it with a 10-1 loss at Aledo on Friday, March 24.

Granbury (9-10-2, 3-3 in District 5-5A) rallied after the Lady Rough Riders scored five in the top of the sixth to take a 9-4 lead. The Lady Pirates countered with six runs in the bottom of the seventh for the walk-off victory.

"In true Granbury softball fashion, we made an epic comeback," said head coach Katie Flefer.

Lillian Williams led the Granbury offense, going 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles and two runs batted in. Also for the Lady Pirates: Brenna Haynes, 2-for-5; Carli Carlton, 2-for-5, double, two RBI; Kaitlyn Cervantes, 2-for-4, double, RBI; Hannah Dafoe, 1-for-4, triple, two RBI; Abby Stone, 1-for-4; Allison Dafoe, 1-for-4; Amanda Periman, 1-for-4, RBI. Allison Dafie got the pitching victory, surrendering just four earned runs with eight strikeouts, three walks and a hit batter.

Against Aledo Carlton and Kamryn Williams each had a hit.

The Lady Pirates are slated to host Azle Friday at 7 p.m.

GRANBURY BASEBALL

The Pirates split against Wichita Falls Rider, rallying for a 6-5 win in Wichita Falls on March 24 and 7-4 at home on Friday, March 28.

Granbury (9-9, 2-2 in District 5-5A) scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning after having surrendered a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth. Noah Madearis got the pitching victory with an inning and two-thirds of hitless relief.

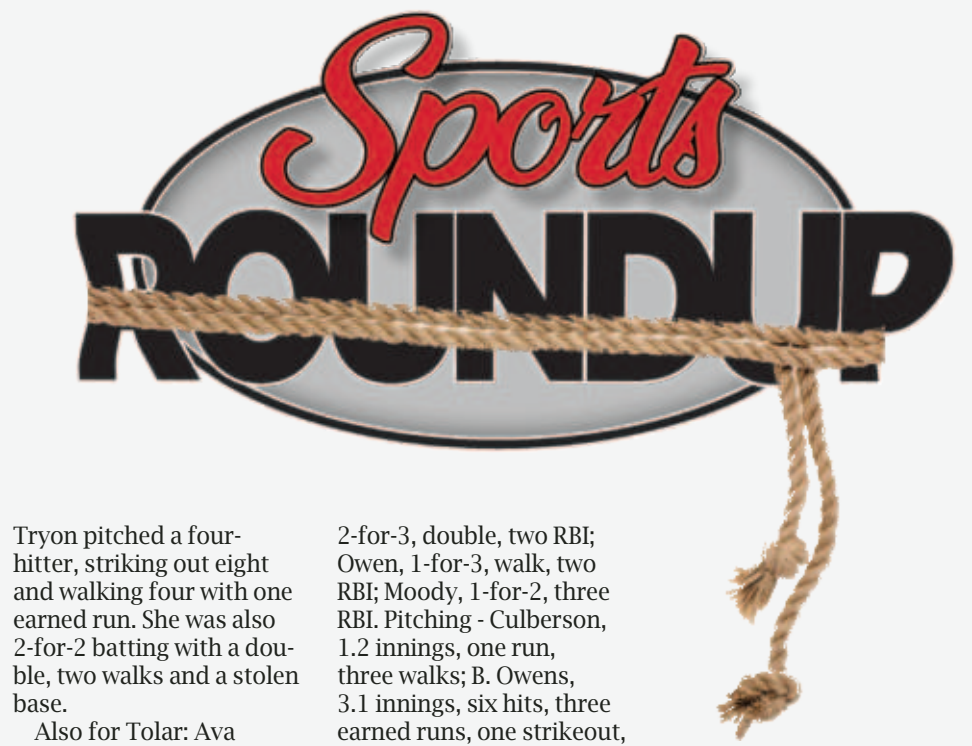
At Rider: Hitting - Tyler Guidry, 2-for-4, triple; Blake Bramlett, 1-for-3, walk; Cooper Thomas, 1-for-3, RBI; Cooper Brown, 1-2, two walks, RBI; Levi Martinez, 1-for-4, double; Kyler Crites, three walks.

At home: Hitting - Crites 1-for-3, double, walk; Braxton Heffernan, 1-for-4, RBI; Hudson Hamilton, 1-for-3; Gavin Current, 1-for-2, two walks, RBI; Thomas, 1-for-4, RBI.

The Pirates travel to Aledo at 7 p.m.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers (10-1-1, 2-0 in District 13-2A) posted a 13-2 victory at Santo on March 21. Reese



Tryon pitched a four-hitter, striking out eight and walking four with one earned run. She was also 2-for-2 batting with a double, two walks and a stolen base.

Also for Tolar: Ava LeCluyse, 3-for-3, double, walk, three RBI; Allyson Dobbs, 2-for-4, double, RBI, two stolen bases; Senne Imel, 1-for-3, walk, stolen base; Lane Gardner, 1-for-4; Courtlynd Hogan, 1-for-3, hit by pitch, two RBI; Kanyin Deaver, 1-for-3, RBI.

The Lady Rattlers' play at DeLeon Friday at 5 p.m.

TOLAR BASEBALL

The Rattlers (7-6-1, 2-0 in District 13-2A) won 29-1 and 11-1 at Santo on March 21 and 24, followed by a 14-4 home win over Rio Vista on Saturday, March 25.

Leaders in the 29-1 victory were: Hitting - Keaton Morrison, 4-for-4, walk, four RBI; Cade Moody, 3-for-4, RBI, stolen base; Talan Culberson, 2-for-4, two walks, two RBI; Brock Owens, 2-for-4, double, hit by pitch, three RBI; Jesse Owen, 2-for-3, home run, three walks, five RBI; Jackson LeCluyse, 1-for-4, two walks, four RBI, stolen base; Merritt Imel, 1-for-5, hit by pitch, three RBI; Talan Brown, 1-for-3, walk; Drake Owens, 1-for-2, double, walk, two hit by pitch, two RBI, stolen base; Mitchell Alford, 1-for-1, triple, RBI, stolen base. Pitching - T. Brown, 4.1 innings, three hits, one earned run, four strikeouts, no walks; Moody, 0.2 innings, three strikeouts.

In 11-1 win: Owen, 2-for-3, hit by pitch; Reis Brown, 1-for-1, RBI; T. Brown, 1-for-3, two RBI; D. Owens, 1-for-2, double, walk, hit by pitch, RBI, stolen base; Moody 1-for-3, stolen base; Culberson, 1-for-4, RBI; B. Owens, 1-for-2, double, walk, RBI. Pitching - LeCluyse, 6 innings, three hits, one run (no earned), four strikeouts, no walks, three hit batters.

Vs. Rio Vista: Hitting - T. Brown, 3-for-4, double, four RBI; Imel, 2-for-3, double, walk, RBI; Morrison,

2-for-3, double, two RBI; Owen, 1-for-3, walk, two RBI; Moody, 1-for-2, three RBI. Pitching - Culberson, 1.2 innings, one run, three walks; B. Owens, 3.1 innings, six hits, three earned runs, one strikeout, three walks.

The Rattlers travel to Brock Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. game.

GRANBURY TRACK

Bryan Hailey won gold medals in the 1,600 (4:35.20) and 3,200 (9:52.64) as the Pirates and Lady Pirates competed in the Joshua Owls Relays Friday, March 24. Lady Pirate Cassidy Kirkpatrick won the high jump (5-02).

Also for the boys: Varsity 400: 3. Jayton Glenn, 53.62. 300 hurdles: 2. Hayden Burns, 41.54. 1600 relay: 2. Landon Cook, Matthew Pitts, Glenn, Burns, 3:37.11. High jump: 3. Miller Schenewark, 6-02. Triple jump: 3. Glenn, 39-08.50.

JV 110 hurdles: 2. Derek McGuire, 19.13. 1600 relay: Third, 3:49.06. Discus: 2. Christian Santiago, 109-05. High jump: 2. Josh McGinnis, 5-08; 3. Sawyer Banks, 5-06. Pole vault: 2. Bryce Hager, 11-00. Triple jump: 3. Kaleb Johnson, 37-09.00.

Also for the girls: 400 relay: 2. Jayla Hayes, Kirkpatrick, Ella Garner, Baylee Goodman, 50.91. Shot put: 3. Garner, 29-07.00. JV 100 hurdles: 2. Jina Kim, 18.87. 300 hurdles: 2. Kim, 55.48. 400 relay: Third, 54.96. Granbury will compete at Stephenville Thursday, March 30.

LIPAN TRACK Lynsey Little captured three medals to lead the Lady Indians in a meet at Keene on March 23. She won the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.33

seconds, was third in the triple jump with a series of leaps totaling a personal-record 32-10.50 feet, and she ran a leg of the runner-up 800 relay (with Madison Cornelius, Jolie Russell and Taylor Branson) that clocked a 1:55.58.

Olivia Benitez threw a personal-best 33-01.50 feet for second in the shot put and Branson was third in the 100 dash with a time of 13.93.

Colby Scott of the Indians placed third in the triple jump with a 37-03.00 personal best.

Lipan will compete at Peaster Thursday.

GRANBURY GIRLS GOLF

Granbury Purple placed second behind Aledo Black at the District 5-5A Preview at Sugar Tree Golf Club in Lipan on March 22 with a team score of 378. Akyah Ditto led Granbury with an 88, while Ariel Jimenez and Grace Jimenez each shot 96.

The Lady Pirates were playing in the district tournament, also at Sugar Tree, at press time.

Granbury placed second in the JV district tournament at Oeste Ranch in Weatherford on March 20. The Lady Pirates were led by Jadyn Mobley with a 102. Also, Jessie Wedige shot 104.

GRANBURY BOYS GOLF

The Pirates junior varsity Purple team placed second in the District 5-5A Tournament at Oeste Ranch Golf Course in Weatherford on March 20, shooting a team score of 355. Will Webb and Grady Molder led Granbury with an 87 each.

The JV Gold had a team score of 385, led by Caden Rand's 91 and Hunter White's 95.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ACADEMY BOY'S SOCCER



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The four senior boys players on this year's North Central Texas Academy soccer team were recognized during the Pioneers' 16-0 non-district home victory over Universal Academy of Irving on Senior Night, March 23. The NCTA's senior boys players are, from left, Warren Gatoma, Brian Karenzi, Ian Kabanda, and Blair Rutabingwa.



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Frank Ndamage, a North Central Texas Academy soccer player, battles a defender as he moves the ball down the field during the Pioneers' non-district boys' 16-0 blowout victory at home on March 23 against Universal Academy of Irving. Ndamage scored one goal for the Pioneers, who were led offensively by Sava Cadjenovic, who scored four times and had two assists. Sergej Golubovic, Elvis Kabilig and Warren Gatoma scored three goals apiece for NCTA.

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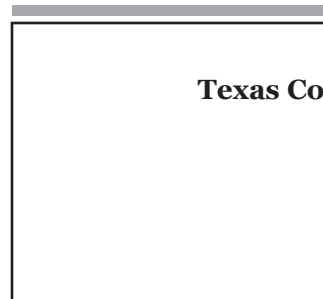
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER
AMENDMENT
PERMIT NO. WQ0014233001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Tolar, P.O. Box 100, Tolar, Texas 76476, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014233001 to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated domestic wastewater to a daily average flow not to exceed 300,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 28, 2022.

This revised NAPP is being issued to replace the NAPP issued on March 10, 2023, since the NAPP was showing the information from the previous permit action.

The facility is located at 501 Tolar Cemetery Road, Tolar, in Hood County, Texas 76476. The treated effluent is discharged to Squaw Creek, thence to Squaw Creek Reservoir, thence to Squaw Creek, thence to Paluxy River/North Paluxy in Segment No. 1229 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is limited aquatic life use for Squaw Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1229 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses downstream, and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Tolar City Hall, 8712 West Highway 377, Tolar, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

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Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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From humble beginnings, NATA has come a long way



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Eddie Lane, 94, left, and 66-year-old Joe Fritz are two greats in the athletic training field and both now call Granbury home. Between them they worked in five Olympics, Lane in 1968, 1972 and 1996 and Fritz in 1988, 1996 and 2000.

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

From an initial group of around 200 in a hotel in Kansas City in 1950, the National Athletic Trainers Association has grown to include more than 45,000 members worldwide. The Hood County area has quite a few, including legends in the industry such as Eddie Lane and Joe Fritz, a physical therapist at Lake Granbury Medical, who has a long history with Lane.

"We're both SMU grads," Lane said. "Joe and I followed a very similar career, but he went into physical therapy. We also both worked Olympic Games in wrestling."

Fritz was a student at SMU during Mustang Mania when Eric Dickerson and Craig James were running the ball from 1979-82. He then went to physical therapy school.

Fritz worked as a trainer in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, 1996 in Atlanta and 2000 in Sydney, Australia. Like Lane, he passed through Centennial Park in Atlanta moments before a bomb planted by a domestic terrorist exploded.

"Your first thought is, 'I was just through there,' then you start checking to make sure everybody's OK," he said.

As for getting back to work, Fritz said, "You just have that side, the one competing, you stay focused on

that. That's not to say you don't recognize the tragedy, and it was."

One person was killed and 111 injured in the blast. Lane also worked as a trainer with the Dallas Stars when they won the Stanley Cup in 1999.

DISCOVERING A PASSION

Like many, Fritz realized his love for athletic training at a young age. He crushed his femur when he was a youth and couldn't play high school sports.

However, working with his high school trainer, he realized he could still be involved in sports in a most positive way.

"I decided I liked helping someone get better," he said. "There's no better feeling than helping someone get healthy again and get back to doing what they love."

"You're the first step those kids see when they get

hurt. They put their trust in you."

Other trainers in the area include Andy Rankin and Connie Rhodes in the Granbury School District and Fabricio Berlanga in the Tolar ISD. Also, retired Granbury Superintendent Jim Largent is a former athletic trainer.

And, like Fritz, they all have the same thing in common — helping others.

"I was a typical high school senior and had no idea what to do with my life and my basketball coaches suggested I do athletic training," Rankin said. "I had no idea what that was, but was interested in the injuries we had and the taping they did during basketball season."

"The college I planned to go to (Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana) had athletic training as a major, so

I signed up. It was a good fit for me and I liked it very much."

Rankin has been a nationally certified and Texas licensed athletic trainer for 30 years now.

Berlanga was first introduced to athletic training as a senior in high school in 2006-07. It came after he experienced an injury of his own.

"During a routine eye exam they detected severe retinal damage in my left eye. My parents blamed football and didn't sign the permission slip," he said. "I didn't want to quit on the team, so I asked if there was anything I could do. (The head coach) introduced me to our newly hired athletic trainer, and after a solid run to the state game I

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JOE FRITZ
NATA member



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Eddie Lane is the last of two men still living who were charter members of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Lane's seen a lot in a long career

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

"I'll be an athletic trainer as long as I live," Eddie Lane began the interview as he and other trainers across America are celebrated during March, which is National Athletic Trainers Month.

Lane, 94, is long retired, but as he said, it's a career that one doesn't simply walk away from. A doctor, for example, may

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Acing the smell test with custom luxury perfumes; New perfumery in Dallas

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During growing-up years, I don't remember hearing much talk about splashing on sweet-smelling stuff.

Surely it was poetic injustice, what with cotton-picking heating up many of my kin who labored in the fields, not to mention other farm chores that caused streams of sweat that seemed inevitable during half of each calendar year.

The injustice? Air-conditioning

was a term we hadn't heard of; the closest thing to it in our town during the 1940s was movie theaters claiming to offer "air-cooled comfort." Many of us were either born too soon, or air-conditioning arrived too late.

PRICEY PRODUCTS

With such in mind, a recent piece

by SMU grad Lucy Ladis in the Dallas Morning News was more than "eye-catching." It grabbed our olfactory nerves as well. Listed under high-end retail, it detailed a new Dallas boutique that offers customers signature perfumes.

I'm not sure I recall that smell-ing good ever warranted great cash outlays.

Signature perfume at the Krigler

boutique of the Ritz Carlton Hotel is offering a "\$60,000 experience ... where shoppers can create their custom perfume from raw materials." Thoughts of paying such a princely price pretty much shuts down my whole smelling system, and causes my sweating to go into overdrive.

LUXURY?

This perfumery that turns out "signature scents" purports to provide a subtle "hint at luxury."

It is light years removed from years of childhood, when elementary school girls bragged about Blue Waltz perfume.

Unquestionably, though, the unmistakable smell seemed unrelated to luxury, sailing well over the "hint" bar.

ONE OF US

Coming to mind is a third-grade boy, slouched at his desk on a hot day in mid-May.

Known for her subtle classroom remarks, the teacher observed, "Young man, one of our deodorants is wearing thin."

His answer: "Well, it must be yours, ma'am, 'cause I ain't wearing none."....

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NATA

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fell in love with the idea of being the cut man on the sidelines.”

FEMALE MAJORITY

More than half of the members of the NATA (53%) are women, including Rhodes.

“I was inspired to select athletic training as my career path due to its unique opportunity of allowing me to help people do what they love or are passionate about,” said Rhodes, who has been with the GISD for 24 years since graduating from Tarleton State University. “We are a part of a select group that has the opportunity to change an athlete’s life for the better by caring about their well-being.”

“The thrill of getting to know the student-athletes on and off the field/court and watching them triumph over an injury/illness/setback is something I wanted to be a part of and enjoy being able to walk them through the process of recovery.”

“The new challenges presented to me each day by being an athletic trainer, provide me with a constant learning environment, as there are no two days alike nor two injuries alike.”

Rhodes said the advancement of women in the industry shows they are being recognized as stakeholders in the profession by various employers/administration/governing bodies.

YOUNG PEOPLE/ NON-TRADITIONAL SETTINGS

More and more youngsters are entering the profession, something that pleases Rhodes very much.

“I am delighted with the increase in young people entering the field of athletic training,” she said. “As athletic training employment avenues are growing outside



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Joe Fritz visiting the ruins in Athens, Greece while there working as a trainer with USA Basketball.

of the traditional educational setting (secondary and collegiate athletics) and professional sports, an increase in athletic trainers will provide a greater impact for an individual to be assisted by an athletic trainer’s services, whether that be in sports, in a hospital/clinical or physician’s office, industrial or commercial businesses, military branches, law enforcement agencies or fire departments, or performing arts.”

Rankin noted that the entry level athletic trainer now has to have a master’s degree.

“As opposed to the bachelor’s degree that I started with,” he said. “This is good and bad in my opinion in that I had a lot more clinical hours and training, but

the athletic training specific master’s programs now have a lot more in-depth educational training and less clinical hours.”

Berlanga said he is excited about the profession breaking into non-traditional settings, especially the military.

“It’s a great opportunity to serve our country and not be limited to working in a high school/college sports setting,” he said. “The other non-traditional setting where we are seeing more AT’s working in are big companies like Tesla in Travis County and Toyota in San Antonio.”

A LOT OF WORK

Rankin also noted that emergencies are just one part of what trainers do.

Injury prevention, evaluation and rehabilitation, as well as venue safety, hydration and weather safety are some of the other things they do.

“I would really love to see an athletic trainer in each of our GISD middle schools as soon as possible and a third athletic trainer at the high school, especially if we move to (Class) 6A in the upcoming realignment,” he said. “Connie and I cover many things but run real thin at the middle school level — especially now as GISD is growing, the number of participating students is growing annually.”

Rankin said there currently more than 1,730 physicals on file for grades 7-12, up from about 1,680 last school year and about 1,590 before

that. There are 12 boys and 12 girls sports in the high school and six boys and six girls sports in each middle school.

“Another way to say that is there are 58 teams at the high school and 43 teams in each middle school. That’s a lot of bodies to cover at any given time for two individuals,” he said. “We just want to have the best care possible for our student athletes at all levels and have some reasonable quality of life with our families.”

WHAT LIES AHEAD?

“I am hoping what lies ahead is more jobs in the high school and middle school settings,” Rankin said. “I know there is a push for non-traditional settings,

which is OK, but there is a huge population in our middle and high schools, not just in Texas, but nationwide, that need medical support.”

Rankin noted that what happened to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin, who suffered a cardiac arrest following a collision in a game against the Cincinnati Bengals, can happen to any athlete, any time, on any level, on any field or court (and has). He emphasized that athletic trainers are a big piece of that lifesaving puzzle.

“Organizations were all of a sudden geeked out about Emergency Action Plans (EAP) and Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), as they should be,” he said. “We (GISD) have had EAPs in place for every athletic venue at the high school and middle schools the whole time I’ve been at GISD (14 years) and the previous schools I’ve been at as well. We have an AED at every athletic venue all the time and have for many years.”

There are 15 athletic venues between Granbury High School, Acton Middle School and Granbury Middle School, plus Rankin and Rhodes each carry an AED with them whenever they travel with a team or to an event.

“We actively maintain all of the AEDs making sure they are ready for use should a need arise,” Rankin said.

Will we someday see athletic trainers at the elementary or pee-wee level?

“Probably not in the near future, but who knows what the future does hold?” Rankin said. “My advice for those younger age leagues is consult with an athletic trainer and put together an EAP — have emergency contacts for your parents/guardians for each coach to carry, and know where the nearest AED is.”

LANE

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no longer see patients, but they are still a doctor, ready to help save a life if called upon. A writer may not put out as much copy as in their younger days, but not a day goes by that they aren’t thinking of the best way to put something into print.

Lane is the last of two men still living who were charter members of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He was there in a Kansas City hotel when it all started in 1950, and in 2000 the organization set aside March annually to recognize trainers all over the country.

“I’m the only one still alive who can drive a motor vehicle,” Lane said jovially.

LUCKY TO BE ALIVE TO CELEBRATE

Among Lane’s many career accomplishments are being involved as a trainer in three Olympics — three of the most memorable Olympics ever held. Lane is, in fact, fortunate to still be alive to talk about them.

In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Lane and a friend walked through Centennial Park just minutes before a bomb under a bench exploded. How close were they to the bench?

“We were just a few feet away,” Lane said. “Had we been 10 minutes later you and I would not be talking today.”

Lane was also there in 1972 in Munich, Germany when members of the Palestinian militant organization Black September infiltrated the Olympic Village, killed two members of the Israeli Olympic team, and took nine others hostage. Lane said the building in which he and the wrestling team for whom he was a trainer were housed in was about 50 yards from the terrorist attack.

“The morning all that happened we had an off day,” he recalled. “I remember I had



Pictured is a gift of appreciation to Lane from Jackie and Bain Ward.

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to get a Greco Roman wrestler out of the sauna because he was trying to make weight and had spent the night in there. He didn’t make weight and was sent home.”

Before that, Lane was a trainer at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City when Black sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos, who were gold and bronze medalists with the U.S. team, each lifted a fist defiantly on the medal stand during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Both were subsequently expelled from the Games.

“It wasn’t anything brand new to me. It was going to happen someday,” Lane said. “There was a lot of turmoil at that time. They were talented athletes.”

While there were no bombs or hostage situations, Lane did recall a sense of danger connected to the Mexico City Games as well.

“When we got off the plane in Mexico City to go to the Olympic Village, soldiers — Mexican and American — were all down the road,” he said. “There were riots at the time.”

“My wife Jane has told me several times that somebody is looking out for me.”

REVIVING THE PROFESSION

Lane said there was an attempt in the late 1930s and early 1940s to form the NATA, but there just wasn’t enough support and many of the trainers were in the military preparing to go or already in the war.

“There just wasn’t enough support because there weren’t enough trainers around, but in 1950 we saw the need for it again and we started to upgrade and it became an actual profession,” Lane said.

Lane said that in 1950 there were a total of nine athletic trainers in Texas, and that included seven of the eight teams in the old Southwest Conference. The league included one non-Texas team, Arkansas.

Eddie, in fact, was the second student athletic trainer in the SWC.

“I’m glad I still have my memories for all those stories,” he said.

PART OF SWC HISTORY

Lane was on the athletic training staff at SMU when head football coach Hayden Fry recruited and brought to the team Jerry LeVias, the first Black scholarship ath-

lete in the SWC in 1965.

Lane said LeVias endured some “challenges” during his time in the conference. For example, Lane remembers LeVias having a room to himself on road trips.

Lane liked LeVias and recalled coming to his aid on one specific occasion when he learned a young would-be trainer wasn’t treating LeVias like he was the rest of the team.

“I was made aware of it by some of the white football players and one student trainer, and I chewed his a** out real good,” Lane said. “I told him he gave up his right to be an athletic trainer for Jerry.”

“Jerry was a strong individual emotionally. There was a lot going on in our country back then and he knew he just had to be patient, but that didn’t mean myself and others couldn’t take up for him.”

CAREER PATH

After serving in the military from 1951-53, Lane returned to attend SMU and graduated in 1955. In 1956 he became the first athletic trainer for the University of North Texas after working as a student assistant at SMU.

“I took a pay cut to go to North Texas, but it was a good career move,” he said. “I also taught two PE classes and a health class for \$200 a month with room and board.”

After a year in Denton he headed to the northwest and Washington State University. In 1960 he returned to SMU, where he remained until 1973 when he was hired to develop an athletic training program in the Dallas Independent School District.

“I was one of four trainers for 19 high schools and 32 junior highs. You were a guy in white pants who handed out Band-Aids. The coach is the one who decided if you were hurt,” Lane said. “I’m glad to say I helped change that.”

Eddie was also an athletic trainer for the Davis Cup tennis team when they competed in North Little Rock in 1973, when the longest Davis Cup in history was played as the Chileans defeated the United States 39-37. He also worked with the World Championship Tennis Circuit, where he was reunited with his former SMU classmate Lamar Hunt, who founded the league.

“He died owing me money. I loaned him a quarter to buy a Dr Pepper,” Lane said. “He told me, ‘I’ll give you the damn quarter.’ I said, ‘I’d rather tell the story about you owing me money.’”

In 1982 Lane joined the Irving ISD as the athletic trainer, working with a single high school then. There he remained until his retirement in 1990 and subsequent move to Granbury.

HOW IT STARTED

Lane saw his first football game in 1939 while growing up in Toledo, Ohio. He loved the sport, but at 5-4 and 92 pounds entering high school, he realized that dream would never happen.

But his coach, who had a very successful high school program, saw Lane’s love of the sport, and in 1944 took him to a clinic at Ohio

University. It was then Lane decided to become an athletic trainer, though he might not have even known the official name for it at the time.

“I have no doubt in my mind that it made a difference in our success, hiring an athletic trainer,” Lane said.

That trainer was Wade Rudy and he helped Wayne High School to state championships in 1945 and 1946. He later went to SMU and that’s how Lane ended up in Dallas.

NOWADAYS

These days Lane loves attending shows at the Granbury Opera House and Granbury Live. He works out several days a week, and he tried golf years ago but the clubs are now put away — barely used.

“I like life, I’ve lived a blessed one,” he said.

He and Jane have two children, Stephanie Edison and Brad Lane. They have five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Stephanie is an ICU nurse and Brad owns a steel building business. Stephanie considered following her dad into athletic training.

In fact, Lane recalls LeVias’ brother-in-law George Reed getting embarrassed at Washington State because of Stephanie.

“He got embarrassed when I treated my first female athlete. It was my daughter and I changed her diaper,” Lane said with a laugh.

Lane has worked with his friend and author Jon McConal on a couple of books, “Bridges Over the Brazos” in 2000 and “A Walk Across Texas” in 2006. He thinks another interesting read would be a book about Highway 84 from Midway, Georgia to Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Of course, he also thinks a book about his life would be interesting. However, he said there’s one problem.

“I should write a book, but all the people I’d tell a lie about are dead,” he said with a laugh.

SIP AND SUPPORT STREET DANCE BENEFITS OPERA GUILD OF GRANBURY



SAM HOUSTON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

D'Vine Wine hosted the Sip and Support Street Dance on Friday night, benefiting the Opera Guild of Granbury. The photo above is of participants line dancing on Bridge Street.

IDLE FROM PAGE B1 JUST A HINT

Now, back to the signature scents. Owner Ben Krigler explained that creating such exotic fragrances doesn't happen overnight, and that it can take up to 18 months to let them age in wine barrels. That's the way the Kriglers have made perfumes for more than a century, having turned out some of the

world's "most coveted fragrances," he told The Dallas Morning News. In fact, it all started in 1879, when founder Albert Krigler pursued the hand of a French perfumer's daughter. For their engagement, he produced the scent that resulted in "oohs and ahhs" from the discerning set. It was called "Pleasure Gardenia 79." Chances are excellent that it was applied in a fine mist, never to be viewed as the "splash

on kind" of the Blue Waltz crowd. **ELITE LIST** Krigler has thought the matter through. He pointed out that the perfume industry is booming in Dallas as the result of a post-pandemic upswing in personal grooming, plus growing demand for luxury. Further, he thinks Dallas to be a great market for testing custom perfume demand.

The city is the company's third-largest online market and ranks number six in the United States fragrance market. The company has been courting elite clientele since 1904, and the customer list includes Jackie Kennedy, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Audrey Hepburn. Fragrances start at \$455 for 50 milliliters, and Krigler offers candles and soaps in signature scents.

BOOMING There are others, of course, who figure Texans start out running in the back of the pack, where odors sometimes are more prevalent than aromas. The same critics think most folks have oil wells and can buy whatever they want. Truth to tell, however, the fragrance market is big around the world, growing to nearly \$11.5 billion in 2022. For a five-year period ending then, the industry gained an

average 8.4% annually. We are advised that fragrances can transport consumers to other realities, remind us of wonderful memories, help us to relax and support overall wellness. Administer whatever "smell test" you like, and the Krigler Boutique is likely to get highest marks. So does Lucy Ladis, a budding journalist who is bound to blossom! newbury@speakerdoc.com

Kid Scoop THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE

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The Mystery of Farmer Howe's Cows

Can you find the two identical cows?

Hot. That was the best word to describe May 1842 in New York.

Strange. Farmer Howe's cows were standing out in the sun instead of the shade.

Farmer Howe walked over to his cows. When he got there, he felt cool air. Surprised, he looked around and found a hole in the ground. His cows were standing around the hole. Cool air was coming out of the hole in the ground!

Cool! Farmer Howe looked down the hole and discovered it was an opening to an underground cave.

Follow the maze to see what became of Farmer Howe's cave.

What is a Cave?

A cave is an opening in the Earth that is large enough to hold a person. Most caves are formed in rocks that dissolve, or get eaten away, like limestone.

When water soaks into limestone, the stone dissolves and holes start to form underground. These holes are called caves. Caves grow very, very slowly.

It takes about 100,000 years for a cave to grow large enough for people to fit inside.

A person who explores and studies caves is called a spelunker.

Cave or Cavern? A cavern is a type of cave. They tend to be larger. Caverns can be made of smaller caves connected by tunnels.

Stalactites Stalactites hang down from cavern ceilings like icicles made of mineral deposits. As water drips from the cave ceiling, some of it evaporates and the minerals dissolved in the water remain. It takes thousands of years for stalactites to form.

Columns Columns form when a stalactite and a stalagmite meet and grow together.

Stalagmites Stalagmites form on cavern floors and grow up toward the ceilings. Water drops from a stalactite land on the floor of the cave, evaporate and leave behind minerals. As more minerals are left behind, a stalagmite starts to grow upwards.

The deepest cave discovered so far is the Voronya Cave in Abkhazia, Georgia. It is 7,203 feet (2,197 meters) deep.

Caves cannot go down more than 9,800 feet (3,000 meters). Deeper than that, the pressure from the rocks becomes too much and the cave collapses.

Natural Air Conditioning Farmer Howe built a hotel over the hole. Cool air from the cave air-conditioned the original hotel. Farmer Howe's hotel and cave became very famous. Circle every other letter to discover its name.

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Extra! Extra! Shape Search! How many shapes can you find in the newspaper? Look for triangles, squares, rectangles, circles and more.

Standards Link: Display data in graphs

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Waves Make Caves!

Sea caves are created by waves hitting rock cliffs over a long period of time, causing erosion.

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the alphabet to reveal another name for sea caves.

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Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues

Double Double Word Search

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

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

Kid Scoop Together

Lookalike Lights

All but one of these flashlights has an identical twin. Can you match each pair and reveal the one unique flashlight? Have a family member try!

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Dress for Spelunking

Find the forecasted high for the day in your newspaper. The temperature in the Howe Caverns are around 52 degrees year-round. Is your local high temperature warmer or cooler? What would you wear to visit Howe Caverns?

Standards Link: Compare and contrast points of view.

Write On!

If I Lived Underground

Imagine that you lived in an underground cave. What would it be like? Write about it!

Hood County SCENE

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

GCCA students bring beloved story to life at Granbury Live



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GCCA

GCCA students posing after dress rehearsal for the upcoming production of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

BY CLAUDIA PEREZ RIVAS
Managing Editor

Grace Classical Christian Academy students aim to entertain the community with their one-act performances of C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* at Granbury Live this week.

The students, grades 6th through 12th, have been diligently honing their acting skills to bring the classic story to life. The story revolves around the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia. Aslan will be portrayed by GCCA teacher, Glenn Hoshauer.

GCCA play director Ashley Keith said the project has been a collaborative effort since the theater group has been allowed to perform at Granbury Live, and the Granbury Opera House has loaned them costumes from their past performances of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. The show also features backdrops painted

by art teacher and opera house painter Sarah Torres, as well as the musical and lighting talents of Josiah Horton.

"We are so thankful for the partnership between GCCA and the New Granbury Live over the years," said GCCA Headmaster Joshua Taylor. "It is our mission and vision to train students in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and to serve their churches and their communities. The chance to demonstrate these important biblical truths to the community, at this incredible venue, is a very high honor."

GCCA was founded by Granbury native Ike Thomas in 2012. In addition to promoting education in the community, Thomas has been a longtime supporter of fine arts in Granbury said

Keith. He is the owner of Granbury Live and has offered for GCCA to perform their one-act plays on stage for the past three years.

"As a classical Christian school, we felt it just made sense for us to perform the much-beloved classic story of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*," Keith said. "It's a book that our students read, and one that perfectly displays the truths on which our school is founded, namely the true story of the saving work of Jesus Christ. It's also really wonderful that we were able to time the performances to take place just a week away from Easter."

Through the participation in this play, Keith said, students are joining the creative process that all humans are invited to experience by their creator.

"Telling stories to communicate deep truths is a great joy, as well as learning to take on a character and bring it to life," Keith said. "As a classical Christian school, we place a high value on being able to communicate clearly



GCCA students during dress rehearsal for their upcoming production.

and winsomely in front of an audience, which being on stage provides ample opportunity to practice."

Junior Dylan Humphries plays the role of Susan in the production.

"This is the third time I've had the privilege to perform at Granbury Live, and I am so grateful for their gen-

erosity," Humphries said. "Performing on that stage makes the whole experience feel much more special and surreal. It has really been one of the high points of being able to perform in our one-act play."

The *Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* will be performed on March 29 at 2 p.m., March

30 at 6:30 p.m., and March 31 at 2 p.m. at Granbury Live located at 110 N. Crockett St. Admission is free to the public. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance and it's on a first-come, first-seated basis. No reservations. For more information go to www.graceclassical.com

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GARDEN PATCH

Develop A Great Landscape

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.

What is a great landscape? It is a joyful blend of beauty and function. It is a place where we can connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors. And it is where we enjoy birdsong while delighting in the sensual pleasures of sight, touch and smell. A great landscape says “welcome” and invites visitors to linger.

A well-designed landscape enhances one’s appreciation of the natural world. Sadly, this is a far cry from what’s seen in many neighborhoods across the country where houses have patches of lawn and a sprinkling of evergreen shrubs. In these communities, resources are expended with little reward for effort and expense.

Great landscapes need not be grand, but they should be thoughtfully designed and filled with plants that fare well where they are planted. Healthy plants are always the most beautiful plants! To this end, hardy species should form the basis of any landscape. In North Central Texas, this means using mostly native and well-adapted plants.

Begin with trees and evergreen shrubs. If your homesite is not blessed with attractive, healthy trees,

you’ll want to add trees for shade and for the vertical dimension they bring to your landscape. Adding evergreen shrubs creates a backdrop for all other landscape plants while softening the lines of any structure. Evergreens also provide yearlong color and texture. As your budget allows, add plants that have seasonal interest, such as flower and fruit-producing shrubs and deciduous trees for fall foliage.

To minimize expenses while your garden matures, utilize seeds and bulbs to fill in empty spaces. Many annuals, including vines, are easily started from seed. You’ll enjoy their color for a season without making a long-term design commitment. Perennial bulbs are pricy, but live longer. As bulbs grow and multiply, the plants may be divided

and transplanted to other parts of the yard.

In all you do, consider wildlife, particularly birds and butterflies. They will be drawn to your landscape when you incorporate plants that provide them shelter and food. To protect these visitors, avoid using harsh chemical sprays. Preferred wildlife species do not visit turfgrass, so limit lawn size to what’s needed for erosion control, play space, workspace, etc. In other words, lawns should be functional, especially since turf requires considerable resources to thrive.

Substitutes for lawn include mulched planting beds, pathways and patios. In planting beds, use shrubs, perennials and annuals, such as ornamental grasses, groundcovers and flowers. Always group plants according to their water needs. To achieve balance and harmony throughout the space, stagger mature plant heights and coordinate plant color.

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 lakegranburymaster-gardeners.org

COURTESY OF PHYLLIS WEBSTER

Starting plants from seeds or bulbs is an inexpensive way to fill out a landscape as it develops. Poppies are spring-blooming annuals that are started from seed in fall.





Lake Granbury Area Shrine Club

2023 Annual Golf Tournament

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 April 21st, 2023 7:30pm Tina Tribute to Tina Turner	 April 22nd, 2023 3 & 7pm A Jerry Lee Lewis Tribute & much more! JARED FREIBURG & The Vagabonds	 April 28th, 2023 7:30pm A Tribute to Karen Carpenter Dawn Turlington as Karen Carpenter	 April 29th, 2023 7:00pm Radio Flashback Your Favorite Radio Hits from the 70's & 80's	

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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.

Also acceptable are refrigerators, freezers, and a/c units—which must have certification of Freon reclamation. Tree limbs will be picked up if they are bundled and less than four feet long. There is a six-item limit per household. Items that will not be picked up include tires, paint, oil, liquids, construction and masonry materials. Bulk trash day does not affect normal residential pick-up. For more information, please contact Waste Connections at 817-579-8855 or customerservice5194@wcnx.org or the City of Granbury Utility Administration Department at ub@granbury.org.

VFW POST 7835 is having a Crawfish Boil on April 1, 2023 at 3670 W US Hwy 377, Granbury, Tx 76048. Event starts at 2:00 p.m. and runs until all is gone. Crawfish is all you can eat for \$25.00 or \$7.50 per pound. Boiled shrimp is 12.50 per pound.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

KIWANIS CLUB meeting at noon at Farina's 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker is Amanda Shaw with Many Mansions.

LAKE GRANBURY Newcomers Club Meeting. Join Lake Granbury Newcomers Club for our annual Lake Gran-

bury Newcomers Club and Style Show, 'Surf's up!' Come "hang ten" with your friends while enjoying our local merchants' spring/summer collections, modeled by our fantastic members. Reservations should be made by March 31, 2023 at noon. Cost \$22 includes lunch and program. Program only \$5.00. Social hour 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., program & meeting begins at 10:15 a.m. at De Cordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive, Granbury. For more information email lgnc.reservations@gmail.com or call 682-719-3343.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Guest speaker: Iris Garcia, Executive Director of Tarrant County Democratic Party. 11:00 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. Details: 254-716-5195.

THE NORTH Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. Hwy 377. The program will be presented by Dr. Brian Jordan, PhD, an Associate Professor of History at Sam Houston State University. Dr. Jordan will speak on "A Thousand May Fall", the story of an ethnic German regiment from northeastern Ohio in the Union Army. Visitors are welcome, with no charge for the first meeting. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

THE SALVATION Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County will hold a meeting on April 11 at De Cordova Bend Country Club located at 5301 Country Club Dr. Meet

and greet starts at 10 a.m. and meeting and presentation start at 10:30 a.m. Program: Domestic Violence: From Invisible to Invincible, Dawn Milson, author and survivor will discuss causes, cures, and ways to prevent domestic violence as she shares her personal story of abuse and hope through Jesus Christ. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. A Fajita Taco Platter with Key Lime Pie will be served. Please bring \$20.00 cash for lunch. RSVP by to saauxiliaryofhoodcounty@gmail.com to attend meeting only or meeting and luncheon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

KIWANIS CLUB meeting at noon at Farina's 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker is Hannah Hoffman, Hood County Extension Agent.

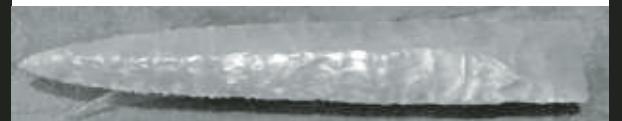
THE GRANBURY Women's Club will meet April 13 at 5:30 for a light meal at the Woman's Wednesday Club House located at 306 North Travis Street. Tammy Dooley, Director of Visit Granbury, will give an update of the Granbury Tourism Program including the many upcoming events. Three scholarships from the club will be awarded to Granbury Senior Girls, two will be given to graduates of Granbury High School and one to a graduate of STARS Accelerated High School. All women who are interested attending the meeting may contact Club President, Donna Engel at 817-219-3246 for additional information or to register for the meeting.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

KIWANIS CLUB meeting at noon at Farina's 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker is Kylee Peterson, GTE/GISD.

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Sat: 2:35PM, 5:10PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 12:00PM, 2:20PM, 4:40PM, 7:00PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:30PM, 5:05PM, 7:45PM

Creed III (PG13)

Fri: 8:20PM.
Sat: 7:20PM, 10:10PM.
Sun: 6:30PM.
Mon: 7:45PM.
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 7:40PM

Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG13)

Thurs: 3:00PM, 6:15PM

Jesus Revolution (PG13)

Fri: 11:50AM, 2:40PM, 5:30PM.
Sat: 10:50AM, 1:40PM, 4:30PM.
Sun: 12:30PM, 3:30PM.
Mon: 2:00PM, 4:55PM.
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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)

Fri: 11:50AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 4:40PM, 7:10PM, 8:20PM.
Sat: 11:00AM, 11:40AM, 2:40PM, 3:20PM, 6:20PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM, 10:35PM.
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Thurs: 2:10PM, 6:00PM

Scream VI (R)

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

Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG13)

Fri: 12:00PM, 3:00PM, 6:00PM, 9:00PM.
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Shazam! Fury of the Gods - Sensory Friendly (PG13)

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Solution for the puzzle on Mar. 25 (Puzzle 12).

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		6	5				8	1
9	1						4	
	7		8		6	4		
		4				6		
		9	7		2		1	
	9						6	8
7	4				9	1		
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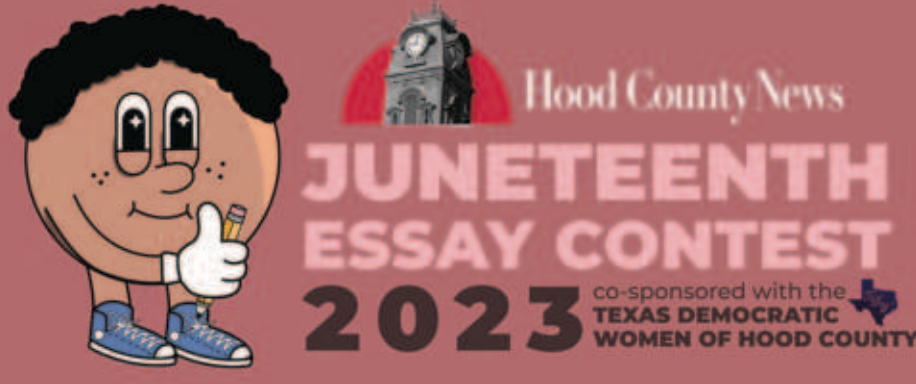
enforcement, university law enforcement, federal law enforcement, juvenile probation, and the District Attorney's Office. I have been working for the Granbury Police Department for six years with about four of those years as an Investigator. In total, I have about 9 ½ years of experience as a police officer. I hold my Master Police Officer Certification with a wide range of certifications.

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