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## One voice: Granbury City Council votes to send clear message to Austin

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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The Granbury City Council convened a special meeting Tuesday night to discuss priorities for the 88th Legislative session that is underway in Austin and to consider adopting a resolution spelling out those priorities for

lawmakers.

Prior to the meeting, City Manager Chris Coffman provided materials to the mayor and council members that included copies of the North Texas Commission Advocacy Roadmap, the Texas Municipal League's Legislative Update, and the North Texas

Regional Chamber Coalition's Legislative Priorities.

The Legislative Priorities list is "five simple points" that express a philosophy that "over-reaches many bills," Coffman said.

One of the five bullet points supports legislation "that maintains local decision-making au-

thority" — something that some Granbury city officials, including former council members, feel have been eroded by the Legislature over the past several years.

City officials want to advocate for bills that are in the city's best

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GHS rifle team takes home sixth straight national championship and GHS Stowaways crowned national champions. Part two of ANC's backyard habitat lecture set for April 2. Please see stories, B1.

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Lipan resident Traci Ross recently opened her own fitness center and private physical therapy practice. Ross Physical Therapy & Wellness, located at 215 W. Lipan Drive, offers 24-hour access to the gym for members, with Ross's own private physical therapy practice located inside its own room in the facility.

## SMALL TOWN, BIG DREAMS

Lipan resident opens fitness center, private physical therapy practice

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

At age 15, most of us have no idea what kind of career or job we would have — or even want — as an adult. But Lipan resident Traci Ross knew immediately.

After a tragic accident left one of her friends as a quadriplegic, Ross spent her time assisting him with his physical therapy — not knowing that one simple and kind gesture would end up changing her life forever.

"Since 15, physical therapy is all I've wanted to do, and this is the only thing I've ever done," Ross said. "And I still love it just as much today, 24 years later, as when I graduated (college)."

Ross turned her passion into a longtime career by obtaining her master's degree in physical therapy and then working at a clinic in Mineral Wells for 12 years.

But something was still missing.

"For eight years, I've had a burning desire and have always told my friends, 'Someday I want to own a gym,' and so, for eight years, I've kind of spoke that," Ross explained. "But finally, this past year, I was like, 'You know what? I tell my kids to go after their dreams, their goals, and

what their vision is that God's put in their heart, and that is my burning desire."

In January, Ross opened her own 3,000 square foot fitness center in Lipan. It doubles as her private physical therapy practice.

"I no longer work for anybody," she said. "I work for myself here and have the benefits of the gym and physical therapy together."

Her business, Ross Physical Therapy & Wellness, located at 215 W. Lipan Drive, offers 24-hour access to the gym for members, with Ross's own private physical therapy practice located inside its own room in the facility.

### PHYSICAL THERAPY

All of Ross's treatment plans in her physical therapy practice are individualized and based upon patients' needs to reach their goals. When a patient first comes in, Ross performs a comprehensive evaluation and listens to the patient to develop the plan of

care that will lead them toward success.

"I offer that assessment, and then we develop a plan of care that reaches their goals because I care about what my goals and the physician's goals are, but the ultimate priority is the patient's goal, and that's what drives my plan of care," Ross said.

She offers treatment in everything from sports injuries and joint replacements to neurological conditions.

"I treat any and every diagnosis, because with my history of work in outpatient, I've seen about anything and everything," she explained.

What sets Ross apart from other physical therapy practices is her personal attention to each individual patient.

"Sports rehab is my love and my heart's desire, so when they come here to the clinic, they get one-on-one with me the entire time," she said. "Sometimes when you go into bigger clinics or facilities, you might get 15-20 minutes with a physical therapist and the assistant or a technician takes over to finish their care, but

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## Eagle's hopes for city-county East sewer plant partnership stall

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

A proposal by Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle for the county and the city of Granbury to enter into an interlocal agreement for a wastewater treatment plant that the city would manage and that would serve customers outside the current city limits does not appear to have the city's support.

Concerns about the proposal were expressed at an interlocal government meeting held last week at Granbury City Hall, although several city officials indicated a willingness to work with the county on growth-related issues. The interlocal government meeting was attended by city, county, and Granbury ISD officials.

Eagle has advocated for constituents in his precinct who are opposed to the city's planned wastewater treatment plant at 3121 Old Granbury Road. Construction has been delayed since 2019 because of that opposition.

Although the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approved a permit for the site last year after a contested case hearing before two administrative law judges, the group brought legal action against TCEQ in district court in Austin. The case has not yet been resolved and the city has not yet begun construction.

A citywide and extraterritorial development moratorium that was put in place because of the delay and because of capacity issues at the city's existing WWTP remains in place.

Eagle spoke about his partnership proposal at the interlocal government meeting and also at a March 1 county workshop where there was discussion about the \$5.7 million that remains of American Rescue Plan Act money. The county is facing a deadline for committing or spending those funds.

The Commissioners Court has not yet determined how the remaining ARPA money will be utilized, but it recently heard presentations from local nonprofits and tasked the Emergency Management office with creating an application process for allocations.

Discussions have also included possibly allocating some of the money to the county's volunteer fire departments. Fire department needs are of particular concern to Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews, who is a volunteer firefighter and former Lipan fire chief. He stated at the March 1 workshop that he wanted to schedule another gathering for the purpose of discussing fire department needs.

When responding to a question at the March workshop, Eagle declined to state the specific location he has in mind for a city-county WWTP but said that it is farther down Old Granbury Road, more than a mile from the city's wastewater station by the Ashley Oaks development.

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# Lawn Care and Management Program set for April 17

## From Staff Reports

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Hood County will be hosting a Lawn Care and Management Program on April 17 in the Exhibit Hall at the Hood County Reunion Grounds located

at 641 Reunion Ct., Granbury. Signs will be posted.

The program will cover grass varieties, weed identification and control, seasonal care of your lawn and general management strategies for a lawn. Registration will be from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with the program

lasting until 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person payable at the door.

Those who are interested can preregister by April 14. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Hood County Extension Office at

817-579-3280. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension of Hood County will also be emailing a newsletter each month. To receive a copy, please email leann.brockman@ag.tamu.edu.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Hood County

will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for the program. Please contact us at 817-556-6730 at least 72 hours before the program begins to make arrangements.

# Cross Timbers Land Management Symposium set for April 28

## From Staff Reports

The Cross Timbers Land Management Symposium is an annual educational program hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees in Erath, Hood, Comanche, Palo Pinto, Hamilton, Eastland, and Somervell

Counties. The symposium rotates each year to a site within one of the seven host counties. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees within these counties are dedicated to identifying the issues and needs that will economically benefit cattle and forage production in North Central Texas

while offering 2 continuing education units (CEUs).

The annual Cross Timbers Land Management Symposium will be held on Friday, April 28, at the AgriLife Research Center located at 1229 North US Highway 281 in Stephenville. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with the program set to start

at 10 a.m. The registration fee of \$20.00 is payable at the door and includes lunch. Those who plan to attend must RSVP with a local county extension office by April 24. To RSVP in Hood County, please call 817-579-3280.

The program will include topics such as Range Management,

Brush and Broadleaf Management, Native and Non-Native Reseeding, Wildlife Habitat and Management, Agriculture Tax Exemption and Laws, and Disaster Land management.

## THERAPY

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every treatment of mine is a one-on-one hour with me directly."

For patients who need additional hands-on therapy, Ross also offers soft tissue and joint mobilizations, along with dry needling and cupping to help decrease tension and relieve muscle pain.

"The main focus is mobility and strengthening, get them moving, get them strong, and work in those functional patterns to help them with their daily life," she said.

### FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center offers treadmills, ellipticals, row machines, recumbent steppers and bikes, spin bikes, squat racks, bench press machines, Swiss balls, yoga mats, dumbbells ranging from five to 70 pounds, and bumpers and steel

plates for heavy deadlifting and weightlifting.

Ross said her big goal is to encourage her members to lift at the gym, rather than always stick to cardio.

"I'm a firm believer that everybody should be lifting," she said. "It improves our longevity of life, helps our bone health, our physique, and just overall mental wellness. So, my goal is for them to get in and get to lifting because cardio, you can do that (anywhere), so my big goal is for people to lift."

For people who might be intimidated by the equipment and need some assistance, Ross has provided educational materials at every station.

"If they want to, they can actually sign up with me," she said. "I'm not a personal trainer, but I can get them a fitness routine going. I do a one-on-one session with them to just at least get a baseline fitness

program set up for them so they know where to start, and then we can advance that at a later time.

The last thing I want is for people to get hurt, or to get intimidated and walk out, so that's been very successful getting them started on a foundational program."

Single gym memberships are \$40 a month, a couple's membership is \$70, and a student membership is discounted at \$25 a month.

Each gym membership comes with a FOB key, so members can access the gym at any time.

"As long as your membership is in good standing, you swipe it and it unlocks the door," Ross explained. "For safety reasons, I keep the door locked at all times, and I've got cameras inside and outside for security."

When Ross first opened her facility, she created a vision board to keep herself on track with her goals. Her first goal was to obtain

60 members in six weeks — a goal that was met in three days.

"I've been open seven weeks now, and I'm at 148 members. On my vision board for the end of 2023, my goal was 150 members, so I'm going to have to update my vision board," she said, adding that she should have set her goal higher.

With the growing interest that Ross Physical Therapy & Wellness has already experienced, Ross is grateful that she designed her facility with an opportunity to build and grow in the future.

"We are a big facility, and I still have plenty of room to grow, so that's something we're willing to do as the gym membership keeps growing and physical therapy keeps growing," she said. "I just want to help people — that's my whole goal in life."

Ross is thankful for her husband, Tim, and her children, Faith, 21, and Zach, 18, for being her biggest

supporters.

"I tell (my kids) to always go after their goals and shoot for the stars, and that they can do anything that God put in their heart and go for it," she said. "So, if I can't set the example, then why do I expect them to be able to go for their goals? It was kind of that last little nudge that I needed (to open my facility and set an) example for my kids and show them that it's never too late."

For more information, call Ross at 325-716-9443 or email her at rosstherapy@yahoo.com.

"I've been a therapist for 24 years," she added. "It's the only thing I know, and it's the only thing I've ever wanted to be. It's been such a blessing (these last few months). I'm just very grateful and thankful. I'm getting to live my best life right now."

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## GRANBURY

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interest and oppose those that aren't, but with hundreds of bills having already been filed, it is a daunting task.

"It's overwhelming," Mayor Jim Jarratt said, adding that he has already traveled to Austin "five or six times" because of his involvement with the TEX-21 organization, which works to improve transportation in Texas.

After Coffman opened the discussion with a synopsis of the proposed resolution, which he called a "communication tool," Mayor Pro Tem Trish Burwell asked how members of the council could

travel to Austin "in a timely manner" and communicate appropriately with state lawmakers when members of the council "might not agree on everything."

Coffman advised that the council determine during the council meeting whether there were any bullet points they didn't agree with so that those bullet points could be deleted "upfront."

"That way, there's no argument later," he said.

Coffman stated that once the resolution was adopted, it would be "a commitment" and that the council should speak "in one voice." Personal opinions could be expressed to state lawmakers as long as council members clarified that they were expressing their own per-

sonal views, the city manager said.

As for trips to the Capitol to meet with lawmakers or to testify before a committee, Coffman said, "Who's the messenger? It's anybody that's available, I think." He added that traveling on behalf of city business would be a "legitimate expense."

Council member Steven Vale expressed that what Coffman had prepared "mirrors what TML is doing."

"I think they're a great representative of the small cities," he said.

Vale, who served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission before being elected to the City Council, said he feels that legislators sometimes pass a bill that is designed to address an issue in a certain city but the bill is then im-

posed on cities across the state.

"Some of those things were not in the best interest of Granbury," he said of previous bills, adding that "one size does not fit all."

After further discussion, the council agreed to simplify what is sent to lawmakers in a way that makes the council's top priorities and "guiding principles" clear. Council member Eddie Rodriguez noted that in the military the BLUF method is used: Bottom Line Up Front.

Burwell suggested that the simplified resolution include a QR code to lead lawmakers to more detailed information if they care to read it.

The council agreed to allow Coffman to move forward with the

resolution after implementing the changes that were discussed.

An overriding priority voiced by several on the council throughout the 45-minute discussion was that the city, not the state, should have the most control over Granbury.

"We want to maintain the ability to steer our own ship," Vale said.

Burwell said that elected officials on the city level know the "pulse" of the community because they communicate one-on-one with those who live there.

She related a quote attributed to Thomas Jefferson: "The best government is that which is closest to the people."

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## CORRECTION

In the March 29 edition of the Hood County News, Eddie Lane was mistakenly credited as working with the Dallas Stars hockey team instead of Joe Fritz. In the same edition, a caption on A9 for Bridge Street Open House mistakenly identified the subjects of the photo as Scott Young and Trisha Thomas. The correct names are Gary Wise and Micky Shearon.



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Just play the game, let the referees officiate



**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.

**T**his past week, I watched a little bit of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. One of the most popular sporting events in America, tens of millions of people tune in for the games because of the excitement, the upsets, and the competition. It is one of the biggest wagering events of the year, and emotions run high from the viewers and the teams.

Me watching the tournament sort of brought me back to my roots. As a young man, I was a huge college basketball fan. Back then, few games were televised except once a week, NBC broadcast a national game with Dick Enberg and, I think, Billy Packer. We did get the Big 8 games (now Big 12), not aired live but rather the day following the game being played. Eventually, the Big 8 got it together and managed to get sponsorship so the games could be telecast live. I was a die-hard fan of anything college basketball, and lots of my Saturday and Sunday afternoons were spent with my black-and-white TV watch-

ing college basketball.

Years later when I moved to the Dallas area, I got attached to the Mavericks. I loved Dirk Nowitzki and the style with which he played. The future Hall of Famer also impressed me with the way he handled himself on and off the court. Dirk was clearly dedicated to the team and winning, and those characteristics made him very appealing to the fan base. I became a diehard fan and had season tickets until I moved from proximity to the arena.

I still watch the Mavs, though I have lost a lot of my "fandom." Dirk has retired. The team cur-

rently has a great player named Luka Doncic who can score, rebound, pass, and has a feel for the game that few players have ever matched. His statistics are remarkable and historic, but I seem to like the game less and less every time I watch. I wondered why I had lost my zest for Mavs basketball, and when I tuned in the NCAA Tournament, I figured it out.

In the old days when I played, the game was very structured and disciplined. As a player, when you committed a foul, you had to raise your hand so the scoring clerk could identify who the foul had been called on. If a player threw his hand down in a display of disgust with the referee's call, shook his head dramatically, or heaven forbid spoke out to the ref, it would draw a technical for poor sportsmanship.

My coach drilled in me that when a foul was called against you, keep a poker face and raise your arm respectfully and look straight at the referee. He advised that in such situations, the call had been made and would not be reversed, so there was no reason to argue with the referee or give him a word or look which could affect the next call. Was I ever the victim of bad calls? Once in college, I got three personal fouls in three minutes, and I didn't

think that was possible unless you intentionally tried to foul! Yet, I still raised my hand and kept my mouth shut.

Watching the college game this week was like night and day from watching the pros. In the NBA, it seems like almost every player, on just about every call, must put on a big display and go and lobby with the referee as to why the ref made a mistake. Sometimes calls are so obvious that a blind man would know the call was correct, but still, players and coaches go to the ref begging to plead their case.

Why has the NBA let this get so out of control? I go to games to watch basketball, not to watch a debate between players and the referees! It makes the game slower, and frankly, I believe it is a little symbolic of our nation as a whole. People seem to want to complain and protest every time authority asserts itself. There seems to be a real breakdown in taking personal responsibility for their actions when authority exerts itself, no matter how warranted that authority might be.

Authority is in place to keep the game orderly and insure fair adherence to the rules. It is the same reason the legal system is in place, the police, and our other units of governmental authority. Makes me

wonder about the kids who watch the NBA regularly. Do they think they can debate with their parents and teachers like the NBA players do with the referees?

In this instance, NBA players are not very good examples, and one of the worst must be Luka Doncic of the Mavs. He has one of the highest totals of technical calls levied against him, even to the point of being forced to sit out a game as a suspension. I think Luka would find something to complain about if the game was called to absolute perfection. His behavior is a distraction and limits the fans' enjoyment of the game.

Thank goodness I got to watch a little college basketball this week, where the entertainment was in watching basketball skills instead of debating skills. Now if we could just get the coaches to sit down and coach instead of playing to the crowd and lobbying with the referee!

Thought for the day: A referee is a majority of one, and the sooner players and fans realize the completeness of his authority, the cleaner the game will be.

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

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## Lake Granbury Medical Center donates \$5,000 to United Way

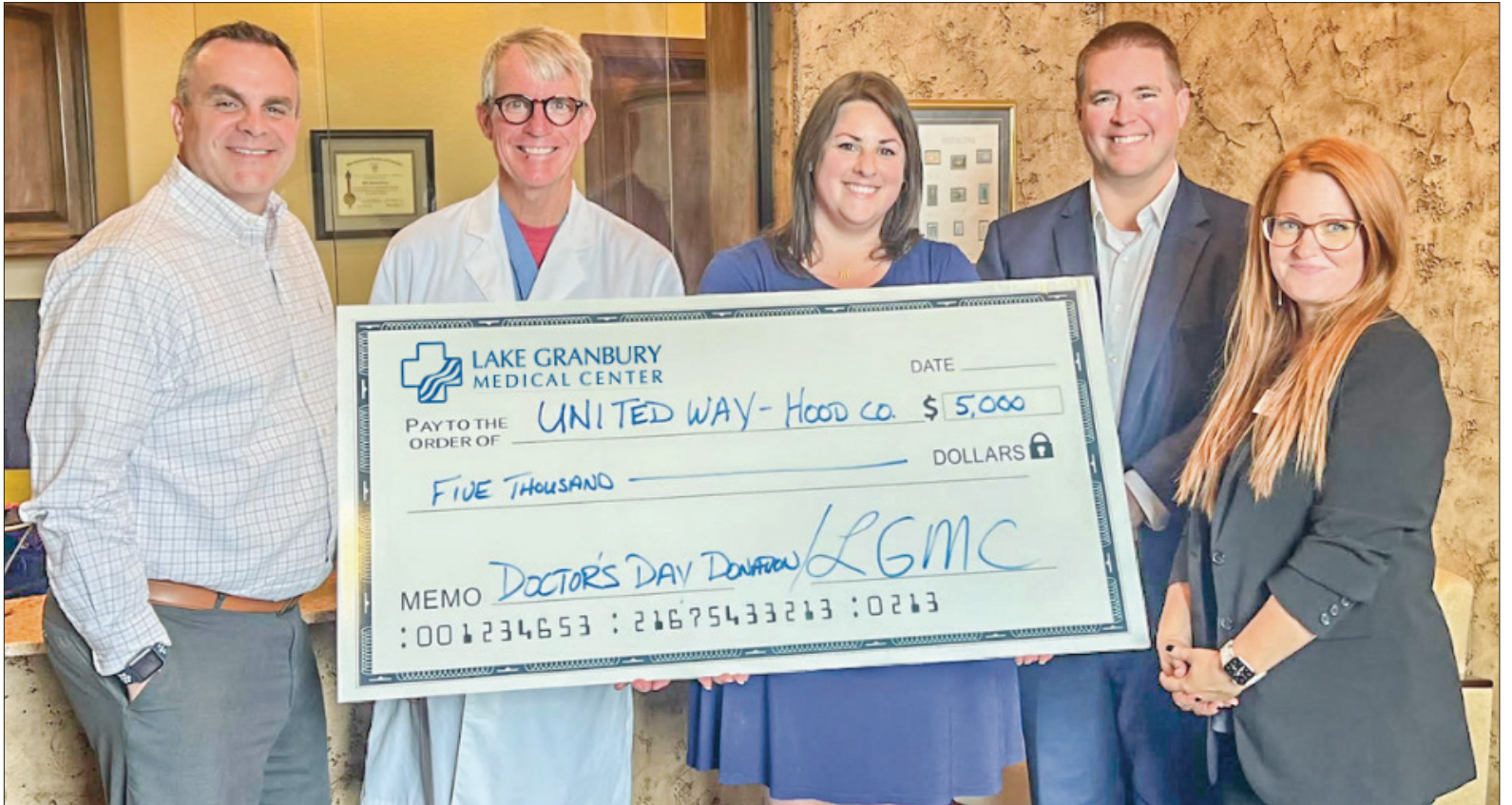
From Staff Reports

Lake Granbury Medical Center donated \$5,000 to United Way of Hood County to celebrate National Doctors' Day in honor of its medical staff.

"What a wonderful and exciting surprise! This is an amazing gift and could not come at a better time. We have almost tripled our calls needing help within the last four months, and this money will make such an amazing impact," Crystal Moore, Executive Director of Hood County United Way said. "Thank you so much for thinking of United Way and the families we serve!"

"It's an honor to give back to the communities we serve," LGMC CEO Curt M. Junkins said. "United Way is one of the vital organizations that serve so many of our families here in Hood County."

Eudora Brown Almond — a Georgia resident and physician's wife who wished to set aside a day to honor her husband and other physicians — pioneered National Doctors' Day. It was first observed on March 30, 1933. March 30 is also significant in the medical community because it marks the anniversary of the first surgery using anesthesia. Dr. Crawford W. Long is credited with the first known administration of a gas for surgical pain relief in 1842, according to the Georgia Historical Society.



Pictured, from left, are Wayne Vaughn (United Way), Peter Krone, MD (LGMC Medical Director), Meredith Corrigan (United Way), Curt M. Junkins (LGMC CEO), and Crystal Moore (United Way Executive Director).

## State may rename part of 144 for Happy Hill founder Ed Shipman

**BY KATHY CRUZ**  
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court this week gave unanimous approval to an effort to rename part of State Highway 144 after Ed Shipman, who with his wife Gloria founded Happy Hill Farm and positively impacted many children.

Happy Hill Farm, now called North Central Texas Academy, is located at 3846 State Highway 144 on a 500-acre working farm.

The Shipmans launched their effort to provide children with quality education in a loving family

environment out of a mobile home in Granbury in 1975, one year after the couple took in two teenage girls who had fled a bad home situation.

Shipman passed away in 2016 at 83.

Today, NCTA is a fully-accredited, comprehensive, academic program and boarding school serving more than 175 students in grades K-12, according to its website. Supported by scholarships, boys and girls live on the campus year-round in small group homes overseen by house parents. Students have opportunities to participate in FFA and 4-H programs and are "en-

couraged to develop strong character and a deep personal faith."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson placed on the agenda for Tuesday's regular court meeting consideration of a resolution in support of House Bill 2835, a proposal by State Rep. DeWayne Burns to designate a portion of State Highway 144 as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway. Burns, a Republican, represents District 58, which includes Somervell County.

The county judge and commissioners watched a brief video testimonial about Shipman and heard

details about the highway initiative from two people who knew him, Tim Bolton and Eva Royer.

Royer said the bill has the support of State Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, and State Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville, who represents District 59. Hood County is in that district.

When an audience member expressed the view that Gloria is also deserving, Bolton stated that the intention is for Gloria to receive the honor in memory of her late husband with her name being added upon her passing.

A joint resolution involving the

commissioners courts in Hood and Somervell counties is planned for a later date, but the Hood County Commissioners Court adopted its own resolution for now to show the Legislature that it supports HB 2835.

If the bill is adopted, the portion of 144 that will be renamed is the stretch between U.S. Highway 67 and Mitchell Bend Highway. The new name would take effect Sept. 1.

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# OBITUARIES

## Mozelle Bounds Akins

October 21, 1923 - March 24, 2023

Mozelle Bounds Akins, 99, passed away March 24, 2023 in Granbury, Texas. A lie in state was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 from noon until 6 p.m. at Martin's Funeral Home. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Martin's Funeral Home. Service was at 11 a.m. at Martin's Funeral Home. A reception was held after the service at Martin's Funeral Home. A graveside service was held the same day at 2:30 p.m. at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery located at 7301 East Lancaster Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76112.



Granbury Church of Christ and also a member of the Rock Harbor Rockettes.

Mozelle was preceded in death by her parents; Leonard and Cordelia Bounds; husband, Glenn Akins, Terry Akins; sisters, Estell Hall, Delia Erisman; brother, L.B. Bounds.

Mozelle was born October 21, 1923 in Fort Worth, Texas to Leonard Brown Bounds and Callie Cordelia Lindsay. She married Glenn Thomas Akins April 6, 1945 in San Diego, California. She loved sewing and being a homemaker. She was known to be a caregiver to all. Mozelle was a member of the

Mozelle is survived by her daughter, Glenelle Hendrix; sons, Tom Akins and wife Debbie, Tim Akins and wife Cheryl; 36 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



# CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**BULK TRASH** Pick up Sat., April 1. Please have items curbside by 7 a.m. Acceptable items for bulk trash pick-up include mattresses. 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.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

**LIONS CLUB** will host their general meeting on Tuesday April 4 at noon at Spring Creek BBQ located at 317 E. US Hwy 377. Guest speaker will be Thomas Martin, MD-2

Area Director, Lions Project for Canine Companions. Public is welcome to attend.

### 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.

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# Mission Granbury's Court Appointed Special Advocates seeking volunteers

BY ABIGAIL GAGE  
Special to the  
Hood County News

Mission Granbury's Court Appointed Special Advocates served 120 children from Hood and Somerville Counties last year. The CASA program is made up of community volunteers who help to protect children's best interests as they navigate the foster care system.

Since 1993, CASA volunteers have partnered with Mission Granbury and Texas CASA to keep abused and

neglected children safe until they reach a permanent home by advocating for their needs in court.

Justin Rosner, CASA Director and Director of programs at Mission Granbury, said the program currently has about 40 volunteers and is always open to new volunteer candidates.

"Our mission is to provide specifically collected and trained community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children," Rosner said. "So really, our vision

is that there would be a trained volunteer to advocate, find a safe home for, and to ensure a promising future for every child that is in the foster care system."

In order to volunteer with CASA, an individual must be at least 21 years of age; complete and be able to pass a background check every two years; have a valid driver's license and proof of current auto insurance; and provide three credible references.

Due to the time it takes for a court case to be settled, an individual must also be able to commit to 12 to

18 months of serving as a volunteer.

Before serving with CASA, a volunteer will complete 30 hours of pre-service training. Upon acceptance as a CASA volunteer, individuals must also complete 12 hours of annual service training.

To learn more about the CASA program or to apply to be a volunteer, visit Mission Granbury's website at missiongranbury.org or call Mission Granbury at 817-579-6866.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A COMMUNITY THANK-YOU

On Thursday, March 23, Premier High School of Granbury hosted a Carter Blood Drive. We had a strong student and staff participation; however, we wish to thank community members that chose to become donors. Please share our appreciation of our community members!

Marsha Grissom  
Granbury

that this quiet little town would become the home of the crooked and corrupt. My grandparents would be appalled My question is when do we become appalled enough to fix this very broken system here?

Kathy Commander  
Granbury

## A RESPONSE TO A PREVIOUS LETTER

In response to Steve Biggers' ridiculous letter to the editor, printed Saturday, March 11:

Once again, the Town Clown has made his way to center stage and demonstrated his narcissistic idiocy. Anyone with an ounce of common sense, and civic awareness, recognizes his desperation in tearing down efforts to organize a body of civic-minded individuals who respect, and practice true Republican values, and who wish to distance themselves from the radical Blue Sharks, uncompromising Real Republican Club, and the credulous puppets who 'identify' as Republicans-in-high-places, i.e., the now-extinct Republican Executive Committee. In his illiterate rant about his ill-perceived understanding of the "new" club, he named specific per-

sons and cited half-truths and quotes taken out of context. Shame on you, Mr. Biggers! In addition, the list of accomplishments of the "Hood County sitting GOP" are expected activities (voter turnout, registering voters, promoting the Party) and somewhat exaggerated.

I would like to emphasize that the individuals Biggers singled out with offensive insults, and denigrating slurs, are actually outstanding, reputable people who consistently provide positive service to our community. They have been recognized in Hood County News articles as proven in their capacity to do good works on behalf of Hood County citizens. Biggers, however, is just one of several egotistical fools with questionable backgrounds who are muscling their way into our governmental positions / offices to simply destroy this "Best Small Town in America".

Biggers and his side-kicks, David Eagle, Nate Criswell, Mike and Katie Lang, just to name those that are well-known in print, are cunning dummies who thrive on lies, slander, and tantrums (demonstrated in City Council meetings, School Board meetings, and Republican Executive Committee meetings). Most

informed citizens are aware of the scheming methods of these sneaks, but I fear that newcomers to our city, as well as uninformed voters, may succumb to these shrewd tactics, and make poor, unappreciated choices at the voting polls in the next cycle. Our town depends on right-minded, sincere, purposeful, and law-abiding citizens ... of which Biggers (and crew) is not.

Lynell James  
Granbury

## GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Writers are limited to one letter every 30 days.

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

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

## BROKEN SYSTEM

So once again justice has prevailed...at least for those that rub elbows with the correct crowd! Not so many years ago a kid by the name of Ethan Couch got away with a heinous act. He would fit right in here! Texas passed a law that on your 3rd DWI, you automatically went to prison. As is typical of Hood County, those laws seem to be either a tips and possible suggestions manual or really great door-stops. It is mind boggling to see what they will do next! That being said, it is also very sad to see a town become so desensitized to the atrocities that we continue to see and read about here. Never would I have thought

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# Do you have enough emergency savings?

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Many people would agree that preparation is the key to success in many areas of life. Yet, when it comes to being ready for a financial emergency, a sizable percentage of Americans are feeling distinctly unprepared — and that can lead to problems.

Consider these survey findings from financial services provider Edward Jones and Morning Consult:

- Nearly two in five Americans expect that their

emergency savings would last no more than a month.

- Less than 40 percent of respondents consider their emergency savings account to be fully funded.

It's important to have adequate emergency savings for two key reasons. First, when an unexpected financial need arises, such as a major home or car repair, you may well have to act quickly. And second, if you don't have the funds readily available to meet this sudden need, you

may be forced to dip into your long-term investments, including your IRA and 401(k). This typically isn't a good move, as taking money early from these accounts could lead to both taxes and penalties. And even more important, you'd be taking away resources from accounts you will almost certainly need to help provide income for a retirement that could last two, or even three, decades.

So, if you want to be financially prepared for emergencies, how much money should you have available? There's no one right answer for everyone, but generally speaking, it's a good idea to

keep three to six months' worth of living expenses — or a full year's worth, if you're retired — in a liquid, low-risk account that's separate from the financial accounts you might use for everyday spending.

Of course, given the high cost of living, it's not necessarily easy to put away several months of living expenses — at least, not all at once. That's why you might want to have a certain amount automatically moved each month from your checking or savings account into the account you've designated for emergency needs. And when you get a financial "windfall,"

such as a year-end bonus at work or a tax refund, you might want to use part of this money for your emergency fund, too. You can also use these sources to replenish your emergency fund if you deplete some or all of it.

Here's something else to remember about an emergency fund: Keep it for emergencies. As mentioned above, you should hold this fund apart from accounts that you draw on for daily expenses — but you'll also want to avoid the temptation to use the money for other things, such as investment opportunities that may come your way. That's not to say you

shouldn't be prepared for these opportunities, but you can do so by keeping some cash or cash equivalents within your portfolio. And, as an additional benefit, the presence of cash can potentially help reduce the impact of market volatility on a portfolio that's otherwise heavily weighted toward stocks.

Building and maintaining an emergency fund should be an essential part of your overall financial strategy — so, if you haven't started one yet, there's no time like the present.

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He said that two lift stations would be needed for his plan and also said that landowners are agreeable.

"The only gripes will be prairie dogs, and coyotes, maybe," he said.

As for the landowners, Eagle stated, "Will they have something to do with development further out? Yes."

Eagle said that under the federal government's rules, the county could use some of the ARPA funds to purchase the land and pay engineering costs.

"It opens up the east and northeastern part of the county, if there is sewer out there that could be tapped into," allowing for growth in that part of the county, but the city would have to be on board, he said.

Eagle further stated that the WWTP would be a farther distance from Lake Granbury than the 3121 Old Granbury Road location and that retention ponds could be created to handle the plant's discharge, providing irrigation including for possible future golf courses.

Discharge from the existing WWTP on Water's Edge Drive is used to irrigate the Harbor Lakes golf course.

"There are a lot of benefits in my mind about it," the commissioner said.

### THE DOWNSIDE

However, during the almost half-hour discussion about the proposed partnership at the interlocal government meeting, city officials voiced concern over a number of challenges, including the amount of time involved in bringing such a plan to fruition, particularly with environmental studies factored in; the cost; who would make up the customer base; and how the debt would be paid.

Mayor Jim Jarratt said that the city "has no

plans of abandoning" the 3121 Old Granbury Road project but are mindful of the importance of planning for future needs as the community grows.

Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman said he had met with Eagle the previous week to discuss the proposal. He noted several things: that 2,000-4,000 homes are "on the radar for construction in that area"; the land in question is in Cresson's extraterritorial jurisdiction; the city would have to pipe wastewater "uphill a long way"; and construction costs have doubled since 2019.

"Of course, we offer our assistance any way we can. We're all about regionalism," Coffman said. "But the bottom line is, we can't invest in treating other people's needs. We have to take care of our taxpayers and citizens."

He said that a project like the one Eagle was proposing "takes long-range planning."

Eagle noted Coffman's assertion that construction costs have doubled and said that his own calculations had put the cost for the plant at about \$40 million. His proposal is for the plant to treat four million gallons of wastewater per day, with expansion possibilities. He said that financing would come from different stakeholders, including developers who "realize they will need to pony up money."

County Judge Ron Massingill said that he consulted with the county's development director, Clint Head, and that Head estimated the price tag to be more like \$250 million.

As the discussion wrapped up, Eagle told Coffman that he had "confirmed" that the land is not in Cresson and "has not been annexed."

He stated, "I think we do need to work together. I'm glad that we're at least at the table. I look forward to continued efforts to see if we can work something out."

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## CALENDAR

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### 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.

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 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>.

**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.

### 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 [sauxiliaryofhoodcounty@](mailto:sauxiliaryofhoodcounty@)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

**LIONS CLUB** will host their general meeting on Tuesday April 18 at noon at Spring Creek BBQ located at 317 E. US Hwy 377. Guest speaker will be Sean Bryan, district 2-E2 Lions Diabetes Awareness Club. Public is welcome to attend.

### 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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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

# Community Gardens growing well this spring season



BY DIANE LONG

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

Members of Pecan Plantation's Community Gardens Club met last weekend to get several plants into the ground (eggplant, lettuce, tomatoes and multiple types of beans) as well as prepare beds for squash and zucchini. Future workdays (for planting more tomatoes and basil) are on the calendar (the next one being Wednesday, April 5), and volunteers are welcome.

For complete information on the Community Gardens, folks may visit [ppoacommunitygardens.com](http://ppoacommunitygardens.com) or send email to [ppoacommunitygardens@gmail.com](mailto:ppoacommunitygardens@gmail.com).

**WELCOME HOME**

The next new member orientation is scheduled for today, Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. in the Brazos Room of the clubhouse. Any new residents who have not attended an orientation meeting are invited.

**CLEAN UP**

The adopt-a-highway clean-up date scheduled for earlier this month has been rescheduled for today, Saturday, April 1. Volunteers will be tidying up the two miles of highway outside Pecan's front gate.

**ART FAIR**

A pop-up art fair is happening today, Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the 19th Hole Pavilion. Work from members of the Pecan Plantation Art Guild will be available for purchase.

**TAKE AIM**

Pecan's annual Easter Egg Shoot comes today at 2 p.m. at the archery/air gun range for participants ages 13 and over who can shoot independently. An entry fee of \$10 brings unlimited shots at plastic eggs filled with prize money. No reservation is necessary; participants and spectators are welcome.

**EGG HUNT**

Egg hunters ages zero to 12 will be searching for Easter treasure on Saturday, April 8 beginning at 10 a.m. sharp at the PAC. Participants should bring their own baskets and may also look forward to visiting with the Easter bunny as well as competing for goodie basket door prizes. Egg hunters will be divided into age groups with the youngest ones beginning this free event.

Volunteers are needed on two occasions prior to the egg hunt to make it a success: first, egg hidiers will begin working at 8 a.m. on hunt day, and second, folks to stuff the plastic eggs will gather on Tuesday, April 4

at 1 p.m. at the PAC. Helping hands are invited and welcome.

**SCRUMPTIOUS MEAL**

Chef Jordan Ray and his team will serve lovely holiday fare at the clubhouse this Easter, and reservations are now being taken. Seatings will happen at 10 a.m. and 12 and 2 p.m. Call the clubhouse front desk to secure a spot: 817-573-2641.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

High on the priority list for the Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS Auxiliary this spring is the organization's upcoming 2023 Auxiliary Golf Tournament, set for Saturday, June 24 on the Pecan golf course. This annual event is the Auxiliary's largest and most profitable fundraiser, which means it requires a great deal of planning, a large number of volunteers, and participation from area golfers. Most importantly, the tournament depends on monetary support in the form of sponsorships from individuals and the local business community.

In addition, golfers will have an opportunity to win three fantastic hole-in-one prizes. Teams are currently being formed, and spaces are filling up fast. Sign-up is happening at the golf pro shop, and the auxiliary will sell mulligans and raffle tickets on tournament day. For information about business and individual hole sponsorships, contact Lana Robinson at 254-495-1717, and the auxiliary is also seeking raffle prizes for the event.

The next regular meeting of the auxiliary is set for Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Charlie Lee Memorial EMS building. The meeting will be preceded by a soup



COURTESY OF JEN PETRI

Pecan's Community Gardens Club is busy preparing and getting spring plants into the ground. Pictured are Laura Palmer, Susan Harris, Chris Palmer, and Vance Nappier as they sift and prepare soil for a bountiful harvest.

social beginning at 6 p.m. During the business session, plans for the May 27 auxiliary pancake breakfast, as well as other planned and potential activities, will be discussed. All Pecan residents are invited to attend.

**GARAGE SALE**

Pecan's spring garage sale weekend will begin Friday, April 14 at 3:30 with a members-only presale and continue Saturday, April 15 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for everyone. The deadline for being listed on participating sale spots is Wednesday, April 12 at 3

p.m.: 817-573-2641.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club holds a lovely presence in our community, and in addition to its regular third Thursday morning of the month meeting, evening meetings are now on the calendar, with the next one happening Tuesday, April 11. Ladies who are new to the community or who have lived here for years, ladies looking to meet other women in our community, and ladies looking to volunteer for activities - all are welcome.

Visit [www.myppec.com/membership](http://www.myppec.com/membership) to submit an application, and inquiries for group information may be sent to [ppwres@gmail.com](mailto:ppwres@gmail.com).

**WELCOME ABOARD**

Congratulations to Chris Fair and Tim Webster on their appointment to positions on Pecan's board of directors. May your tenure be very successful.

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Back row, from left, Lt. Col. Scott Casey, Joe Overstreet, Cadince McGrath, John Becker, 1st Sgt. Rositas. Middle row- Kameron Wells, Caroline Martin, Kennedy Wells, Ashton Arlington. Front row- Viola Allen, Sunnee Schumann, Julia Czernik.

## GHS rifle team takes home sixth straight national championship

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

The Granbury High School MCJROTC Lady Pirate rifle team made history this past weekend when they took home their sixth straight national championship at their latest competition in Ohio.

The team traveled to the Civilian Marksmanship Program's Gary Anderson Competition Center in Camp Perry, Ohio, from March 23-25 for the 2023 JROTC National Championships. The team was given the opportunity to defend their existing title of national champions and to clinch number six — an accomplishment that proved to be an easy feat for this talented group of sharpshooters.

The Lady Pirates' impressive achievement first began in October, when more than 6,000 junior shooters

participated in the 2022-2023 Civilian Marksmanship Program Postal Competition, where the highest shooters in each branch qualified for each individual branch's JROTC National Service Championship in February.

The top teams from each service then converged on Camp Perry this past weekend to see who would claim the national title. The match consisted of a 3x20 air rifle event fired twice in two days, featuring competitors firing 20 record shots from each of three positions — prone, standing and kneeling —



Granbury High School's Ashton Arlington, left, is pictured on the award platform after finishing as the runner-up in the individual finals of the 2023 JROC National Championships. The individual champion, Danjela De Jesus of Camden County High School in Georgia, is pictured in the middle, and the third-place finisher, Liv Lusky of Lumpkin County High School in Georgia, is at right.

over the two-day contest. Over the span of the two-day match, Granbury Team

1 — consisting of Ashton Arlington, Caroline Martin, Sunnee Schumann, and

Kameron Wells — fired an overall score of 4,673 -

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*"All team members have worked hard all season. I firmly believe they won the match before arriving by putting in the work necessary all season during before-school and after-school practices starting the day after the last All Service Championship back in March."*

JOHN BECKER  
Texas State Civilian Marksmanship Director and assistant coach

## Part two of ANC's backyard habitat lecture set for April 2

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

After January's successful and well-attended lecture, Texas Master Naturalist Dr. Billy Teels will be back this weekend for part two, as he teaches attendees how to create natural habitats in their own backyard.

More than 90 people attended the first lecture, with the Opal Durant Acton Community Center filling up to capacity with standing room only — ultimately proving the need for a second lecture.

"We just planned on one, but there was so much interest and so many questions that we decided to (continue with part two) because I didn't cover everything that I had planned to cover," Teels explained.

Part two of Teels' lecture on "Protecting and Restoring Natural

Habitats," will be held at the Opal Durant Acton Community Center, 6430 Smoky Hill Ct., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2.

"The first time I just basically covered why we need to manage our backyard as a habitat and why we need to use our backyards as a source," he explained. "Last time we covered the lack of habitat, disappearing species, and endangered species. This time, it will be more or less how to do it, how to create natural habitats in your backyard."

Teels will be talking about which keystone species need to be planted or maintained. Keystone species, he said, "provides the most environmental function" as they contribute to "clean air, clean water, and healthy soil."

"We'll also talk about pollinators, what to plant for pollinators and the importance of particularly native

bees who are the insects that do most of pollination," he said. "And we'll talk about the reduction of chemicals on lawns, such as fertilizer and herbicides, because the native plants don't need that."

He said many homeowners' associations prefer turf grasses as opposed to native plants, which can make the task of protecting backyard habitats extremely difficult.

"We'll be talking about some of the things that we can do to still have lawns to reduce our lawn size by about 50%, but the rest of it can still be natural vegetation," he said.

For those unable to attend, Zoom will still be an option for the lecture. To register for the Zoom link, send an email to actonnaturcenter@gmail.com.

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Texas Master Naturalist Dr. Billy Teels is back for part two of his lecture on "Protecting and Restoring Natural Habitats."

## GHS Stowaways crowned national champions

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

The Granbury High School Stowaways drill and dance team proved that they were born to dance when they were crowned national champions during the MA Dance Nationals this past weekend.

Rising bright and early on March 25, the Stowaways team — consisting of 26 dancers and GHS cheer captain Jaxon Robinson as "Elvis" — traveled to The University of Texas at Arlington for a full day of performances.

"Our first dance was at 8:10, the next one was at nine, and then the next dance after that was at three, and then we finished them off every hour until about seven o'clock," said GHS Stowaways

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# TOLAR PRESENTS FIVE WITH DIAMONDBACK RATTLER AWARD

The following employees were presented the Diamondback Rattler Award at last night's school board meeting with Board Secretary, Wendy Bonnell presenting the awards.



Janna Sullins - High School Teacher



Kelly Camacho - Elementary Teacher



Misty Higgins - Elementary Teacher



Scott Mitchell - Junior High Teacher



Shawnee Endsley - Junior High Teacher

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*"Hands down, this is one of the most talented groups of young ladies in my 12 years of coaching. I knew we had a great group from top to bottom at the beginning of the year, and they proved that this weekend by bringing home the sixth consecutive national championship."*

**LT. COL. SCOTT CASEY**

Senior Marine instructor and rifle team head coach



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From front to back (lanes 29-22) are Viola Allen, Kennedy Wells, Kameron Wells, Cadince McGrath, Julia Czernik, Ashton Arlington, Sunnee Schumann, and Caroline Martin.

## MJROTC

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300x to claim Team Gold and were crowned National Champions in the precision category.

The second team consisting of Julia Czernik, Cadince McGrath, Kennedy Wells and Viola Allen fired an overall score of 4,644 - 274x to claim fourth place in the Precision Team category, missing the podium by only one point.

After the final qualification scores were released, Arlington, Schuman, and Martin qualified for the individual finals (top eight athletes). At the conclusion of a very exciting final event, Schumann placed sixth, Martin placed fourth, and Arlington claimed the runner-up position by taking home the silver - missing first place by only 0.1 of a point.

"I liked the way every-

one battled through the match on day two, since we struggled on day one," said Lt. Col. Scott Casey, senior Marine instructor and rifle team head coach. "What is just as impressive is our second team placing fourth overall and the scores shot by the two youngest shooters on the squad, sophomore Kennedy Wells and freshman Viola Allen. Allen has only been shooting since joining the team in September, (and) making the national team as a freshman is a huge accomplishment. They are the future of the team, and I can't wait to see what they will do next year."

"All team members have worked hard all season," said Texas State Civilian Marksmanship Director and Assistant Coach John Becker. "I firmly believe they won the match before arriving by putting in the work necessary all season during before-school and after-school practices starting the day after the last

All Service Championship back in March."

In addition, Wells earned enough points during the matches to be presented with her Junior Distinguished Marksman Badge.

The Junior Distinguished Marksman Badge is awarded to school-age juniors and three-position air rifle shooters who distinguish themselves by attaining a series of high rankings in designated major junior air rifle championships, according to the Lade Pirate press release. They receive a serialized badge authorized by all branches to be worn on their cadet uniform. To date, there have been 1,687 badges awarded since the program first began more than 20 years ago - with GHS MCJROTC cadets earning 20 of those. Past recipients have gone on to become collegiate rifle athletes, members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, and

even a few Olympians.

Czernik was also presented with her previously earned Distinguished Marksman Badge at the awards ceremony, since the team was unable to attend the Service Championship in Alabama due to the Texas ice storm in February.

The GHS MCJROTC Lady Pirate rifle team is the only team in the history of the Civilian Marksmanship Program to achieve six national championships - and Casey couldn't be prouder. "Hands down, this is one of the most talented groups of young ladies in my 12 years of coaching," he added. "I knew we had a great group from top to bottom at the beginning of the year, and they proved that this weekend by bringing home the sixth consecutive national championship."

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# Hood County ACTIVITIES

YOUR TICKET TO THINGS TO DO

HOOD OUTDOORS

## History helps!



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

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

**K**eeping a fishing log that documents your fishing history or others' successes on a particular day is advantageous to any angler. This log may help you to develop a pattern that will pay off on future fishing trips. It is, however, like anything in fishing, if you rely on it solely it may lead you astray.

I used to keep a log religiously, but at times it can be difficult to keep up with. However after documenting years of data you will start reaping the benefits. Nothing is guaranteed, but if the conditions are similar the fish may be doing the same thing at certain locations, certain times of the year. You just have to be aware of all the conditions and information and put your best foot forward.

What should you document on your log? Well, I always start with the weather conditions and water levels. You may want to document the moon phase for the day. Make sure that you document the water temperature and any variation due to the time of the day or the location of warmer or cooler water depending on the season. The clarity of the water is also very important.

Location, location and location. Document where you located fish, how deep and what time they bit. They may not be at the exact location, but you may be able to focus on a certain area of the reservoir that is more likely to hold fish. Sometimes they will be right where you expected. For example, those of you that chase the striped bass, you will likely find them on the lower ends in the summer. You may not need to document that, but where on the lower end was most productive. Don't forget to include what pre-

sentation or pattern was effective and any small change that made a difference. For example, fluorocarbon line may have brought in more bites due to clear water conditions or dragging your bait on the bottom drew in active fish to your presentation.

It is also good to document information on the forage available. Certain times of the year the forage such as shad and bream will spawn. Many times these spawns occur during a full moon and may occur more than once in a calendar year. Sizes of the forage vary with the seasons and the spawns and may influence your choices. There is no doubt that locating or understanding the habits of the forage will also help you catch fish.

If it was a slow day, document this as well. This may be more important than the good day for future decisions on presentation and patterns. Everyone can catch fish when they are active but catching fish when the conditions are tough takes a little more skill.

So, take a few notes either manually or use a good database on your computer after your fishing trip. Before you know it, you will be consulting these notes time and time again to get some ideas on where to go and what to use.

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Many anglers may find it advantageous to keep a fishing log.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water conditions look great. Water temperatures continue to hover in the low 60s. I scouted the majority of the lake this past week and I did not personally see any golden alga. In fact the water looks great and I was able to boat a limit of striped bass on the lower ends. The crappie and bass are in the creeks where previously the alga was present. I was able to catch crappie on jigs worked under a cork in the slough behind my house. Baitfish and bream are also moving in the creeks, which is a good sign. Largemouth bass fishing continues to be fair to good on lipless crankbaits and soft plastics worked near creek entrances, and on the beds in the back of the creeks. Big blue cats continue to be caught on the upper

ends on cut bait. Some white bass are returning to the main lake as I was able to catch them on slabs worked near Indian Harbor. Some good sand bass reports are still coming in from the river near Tin Top

Comanche Creek continues to produce limits of channel catfish on prepared baits and chicken livers. Largemouth bass continue to be good in numbers on top water early and crankbaits and Carolina rigs later in the day. Comanche Creek will be closed starting on April 1 for the summer and will reopen in October.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney continues to boast on striped bass limits on Alabama rigs and live bait. Look for schools near channel breaks from McCown Valley to Bee Bluffs. Sand bass and crappie are also excellent in the river near Kimble bend and further north.

BOOK REVIEW

## "Who We Are Now" explores how we are doing after trauma of COVID-19 pandemic

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Check in.

Let everybody know you're OK, so they don't worry. Make a phone call, send an email or a text, just let them know you're upright and taking nourishment and you hope they're the same. Don't make them wonder; go ahead and reach out. As in the new book "Who We Are Now" by Michelle Fishburne, it's important today more than ever.

In many ways, 2020 was a massive year of change. It sure was for Michelle Fishburne.

Late in the summer of that year, she "found myself without a house, a spouse, a job, or a kid to take care of...." She was in her late 50s, and "everything was upside down," so she moved into an elderly motor home with her dog and waited to see what was next.

And one day, it hit her: we all went through a certain

amount of trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic. How are we all doing now?

To find out, Fishburne turned her home around and headed across America to ask.

In Washington, a response researcher pointed out that most of us figured a "global pandemic was likely to come in our lifetime," assuming that time would be far away. A mayor in small-town Arkansas watched as the citizens in his town pulled together tightly; others reported fierce support for local small businesses. People checked on their neighbors and "did a lot of talking about masks."

Many Americans, though warned, were "stunned" at the speed at which things were shut down, canceled or indefinitely postponed, and how weird it all seemed. Some people caught COVID-19 and survived. Others didn't. Some escaped it - they still wonder how

- and some thrived during that time, with better opportunities, more business, new lives, stronger ties.

We were uneasy, if not downright afraid. We were watchful. And we changed.

Said a senior living exec in Georgia, "You can't go through something like that and not be changed."

For three years now, we've divided our lives as B.C. (before COVID) and A.D. (after disease). You're ready to go back to the way life was, you're ready to move on. But just wait: first, let "Who We Are Now" show you a different side of the pandemic.

Absent are high-level explanations and technical terms here. Gone is the shouting, mistrust and arguing. Instead, author Michelle Fishburne lets people just talk in her book. She allows stories to be told, recorded and heard, accounts filled with relief, heartbreakers, gratitude and happy tales that are shared with what

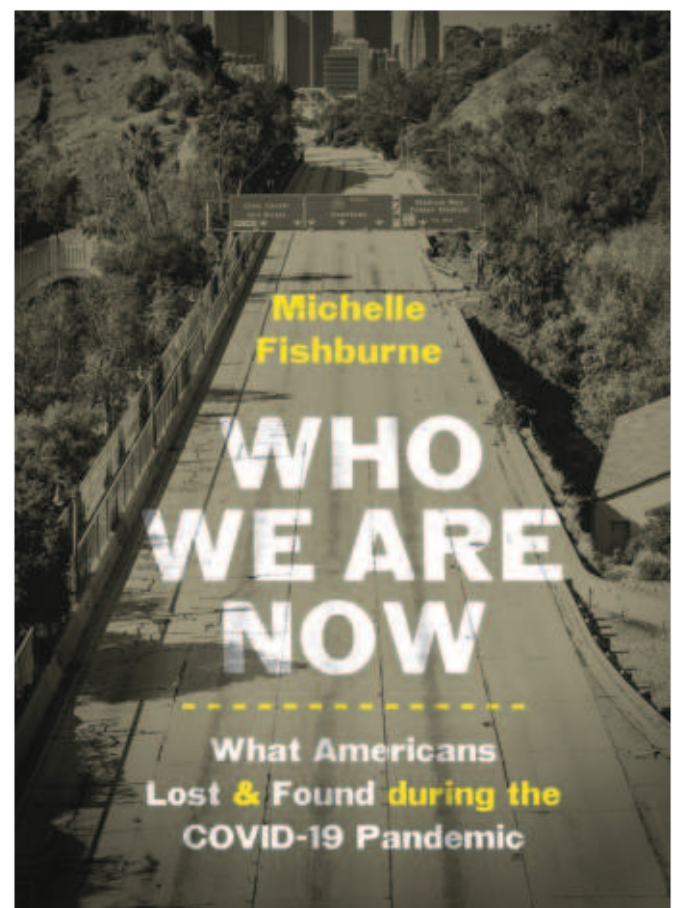
seems to be a bit of sheepishness. Reading them - seeing such a wide collection in one browsable place - is like swanning through a new-normal-style social gathering, catching fragments of conversation from people just like you, eavesdropping on the most interesting before moving on to the next story.

Readers who believe they'll never forget the last three years may find "Who We Are Now" comforting in its ordinariness and everyday-people feel, and its lack of divisiveness. This is a book about you and everyone you know. Check it out.

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"Who We Are Now: Stories of What Americans Lost & Found During the Covid-19 Pandemic" by Michelle Fishburne

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# Drawing a path to college credit



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Pictured is an original work by senior AP Art student, Annabel Dikes.

**BY JILLIAN TREMBLE**  
Special to the Hood County News

An Advanced Placement (AP) test is a standardized test provided by its parent company, College Board, intended to summarize a year's worth of college-level curriculum into a test that may allow high school students to receive college credit. Most students who have received college credit through the AP program will recall their test experience with unpleasant memories of a silent room full of students guessing "C" in the hopes of getting a high enough score to receive credit for the year of classwork they have completed.

One class, however, is able to approach the AP testing process a little differently. For students in Granbury High School's AP art class, their "test" began before the start of the school year.

AP art is a class that allows an unconventional approach to the process of giving high school students college credits. In doing so, it sets students up for success, both artistically and in their outside lives.

The students began at the end of the previous school year to choose a guiding

question and begin work on pieces that seek to answer that question. These pieces, in May, will be put together into a portfolio and submitted to College Board. It is this portfolio alone, no test at all, that will determine college credit for these students.

Ava Williamson, a senior in the class, is creating her portfolio around the question "How can I illustrate the feminine experience in relation to one's body and clothes?" Williamson speaks to how the class has

PLEASE SEE **ART** | B7



Annabel Dikes credits the class for helping her realize her passion for art. Here she is pictured diligently working on a piece.



## APRIL CALENDAR

 April 1st, 2023   8 & 9pm <b>"BUDDY AND BEYOND"</b> Buddy Holly, Elton John, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Journey, Cash and more	 April 7th, 2023   7:30pm Nelson Grant Tribute to Garth Brooks <b>Michael Hill</b>	 April 14th, 2023   7:30pm Dion Pride Tribute to my dad, Charley Pride	 April 15th, 2023   1:00pm <b>1999</b> The Legacy of Prince Prince Tribute
 April 21st, 2023   7:30pm <b>Tina</b> Tribute to Tina Turner	 April 22nd, 2023   3 & 7pm <b>A Jerry Lee Lewis Tribute &amp; much more!</b> JARED FREIBURG & The Vagabonds	 April 28th, 2023   7:30pm <b>A Tribute to Karen Carpenter</b> Dawn Turlington as Karen Carpenter	 April 29th, 2023   7:00pm <b>Radio Flashback</b> Your Favorite Radio Hits from the 70's & 80's

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## MONDAYS

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

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

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

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

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

## TUESDAYS

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

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

## WEDNESDAYS

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

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

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club offers a "fun duplicate" bridge game at

noon at the Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$4. Details: 817-480-4472.

## THURSDAYS

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

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

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

**MELODY BELLES** singers, women's choral group rehearsals. 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the Annex), 301 W. Bridge Street. Details, please call 817-999-1364.

## SATURDAYS

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

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

## FIRST MONDAYS

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

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

## FIRST TUESDAYS

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

## SECOND TUESDAYS

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

## FOURTH TUESDAYS

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

## FIRST THURSDAYS

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

## SECOND SATURDAYS

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

## THIRD MONDAYS

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

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

### PETS OF THE WEEK

**Barney** is a male dog and a shepherd mix. He is approximately 3-1/2 months old and weighs about 40 pounds. Barney is social and full of energy. Special adoption fee of \$25! The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, Pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

**Monkey** is a male tuxedo domestic short-hair cat. He is approximately 5 years old. He would do best in a quiet home. The adoption fee of \$25 includes rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, Pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

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## CINERGY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 31 March 2023 - Thursday, 06 April 2023

**AIR (R)**  
Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:40PM, 7:20PM

**Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG13)**  
Fri: 1:05PM, 4:10PM, 6:15PM, 7:15PM, 10:20PM.  
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:05PM, 6:40PM, 7:10PM, 9:40PM, 10:15PM.  
Sun: 12:20PM, 3:25PM, 4:25PM, 6:30PM, 7:25PM.  
Mon: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 6:30PM, 8:05PM.  
Tues: 3:25PM, 6:30PM, 7:00PM.  
Wed, Thurs: 2:10PM, 5:15PM, 8:20PM

**His Only Son (PG13)**  
Fri: 1:30PM, 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 9:00PM.  
Sat: 10:30AM, 1:00PM, 3:30PM, 6:00PM, 8:30PM.  
Sun: 12:00PM, 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM.  
Mon, Tues: 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM

**John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)**  
Fri: 1:00PM, 2:35PM, 4:35PM, 8:15PM, 9:25PM.  
Sat: 11:05AM, 11:50AM, 2:40PM, 3:25PM, 7:00PM, 10:35PM.  
Sun: 12:00PM, 12:50PM, 3:35PM, 7:10PM.  
Mon: 2:35PM, 3:50PM, 7:30PM.  
Tues: 2:20PM, 3:10PM, 6:50PM.  
Wed, Thurs: 3:20PM, 7:00PM

**Scream VI (R)**  
Fri: 1:00PM, 3:50PM, 6:40PM, 9:30PM.  
Sat: 11:05AM, 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:40PM, 10:35PM.  
Sun: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:40PM.  
Mon, Tues: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:50PM.  
Wed, Thurs: 8:35PM

**Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG13)**  
Fri: 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM.  
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM.  
Sun: 12:50PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM.  
Mon, Tues: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)**  
Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:20PM, 6:45PM, 7:40PM

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Solution for the puzzle on Mar. 29 (Puzzle 13).

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Senior AP Art student Ava Williamson spoke highly of the class saying it has forced her to step out of her comfort zone and continue her artistic journey.

### ART

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forced her to exit her comfort zone and challenge herself artistically.

In order to achieve credit, Williamson has been asked to create pieces in mediums she is not especially comfortable with as well as include pieces that she feels her ability has far outgrown since their creation. The portfolios are meant to show a student's "artistic evolution," thus requiring the inclusion of some pieces a student may be less than comfortable making or showcasing.

Williamson, despite the challenges, speaks highly of the class, indicating that

it has helped greatly in her artistic journey. This is especially important to Williamson, who plans on majoring in Art History this August to pursue a career as a museum curator.

In addition to being a class that encourages students to grow artistically, senior Annabel Dikes described it as having been a major part of her life throughout high school. Part of the appeal to the program, to Dikes, is the ability to meet people that "(she) would never meet otherwise." Dikes credits the class with helping her meet new people who would support her throughout high school and help her realize her passion for art, something she plans on continuing even beyond college.

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## Lake Granbury Area Shrine Club



### 2023 Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, April 3, 2023  
Harbor Lakes Golf Club  
2100 Clubhouse Dr, Granbury, TX 76048  
(817) 578-8600

#### SHOTGUN/4-MAN SCRAMBLE 9:00AM

Ladies, Couples & Men's Divisions  
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**Easter Sunday | April 9 | 10:00am**  
**Easter Eucharist**  
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon



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COURTESY OF SHELBY SARGENT

The Granbury High School Stowaways drill and dance team were crowned national champions after competing in the MA Dance Nationals at The University of Texas at Arlington this past weekend.

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 Director Shelby Sargent. “But the awards for the competition didn’t start until like midnight that night. We got out of there about 2:30 in the morning, so it was a long day.”  
 But the hard work and long hours were worth it for

the Stowaways as they were crowned the national champions in the Large Classic Division, winning first place in every team and officer category.  
 “The girls, plus Jaxon, performed at the highest level that I’ve ever seen them compete at, and I’m so proud of them; they did fantastic,” Sargent said. “They have worked so hard this entire

year to get to this point. They wanted it, so every day they would come into practice, and they would work hard. They pushed through and they applied all the changes and critiques and everything that myself, and coach Trammell, my assistant, would give them. It all boiled down to their work ethic, which was outstanding.”  
 Sargent said the

Stowaways have not received a bid for nationals since 2018, when the team came home as national champions from the American Dance/Drill Team (ADTS) competition.  
 “They originally did not know that we were going and so I finally told them in October,” she said. “I was like ‘Listen y’all if we’re going to nationals, we’re go-

ing to win,’ like that is my mentality, and so they knew that they were able to go and have this opportunity and so they have just worked their tails off.”  
 She said seeing the joy and excitement on her team’s face was “next level,” — especially since this was her first time to celebrate a Stowaways national championship win since she became

their director in 2019.  
 “It’s a surreal moment for me too, because I’ve put in long hours with them, so we’ve done it together,” Sargent said. “In my heart, they were always champions, but having that title, they deserve it.”  
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