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MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS
Pictured Wednesday, March 29 at Memorial Lane, Charlie LaFontaine (US Army retired) enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow veterans and supporters while attending the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Please see more photos, A2.

With 377 expanse years away, city, county, GISSD eye Old Granbury Road 'relief route' partnership

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

While the county waits for the state to widen U.S. Highway 377 through the busiest part of town, the city of Granbury, the county, and Granbury ISD are looking to partner on improving Old Granbury Road so that it can serve as a traffic relief route.

That possibility was dis-

cussed at the recent interlocal government meeting held at Granbury City Hall. Representatives of all three entities indicated that a partnership on the project would be a good idea.

Much of the county's development is occurring in that area.

City Manager Chris Coffman said he has spoken to the City Council about the growing need

to improve Old Granbury Road, which branches off of 377 not far from East Pearl Street/Business 377 and runs behind, and beyond, the Luton Ranch Shopping Center where H-E-B and Marshalls are located.

"I would invite the county to partner with the city to engage an engineering firm," Coffman stated, adding that perhaps the firm should be Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc., a company with

which city and county officials are familiar.

He stated that the entities could have a comprehensive study done and a plan created for how best to improve the thoroughfare where, he noted, there are no shoulders and drivers often exceed the speed limit.

"I think an engineering team put together to represent both

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PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION



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Staff members of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center pose for a photo during the pinwheel planting event on March 30, proving that it takes a collective effort from the community and local nonprofit organizations to make a difference.

Community plants 728 pinwheels in honor of child abuse victims

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Rain and blustering winds were not enough to keep Hood County residents away from the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center's annual pinwheel planting and kite festival on March 30.

The event — held in conjunction with PRCAC and the Hood County Child Protective Services board of directors — is a way to both honor and kick-off Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

Although the possibility of a downpour hindered the kite flying portion of the event on Thursday, the rest of the afternoon went off without a hitch, as 728 pinwheels were successfully planted at Hewlett Park. Each pinwheel planted represented a child abuse report made in Hood County in 2022.

"There are three ways that reports happen," Tracy Cooper-Ives, director of community education and engagement at PRCAC, said

during the event. "Either someone witnesses abuse, and then reports it, someone suspects abuse, and they report it, or a child actually tells someone that they were abused, and someone reports it."

She added that it's important for everyone to recognize the signs associated with child abuse because only one out of 10 victims will ever tell anyone.

"That's why we have to learn the signs to recognize those things so that we can be their voice because we want to be there for those other nine kids that wouldn't tell," Cooper-Ives said. "And if you suspect abuse, you don't have to have

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Mary Flores gives a speech during the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center pinwheel planting event on March 30 after receiving the Patsy Hewlett Award. Flores is the crime victim liaison for the Hood County Sheriff's Office and is also the sponsor for the GAP program created by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County.

Probe underway after jailed murder suspect McLaughlin dies

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Murder suspect Jeffrey Bryan McLaughlin was pronounced dead Saturday morning after being rushed to Lake Granbury Medical Center from the Hood County Jail.

Sheriff Roger Deeds said that a Texas Ranger was investigating the death.

No updates to the case were announced before the Hood County News went to press Tuesday morning.

According to a press release issued Saturday by Lt. Joshua Lane, jail staff requested EMS for an unknown medical emergency at about 7:01 a.m. Lane told the HCN that McLaughlin was found in the shower.

The 58-year-old was accused of killing his wife, Venisa McLaughlin, on New Year's Day. Venisa, also 58, was a former prosecutor in the county attorney's office.

Deeds told the HCN in January that Jeffrey McLaughlin placed a 911 call at about 3:20 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, to report an assault and a possible deceased person. After deputies responded to the couple's home in Pecan Plantation, both were transported to LGMC, where Venisa was pronounced dead.

That afternoon, McLaughlin was arrested on a first-degree felony murder charge and booked into the Hood County Jail. Bond was set at \$250,000.

McLaughlin was later released on reduced bond. Conditions of his release included an ankle monitor, the surrender of his passport, and having no contact with the victim's two daughters.

Within 72 hours of his release, McLaughlin was arrested again for allegedly violating conditions of his bond. He remained jailed until his death on Saturday.

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Preserve Granbury will host a celebration honoring the Historic Light Plant. Please see story, A6.

Historic Sheriff's House now up for sale. Exciting changes may be coming to GISSD. Springtime means it's time for Granbury Wine Walk. Please see stories, B1.



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FRIENDS OF MEMORIAL LANE HOSTED 'WELCOME HOME, VIETNAM VETERANS!'

Friends of Memorial Lane hosted 'Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans!' on March 29 at the Jim Burks Firefighters Park to commemorate all United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 making no distinction who served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years – "all answered the call of duty". The purpose of the commemoration was to thank and honor our Nation's Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice, with distinct recognition of former prisoners of war and families of those still listed as missing in action.



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The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Friends of Memorial Lane volunteers hosted a National Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony to recognize and honor our local veterans. All Vietnam veterans in attendance gathered together in a group photo to commemorate the special day.



Granbury Quilters Guild members Kathy Cosand (left) and Gail Olney (right) wrap Vietnam veteran Gary Keel (Army Ret) in his new quilt. The Quilters Guild encourages applicants to participate in their local Quilts of Valor program where a handmade quilt is awarded to service members or veterans who have been touched by war.



The crowd of veterans and supporters was treated to the wonderful music of local Army veteran Bobby Don Shelton.

HONOR

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evidence. The law actually says to report on suspicion, so if you're thinking, 'Should I report?' The answer is 'Yes,' and then it's the investigator's job to figure it out from there. It's sad that we have 728 pin-wheels to plant, but it also means that people are reporting because we do know abuse is happening."

During the event, Hood County Judge Ron Massingill read a proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month — adding that it takes a collective effort from the community and nonprofit organizations to make a difference.

"I think everybody knows how I view the children in Hood County to be our most important treasure and resource," he said. "I pledge to you that I will do everything in my power to see that there are funds available to help the children of Hood County. So, let's stamp out this child abuse, and let's make sure they're fed and clothed properly so we can keep our treasure here in Hood County."

Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds, who is also the president of the PRCAC, spoke at the event as well, advocating for a united front from the community in preventing child abuse.

"We need to pull together and do everything we can to keep these kids safe," Deeds said. "They are our future."

PATSY HEWLETT RECIPIENT

Every year during the pinwheel planting, the Hood County Child Protective Services board of directors also recognizes the recipient of the Patsy Hewlett Award.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County residents braved the windy and rainy afternoon on March 30 to plant 728 pinwheels at Hewlett Park in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. Each pinwheel planted represented a child abuse report made in Hood County in 2022.

In honor of Patsy Hewlett — who served as a secretary/treasurer of the Hood County Child Welfare Board in the 80s and early 90s — the award serves as an annual recognition of a person who has "made an exemplary contribution to the abused and neglected children of Hood County."

Tami McGuire, president of the Our Community, Our Kids board, presented this year's Patsy Hewlett award to Mary Flores, adding that it was a "total unanimous vote."

Flores is the crime victim liai-

son for the Hood County Sheriff's Office and is also the sponsor for the GAP program created by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County.

The Salvation Army GAP Program is a mentoring opportunity — available only in Hood County — designed to care for children currently in the foster care system. According to salvationarmytexas.org, volunteers are trained and paired with youths and meet once a month. Volunteers help with special interests and hobbies, goal set-

ting, and life skills to prepare for the future.

"We're so proud of her," McGuire said of Flores. "She has pretty much single-handedly run the GAP program for Salvation Army, but more importantly, how much she cares, and the time she devotes to it. That program is so vital because it doesn't just end when someone turns 18 and ages out of foster care. Their goal is to make sure that these children don't become homeless or repeat the same problems that they came from. That is her

passion and her mission. She does an amazing job, and we are happy to offer her this award. Mary, we love you."

Emotional and touched, Flores accepted the award and began her speech by thanking several individuals and programs for their help and guidance.

"I want to start off by saying 'Thank you,' because of what this award means for me," she said. "The GAP program that was started by the Salvation Army and the Hood County Sheriff's Office is being recognized today; not me, but the program itself."

Flores thanked Dr. Roger Coleman — the first person who donated to the GAP program — the GAP committee, the Salvation Army Extension Unit and Women's Auxiliary, Senator Brian Birdwell, Sally Timmons, the GAP mentors, Deeds, and her own family.

She closed by saying how the PRCAC's free screening of "REWIND," and hearing the story of child abuse survivor and filmmaker Sasha Neulinger on March 29 greatly affected her.

"I heard Sasha's story. I watched the documentary, and it hit home for me," she added. "People think I'm just being a good person. No. I'm a survivor. It started at the age of six and ended at the age of 10. People planted seeds in me, and it's why I do what I do today. I want to encourage our community to do what the good book says. Don't get tired of doing good. Take care of the orphans and take care of the widows. It takes the whole community to make a difference."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

America's Pastime is Back, and it is about time!



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.

The winter seemed long and dreary. I sat around the "hot stove" listening to trade rumors and counting the days until spring training began. Then suddenly this past week an annual ritual occurred, which is one of my most favorite "holidays" of the year; the MLB baseball season began! Several of my co-workers wore Rangers shirts to work on opening day and there was a decent amount of discussion around the water fountain about what kind of team Texas would field this year.

From the deepest portion of my heart, I still think of baseball as America's national pastime. I do appreciate football and understand it is probably the most watched American sport, especially here in Texas. I think some of that has to do with only playing 17 games a year. When it comes Sunday people have been without their team all week and they are ready to dive headfirst into their fandom for a few short hours. Baseball is played

over a long season with 162 games and played most every day of the week. There is no reason to go overboard with a loss, like some do in football. There will be ups and downs, there will be joys and despair, and that is what makes baseball special. It is so like how we live our lives; one day at a time enduring wins and losses along the way.

Among the younger generation, the people who generally require non-stop stimulation, they some-

times find baseball to be a little slow for their liking. Trying to persuade those folks to slow down and appreciate the subtleties of the game is like trying to persuade a fish to stop swimming. It is not going to happen. It is their loss. For me, my money has been and always will be, on baseball.

Understandably people are also fans of basketball, soccer, hockey and a variety of other activities, there is something special and unique about baseball and the opening day of baseball season. Is it because so many of us have played baseball or softball and can associate with the game as a player? Or is it the very nature of the game, the intricacies, or even the sounds, smells and tastes of the game?

First and foremost, the game is nearly perfect in the way it is designed. It seems no matter how big or fast the athletes become, if a batter hits a ground ball in the hole, and the shortstop fields the ball cleanly and makes a good throw, the batter is out by a step or less. Even though the athletes are faster and their arms stronger, the same play from 1940 yields the same result in 2023. This means the me-

ticulous record keeping, which is such an essential part of the game, has significance. It also means to a large degree one can compare a player from the 1920s with one from the 2020s and the comparison has a significant degree of fairness.

I also love baseball because it reflects life itself. In baseball, if a player gets a hit three out of ten times, he will have a leg up on being a star and if he does so for several years, he may even become a Hall of Famer. Think of that, the player only succeeds 30% of the time and he is a star. I do not know anyone in life who has success all the time, so when playing or observing baseball, one quickly learns that there will be a lot of failure and how you carry those failures and deal with them, keeps you moving forward to the successes in life.

Baseball plays 162 games in a season. Of the 32 major league teams, only one or two of the very best teams will win close to 100 of those games. On the other hand, the very worst team might lose close to 100 games. No matter how wonderful your team is, a fan is going to have to endure at least 62 losses. Your team, even if they are

one of the worst, is probably going to win 62 times. Everybody is going to lose a bunch and win quite a few. The margin between winning and losing can be razor thin. This teaches humbleness because no matter what team you cheer for, your team is going to lose sometimes. There are no undefeated teams in baseball. This teaches a player to respect his opponents as well as the very nature of the game. Fans who understand the game carry that respect, even to the point of cheering the opponent when he is pitching a no-hitter or makes a good play in the field. It is doubtful you will ever see that in a football game.

When you have the chance go and see a game. Have a ballpark hot dog, drink a cool adult beverage, smell the roasted peanuts, and enjoy the sound of a wooden bat hitting a horsehide ball. It is America and we should all enjoy doing something which is truly American.

Thought for the day: Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good too.

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

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, COMANCHE PEAK DETACHMENT 1297 OFFICER INSTALLATION

The Marine Corps League (MCL) is a veteran organization of both active and veteran United States Marines and United States Navy Fleet Marine Force (FMF) personnel with the mission of assisting fellow Marines & FMF Navy veterans and their families. The organization also fosters the ideals of Americanism and patriotic volunteerism within the community. The Comanche Peak Detachment 1297 coordinates the local Toys for Tots program, supports the Granbury High School Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (MCJROTC) and many other positive programs within the community. On Feb. 23, the MCL Comanche Peak Detachment 1297 gathered at the American Legion Post 491 to install the 2023 elected officers. The new officers pictured, from left, are Chaplain Robert Martinez (chaplain), Senior Vice Commandant Miike Morgan, Detachment 1297 Commandant Larry Hamilton, Judge Advocate Verne Bell, Junior Vice Commandant Leandro Naal, and Sergeant-At-Arms Weldon Richey.



COURTESY OF DANIEL THOMAS

Roadwork to continue Wednesday at Old Acton Highway/FM 4 South

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Hood County's Road Operations department

will again close Old Acton Highway at its intersection with FM 4 South to finish work on left and right turn

lanes on Old Acton Highway. Crews are expected to be onsite from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday to place pave-

ment traffic markings for the turn lanes. The work is a partnership between the county and the

city of Granbury initiated by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson to speed up the Texas Department of

Transportation's placement of a traffic light there to increase safety for motorists.

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the city and county would be a smart thing to start thinking about, collaboratively," Coffman said, adding that he hears from the community about that road "over and over again."

He said the road could be an "alternative route" during the time it will take the Texas Department of Transportation to improve 377. TxDOT plans to widen, from four lanes to six, a nine-mile section of

the highway, from Business 377 South near Holmes Road and Pirate Drive to north of FM 167/Fall Creek Highway.

The first phase, which will include reconstruction of State Highway 144 from Autumn Ridge Road to FM 51 (Paluxy Road) and the widening of 377 from Business 377 South to the lake bridge, is scheduled to be awarded to a bidder in 2026. The rest of the phased project is scheduled to be awarded in 2032.

Last year, Coffman hired a consultant, John Polster of Dallas-

based Innovative Transportation Solutions, Inc., to try to find money to speed the project along. Polster and his company have been successful at getting money re-appropriated to their clients after other funded transportation projects were hit with delays.

At the recent interlocal government meeting, Coffman invited others to "chime in" about the proposed Old Granbury Road partnership and noted that no commitments were being made at the gathering. Granbury ISD Superintendent

Jeremy Glenn said that a future school is planned for the area around Peck Road and Old Granbury Road and added that Trustee Karen Lowery mentioned at a recent workshop the "amount of pressure the district puts on infrastructure" when school is in session and buses are running. He stated that he believes it would be "a good investment for the city and county and school to work together on improving" Old Granbury Road. County Judge Ron Massingill also weighed in.

"I think it's a great idea for us to work together because that's going to be a real mess when they start fixing 377," he said.

Coffman said he would contact the engineering firm to arrange meetings that include representatives of the other entities, such as Massingill and Glenn, with the intention of obtaining an estimate for a comprehensive plan prior to all three governing bodies setting their budgets for the next fiscal year.

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OBITUARIES

Drew Keely Bower

October 16, 1959 - February 24, 2023

Drew Keely Bower, 63, died unexpectedly at Penn State Holy Spirit Medical Center in Camp Hill, PA on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Drew was born October 16, 1959 in Harrisburg, PA and grew up in Perry, Florida where he became a diehard Florida State Seminoles fan. Before graduating from DeVry Technical school with an associate's degree in computer science, Drew worked at nuclear power plants around the country. Drew then created Bower Maintenance Service and worked in Granbury from 1989 through 2018. He loved working outdoors with landscape and saddened many satisfied customers when he decided to retire due to health issues in 2017.

Drew enjoyed watching college football, especially the "Noles". He loved fishing and would frequently visit friends in Homestead, FL to do just that. Drew also was a talented guitar player and played and sang in his church home here in Granbury.

Drew was a kind and loving father and is survived by his two children, Benjamin Porter Bower of



Anchorage, Alaska and Justine Olivia Bower of Granbury. He was most proud of his children and always lifted their spirits with his positive and loving words.

Drew is also survived by his wife, Tiffany Bower and sister, Linda Morgan both of Harrisburg, PA.

Drew would not want tears, instead he would say, plant a tree or a "posey" to make this world a more beautiful place, take your kids fishing and never forget to tell them how much you love them.

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8

Betty Jo Hayworth

November 28, 1930 - March 29, 2023

Betty Jo (Caudle) Hayworth, 92, a lifelong resident of Hood County, Texas passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in Granbury. She was born on November 28, 1930, in Hood County, Texas to Robert L. and Hattie Hauser Caudle.

Betty Jo was a member of the Mambriano Baptist Church in Granbury. She was a longtime employee of the First National Bank but more than anything, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker who put her family first. Betty Jo was a great cook and a very good seamstress, making clothes for her children and her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Tommy, and Bobby Caudle and by her husband, John D. Hayworth.

She is survived by her daughter, Johnnie Lee Martinets and husband Larry; son, Bobby Ross Hayworth and wife Marilyn; and her daughter, Rickie Lynne Bouldin; six grandchildren, Doug Couch, Jessica Hamilton and husband Jesse, Matthew Bouldin, Kerri



Thorn and husband Jonathan, Catherine Hayworth and husband Alex Haaland, and Mark Hayworth and wife Elizabeth; nine great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mae Ann Gifford, Alice Hollis, Pat Hickman and Nina Jean Rollins; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Betty Jo laid in state for viewing from noon to 8 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Nubbin Ridge Cemetery in Hood County, Texas. Under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury.

Bacilio Garza

June 21, 1926 - March 22, 2023

Bacilio Gonzales Garza (BG) passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

BG was born June 21, 1926 in Doole, Texas to parents Frutozo Garza and Augustina Gonzales.

He was a World War II Veteran, proudly serving in the Army from 1944 to 1946.

Upon his return from the Army, he married the love of his life, Lucia Hill Garza, on September 9, 1946.

In 1983, BG and Lucia moved to Granbury, Texas where they lived the remainder of their years with family and friends.

BG was preceded in death by wife, Lucia Hill Garza and brother, Fruto-



zo Garza Jr.

Survived by: sons, Sammy Garza, Victor Garza, Rey Garza, and Rick Garza. Daughters-in-law, Elvira Garza, Anne Garza, and Kathleen Garza; grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

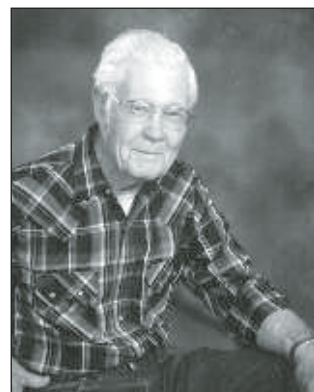
HT 'Tracy' Martin

April 21, 1930 - April 2, 2023

HT "Tracy" Martin, 92, passed away Sunday evening, April 2, 2023 in Weatherford Texas. He was born April 21, 1930 in Aspermont, Stonewall County, Texas to parents: Homer Houston "Boots", and Estell Joseph "Snuffy" Mullis Martin. He left home at the age of 17 and joined the Navy, serving from 1948 thru 1955, spending 22 months in Guam.

When returning home, he went to California to join his sister Mary Etta and her family and his brother Travis and his family who were working on the Irvine Ranch. He too started working on the Ranch, driving a truck. He married his first wife, Myrtle May Koonce Nov. 23, 1960 in Weatherford Texas, and they spent many years in California and Texas. HT married his second wife Phyllis April 30, 1970 in Fort Worth, Texas. HT was a long-haul truck driver by this time going from West Coast to East Coast for about 9 years. He then married Earlene Opal Sparrow May 25, 1971 in Weatherford, Texas. They resided in Watauga then moved to Granbury. He then married Oleta Joy Alexander. HT started working for Granbury ISD as a bus driver for nine years. He then went to work at Wal-Mart in maintenance and stayed there for about seven years. He married his last wife, Jo Ann "Jody" Williams who preceded him in death Feb. 9, 2022.

HT was a huge animal lover and had many throughout his life that gave him such pleasure and joy, especially his last little partner "Poppy". He loved his family, loved his God, and enjoyed visiting with all his friends and family, and thoroughly en-



joyed going out to eat with them. He loved to dance, which he did for many years at the Hood County Senior Center with his wife and their many friends. His last year and a half he had special help every week from his sister-in-law Betty Martin, and his niece Tammy Martin Payne, and he helped her with all the stories of the family growing up especially ones about her Dad and his little brother Charlie.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, his wives, sisters: Patsy Ruth Bowles, Mary Etta Jenkins, brothers: Charles Eddreth "Charlie", and Jerry Dewayne "Wayne" Martin.

He is survived by his two brothers: Travis Gene (Sally) Martin of Poolville and Billy Houston (Jeanette) Martin of Cooper, and sister-in-law, Betty Martin of Millsap. Numerous Nieces and Nephews.

HT was a kind, gentle soul that would do anything he could to help whoever and whenever he could. He always appreciated anyone who helped him out and told them so. He will be so missed.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 5, 6 to 8 p.m. at Martin's Funeral Home, 100 S. Morgan St., Granbury. Graveside service will be held Thursday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at Aledo-Brown Cemetery, 1146 FM 1187, Aledo, Texas 76008.

Karen Ruth Meador Wagner

January 22, 1943 - March 13, 2023

Karen Ruth Meador Wagner, 80, passed away March 13, 2023 in Tolar, Texas. Burial was at Bluebonnet Hills in Colleyville, Texas

Karen was born January 22, 1943 in Monrovia, California to Millard Meador and Marjorie Marie Sherrow. She married Herbert Lee Wagner on December 30, 2005 in Stephenville, Texas. Karen was an LVN for over 20 years in Wichita Falls and Fort Worth. Her family was most important and she loved animals and loved bird watching. Karen had been ill for many years but she kept trying to help others.

Karen is preceded in death by Millard and Marjorie Meador; and brother, Ronald Meador.

Karen is survived by her husband, Herbert L. Wagner; sisters, Donna Meador,



Shelia Stovall, Carla Meador; nephews, Brian Woolsey and wife Patricia, Scott Stovall and wife Jessica; niece, Misty Woolsey, Stephanie Mather and husband Cliff; and numerous great-nieces and nephews; great-great-nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, John Wagner; and sister-in-law, Sue Meador.

Hilton Edward Pugh

March 9, 1931 - March 28, 2023

FLOWER MOUND - Hilton Edward Pugh was born in Crystal River, Florida March 9, 1931, to M.W. "Bill" Pugh and Laura Irene Pugh. He graduated from the University of Florida in 1952, entered the U.S. Army after graduation, and was assigned to the Field Artillery Branch. He became an Army Aviator and flew helicopters with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam during 1966-1967. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, six Air Medals, Bronze Star Medal, and The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm for that service. He married Theresa Jean Carrell of Fort Worth on June 25, 1955. They had two sons, Edward, born in Germany, and David, born in Lawton, Oklahoma. He retired from the military as a Master Army Aviator and Lieutenant Colonel on August 31, 1973. He then attended and graduated from Texas Christian University with a Master's degree in accounting in 1974. He became a Certified Public Accountant and spent two years with a national accounting firm and two years as a corporate controller. He became self-employed in 1979 and formed a regional accounting firm, H. Edward Pugh Associates, with his two



sons. He was still active in public accounting until his death. He was an avid supporter of both the University of Florida "Gators" and TCU "Homed Frogs" athletic teams. He was an active golfer and participated in local golf tournaments and programs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, M.W. "Bill" Pugh and Laura Irene Pugh; brother, James Julian Pugh; his beloved wife of 50 years, Theresa Pugh; and his eldest son, Edward D. Pugh.

Survivors: Son, David Pugh; daughter-in-law, Victoria Pugh; grandson, Jeremy A. Pugh and wife, Amy A. Pugh; and great-grandsons, Rylan A. Pugh and Brooks D. Pugh.

Graveside: 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Patricia Anne Dean Larsen

January 16, 1965 - March 31, 2023

Patricia Anne Dean Larsen, 58, beloved wife, mother and sister, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 31, 2023, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023 at the Triple Cross Cowboy Church in Granbury. Funeral services celebrating her life will follow at 1 p.m., Friday at the church.

Patricia was born January 16, 1965, in Richmond, Indiana to the late Calvin and Geneva Dean. She graduated with her BS degree from Purdue University and MS degree from University of South Florida, both in Chemistry. She was selected as a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Patricia married Robert Larsen on August 2, 1996, and together had two daughters, Amy and Megan. She enjoyed reading - particularly on the patio at the lake house. Patricia loved all animals and was active in local rescues and shelters including Parker Paws, Weatherford Whiskers and the Weatherford Animal Shelter. Together with her children she fostered over 55 kittens and 8 puppies until ready for adoption. Patricia has taught for over five years at the



North Central Texas Academy at Happy Hill Farms near Glen Rose. Prior to that, she had a career in the pharmaceutical industry and education at other Texas schools. Most of all, Patricia will be affectionately remembered for her deep faith and for the love and devotion she had for her family - particularly for her daughters.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Robert; her daughters Amy Marie and Megan Elizabeth Larsen; and by her siblings and their respective spouses, Gary Dean (Kirsten Nicholson), Alan Dean (Joanne), Rick Dean (Victoria), Wanda Evans (Gary) and Terry Dean (Julie); and sister-in-law Gail Dean.

In addition to her parents, Patricia was preceded in death by her brother, Bruce Dean.

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "at the drop of ____"
- 5 rival of Texas Dr Pepper: ____-Cola
- 6 TX pests: fire ____
- 7 TXism: "it's a dirty job but somebody's gotta ____"
- 8 was a WR for the Houston Oilers 1986-94 (2 wds.)
- 17 this Ryan was with TX Quaid in "D.O.A."
- 18 what a Texas woman might wear at home
- 20 historical Boerne site: ____ Kendall Inn transmitted
- 22 drug test for a Texas NFL athlete
- 24 large producer of oil: Saudi ____
- 29 carpet type
- 30 Chris Pine's granny, actress TX Gwynne
- 31 former San Antonio mayor, Henry (init.)
- 32 boat race: "____ Safari"
- 34 TXism: "____ rag" (tissue)
- 35 gear tooth
- 36 proclamations
- 37 leather horse strap
- 38 TXism: "busy as ____-armed paper hanger"
- 39 TXism for vicinity
- 41 TXism: "tighter than bark on ____"
- 42 first 2 initials of TX-born President, Eisenhower
- 43 you get one point if your horseshoe ____ against the post
- 44 simple song
- 45 Texas' country (abbr.)
- 46 Love Field arriv. guess
- 47 TXism: "I'd have to get better ____" (sick)
- 48 illegal drugs, often
- 50 TXism: "you're buying ____ for a dead horse"
- 51 "one" in Mexico
- 52 TXism: "every ____ and then"
- 53 comely room in the house

DOWN

- 1 Oscars for hopeful Texas actors (2 wds.)
- 2 Tom Landry's status in Cowboy "Ring"
- 3 working by TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 4 various restaurants: "____ of Texas"
- 9 TX producers do this to Angora goats to get mohair
- 10 Chinese gang
- 11 TXism: "split a ____" (laughed hard)
- 12 TXism: "the brand ____ still smoking" (rare meat)
- 13 seat of Wilbarger County
- 14 TX-based "____ Believe It's Yogurt"
- 15 TXism: "not a lick"
- 16 ____ Monkey Railroad once ran through Palo Duro State Park
- 19 TXism: "attracted like flies ____"
- 21 TXism: "looks like ____ ridden hard and put up wet"
- 23 TX Janis Joplin's "Bobby"
- 24 TXism: "hard as dodging rice ____ a wedding"
- 25 late Texas oil fire fighter, Adair
- 26 wood splitter
- 27 German composer, Johann Sebastian
- 28 Ray Roberts Lake's ____ Bois park
- 29 cattle rustlers do it
- 30 groove-billed birds at Bentsen park
- 33 "The eyes of Texas ____ upon you ..."
- 34 domino collections
- 35 Spanish explorer
- 37 TXism: "gave me a song and dance"
- 38 house storage area
- 40 TX Oatmeal Festival once featured an ____-Thon race
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- 44 "picture show" treats where TX Kenny Rogers didn't want Ruby to take her love (2 wds.)
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Tarleton splits softball doubleheader with Grambling

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University cruised to a mercy-rule shutout softball victory in the first game of a rescheduled doubleheader against Grambling State on March 29, then lost a big first-inning cushion in the second game to split the day against the Lady Tigers.

The Texans (19-17, 3-3 WAC) hosted their first games at the Tarleton Softball Complex in more than two weeks, a day later than planned due to an altered schedule that was out of the Lady Tigers' (20-12-1, 6-3 SWAC) control.

Tarleton is now 11-4 at home this year. Grambling State moved to 5-3 on the road, 12-8 away from Grambling, Louisiana.

TSU 10, GRAMBLING STATE 0 (6 INN.)

Hits were hard to come by early in the first game before Tarleton exploded in the fourth inning, turning a 2-0 lead into a 7-0 advantage. Katy Schaefer then hit a walk-off three-run home run in the

sixth inning to end the game in run-rule fashion.

Grace Garcia (10-4) went the distance pitching in her shutout victory, allowing just four hits, two walks and a hit batter across six innings, striking out five. Garcia has accounted for more than half of Tarleton's 19 wins.

In the fourth, the first four Texans reached, with the first run scoring on a Germain RBI walk. Morgan Medford followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 4-0 Texans. Then back-to-back singles made it 7-0, with Hill getting the first to score one, then Schaefer the next to score two.

Schaefer followed up in her next at-bat with the walk-off blast, smacking a ball over the left-field wall to give Tarleton



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University recently split a softball doubleheader at home versus Grambling State.

a 10-run win.

Tarleton outhit Grambling State 8-4 in the opener. Schaefer went 3-for-3 with a

walk, posting five RBI and a run. Kayla Wallace went 2-for-3 with a run.

GRAMBLING STATE 7, TSU 6

Tarleton jumped out to a five-run lead in the first inning and then the bats went

cold, allowing the Lady Tigers to come all the way back and plate the go-ahead and eventual game-winning run in the seventh inning.

The Lady Tigers scored their first run of the day in the first inning in the second game, but the Texan deficit didn't last long. Tarleton opened its half with three straight singles, scoring two runs to take back the lead. Wallace then scored Kiana Gibson with an RBI double to make it 3-1, followed by a Brittany Coe bases-clearing three-run double to put Tarleton ahead 6-1.

Garcia (10-5) took the result for the second time on the day, this time a loss in relief, allowing three runs (two earned) on three hits and a walk in 2.1 innings, striking out three.

Despite the cold bats, Tarleton was still poised to sweep. The Texans held a 6-1 lead into the fifth inning until the Lady Tigers sent eight to bat in the frame, scoring three to make it 6-4.

Tarleton held that two-run lead into the final inning.

Former Baylor assistant hired as TSU's women's basketball coach

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's women's basketball program has found its new leader, a man who holds a 40-year coaching resume with a national championship pedigree.

Tarleton Athletics announced on March 27 that they have hired three-time NCAA Division I national champion and longtime Baylor associate head coach Bill Brock as their women's basketball head coach.

Brock becomes the seventh head coach in program history.

"We have just brought one of the best, most well-respected women's basketball coaches in the country to Tarleton State University," said the school's Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics Lonn Reisman. "I've known Bill Brock for over 35 years. He is a tremendous basketball mind and an outstanding recruiter — maybe one of the best in the country. He's a man of character and will do an outstanding job of developing our young ladies on the court, in the classroom, and for life after basketball.

"He brings tremendous experience to our program and I have no doubt that he will build a foundation to



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

After a long stint on the Baylor coaching staff, Bill Brock has been hired as the new women's head basketball coach at Tarleton State University.

grow our women's basketball program into one of the very best in the country," Reisman added.

Brock was on the Baylor women's basketball coaching staff under head coach Kim Mulkey for 18 seasons, serving as associate head coach for 16 years after two years as an assistant coach. He coached there from 2000-06 and 2009-21, bookended by a three-year stint as the associate head coach at Texas Tech from 2006-09. This past season, Brock served as the head coach at McLennan Community College, leading

the Highlassies to the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships, their first berth since 1984.

"What an honor it is to be named the head women's basketball coach at Tarleton State University," Brock said. "I am thankful for this opportunity and appreciate the confidence demonstrated in me by Dr. Hurley and Lonn Reisman throughout the hiring process. My staff and I will work tirelessly to create a foundation that produces successful young women on and off the court. We want to bring championships to

Tarleton State. It's a great day to be a Texan."

Brock was the Lady Bears' associate head coach for three memorable national championship seasons in 2019, 2012 and 2005. He also helped Baylor to the 2010 Final Four, seven Elite Eight appearances, and 23 Big 12 Conference titles (12 regular season, 11 tournament).

Under Mulkey and Brock, Baylor was truly a powerhouse, going 552-83 (.869) across the 18 seasons, posting 20-plus wins each year, 30-plus wins 10 times, and a perfect 40-0 campaign in 2011-12. The Lady Bears made it to the NCAA Tournament in all but two of Brock's seasons, one because there was no tournament due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2019-20. Over the last 11 years he was at Baylor, the team went 340-28 (.924).

In charge of the post players while at Baylor, Brock helped develop several All-Americans, including Sophia Young, Steffanie Blackmon, Danielle Crockrom, Destiny Williams, Brittney Griner, Nina Davis, Kalani Brown, Lauren Cox and NaLyssa Smith. He coached 10 WNBA draft picks that include seven first rounders, the No. 1 overall pick in 2013 (Griner) and the No. 2 overall pick in 2022

(Smith). Nine centers and forwards tallied 46 all-America awards under Brock's watch.

"Bill Brock is a proven winner everywhere he's been," Texas women's basketball head coach Vic Schaefer said. "He's been a part of championship teams. His teams are well coached. He's a veteran who has been around the game a long time. Bill Brock has always been about family, both his personal family as well as his student-athletes. Tarleton State can expect a highly competitive women's basketball program that will succeed both in the classroom, on the court and will represent their university and the community with grace and class. Tarleton State just hit a home run."

This past season at McLennan CC, Brock took the Highlassies to a 28-5 overall record, the first time they've reached the 20-win plateau since 2013-14. McLennan was ranked as high as No. 8 in the NJCAA poll and received one of eight at-large bids to the NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championships.

Brock spent 13 years as the head coach at Grayson College from 1987-2000, establishing the program as one of the best in the junior college ranks. He was voted the conference Coach of the

Year nine times and regional Coach of the Year twice. He was recognized in 1996 as the National Junior College Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

During his first year at Grayson, Brock led the Lady Vikings to their first Northern Texas Conference title and a top-25 national ranking. Grayson continued that success by winning 10 conference championships, two regional titles and two national tournament berths (2000 and 1996). In total at Grayson, he went 371-50, highlighted by a 36-1 season and a third-place finish at the 2000 NJCAA National Tournament. He also coached 10 Northern Texas Conference Most Valuable Players and nine All-Americans.

In 2019, Brock was inducted to the inaugural class of the Grayson College Athletics Hall of Fame. The school has named the gym "Bill Brock Court" in his honor.

Brock began his collegiate coaching career at East Central, spending two seasons as an assistant coach there from 1985-87. The Durant, Oklahoma, native, had spent three seasons as the head coach for the boys' basketball team at Durant High School from 1982-85.

Men's, women's track squads compete in Waco

Tarleton Sports Information

WACO — Tarleton Track and Field competed in Waco March 25-26 and recorded numerous podium finishes against Power Five schools and fellow WAC foes.

MEN'S RESULTS

Gabriele Tosti and Jaden Hall both competed in the triple jump. Tosti took second place in the event with 15.27m. Jaden Hall took third place and set a new personal record with a jump of 15.04m.

Reid Vincent, Justin Raines, Everett Sadler, and David Mvundura took fourth place in the 4x100m relay with a time of 40.55 seconds.

Bailey Smotek took second place in the 800m, running a time of 1:51.07.

Caterin Cox took sixth in the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.49 seconds.

Konnor Hoerman took seventh in 110m hurdles, running a time of 14.58 seconds.

Brandon McKissick finished fifth in the 400m dash, running a time of 47.60 seconds.

Justin Raines took sixth in the 100m dash, running a time of 10.42 seconds.

Everett Sadler took seventh in the 100m dash with a time of 10.55 seconds.

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Elise Smith finished third in the javelin throw, tossing of 41.03m.

Nakia Dunn took third place in the triple jump with a jump of 11.64m.

Jordan Rae took sixth place in the high jump, jumping of 1.68m.

Hanna Dudley took eighth place in the 100m dash, running a time of 11.82 seconds.

Kailey Sykora took sixth place in the 800m with a time of 2:14.54.

Texans drop 7-6 baseball decision to Utah Valley

Tarleton Sports Information

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Tarleton State University's wacky baseball weekend of game cancellations and a location change came to an end on March 25 as the Texans lost 7-6 to Utah Valley on the road at Bruce Hurst Field.

The game was the only one the two teams will play this season after snowy field conditions in Orem were too much to overcome. The Texans and Wolverines traveled to St. George where they could only play one game as Utah Tech and Stephen F. Austin were playing a weekend series.

The Texans (14-8, 1-3 WAC) allowed Utah Valley (13-10, 2-2 WAC) to plate multiple runs in three different innings. Keeping UVU off the bases was a challenge, as the Texans walked 13 batters, striking out just seven.

Tarleton scored three runs in the eighth inning, cutting the deficit to 7-6 as Koooper Shook hit a sacrifice fly to

score Cris Enriquez and Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo hit a two-run single up the middle to make it a one run game.

Zane Badmaev pitched the bottom of the eighth for Tarleton, allowing just one hit while keeping UVU off the board. Tarleton went down in order in the top of the ninth as the Wolverines' Casey Anderson (S, 1) struck out the side, picking up his first save.

Shook hit his fourth home run of the season in the fifth inning for Tarleton's first run to make it 2-1 in favor of UVU. The Wolverines added two more in the bottom half of the fifth, stretching their lead to 4-1.

Tarleton responded with two runs of its own in the sixth. Mason Hammonds walked, stole second and reached third on a passed ball, setting up Enriquez for an RBI single. Shook came through again, singling to score Enriquez as the Texans trailed 4-3.

The seventh inning was the

backbreaker. Grant Garza exited the game with two Wolverines on board and one out, making way for Jake Burcham. The second batter that Burcham saw hit a three-run home run to left center field, extending the UVU lead to 7-3.

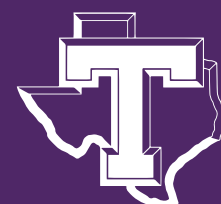
Dylan Delvecchio (L, 1-2) got the start on the mound for the Texans. He threw 4.0 innings, allowing four runs

(two earned) on one hit. He struck out two and walked eight.

Matt Haley came in for Delvecchio midway through the bottom of the fifth. He tossed one scoreless inning, striking out three.

Enriquez, Shook, Alec Williams and Jordan Andrade each totaled two hits. Shook led with three RBI.

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Lady Pirate golfers rally to reach regionals

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Granbury Lady Pirates Purple team overcame a 14-stroke deficit after the first day of the District 5-5A Girls Golf Tournament at Sugar Tree Golf Course near Lipan on Tuesday, March 28, to qualify for the Region 1 Tournament.

The Lady Pirates had a two-day team score of 780 (398-382) to finish as the runner-up in the team standings. Aledo High School's Black Team won the district title with a 675. Both teams will compete on the Rawls Course at Texas Tech University in Lubbock April 17-18, where the top three teams and top three individuals not on those teams will qualify for state tournament. The state tourney is scheduled for May 15-16 at White Wing Golf Club in Georgetown.

Akyah Ditto led Granbury with back-to-back rounds of 90 for a 180 total. Hailey Golen was next with rounds of 96-97 for a 193 overall score. Rounding out the GHS scores were Halle Carr, 195 (105-90), Ariel Jimenez, 212 (107-105) and Grace Jimenez, 219 (107-112).

The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

After the opening day the Lady Pirates Purple were in fourth place, 14 shots behind second place Aledo Orange and 11 behind third place Justin Northwest. However, Granbury improved by 16 shots on Day 2 to stage the rally.

"We were devastated because we played poorly, but we talked about every one digging in and making up five to six shots on Tuesday and see where it got us," coach Becky Addison said. "Let me just say these young ladies showed true grit by beating Aledo Orange by 25 shots and Northwest by 42 shots to capture the runner-up spot for regionals. I am so proud of these young ladies for their amazing comeback.

"We were the only team that showed improvement on Day 2."

Granbury Gold shot a 902 over the two days (447-455). That unit was led by Reagan Neal, 220

(113-107), Lilley Prewitt, 224 (109-115) and Ryli Lewis, 227 (113-114).

GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates' soccer season ended in the area (second) round of the Class 5A playoffs with a 3-0 loss to Midlothian, the No. 4-ranked team in the state. Granbury finished 10-11 overall record. The Lady Pirates had opened the playoffs with a 2-1 overtime victory against District 6-5A champion Arlington Heights.

The Lady Pirates finished fourth in District 5-5A.

"We were pretty young. I'll be missing five starting seniors. They were key players and we'll miss them. Mostly defensive players," coach David Winkleman said. "We have next year's seniors and juniors that will be real leaders. Next year's senior standouts, like returning captain Riley Morris, will lead a young back line. Dom (Callahan) and Emery (Kirby), who provided most of the scoring, will be awesome up top.

"Next year's junior standouts Tessa (Rohleder), Elise (Mikulskis), and Gracie (Pae) should create lots of chances out of the mid and up top. We also had a lot of freshmen stand-out most notably C.J. (Brumfield) as a defender and a striker and Jillian (Williams) as an AM (attacking midfielder) and striker.

"Future looks bright and I'm excited about next year!"

GRANBURY BASEBALL

Home 8-0 loss to Aledo, March 28: Braxton Heffernan, 1-for-3; Levi Martinez, 1-for-3; Kyler Crites, 1-for-2, walk.

Road 10-0 loss to Aledo, March 31: Hitting - Cooper Brown, 1-for-2, double; Heffernan, 1-for-2; Crites, 1-for-2.

Home 8-4 loss vs.

Arlington Heights: Hitting - Gavin Current, 2-for-3, double, walk; Heffernan, 1-for-3, walk, RBI; Cooper Thomas, 1-for-4, two RBI; Martinez, 1-for-2, two walks, RBI; Blake Bramlett, 1-for-1, James Byrd, two walks.

The Pirates (9-12, 2-4 in District 5-5A) host Brewer Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

Road 10-9 loss to Brewer: Hannah Dafoe, 3-for-4, double, RBI; Lillian Williams, 2-for-4, RBI, stolen base; Kamryn Williams, 2-for-4, two RBI, stolen base; Allison Dafoe, 2-for-3, RBI; Brenna Haynes, 1-for-4, home run, three RBI; Carli Carlton, 1-for-3, walk; Kaitlyn Cervantes, 1-for-4, stolen base; Faith Evans, 1-for-3; Amanda Perlman, 1-for-3, RBI.

Home 5-2 loss to Azle: Hitting - H. Dafoe, 3-for-3, hit by pitch; L. Williams, 1-for-4; K. Williams, 1-for-2, walk; Evans, 1-for-3, RBI; A. Dafoe, 1-for-3; Carlton, two walks.

The Lady Pirates next play at Wichita Falls Rider on April 11 at 7 p.m.

TOLAR BASEBALL

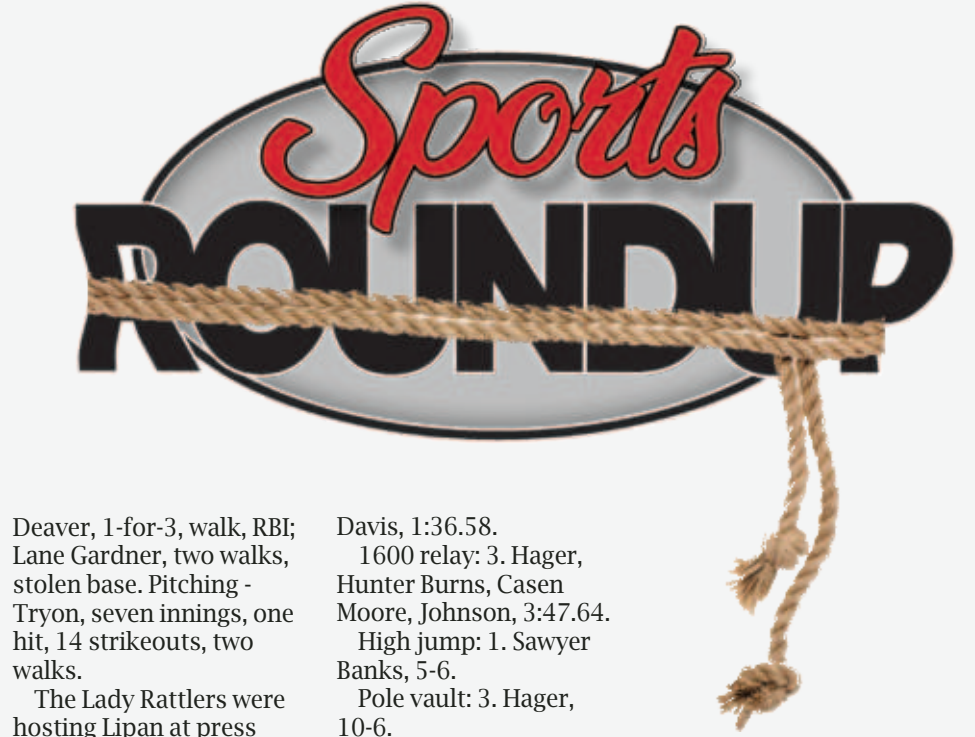
Home 3-1 win over Jacksboro: Brock Owens, 1-for-1, walk, hit by pitch, stolen base; Jesse Owen, 1-for-3, RBI; Merritt Imel, 1-for-3, RBI; Drake Owens, 1-for-3; Keaton Morrison, walk, stolen base. Pitching - Jackson LeCluyse, one inning; Talan Brown, six innings, seven hits, one earned run, four strikeouts, three walks.

Road 3-3 tie with Brock: Hitting - Owen, 2-for-4, double, triple, RBI; Morrison, 2-for-3; D. Owens, 1-for-3, double.

The Lady Rattlers (11-1-1, 3-0 in District 11-2A) were hosting Lipan at press time and travel to Santo Thursday, April 6 for a 5 p.m. contest.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

Road 15-0 victory vs. DeLeon: Reese Tryon, 3-for-4, triple, home run, walk, three RBI; Senne Imel, 3-for-3, double, three RBI, two stolen bases; Courtney Hogan, 3-for-5, RBI; Allyson Dobbs, 2-for-5, home run, three RBI; Ava LeCluyse, 2-for-5, double, two RBI; Kaira Krause, 2-for-4, walk; Landri Kimmel, 1-for-5, RBI; Kanyan



Deaver, 1-for-3, walk, RBI; Lane Gardner, two walks, stolen base. Pitching - Tryon, seven innings, one hit, 14 strikeouts, two walks.

The Lady Rattlers were hosting Lipan at press time and travel to Santo Thursday, April 6 for a 5 p.m. contest.

GRANBURY TRACK

Optimist Relays, Stephenville, March 30.

Top Granbury results (running distances in meters, field events in feet):

Girls varsity
Team score, 41 points, eighth place.

200: 2. Baylee Goodman, 28.48.

High jump: 1. Cassidy Kirkpatrick, 5-5.

Long jump: 2. Kirkpatrick, 18-2.25.

Boys varsity

Team score, 67 points, sixth.

1600: 1. Bryan Hailey, 4:41.56.

3200: 1. Hailey, 8:59.04.

110 hurdles: 2. Hayden Burns, 15.51.

300 hurdles: 2. Burns, 42.36.

1,600 relay: 3. Matthew Pitts, Hailey, Jaxton Glenn, Burns, 3:36.89.

High jump: 3. Miller Schenewark, 6-0.

Girls junior varsity

Team score, 51.5, seventh.

100: 2. Tamea Busby, 13.80.

800: 2. Portia Dodd, 2:48.21.

400 relay: 2. Busby, Jazmynn Torres, Jolie Hayes, 54.92.

Boys JV

Team score, 111.5, third.

100: 3. Abel Aguado, 11.87.

400: 2. Bryce Hager, 54.90.

800: 3. Judah Turner, 2:15.50.

110 hurdles: 2. Jacob McDonald, 18.52.

300 hurdles: 2. Derek McGuire, 46.56.

400 relay: 2. Amelio Rodriguez, Tony DeBello, Kaleb Johnson, Caden Davis, 46.08.

800 relay: 3. Rodriguez, Cameron James, Johnson,

Davis, 1:36.58.

1600 relay: 3. Hager, Hunter Burns, Casen Moore, Johnson, 3:47.64.

High jump: 1. Sawyer Banks, 5-6.

Pole vault: 3. Hager, 10-6.

The teams will next compete in the District 5-5A Meet at Aledo April 12-13. The top four finishers in each event will advance to the area meet in Justin April 21.

TOLAR TRACK

Hamilton Relays, March 30

Top Tolar individual results were (no team scores were available):

Boys varsity

100: 3. T. McClure, 11.21.

400: 3. T. Brown, 56.46.

800: 3. M. Behrens, 2:07.11.

110 hurdles: 1. D. Soileau, 15.72; 2. I. Blessing, 16.46.

300 hurdles: 1. Soileau, 42.68.

400 relay: 44.15, first place.

800 relay: 1:33.40, third.

1,600 relay: 3:33.34, second.

Long jump: 2. J. Collie, 19-11.

Pole vault: 1. B. Feist, 13-6; 3. L. Stein, 11-6.

Shot put: 1. S. Stewart, 44-7.

Girls varsity

800: 3. A. Dobbs, 2:34.25.

Long jump: 3. C. Nix, 15-02.

Discus: 3. K. Richardson, 98-3.

Shot put: 3. Richardson, 31-4.

Boys JV

300 hurdles: 2. T. Gramling, 46.52.

800 relay: 1:41.62, third.

1,600 relay: 3:53.44, second.

High jump: 3. B. Stone, 5-2.

Pole vault: 1. J. Noyola, 10-0; 3. A. Lominach, 7-0.

Discus: 3. O. Saffer, 99-03.

Shot put: 2. Saffer, 35-01.

Girls JV

100: 2. H. Sullivent, 13.70.

200: 3. L. Pritchett, 29.28.

100 hurdles: 1. E. Jackson, 18.88.

300 hurdles: 2. Sullivent, 57.00.

Long jump: 1. T. Rosseau, 13-11; 2. Sullivent, 13-3.

Triple jump: 1. Rosseau, 30-6; 3. Sullivent, 28-4.

Pole vault: 1. B. Gammons, 6-6.

Discus: 3. E. Carey, 64-2.

Tolar will host the District 11-2A Meet on Wednesday, April 12. The top four finishers in each event on that day will qualify for area competition on April 19 in Rio Vista.

GRANBURY BOYS GOLF

District 5-5A

Tournament, March 30-31, Sugar Tree Golf Course.

Granbury Purple, sixth, 742 (373-369); Granbury Gold, seventh, 766 (380-386).

Aledo Black won with a 637 (312-325).

Purple individual scores: William Lillagore, 174 (85-89); Bryson Sparks, 187 (98-89); Landon Womack, 189 (92-87); Corban White, 192 (98-94); Kolton Montoya, 198 (100-98).

Leading Gold individuals: Andrew Haynes, 180 (86-94); Quinn Bradley, 191 (95-96); Parker Jones, 192 (98-94).

The four lowest scores in each round comprise the team score.

GRANBURY TENNIS

District 5-5A

Tournament, March 28-29, TCU.

Top Granbury finishers: Jaden Stover/Katie Childs, third in mixed doubles; Roland Krause/Gavin Logsdon, fourth in boys doubles.

Preserve Granbury will host a celebration honoring the Historic Light Plant

BY ABIGAIL GAGE

Special to the Hood County News

Preserve Granbury's volunteers are currently in the process of restoring Granbury's Historic Light Plant. The organization plans to host a 100-year celebration for the plant once restoration is complete.

The Light Plant was commissioned in 1923 to create an electrical generating and water works system for the city and was designated as a Granbury Historic

Landmark in 2003.

Jack Martin, First Vice-President of Preserve Granbury, said the organization hopes to host its celebration in mid-October.

"We're working with the Flywheelers, who are the guys that operate the equipment, and Visit Granbury to see if we can coordinate an old-engine tractor show," Martin said. "We plan to have some booths out there to try to have some kid-friendly activities as well as some vendors. We are also hoping that we can get some

demonstrations of various types of electrical energy that will make it a fun time for everyone."

Martin is eager to continue working alongside the non-profit to safeguard and promote the community's historic integrity for future generations. He said the organization's duties often include refurbishing bathrooms, roofing, replacing rotted wood, painting, and updating exterior trim work.

"Our mission is to assist in the preservation

of historical structures in Granbury and Hood County," Martin said. "We work with the city and county to find new projects as often as we can."

Preserve Granbury was founded in 2005 and has since been instrumental in maintaining the infrastructure of the Langdon Center, the Granbury Depot and now- the Light Plant.

The organization recently partnered with the city to clean gravestones at the Granbury Cemetery.

Martin said they have suc-

cessfully cleaned a couple of hundred gravestones since the project came underway and are only about halfway through the intended project goal.

Preserve Granbury also aims to add buildings, such as Granbury Elementary School, Decker Gymnasium and Hood County State Bank to the National Register of Historic Places.

"We are a volunteer organization that works off donations, and all of our donations go to the projects," Martin said. "We

need people interested in preserving historical aspects of Granbury that can join us and get involved in our current and upcoming projects."

Martin said Preserve Granbury expects to host a float in the upcoming July 4 parade.

For more information regarding Preserve Granbury or to join as a volunteer, visit preservegranbury.org.

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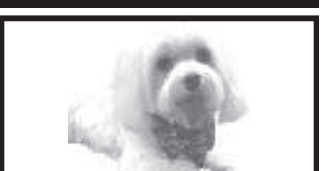
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: E. Mark Piland Attorney at Law
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DATED the 29 day of March, 2023.
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FOOD PANTRIES

Many are receiving help through food pantry locations across Hood County

Neighborhood food pantries, as well as mobile pantries, are providing food to residents across Hood County.

Pantries in the Hood County area include the following:

BRAZOS RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 2201 Mitchell Bend Highway.
Sponsor: Granbury First United Methodist Church, H-E-B and others.
When: Noon - 3 p.m. Mondays; 3-6 p.m. Thursdays.
Information: Email Terry McNew at tdmcnew@gmail.com or call 817-408-5533.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Location: 1903 W. Pearl St.
Sponsor: Granbury Church of Christ.
When: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Information: Email cocfoodpantry@outlook.com or call 817-573-0316 or 817-573-2613.

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD PANTRY

Location: Rancho Brazos Community Center, 3701 Sundown Trail.
Sponsor: Tarrant Area Food Bank.
When: 5-7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday each month.
Information: 817-910-8114.

GOD'S FOOD PANTRY

Location: 3751 Acton Highway, near Bob White Drive.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GOD'S FOOD PANTRY 2

Location: 1320 Ports O' Call Drive, Comanche Harbor.



When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY CHURCH OF GOD BLESSING BOX 1

Location: 1106 Weatherford Highway, church parking lot.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY CHURCH OF GOD BLESSING BOX 2

Location: 3514 Hilltop Road, Oak Trail Shores.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOOD MINISTRY

Location: 301 Loop 567.
Sponsor: Granbury First United Methodist Church.
When: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Information: Email andy_faletto@msn.com or call 817-573-5573.
NEW: Now offering a 24/7 accessible food pantry, in ad-

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JOSEPH'S LOCKER OUTREACH

Location: 708 Paluxy Road, Suite B.
Sponsor: Joseph's Locker Outreach Ministry.
When: 9 a.m. until noon, Monday - Thursday
Information: Send email to josephs.locker@yahoo.com or call 817-579-1446.

LIPAN COMMUNITY PANTRY

Location: 214 N. Kickapoo.
Sponsor: Lipan community.
When: 3-7 p.m. on Fridays.
Information: 254-646-2484.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY

Location: 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive
Sponsor: Lakeside Baptist Church.
When: Tuesday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m.
Information: 817-573-2094 or email loaves76048@gmail.com.

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Location: 3611 Plaza East Court, off U.S. Highway 377.
Sponsor: Mission Granbury.
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Information: 817-579-6866.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY PANTRY

Location: Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567.
Sponsor: Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.
When: 8:30-10:30 a.m., first Friday of month

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Location: Lake Granbury Christian Temple, 3755 Acton Highway.
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Location: 3804 Contrary Creek.

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Location: 3701 Sundown Trail.
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When: 5-7 p.m. Thursday,

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Information: 817-910-8114

RUTH'S PLACE/ OAK TRAIL SHORES

Location: 2723 Maplewood.
Sponsor: Granbury First United Methodist Church.
When: Tuesdays, 3 -5:30 p.m.
Information: Email rp_angelitabest@yahoo.com or call 817-579-1521.

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Location: 3600 Fall Creek Highway, Acton.
Sponsor: Good Shepherd Anglican Church.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.
Information: goodshepherdanglicangranbury.org

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 910 Paluxy Highway.
Sponsor: Southside Baptist Church.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.
Information: southside-granbury.com

THE LITTLE PANTRY

Location: 1400 N. Meadows.
Sponsor: Our Savior Lutheran Church.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

TOLAR FOOD PANTRY

Location: 8812 W. U.S. Highway 377, at Tolar United Methodist Church.
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When: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Information: 254-835-4005.

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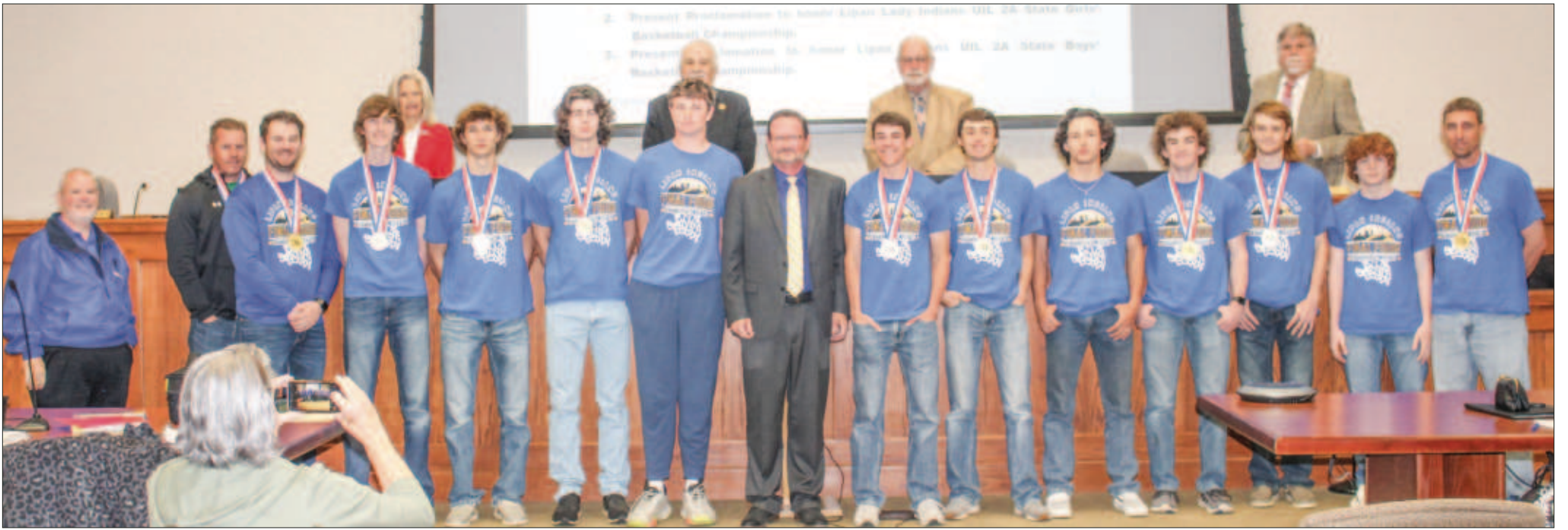
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COMMISSIONERS COURT RECOGNIZES LIPAN BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

The Lipan Lady Indians basketball team and their male counterparts on the Lipan Indians basketball team were honored with a proclamation and applause at a recent meeting of the Hood County Commissioners Court in recognition of their double UIL Class 2A state champion titles. Proclamations for each team were read by proud Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews, who lives in Lipan.



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‘IF WALLS COULD TALK’



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The Wright-Henderson-Duncan House — also known as The Sheriff’s House — is one of Hood County’s oldest homes and is currently listed for sale for \$1.8 million.

Historic Sheriff’s House now up for sale

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

One of Hood County’s oldest homes is now on the market and ready to be sold. Located at the northwest corner of Highways 144 and 377 at 703 Spring St., the Sheriff’s House is a true piece of Texas history.

The Wright-Henderson-Duncan House — or Sheriff’s House — was named after three Hood County sheriffs: A. J. Wright, J. F. Henderson, and C. M. Duncan.

Construction of the original structure first began in 1873 by a well-known local builder, William Trawick, who designed the home with limestone that was quarried locally in Hood County.

“The home was built in 1873, which I think was 18 years before the courthouse was even built,” said Stuart Chinworth, local realtor and listing agent on the home. “I don’t know a lot of homes in Hood County that are older than this that are still standing.”

According to the National Register of Historic Places, the home was

first built as a “two-room dog trot,” which originally consisted of a one-story structure with two large rooms separated by an open breezeway or dog trot.

Remodeling of the home occurred in the 1890s and “considerably altered and enlarged the home,” according to NRHP. The property changed hands in 1891 and the new owner, Henderson, added a second story in the “same hand-hewn limestone,” which is “distinguishable from the earlier construction by lighter-colored mortar,” — a difference that can still be seen on the home to this day.

The two-story three bed, three-and-a-half bath home currently

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Following several renovations and alterations throughout the years, the Sheriff’s House now consists of its own unique design, combining the appeals of both modern and antique stylings inside the home.



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The Granbury Wine Walk draws huge crowds to sip-and-savor fine wines offered by dozens of Texas wineries.

Springtime means it’s time for Granbury Wine Walk

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

If you don’t care for wine, crowds, or hunting for a parking spot, then you might want to avoid the Granbury Square and Historic District on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29.

Those are the days scheduled for the Granbury Wine Walk, one of the biggest tourist events of the year. It is also popular with many locals who don’t mind traffic and crowds if wine is involved.

PLEASE SEE **WINE** | B8

Exciting changes may be coming to GISD

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

A program providing free lunches is one of many changes that may be in the works starting with the 2023-2024 academic school year at Granbury ISD, according to GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn.

During the Superintendent’s Report during last Monday’s school board meeting, Glenn touched on three exciting changes that — if all goes well — will be taking place soon in the district.

FREE LUNCHES

Amy Whiteley, the GISD’s director of child nutrition, is exploring the Community Eligibility Provision (CPE) that would allow free lunches on all campuses.

“Many of you know that during COVID, the government federally funded lunches across the nation for students,” Glenn explained. “That program ended this year, and so there is an opportunity for us to opt into a program that may allow us to provide free lunches for all our students again beginning next year.”

He added that 56% of GISD students are “economically disadvantaged,” meaning that “they live below the poverty line.”

Whiteley will be presenting her findings regarding the CPE to the GISD school board next month.

WEATHERFORD COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP
During the March 27 school board

meeting, Glenn also mentioned that the district recently had a conversation with representatives from Weatherford ISD about potentially growing its partnership.

“(Weatherford College) would actually utilize our Career and Technology Center in the evenings to offer not only classes that help students obtain their prerequisites to go to a university, but to (offer) certifications,” he said.

He gave an example that there may be students who graduated high school two years ago and didn’t have a plan to pursue a career, but now are wanting to go back to school.

“If we can, we can offer certified welding programs, EMT programs, and surgery tech programs,” Glenn said. “We would like to bring those into a night school at our CTE center where we have the facilities to do that, so we’re engaging in those conversations with Weatherford College.”

FENTANYL AWARENESS PROGRAM

Glenn also brought up his visit with Larry Kenemore, the project administrator for the North American chapter of the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club has recently launched a project called Project SMART that addresses the opioid crisis.

“Rotary is trying to partner with school districts and they want to partner with Granbury ISD,” Glenn said. “They also want to partner with cities, counties, police departments, sheriff’s offices, and they’re trying to promote

awareness and promote educational programs.”

Glenn said the Rotary Club has studied past programs like “Just Say No” and “D.A.R.E.” to figure out the best effective measures that worked with those programs — and the measures that were not effective — on educating students about drugs and opioids.

The Rotary Club also developed an age-appropriate curriculum, Glenn said, that will educate students about the dangers of fentanyl and overdose.

“But more importantly, they offer treatments,” he said. “I was given Kloxxado, which is an eight-milligram dose (similar to Narcan) and what the Rotary Club is wanting to do is to provide this free of charge. The curriculum is free of charge, the programs are free of charge, and all of the support — to cities, to counties, to law enforcement — is free of charge.”

He said the eight-milligram doses of Kloxxado are free as well, and would be dispensed to local fire departments, hospitals, and law enforcement.

“Essentially, they will provide (everything) free of charge to our entire community, at no cost to the ISD,” he said, adding that the Rotary Club is pushing forward with a desire and mission to eradicate the fentanyl crisis.

More information will be provided about the Rotary Club fentanyl program — and the other potential changes to GISD — within the coming months.

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The three bed, three-and-a-half bath home currently measures a total of 4,794 square feet. All three bedrooms in the home are named after three Hood County sheriffs: A. J. Wright, J. F. Henderson, and C. M. Duncan.

HOUSE

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measures a total of 4,794 square feet — a 3,694 square foot main home, and an 1,100 square foot guest suite called The Carriage House, which features a large living room and refreshment area with a large bedroom and ensuite.

Following several renovations and alterations throughout the years, the Sheriff's House now consists of its own unique design, combining the appeals of both modern and antique stylings inside the home.

"It's filled with antiques and some of the original furniture is still on the property and will be conveying with the sale of the home just to keep all that history intact," Chinworth explained.

The home features many historical items and furniture, like the dining room table that was "hand built."

"Back in the day, when they built these dining room tables, they built each chair to fit the individual who was sitting in it," said Chelsea Chinworth, Stuart's wife. "One is a little taller, one is a little shorter, and one has a taller back on it, so you can tell which chairs were meant for the children and which chairs were meant for the adults. Each chair is just a little bit different."

Stuart said many of the antiques were imported from Wales, adding that old maps, historical paintings, hand-

written notes and even a personal brand are also featured throughout the home.

"In the main home, there are three-bedroom suites, and each suite is named after one of the sheriffs, so that's kind of a neat feature," he said.

A unique aspect of the home, Stuart said, are rings that were built into the side of the house that were used to chain up prisoners.

"What we have been told is that apparently when the jail was filled up, they would just chain (inmates) up right outside the Sheriff's House until there was room in the actual jail — or maybe until they sobered up. This is one of those (homes) where if walls could talk, we'd have a ton to write about," Stuart said.

At one time, the home was owned by local resident and architect Brian Gaffin, who ran his architecture firm out of the Sheriff's House.

"I know that he did a lot of work to the property," Stuart said. "And I think that having an architect as the homeowner for a handful of years was absolutely beneficial because he went in and helped ensure that a lot of the details of the home were captured and preserved so they don't get lost as other owners take over the property."

Gaffin later sold the home to a couple who were "major history and antique lovers," who later ended up selling the home to Stuart's current client.

"We got some things cleaned up with the city so it

can operate and host as a bed and breakfast," he explained. "The fact that it's also zoned as commercial is also a major benefit, because it just gives the next owner a lot of options on how to use the property, showcase the home, and how they can share it with others."

The Sheriff's House was listed for sale on March 28 for \$1.8 million, with Stuart adding that the furniture itself is worth an estimated \$70,000.

"Our ideal buyer is somebody who loves history and wants to see it preserved," Stuart said. "To help keep the stories of the home alive for future generations, so they can peek into the past of what Hood County was like, who the individuals were that lived in the house, and how they helped shape Hood County."

He added that every time he visits the home, he sees something new and different that he hadn't noticed before.

"I think a lot of people pass by this house every day and don't understand the significance of the home and don't really understand how important it is to the history of Hood County," Stuart said.

The Sheriff's House is currently listed for sale on Realtor, Zillow, and Trulia. "This has been a cool project to be a part of," he added. "If we can sell another historic home like this in our lifetime, that will be a miracle."

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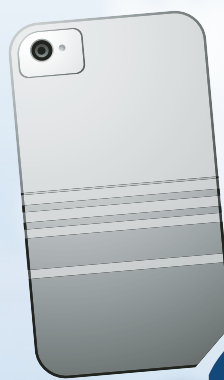
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CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

Civil War Roundtable to meet April 10



BY BILL DYESS

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

The North Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 Hwy 377E, in Granbury. Dr. Brian Jordan, Ph.D., will present the program. Dr. Jordan, an Associate Professor of History at Sam Houston State University, has authored several books on the civil war, including “Marching Home: Union Veterans and Their Unending Civil War”, and his more than 100 articles, reviews, or essays have appeared in The Journal of the Civil War Era, Civil War History, and The New York Times. His talk, “A Thousand May Fall”, is the story of an ethnic German regiment from northeastern Ohio in the Union army. The address will chronicle the experience of a hard luck regiment from enlistment through postwar memory.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Rendering of Fort Sumter.

Dr. Jonathan Steplyk, Professor of History at the University of Texas at Arlington, presented an excellent program at our last meeting, on the battle of Ft. Donelson, Tennessee. The surrender of this fort and its troops by the Confederates assured the Union of control of western Tennessee and the state of Kentucky.

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table meets on the second Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 Hwy 377 E in Granbury. Guests are always

welcome, and there is no charge for the first meeting. For more information, please refer to our website: WWW.ncentexcwrt.com, or call either David Wells, at 817-579-5769, or Bill Dyess, at 817-326-8216.

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

APRIL IN THE CIVIL WAR
On April 8, 1861, a

messenger from Union President Lincoln advised the Confederate government that Ft. Sumter, on an island in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina, would be re-supplied, but not reinforced. On April 11, the Confederate government demanded the surrender of the fort. Major Robert Anderson, commanding the eighty men in the fort, refused to surrender without orders from his government, although he acknowledged that he could hold the fort for only a few days. At 4:30 a.m. on April

12, the Confederate batteries on the mainland surrounding the fort opened fire. The American Civil War had begun. At approximately 2:30 p.m. on April 13 Major Anderson, running low on ammunition and out of food, agreed to surrender the fort. On April 14, the formal surrender took place, and the defeated garrison marched out of the fort and boarded ships that would take them north.

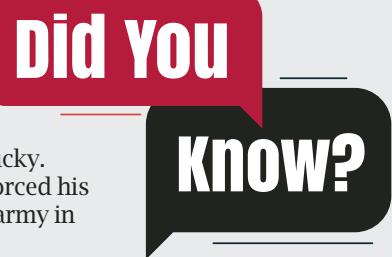


Major Robert Anderson, commander of the Union garrison in Fort Sumter.

DID YOU KNOW?

- While the Confederates fired over 4,000 shells into Ft. Sumter, the only fatality was a work horse—named Confederate. A few men in the garrison suffered slight injuries, caused primarily by falling bricks.
- Major Robert Anderson, who surrendered Ft. Sumter, was regarded as a hero in the north. Promoted to Major

General, he was placed in charge of the Department of Kentucky. Ill health, however, forced his retirement from the army in 1863.



Restaurant report card for March

Staff Reports

Each month, health inspections are conducted at city restaurants and commercial kitchens — any establishment with a license to serve food. The scores are published on the city of Granbury website. Hood County News will publish the findings of these inspections.

Each establishment with a food license is subject to inspection twice a year, according to an email from the city of Granbury. Only the schools and day care facilities are given prior notice of inspection.

In March, three establishments received a perfect score of 100 for their restaurant inspection. The 1890 Marketplace, 115 E. Pearl Street (on the square); the Waterin Trough, 800 W. Pearl; and Taco Delight, 206 S. Morgan Street. (The 1890 restaurant received a 99.)

There were no failures in March within the city of Granbury.

GRADING SYSTEM

According to the Granbury.org website, each inspection results in a score based on the number of violations found. Each score is based on a point system from 0-100, with a score of 100 being perfect. Each violation has a demerit value; this value is subtracted from 100 to give the inspection score.

Scoring Range	Meaning	Required Action
100-90	Very good	Regular inspection schedule
89-80	Good	Regular inspection schedule
79-70	Passing	Increased inspection frequency
69-60	Failing	Requires a compliance inspection within 48 hours
59-0		Requires immediate closure and re-inspection before reopening

VIOLATION SEVERITY

Violations may be classified as critical or non-critical. Critical violations, such as temperature control and cross-contamination issues, are more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, illness, injury, or cause an environmental health hazard. In the event that a critical violation is found, immediate action is taken to resolve the issue to ensure that public health is not put at further risk.

A non-critical violation is one that does not seriously affect public health. Any non-critical violations found during an inspection must be corrected by the time of the next inspection.

At times, violations are corrected at the time of inspection.

MARCH

3/7	Cari's Restaurant	96
3/10	Subway 3902 Highway 377	97
3/10	Subway on Morgan St	97
3/10	Subway on Plaza Drive	94
3/10	1890 Marketplace	100
3/10	1890 Restaurant	99
3/10	Merry Jayne's Ice Cream	96
3/13	The Cove at Waterview	99
3/13	The Point at Waterview	97
3/13	Aviva (Quail Park)	79
3/13	Tropical Breeze Nutrition	97
3/14	Waterin Trough Water and Ice	100
3/15	Broadway Express	90
3/21	Hood County Jail	96
3/21	Starbuck's 413 E Highway 377	98
3/27	Starbuck's 3907 E Highway 377	94
3/27	Taco Bell	88
3/28	Monte's Burritos	85
3/28	Taco Delight	100
3/28	Tiki Shack	85



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In March, a total of 20 local establishments were inspected.

Hood County SCENE

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

DAYDREAM ACHIEVER

10 TIPS for before you travel



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Vacations don't plan themselves. Have peace of mind by considering the following 'Before You Travel Tips':

Here are 10 Travel Tips to help you prepare for your vacation. No one likes last-minute surprises, especially surprises that could ruin your vacation. These Before You Travel Tips will help bring you peace of mind before and during your trip.

PET BOARDING

As soon as you book your trip, arrange your pet boarding. During peak travel season, many pet boarding facilities will sell out. Making reservations is a must-do for your upcoming trip. Your pet will need to be up to date on their vaccinations and have a good bill of health from your veterinarian. Be sure to provide enough food when you drop them off for their stay.

TURN OFF WATER MAIN

If you travel in the winter, you could come home to a broken pipe. If your water main is not turned off at the street, you will arrive to a flooded house. The water main also helps against hot water heater failure and neighborhood water issues.

CHANGE THERMOSTAT

Most thermostats have a vacation mode. Save money by reducing your heating and cooling while you're away.

HOLD MAIL

A mailbox overflowing with mail is a signal to thieves that you're not home. Also, important bills can become lost or damaged by wind and rain with an overfilled mailbox.

THROW AWAY FOOD

Check your refrigerator for food that will spoil while you're away. Avoid coming home to a smelly, moldy refrigerator.

CELL PHONE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PLAN

Call your phone compa-

ny and find out how to use your phone while you're abroad. I use Verizon, and they have a plan called the Travel Pass that allows me to use my phone as normal while traveling.

EXCHANGE CURRENCY

I learned this one the hard way. I waited until the week of my trip to exchange currency. I discovered my bank requires three weeks to provide euros for dollars. So, I traveled to Budapest with dollars. When I arrived, there were plenty of exchange locations, but they all charged high fees. Worse than that, they charged me twice! They are required to exchange the dollars to the local currency, and then the local currency to euros.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Make sure you have more than enough of your prescription medications for your trip. Also, I recommend traveling with copies of your prescription orders for refills. It's recommended to travel with your pills

in their original bottles with pharmacy labels to avoid issues at TSA and Customs.

CHECK YOUR PASSPORTS

Confirm your passports are valid. Your expiration date must be at least 6 months after your planned return for most countries. Also, any damage can invalidate your passport. Don't forget your passports!

TRAVEL INSURANCE

The two reasons I recommend travel insurance are Medical Coverage and Emergency Evacuation. Your regular health insurance may not cover you in foreign countries. Additional coverage is helpful. Emergency Evacuation coverage is important! For example, if you are visiting Skagway, Alaska, during your Alaskan Cruise and you need to go to a hospital, you will need to fly to the hospital by float plane or helicopter. These flights can cost \$50,000 to \$70,000. It's better if insurance pays that bill.

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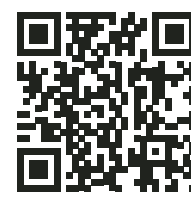
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GARDEN PATCH

Drive a highway; See Texas wildflowers

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.

To enjoy Texas native plants, drive Texas highways! The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) spreads more than 30,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along the state's roadways every year. What's more, the plants used in State of Texas landscape projects are largely native plants. Both efforts are examples of the state's focus on encouraging the use of native species that require less maintenance and water to thrive.

Texas, due to its size and diversity of climate, soils and elevation, has a rich botanical heritage. Incorporating these plants into area landscapes has become increasingly popular over the past 30 years. Why? Natives are generally less costly to maintain than exotic species because of their ability to withstand climate extremes. They are beneficial to wildlife, particularly pollinators. They help to preserve the natural environment. And they come in a variety of sizes, shapes and colors.

According to TxDOT, the state's wildflowers are a boon to tourism. The department's crews utilize a variety of maintenance practices to encourage growth. One technique is strip mowing, which means the first 15 feet of right of way is mowed and intersections are kept trimmed for visibility and safety reasons. The remaining space is untouched, which allows seeds to sprout, grow, bloom and go to seed. TxDOT also preserves existing wildflowers by regulating herbicide use and mowing. No mowing is done until wildflowers have seeded in summer and mowing is delayed in natural areas to protect wildlife habitat.

An added benefit to the state's wildflower program is monarch butterfly protection. Native milkweed, the plants that monarchs depend upon for survival, is intentionally planted in highway right of ways, particularly along I-35, to support the monarch north-south migration. Scores of blooming wildflowers provide much needed nectar for native pollinators, such as the monarch. There's also an ongoing effort to install monarch waystations and pollinator areas at highway rest areas. The TxDOT website (txdot.com) features colorful wildflower photos along with numerous educational articles. On this site you'll find a regional seed list, planting instructions and answers to common questions about growing wildflowers. Also included is a guide on native grasses, weeds and wildflowers, which has a section on seeding for erosion control. This is an excellent resource for anyone wishing to plant or restore a native prairie. Perhaps less appreciated



COURTESY OF PHYLLIS WEBSTER

TxDOT spreads more than 30,000 pounds of wildflowers along Texas roadways annually. Among the types of flower spread is the Texas State Flower, the Bluebonnet.

are the native grasses that emerge when wildflowers go to seed. These grasses, along with wildflowers, help to conserve water, control erosion and provide wildlife habitat in Texas natural areas. Although taking photos of wildflowers, particularly bluebonnets, is a Texas tradition, please avoid stepping or sitting on the plants. TxDOT says that if too many wildflowers are trampled, they will die and not go to seed. This means they won't reproduce the next year. Picking wildflowers, although not illegal, is strictly discouraged for the same reason. Always be good stewards of the wildflowers as you enjoy them along state roadways. For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

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SUPPORT SYSTEMS

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EVERY DAY

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life is a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. This includes the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or close

friend. For the past 26 years this group has helped people work through their grief process. If you, or someone you know, is suffering from the loss of a loved one, come or bring them to our next session that began March 19, 2023. We are Christian based, nondenominational, and welcome all who are suffering. We meet 3-5 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish Hall of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. For more information, call Ben Bradley at: 575.706.5703 or Sherry Birmingham 817.657.0822

EVERY MONDAY

PROMISES AL-ANON group meets every Monday at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

EVERY TUESDAY

PUNCHIN' PARKINSON'S in Granbury. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. A non-contact boxing and fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's. First

Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

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

AMATEUR RADIO Weekly Social Hour Net. All licensed Amateur Radio Operators welcome. 7:00 pm, on the 147.240 MHz Repeater, +600 offset, PL 162.2.

EVERY THURSDAY

TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEF SHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recovery seminar and support

group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

EVERY FRIDAY

PUNCHIN' PARKINSON'S in Granbury. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. A non-contact boxing and fitness program designed for people with Parkinson's. First Christian Church, 2109 W. U.S. Highway 377 (next door to Tractor Supply).

FIRST MONDAY

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

FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For

caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the community. Details: 817-326-4693.

SECOND SATURDAY

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

THIRD TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30

- 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the community. Details: 817-326-4693.

FOURTH TUESDAY

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

FOURTH SATURDAY

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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)
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3	9	5	1	2	4	7	6	8
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Commissioners OK online classes, but travel for training still allowed

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court has voted to allow its members to conduct their required annual 16 hours of continuing education online, which Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle said will save the

county money. The vote was not unanimous. County Judge Ron Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson voted against Eagle's request. It passed with the votes of Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews and Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette

Samuelson. Eagle brought the matter to court for a vote last year, but it failed 3-2 when a different commissioner, Ron Cotton, sat in the Precinct 2 seat. Before a second vote on the matter was taken at the March 28 meeting, Massingill indicated that the reason

the request failed the first time was because instructors have stressed the benefits of in-person trainings, mainly in terms of building camaraderie that can prove helpful. In remarks explaining why he favored online training, Eagle said that COVID-19 opened up video conferencing abilities and that online

CE hours are now allowed as long as a Commissioners Court adopts an order approving it. He stressed that online training is not mandatory and that court members can still choose to attend in-person sessions if they so desire. Eagle noted that a county technology conference

scheduled for May will be at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in the Austin area. He said that while he himself has not skipped out on trainings, some conference attendees do not return to sessions after lunch. kcruz@hcnews.com / 817-579-1886

CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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 Granbury 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. Reser-

ervations 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 sauxiliaryofhoodcounty@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.

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.

THE GREATER Granbury Chapter-MOAA will host Terry Kinney for their monthly membership meeting and dinner at 6 p.m., April 18, 2023 at Harbor Lakes Golf Club located at 2100 Clubhouse Dr, Granbury, TX. Mr. Kinney

worked for many years on the United States Space Program with NASA. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

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.

HOOD COUNTY Democratic Club will meet Thursday April 20. Scholarship fundraising for GISD students and a legislative update will be heard from Thom Hanson-SD22 Committee Chairman. Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m., meeting time is at 7:00 p.m. at Panchito's Mexican Restaurant located at 4506 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, Tx. For more information text or leave message for info to 817-233-5453.

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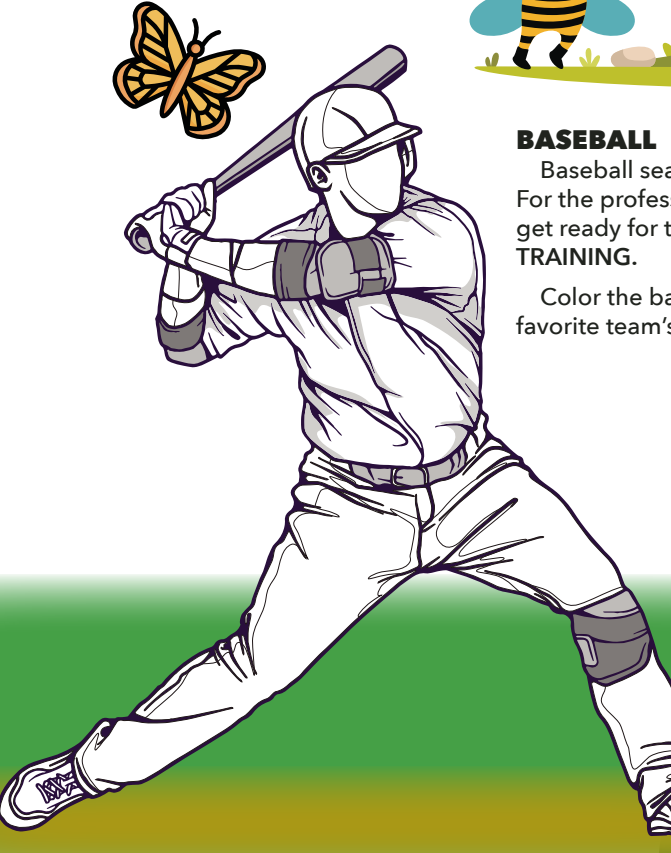
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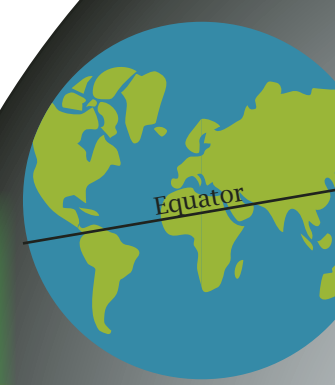


April
Find words we think of during Spring.


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Answers: Across: 1. All people 5. Sink 6. Dull pain 7. Incline against 8. Atmosphere seen from Earth 9. Dedicated to a religious purpose 10. 24 hours
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I'VE BEEN THINKING

How many times have you been 'hung by your own tongue'?

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Many Americans are now familiar with the charging, trying, and sentencing of South Carolina former trial lawyer Alex Murdaugh - the man sentenced to two consecutive life terms in prison for the murder of his wife Maggie and son Paul.

Having come from the nearly 100-year legal reign of the Murdaugh family in that district, perhaps Alex felt his good family name would carry great weight in his favor. Perhaps he even felt he would be acquitted of all charges (at best) or be tried again due to a hung jury (at worst). As his trial became the longest criminal trial in the state's history, one can imagine Alex clinging to the hope that an increased number of individuals would be swayed to his side of the story.

Different theories as to why this man would murder his own spouse and child

have been shared, the most reasonable one being that his financial and personal life was crumbling around him. But we will never know for certain, for we cannot crawl into Murdaugh's head. Yet regardless of the reasons, murder of innocent victims is never justified.

However, as we know, the truth usually comes to light - as it did in this man's trial. Due to the meticulous investigation of the prosecution and other related aspects of the trial, Murdaugh will likely spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Surprisingly, it was not only Murdaugh's lies that

did damage to his story. The most damning evidence against him was his very own voice when he called the family dog (recorded on Paul's phone) moments before the murders. In those last moments of his life, did Paul realize what was happening and let his phone record the events? One must wonder. Thus, we can say that Alex Murdaugh was hung by his tongue!

Now we come to the title of this column - hung by our tongue. Murdaugh, having been trapped by his many lies during the trial, one wonders if he did not suffer from a Freudian slip of the tongue when he earlier said, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave...". Obviously, the rest of that quote is "...when first we practice to deceive." Murdaugh even admitted he was referring to his lies.

Yet as we point out finger at Murdaugh, we must ask ourselves how many times we have been hung by our own tongue. Obviously, not in such life-and-death circumstances as shared above. But do we understand what a deadly weapon all of us carry in our mouths? Interestingly, the medical world tells us that the most powerful muscle (in strength) in the

human body (for its size) is the tongue!

Proverbs 18:21 tells us that "Life and death are in the power of the tongue." While most of us must have authorization to carry a loaded weapon, each of us has such a loaded weapon anchored in our mouth. Our tongue can be the instrument of despair, division, and destruction as we allow it to spread harmful information about others. What if the information is true? Does it matter if it still hurts another person?

I remember Thumper's mother telling him in the children's story as he was about to make fun of Bambi trying to stand for the first time on those wobbly legs, "Gee, he sure can't stand

very well, can he?" And then we hear his mother's rebuke, "Thumper, what did your father tell you before he left for work this morning?" We quietly hear Thumper's chastised response, "If you can't say something nice about a person, don't say nothin' at all."

If we can't build someone up with our comments, must we say anything at all? Conversely, our same tongue be an instrument of encouragement, grace, and goodness.

And what about this tongue of ours in relation to ourselves? Certainly. An old adage tells us, "A bird is known by its song. A man by his words."

Do we spread a sense of doomsday with our words of fear and uncertainty and foreboding? Do we complain about the terrible condition of the world and the injustices we must suffer?

Do we lie about ourselves? No? Really?

Do we inflate our latest victory or make our latest effort more attractive than it really was? If lying about others is wrong, is it not wrong to lie about ourselves? We often hear, "a little white lie" to minimize an exaggeration or falsehood.

Yet can we not say that "the truth is the truth. And a lie is a lie." Nothing more. Nothing less.

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WINE

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The Hood County Commissioners Court, at its regular meeting last week, paved the way for the annual springtime sip and stroll by unanimously approving the city's event application related to vendor parking around the courthouse. Vendors will be allowed to park there from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. both days.

The celebration of Texas wine will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days and will feature 20 tastings and 20 wineries in the Lone Star State.

Presale pricing is available and the \$45 ticket is good for both days.

VIP tickets are \$150. In addition to both days of the GWW, the cost covers the coveted "Sip and Savor" event, where North Texas chefs curate a dish to pair well with a participating

winery.

Details about "Sip and Savor," including the location, participating chefs, and wineries will be shared with ticketholders via email closer to the date. The VIP ticket includes both days of the Wine Walk.

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