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'LITTLE PLEASURES'



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Shannon Kokot, the creative talent behind M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets on South Morgan Street, shows off a tray of colorful chocolate-covered treats perfect for Easter or spring.

M.A.M.A.S. sweetshop finds home in Granbury

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

At first, Shannon Kokot had bistro tables and chairs at her M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets, thinking that customers might sit there to enjoy their sweet treat and a cup of her 50-cent coffee. That didn't happen.

Oh, the customers came, they just didn't hang around. Instead, they savored their decadent treats inside their vehicles behind tinted windows where no one could see them.

Kokot figured out that her chocolate and fruit pie shop is like an adult bookstore. No one wants to be seen there. For a woman who lives life with faith and gusto,

that's just wrong.

"Chocolate in moderation is fine," Kokot insists. "Drinking in moderation is fine. Eating cheeseburgers in moderation is fine. Stop beating yourself up. You have to have these little pleasures."

Enjoying life, and the people who cross her path, is what this Granbury chocolatier is all about. Her shop

on South Morgan Street (300 S. Morgan St. Suite 302, not far from C&J Butcher Shop) includes inspiring messages and photo collages of people she has known, but the first thing a customer's eye might fall upon are the chocolates and pies under glass in her display cases.

She makes a variety of chocolate balls, including balls filled with a creamy peanut butter that she says never becomes dry. There are chocolate-covered cookies and her trademark "Redneck Eclaires," chocolate-covered Twinkies with a candy bar on top.

Kokot's pies, made with

fresh fruit, are colorful works of art and are so light that one can easily eat the equivalent of two standard portions without feeling full. (Kokot notes that the only thing baked in her shop is pie crust. So, if a baked pie, such as pumpkin or pecan, is what you're looking for, you won't find it at M.A.M.A.S.)

"These one-of-a-kind pies do not exist anywhere in the country," she said. "The only thing baked is the crust. It's all fresh fruit and a trade-secret filling. I stopped counting at 150 different combinations of pies."

Depending on the fruit

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Cleaning up our act

'Scenic City' Granbury asks for community's help with trash pick-up event

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

With Granbury having the distinction of being a certified Scenic City, the last thing city officials want is for that honor to be tarnished by unsightly trash. They are getting serious about beautification efforts and are calling upon the community to help in that effort.

The upcoming inaugural Great Granbury Clean-up event is the first step toward that goal, but City Manager Chris Coffman also has a long-range plan.

At last week's regular city council meeting, Coffman announced plans to create a local Keep Texas Beautiful committee as a "stand-alone nonprofit," with dues funded by the city.

As for the volunteer-driven Great Granbury Clean-up, it is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. Participants will gather at Hewlett Park, 650 E. Pearl St., at 8 a.m. to enjoy refreshments and to receive materials and instructions before dispersing to spend a couple hours picking up trash.

Sharee Westlund, the city's utility billing manager, said that participants will be given "highly visible" vests and "grabbers" that will allow them to pick up trash without having to touch it or bend over. They will also be given trash bags that can be left on site for pickup by Parks Department employees.

The idea for the community pitch-in was proposed by council member Steven Vale, who said that his father used to walk the family dog every night and return with "an armload of trash to throw away."

"As the saying goes, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," he said. "My wife and I walk our neighborhood almost every day and pick up trash."

Vale said that he heard representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation talk about the Don't Mess with Texas campaign at a conference in San Antonio last year and that the organization is "helpful with information and supplies."

A member of the Rotary Club of Granbury, Vale said that he will be team leader for a group of about two dozen Rotarians who have agreed to participate in the Great Granbury Clean-up. He said that another event will be scheduled in the fall.

Coffman said that civic groups can make the trash pickup "a fun event" and could even adopt a specific location for regular caretaking.

Those who want to participate in the April 22 event are asked to fill out an online registration form that can be accessed at Granbury.org online. Scroll down the homepage to "Granbury News" and click on "View All." Scroll down to the announcement titled "The Great Granbury Clean-up Needs Your Help." The announcement contains a link to the registration form and also a link where people can suggest areas in need of trash pick-up.

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There is no lack of creativity at chocolatier Shannon Kokot's M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets.

M.A.M.A.S.

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combinations, Kokot's pies sell for \$23-\$28.

M.A.M.A.S. stands for Making A Moment Always Special, and that's what Kokot strives to do when customers come to her for treats for a special event or a special person. Every order is customized after Kokot hears the customer's "story."

Kokot has her own story of how she landed in Granbury and how she came to be a chocolatier.

BERRY INSPIRED

Kokot's family moved to Montana when she was in the fifth grade and her husband Keith was born there. They lived for years in that state but moved to Virginia, where her mother was from, in 2010, knowing that it would not be their "forever place."

In May 2013, when the couple's son Cameron was eight and the only one of their four children left at home, Kokot noticed that she was seeing a lot of ads for chocolate-dipped strawberries and similar treats. It was, after all, the month of Mother's Day.

Kokot decided to try to make her own chocolate-dipped strawberries. She sold them on Facebook, \$20 for a dozen. Rather than tossing strawberries that didn't make the "dippable" cut, she made pies.

Kokot began experimenting with pie filling. "I created this beautiful, shiny pie that when you cut it, it stays in the perfect pie shape," she said. "It has a completely different texture. It's not a gelatin texture."

The same month that Kokot began discovering her hidden culinary talents, Keith, who had retired from a 20-year military career in 2007, lost his job at a nuclear facility. One day when they were considering their next move, Keith said to his wife, "You have all this talent. You should open a business." Kokot's response was,



Fresh fruit pies that are pleasing to both the eye and the palate are sold at M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets, but the store does not sell baked items such as cakes or pecan pies.

"Have you lost your mind?"

Nevertheless, fate just seemed to keep nudging Kokot in the direction of opening her own business. She heard of office space that was for rent. She asked if she could rent a portion of that space and the owner agreed. That was June 4, 2013.

Kokot opened her first M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets on July 6 with seven items on the menu that included chocolate-dipped strawberries, cherries, pretzels and marshmallows and pies, both whole ones and "baby" ones intended as single servings.

Despite Kokot having no business loan and "no clue," M.A.M.A.S. took off. Customers began calling Kokot and asking her to put together a tray. In 2015, she said, she was named the number

one chocolatier for all of eastern Virginia. On holidays, things got really crazy at the sweetshop.

"I would almost cry before a holiday because I wasn't going to sleep for the next 10 days," Kokot said.

When Cameron was in eighth grade, Kokot began to think about how fast he was growing up and that, while his older siblings had memories of the years during Keith's military career when they lived in Italy, Cameron's most exciting memory thus far was a trip to Great Wolf Lodge.

Kokot suggested to her husband that they rent out their house, buy a fifth wheel, and hit the road with Cameron. In February 2019, they struck out, driving through 19 states in nine months. They visited family, friends they hadn't seen

since high school, and friends they knew from the military.

It was great. For a while.

THE SWEET LIFE

Eventually, Kokot grew tired of the nomad lifestyle and wanted to settle down again, but not in Virginia. She and Keith like lake communities and while researching a new place to put down roots, Keith discovered Granbury. They drove here, checked out the high school, and had lunch on the square.

"We literally spent four hours in this town and said, this is it," said Kokot. She stated that Texas has "a Montana atmosphere without the snow."

The couple put the fifth wheel up for sale and made plans to

rent a house temporarily until they could decide on a permanent home. But, as the Kokot luck tends to go, Kokot said, COVID-19 hit. The Kokots rode out the pandemic along with the rest of the community.

For a time, Keith worked in auto repair. But after a while the couple began talking about opening a new M.A.M.A.S.

Kokot wanted her chocolate shop to be on the square, but for various reasons that didn't work out. However, the rental space that was available on South Morgan was very close to the family's rent house.

Before long, M.A.M.A.S. was back in business, open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Keith helps out, and Kokot has been actively involved with Visit Granbury and the local tourism industry. With their sweetshop containing thousands of chocolate molds, the Kokots are prepared to handle any event or customized order.

Cameron, in elementary school when the M.A.M.A.S. adventure began, is now a senior in the community where his parents found their sweet spot.

"The markets, the wine festivals, all of the different things that go on remind me of Italy because Italy always had different markets and festivals and we were never bored," Kokot said.

Kokot, whose mother died of cancer one day shy of her 52nd birthday, lives by the philosophy that life is short and it is to be lived to the fullest. She encourages people to "trust the big guy" and not give up when bad things happen or let fear keep them from pursuing dreams.

"I practice what I preach," she said. "Life is a blessing every day. And life is going to have challenges and struggles. Go and do things before it's too late."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

The joys, mysteries of marriage are no joke!



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.

There is an old saying that declares there are three different kinds of rings during marriage. There is the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and then the suffer-ring. It is hard to hear that old joke and not crack at least a little smile. The joke is not told here in an attempt to make a mockery of the institution of marriage, but rather to acknowledge the long and continuing struggle marriage brings.

I have a unique family for one reason; The Houstons marry and stay married for a long time. My grandparents were married just a month or two short of 74 years! There are not many people who will surpass that record of longevity. I also have two aunts/uncles who were married for more than 70 years! All my aunts and uncles were married more than 60 years, with the lone family exception being my folks who only made 58 and that is because my dad passed.

Many times, I have sat and examined all those married relationships to see what they had in com-

mon and how they were different from each other. What made this group of people stick together when so many couples don't make it?

The conclusion I drew was, each one of the couples were committed to each other. People nowadays seem to say the word commitment, but I am not sure they really and truly "live" the commitment. All the family members I referred to would have given their last drop of life to their mate, and never considered doing otherwise. They stayed together even when things were rough during

the Great Depression, when they lived through rationing and uncertainty during World War II, or when children were sick hurt or troubled. Oh, they had plenty of problems to face, plenty of challenges to confront, and fears to overcome, but each couple did it together, never wavering on their course and never losing faith in their partner.

It is a little humorous to reflect on, but I would have never chosen my dad to be with my Mom. She was gregarious, fun loving and outgoing almost to a fault, while my Dad was quiet and reserved and very seldom smiled or laughed out loud. Yet, they were a true team in every sense of the word. If Dad was digging out tree stumps Mom would have a shovel digging right along side him, doing work no woman should have to do.

At the same time, when they were done and walked in the back door, dad was just as likely to turn to mom and say, "Give me the dirty clothes you have on so I can throw them in the washer, then I will start some dinner. You go jump in the bath and relax for minute. I will wash up when you get done." They were a team! Marriage truly worked for them. While love might make a heart

flutter, it is the commitment, devotion and dedication to each other that creates an enduring marriage.

I am the black sheep of the family (perhaps for more reasons than one!). The mother of my two children and I ended our relationship after seven years. Not even 10% of the length of my parents' marriage. Sometimes I look back and while I can recite my ex-wife's failures with specificity, I also know I was not the perfect husband and at some level failed to make the absolute commitment my grandfather made to his bride. Is it the contemporary time we live in, or the time they lived in, or is there a difference? Guess that is an answer I will always want.

At the end of this year, I will be married five years. After my first wife I was single for many, many years. I never gave up on marriage and hoped one day I would find the right woman to truly commit to and hoped she would do the same with me. I am certain I have many shortcomings and am far from the perfect husband, but with age, I have learned marriage is something for which you sacrifice, because your partner's happiness means more to you than your own. I have fallen short many times in life, but I hope this is one

commitment where I never falter.

In the meantime, one of our young reporters at the paper is getting married this fall. She is giddy and excited, and this past week she and her beau were shopping around trying to get an offer in on a house. Her happiness overflows like pouring a gallon of water in a quart container. She has been smiling nonstop and I truly wish her and her future husband all the happiness in the world. I wish them the very best in life and urge them to live the commitment to each other the institution of marriage truly requires.

Granddad told me on their wedding night he and Grandma made a promise to each other. He would make all the major decisions in their marriage, and she would make all the minor ones. He would proudly proclaim in nearly 74 years of marriage, there was never one major decision. Then he would look at me, wink, and say, "I sure do have a fine wife." He was 100% right.

Thought for the day: In every good marriage it pays for someone to be a little deaf!

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

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LAKE GRANBURY NEWCOMERS CLUB SPRING FASHION SHOW



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The Lake Granbury Newcomers Club hosted its annual spring fashion show on Thursday, April 6. The Lake Granbury Newcomers Club is a women's social organization designed to promote lasting friendships among new and established residents in Lake Granbury and surrounding areas. Members enjoy monthly luncheons with guest speakers the first Thursday of each month, September through May. Additionally, members have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of special interest groups and activities. Visit <https://lakegranburynewcomers.org/> for more information.

Hood County Sheriff's Office investigating death of local man

From Staff Reports

On Friday afternoon (April 7), the Hood County News received information stemming from an information request about a report of the body of a 53-year-old deceased local resident found on

April 5 at the de Cordova Bend Boat Ramp.

HCSO Lt. Josh Lane stated in an email that the call requesting deputies to respond to the de-Cordova Bend Boat Ramp at 4320 DCBE Marina Court to investigate was received at about 7:24 a.m. on

April 5.

"Deputies arrived on scene to find the male was deceased from what appeared to possibly be from self-inflicted injury," Lane stated in the email.

Lane also responded to a question from the HCN about one

unofficial report on social media — which suggested the death may have been as a result of drowning — by stating that "is incorrect."

Lane added that "until the investigation is completed it is treated as a criminal investigation and no other information is available at

this time."

Sheriff Roger Deeds indicated as of Monday morning (April 10) that has not changed, and repeated that there won't be any updates until the Rangers complete their investigation.

CORRECTION

In the April 5 edition of the Hood County News, the Pinwheels for Prevention article incorrectly identified Tami McGuire's title. McGuire is the president of the Hood County Child Protective Services and KASH for Kids board.



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TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

Bridges' no-hitter leads to sweep of California Baptist

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — No-no, no-no. Yes, the Texans have done it now twice this season.

Entering this season, there had been eight no-hitters thrown in Tarleton State University's softball program history. On Friday, March 31, Tristan Bridges tossed the Texans' second of the year and 10th all-time for the purple and white, as she no-hit the California Baptist Lancers in the first game of the conference doubleheader.

It was just the third Tarleton no-hitter thrown in a game that lasted the full seven innings, joining Jordan Withrow's gem in 2020 and Heather Russell's complete game-performance in 1998. "I'm so happy for Tristan," TSU head coach Mark Cumpian said. "She has been a big part of our program for five years and to see her finally complete a no-hitter after coming close a few times is incredible. She's such a hard worker and I'm thrilled for her achievement."

Bridges led Tarleton to a 2-0 victory in Game 1 with her masterful performance, pitching 7 innings with no runs and no hits — allowing just three baserunners the entire game, two on hit batters and one on an error.

The error was a blip in an otherwise incredible showing by the defensive performers behind her, who recorded all 21 outs, as Bridges pitched the first no-hitter in program history that didn't include a strikeout.

Bridges and Grace Garcia, who threw a perfect game on Feb. 19 against Texas A&M-Commerce, have teamed up for Tarleton's fourth single-season in program history that featured two no-no's. Of course, these were the first in Tarleton's NCAA Division I era.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU

Pitcher Tristan Bridges flashes a bright smile after her no-hitter on March 31 in Tarleton State University's 2-0 home softball victory over California Baptist University. Bridges' teammates made all 21 outs in the seven-inning contest, making it the first no-hitter in TSU softball history that didn't include a strikeout. Teammate Grace Garcia threw a perfect game for a Feb. 19 win over Texas A&M-Commerce, making those two gems the first in Tarleton's brief NCAA Division I softball history.

TARLETON 2, CALIFORNIA BAPTIST 0

To open the Friday night doubleheader between Western Athletic Conference opponents, Tarleton struck in the first inning, which would be the only run they'd need behind Bridges' no-hitter.

After the senior set the Lancers down in order to start the game, Kayla Wallace singled home Kelci Hill to give the Texans a quick 1-0 lead.

CBU had hitters plunked in the second and third innings, which was no problem for Bridges to manage, quickly ending each minor threat to keep Tarleton ahead. In the bottom half of the third, Morgan Medford walked, then Austin Germain doubled to put runners on second and third. Katy Schaefer then hit a grounder to third, but everyone was safe as

Medford beat the throw at the plate to make it 2-0.

The next 15 batters in the game after that were sent packing, quickly putting the game into the sixth inning. In the bottom half, the Texans loaded the bases to potentially burst the game open, but their pinch hitter struck out to keep it a two-run game.

Tarleton had four hits (Hill, Germain, Schaefer and Wallace) and four walks (Medford, Germain, Brady Rowland and Jordan Dickerson).

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST 13, TARLETON 2 (5 INNINGS)

In the second game, the Lancers' bats woke up, going from no hits to 18 — the most Tarleton has allowed in a game all season by four. The Lancers outthit the Texans 18-2, scoring eight in the fourth inning to put the

game away.

With a no-hitter still fresh on everyone's minds, CBU got its first hit of the day in their second at-bat of Game 2. Tarleton starting pitcher Garcia moved past it though to keep the Lancers without a run through the first eight innings played Friday.

CBU scored its first run in the second inning, which Tarleton quickly matched. Wallace hit one off the wall for a triple, and scored on a Tristyn Trull sacrifice fly in the next plate appearance.

The Lancers scored two more in the third to take a 3-1 lead, then opened the fourth with a home run and a single to end Garcia's day. The Texan senior was charged with five earned runs on eight hits in 3.0 IP, striking out two.

In the bottom of the fourth, Schaefer hit her team-leading fourth home

run of the season and her second in four games, a solo shot.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST 6, TARLETON 5

Game three of the series (Sunday, April 1) was a thriller from start to finish, but three unanswered runs from CBU over the final two innings cost Tarleton the game and the series. The Lancers won the finale, 6-5.

Tarleton struck first when Kelci Hill ripped an RBI single up the middle to score Morgan Medford from second. After a shutdown inning from Tristan Bridges, the Texans tacked on two more in the second on a squeeze bunt single from MacKenzie Peterson and a double steal that put the Texans on top 3-0.

CBU answered with three in the third on a two-run home run and an RBI triple

to reset the score at 3-3.

Two innings later, Hill and Katy Schaefer led off the inning with singles before Tristyn Trull crushed a two-run double down the left field line to put the Texans back on top 5-3.

Once again, the long ball helped the Lancers, as they tied the game with a two-run shot. Tarleton had its chance in the bottom of the sixth with back-to-back singles from Kayla Wallace and Medford but couldn't capitalize.

Tarleton pounded out 12 base hits in the game with Wallace sparking the offense in the leadoff spot, going 3-for-4. Medford, Hill, and Trull each had two hits while Peterson, Schaefer and Rowland had one each. Tristan Bridges went the distance pitching, and took the loss.

Texans suffer baseball series sweep at UTRGV Stadium



Tarleton Sports Information

EDINBURG — Tarleton State University fought to stave off a series sweep at UTRGV Baseball Stadium on Sunday afternoon, April 2, but the Vaqueros ended the game on a walk-off solo home run in the ninth inning to take the game 9-8 and complete the sweep over the Texans.

Tarleton State University finished its baseball series against UTRGV on April 2, but the Vaqueros managed a 9-8 victory to secure a sweep over the Texans. Pictured is Kooper Shook, a TSU junior outfielder from Breckenridge.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU

The Texans (14-11, 1-6 WAC) outthit the Vaqueros for a second consecutive game and were clean defensively, making no errors. UTRGV (15-12, 6-6 WAC) managed timely hits and kept the Texan pitching staff on its heels all game. Tarleton had four runners thrown out on the base paths, two caught stealing and two picked off.

The sixth inning presented the most action on the afternoon as the two teams combined for 11 runs total. Tarleton entered the inning trailing 3-2 and left it with an 8-3 lead.

The first run of the sixth inning for Tarleton came as Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo walked with the bases loaded to score Trace Morrison — a sophomore outfielder out of Stephenville High

School — tying the game at three. Mason Hammonds continued to be a key cog in the Texan offense as his two-run double to left field gave Tarleton a 5-3 lead. In the next at-bat, Edinburg native Jaime Perez launched a ball over the left field fence for a three-run home run, his second of the season. It gave Tarleton an 8-3 lead.

The lead was erased by UTRGV in the bottom half of the sixth, as they countered with five runs of their own, tying the game at eight.

The seventh and eighth innings were scoreless for both teams. Tarleton pinch runner Tyson Drake advanced to third base in the top of the ninth, but the Texans were unable to hit him in with two outs.

UTRGV came to bat in the ninth and the first batter,

Kade York, hit a solo home run to left field on the fourth pitch he saw to end the game.

Zane Badmaev (L, 0-1) was the pitcher of record for Tarleton. He tossed an inning, allowing the winning run on two hits.

Offensively, Hammonds and Perez paced the Texans. Hammonds finished with three hits and two RBI. Perez had two hits, three RBI and two runs scored. Cris Enriquez and Alec Williams each added two hits and an RBI apiece.

All five Texan pitchers who made an appearance allowed a run. Peyton Hutson earned the start, his first as a Texan. He threw 2 innings, allowing three runs on two hits. He struck out three and walked three.

TSU relay teams set two school records competing at Texas Relays

Tarleton Sports Information

AUSTIN — Tarleton State University track and field made history at the Texas Relays on Saturday, April 1 as the Texans broke two relay school records.

The first record broken was the 4x100-meter relay. The four student-athletes who

broke the record were Justin Raines, Reid Vincent, Everett Sadler, and David Mvundura. They combined for a time of 40.33 seconds, breaking the previous record of 40.42 seconds, which was set in 2002.

The second record broken was TSU's distance medley relay. The record was broken

by Angel Contreras, Brandon McKissick, Bailey Smotek, and Kevin Baez. Contreras started the relay with the 1,200-meter segment and ran it in a time of 3:02.30. He passed the baton to McKissick who ran the 400m leg in a time of 47.58 seconds. McKissick passed the baton to Smotek and ran

his 800-meter leg in 1:50.85. Baez finished the final leg in the 1,600-meters with a time of 4:10.82 for a total record-breaking time of 9:53.54.

OTHER NOTABLE FINISHES

Konnor Hoerman ran a season best in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.22

seconds.

Hanna Dudley and Danielle Thomas both competed in the 100-meter event. Dudley ran a time of 11.68 seconds, while Thomas had a time of 12.06 seconds.

Both Sadler and Mvundura also ran in the 100-meter event. Sadler recorded a

time 10.34 seconds, while Mvundura ran a time of 10.77 seconds.

Gabriele Tosti recorded a distance of 15.46 meters in the triple jump event.

Brady Sisneroz competed in the 400-meter hurdles and recorded a time of 55.86 seconds.

Tolar golfers sweep district titles; Brown perfect in Rattlers' romp

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Tolar Rattlers and Lady Rattlers won the District 11-2A golf championship, played March 30 at Canyon West in Weatherford and Wednesday, April 5 at Squaw Valley in Glen Rose.

The Rattlers A and B teams both qualified for the Region 2 Tournament April 19-20 in Ferris, finishing 1-2 in district. The Lady Rattlers will compete April 21-22 on the same Old Brickyard Course. From there, the top three teams and top three individuals not on those teams will advance to the Class 2A State Tournament at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, May 15-16 for the girls and May 22-23 for the boys.

The Rattlers A team shot a 679 for two days (336-343) to win by 95 shots over Tolar B with a 774 (381-393). The Lady Rattlers' total of 878 (450-428) outdistanced runner-up De Leon by 94 shots.

Jackson LeCluyse was the low individual, shooting a 162 (78-84) to lead the Rattlers A, followed by runner-up Wyatt Jones with a 165 (87-78) and third-place Talan Culberson at 171 (81-90).

Hanna Gaylor of Lipan was low individual among the girls with a 179 (86-93) and will also advance to regionals. Callen Nix of the Lady Rattlers was second with a 185 (91-94). Grace Heavyside played as a medalist for Lipan, shooting 217 (109-108) and also qualified for regionals.

The top two teams and top two players not on those teams qualified for regionals.

Also for the Rattlers A team, Colton Gibson posted a 181 (90-91) and Wyatt Wienecke shot 201 (110-91).

The Rattlers B scores included Cutter Cain, 189 (90-99); Dutch Cahill, 192 (91-101); Ty McClure, 197 (91-106); Reis Brown,

199 (112-87); and Garrett Tedder, 217 (109-108).

The Lady Rattlers' other scores were Savannah Tuel, 225 (112-113); Elizabeth Tuel, 229 (122-107); Maddie Moczygamba, 240 (125-115); and Abby Gannon, 240 (126-114).

The Lipan Indians were fifth among the boys with a 783 (381-402). They were led by Darius Steed, 179 (88-91); Garrett Smith, 189 (94-95); Tate Branson, 193 (97-96); and Beau Bromley, 222 (102-120).

Tolar also had three boys play as medalists only, Dakota Webb, 217 (107-110); Zane Brown, 236 (120-116); and Matthew McCarten, 255 (128-127).

TOLAR BASEBALL

The week after scoring 29 runs in a win over Santo, the Rattlers (10-6-2, 4-0 in District 13-2A) did one better in blanking rival Lipan 30-0 at home on April 4. Talan Brown pitched a perfect game in the five-inning victory that was cut short by the mercy rule, striking out 12.

The Rattlers ended the week with a 22-0 home win over the Indians.

Brown helped his cause at the plate in his perfect game, going 4-for-5 with a double and four runs batted in. He also stole three bases. Teammate Brock Owens was 4-for-5 with five RBI, was hit by a pitch and stole a base.

Also for Tolar in the first game: Mitchell Alford, 2-for-2, double, RBI; Jackson LeCluyse, 2-for-4, double, walk, hit by pitch, four RBI; Talan Culberson, 2-for-3, two walks, four RBI, stolen base; Keaton Morrison, 1-1, triple, three

walks; Cade Moody, 1-for-2, double, two RBI; Reis Brown, 1-for-5, three RBI; Drake Owens, 1-for-3, hit by pitch, walk, two RBI; Jesse Owen, walk, RBI; Merritt Imel, three walks, two RBI, stolen base.

Second game vs. Lipan: Hitting - Imel, 3-4, double, home run, six RBI; Moody, 3-for-5, five RBI, three stolen bases; B. Owens, 2-for-4, double, walk, two RBI; T. Brown, 2-for-5, double, RBI, stolen base; Culberson, 2-for-3, home run, two walks, four RBI; Owen, 1-for-4, hit by pitch; LeCluyse, 1-for-3, double, two hit by pitch, RBI; D. Owens, 1-for-3, hit by pitch, two RBI.

The Rattlers travel to Ranger Friday, April 14 for a 6:30 p.m. contest, followed by a trip to Fort Worth Trinity Valley School Saturday at noon.

GAYLOR, BRANSON COACHES OF THE YEAR

Lipan Lady Indians coach Amber Branson and Indians head coach Brent Gaylor have been named Coaches of the Year. The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches honored both with the top coaching honor in Class 2A. In addition, the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) named Branson Coach of the Year for Classes 1A-4A.

Branson led the Lady Indians to a 35-3 record and the Class 2A state championship in early March. A week later, Gaylor's Indians capped a 38-1 season with a state title, making Lipan the first school since Nazareth 16 years ago to win both the boys and girls championships in the same season. It was also the first time for Lipan teams to accomplish that feat.

Branson also collected the 400th victory of her career this season. It came during Lipan's own tournament and in the old gym in which she played

as a member of the Lady Indians when she led them to the 1995 state tournament.

She has been the head coach at Lipan since 2008, leading the Lady Indians to eight state tournaments and three state titles, including 2016 and 2021 before this season.

Gaylor has likewise coached the Indians to state championships in 2017 and 2018 before this season, along with state tournament appearances in 2021 and 2022. The Indians are 77-2 over the past two seasons, taking a 39-0 record into the 2022 state final before getting upset by Clarendon.

GRANBURY BASEBALL

The Pirates (10-13, 3-5 in District 5-5A) split a pair of league contests, winning 10-4 at Brewer on April 4 and losing 2-1 at home to the Bears on Thursday, April 6.

At Brewer: Hitting - Kyler Crites, 3-for-4, double; Hudson Hamilton, 3-for-4; Gavin Current, 2-for-4, walk, two RBI; Blake Bramlett, 2-for-5; Cooper Thomas, 2-for-5, home run, triple, two RBI; Braxton Heffernan, 1-for-4, RBI, stolen base; Tyler Guidry, walk, RBI. Pitching - Guidry, 7 innings, seven hits, four earned runs, four strikeouts, one walk.

Hosting Brewer: Hitting - Thomas, 2-for-3, double, RBI; Bramlett, 1-for-3; Crites, 1-for-3; Guidry, 1-for-2; Hamilton, 1-for-2.

The Pirates return to action Tuesday, April 18 when they host Saginaw. They travel to Saginaw on April 21. Both games are at 7 p.m.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers (13-1-1 overall) improved to 5-0 in

District 11-2A with an 8-0 win a pair of home wins, 8-0 over Lipan on April 4 and 16-6 over Santo on Thursday, April 6.

Vs. Lipan: Hitting - Senne Imel, 2-for-4, home run, two RBI; Reese Tryon, 2-for-3, double, triple, three RBI, stolen base; Courtney Hogan, 2-for-4, stolen base; Allyson Dobbs, 1-for-4, stolen base; Ava LeCluyse, 1-for-3, walk, RBI; Kany Deaver, two walks, RBI, two stolen bases; Lane Gardner, walk, hit by pitch. Pitching - Tryon, seven innings, four hits, 13 strikeouts, two walks.

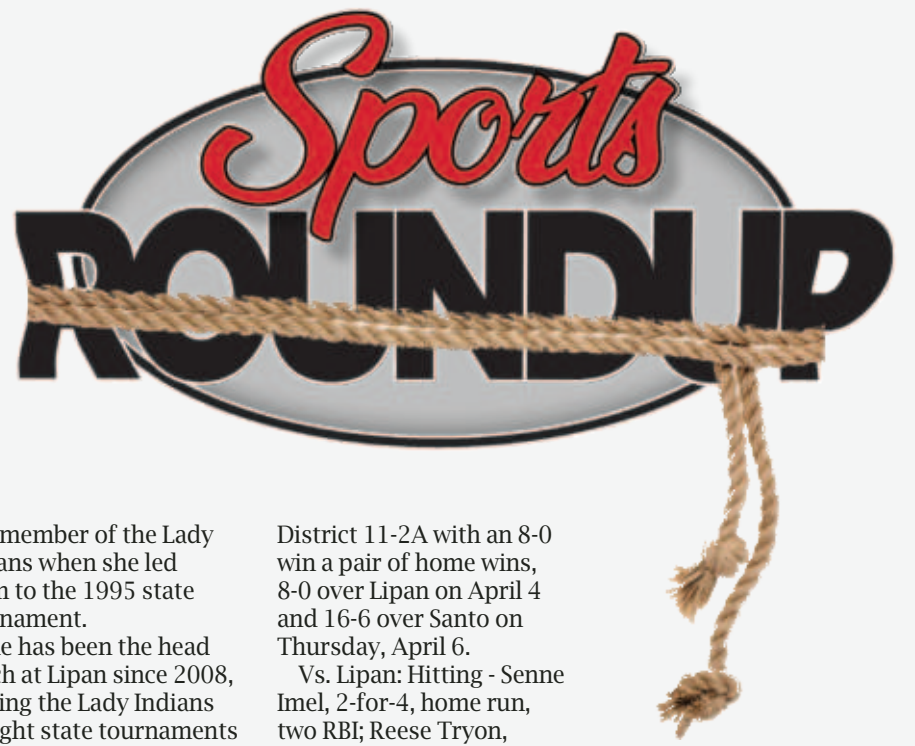
Lipan (6-5, 3-2 in district) vs. Tolar: Hitting - Ashlyn Clark, 1-for-4, double; Ella Sharp, 1-for-3; Finley Shockley, 1-for-2, walk; Cate Cooper, 1-for-3. Pitching - Sharp, 5.2 innings, eight hits, eight runs (five earned), 10 strikeouts, four walks, hit by pitch; Neali Overton, 0.1 innings, one walk.

Vs. Santo: Hitting - Dobbs, 3-for-4, home run, RBI, stolen base; Hogan, 3-for-4, double, three RBI; Imel, 2-for-5, home run, three RBI; Tryon, 2-for-4, double, RBI; Kaira Krause, 2-for-4, two RBI; Landri Kimmel, 1-for-4; LeCluyse, 1-for-3, walk, RBI; Deaver, 1-for-3, walk, RBI, stolen base; Rylee Hamby, 1-for-4, RBI. Pitching - Tryon got the victory in 3.2 innings of relief.

The Lady Rattlers travel to Gordon Friday, April 14 for a 4:30 p.m. game.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

The Lady Pirates (9-12-2, 3-5 in District 5-5A) had this past week off. They were playing at Wichita Falls Rider at press time and travel to Justin Northwest Saturday, April 15 for an 11 a.m. first



pitch.

DISTRICT TRACK MEETS

Granbury will compete in the District 5-5A Meet in Aledo Wednesday and Thursday, April 12-13. Tolar and Lipan will compete in the District 11-2A Meet in Tolar the same days.

The top four finishers in each event will advance to area competition. For Granbury that is April 21 at Justin Northwest, while Tolar and Lipan qualifiers will advance to Rio Vista April 19.

ALL-DISTRICT 11-2A

ACADEMIC BASKETBALL

Lipan girls: Chelsea Lott, Trinity Benitez, Lynsey Little, Ellie Peacock, Jolie Russell, Madison Harrison, Taylor Branson, Ashlyn Clark, Madison Cornelius, Olivia Benitez, Hanna Gaylor.

Tolar girls: Senne Imel, Maddie Rue, Shylar Nunley, Mackenzie McQuain, Ava LeCluyse, Emma Jackson, Callon Nix, Trinity Rosseau, Karley Richardson, Tillye Burgess (manager).

Lipan boys: Tyson Tarpley, Beau Bromley, Corey Massie, Tripp Phillips, Garrett Smith, Cole Reynolds, Tate Branson, Reese Cook, Darius Steed.

Tolar boys: Merritt, Cade Moody, Isaac Blessing, Luke Ellis, Reis Brown, Colton Gibson, Derek Brafford, Clayton Stemberge.

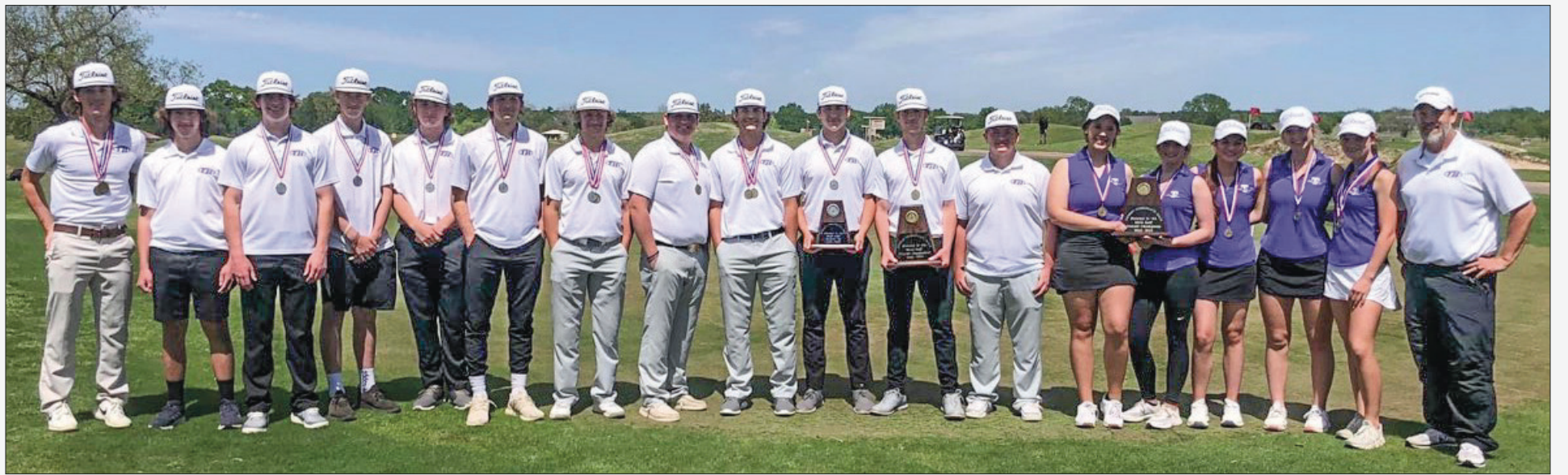


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All three Tolar golf teams advanced to regional competition after the Rattlers A and B teams finished first and second in district and the Lady Rattlers also won the league. Pictured are (from left) Talan Culberson, Matthew McCarten, Ty McClure, Garrett Tedder, Dutch Cahill, Reis Brown, Wyatt Jones, Wyatt Wienecke, Jackson LeCluyse, Cutter Cain, Colton Gibson, Dakota Webb, Abby Gannon, Savannah Tuel, Elizabeth Tuel, Maddie Moczygamba, Callan Nix and coach Scott Richardson.

LOOKING BACK

Not surprisingly, local political news was not quite the same a century ago

From Staff Reports

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

103 YEARS AGO

APRIL 1920

A couple of news briefs having a political flavor stood out in the Friday, April 30 edition of The Granbury News.

The first noted that Hon. R.E. Thomason, candidate for governor, was announced to speak here last Saturday

night, and would have had a good audience had it not been for the rain, which kept him from coming."

That must have been before the famous motto, "Neither rain nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail shall keep them from their scheduled campaign speech," was made popular. Actually, according to a Google search, that was derived from an ancient quote — about postmen.

The second political note in that day's paper, it might be said, served as a sort of correction. It states: "We overlooked last week ... calling attention to the announcement

of Commissioner R.W. Simmons of the first district as a candidate for the second term but of (course) all know he is a candidate."

We're not sure how that worked out for the longevity of Mr. Simmons political career.

99 YEARS AGO

APRIL 1924

On Page 8 of the April 18, 1924 edition of The Granbury News, a news article stated that Thorp Spring Christian College President A.R. Holton announced that "the little village of Thorp Spring was making prepara-

tions to handle the largest crowd ever assembled in Thorp Spring when the Hood County Singing Convention meets at Thorp Spring on May 10 and 11."

The news brief added, "Indications are that there will be singers at this meeting from all sections of the state. Sam Losh of Fort Worth will conduct a series of sing-songs throughout the day. Those Glen Rose people did themselves proud in entertaining Gov. Neff and the visiting friends last Tuesday. They not only furnished a good-sized and attentive audience for the speaking, but showed the governor

and his friends the beauties of the famous Paluxy valley, winding up at the Cliff Hotel, where a splendid luncheon was served to all, and all visitors were given a most hearty welcome."

79 YEARS AGO

APRIL 1944

The former Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. ran what now would be quite an eye-catching ad on Page 5 of the April 13, 1944 edition of The Hood County News Tablet that illustrates how totally different telephone connections and capabilities are in today's world.

The ad, which features a woman representing a telephone operator, and states:

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Guardbox Storage in Granbury, which is located at 1400 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, TX 76048, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.StorageTreasures.com. The auction will end on or around 11:00 A.M. on April 20, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 cash deposit for removal and cleanup will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants: Alice Pelkey- furniture, decor; Harvey Davis-furniture, tools; Alan Fish-tools, metal yard art, golf equip.

BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

Attend Water Safety Awareness Day for free life jackets, fishing poles



CHARLIE SHUGART

Charlie Shugart, is the assistant public information officer for the Brazos River Authority, based in Waco. A former newspaper reporter, she has been with the organization for four years.

Lake Granbury's Water Safety Awareness Day is returning this May with more than 300 free life jackets for the kiddos, 100 free fishing poles and lots of booths and excitement.

This event remains as important as ever since many people still believe that drowning is loud, involves a lot of splashing and someone bobbing up and down in the water, said Kyle Lewis, the Brazos River Authority's project manager/program coordinator.

"Downing isn't like what you see on TV. It is sudden. It is silent," he said. Looking away for just a moment could be a moment too long."

That's why it's so important to take time each year to get your well-fitted life jackets for children who enjoy visiting the water supply reservoir.

Lake Granbury's Water Safety Awareness Day will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Rough Creek Park, 2209 S. Morgan St. (Hwy 144). After a hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will mark the fifth annual event for those in the Hood County area. Each year, the BRA's Water Safety event has steadily grown to include more guests, more life vest giveaways, and more participation by other organizations throughout the surrounding community.

Having your child wear a life jacket isn't just about following the law. Those working in the Lake Granbury office have seen the life-changing tragedies that occur when life jackets are ignored.

Lake water is murky, and you can't see a child underwater and know they are in trouble, Lewis said.

"One second you're there, and another second you are

gone," Lewis said. "Drowning doesn't discriminate."

The first 300 youth at the event will be fitted for their own free life jacket. Life jacket sizes are based on weight, not age, so it's important to ensure the right size is given per child. Not all life jackets are created equal. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and materials. It's essential to choose one that is appropriate for the activity you're engaging in, and that is U.S. Coast Guard-approved.

The first 100 children interested will get a free fishing pole that they can use immediately. Experienced fishermen will be on hand to help them learn to bait and cast a line.

The lake office's annual event not only hands out free life jackets but invites in organizations to help teach different safety topics to our youth, Tucker said.

K-Hits 95.5 FM will broadcast live from the event. The Upper Trinity Groundwater District, with its teaching trailer, and other groups will provide many educational booths for kids to visit. Come out and enjoy a free hotdog under the sun.

Two buses from Carter BloodCare will also be on hand to allow adults to donate blood. Though the event ends at 1 p.m., Carter BloodCare will take donations until 2 p.m.

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GRANBURY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Our advocacy efforts include trying to lower property taxes, plus much more

BY WHITNEY KNIEPER



Whitney Knieper grew up in and around the real estate industry and has had her license for 12-plus years. She recently earned her broker's license and is a broker at Knieper Realty. Whitney is the 2023 President of the Granbury Association of REALTORS®. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University. Go Frogs!

Many people think REALTORS® only help with the buying and selling of real estate, when in fact, REALTORS® lobby and fight for personal property rights, local and state infrastructure, economic development, housing affordability, and property taxes, just to name a few.

Texas has more than 150,000 REALTOR® members across the state, and with 254 counties in Texas, finding the property balance for our state legislature is hard work. Every year thousands of REALTORS® gather in Austin for REALTOR® Day at the Capital, where local associations meet with their district representatives to discuss the issues and bills that are put forth before the state house and senate for vote.

On Wednesday, March 23, 2023, six members of the Granbury Association of REALTORS® traveled to Austin to rally for your rights as property owners. People are moving to Texas at an alarming rate, nearly 1,000 people per day! The legislature is focusing on the important big-picture infrastructure issues, such as broadband access and water. If you live in a ru-

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in 10 seconds or less," the website states. "In 2021, the ECC answered 29,798 emergency calls and 75,795 non-emergency calls resulting in 81,827 calls for service. The average answer time was 3.82 seconds."

The website further states: "Our in-house dispatcher training takes approximately

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2012), Voiance Translation services and Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch systems. At the end of training, each trainee must be certified as a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Telecommunications Officer, Emergency Medical Dispatch (ProQA), and Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System User.

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COURTESY HOOD COUNTY LIBRARY FACEBOOK PAGE

The Hood County Bookmobile — a mobile library that will bring books, programs, and internet access into economically disadvantaged neighborhoods — is scheduled to be on the road in Hood County beginning next month.

SOUR, BUT SWEET

Community can support GISD's future tycoons through Lemonade Day

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce and Granbury Independent School District are asking the community to pucker up and show some lemonade love for forward-thinking fifth-graders who may be tomorrow's awesome entrepreneurs.

The chamber, with buy-in from GISD, is bringing national Lemonade Day to Granbury.

On Saturday, May 20, chamber president and CEO Brian Bondy hopes there will be lemonade stands throughout the community operated by many of GISD's 550 fifth graders. He is putting the squeeze, so to speak, on business owners, asking them to show their support by allowing lemonade stands to be placed on their parking lots or at their storefronts.

Bondy stated that the chamber purchased the license and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills-approved curriculum, which comes with student workbooks.

With Lemonade Day taking place outside the classroom and on a Saturday, participation will be voluntary.

"While all students will be participating in financial literacy lessons in the classroom that mimic a business plan and such concepts, the actual Lemonade Day event is optional and initiated/led by parents and guardians with their student outside of school," GISD Communications Director Lissa Oliver told the Hood County News in an email.

Bondy said that participating students will be in teams of two or three. Teams will be small so that each student will take home a larger share of profits. Depending on the number of students who take part in Lemonade Day, that could mean a lot of lemonade stands throughout the community.

Started in Houston in 2007 as a way to build self-esteem in students and ignite an entrepreneurial spirit, the strategic lesson-based program has to date impacted one million children in more than 80 licensed markets in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, including six U.S. military bases, according to the program's website.

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Turning the page on poverty

Hood County Bookmobile rolling into town next month

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Starting next month, Hood County residents who are unable to travel to the library can have the library come to them with Hood County Library's new bookmobile.

PURCHASE

Back in 2021, the Hood County Commissioner's Court approved the purchase of an 18-foot-long 2022 Ford F550 that would be used as a mobile library to bring books, programs, and internet access into economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, as well as the communities of Cresson, Tolar, and Lipan.

However, it soon became apparent that a different vehicle

would be needed to accommodate everything that the Hood County Bookmobile would be used for, so the decision was made to purchase a 29-foot-long Freightliner MT55 instead.

"(The vehicle was originally a Ford), but this is a Freightliner and it's so much better," said Hood County Library Foundation Board President Susan Scott. "The shelving inside is movable, and because it's such a nice big bus, you can go

in and come out. The other truck, there was one entrance in and out, but this one, if it's a nice day in the summer, they can move shelving out next to the bus and set up tables."

Jennifer Logsdon, Hood County Library director, said the Freightliner cost a total of \$322,988 — adding that \$50,000 of the funds were donated from the Library Foundation Board, while the Hood County Commissioner's Court and donations from residents covered the rest of the purchase.

A generous donation of \$100,000 from local resident Rachel Ledbetter also contributed largely to the purchase and is one reason why the bookmobile will be coming to Hood County sooner

rather than later.

"Timing is everything," Scott said. "It would have taken us a lot longer to raise \$50,000, so we're going to take the bus to Pecan Plantation and one of the first stops will be to her house, so she'll get to see the bus. We also have a plaque for the library and a plaque is going on the bus (with her name on it, thanking her for the donation)."

FEATURES

The Hood County Bookmobile is blue, featuring the phrase "Hood County Library on Wheels: Delivering Stories and Technologies to You!" painted on the side, with an image of an open

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"I'm just excited to take the library out of the brick and mortar. The library belongs to the county and a lot of people in Hood County live far from the building, so I'm really hoping this closes the gap for those who can't get here. (Residents) pay taxes to the county and I want them to be able to use the services the county provides."

JENNIFER LOGSDON
Hood County Library director

HAPPY EASTER IN HOOD COUNTY



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The folks at the American Legion brought Easter joy to every girl and boy who participated in their Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8, on the grounds of Post 491 at 3409 Davis Road. Friends Cooper Gilchrist (left) and Anneliessia Griffin were delighted to win Easter baskets in a raffle. Please see more Easter photos, B2.

TPW Commission approves changes to freshwater fishing regulations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted multiple changes to the freshwater fishing regulations for the upcoming 2023-24 season at the March 23 meeting.

The freshwater fishing regulation changes focus on simplifying and clarifying fishing-related rules on waters within public parks, particularly Community Fishing Lakes (CFLs). Additional changes removed unnecessary exceptions and clarified water-body boundaries.

The new changes also include modified largemouth bass and catfish regulations on select waterbodies and the removal of fishing regulations for Gibbons Creek Reservoir due to the closure of public access to the fishery.

"Our goal is to make those angling experiences as easy and enjoyable as possible," said Craig Bonds, TPWD's Inland Fisheries director. "Our staff has been intentional about coordinating with city, county and state park authorities to provide quality fishing opportunities in Community Fishing Lakes, most of which reside within safe and convenient

locations for families to enjoy time spent outdoors."

The changes enacted for the 2023-24 license year take will effect Sept. 1. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will incorporate the details of these new regulations into the 2023-24 edition of the Outdoor Annual.

The regulation changes are as follows:

- Modified the definition of and fishing regulations for Community Fishing Lakes (CFLs) as follows:

- Clarified that CFLs include all public impoundments 75 acres or smaller, located totally within incorporated city limits or a municipal, city, county or state park. The new definition will exclude impoundments greater than 75 acres that are totally within the boundaries of state parks.

- Removed special exceptions for blue and channel catfish and removed statewide daily bag, possession and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag

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Easter eggs-travaganza



Waiting with anticipation for the Easter egg hunt to start in DeCordova on Sunday.

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Harper Newton and her parents, Ryan and Kate Newton. Harper found one of the "prize eggs" during Sunday's Easter egg hunt in DeCordova.

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The Easter bunny waves during the Easter egg hunt Sunday in DeCordova.

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Children of the Rancho Brazos community proudly show their haul following the Easter egg hunt event hosted by AVIVA Granbury Senior Living on April 6.

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Children run with smiles as they search for Easter eggs during the American Legion Post 491 Easter egg hunt on Sat. April 8.

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Anneliessa Griffin grabs a prize Easter Basket during the American Legion Post 491 Easter egg hunt this past weekend.

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CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

GISD SCHOLARSHIP fundraiser sponsored by the Joyce Carver Memorial Scholarship will take place on Sunday April 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Brew Drinkery and Bistro located at 206 East Pearl Street in Granbury. The public is invited to a concert with Alex Dezen. Tickets are available at \$30. All proceeds will benefit scholarships for GISD students. For more information, call 817-381-8871.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

ELIZABETH CROCKETT Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Program: Mary Flores, Crime Victim Liaison on PHONE SCAMS. Acton Methodist Church, Education Building, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX. Social begins at 9:30 a.m. the meeting is called to order at 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

LIONS CLUB will host their gen-

eral 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

HOOD COUNTY Republican Women monthly meeting will be

held at the Women's Wednesday Clubhouse located at 306 North Travis Street, Granbury 76048 on April 19, 2023. Social/check in is at 10:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. This month's guest speaker is Sheriff Roger Deeds. Let's show our patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

HOOD COUNTY Hospital District regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held April 28, 2023 at noon at the Hood County Library in the Pecan Meeting Room, 222 N. Travis St. in Granbury, Tx.

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 6

SPRING PICNIC and Scholarship Fundraisers benefitting GISD Seniors will take place on Saturday May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Park Pavilion located at Pearl Street in Granbury. This event is sponsored by the Hood County Democratic Club and the Texas Democratic Women. The public is invited to a Family Picnic and BBQ Lunch. Adults \$15 and children \$5. Entertainment Pirates vs Hollywood. All proceeds will benefit GISD Scholarships. For more information call 817-776-3724.



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The Lemonade Day initiative includes classroom instruction and mentors/sponsors from the business community. The Granbury chamber is asking for business leaders to help with the May 20 event.

LEMONADE

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Through curriculum-based classroom learning that will take place in the last days of the school year, students will be taught the ins-and-outs of creating and operating a business.

As part of Lemonade Day, students will be tasked with building a lemonade stand and deciding what kind of lemonade they will sell. They can purchase Minute Maid or a mix, Bondy said, or they can create their own unique recipe.

Students must secure sponsorships or "business loans" to purchase ingredients and materials such as tablecloths, pitchers, and plastic cups. The loans are to be paid back with proceeds from sales.

Bondy said that the goal is for students to make enough profit to buy something for themselves, save some, and give some to an organization of their choice. Giving teaches philanthropy, he noted.

The chamber leader said that each campus will have a "Best



Lemonade Stand" award and a "Best Entrepreneur" award. "Part of the reason why the chamber is involved is because we're a business organization and

we want to help that next generation of potential business owners see how cool it is to start your own business," Bondy said. Business owners who would

like to help with Lemonade Day can contact the chamber at 817-573-1622.

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Left, Granbury's first Lemonade Day event will feature participants from among Granbury ISD's 550 fifth graders. The entrepreneurship program has impacted one million children in more than 80 licensed markets in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda.

Started in Houston in 2007 as a way to build self-esteem in students and ignite an entrepreneurial spirit, the strategic lesson-based program has to date impacted one million children in more than 80 licensed markets in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, including six U.S. military bases, according to the program's website.

Hood County SCENE

YOUR GUIDE TO DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

GTC's next show a lesson on how to love children



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BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Next to family, teachers can have the strongest impact on a child's life. Hopefully that is a positive one, but sadly that is not always the case.

In the case of Matilda Wormwood, her family is anything but positive. However, her life changes forever when she crosses paths with one very special teacher — who recognizes Matilda, while different from other children, has much to offer the world.

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month, and what a perfect time for the Granbury Theatre Company's next production. "Matilda." Roald Dahl's classic story of a little girl with psychokinetic powers who just wants to be loved, comes to the stage last weekend, and continues through April 30.

Matilda offers plenty for a family to love — that is, a family that isn't self-centered and filled with greed and every sort of meanness imaginable, which hers, unfortunately, is. In fact, as one watches the show you wonder how such a charming little girl with such wit and intelligence could ever be the offspring of such parents.

Matilda has an insatiable appetite for learning. She loves to read and to absorb every ounce of an opportunity for discovery. However, she comes from a family that abhors the very thought of education and thrives on doing everything

possible to cheat their way through this world.

Matilda's home situation is more an example of emotional abuse and neglect — but it is nonetheless abuse. The story is a brutal reminder that not all scars are physical, but also that escape from such a life is possible.

But it's not only her family that makes Matilda's life one putdown and rejection after another. There's also the evil Miss Trunchbull, the head mistress at her school, who loves to create new ways to punish children.

But then Matilda meets Miss Honey, a teacher at the school, and they have a profound positive effect on each other's lives. Miss Honey understands what a positive effect someone like Matilda can have on the world and offers her the love and care she never received at home.

Because, in spite of all around her (except Miss Honey, of course), Matilda loves to smile. She loves the happiness that learning brings her.

The production stars Blaire Stanfield and Hannah Ward sharing the title role, while Jonah Hardt is Miss Trunchbull and Audrey Randall portrays Miss Honey.

The musical's director, Jay Lewis, is a former teacher himself. He was a part of the Cleburne School District for a quarter century, beginning as a fifth-grade instructor and moving into administration. He was an elementary principal for 15 years before ending his educational career as a middle school theater arts teacher.

Lewis offered his insight on the message "Matilda" delivers and why, 35 years

after it was published as one of Dahl's final works, it remains an important part of society.

HCN: Why is this play important to you, being a former educator yourself?

JL: This play is important, because not only does it show the importance of a good educational environment, but it also shows that family can be found anywhere one is loved, looked after and cared for.

HCN: Does the show also send a strong message of child abuse and/or neglect?

JL: Oh yes! In today's society Matilda's family would have been reported to CPS.

HCN: What is the message from Matilda about how important a good teacher is in the life of a child?

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Above, Director Jay Lewis gives stage instructions during dress rehearsal.

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limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14 inches.

- Continued largemouth bass special exceptions for five CFLs.
- Clarified the pole-and-line restrictions for CFLs, state park lakes and Deputy Darren Goforth Park Lake.

- Changes to CFL regulations required modifications to catfish regulations for three state park lakes — Abilene (Taylor County), Raven (Walker County) and Sheldon (Harris County) — to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish to implement a daily bag limit of 15 and a 14-inch minimum length limit.

- Applied the CFL fishing regulations to eight water bodies for management consistency with CFLs to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish and remove statewide daily bag, possession and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14



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In March, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted multiple changes to the freshwater fishing regulations for the upcoming 2023–24 season.

inches.

- Modified largemouth bass harvest regulations for Lake Nasworthy (Tom Green County) to eliminate special exceptions (14- to 18-inch slot length limit) to statewide daily bag, possession and length limits

and return to statewide regulations.

- Implemented a largemouth bass catch-and-release regulation for the newly renovated Lake Forest Park (Denton County, City of Denton).

- Removed fishing regulations

for Gibbons Creek Reservoir. This reservoir is privately owned and no longer open to the public.

- Modified catfish harvest regulations for Dixieland Lake (Cameron County) to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish

and remove statewide daily bag, possession and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14 inches. Dixieland Lake's size has been reassessed, and it is classified as a CFL.

- Modified catfish harvest regulations for Bellwood (Smith County) and Tankersley (Titus County) lakes to eliminate special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for blue and channel catfish and return to statewide regulations.

- Delineated the upstream reservoir boundaries for Choke Canyon Reservoir (Live Oak and McMullen counties) and O.H. Ivie Reservoir (Coleman, Concho and Runnels counties) to differentiate between the inflowing river and the reservoir where special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession and length limits are in place.

- Corrected the upstream reservoir boundary road name for Lake Conroe (Montgomery and Walker counties).

BOOK

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book with stars and sparkles emitting from the pages.

"It was kind of hard to narrow (the design) down, but I wanted something that would be timeless because this vehicle's going to last a long time, so in 10 years, I didn't want something that would be so trendy that it wouldn't catch people's eye anymore," Logsdon said. "We wanted a little element of magic, so that's why they kind of did the book open with a little fairy dust coming out of it because books are magical because they can take you places that don't really exist and they can take you places that you can't afford to travel to, so I wanted to make sure we included that element."

The bookmobile will be equipped with 3,000 books, ranging in genres like nonfiction, fiction, young adult, and children.

"Right now, we've got enough books to fill it up, but our goal is

to have enough books to fill it up twice so that we can have a collection that's always being rotated," Logsdon said. "For example, if we have a series, we don't want to put a whole series of books in the bookmobile just because it takes up a lot of space, so we might put the first two or three books in a series, but it might be that we have the rest of the series in the library. If they've started that series and really like it and they want number four and we don't have it on the bookmobile, they can request it, they'll put it on hold, and then the next time we go to that location, we'll bring them that book that they wanted."

The bookmobile will also have audiobooks and DVDs, with the goal to incorporate Chromebooks and printers in the future.

"We're going to start with the books, but yes, eventually, we hope to have a way to set up computers for those who need access and also printing availability," Logsdon said. "It's just a smaller

collection that mirrors what we have in the library."

With built-in Wi-Fi, the bookmobile can also provide internet access for residents if the vehicle is in range.

"It'll help to close some gaps there as well," Logsdon added.

SCHEDULE

The Hood County Bookmobile is set to make two to three stops a day, with each stop averaging a couple of hours — providing plenty of time for residents to utilize its features.

"We'll go out to Cresson, Lipan, and Tolar and some of the other neighborhoods that maybe are transportation-challenged to be able to get to the library so we can bring it to them," Logsdon said. "That's kind of our goal is to serve the youngest and the oldest people in our community — not that we won't serve the ones in between — but we want to cater to those who can't get here by themselves."

Logsdon said the bookmobile will be on the road anywhere from three to five days a week on a regular schedule of Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Wednesdays by appointment only, and Saturdays twice a month.

"We plan to go to some of our gated communities too, like DeCordova and Pecan Plantation and some of those that are further out, who don't always get (to visit the library)," Logsdon said.

Monthly schedules of the bookmobile route will be posted on the Hood County Library website and Facebook page.

LAUNCH

The Hood County Bookmobile is currently on order and is set to be delivered closer to the end of April, with the official launch set for some time in May.

A ribbon cutting event for the bookmobile will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 2-4 p.m. at the Hood County Library.

"After that, hopefully we'll be able to get it out on the road," Logsdon said. "I would say at the latest, middle of May, but we want to get out to some places before school is over because we hope to get some regular stops and families signed up for summer reading."

Logsdon said she feels "like a kid on Christmas Eve," waiting for the bookmobile to be delivered.

"I'm just excited to take the library out of the brick and mortar," she added. "The library belongs to the county and a lot of people in Hood County live far from the building, so I'm really hoping this closes the gap for those who can't get here. (Residents) pay taxes to the county and I want them to be able to use the services the county provides."

For more information, call the Hood County Library at 817-573-3569.

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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.

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).

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 Bingham 817.657.0822

GRIEFSHARE 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.

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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.

GRIEFSHARE 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

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.



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Sun: 11:25AM, 2:05PM, 4:50PM, 7:35PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:40PM, 7:25PM.
Thurs: 2:30PM, 5:15PM, 8:05PM

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Fri: 11:15AM, 2:30PM, 5:45PM, 9:00PM.
Sat: 12:40PM, 3:45PM, 6:55PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 11:00AM, 2:05PM, 5:10PM, 8:15PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:30PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:15PM

His Only Son (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 11:00AM, 1:30PM, 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 9:00PM.
Sun: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 2:45PM

John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)
Fri: 11:40AM, 3:20PM, 7:00PM.
Sat: 12:00PM, 3:45PM, 7:25PM.
Sun: 11:50AM, 3:30PM, 7:10PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:15PM, 6:20PM.
Thurs: 8:25PM

Renfield (R)
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:20PM, 9:40PM

The Pope's Exorcist (R)
Thurs: 4:30PM, 7:00PM, 9:30PM

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
Fri: 11:05AM, 12:00PM, 1:25PM, 2:20PM, 4:40PM, 6:05PM, 7:00PM, 8:25PM.
Sat: 10:45AM, 11:45AM, 1:05PM, 2:05PM, 4:25PM, 5:45PM, 6:45PM, 8:05PM, 10:25PM.
Sun: 11:00AM, 12:40PM, 1:20PM, 3:40PM, 5:20PM, 6:00PM, 7:40PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 5:20PM, 6:40PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 3:00PM, 5:20PM, 6:45PM, 7:40PM, 9:05PM

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Fri: 3:45PM, 9:20PM.
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Solution for the puzzle on April 8 (Puzzle 17).

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3	6	8	7	5	4	1	2	9
4	1	7	9	3	6	2	8	5
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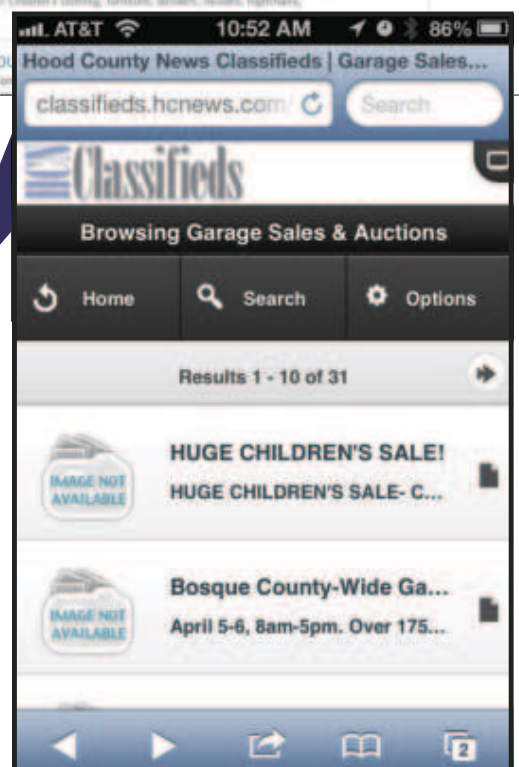
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COURTESY OF JEFF MEADOR

Pictured is the cast of Matilda taken at a recent dress rehearsal.

MATILDA

FROM PAGE B4

JL: A good teacher is there to encourage, to point out and build on a student's strengths and be a loving and supportive advocate for that student.

HCN: What about the message from a bad teacher?

JL: Anyone who is mean, nasty and terrorizing cannot be a productive educator.

HCN: Are there more Miss Honeys or more Miss Trunchbulls in the world of education today?

JL: Absolutely more Miss Honeys.

HCN: What message does the show send to parents and even siblings?

JL: Every one should be valued and celebrated for who they are.

HCN: Is there a message about being "different" being a good thing?

JL: Being unique is a good thing. Standing up for what is right can be an inspiration to others.

HCN: Besides yourself, are there any other educators/former educators involved with the show?

JL: We have several teachers, current and former among our cast. Theater arts, choir, art, elementary music are represented onstage.

HCN: Any additional thoughts/comments?

JL: We began our rehearsal process with each actor and crew member introducing themselves. We asked them to identify the teacher that had the most influence on their life. Over half of the responses indicated a fine arts teacher, art, choir, theater, band, dance.

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