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'A UNIQUE WAY TO HEAL'

Forward Training Center offers 'gold standard' in IT certification

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Forward Training Center of Hood County has added a new program that offers training to become a Cisco Certified Network Associate, the "gold standard of certifications in the IT industry," according to former Cisco employee John Schlueter.

Those involved said that the certification will open doors to a variety of IT-related jobs, including cyber security.

Although Schlueter worked for Cisco for 21 years before retiring, he had to train to become a Cisco Network Academy instructor. He did so just so he could help Forward Training Center clients achieve the valuable certification, which he said is the equivalent of two years of college education.

"This is unique and it really is quite an amazing thing," said Gay Berryman, district representative for the Cisco Networking Academy. Like Schlueter, she lives in Granbury.

Berryman said that the academy is a philanthropic initiative on the part of Cisco. The company created a portal with three courses that are accessible for free to teachers and students.

Created in 1997, the program is now in 190 countries and has served 17 million students, she said.

Schlueter has intentionally been taking it slow in creating the program at the FTC. He has instructed two students so far. One of those students, Caroline Naylor, has successfully completed

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Hood County's Clothesline Project is displayed on the Historic Granbury Square across from 1890 Grille & Lounge. Each T-shirt is decorated by survivors of violence or in honor of someone who has experienced violence. The clothesline will remain up on the Historic Granbury Square until Monday, April 24.

Hood County Clothesline Project gives voice to sexual assault victims

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

We all have a story to tell. But some cut deeper than others. The past few weeks, you may have noticed a clothesline display on the Historic Granbury Square across from 1890 Grille & Lounge with various shirts hanging up that display words and images in marker.

These shirts each tell a story — of pain, violence, and abuse at the hands of someone else.

Known as the Clothesline Project, this powerful display of T-shirts is dedicated to raising awareness about the reality of violence in our society. Each T-shirt is decorated by survivors

of violence or in honor of someone who has experienced violence.

According to the Clothesline Project website, the program first originated in Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. It is an outlet

for women affected by violence to express their emotions by decorating a shirt. The shirts are then hung on a clothesline to be viewed by others as a testimony to the problem of violence against women. With the support of many, it has since spread worldwide.

Last April, Mission Granbury's Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children started the Clothesline Project in Hood County in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"We had a total of 26 shirts (that were hanging up last year)," said Rebecca Freeman, Ada Carer Shelter program director. "We also have a bucket out there to drop a clothespin because maybe you're not com-

fortable with making a shirt, but you can drop a clothespin in the bucket, and last year, we had 36 clothespins."

In total, 62 sexual assault victims — or individuals who knew a sexual assault victim — came forward last year to share their story.

"That was my fear last year when we did it for the first time was that nobody would participate," said Justin Rossner, director of programs for CASA and victim services. "It was such a heavy subject that I was afraid nobody would want to be associated with that, so the fact that it is getting anything added to it is actually really exciting."

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Kroger introduces GHS graduate, florist as new supplier; donates \$2K to United Way

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

A north Texas florist is returning to his roots with the implementation of Kroger's Go Fresh & Local supplier accelerator program.

Granbury High School graduate Jim Berry is the owner and president of J. Berry Nursery & Genetics with his son, Jonathan Berry — and was recently the recipient of a huge honor.

Berry's north Texas nursery was one of five businesses selected from more than 1,600 suppliers who applied to Kroger's 2022 cohort program to identify fresh, local, and regional brands to be sold in Kroger stores and receive strategic business mentoring.

A celebration honoring Berry's nursery was held on April 14, complete with complimentary cupcakes and a chance for Kroger shoppers to win great prizes.

"I could not be happier to be here today with Jim and his family," said Kristen Thompson, director of floral merchandising at Kroger during the celebration. "Jim and I have been on quite the journey over the last year. He joined us as part of a program called Go Fresh & Local, and we're now in our third season. The whole mission is to bring the best local product to our customers so that when you get it in your home, you know that it was grown locally, and it's going to thrive as soon as you plant it or put it in your product."

"Jim trusted the process. He took first place last year in our Go Fresh & Local campaign and it was a star-studded event. He came ready and prepared, and I'm so proud of him. I'm so proud of the work that he's done with Kroger and we're just excited to launch

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Kroger presented a \$2,000 donation to the United Way of Hood County on April 14 to commemorate Earth Month. The donation was presented during Friday's celebration naming Granbury High School graduate and florist Jim Berry as the company's new floral supplier.



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To me, what that means is that not only do individuals feel safe enough in our community to express themselves, but the amount of people who are there observing — whether they're learning it for the first time, or they're understanding and admitting that this is happening in our community — it's working as its intended purpose, so that is very exciting to me."

For the project's second year, the clothesline itself was improved and designed by Granbury High School seniors.

"We wanted to do something that was sturdier and is more stable, so Brad Eppler and his senior class designed it, built it, and then they came out to the square and volunteered their time to put it together for us," Freeman said. "That's getting the kids involved and it's really spreading awareness in all the right places."

This year, the clothesline has now been up for two weeks on Pearl St., with 12 community members participating in the project.

"If you have time, I recommend going and reading the shirts; it's extremely impactful," Freeman said. "And I think anybody just walking by and reading those shirts, it kind of hits home that this is in the community. It is out there, and it's not something that people think about or recognize."

"One of the things that I think is most important is that it's allowing the survivor a unique way to heal," Rossner said. "Silence is not what helps survivors heal. Being able to share essential information that becomes data — so that you can know what to look for when someone's being sexually assaulted — actually helps everyone figure out what needs to happen in order to help those people heal; it's a therapeutic outlet."

Each T-shirt reflects the per-

sonal experience of its creator and may occasionally have some graphic material on them. This may include swear words, explicit, violent or sexual descriptions of the attack, or other statements that reflect the emotions and reality the individual experienced.

"They're not censored," Freeman said. "They can write whatever they want to, so there's some powerful statements on there."

Although the project is still in its infancy, both Freeman and Rossner said they plan to continue to hold the Clothesline Project in Granbury for many years to come.

"One of the things that is relative to any prevention and awareness campaign is trying to get people to see it and trying to get people to realize that it's here," Rossner said. "So that's why we'll continue to do things like this to raise awareness for domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, poverty, all of those things because the people that need to see it and be educated are not necessarily the people that work at Mission Granbury; it's everyone. It's a community effort."

Freeman added, "I'll continue to do it every April until they tell us we can't."

The Clothesline Project will remain on the square until Monday, April 24, due to the timing of other local events.

Freeman urges individuals and sexual assault victims to express their feelings on a T-shirt before the end of the project this year.

Rossner also encourages Hood County residents to wear teal every Tuesday in support of Sexual Assault Awareness.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, call the 24-hour crisis hotline at 844-579-6848 or Mission Granbury's Ada Carey Family Violence Shelter hotline at 817-579-6848.

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Twelve T-shirts are currently displayed on Hood County's Clothesline Project that contain powerful statements from sexual assault victims. The shirts are not censored and reflect the personal experience of their creator. Graphic material like swear words, explicit, violent or sexual descriptions of the attack, or other statements reflect the emotions and reality the individual experienced.



GRANBURY WINE WALK

APRIL 28 & 29, 2023

Music Line Up
April 28th - Friday

Main Stage on the Courthouse Square
12:00-2:00 - Holi Garrett
2:30-4:30 - Kelly Blues
5:00-7:00 - Brady Hulseley Band

FRIDAY - Exhibits Close - 8:00 PM
- Main Stage on the Courthouse Square - Lawn Seating

April 29 - Saturday

Main Stage on the Courthouse Square
12:00-2:00 - Flat Five
3:00-5:00 - Mojo D'Ville Band
6:00-8:00 - Vintage Yell - Jesse Spradlin & Chris Raspante Band

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- Sheriff's Posse - Jail House Photo Ops
- Arts & Crafts

Langdon Park
12:00-2:00 - David Fike
2:30-4:30 - Flat Five
5:00-7:00 - JetBlacq with Rebecca & Frank Faiola

8:00-10:00 - Tommy Alverson & the Western Deluxe Band

Langdon Park
12:00-2:00 - Holi Garrett
2:30-4:30 - John & George - Acoustic Beatles Duo
5:00-7:00 - Sonny Morgan




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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Why are some past societal norms seen as no longer normal?



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.

Social norms are an intricate part of any culture. The world needs standards. Those standards provide people with a platform as to what is expected from them. At some level, each resident who conforms to those standards makes a small concession of their “personal freedom,” but for most of us, conforming is simply the right thing to do. It is what makes our society a pleasant and happier place to live.

Wait a minute! I know we are in Texas, and I do not want anyone to think I am advocating the state take away personal rights or constitutional freedoms. I am referring to the little things people do to conform in order to create a polite and functional society. Little things like males opening the door for a lady or giving up your seat so a lady may sit down. Respecting your teachers, showing kindness to old people, and not cutting in line at a crowded theater or restaurant. There are thousands of examples from extending your hand to shake when meeting a stranger to maintaining good personal hygiene. All those ritualistic sorts of things we do to be good to our neighbor, and for the world we live in to be a kinder and more orderly place.

Over the past 10 years I have

noticed more and more societal norms falling apart. Where once tattoos were frowned upon, they are now common, and not just among the young. At one time, to wear tattered jeans out in public would have been an embarrassment, and now they are manufactured that way. Once upon a time when a relationship came to an end, there was the dreaded “breakup meeting,” where one party would inform the other and give their reasons why the relationship was ending. I understand that today, many of those meetings are held by text! I am not making a judgment on these societal changes, simply noting change is always occurring.

I had a long talk with myself and asked if I was simply “old” and thinking the world was going to

hell simply because it was evolving. While sitting on my deck staring out at the water, I determined my thoughts were not the paranoia of some old guy fearing change. I would like to think I welcome societal change that improves our world, and appreciate each successive generation must find its own way. No, the change that concerns me is a change that goes to the very heart of each one of us — and I see it slowly and surely, slipping away. Whatever happened in our world to make it less kind and more confrontational?

The more I reflected, the more disturbed I became. What I came to conclude was so much of this deterioration comes from our leadership. Politics has always been a hostile and dirty business but somewhere along the line, civility went out the window. No longer can two people have different views on an issue and remain friends. Instead, one casts the other as the “enemy.” How does that make sense and how is that healthy for our society? What happened to listening to the other side and trying to understand? When you only know one side of an issue you are only half smart. Wouldn’t it be better to find out what we can agree on and move from there?

Our political leaders have a strategy. They make outrageous statements in order to get a response from voters via donations to their favorite fundraising vehicle. The truth is, many politicians plan their

outrageous and inflammatory statements around their fundraising, knowing the more dramatic the statement, the more enraged their audience will be and the more money they will receive. This is not leadership; it is a grift. Let me be clear, this happens on both sides of the aisle. The politicians put their own self-interests above those they serve, and they motivate their followers in order to best serve their interests and not the country. This filters down from the national level all the way to local politics.

For many, many years our national motto was “E. Pluribus Unum” — “out of many one.” We celebrated our differences and how we as a country contained many different cultures, different backgrounds, and different views of how the world should be. We talked with each other and worked to understand each other, and most importantly, found ways to compromise. Our founding fathers set up our system of government based on the idea compromise was essential to good government, and probably brought about the best course of action for society. They knew extreme ideas were seldom best whether they came from the left or the right.

I am afraid this divide is worse than simply seeing politics differently. Our people have divided into polarized groups who not only advocate their position is the “only position,” but are unwilling to talk, negotiate, or come off their

position. When people in their own party disagree, they are outcasts and vilified as some sort of traitors to the cause. Where does it end?

Our country has many serious issues to face. The problems need to be addressed by all of us working together, looking for a solution rather than seeking political gain or political blame. It seems to me it makes little difference how we got to where we are. We could spend the rest of eternity arguing about that, and what would we gain? What we need are solutions, and those solutions need to be in the form of action that best serves the entirety of our country. It should start with the end of name-calling and blame-shifting. Let’s start with kindness and a willingness to try and understand the other side.

If we don’t act soon, our new norm will be utter turmoil and our own destruction. Do your part to try kindness first and work to solve problems, not try and make the most noise and further divide us. Lets make that the new norm!

Thought for the day: One of the toughest things for leaders to master is kindness. Kindness shares credit and offers enthusiastic praise for other’s work. It is a balancing act between being genuinely kind and not looking weak. Travis Bradberry

Until next time...I will keep ridin’ the storm out!

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Children’s Advocacy Center to host free wine, music event April 20

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center is once again partnering with D’Vine Wine on Thursday, April 20 for its annual Sip & CAC event.

Located at 107 E. Bridge St., from 5-8 p.m., the free event will include refreshments, entertainment, raffles, and free PRCAC wine glasses

for the first 50 attendees.

“We hope the community will come out and enjoy some wine and music by Adam Richards,” said Traci Cooper-Ives, director of community education and engagement at PRCAC. “The PRCAC does this annually in April to spread awareness during Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

PRCAC’s mission is to promote the healing of child abuse victims

one child at a time, according to the website.

“Only one in 10 children will ever report abuse,” Cooper-Ives said. “The PRCAC provides education and outreach events in schools and the community for both adults and children. Our goal is to reach the nine that wouldn’t otherwise tell.”

The Sip & CAC event is only one out of several events that the PRCAC hosts in the spring in sup-

port of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Other events included the free screening of the “REWIND” documentary on March 29, the pinwheel garden planting on March 30, and the upcoming Y Healthy Kids Day on April 29.

“In March alone, 1,837 adults and children attended events hosted by the PRCAC,” Cooper-Ives said.

She said she encourages community members to come to the Sip &

CAC event, where 20% of the proceeds will benefit PRCAC’s mission.

“Don’t miss out,” she added. “Come pop a cork for a cause and help us reach the nine.”

For more information about PRCAC, visit paluxyrivercac.org online, or call 817-573-0292.

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Chamber to host satellite location for national conference

From staff reports

In a year dominated by discussions about artificial intelligence, Leadercast 2023: Human Intelligence is focused on one-on-one relationships in the business world and how to be a leader worth following.

The Wednesday, May 3 conference will take place in Cincinnati but there will be satellite locations across the country, including one in Granbury.

Speakers will include eight prominent but varied leaders, including best-selling authors.

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce will host a satellite location at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St. The event will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day.

The cost is \$50 for chamber members and \$75 for non-members. Register online at bit.ly/3MHv9al.

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this company — and we know that this is just the beginning.”

According to Kroger’s news release, J. Berry Nursery of Grand Saline was founded in 2006 by father and son, Jim and Jonathan Berry. In addition to the finished wholesale nursery business, the company now includes both a new Young Plants and a new Genetics division. All divisions are focused on bringing innovation to the market, and providing infinite possibilities to consumers via superior packaging and marketing of plants that exceed performance expectations — whether grown in containers or a landscape setting. The company’s unique multi-pronged position as a breeder, nursery, and small plant producer, ensures that only top-quality plants join their product offerings.

“Today we are featuring some of our rose production, but primarily our focus at the Kroger Go

Fresh program was focused on Hollywood hibiscus,” Jim said. “It has taken me 30 years to develop these genetics. In the grower community, they require less sprays because they are genetically resistant to pathogens and to insects, so they are better for the environment and a lower cost on chemicals. There’s a focus on shrub quality, foliage quality, flower quality, and flower count, and then once we saw the opportunity, we had to creatively bring them to market as Hollywood hibiscus.”

Jim added that each color — like Disco Diva, Glamour Gal, Gold Digger, and First Lady — is named after a separate personality.

“We’ve had some fun in developing the brand protection,” he added.

The event featured remarks from Kroger and J. Berry executives and a ceremonial ribbon cutting to celebrate J. Berry Nursery items being available across the Kroger Family of Companies.

“I want to thank Kristen and

the whole Kroger team,” Jim said. “The Kroger Go Fresh & Local event lasted three days in Cincinnati. There were 1,600 applicants to the program, and 15 presenters, and we were in the top five and unbelievably, we were number one. I’ve been in the wholesale nursery industry my whole professional career, so Granbury Nursery exists, largely because I’ve got a wonderful business partner and our son, Jonathan.”

As part of Kroger’s Zero Hunger Zero Waste social and environmental impact plan, the company also presented a \$2,000 donation to the United Way of Hood County to commemorate Earth Month.

“The program’s long-standing commitment is giving back to our communities that we serve, and last year, Kroger contributed more than \$7 million to support hunger relief organizations in and throughout north Texas and east Texas,” said John Votata, director of corporate affairs for the Kroger Dallas Division. “This

April is Earth Month and this year throughout the month of April, we’re asking customers to join us. When you checkout at the register, please round up your order to the nearest dollar and that money is going to support the World Wildlife Fund to help support our planet as well.

“Another integral organization that locally aligns with our mission to end hunger and waste within our community — and just make our communities a great place — is the United Way of Hood County. To help continue their mission and celebrate Earth Month and the launch of J. Berry Nursery products here in Kroger, we just would like to donate a \$2,000 check to assist with your efforts to end hunger and waste within our communities.”

For more information about Kroger’s Go Fresh & Local program, visit thekrogerco.com/gofreshlocal online.

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OBITUARIES

Agustin Jaime Martinez

April 29, 1960 - April 9, 2023

Funeral services for Agustin Jaime Martinez, 62, of Granbury, Texas were held at 10 a.m., April 17, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home, followed by a graveside service at Martinez & Elizondo Cemetery, 401 Pear Orchard Rd., Granbury, Texas 76048. Visitation: 3-5 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 2023, Wiley Funeral Home.



loved his family and friends.

Agustin is preceded in death by his mother Pauline Martinez and his brother Carlos Martinez.

Agustin is survived by brothers, Cruz Martinez and wife Cindy, and Roberto Martinez; sisters, Martina Martinez, and Estella Martinez; nephews Mikey Martinez, Cruz Martinez, Jr., Eric Martinez, Wesley Martinez and Ryan Moore and three nieces.

Agustin was born April 29, 1960, in Granbury, Texas to Paulin and Manuel Martinez. He passed away on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Agustin retired from the Texas Highway Department after working for 31 years. He was a member of Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. He loved football, Granbury Pirates, Notre Dame, and the Dallas Cowboys. He was a Pee-wee football coach and mentor for 10 years. James

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

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Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with the facility handling the body or the church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary.

The Hood County News deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m. Wednesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

George G. Lewis

October 7, 1941 - April 13, 2023

George Lewis, 81, of Granbury, Texas, passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m., until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023, at the Wiley Center Chapel, 420 E. US Highway 377 East in Granbury. Grave-side Service followed at 1 p.m. at Acton Cemetery in Granbury. Memorials may be made to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

George was born on October 7, 1941, in Waxahachie, Texas to parents William Harold and Edna Mae Lewis. He graduated from Waxahachie High School and then from UNT where he met his wife, Suzi. They were married on December 21, 1962, in Denton, Texas. Together they raised three beautiful children in Midlothian, Texas. As a family, they spent countless hours on the lake.

George served six years in the National Army Guard. He then had a very successful 27 year career in pharmaceuticals with Bayer. He was a family man that provided in all ways - financial, love, caring and laughter. Anyone that knew George loved him. He was very personable, quick witted, and "he never knew a stranger."



His last residence at Lakestone Terrace was truly a blessing. He was able to enjoy this last stretch of his life with precious, newfound friends.

George was preceded in death by his parents, William Harold Lewis and Edna Mae Lewis; brother, William Harold Lewis; and by his wife, Suzi Lewis.

George is survived by his daughter, Karen Hinton and husband John; son, Greg Lewis and wife Debbie; daughter, Kym Strange and husband Chris; and grandchildren, Tristan Hinton, Hunter Hinton, and Amber Hooks and husband Wesley. He will be greatly missed by all. He "kept it between the ditches" as he would say for 81 years.

Services were under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas.

Peggy June DuVall

May 30, 1937 - April 11, 2023

GRANBURY, TX - Peggy June Brown DuVall, age 85, went to be with the Lord on April 11, 2023.

Born in Breckinridge, Texas, to Willie Loy and Mamie Abi Stewart Brown, Peggy was the second oldest of four children. She married Harold Ray DuVall in June 1954 in Abilene, Texas. They shared a loving marriage for 68 years, raising four children in Abilene. Peggy worked for Abilene Bookkeeping Company, Texas Instruments and First Baptist Church Abilene before retiring.

Peggy and Harold enjoyed working 14 summers in Yellowstone National Park and nine fall seasons at Ridgecrest Christian Conference Center in North Carolina. They traveled and worked with the Texas Baptist Men around the state of Texas and to other states as well, building churches and helping with relief work. Their love of camping and cycling were the main stay of family vacations. They pulled their RV to 47 of the 50 states, and loved to travel and see the country, including Alaska and Hawaii. They visited their daughter in Russia on two



occasions.

Peggy and Harold raised their four children in Abilene, attending Elmcrest Baptist Church. They lived in Tool, Texas, and in Granbury, Texas, and were members of Lakeside Baptist Church of Granbury.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loy and Mamie Brown, sister, Joyce Long, brother Samuel Rodney Brown and one grandson, Byron DuVall. Survivors include brother Beuran Rodger Brown; children Pamela and Gary Boubel; David and Lynn DuVall; Dan and Carol DuVall; and June and Jesse Lancarte; along with a host of precious grand-children and great-grand-children.

FORWARD

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the first course and is working with Schlueter one evening a week after work at her new job.

Naylor, who is from Brazil and moved to Granbury because of her husband's job, found out about the Cisco Network Academy when she sought English as a Second Language classes at FTC with the goal of improving her English. Naylor did not begin the IT training as a complete novice. She took related courses while in high school in Brazil more than 20 years ago. A lot has changed in the industry since then.

Naylor reads course material and arrives for her weekly classes with Schlueter prepared to discuss what she learned, ask questions, and receive hands-on practice. The academy lab is a small classroom at the back of the FTC's Building B near Decker Gym on West Bridge Street. It's the building where the Granbury School Board used

to hold its meetings.

"We have two routers and two switches," Schlueter said. "A company donated some wireless gear."

Berryman said that a network simulator comes with the curriculum.

Schlueter said that the learning experience helps students discover their talents and interests.

"The academy is really entry level stuff but should allow you to figure out what you like," he said. "The IT industry, once your foot is in the door, the opportunities are endless. You can go into software engineering, cyber security is a huge part of the business right now, and data scientists, and they're all intertwined together. Certain people have an aptitude for an area but are hungry to learn about an adjacent area."

FTC Executive Director Katy Offutt expressed excitement about the new program, calling it "a really big deal." She indicated that the nonprofit will probably plan a "big launch" in the coming months. More information can

be found at <https://forwardtrainingcenter.org/get-started-2/>.

In the meantime, anyone interested in pursuing CCNA certification can drop by the FTC's administrative office at 600 W. Pearl St., call that office at 817-573-6677, or email the center through its website.

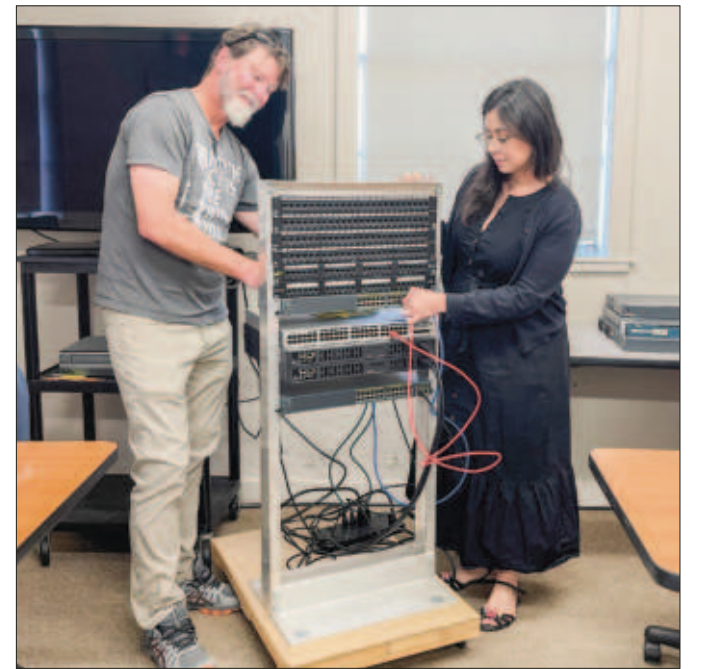
To send an email, go to forwardtrainingcenter.org and click on "Contact Us." Provide the information requested and click the "CISCO" box, which is one of the six classes listed.

Offutt said the office will quickly contact those who express interest in the IT training.

Naylor, meanwhile, is continuing her training. She has also become one of the FTC's volunteers, helping Offutt prepare board manuals and assisting in other ways.

"People need to know this is a really great opportunity," she said of the CCNA certification. "And this is for free."

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Volunteer instructor John Schlueter works with Forward Training Center student Caroline Naylor as she gains hands-on experience as part of the Cisco Network Academy.

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- TXism: "he's ___ bricks shy of a load"
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- she married Bobby Ewing on "Dallas"
- John Neely Bryan's historic abode in downtown Dallas
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- TX O. Henry's "___ Santone"
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- daughter of Texas Louise Mandrell
- Sam Houston's Indian home "Wigwam ___"
- disfavored group: "Ku Klux ___"
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- TXism: "as pure as the driven ___"
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- ___ you do"
- Chica Bay
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- TXism: "as pure as the driven ___"
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- mountain lion
- Col. Travis drew ___ at the Alamo
- TX Meredith ___ Rae
- TXism: "I ___ dance to that tune" (agree)
- TXism: "that's ___"
- Texas Capitol architect Myers (init.)
- hole in ___
- TX Tanya's "San Antonio ___"
- TX Sandra of the Golf Hall of Fame ___ Vernon, TX
- TXism: "___ long"
- ___ Lago, TX
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- TXism: "britches"
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Unveil the night sky with ANC star party April 22

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Local aspiring astronomers will soon be able to enjoy the rare beauty of a star-filled night sky up close — with the help of high-powered telescopes and knowledgeable amateur astronomers.

The Hood County Amateur Astronomers Facebook group is hosting its second star party beginning at sunset on Saturday, April 22, at the Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smokey Hill Ct.

Gregg White, creator of the Facebook group, moved to Granbury from Keene last September, where he was a volunteer assistant at the Thomsen Observatory — a major contributor in the development of Hood County's star parties.

"(In Keene), they have star parties twice a month on the first and third Fridays," he said. "When I moved here, I wanted to start something similar as a way to socialize with other astronomers and to share our enthusiasm for astronomy with the general public. The Facebook group seemed like a good place to start."

The group launched in February, and the community response has grown exponentially, White said.

"What was originally intended as a handful of people getting together and talking about telescopes and stars has grown beyond my expectations," he

said. "Almost a month after the group was started, just before our first star party, we had about 50 members. Within a couple of days, we had grown to over 200 members and now we're over 300. I'm very grateful to the folks at the Acton Nature Center for generously allowing us to use their facility. We needed a spot with open skies away from the city lights and they were happy to help."

During each star party, attendees set up their telescopes in an empty field near the entrance to the Acton Nature Center.

"We basically try to show our guests things in space that we find interesting; planets, the moon, nebulae, and star clusters," White said. "My specialty is in binary or double stars. Guests generally wander from one telescope to the other looking at various sky views and asking questions that we try our best to answer. If you have something in particular you'd like to see, we'll do our best to accommodate you. Our last star party had four telescopes and about 30 guests. I expect a lot more at the next one now that we've

had some exposure."

Star parties are free and — starting next month — will be held on the third Saturday of every month beginning at sunset and will typically last until around 10-11 p.m.

"We are family friendly, and children are welcome — the more curious the better," White said. "There is no set arrival time, and you may come and go at your leisure."

Attendees do not have to own a telescope or be a member of the Hood County Amateur Astronomer Facebook group to attend.

"If you have an interest in astronomy you are encouraged to join Hood County Amateur Astronomers," White said. "The group is set to private to weed out the spammers. Send a request and you'll be accepted as soon as I can get to you."

For more information about local stargazing and astronomy, join the Hood County Amateur Astronomers Facebook group.

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GARDEN PATCH

Develop passion for the vine by growing this hardy native Texas plant

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.

It's exotic. It's purple. And it is a native Texas plant. Purple passion vine, *Passiflora incarnata*, is a hardy perennial in most of the state. It is known for its unusual attractive flowers, but it also boasts edible fruit and lush green foliage.

The shape of the blossom gave rise to the plant's common name. According to legend, the various parts of the flower symbolized the "Passion of Christ" — the final days and crucifixion of Jesus. The plants not only held religious significance, they played a role in early medicine. Native peoples used all parts of the plant to treat various ailments.

Passionflower seeds earn the plants another common name. When stepped on, the seeds make a popping sound, thus the moniker maypops. Once seeds are removed from the yellow pods, the clear gel covering the seeds may be used for making preserves and juice.

Gardeners select passion vines because of their flowers and easy cultivation. Most hardy passion vines thrive in hot summers, drop their leaves in winter, and then emerge in spring. They quickly grow to 25 feet. Their clinging tendrils wrap

around supports, such as fences and trellises, enabling the vines to climb. Flowers develop in summer and continue until frost.

To grow purple passion vine, select a well-drained site with direct morning light and partial afternoon shade. When established, these plants are drought tolerant, but flower best with regular watering. Give them a deep watering when planted. Afterward, water weekly. These natives need light fertilization. However, like most flowering plants, over-fertilization reduces blooms. Apply mulch to protect roots.

There are numerous passionflowers in the genus *Passiflora*. Most are disease- and pest-resistant. Do not confuse butterfly caterpillars with garden pests. Passion vines are the exclusive hosts to many butterflies, such as the Gulf Fritillary. The caterpillars are voracious eaters and can consume a vine's



Pictured is a Purple passion vine flower.

COURTESY PHOTO BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

foliage quickly. Fortunately, passionflower vines survive this harsh treatment and leaf out again.

The native Texas maypop is very winter hardy (to 18 degrees) compared to many of the more than 500 species of passion vines. *P. incarnata* foliage has glossy, dark green lobed leaves and its flowers have purple-colored

petals and sepals. It spreads by runners and seed. The common or hardy blue passionflower (*P. caerulea*) tolerates temperatures as low as 25 degrees. Its flowers have white petals and blue coronal filaments.

Tips for growing: 1) Plant near the overhang of a tree or structure to increase heat and cold protection. 2) If

fruit or flowers drop prematurely, the vine is underwatered. 3) Passionflower suffers root damage if allowed to stand in constantly wet soil. 4) A light application of balanced fertilizer (not high in nitrogen) in early spring jumpstarts growth. 5) In late winter, remove winter-damaged canes, trimming back to healthy buds. In cold

winters, hardy passionflowers die back to the ground. 6) Vines may be grown in pots, trimmed back and sheltered indoors in bright light for the winter.

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FORWARD TRAINING CENTER

Let's take a look at some of Forward Training Center's success stories

BY KATY OFFUTT



Katy Offutt is executive director of Forward Training Center of Hood County. Her community leadership roles include: Help Ministry coordinator, Stonewater Church; alumnus and past president, Leadership Granbury; vice president, Granbury Housing Authority; president, Public Facility Corporation; Nominating Committee chair, LGMA; and volunteer with Ada Carey Center.

“Oh, the Places You'll Go!... Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So ... get on your way!” Dr. Seuss
Oh, the ways you will grow!

ALONZO LOPEZ

Alonzo Lopez graduated from GISD STARS Accelerated Program. He enrolled in Powered for Life at Forward Training Center to develop relationships and skills for a career. Alonzo, a handsome young man, never smiled and was somewhat reserved. At some point during class when asked why he never smiled, he said, “With my group it was important to be tough.”

When his instructor and peers encouraged him to be confident in his smile a change occurred, not only in appearance but a charismatic personality as well. Alonzo became confident in his own abilities and took an opportunity to reach out to GISD Education Foundation, a program

that assists young people in getting scholarships. He was awarded money to purchase the tools for a career in a trade school.

To receive the scholarship, he was required to make a presentation to a large group of representatives, at which he succeeded by using the interview skills he had practiced many times in class. We are very proud that he is successfully employed with JCH Painting.

JASON JAYNES

Jason Jaynes is a 2022 graduate of the Jobs for Life Program. Jason enrolled in the program through the support of his parents, who wanted him to acquire more skills in career development. He developed a strong relationship with his mentor, David



Alonzo Lopez, a Forward Training Center of Hood County Powered for Life STARS graduate.

Straka. Together they worked diligently to create a road map for Jason's future using the career assessment that defined specific natural skill sets. After graduation he worked for Brookshire's, developing a strong work ethic, and gaining experience, but he never lost sight of his career goal.

Then a door opened when he approached one of Forward's partner agencies, Workforce Solutions, which guided him in finding financial assistance, leading him toward his next big



Jason Jaynes, a Forward Training Center of Hood County Jobs for Life graduate.

step of enrolling in Weatherford College as an Emergency Medical Technician. Forward, Jason, and his family celebrate this “Community in Unity” success.

LAVONDA MELENDEZ

Lavonda Melendez is a young woman to be admired. “I don't remember my life before JFL. It changed my life,” she proclaimed. Searching for value and purpose beyond the love of family, she found a place of warmth, acceptance and guidance that led her to find a relationship with God and a meaningful career in nursing. A slow and steady process led to success for this single mother of four. She graduated from JFL



Lavonda Melendez, a Forward Training Center of Hood County Jobs for Life graduate.

and has systematically achieved her educational goals from GED to BSN. She financed her education and supported herself during that time by opening a lawncare service. She is now employed as a Hospice Nurse with a schedule that gives her the flexibility to be a great mom and nurse. “As a single mom, I have a profession that supports my family without struggling,” Lavonda said. This year Lavonda's daughter begins college following her mother's inspirational example.

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Tarleton State University led Texas Christian by an 8-4 margin after six innings in their game on April 4 in Stephenville, but the Horned Frogs rallied for a 9-8 victory, scoring five unanswered runs.

TCU rallies for 9-8 baseball win over Texans

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton held an 8-4 lead through the sixth inning vs. TCU on April 4 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex, but the Horned Frogs came roaring back with five unanswered runs to win, 9-8.

The Texans (14-12) outthit the Horned Frogs (18-11) 12-8 in the game but managed no runs over the final six frames while TCU used a four-run seventh inning to

pull ahead for good.

Tarleton scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth to break a 4-4 tie, taking an 8-4 lead. Jordan Andrade scored on a TCU error, Jack Wagner hit into an RBI

fielder's choice to score Alec Williams, Cris Enriquez got a pinch hit and came through with an RBI single to right field scoring Mason Hammonds, and Kooper Shook doubled to right-center field, plating Wagner.

However, the runs in the fourth were the last of the game for Tarleton.

Tarleton struck first in the game when Shook lifted the first pitch he saw over the left-field wall and onto West Washington Street for a solo

home run in the second inning, making it 1-0.

TCU immediately answered, scoring three runs in the top half of the third to make it 3-1 as Tre Richardson hit a base-clearing three-run double to right-center field.

Tarleton then countered with three of its own, taking a 4-3 lead in the third. Wagner hit his team-leading seventh home run of the season, a towering three-run home run that scored

Trace Morrison, a sophomore from Stephenville, and Hammonds.

Ryan Vanderhei (W, 3-2) earned the win as he was the pitcher of record when TCU plated its four runs in the seventh. He threw 1.0 innings allowing just one hit and striking out two. Garrett Wright (S, 2) picked up the save as he threw the final 1.1 innings, not allowing a hit and striking out three.

Jake Burcham (L, 2-2) allowed four runs on three

hits, walking two and striking out one for Tarleton.

The Texans were led offensively by Wagner as he finished with two hits, drove in four runs, and scored twice.

Shook added two hits and two RBI while Hammonds, Williams and Andrade each posted two hits.

Dylan Delvecchio was Tarleton's starting pitcher. He tossed 3.2 innings, giving up four runs on three hits. He struck out one and walked two.

Vaudiau helps lift Texans to tennis victory over Grand Canyon

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Thursday, April 6 marked one of Celia Vaudiau's last home matches in her Tarleton career, and she came through for her team when they needed it the most.

The Texan senior stormed back from a 5-2 second set deficit in a winner-take-all singles match to win 7-5 7-5, lifting Tarleton to a 4-3 triumph over Grand Canyon in Stephenville.

The Texans improved to 12-6 overall and 4-2 in WAC play this season with their second straight win over GCU, now 2-1 in the series history. This was the second-to-last home match for the Texans this season, where they're now 6-2 on the year. The Lopes dropped to 10-9 overall and 4-3 in conference matches with the loss.

"That was a special battle on the courts today,"

Tarleton head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron said. "For Celia to clinch a conference match on senior weekend is very special. GCU was very tough. We brought our 'A' game and fought until the very last point. I'm very happy with how we competed and battled on most courts. We have one more home match for the year and hopefully we bring the same energy on Saturday."

The doubles point proved pivotal on Thursday, which went the Texans' way even though they dropped the first match in the top flight. GCU's Natasha Puehse and Santa Strombacha defeated Martha Makantasi and Elsa Boisson 6-1, but Tarleton took the other two doubles matches. On Court 3, Emma Persson and Clara Sobius beat Dania Deaifi and Valentina Del Marco 6-4, then Tarleton's Vaudiau and Ximena Morales took down Madelina Lamoreaux and Hebe Toyos 6-4. For Persson



PHOTO COURTESY OF TSU

Tarleton State University senior tennis player Celia Vaudiau pumps her fist during her come-from-behind singles victory on April 6 in Stephenville versus Grand Canyon University. The crucial 7-5, 7-5 triumph gave the TSU women the edge in the final team score, 4-3.

and Sobius, that's back-to-back wins for the pair. For Vaudiau and Morales, it was their first time playing together this season.

In singles, Boisson cruised to make it 2-0 on the team leaderboard, rolling Deaifi in straight sets at the No. 3 position 6-3 6-1. The Texan junior is just a win shy of the best singles record on the team, now 12-4 this year, 9-3 on Court 3.

GCU then got consecutive singles victories to even the score at 2-2. Strombacha avenged her loss at the hands of Makantasi last year with a 6-0 6-3 win on Court 2 over the Texan junior this year. In the No. 4 match, Lamoreaux defeated Morales 6-3 6-3.

Sobius won on Court 5 to

put Tarleton one singles win away from the team win. She earned a straight-sets victory over Del Marco 6-4 6-2 to improve to 12-6 this season, 3-1 on Courts 4-5.

In the top flight, GCU's Puehse held off Persson in a second set tiebreaker, winning 6-3 7-6 (3).

With the team score even at 3-3, Vaudiau was down 2-5 in the second set after winning a narrow first set 7-5 against Toyos. With all eyes on Court 6, the Texan senior had one of her brightest career moments on senior weekend, rallying to win five straight games to win the match in straight sets 7-5 7-5. It was Vaudiau's first match played since March 11, improving to 5-4 on the year.

Four TSU athletes win gold medals at Denton track meet

Tarleton Sports Information

DENTON — Tarleton State University's track teams left Denton on April 4 with several first-place finishers and podiums after competing in the North Texas Classic meet held at the Mean Green Track and Field Stadium.

TSU scored 111 points to place second in the overall men's team standings. Tarleton scored 101 points in the women's events, good for third place in the women's team standings.

WOMEN

Jordan Rae won the high jump competition clearing the bar set at 1.73 meters. It was Rae's best jump in the outdoor season and just short of her second-place finish jump of 1.74 meters that she recorded at the WAC Indoor Championships in February.

Elise Smith won the javelin with a throw of 43.92 meters. That topped her season best effort by more than 2 meters.

Jenna Brazeal won the

800-meter run with a time of 2:15.

Kailey Sykora took fifth place in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:46.92.

MEN

Angel Gomez won the 5,000 meters with a time of 14:55.92.

Jordan Flores and Jaden Hall both placed in the top-three of the triple jump event. Flores took second place with a jump of 14.41 meters, while Hall took third with a 14.27-meter jump.

Joshua Hutchings took second place in the pole vault with a jump of 4.90 meters.

Caterrin Cox and Cornelius Coleman took third and fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles. Cox ran a time of 14.85 seconds and Coleman ran it in 15 seconds.

Justin Raines took second in the 100 meter run with a time of 10.55 seconds.

Noah Newman ran 54.30 seconds to finish as the runner-up in the 400-meter hurdles.

Granbury track sending dozen to area meet

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Granbury Pirates qualified seven individuals and the Lady Pirates advanced five from the District 5-5A Track Meet in Aledo April 12-13.

The top four finishers in each event qualified for the Area 5/6 Meet Friday, April 21 at Texan Stadium in Justin. From area, the top four finishers in each event will advance to the Region 1 Meet in Lubbock April 28-29.

Kassidy Kirkpatrick led all qualifiers, advancing in three events, including gold medals in the high jump and long jump. Braydon Olthoff won a gold medal in the discus and Miller Schenewark won the high jump for the Pirates.

"This is one very tough district and to finish third in both varsity and JV is quite an accomplishment," Pirates coach Jody Brown said. "And I believe we have a good chance at all of them advancing to the regional meet."

Lady Pirates coach Amber Ward said, "We had a lot of PRs (personal records), which is exactly what you want, your athletes peaking at the right time. We have a great chance at area for kids to advance on to regionals."

DISTRICT 5-5A TRACK MEET

Varsity Boys

Team score: 78, third place.

Area qualifiers

3200: 3. Bryan Hailey, 9:49.51.
110 hurdles: 3. Hayden Burns, 15.30.

100: 3. Jadon Rogers, 11.23.
300 hurdles: 3. Burns, 40.87.
200: 4. Elijah Johnston, 22.59.
1600: 2. Hailey, 4:32.18.
Discus: 1. Braydon Olthoff, 137-4.

High jump: 1. Miller Schenewark, 6-5.
Pole vault: 4. Rylan Brennish, 10-6.

Shot put: 3. Olthoff, 47-6.

Varsity Girls

Team score: 51, fourth.

Area qualifiers

400 relay: 3. Kylie Moody, Kassidy Kirkpatrick, Ella Garner, Baylee Goodman, 49.46.

100 hurdles: 4. Aubrey Ward, 17.52.

High jump: 1. Kassidy Kirkpatrick, 5-2.

Long jump: 1. Kirkpatrick, 18-5.

Shot put: 2. Garner, 34-0.

JV girls (district only, no advancement)

Team score: 33, sixth.

Top finisher

100 hurdles: 1. Nicole Gibson, 17.83.

JV Boys

Team score: 66.33, third.

Top finishers

1600 relay: 3. Bryce Hager, Judah Turner, Casen Moore, Kaleb Johnson, 3:41.82.

Pole vault: 2. Hager, 11-0.

TOLAR TRACK

The Rattlers easily won the District 11-2A Meet at Rattler Stadium on April 12-13, scoring 217 points to runner-up Santo's 124.

The Lipan Lady Indians were third among the girls with 99 points. The Lady Rattlers were fourth with 71 points.

The top four individuals in each event qualified for the Area 11/12 Meet in Rio Vista on Thursday, April 19. From there the top four in each event move

on to the Region 2 Meet in Springtown April 28-29.

DISTRICT 11-2A TRACK MEET

Boys

Tolar area qualifiers

100: 3. Ty McClure, 11.53.

200: 4. McClure, 24.82.

400: 1. Caden Pate, 51.87.

800: 3. Matthew Behrens, 2:09.95; 4. Mitchell Alford, 2:13.12.

3200: 3. Ernesto Ramirez, 13:23.57.

110 hurdles: 1. Dillon Soileau, 15.58.

300 hurdles: 1. Soileau, 41.28.

400 relay: 1. Pate, Soileau, Garrison Nation, Wyatt Jones, 43.87.

800 relay: 1. Nation, Behrens, McClure, Jones, 1:34.66.

1600 relay: 1. Pate, Nation, Behrens, Jones, 3:38.59.

Long jump: 2. McClure, 20-5; 4. Jeffrey Collie, 19-11.5.

Shot put: 2. Samuel Stewart, 45-10.5; 4. Cutter Cain, 40-4.

Discus: 2. Peyton Brown, 129-10; 3. Mason Berry, 125-3; 4. Dakota Webb, 108-6.5.

Triple jump: 1. Collie, 41-10.5; 2. Reis Brown, 40-10.5.

High jump: 2. Talan Culberson, 5-8; 3. Behrens, 5-6.

Pole vault: 2. Logan Stein, 12-0; 3. Julia Noya, 10-0; 4. Brylen Feist, 8-6.

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Girls

Tolar area qualifiers

200: 4. Maddie Ballenger, 29.0.

400: 4. Allyson Dobbs, 1:05.39.

800: 3. Dobbs, 2:32.30.

1600: 3. Braelynn Westbrook, 6:23.27.

400 relay: 4. Abbie Soileau, Callan Nix, Ballenger, Senne Imel, 53.39.

800 relay: 3. Soileau, Nix, Ballenger, Imel, 1:54.48.

Long jump: 3. Nix, 15-7.

Shot put: 1. Karley Richardson, 32-1.5.

Discus: 3. Richardson, 92-3.



High jump: 4. Imel, 4-9.
Lipan area qualifiers
200: 2. Lynsey Little, 28.56.
400: Taylor Branson, 1:04.82.
400 relay: 2. Alisha Green, Jolie Russell, Landrey Grover, Madison Cornelius, 52.81.
800 relay: 1. Russell, Little, Cornelius, Branson, 1:51.31.
1600 relay: 3. Ashlyn Clark, Grover, Little, Branson, 4:42.48.
Shot put: 2. Trinity Benitez, 31-5.5; 3. Olivia Benitez, 30-1.
Discus: 2. T. Benitez, 105-8.5.
Triple jump: 1. Little, 33-8.5.

TOLAR BASEBALL

In their lone game of the week, the Rattlers (11-6-2, 4-0 in 13-2A) won 9-3 in a nondistrict game at Fort Worth Trinity Valley Saturday, April 15.

Leaders: Hitting - Brock Owens, 2-for-4, two RBI; Jesse Owen, 2-for-4, double, triple; Jackson LeCluyse, 1-for-2, two hit by pitch, triple, two RBI; Talan Brown, 1-for-4; Keaton Morrison, 1-for-3, walk, stolen base. Pitching - T. Brown, 6.1 innings, seven hits, three runs (two earned), 10 strikeouts, one walk; LeCluyse, 0.2 innings, one strikeout.

The Rattlers travel to Poolville Friday, April 21, for a 6:30 p.m. game.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

The Lady Pirates began the week with a 17-2 drubbing of Rider in Wichita Falls on Tuesday, April 11, followed by a 10-0 loss at Northwest on Friday, April 14. With the regular season winding down, the Lady Pirates (10-13-2 overall) are 3-7 in District 5-5A.

A highlight in the win over Rider was Lillian Williams' grand slam. She also had the lone hit against Northwest.

Vs. Rider: Hitting - Brenna Haynes, 3-for-4, double, RBI; Carli Carlton, 2-for-4, RBI; L. Williams, 2-4, home run, five RBI; Kamryn Williams, 2-for-3, double, triple, RBI; Faith Evans, 2-for-3, two walks, two RBI; Allison Dafeo, 1-for-4; Grace Hill, 1-for-3.

Pitching - Hannah Dafeo, five innings, five hits, two runs (none earned), four strikeouts, four walks.

The Lady Pirates are playing at Saginaw today, April 19 and host Aledo Friday, April 21 to end the regular season. Both games start at 7 p.m.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers (16-1-1 overall, 7-0 in District 11-2A) finished a 10-0 victory over Ranger, a game that began in Tolar on March 27 before being delayed by weather and ended Tuesday, April 11.

That was followed by the regularly-scheduled contest, which Tolar also won 24-1. They ended the week with a 13-0 victory at Gordon on Friday, April 14.

Reese Tryon pitched a no-hitter in the first win against Ranger and a one-hitter against Gordon, giving her seven shutouts on the season. She also combined with Senne Imel for another no-hitter and has five one-hitters, along with another combined one-hitter with Imel.

The Lady Rattlers won the first game against Ranger and against Gordon with only five hits in the two games combined. However, they received 16 walks and Gordon committed six errors, along with receiving nine walks with a hit batter and two errors by Ranger.

Game 1 vs. Ranger: Hitting - Imel, double, walk, RBI, stolen base; Kany Deaver, 1-for-3, three stolen bases; Lane Gardner, three walks, two stolen bases. Pitching - Tryon, five innings, no hits, 12 strikeouts, hit batter.

Game 2 vs. Ranger: Ava LeCluyse, 4-for-4, double, walk, three RBI; Tryon, 3-for-5, two RBI; Courtney Hogan, 2-for-2, three walks, RBI, stolen base; Imel, 2-for-4, double, hit by pitch, two RBI; Deaver, 1-for-1, two walks, two hit by pitch, RBI, two stolen bases; Allyson Dobbs, four walks, two stolen bases, RBI; Landri Kimmel, three walks. Pitching - Tryon,

five innings, five hits, one run (none earned), seven strikeouts, two walks, hit batter.

Vs. Gordon: Hitting - Dobbs, 2-for-3, two doubles, two RBI, stolen base; Hogan, 1-for-4, RBI; Tryon, three walks; Imel, three walks. Pitching - Tryon, five innings, one hit, seven strikeouts, three hit batters.

The Lady Rattlers travel to Benbrook Friday, April 14 at 6 p.m.

LIPAN SOFTBALL

The Lady Indians (6-6, 3-3 in District 11-2A) dropped an 11-6 home contest to DeLeon on Tuesday, April 11 and won 21-0 at Santo on Friday, April 14.

Vs. DeLeon: Hitting - Finley Shockley, 3-for-4, RBI, two stolen bases; Neali Overton, 2-for-4; Dawson Oliver, 2-for-4, two doubles, RBI; Sarah Martantonio, 2-for-5; Ashlyn Clark, 1-for-4, RBI; Ella Sharp, 1-for-4. Pitching - Sharp struck out 10 and walked none in six innings.

Vs. Santo: Hitting - Overton, 4-for-5, double, home run, three RBI, two stolen bases; Kailee Galima, 3-for-4, two RBI; Sharp, 3-for-4, home run, walk, two RBI, stolen base; Oliver, 2-for-4, two doubles, RBI, two stolen bases; Cate Cooper, 2-for-4, RBI, stolen base; Martantonio, 2-for-4, walk, TBI, stolen base; Shockley, 2-for-5, RBI; Dixon Sinclair, 1-for-4, walk, RBI, stolen base; Clark, 1-for-4, home run, walk, two RBI, stolen base. Pitching - Sharp, six innings, one hit, 11 strikeouts, three walks.

The Lady Indians were ending the regular season at home against Ranger at press time.

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Mr. Richard English, General Manager
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I'VE BEEN THINKING

What would become of those folks?

BY CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER



Carol Goodman Heizer is an author who moved to Hood County from Louisville, Kentucky in 2019. She has had short stories and articles published in six editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her column for the Hood County News will appear every two weeks. She was a public school teacher for 17 years, earlier in her professional career.

It started a while back, but it seemed to be getting worse at times. Where did it originate? Was it from the food? Perhaps folks should buy only organic groceries. Did it come from the water? If so, perhaps folks should buy only purified spring water or dig their own wells as a possible precaution.

Or even more deadly, was it transmitted through the air? That posed a more serious problem. Since folks could not stop breathing, could masks prevent its spread? Or was there even a mask that was effective enough? How could folks go through the remainder of their lives behind a cloth or paper mask? They would constantly be inhaling the carbon dioxide they had just exhaled. And if they coughed, any germs present would be trapped within that face covering.

Its life cycle seemed like that of a roller coaster - up and down with twists and turns. It did not happen overnight, nor did it attack a specific class of society. As it continued, its effect spread, but some barely noticed it. Then folks found themselves thinking about it more frequently, but they hesitated to talk about it with friends. Finally it became the topic of conversation among members of the family structure within the confines of the home.

It seemed to take on a life

of its own. People struggled with its possible reality. Or was it simply their imagination? Perhaps if they did not think about it or talk about it, it would go away. So that became the game plan. They didn't think about it. They didn't talk about it. It didn't go away.

People began to wonder if the medical or scientific community had recognized it. Had the professionals studied it in depth or analyzed it under a microscope? Had anyone dared give it a name? Perhaps if no one named it, it would go away - never to be experienced again.

It seemed to affect some people more than others. Some folks suffered such a terrible case, it was obvious merely looking into their eyes. They would sometimes return your greeting. Other times not. Those would be the ones whose shoulders were stooped, eyes to the ground, and a faraway glaze over their eyes. Was there a functioning person within that body?

Other folks were blessed

with a lighter case, yet the telltale signs were there if one looked closely enough.

Some eventually came back from the illness within a reasonable time, though it was a painful recovery with several setbacks along the way. Some fell victim to it for longer, more intense periods of time and suffered to the point of near surrender.

And some never seemed to fully recover. What was it about their immune system that kept them in such a state of relentless affliction and despair?

Would someone discover an antidote for temporary relief or - even better - a complete cure? And if an antidote or cure did become available, would the price be prohibitive to the majority of citizens? It seemed that the rich often had the advantage over such situations.

In addition to the concern over price, a greater fear arose. What would be the side-effects of a possible solution? They were always mentioned as a quiet postscript in the smallest size print possible that was included in the accompanying information sheet. Would those side effects be bearable, or would they have their own deadly effect? One had to weigh the pros and cons - and many folks became mired in the entire process of deciding.

Almost as an afterthought, folks became concerned over the possibility of it either being or becoming genetically linked. Had they become a victim because of an ancestral weakness? Or, even more frightening, would they pass it on to their offspring - those precious children they might not be able to protect?

It finally had a name! The "Disease of the Walking Dead." Its victims were virtually overwhelmed with the "what if's" and the "may-be's" of life. They were so immersed in the uncertainties of the tomorrows, they trudged through each day missing the blessings that surrounded them in each of the todays.

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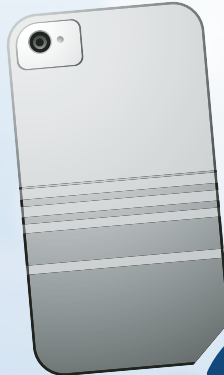


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MERRY JAYNE IS ONE TOUGH 'COOKIE'



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Merry Jayne Flatbush's candy store on the south side of the square is sure to be a sweet walk down memory lane for adults of a certain age.

Life for candy store owner has been both sweet and tart

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff
Writer

Merry Jayne Flatbush, owner of Merry Jayne's on the Granbury Square, has some of the sugar and spice qualities that one might expect in the owner of a whimsical, nostalgia-filled candy store. But don't let the pink walls fool you. She's no cream puff.

Flatbush has not only cheated death twice, but she also has the distinction of having once tackled a woman who tried to board President Ronald Reagan's helicopter without authorization.

She is, to use a cliché, one tough Cookie. That word is capitalized here because Cookie is what Flatbush's grandchildren call her.

Like so many people who lived elsewhere but chose later in life to make Granbury their home, Flatbush has a story. A lot happened before she found the sweet life as the owner of one of the most popular shops on the square.

Most tourists and Opera House patrons who visit Merry Jayne's have no idea that the Blue Bell ice cream sold there has special meaning to the store's owner. It was the brand she ate while enduring 16

rounds of chemotherapy after losing a lung to cancer.

During that time a few years ago, Flatbush, not surprisingly, was depressed. Her father had died of lung cancer and her mother battled anal cancer and cervical cancer. Flatbush's three sons were grown and the youngest was heading off to college, so there was that empty nest thing.

"I had no purpose anymore," she said.

Or so she thought.

DADDY'S GIRL

Flatbush grew up in Arizona. Her dad served in the Coast Guard during World War II. She was the only one of the family's six children to choose to go into the military. She served from 1983-1990 and was

PLEASE SEE **CANDY** | B2



Chocolates and other treats sold at Merry Jayne's are what sweet dreams are made of.

Taste of Tolar fundraiser takes place Saturday

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Saturday is the day for the annual, much anticipated Taste of Tolar fish fry and live music event sponsored by the Tolar Education Foundation.

Thanks to community partners, the foundation has raised more than \$200,000 to fund scholarships and grants that benefit Tolar ISD students.

The adults-only event will take place from 6-10 p.m. at LC Ranch, a wedding and events venue located at 4610 Shaw Road.

Meyer's Kwik Stop is providing the fish and Hill City Chop House is bringing the sides. Iced tea and water are free. Beer and wine will be sold to those over 21.

Live entertainment will include Deryl Dodd, Clayton Landua, and Phil Hamilton. There will be live and silent auctions.

Tickets can be purchased online for \$40 each at tolareducationfoundation.com. They can also be purchased on site.

Since the event is a fundraiser, no refunds will be given in the event of weather-related cancellation.

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COURTESY OF BRIAN CLOWDUS

"Charlotte's Web," written by E.B. White and adapted by Joseph Robinette, is a beloved children's tale.

Experience Clowdus' family-friendly outdoor, springtime performances of 'Charlotte's Web'

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Another Brian Clowdus outdoor theatrical performance is coming to Granbury and this one will be a family-centered event that will include a petting zoo, games, and concessions.

"Charlotte's Web," a beloved tale written by E.B. White and adapted by Joseph Robinette, will be performed at Heavenhill Farm, 620 E. Bridge St., on Saturdays and Sundays in May (May 6-28).

Parking will be at Hewlett Park, 621 E. Pearl St. The park is across from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Lake Granbury Conference Center and is a short distance from

Heavenhill Farm.

Saturday performances will be at noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Sunday shows will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The one-hour-long production is billed as a "360 immersive experience" with music. It is open to children of all ages.

General Admission tickets are \$19-\$49 based on the day and availability. Tickets for those 12 and younger start at \$19 and tickets for those 13 and older start at \$39.

Those with General Admission tickets should bring their own seating. Seating will be "festival style."

There are no steps and the performance site is a mostly flat, grassy

PLEASE SEE **CLOWDUS** | B5

While Flatbush was dealing with her illness and treatment, she and John traveled to South Carolina. While there, they strolled around a town square and Flatbush took note of candy stores that were "so cute" and seemingly "on every corner."



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Store manager Beth Shearon makes regular treks to Dublin in Erath County so that Merry Jayne's can be stocked with Dublin Bottling Works' famous soft drinks made from pure cane sugar.

CANDY

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part of Operation Desert Storm.

"I was a master at arms and I carried a gun and actually got put on Ronald Reagan's security team when he would visit Bethesda hospital," she said.

Flatbush said that although Reagan's wife Nancy had a reputation for being "rigid," she was friendly and expressed appreciation to Flatbush and others who protected her husband.

"Mrs. Reagan never called us by our last name or rank. She always learned our first names," Flatbush said. "She was very personable."

During the president's trips to Bethesda, Flatbush said, "The Secret Service would allow (the First Lady) to come visit with us. We would all sit in the conference room."

As for the tackling incident, Flatbush said that the woman who tried to board Reagan's helicopter was not trying to harm him and was, in her view, "a little off." The incident ended quickly and Reagan remained on board until the matter was resolved.

Flatbush left the military because of pregnancy. Her husband John then signed up to serve, she said, and was part of Operation Freedom.

After John's time in the military ended, the couple moved to Arlington. Flatbush had a sister in Dallas and other family members had moved to Texas as well.

In 2014, the couple moved to Granbury. They bought a house in Pecan Plantation in 2015. It was around that time that Flatbush was diagnosed with lung cancer. She had been sick while living in Arlington, but doctors thought it was her shoulder, or maybe her gallbladder. Shoulder surgery and the removal of her gallbladder did not relieve the symptoms she was experiencing.

Dr. Justus Peters, now practicing in Stephenville, made the diagnosis. It was the same diagnosis that Flatbush's father had received.

"Dr. Peters said, 'I think I know what it is. I'll call you as soon as I know,'" Flatbush related.

The couple's phone rang at 5:30 the next morning. Peters asked that they meet him at his office at 10.

"It is lung cancer," he told them, but he added, "We got this. You're good."

It took 16 rounds of chemo, during which John was his wife's "biggest cheerleader," but Peters' predictions were correct.

FINDING PURPOSE

While Flatbush was dealing with her illness and treatment, she and John traveled to South Carolina. While there, they strolled around a town square and Flatbush took note of candy stores that were "so cute" and seemingly "on every corner."

When they returned home, the two were walking around the Granbury Square one day when they spotted a storefront on East Pearl Street that was available. They wondered if it was maybe a sign that they were supposed to open a business.

Within six months, Merry Jayne's opened its doors.



Merry Jayne's on the square, beloved by Opera House patrons, carries a variety of sweets to eat and drink as well as nostalgic toys.

"I don't know if it's my grandchildren. I don't know if it's my kids, my husband. To me, there's a reason. I don't know what it is. I just knew that I'm too tough to let illnesses take me down. I just don't play by everybody's rules."

MERRY JAYNE FLATBUSH

Owner of Merry Jayne's

Four years later, in 2020, the couple had another scare. Flatbush caught COVID-19, resulting in a long hospital stay and another close encounter with death. She faced it the way she faced lung cancer. She fought.

Knowing that going on a ventilator would likely destroy the only lung she had left, she ordered any doctor who dared to say the word "intubate" out of her hospital room. Eventually, the medical staff taped a note to the door warning that anyone who used

that word with Flatbush would be banished.

Eventually, Flatbush recovered and was back at Merry Jayne's.

Older customers who visit her store are sure to find themselves walking down Memory Lane. The shop sells nostalgia candies such as Charms Sweet Pops, Bottle Caps, Bit-O-Honey, Neapolitan Coconut Bars, Moon Pies, Goodart's Peanut Patties, Candy Buttons, Cherry Mashies, and even politically incorrect candy cigarettes. There are also nostalgia

gums such as Clove Gum and Gold Mine gum, tiny pieces of yellow gum packaged in a little goldminer's gunnysack.

There are also toys from yesteryear such as Tonka trucks, Fisher-Price See N Say, and the Fisher-Price old-fashioned-style toy phone with eyes and a smiling mouth that was a favorite plaything of countless toddlers for generations.

Flatbush said that the merchandise in her store is about 80% candy and 20% toys.

"At Christmas, we're Stacking Stuffer Central because I try to get things that no one else has," she said of her selection of "mini toys."

Sometimes, casual observers might notice two little boys pushing tyke-sized shopping carts down the sidewalk on the square's south side before disappearing behind the door of Merry Jayne's. They are Flatbush's grandsons, ages six and three. She also has a granddaughter on the way.

The boys fill their carts, mostly with toys, and tell whoever is working behind the counter that "Cookie said it was OK." Their grandmother, a.k.a. Cookie, always pays for the items even though she owns the business.

Flatbush also pays back to the community. She is a supporter of the Granbury Opera House and performances by the Granbury Theatre Company that are important to the local tourism industry. She occasionally even creates a specialty item to complement a show. This month, in a nod to a scene in "Matilda," Merry Jayne's is selling a Chocolate Cake Shake.

"Merry Jayne's has been a tremendous supporter of, and a partner with, the Granbury Theatre Company for years now," said GTC board president Micky Shearon. "They not only support GTC financially by being a season sponsor every year, but they support our staff and cast and crew members by offering them a store discount on their purchases and at other times sponsoring the cost of our cast parties. We love Merry Jayne's."

So do Opera House patrons. Flatbush said they come before a show, during intermission, and after a show. Merry Jayne's stays open until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays to accommodate them. Other store hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Flatbush has taken her love of town squares to Stephenville. She will soon mark the first anniversary of her western boutique Johnny and June, named after her idol Johnny Cash and his wife June Carter Cash.

She and John no longer live in Pecan Plantation. They moved to a 90-acre ranch in Pattillo, between Santo and Lipan.

The woman who just a few years ago felt a lack of purpose and direction is now driving back and forth between two town squares where she owns thriving businesses.

"It breaks my heart to drive through an old town and their square's just falling apart," she said. "I just think that it's the heart of the whole city."

As to why she is still here after two illnesses that others might not have survived, Flatbush said she has no idea.

"I don't know if it's my grandchildren. I don't know if it's my kids, my husband," she said. "To me, there's a reason. I don't know what it is. I just knew that I'm too tough to let illnesses take me down. I just don't play by everybody's rules."

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OINK OINK FEST GERMAN PIG ROAST HELD APRIL 14-16



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Live entertainment played a huge role in the second annual Oink Oink Fest (April 14-16) activities this past weekend. Accordion music by Mike Borelli was among the live entertainment for Oink Oink Fest goes on the stage at Granbury Square Plaza and the Langdon Center.



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Mike Garcia spent all day Saturday prepping his whole swine for an authentic German pig roast at the Historic Granbury Merchants Association and Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus and Biergarten hosted event.



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The celebration offered a children's play area at the Langdon Center called "Kinderplatz" (which included bounce houses and a mechanical bull) was a hit with the little kinders, (the German word for kids.)



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The weather couldn't have been better for the second annual Granbury Oink Oink Fest. Organizers expanded the roast to give it more room and to provide more pork options.

GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL BAND HELD APRIL-FEST FUNDRAISER



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The Pride of Granbury proudly presented the April-Fest Showcase & Fundraiser Saturday, April 15 at Granbury High School. Featured were Acton & Granbury Middle School Bands and Granbury High School Bands. Pictured is the Acton Middle School Honors Band performing Saturday afternoon.

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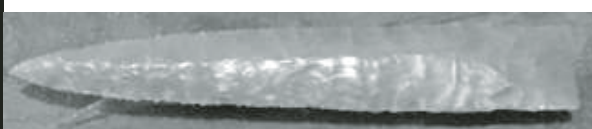
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COURTESY OF BAMBI BRIDGES

Knox Bridges, grandson of The Cresson Wrench owners Ronnie and Bambi Bridges, is screaming with excitement with the announcement that the delayed restaurant is set to officially open in a food truck-type setting on Monday, April 24. The food truck will serve burgers, avocado toast, flatbread pizza, chicken and waffles, shrimp po boys, and catfish baskets.

Cresson Wrench set to open April 24 after nearly three-year delay

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

A local restaurant in Cresson that has been struggling to open for years due to unforeseen snags and hurdles will soon see the light of day — albeit in a slightly different format.

Since August of 2020, Bambi Bridges, the owner of The Cresson Wrench, located at 9501 Lancaster St., has been making every effort possible to try to get her new res-

taurant open to the public. But a couple of unexpected — and costly — issues with the building led to a complete change of plans for the restaurant.

Since Bridges won't be able to operate The Cresson Wrench inside the building for quite a while, she decided to purchase a food truck that will be set up outside the building.

"We can at least be in business and be able to serve people soon — not like we planned on, but at least we'll be there," Bridges said, in a previous interview with the

Hood County News.

The food truck — operating under the same name as the restaurant — is now completely set up at The Cresson Wrench and will officially be open for business on Monday, April 24.

"We just basically reconfigured our plan," Bridges said.

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The Cresson Wrench food truck will serve burgers, avocado toast, flatbread pizza, chicken and waffles, shrimp po boys, and catfish baskets.

Dessert options will include strawberry shortcake and banana pudding.

Beer and wine will also be available to purchase, with the potential addition of frozen coffee in the future.

Bridges said the front deck of the building will be open and can accommodate seating for up to 75 customers in partially shaded areas. The back deck will open once the restaurant starts seeing more customers.

"I'd just rather take those baby steps and just grow with it," she said.

The restaurant will have ample parking spaces available and is also pet-friendly.

Karaoke nights will be held every Tuesday from 7-10

p.m., with the addition of an outdoor market once a month beginning in May.

"We'll have our grand opening on May 27, and that is when we'll start our first outdoor show, as long as I can get enough vendors," Bridges said. "I'm hoping for people to rent spaces from me that have handmade items of all different kinds. I'm really hoping this will take off and that people will love coming to it. I would love to do it once a month on Saturdays from March to October, but we'll see. Cresson could really benefit from the people that this could draw out here, so fingers crossed."

Bridges said she plans to also have live musicians perform at The Cresson Wrench sometime in the future.

"That'll be next," she said.

The Cresson Wrench will be open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, with a tentative schedule of

11 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"We are very, very ready, and I think everybody else is too," Bridges added. "We have so many people stop and talk to us about it, so we're really excited. It's been a long time coming; it's time."

To stay up to date with future changes and developments, follow The Cresson Wrench on Facebook. For more information, call 817-566-4785 or email thecressonwrench@gmail.com.

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COURTESY OF JOJO BRIDGES

Ronnie, left, and Bambi Bridges are the owners of The Cresson Wrench, located at 9501 Lancaster St. After almost a three-year delay, the up-and-coming restaurant is set to officially open for business on Monday, April 24 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.



CLOWDUS

FROM PAGE B1

area.

VIP tickets are available for \$59. That price includes front row picnic table seating, a souvenir cup, a soft drink, and a snack.

Tickets can be purchased online at brianclowdus.com/performances/charlottes-web-texas. A 15% military and first responder discount is offered with the code ThankYou15.

In the event of light rain, performances will go forward. If there is heavy rain, performances will be canceled with no refunds except for those who have purchased rain insurance for an extra cost of \$5. Those with rain insurance will receive a refund or will be allowed to attend a different scheduled performance.

Check-in and access to the petting zoo begins 30 minutes prior to the performance.

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COURTESY OF BRIAN CLOWDUS

The cast of "Charlotte's Web" will provide a family-friendly hour of entertainment on the grounds of Heavenhill Farm, not far from the square and Hewlett Park.

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American Sign Language

American Sign Language

American Sign Language or ASL is a language for people who can't hear. It was developed over 200 years ago by Thomas Gallaudet at the American School for the Deaf.

It is estimated that between 250,000 and 500,000 people use ASL to communicate.

Can you spell your name in ASL using the chart to the left? Try it!

What other words can you spell?



There are many reasons a person may not be able to hear. The most important thing to remember is to treat the person with respect while trying to communicate with them.



A statue of Thomas Gallaudet and Alice Cogswell. Gallaudet founded the American School for the Deaf on April 15, 1817. Alice was his first student and inspired him to create American Sign Language.

American Sign Language

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.

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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 Bingham 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

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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 Grief-share workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

REJENGAGE MARRIAGE

Enrichment meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at StoneWater Church in Granbury. For more information email to paige.kitchens@stonewaterchurch.com

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.

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.

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

HOOD COUNTY Republican Club will host a meeting on April 25. Social hour 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. at Brazil's Covenant Ministries located at 1950 Acton Highway. The speaker will be Eric Golub. He has been a TV guest on Hannity, Hugh Hewitt, and Dennis Miller.

MID CITIES Stamp Club-Granbury branch will hold Sports Stories of 'two Babes' on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at Bentwater Activities Center located at 1800 Emerald Bend Court. For more information call Jim Case at 817-910-8174

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

TUESDAY, MAY 2

OPERA GUILD of Granbury monthly meeting/luncheon will take place on May 2 at DeCordova Country Club located at 5301 Country Club Dr. Social/Check-in 10:30 a.m. Entertainment/Meeting 11:00 a.m. Matt Beutner, Granbury Theatre Academy Director and some of the Academy Students, Student Actors will be performing a few theater showtunes and some jazz. Noon Buffet Lunch optional (\$18), no lunch, \$5 includes water, coffee, or tea.

Reservations required no later than March 3, contact granburyog@gmail.com or 817-776-2898. General Membership, single \$25.00 joint \$35.00 Business Membership \$35.00. The guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

LAKE GRANBURY Art Association's Hood County student art exhibit will take place on May 3-20, 2023 Art teachers, please bring your students' artwork to the Shanley house located at 224 N. Travis Street (across from the Hood County Library) on Saturday, April 29 1:00-4:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 30 1:00-4:00 p.m. The work will be hung up for exhibit on June 2, 2023. The reception will be held on May 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m. for the students, their families, friends, and the public. All are invited to attend. Questions? Contact loyd.barbara@gmail.com

SATURDAY, MAY 6

SPRING PICNIC and Scholarship Fundraisers benefiting 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.

ACTON CEMETERY Annual Meeting will take place on May 6, 2023 at First National Bank of Granbury located

at 3000 Fall Creek Highway 76049. Any lot owners are welcome to come. Bring a covered dish. We will start at 11:00 a.m. with lunch then the meeting will follow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

FORWARD TRAINING Center's Jobs for Life Spring Graduation will be held May 10 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Granbury. Our Jobs for Life classes help men and women develop character, become connected to a community of support, and help them obtain far more than just a job.

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 Sun: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM.
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Master Gardeners to stage annual plant sale on April 22



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Pictured is a Purple Salvia plant.

Submitted Item

What annual spring event has people lining up early to get first pick? The Lake Granbury Master Gardener (LGMG) spring plant sale never fails to lure plant lovers and experienced shoppers who know that favored plants sell fast.

This year's plant is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or when plants sell out) at the group's Demonstration Garden at the rear of the parking lot behind Hood County Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St. in Granbury. The 2023 sale is the first

to feature plants cultivated in the protection of the group's new greenhouse. Shoppers may choose from dozens of plants known to thrive in North Central Texas. Selections will include Texas natives, perennials, pollinator and butterfly plants, heat and

drought-tolerant species, shade plants, herbs, and succulents. Keep in mind that the sale will end early if all plants are sold. Serious buyers should arrive early. However, no purchase is necessary to browse, visit the Demonstration Garden, or talk to master gardeners who will answer gardening questions during the sale. Monies raised will fund scholarships and community education programs.

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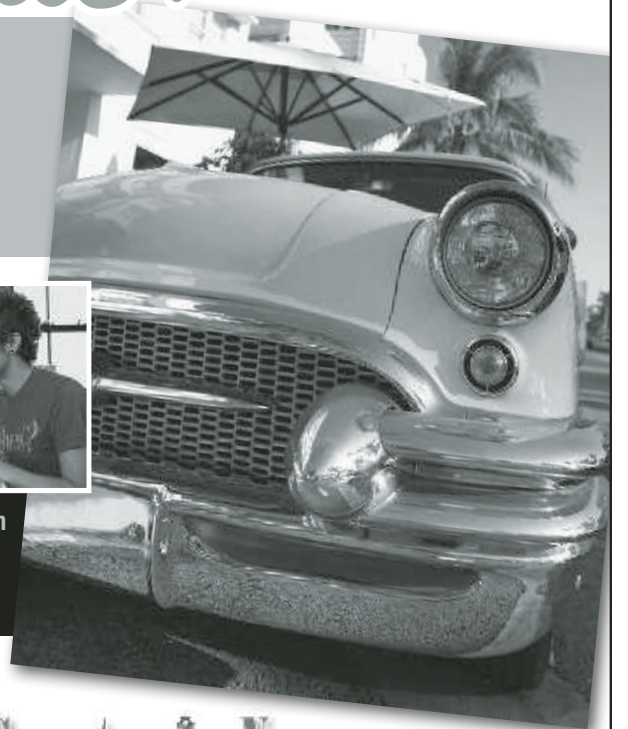
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