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## BUNCO FOR BRAIN HEALTH

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### Bridgewater holds fundraiser for Alzheimer's Association

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

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Hosted by Bridgewater Memory Care, the Bunco for Brain Health event was created to raise money for the North Central Texas (Fort Worth) Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

"I was at a meeting the other day — I'm gonna get a little choked up — and they said, one out of three people (receives an Alzheimer's diagnosis) so look to your left and look to your right," said Jordan (Jory) Ruckman, marketing director for Bridgewater during the event. "Unfortunately, some days I think I'm the next one. A lot of people have been touched by that — family members, and people you know — so this is a very important cause, and I love you all for being here."

Tickets to play were \$20 each and there were also several silent auction items available for attendees to make bids on for purchase, with 100% of those

proceeds also benefiting the Alzheimer's Association.

Jordan Craig, The Longest Day manager for the North Central Texas Alzheimer's Association, also spoke at the event, encouraging attendees to participate in The Longest Day this June.

"Basically, The Longest Day is like a DIY peer-to-peer group fundraising where you do your hobby and enjoy your hobby," she said. "It honors caregivers and people living with Alzheimer's because every day can feel like the longest day, so that's where it got its name."

The Longest Day,

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**Lindsay Lopez, clinical liaison for Concho Hearts Hospice, sets up a charcuterie display for the Bunco for Brain Health event on Tuesday night, where proceeds benefited the Alzheimer's Association.**



## Granbury Airport wins state award

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

Granbury city officials and city staff are celebrating the Granbury Regional Airport being named "Most Improved Airport of the Year" for 2023 at TxDOT Aviation Division's 41st Texas Aviation Conference.

The conference, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation and co-

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## Council approves funds for City Hall upgrade

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

The Granbury City Council has authorized what City Manager Chris Coffman called a "soft renovation" of City Hall.

The two-story building at 116 W. Bridge St. is getting older and renovations are needed to implement safety measures and to accommodate growing staff needs. Safety measures will include a new security system and ballistic glass around customer service counters on the ground floor.

Now that the Granbury Police Department is no longer housed at City Hall but at a new facility at 2050 NE Loop 567, the space it once occupied is freed up for other city departments. Last year, the city added an Economic Development department to its administrative list.

One of the goals of the first-floor remodel is also to create a "one-stop shop" to streamline processes involving development, per-

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## Life jackets, other giveaways part of Lake Granbury's Water Safety Awareness Day

From staff reports

The Brazos River Authority has announced the return of Lake Granbury's Water Safety Awareness Day, an outdoor event that will involve booths, food, and giveaways that include lifejackets for children and fishing poles.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Rough Creek Park, 2209 S. Morgan St. (SH 144).

Sponsored by the Brazos River Authority, the annual event has grown steadily to include more

guests, more life vest giveaways, and more participation by other organizations throughout the surrounding community.

Organizations are invited to participate in the event to help teach different safety topics to youth, according to Reservoir Manager Connie Tucker.

The growing list of participants for this year's Water Safety Awareness Day includes the American Red cross, Celebrity Pools, the Granbury and Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Departments, the Hood County

Community Emergency Response Team, L.G. Marina/North Texas Kayaks, Texas EMS, Texas Search & Rescue, the YMCA, and the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District with its teaching trailer.

K-Hits 95.5 FM will broadcast from the location, and Gary and Janice Turner will cook free hot dogs.

The first 300 youth to arrive will be fitted for their own free life jacket. The first 100 children interested will get a free fishing pole that they can use immediately. Experienced fishermen will be on hand to teach

kids to bait and cast a line, an announcement by the BRA stated.

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

For those unable to attend, the BRA offers these tips for choosing the right life jacket:

- Make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- Check the manufacturer's tag for your size and weight to get started.

• Make sure the life jacket is properly zipped or buckled.

• Raise your arms straight up over your head while wearing your life jacket, and grab the shoulder material, gently pulling up.

• If there is excess room above the openings and the life jacket rides up over your chin or face, it does not fit properly. A snug fit in these areas signals a properly fitting life jacket.

• If the jacket is too tight, go the next size up. Life jackets that are too small will not be able to keep your body afloat.



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Marketing Director for Bridgewater Memory Care Jordan (Jory) Ruckman, standing, gives instruction to fellow Bunco players, while other teams get in the zone.

## BUNCO

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known as the summer solstice, takes place in June every year. It's the day of the year with the most sunlight and is dedicated to "fighting the darkness of Alzheimer's through fundraising activities," according to the Alzheimer's Association website.

The host of the Bunco for Brain Health event was Bridgewater Memory Care. Located at 900 Autumn Ridge Drive, Bridgewater is an assisted living facility that focuses on Alzheimer's and dementia care.

*"I was at a meeting the other day — I'm gonna get a little choked up — and they said, one out of three people (receives an Alzheimer's diagnosis) so look to your left and look to your right. Unfortunately, some days I think I'm the next one. A lot of people have been touched by that — family members, and people you know — so this is a very important cause, and I love you all for being here."*

**JORDAN (JORY) RUCKMAN**  
Marketing director for Bridgewater Memory Care

"We were the first freestanding Alzheimer's assisted living in Granbury," Ruckman said. "The building is architecturally designed with an open base system.

It's secure, and safe, and (residents are) free to walk and roam around the building." According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 6 mil-

lion Americans are living with Alzheimer's and more than 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The Alzheimer's Association addresses the crisis by: providing care and support to individuals facing Alzheimer's through its free 24/7 Helpline (800-272-3900), education programs, and support groups; accelerating research and creating a path for global progress; and by recruiting a nationwide network of advocates to ensure its message about care, support, and research is heard at every level of government.

For more information about the Alzheimer's Association, visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) online.

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## AIRPORT

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ordinated by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, was held April 12-14 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston.

A video created by TxDOT about Granbury's years-long airport expansion effort was shown at Tuesday night's regular City Council meeting. It was followed by comments from City Manager Chris Coffman commending those involved in the project, which is expected to be a major economic boon to the city.

Coffman thanked the City Council for its ongoing financial support to bring the project to fruition. The panel has changed during the years since efforts to expand the airport first got underway about 17 years ago, with the council unanimously voting to move forward in 2016.

The city paid half of the \$32 million cost for the expansion and grant funds from TxDOT's Aviation Division paid the other half.

Last November, the city commissioned the new runway, which is 5,200 feet long and 75 feet wide. It replaces the 3,600-foot-long runway that was the shortest among similar airports in the western Dallas-Fort Worth air space. Because the runway was so short, it was unable to safely accommodate business jets. With the larger runway now in use, the old runway is being used as a taxiway.

The city is in the process of building a new terminal building that will look similar to its new police station. The City Council has not yet decided on a use for the existing terminal building.



COURTESY OF CITY OF GRANBURY

Members of the Granbury City Council join City Manager Chris Coffman, Aviation Director Pat Stewart, and Deputy City Manager Michael Ross in celebrating Granbury Regional Airport receiving TxDOT Aviation's "Most Improved Airport of the Year" award for 2023. Pictured, from left, are council members Greg Corrigan and Eddie Rodriquez, Stewart, Coffman, Mayor Pro Tem Trish Burwell, Ross, council member Steven Vale, and Mayor Jim Jarratt. Council member Bruce Wadley was not present.

In his remarks at the council meeting, Coffman noted the contributions of Deputy City Manager Michael Ross and Aviation Director Pat Stewart, as well as the city's Airport Board and KSA Engineering. He indicated that engineer Joseph Garcia, who does not work exclusively for KSA, was instrumental in saving the city a considerable amount of money.

Coffman said that two dozen box hangars are scheduled to be built and 15 acres will be developed for flight maintenance facilities for jet service. "The demand for our airport is growing faster than we anticipated in the Master Plan," Stewart said.

Speaking to the Hood County News by phone Wednesday, Stewart said that he was present at the conference where the award was announced and that he attends it every year. He noted that the airport expansion project was a group effort.

"It took a whole team of people for this thing to be successful," he said.

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## UPGRADE

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mitting, and inspections. Once the renovation project has been completed, the development team will be together in the same area.

Additional funds for carpeting and "FFE" — a few items pertaining to furniture, fixtures, and

equipment — will be allocated later but were not included in the expenditures approved by the council at its regular meeting Tuesday night. Deputy City Manager Michael Ross said that the city will save money through that course of action.

City Manager Chris Coffman stated that new carpet is expected to cost between \$110,000 and

\$130,000. The largest chunk of money approved by the council as part of the agenda item was \$509,742 to be paid to Lever Construction, LLC, the only company to bid on the project. Ross indicated that part of the reason for the city receiving only one bid may be because of school projects that some construction companies are about

to begin once school lets out for summer break.

The council also approved an expenditure of up to \$80,000 for the purchase and installation of new security cameras at City Hall. City Manager Chris Coffman said that the current cameras have been in place since 2005 or 2006 and are at the end of their life. Also approved was an expenditure of up

to \$90,000 for a new security access control system.

Coffman noted that the building is now 21 years old, "so, it's probably time" for updating.

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# Early voting for May 6 elections starts Monday

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

Early voting for the May 6 election will begin Monday. On the ballot is the Lipan School Board of Trustees and two matters pertaining to the city of Cresson: consideration of a tax reauthorization and a Municipal Utility District.

All early voting will take place in the meeting room at Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St. in Granbury. Polls

will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, April 24-28 and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2.

In Lipan, trustees Elyn Grove of Place 3 and Phillip Tarpley of Place 4 are unopposed for re-election but Walter H. Baldree of Place 5 has competition from T.J. Bleeker.

Cresson voters will vote on the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half percent to continue providing rev-

enue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. The tax expires on the fourth anniversary of the date of the election unless the imposition of the tax is reauthorized.

Voters in voting precinct 415 will also vote on Cresson Crossroads MUD #2. There are two propositions pertaining to the Municipal Utility District.

Proposition A states: "The issues of \$90,425,000 Utility Bonds and the Levy of Ad Valorem

Taxes Adequate to Provide for the Payment of the Utility Bonds by Cresson Crossroads Municipal Utility District No. 2 Defined Area #1."

Proposition B states: "The issuance of \$113,031,250 Utility Refunding Bonds and the Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes Adequate to Provide for the Payment of the Utility Refunding Bonds by Cresson Crossroads Municipal Utility District No. 2 Defined Area #1."

The terms of four Cresson City Council members are expiring but since they drew no opponents, they are declared re-elected. Those council members are Ron Becker of Place 1, Gary Robertson of Place 2 (for a one-year term), Lisa Clement of Place 3, and Jeff Keeney of Place 5.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

## The unfortunate consequences of taking your medicine



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.

Early on, it became apparent to me that children did not come with an instruction manual. Hopefully a degree of parenting skills comes from genetics or from each person's own personal experiences. Unfortunately, a whole lot of parental knowledge comes from bad experiences, which is why when raising the second child, parents are considerably more comfortable and knowledgeable in what they need to do and what they shouldn't do.

When my son was about five years old, he was suffering from a wee bit of a cough. Nothing serious, just a little cough, which might indicate a cold coming on or some other childhood malady. After dinner and once he had his pajamas on and teeth brushed, his mother gave him a dose of Robitussin, the panacea of medicines for small children, then tucked him in bed and turned out the light.

The next morning, it was a usual workday. We had quite a pre-work routine. My wife would get the baby

fed, while I showered and dressed, then I would watch the baby while she showered. When we finished, she would dress the baby and get her ready for the sitter while I would get our son dressed, out the door, and drop him at pre-school. We were a well-oiled machine.

This one morning, things were pretty much on track. When I finished dressing my boy, we got on our coats, and were headed out the door when my wife called out from the bedroom, "It would probably be a good idea to give Dustin another

shot of Robitussin." Being a dutiful husband, I stopped in my tracks and proceeded to the kitchen cabinet where all the essential pharmaceuticals were kept. I opened the cabinet door, saw the familiar, tall, brown colored bottle with the white label and dark print. I was in a hurry to get to work and drop off my son, so I snatched up the bottle. With spoon in hand, I poured out a teaspoon dose, told my son to open his mouth and lean his head back, and proceeded to pour the concoction down his throat.

Almost immediately my son started to spit and sputter and claimed, "That tastes horrible, Dad!" My response sounded very much like something my father would have said to me as a child, "take your medicine and hush." Normally such a directive from me would have ended the conversation with my small boy, but in this case he strongly resisted. He kept trying to spit the remnants of the medicine out of his mouth. Grabbing a paper towel I started wiping the front of his shirt and then I got a "whiff" of something unusual. I smelled the paper towel, and it did not smell anything like Robitussin.

Grabbing up the bottle I looked at the label to find I had just man-

aged to give my precious son a full teaspoon of "tick and flea medicine!" At first my eyes did not believe what they saw. The bottle was the same size and shape as Robitussin, the label was even the same design, but the writing on the label clearly recited it contained flea and tick medicine. Why my wife had placed the bottle in the same area as the medicines I will never know. I already was beating myself up for not reading the label BEFORE I administered the dose. Clearly the fault rested entirely on my shoulders.

Quickly calling poison control, I was instructed to go to the hospital where they induced vomiting. Soon the entire emergency room smelled like flea and tick medicine. Other patients inhaling the noxious odors emanating down the hallways of the hospital must have thought they had gone to a veterinary hospital by mistake. The smell was terrible, and I could not imagine how bad it must have tasted when I poured the substance into my son's mouth.

In between the many times of throwing up, I begged my boy to forgive me and repeatedly expressed how I was to blame for his misfortune. I went so far as to

promise my son that when he got to be an 18-year-old, he had my permission to hit me square on the nose, as hard as he wanted. As he listened his little eyes smiled with the thought of one day getting back at the man who had poisoned him.

After about two hours my son was discharged and there was no harm done, other than the beating I gave myself for not being more careful. After hearing my 500th apology, I can still hear him say, "Dad I know you didn't mean to poison me," and as far as he was concerned the matter was closed.

I learned an important lesson about never taking things for granted, especially when it comes to children or medicine. Fortunately, my son never held me to my promise of allowing him to strike me on my nose. As a grown man telling this story, he always likes to add, "and I never had a single tick or flea from that point forward." Well, at least he got something out of it.

Thought for the day: Everybody knows how to raise children except the people who have them!

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

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## Granbury summer season jobs can be fun in the sun for teens

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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Summertime and the living is easy unless you're sweating to earn a few bucks. But even then, who says it can't be fun?

The city of Granbury is taking applications for part-time seasonal jobs that include beach monitors, concession attendants, and lifeguards. Hours include days, evenings, and weekends.

Beach monitors enforce rules at City Beach Park, the beach area on East Pearl Street near the square. Beach monitors are different from lifeguards. Those who swim at that location do so at their own risk.

The duties of beach monitors include checking bags and coolers, helping to keep the beach area clean, monitoring guests, and contacting law enforcement or first responders if needed.

Applicants must be 18 or older.

Lifeguards and concession workers are needed for the Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center at 400 N. Park Dr. Concession employees will work the athletic fields as well. Both positions are open to those 16 and older.

Duties for concession attendants include preparing concession items for sale, collecting and reporting money from sales, making change, cleaning up around the stand, and assisting in preparing program

information.

The job also involves a knowledge of state rules on food service sanitation and food handling. CPR/First Aid certification is preferred.

Applicants should be in good physical condition, able to stand for extensive periods of time, and strong enough to lift up to 50 pounds.

Lifeguard jobs are open to those who have Red Cross, Ellis & Associates, YMCA, or BSA life-

guard certification and Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR for Professional Rescuers training.

Information on how to apply for these positions can be found under "Human Resources" at granbury.org online.

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## Pancake Fly-In, WINGS class set for Saturday at Granbury airport

From staff reports

A Pancake Fly-In breakfast will take place Saturday, April 22, at the Granbury Regional Airport, 400 Howard Clemmons Road.

The occasional weekend breakfast events, which are not sponsored by the airport, benefit various nonprofits. Proceeds from Saturday's event will go to the Brazos River 99's.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is an international organization headquartered in Oklahoma City. It consists of thousands of licensed female pilots from 44 countries.

Those who attend Pancake Fly-In

breakfasts are asked to make a donation of at least \$5.

According to Pat Stewart, the airport's aviation director, a representative of the Federal Aviation Administration will also be at the

airport on Saturday to give a free "Air Space Review" class as part of its WINGS program, which addresses the documented causal factors of aircraft accidents.

The class will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Margaret Nell Gilliland Lehman, Deceased, were issued on April 12, 2023, in Cause No. P09239, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Howard Anthony Gilliland. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Mary Lois Sipes Attorney at Law P.O. Box 207 100 N. Trinity St. Decatur, Texas 76234 DATED the 12th day of April, 2023. Mary Los Sipes Attorney for Howard Anthony Gilliland State Bar No.: 24075107 P.O. Box 207 100 N. Trinity St. Decatur, Texas 76234 Telephone: (940) 627-0006 Facsimile: (940) 627-0016 E-mail: marylois@ctslawfirm.com

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTMENT OF CLAIMS Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of Mary Evelyn Glenn Gentry, deceased, were issued to David Glenn Gentry on April 12, 2023, in Cause Number P09996, in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, which is still pending. All persons having claims against such estate are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Address claims to the Executor in care of: Wesley J. Filer, Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee, PLLC, 400 Austin Avenue, Suite 800, Waco, Texas 76701.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estate Of JEFFREY MCLAUGHLIN, Cause No. P10026, County Court of Hood County, Texas. CECILY ALEXINE MCLAUGHLIN and TABITHA ANNE MCLAUGHLIN in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application To Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of JEFFREY MCLAUGHLIN, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate. Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas. All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so. Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 14th day of April, 2023. KATIE LANG Hood County Clerk P.O. Box 339 Hood County, Texas 76048 By /s/ CHRISTINE LEDERMANN, Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of William S. Lyons, IV, Deceased were issued on April 12, 2023, in Cause No. P09933, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: William S. Lyons, III. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Tracy S. Bush Attorney at Law 201 E. Bridge St. Granbury, Texas 76048

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

- 1. PL-2022-05, Request of Vaquero Acton Highway Partners, LP to Final Plat a 1.403 acre tract of the Joshua Minett Survey, Abs. #353 as Lot 1, Block 1 Vaquero Acton Place.
2. PL-2022-09, Request of Pilgrim Ventures, LLC to Final Plat a 33.56-acre tract of the Robert Alway Survey, Abs.#4 as Lots 1-9, Block 1; Lots 1X, 2-11, 12X, 13-22, 23X, 24-48, Block 2; Lots 1-34, Block 3; Lots 1-34, Block 4 of the El Dorado Addition. The property is located on Loop 567, west of Summerlin Ct. and east of Summerlin Dr.
3. PL-2022-14, Request of Jacob Stump on behalf of Calvary Church to Minor Plat a 10.381-acre tract of the Wright Williams Survey, Abs. #574 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Calvary Church of Granbury Addition. The property is located southwest of the intersection of Glen Rose Hwy. and Indian Mountain Ct.
4. PL-2022-16, Request of Joe Faust on behalf of QT South, LLC to Replat Lot 4, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition as Lot 4R, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition. The property is located east of the intersection of Meander Rd. and E. Hwy. 377.
5. PL-2022-17, Request of Tony Calloway, to Final Plat a 6.231-acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #348 as Lots 1-4, Block 1 of Corridor 51 Business Center Addition. The property is addressed as 1109 and 1211 Weatherford Hwy.
6. PL-2022-20, Request of Foxglove Investments LLC to Replat Lots 16-17, Block 2 of The Shores Addition as Lot 16R, Block 2 of The Shores Addition. The property is addressed as 806 Old Cleburne Rd.
7. PL-2022-23, Request of Jason Britt to Final Plat, a 59.801 acre tract of the Joshua Minett Survey, Abs. #351, B.W. Perkins Survey, Abs. #445 as Lots 1-6, Block 15, Lots 1-30, Block 16, Lots 1-32, Block 17, Lots 1-16, Block 18, Lots 1-10, Block 19, Lots 1-7 & Common Area 1, Block 20, Lots 1-16, Block 21, Lots 1-3 & Common Area H, Block 22, Lots 1-31, Block 23, Lots 1-12, Block 24, Lots 1-34, Block 25, and Lots 1-32, Block 26 of the Saratoga Phase 3 & 4 Addition. The property is located approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Saratoga Blvd. and E. Hwy 377.
8. PL-2022-30, Request of Mary Swingle and Chirsonda Margurite Rodriguez to Replat Lot 7 and Lot 8, Block 1 of the Sunchase Village Addition as Lot 7R and Lot 8R, Block 1 of the Sunchase Village Addition. The properties are addressed as 5530 and 5600 Old Granbury Rd.
9. PL-2022-32, Request of GA Homes LLC to Preliminary Plat a 6.003 acre tract of the T. Price Survey, Abs. No. 439 as Lots 1-6 of the San Lorenzo Addition.
10. Z-2022-03, Request of Sand Hill Land & Cattle Company, LLC to rezone a 5.911-acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abs.#504 from Light Commercial [LC] to Planned Development [PD] with a base Multiple Family [PD/MF]. The property is located north of the intersection of Crawford Ave. and Harbor Lakes Dr.
11. TCP-2022-03, Request of Sand Hill Land & Cattle Company for a Tree Conservation Plan to allow for the removal and mitigation of protected trees in conformance with Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located north of the intersection of Crawford Ave. and Harbor Lakes Dr. [P&Z only]
12. PL-2022-25, Request of Sand Hill Land & Cattle Company to Preliminary Plat a 5.911-acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abs. #504 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Sundance on Lake Granbury Addition. The property is located north of the intersection of Crawford Ave. and Harbor Lakes Dr.
13. Z-2023-02, Request of Tryon Development Corp. to rezone a 15.147 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #348 from Planned Development [PD] to Residential - 7,000 [R-7]. The property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Nettie Baccus Rd. and Loop 567.
14. PL-2023-04, Request of Tryon Development Corp. to Preliminary Plat a 15.147 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #348 as Lots 1-23, Block 1; Lots 1-27, Block 2 and Lots 1-15, Block 3 of the Bella Vista Addition. The property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Nettie Baccus Rd. and Loop 567.
15. SUP-2021-12, Request of Mary Ann Williamson for a Specific Use Permit to allow Single Family, Attached in a Central Business District (CBD) zoning district. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.
16. PL-2021-10, Request of Mary Ann Williamson to Replat a 0.549 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #903, known as a part of Block 8 of the Barton Addn. as Lots 6R-11R, Block 8 of the Barton Addition. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.
17. SUP-2023-11, Request of Jim & Pennie Gehring for a Specific Use Permit to allow a "Bed & Breakfast, Hosted" in a Residential-8,400 [R-8.4] zoning district.
18. SUP-2023-12, Request of Rodney Ferrell for a Specific Use Permit to allow a "Short-term Rental (STR) Residential Un-hosted" in a Residential-7,000 [R-7] zoning district. The property is addressed as 124 S. Travis St.
19. TCP-2023-05, Request of Granbury Hospital Corporation for a Tree Conservation Plan to allow for the removal and mitigation of protected trees in conformance with Article 13 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is located 5601 E. HWY 377. [P&Z only]
20. PL-2023-05, Request of Granbury Hospital Corporation to Preliminary Plat a 63.862 acre tract of the Jeremiah Campbell Survey, Abs. #122 and the John Howard Survey, Abs. #717 as Lots 1-4 of the Martin Coleman Addition. The property is addressed as 5601 E. HWY 377.
21. PL-2023-06, Request of Josiah Ventures, Ltd., to Final Plat a 6.967 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Block 2 Abs. #348 as Lots 1-3, Block 6 of Sandstone Estates.
22. PL-2023-07, Request of Vicki L. Nivens, to Replat Lots 1-A and 1-B Block 61 of the Nutt Addition as Lot 1-AR of Block 61 of the Nutt Addition.
23. PL-2023-08, Request of Mike M. Nikes, to Minor Plat a 5.468 acre tract of the Joshua Minette Survey, Abs. 352 as Lot 1 and 2, Block 1 of the Pike Addition.

For more information, contact Community Development at 817-573-1114, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Donald Chester Rhodes, Deceased were issued on March 29, 2023, in Cause No. P09707, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Deborah A. Rhodes. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Tracy S. Bush Attorney at Law 201 E. Bridge St. Granbury, Texas 76048

ORDINANCE NO. 23-33

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PUBLIC SALES

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MAYOR OF CRESSON

*From day to day, let's make an effort to be a 'good' finder, avoid negativity*



**BY TEENA PUTTEET CONWAY**

Cresson Mayor Teena Putteet Conway, a native of Cresson, attended school for two years in the historic Cresson school. She is a Granbury High School graduate, and earned a BBA from Baylor University. After marrying, then raising her family in the Metroplex, she returned to Cresson after 40 years.

I had this phrase shared with me this week and it made me stop and think. The person that shared it said her mother always said, "Kerri, be a 'good' finder." From time to time it would come up whenever the daughter would be going down a negative trail.

With all that is going on in the world today, there are plenty of opportunities to hear, read, and speak the

negative things. Whether it is in the political arena or our own GISD School Board meetings, or the Hood

County Commissioner's meetings, there is almost always a cloak of negativity over them.

It is impossible to expect a perfect utopia type of existence, but I do think that a gentle reminder from time to time is effective. It reminds me of the 'WWJD' bracelets that were so popular 20 years ago. Just a gentle reminder to think before you speak. Think before you make a post on Facebook. My mom was correct when she would tell us that there are always two sides to every story.

With technology and our cell phones, it is so easy to hop on social media and

just rip something or someone to pieces. I used to tell my teams in my past careers that I was most certainly open to being made aware of issues or problems. However, it was a requirement to bring at least three suggested solutions or remedies to the discussion as well. I realize that they were closer to the issue and probably had better solutions to suggest.

So, I am going to start reminding myself of the need to be a "good" finder! Positivity goes a long way in our wonderful community. For example, whenever I think of Visit Granbury's Tammy Dooley it makes

me smile with positivity. The same is true for the Chamber of Commerce's Brian Bondy. This guy radiates with good vibes. And speaking of vibes, do not leave out Eric Wilkens at Vybe Realty. He lives and breathes positive vibes. I could go on and on, but you get what I'm trying to share here.

**CLEAN-UP DAY**

Moving on to my focus most of the time around trash! Cresson will hold its twice annual Cresson Clean-Up for our trash customers on Saturday, April 22, with a backup rain date of April

29. Granbury is doing a clean-up project as well and we applaud their efforts!

Spring is for more than just deep housecleaning! Look around town and see what trash you can pick up and definitely take a peek into your garages! Just do not come to my house and inspect our garage, as we have definite challenges in that area.

Enjoy the bluebonnets and the warmer weather and let us continue to be thankful for the Relief Route that is in progress to avoid the train!

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Granbury 76048  
**Garage Sales 76048**

YARD SALE: GRANBURY 2505 Scenic View Court, Granbury, TX - Camping Gear, Appliances, Clothes, Kitchen Equipment, Tools, Collectables, Electronics and more. 8am-5pm. Rain or Shine. Friday April 21 and Saturday April 22

2904 Paluxy Trl- Garage/Estate Sale. Everything must go! OBO! Sun. 4/23 10am-6pm.

YARD SALE: GRANBURY 3114 Springtime St- Open at 9am. Inside and outside. Household items, furniture, baby/toddler items, lawn and garden and much more Rain or Shine. Saturday April 22

Granbury 76049  
**Garage Sales 76049**

MOVING SALE: GRANBURY 8816 Cleburne Hwy, 76049- Items for Sale are Washer/Dryer, Round Kitchen Table w/4 chairs, Dining Room Table w/6 chairs, 1 Couch/Loveseat & Ottoman, Large TV, various Side Tables. Please call Richard 817.894.5057 to schedule a viewing of items. Rain or Shine.

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**Garage Sales 76049**

Garage SALE: GRANBURY 3500 Carla Court, Granbury- Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8am to 2pm. Clearing out our shop. Vintage tools, fabrication tools, welding table, tig welder, welding stuff, tool boxes, lots of nuts, bolts, rivets and much more.

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Tolar 76476  
**Garage Sales 76476**

Garage SALE: TOLAR 8812 W. Highway 377-Tolar United Methodist Church. Furniture, gently used items, clothing, +bake sale Rain or Shine. Saturday April 22

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# Lake Granbury Medical Center is a cornerstone of Granbury

The skilled and compassionate hands of physicians, nurses and other team members of Lake Granbury Medical Center support the health and well-being of patients who turn to us for expert care. We are here whenever needed.

Beyond providing clinical care, the hospital is a cornerstone of our community and a major contributor to the economic health of our community as a major employer and tax-payer through our resources to expand and enhance the medical services available close to home. The overall impact is significant and totaled more than \$168.2 million in 2022.

Care was provided at more than 285,700 patient encounters, including more than 21,800 emergency department visits, more than 3,300 inpatient admissions and more than 7,100 surgeries. More than 253,000 patients received care across Lakeside Physician clinics, including our cardiac, physical, occupational, and speech therapy centers as well as our diagnostic imaging centers. Joy was deliv-

ered to local families with the birth of more than 575 babies.

“Our commitment to the communities we serve and in everything we do is evident across all of our facilities,” said Curt M. Junkins, chief executive officer for Lake Granbury Medical Center.

“From the providers and nurses to our technicians and environmental services team, our focus is on quality, dependable health care for our neighbors, friends and visitors.”

Lake Granbury Medical Center applies its resources to medical services, facilities and technologies that are important to patients. These include our stroke center achieving Primary Stroke Certification, the Blue Distinction® Specialty Care designation awarded to our Bariatric Program as

well as continued accreditation by the Metabolic and Bariatric Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program. Additionally, the orthopedic surgery center’s Advanced Knee and Hip Replacement Certification from the Joint Commission is another level of commitment to our patients and their care.



Junkins

Access will be enhanced in late 2023 with the completed construction of our 6,000-square-foot medical clinic and Express Care facility in Stephenville, as well as the future construction of our \$15 million free-standing emergency department to be located at the corner of Highway 377 and Fall Creek Highway, slated to open in 2024. In 2022,

capital improvements totaling more than \$3.6 million were made to enhance patient monitoring equipment and technologies throughout our hospital. Lake Granbury Medical Center also gives back to our communities by providing more than \$71.3 million in charity and uncompensated care for the community’s most vulnerable. And the payment of \$8.9 million in property, sales, and GRT taxes helps support civic resources and services.



Support for local charitable and community organizations such as United Way of Hood County, Mission Granbury and Ruth’s Place includes financial donations and outreach. From food drives and charitable fundraising events to free school physicals for hundreds of

students across our district, our staff members are deeply engrained and committed to the well-being of the communities we live in and serve. “I am constantly amazed by the generosity of our healthcare team,” Junkins stated. “Their commitment to community well-being through their generosity reflects how Lake Granbury Medical Center and Lakeside Physicians are local cornerstones.”

The hospital’s payroll of more than \$74.9 million ripples across the local economy as employees buy goods and services. Last year, the hospital added enhanced benefits to help team members achieve their personal and professional goals, including assistance with student loan repay-

ments, reimbursement of licensure and certification expenses, as well as tuition reimbursement.

Our commitment to future generations of healthcare professionals is evident in our nursing resident program with Weatherford College and Tarleton State University and our local focus on high school students actively involved in medical career shadowing programs to help them navigate potential new careers.

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## GHS senior becomes first in district history to receive Dell scholarship



Jason Shahan, left, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) teacher at Granbury High School, poses with senior Victoria Rodriguez, who was the first student in the district to receive a Dell scholarship from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

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## Granbury named Best Destination for Foodies

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Granbury is known locally for having some of the most delicious food and unique restaurants that you can't get anywhere else. But now, this small town has proof of its reputation on a state-wide level.

### BEST DESTINATION FOR FOODIES

Granbury has recently been awarded Best Destination for Foodies - People's Choice Award 2023 by the Texas Travel Awards.

Competing with other food-favorite cities like Austin, Fredericksburg, and San Antonio, Granbury still came out on top with this honor.

"We are in such good company with other fantastic People's Choice Winners: Best Destination for Arts & Culture - Dallas; Best Destination for Families - Grapevine; Best Destination for Outdoor Adventures - Mineral Wells, and now Granbury - Best Destination for Foodies," said Tammy Dooley, director of Visit Granbury. "The success of the Foodie Trail promotion has been great for Granbury's culinary tourism. Of course, the real stars are our fabulous restaurants, venues, and attractions offering great food and drinks."

### GRANBURY FOODIE TRAIL

The Granbury Foodie Trail is a promotion that was first launched in 2018 featuring "the best dining adventures in Granbury," where guests could sample food from some of the restaurants featured on the trail, according to a 2018 article in the Hood County News.

The promotion was revamped in 2020, when the top 12 dishes from favorite local restaurants were chosen from nearly 500 votes. During this promotion, customers could keep track of the restaurants they visited via the "I Love Granbury" phone app, or by picking up a punch card at participating restaurants.

Residents who visited all 12 restaurants could earn a Foodie Trail T-shirt and would be entered into a drawing for a \$200 gift certificate.

### TEXAS TRAVEL AWARDS

The Texas Travel Awards shine a spotlight on the most exciting, innovative, and inviting places around the state. The 2023 winners represent unique Texas places and experiences worthy of any traveler's itinerary, according to the Visit Granbury press release.

Texas Travel Awards asked the public to help decide four categories: the best destinations for arts & culture, families, foodies, and outdoor adventures.

"We are excited to receive this statewide recognition for Granbury," Dooley added. "I am so proud of this staff, our visitor specialists, and volunteers who work seven days a week to ensure a great visitor experience. Our job is to let everyone know how wonderful Granbury is to visit, but to us, it's more than that; it's a passion."

Winners get bragging rights, plus three spotlights - in the 2023 Texas Travel Awards magazine, on [texasravelawards.com](http://texasravelawards.com), and on Texas Travel Awards social media.

Granbury will receive its plaque at the Texas Association of Convention & Visitors Bureau's (TACVB) Annual Conference this summer.

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## AVID program main contributor to success

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

One simple class assignment has now changed the life of a Granbury High School senior forever. When Victoria Rodriguez received the assignment from her AVID instructor Jason Shahan to fill out a Dell scholarship application, she didn't think much of it at the time.

"I had very low expectations for this one," she said, with a chuckle. "I knew it was a big scholarship, so I was like, 'Oh, well, I guess I'll try it out, but I probably won't get it. I'll just do it for the assignment.'"

Rodriguez and 36 of her classmates in the AVID senior class applied for the scholarship, with Rodriguez receiving the news that

she was selected as a semifinalist in December.

But it wasn't until spring break when she found out that she was named a Dell Scholar by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

"I woke up, checked my phone, and was like 'Oh, there's an email, whatever,'" she said. "I was barely waking up. I thought it was a scam at first because there were

a lot of emojis on (the email), and I was like, 'Oh, OK, I don't know if I believe this,' and so I had to scroll. I just saw 'congratulations,' and I was like, 'What? I'm a little confused.' I was in shock. I didn't know what to do, and I didn't tell anybody until (Shahan) told the class."

According to the corporation, Dell Scholars are highly motivated students who demonstrate the drive to succeed despite personal obstacles and candidates with a unique set of grit, potential, and ambition in their quest for a college education.

Rodriguez is one of the 500 scholarship recipients nationwide - and the first Granbury High School senior to receive one of the toughest and most prestigious na-

tional awards.

"It's so rare," Shahan said. "They give 500 of them out per year throughout the entire United States, so you're talking thousands and thousands of applicants and there's 500 winners. So, I started researching to make sure I knew exactly what it entailed and what (Rodriguez) would receive from it. Then I started emailing (and asking) all the staff, 'Does anybody know of any Dell scholarship recipients from Granbury High School?' They all said 'No,' and some teachers have been here for 25-30 years. It started in 2004, so, I (told Rodriguez), 'Well, if we go back 20 years, and there's not one, then that means you gotta be the first.'"

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## Reminisce during Cresson Homecoming April 29

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Those who attended Cresson School in its prime will soon have the chance to reminisce about the good old days during the annual Cresson Homecoming from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.

Held at the Historic Cresson School, 9304 Pittsburg St., (directly behind Sonic Drive-In), the Cresson Homecoming provides an opportunity for alumni of Cresson School to share memories and renew old friendships with those who attended the school decades ago.

Rick Fidler, a Cresson native, attended the school in the late 1950s. He said he remembers the "huge playground," and how indoor plumbing was installed when he was in the sixth grade.

"We had a boys' outhouse down in one corner of the property and the girls' was on the back fence. It was fairly well separated by several yards," he said, in a previous interview with the Hood County News.

A vivid memory he recalled was seeing David Andrews - the husband of well-known former Granbury High School basketball coach Leta Andrews - fly a plane

over the school.

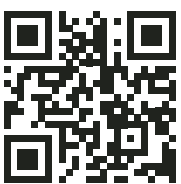
"Leta Andrews, her mother-in-law, and father-in-law were teaching here when I went to school here," Fidler said, in a previous interview with the Hood County News. "Mrs. Andrews taught first, second, and third grade, while Mr. Andrews taught fourth, fifth, and sixth grade. One time Mrs. Andrews' son, David, who is Leta Mae's husband, was going to be in a plane and said, 'I'll pass over at a certain time.' We all went out, and when we saw him way in the distance, he gave us the wave - that was something. They were just great people, the Andrews were."

Cresson School was built in 1931 and was no longer used as a school after 1968. Those who did attend are now in their 70s and 80s.

"It was a fun time growing up," Fidler said, who is now 75. "Kids don't have the opportunities that we had. We weren't confined to the house. We weren't afraid to go outside. We weren't afraid to lock our doors. You knew to come home at lunch and come home at supper. Folks didn't know where you were, or what you were doing, except you were outside having

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# DELL

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The scholarship program provides a \$20,000 scholarship with an additional \$500 each year to help cover the cost of textbooks and supplies. In addition, Rodriguez will be connected to a network of resources provided by the Dell Corporation, including tutoring, financial, and emotional support services. She will also receive a new Dell laptop, with a five-year warranty.

Shahan said Rodriguez will also get to connect with a network of Dell scholarship recipients.

## ABOUT AVID

Since she was in the seventh grade, Rodriguez has been a member of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) — a program that has been a major contributor to her esteemed scholarship.

AVID was first created by a California teacher at Clairemont High School in San Diego named Mary Catherine Swanson in 1980. According to avid.org, the teachers there had low expectations for students bussed in from disadvantaged areas of San Diego, which caused a belief that those students could not succeed. However, Swanson believed that if students were willing to work hard, she could teach them the skills needed to be college-ready.

AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society.

Today, AVID is implemented in more than 7,000 schools in 47 states across the U.S., plus schools in Department of Defense Education, Canada, and Australia. AVID impacts more than 2 million students in grades K-12 and 62 postsecondary institutions.

The AVID program was implemented in GHS in 2017 to provide students with the knowledge and skills they will need to excel in college.

"We use it as an elective class, but now it's grown so much that it

*"It's so rare. They give 500 of them out per year throughout the entire United States, so you're talking thousands and thousands of applicants and there's 500 winners. So, I started researching to make sure I knew exactly what it entailed and what (Rodriguez) would receive from it. Then I started emailing (and asking) all the staff, 'Does anybody know of any Dell scholarship recipients from Granbury High School?' They all said 'No,' and some teachers have been here for 25-30 years. It started in 2004, so, I (told Rodriguez), 'Well, if we go back 20 years, and there's not one, then that means you gotta be the first.'"*

**JASON SHAHAN**  
AVID instructor

goes beyond that," Shahan said. "A lot of the teaching strategies that AVID has established go outside of that classroom, and they spread throughout the high school."

Rodriguez was greatly inspired to join AVID after talking with the Granbury Middle School AVID teacher, Donna Dumas, adding that her favorite part about the class was her classmates.

"I got really lucky with every single class," Rodriguez said. "I was very energetic, and so I would talk to everybody, and they would talk to me, so they made it more fun and enjoyable to talk more about college — especially in middle school."

Unlike other elective courses, however, students must apply before being accepted into the AVID program.

"We're looking for first-generation students who don't have any college support or experience from home," Shahan explained. "A lot of times they are low socioeconomic, or they could come from a household that might be split, where the parents are divorced. They have to have decent to good grades, and they need to be motivated."

Shahan has been Rodriguez's AVID teacher for the past four years, and definitely has a soft spot for the first AVID graduating class.

"When you teach the same kids for four years straight, they kind of become like your own children," he said. "It's like a family atmo-

sphere in that class, and that's the connectivity that so many other students don't get at school where they may have just two or three select friends, but they're not in the same class with them, and they're not working towards the same goals of going to college."

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Rodriguez said she learned a lot in the AVID program over the years, like how to take Cornell notes and how to stay organized.

"We did a lot of college researching," she said. "Without AVID, I don't think I would have been even looking into colleges right now."

Since joining AVID in the seventh grade, students toured as many as eight college campuses — and even visited one college overnight.

"We did two per year, and they made it a goal themselves," Shahan said. "A lot of things that we do in AVID are based on goals. We do goal setting all the time, and their freshman year, one of them just mentioned in class one day about how cool it would be for us to go on an overnight field trip. I said, 'We can do it, but I'm not taking any freshmen or sophomores on an overnight field trip, so if y'all want to make it a goal to raise enough money to go by the time you're seniors and you want to do that, you can,' and so they did. They made it a goal. They had to meet a minimum expectation of how much money each one would

need to raise by the time they were seniors, and they earned it. We drove all the way to Arkansas, and we stayed the night. On the way back, we stopped at Oklahoma State (University), so we got to see two major colleges in one trip."

AVID students also volunteer for several community service projects, like Adopt a Highway, and Life Skills Prom.

"They all have a role of responsibility to play," Shahan said, on the Life Skills Prom. "They plan it, they coordinate it, they execute it, and we bring the prom to school during the day. The feeling that they get from that is the most important thing. It's doing something selfless for somebody else without expecting anything in return, and despite all the work they put into it, they love it."

## COLLEGE PLANS

Rodriguez has applied and been accepted at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Stephen F. Austin State University, Tarleton State University, Houston Christian University, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's University, and Texas State University.

Although she has not yet decided where she will attend this fall, she is currently leaning toward becoming a Texan at Tarleton State University.

Shahan added that a requirement of his AVID students is to apply to at least four colleges.

"There's 36 of them who are

seniors, and from those 36, they have over 125 college acceptances, so that averages out to about five per student," he said. "And with this next board meeting, we'll be revealing how much they qualified for in scholarships. Between 36 of them, they've qualified for over \$1.9 million in scholarships. There's still two or three of them who haven't made their decision, but out of the ones who have, we expect to accept \$375,000 to \$380,000 (of scholarships) that they will actually use so they're doing some really, really big things."

## EXTRACURRICULARS

In addition to her involvement in the AVID program, Rodriguez is also an active member of the Junior Optimist Club and Key Club. She recently earned an industry-based certificate in Floral Design through the Granbury High School CTE program.

She also works with elementary school students as a part-time aide in the extended school day (ESD) program at the STEAM Academy at Mambriño — a program that she also participated in when she was in elementary school.

## MOTIVATION AND INSPIRATION

Shahan added that he is super proud of Rodriguez not only for working hard, but also for overcoming adversity.

Rodriguez said she would like to thank her brothers — Ervey Valdez, Jesse Valdez, and Daniel Valdez — for never giving up on her.

"They raised me, so I felt like I had a lot of high expectations from them, and they motivated me to keep doing this," she said. "Without their support, I probably wouldn't be here at all."

Rodriguez is the daughter of Roberto Rodriguez and the late Amelia Saldana.

"I'm doing this because of (my brothers) and because of (my mom)," she added. "I'm so proud of myself, honestly."

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# GRANBURY WINE WALK

APRIL 28 & 29, 2023

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April 28th - Friday

**Main Stage on the Courthouse Square**  
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 2:30-4:30 - Kelly Blues  
 5:00-7:00 - Brady Hulsey Band

**FRIDAY - Exhibits Close - 8:00 PM**  
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**April 29 - Saturday**

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

Water temperatures have been a little slow to rebound this year due to the extended cool weather days. Lake temperatures are rising into the 60s and 70s and the fish are near their most active time of the year. If you can get on them when they are feeding right now, look out!

Luckily this time of the year, shallow water action is possible most any day. Many fish will push baitfish in the shallows. This is also when many of the baitfish species are spawning. So where would you be if you were a predator? Most likely you will be shallow.

Though I advertise how I call fish in by thrashing the water most of the year, this

is one time that when you're fishing real shallow you want to be sure to not spook the fish. Keep the big motor off and approach slowly. Long casts may be in order, or if you use live bait, it may be good to float your bait into the shallows under a float or balloon.

Bird action can point you to active fish. Some of our wintering birds are still around and they are always

looking for an easy meal. Cranes and other birds may point you to active fish as well throughout the year.

With the recent new moon, the threadfin and gizzard shad are spawning in the shallows on most every reservoir and you can be sure there are predators that are not far behind. If you are a hybrid or striper angler, nothing is better than a tank full of large (4 to 5 inch) threadfin shad, commonly called yellowtails. I would also keep the bigger gizzard shad this time of the year as well.

Many of the sand bass are done with the spawn and are returning to the main reservoir on most North Texas lakes and they will school up on baitfish on the surface. Most any shad imitation lure will put these fish in the boat. Another good thing about schooling fish is that the lazy bigger fish looking for an easy

meal will be drawn in due to the noise. If you work below the feeding smaller fish, you will more than likely hook up with bigger sand bass, hybrids and/or striped bass depending on which reservoir you fish. In fact, you never quite know what other predators are feeding in the same area. Blacks, drum, buffalo, catfish or gar may be in the same area ready to take your presentation.

Shallow water presentations include soft plastics, swim baits, crank baits (plugs and poppers) and spinner type baits. A little deeper and you can work slabs and spoons. The slabs and spoons are excellent choices on structure this time of the year.

So if you can get away this time of the year, the top water action is there to be taken. See you on the water.

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### HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the 60s and some 70s in the back of creeks. A cool down will occur by the time this article runs, which may cool the lake some. Striped bass action is tremendous mid-lake on large shad. Sand bass action is also good near channel ledges near DeCordova and Indian Harbor. Largemouth bass are good on soft plastics and crankbaits in the backs of most creeks. Crappie catches continue to be good in DeCordova and near The Shores under docks. Large blue and yellow catfish continue to be taken near Hunter Park and near the DeCordova subdivision.

### OTHER AREAS

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney continues to produce limits of striped bass on Alabama rigs and live bait from The Bluffs to Cedar Creek. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass are also great mid-lake near Broadway to past South D&D.

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Location: 306 Kings Plaza. Sponsor: People Helping People. When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon - 3 p.m. Resale shop: Open Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month (unless holiday weekend) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: Email director@granburyphp.org or call 817-573-7801.

**RANCHO BRAZOS COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Location: 3701 Sundown Trail, Granbury, 76049. Sponsor: Tarrant Area Food Bank distribution. When: Emergency Pantry open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by appointment. Tarrant Area Food Bank distribution drive-through pantry is open 4-7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. (Check our Facebook page for up-to-date announcements). Information: 817-910-8114.

**RUTH'S PLACE/OAK TRAIL SHORES**

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

**SHEPHERDS FOOD PANTRY**

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

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

**THE LITTLE PANTRY**

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

**TOLAR FOOD PANTRY**

Location: 8812 W. U.S. Highway 377, at Tolar United Methodist Church. Sponsor: Cooperative effort in the community and with local churches. When: Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m. Information: 254-835-4005.

**WAPLES BAPTIST CHURCH**

Location: 1200 Temple Hall Highway. Sponsor: Waples Baptist Church. When: Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. Information: Email waplesbaptistchurch@gmail.com.

## 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.

**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 show-tunes and some jazz. Noon Buffet

Lunch optional (\$18), no lunch, \$5 includes water, coffee, or tea. Reservations required no later than April 28, 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 benefitting GISD Seniors will take place on Saturday May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Park Pavilion located at Pearl Street in Granbury. This event is sponsored by the Hood County Democratic Club and the Texas Democratic Women. The public is invited to a Family Picnic and BBQ Lunch. Adults \$15 and children \$5. Entertainment Pirates vs Hollywood. All proceeds will benefit GISD Scholarships. For more information call 817-776-3724.

**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.

**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.



# GO PLAY

**GO PLAY** calendar will feature recurring activities that are open to the public. These items will run each week along with other activities across the area. Submit Go Play listings to [calendar@hcnews.com](mailto:calendar@hcnews.com) and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

**MONDAYS**

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

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

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

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

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

**TUESDAYS**

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

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

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

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club offers a "fun duplicate" bridge game at noon at the Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$4. Details: 817-480-4472.

**THURSDAYS**

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAYS**

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

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

**FIRST MONDAYS**

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

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

**FIRST TUESDAYS**

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

**SECOND TUESDAYS**

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

**FOURTH TUESDAYS**

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

**FIRST THURSDAYS**

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

**SECOND SATURDAYS**

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

**THIRD MONDAYS**

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

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

**PETS OF THE WEEK**

Lizzie is a female heeler mix. She is approximately 3 years old and weighs about 47 pounds. Lizzie is quiet and is longing for a family to call her own. Special adoption fee of \$25.00! The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, Pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

Nala is a female Rottweiler mix. She is approximately 3 years old and weighs about 55 pounds. Nala is friendly and loves attention. Special adoption fee of \$25.00! The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, Pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

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**Friday, 21 April 2023 - Thursday, 27 April 2023**

**Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret - 106 min (PG13)**  
Thurs: 3:00PM, 5:35PM

**Evil Dead Rise - 96 min (R)**  
Fri: 12:15PM, 2:40PM, 5:05PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM.  
Sat: 10:10AM, 12:35PM, 3:00PM, 5:25PM, 7:50PM, 10:15PM.  
Sun: 10:20AM, 12:45PM, 3:10PM, 5:35PM, 8:00PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:05PM, 4:30PM, 6:55PM

**Guy Ritchie's The Covenant - 123 min (R)**  
Fri: 1:20PM, 4:15PM, 7:05PM, 9:55PM.  
Sat: 10:25AM, 1:20PM, 4:15PM, 7:05PM.  
Sun: 10:25AM, 1:20PM, 4:15PM, 7:05PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:40PM

**Renfield - 93 min (R)**  
Fri: 12:30PM, 2:55PM, 5:15PM, 7:35PM, 10:00PM.  
Sat: 2:55PM, 5:15PM, 7:35PM, 10:00PM.  
Sun: 10:25AM, 12:50PM, 3:10PM, 5:30PM, 7:55PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:45PM, 5:05PM, 7:25PM.  
Thurs: 4:50PM, 8:10PM

**The Pope's Exorcist - 103 min (R)**  
Fri: 11:40AM, 2:15PM, 4:45PM, 7:15PM, 9:50PM.  
Sat: 11:20AM, 4:55PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM.  
Sun: 10:25AM, 12:55PM, 3:25PM, 5:55PM, 8:25PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:15PM, 4:45PM, 7:15PM.  
Thurs: 2:15PM, 7:15PM

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie - 92 min (PG)**  
Fri: 11:05AM, 12:05PM, 1:25PM, 2:25PM, 3:45PM, 6:05PM, 7:05PM, 8:25PM, 10:45PM.  
Sat: 10:10AM, 11:10AM, 12:30PM, 1:30PM, 2:50PM, 3:50PM, 6:10PM, 7:30PM, 8:30PM, 10:50PM.  
Sun: 10:20AM, 11:20AM, 12:40PM, 1:40PM, 3:00PM, 5:20PM, 6:20PM, 7:40PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 2:45PM, 4:20PM, 6:40PM

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie - Sensory Friendly - 92 min (PG)**  
Sat: 11:30AM

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie in 3D - 92 min (PG)**  
Fri: 4:45PM, 9:25PM.  
Sat: 5:10PM, 9:50PM.  
Sun: 4:00PM, 8:40PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 5:05PM, 7:25PM

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

**SUDOKU**  
Solution for the puzzle on April 19 (Puzzle 20).

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**BOOK REVIEW**

# Appealing characters help make 'Silver Alert' a wonderful, quick-read novel

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You can have whatever you want. So g'wan: buy a new car - heck, buy three of them. Have a vacation home on both coasts and two overseas. Get a new wardrobe for every day of the week, rings for your fingers and toes, go ahead, go wild. You can have whatever you want - except, in the new book "Silver Alert" by Lee Smith, you can't have your life back.

When Herb Atlas opened the door of his Key West villa, he couldn't believe his eyes. His step-daughter had hired a teenager - a kid, actually - to take care of his wife, Susan.

She'd been a real looker not so long ago, his Susan was. Charming and funny, everybody loved her. Then early-onset Alzheimer's made Susan an unrecognizable, wild-haired woman that Herb barely knew.

But here this kid who said her name was Renee was doing Susan's nails and she had Susan calm, quiet, and not rat-a-tat-tatting. That hadn't happened in a long time. Herb liked this girl right off; when she dropped her wallet and he saw an ID card with another name on it, he didn't even care that she was probably lying.

He tipped her a couple of \$100 bills and he couldn't wait to hire her again.

Two hundred bucks! Dee Dee practically skipped away from Mr. Atlas that afternoon, thinking about the things she could buy. She decided not to go back to the pink trailer just yet; she didn't want to run into Tony because she was done with that life. Dee Dee liked the new work she'd been chosen to do, and she liked Susan, too.

Herb should've known an intervention when he saw one; even his nephew, Ricky, was there. His extended family didn't get together for the fun of it, after all. Then again, an 83-year-old man doesn't get scary-sick every day, either, nor does he willingly give up everything he knows and has worked hard for, before taking one last grasp at life...

Let's be honest: the old elderly-person-and-caregiver-flee-in-a-classic-car plot is suddenly everywhere, over-used, almost overdone. Set it aside, though, if you can, and "Silver Alert" is a wonderful little novel.

What helps is that author Lee Smith's two main characters are very appealing. Herb is a foul-mouthed, once-proud man who hates the fact that he's aged, and he



COURTESY PHOTO

"Silver Alert: A Novel" by Lee Smith C.2023, ALGONQUIN BOOKS OF CHAPEL HILL. \$27.00. 224 PAGES.

rails against it. Dee Dee is an under-educated backwoods girl who longs to fulfill her own promise and overcome her awful past. Their separate, but entwining, stories are the kinds you can't wait to return to while you're spending time with the rest who make this novel truly fun: among others, there's an insufferably uppity doctor and his wife, a no-nonsense lesbian couple, a career-woman daughter, an absent son, poor Susan, and Ricky, a cool-headed voice of reason who'll make readers wish they knew someone like him.

If you're up for a fast read with a great story-line and somewhat of a surprise ending, ignore the trope and reach for "Silver Alert." You can get it whenever you want.

COURTESY OF SUSAN RAINES  
 Pictured is author Lee Smith.



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**RICK FIDLER**

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fun. We didn't worry about anything growing up, to be honest with you."

The Historic Cresson School is now used as a community center and houses a museum collection of Cresson School, community, county, and Texas memorabilia. The facility is available to rent for events such as meetings, reunions,

and receptions. Rentals may be arranged through the Facebook page.

Although the school is no longer functioning in the way that they remember, the Cresson Homecoming is still a way for alumni to get together and connect like old times.

"This is just a chance for former students - or even some of the people that moved here that knew some of us but didn't go to school here - to visit and have

a meal," Fidler said. "The older you get, the more you want to see some of these people again. I just enjoy reminiscing about the old building, the things we used to do, growing up here in Cresson and of course, the school. Besides the churches, the school was the main activity in this town."

Anyone wishing to attend the Cresson Homecoming may RSVP on the school's Facebook page, Historic Cresson School. Attendees

should bring a side dish or a dessert. Meat will be provided.

"There's not many Cresson natives left anymore," Fidler added. "You can probably count them on your toes and your fingers how many families that are still here that were here back in the 50s and 60s. It's all changed - I'm just glad I'm still around."

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

# Pecan Plantation Art Guild prominent, popular in our community

BY DIANE LONG



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

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild is a prominent bunch in our community, offering both art instruction and workshops as well as art displays and sales of members' work.

The group met collectively last week when Sarah Clawson demonstrated her resin art. Attendees brought paintings for artist of the month accolades as well as for the PAC display wall. Members also secured spots for the upcoming July art show.

Congratulations to Barbara Brown and Linda Parks for being named artists of the month. Folks may view their work on the Brazos Room wall of the Pecan clubhouse, in addition to seeing Carl Stidston's pieces in "Art on the Wall" adjacent to the clubhouse ballroom.

PPAG artists displayed work on tables at a Pecan Plantation Woman's Club gathering earlier this year when many artists also enjoyed attending the meeting and luncheon.

Finally, the guild is hosting a stained-glass workshop on Tuesday, May 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the EMS Auxiliary meeting room. Instructor Kerian Massey will lead participants in making a colorful hanging stained-glass feather. All supplies are provided with the \$75 registration fee, which is payable upon arrival at the event.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Pecan's Breakfast Club will gather again at the clubhouse on Wednesday, April 26 with a breakfast buffet available at 8:30 a.m. and a program beginning at 9. Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, April 25: Call 817-573-2641.

Attendees will hear from Hood County Emergency Management Coordinator Margaret Campbell, who coordinates with county, city, and local shareholders to ensure our area is prepared to respond to, and recover from, all natural and man-made emergencies.

**GOLF NEWS**

With more daylight happening now, longer golf playing times are available, and thus the Thursday Couples Scramble has returned. Sign up on ForeTees or in the golf pro shop: 817-573-2645.

In addition, the LGA's Spring Ringer will happen April 24-25, and the Guys and Dolls Tournament is on the calendar for May 5-7. Registration for both is happening now.

Finally, congratulations to Stephanie Holmes for a hole-in-one on Hole 11 on March 25.



COURTESY OF PPAG PUBLICITY

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild holds a popular presence in the community offering guild meetings, workshops, art shows and sales, and attendance at various Pecan events. These guild members both displayed work and enjoyed attending a recent gathering of the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club.

**BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of Pecan's board of directors has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 26 in the clubhouse ballroom starting at 6 p.m.

**RAISING FUNDS**

Pecan's Wildlife Committee is raffling several items, and the proceeds will benefit the youth fishing tournament held each year. Funds will go toward stocking the ponds with trout. For information and to purchase tickets, send email to the Wildlife Committee at wildlifecommitteepoa@gmail.com.

**DONATION DAY**

Following the success of past events, Pecaners will once again participate in a Red Cross blood drive happening Wednesday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

PAC gym. Folks may visit redcrossblood.org and enter "Pecanplantation" to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome on donation day. Donors will be entered into raffles to win items from businesses in Pecan Village.

**SUCCESSFUL SALE**

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary excitedly reports a very successful garage sale fundraiser last weekend. "Unofficially, we made over \$3,000!" reported Donna Bullis, auxiliary co-president. "We want to thank our community for such generous support. Ninety-five percent of our items were donated by neighbors inside and outside Pecan."

Auxiliary members are gathering raffle prize donations and seeking golfers and sponsors for their upcoming Auxiliary

Golf Tournament set for Saturday, June 24.

**CALENDAR LINK**

The community calendar feature of Pecan's website is now functional and will continue to increase in its content and capabilities, according to Communications Director Jay Arrington. Currently, the calendar contains all committee meetings and multiple club events as well as dining specials. Eventually, meeting agendas, other information items, and making dining and event reservations will be included.

The calendar may be viewed on computers and smart devices and is a "pretty handy tool" according to Arrington.

**PLANT SALE**

The Green Thumb Garden Club will hold a sale of plants and garden art on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAC

gym. All proceeds from the day will support Pecan beautification projects.

**MOTHER'S DAY**

Saturday, May 7 at 2 p.m. will bring a free Mother's Day craft class at the PAC, where little ones will make terra cotta garden bells for their moms. Space is limited, and signup is necessary: 817-573-7952.



**START ENGINES**

A "Unique Car Show" is coming to the PAC parking lot on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pecan's Executive Chef Jordan Ray will be present and serving barbecue and beverages.

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy goes to the family of Ray Menefee, who passed away April 5.

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