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After four-year delay, city moves on East sewer plant

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The city of Granbury is moving forward with plans involving the East Wastewater Treatment Plant that was delayed for four years due to opposition and resulted in a city-wide development moratorium that reportedly affected about \$250 million in economic development. The battle also cost the city millions through legal fees and higher

construction costs. The increased construction estimates are due to issues related to COVID-19 and former “package deal” agreements involving improvements to the existing plant no longer being in effect.

Following a lengthy closed session at its regular meeting Tuesday night, May 2, the council voted unanimously to authorize City Manager Chris Coffman to advertise for bids for the East WWTP.

No mention was made during that vote, or in a statement released by the city the following morning, about the challenge filed in federal court in Austin last December pertaining to the facility’s permit.

Technically, the city is not involved in that court challenge. It was filed by opponents Granbury Fresh, Victoria Calder, Stacy and James Rist, and Bennett’s Camping Center & RV Ranch

against the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which issued the permit. But at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, the City Council voted unanimously to hire a lawyer to act as an “intervener” and to represent the city’s interests in the continuing battle over the facility planned for 3121 Old Granbury Road.

A three-paragraph statement released Wednesday morning, May

3, by Granbury Communications Director Jeff Newpher stated that the May 2 vote by the council “allows forward progress on the much-needed facility and is the latest step in a process that began in 2016.”

In accordance with TCEQ rules, the city began planning for a second WWTP in 2016 after its current plant on Water’s Edge Drive

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SHARPSHOOTER ‘AIMING’ FOR THE TOP GHS senior Caroline Martin competing for cover of fitness magazine

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Granbury High School senior Caroline Martin is a national champion in sharpshooting and will be graduating in a few short weeks. However, there is still time for the 18-year-old to achieve one final victory as a Granbury Pirate — but first, she needs the community’s support.

Martin is currently competing to earn the title of Ms. Health & Fitness, take home \$20,000 in cash, and be on the cover of “Muscle and Fitness HERS” magazine — a magazine that is read by more than 500,000 fitness enthusiasts and professional athletes each issue.

And it’s all because of an Instagram ad. “I was scrolling through Instagram,” she said. “And I saw this ad and it was like, ‘Be on the cover, and you’ll win \$20,000,’ and I was like, ‘That looks like a scholarship to me, and I need money for college,’ so I clicked on it, and I was like, ‘Well, what’s the worst that could happen? I don’t get \$20,000 and I don’t get on the cover of a magazine? That’s OK.’”

Martin submitted her name, photo, and information to the website and completely forgot about the competition — until she was on her way to the Junior Olympics last month.

“I got an email, and it was like ‘You were chosen for the second round,’” she said. “I was like ‘What? What is this again?’ So, I answered some questions, and then I didn’t realize it was like, a voting thing. I thought they’d just pick someone, so yeah, here we are.”

Voting for the top 20 in the competition is now taking place online and will continue through Thursday, May 11, at 9 p.m.

Individuals can vote for free every 24 hours or donate to the Wounded Warriors Project for additional votes.

According to the Ms. Health & Fitness website, over the last six years, the magazine has donated an incredible amount to Jared Allen’s Homes for Wounded Warriors — an organization founded by former Carolina Panthers defensive end Jared Allen. The mission of Homes for Wounded Warriors is to provide financial assistance and support to injured United States military veterans by building and remodeling handicap-accessible homes to suit their individual needs, one wounded warrior at a time.

The Ms. Health & Fitness website notes that Martin is both a national and international champion, a national record holder, and a fierce competitor.

“She is a hard-working kid,” Caroline’s mother, Karen Phelps Martin, stated via Facebook Messenger. “She practices all the time: before and after school, all summer long. In the last 2 years, she set 3 national records, and one of them, she broke her own national record. We are super proud of her!”

Caroline has been a part of GUSD’s Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program since she was a freshman, but it wasn’t until her junior year that her talent really started to shine through.

She set her first national record in October 2022 and has since set two more. However, she has also experienced a few slumps as well, just

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Caroline Martin, a senior at Granbury High School, is competing to earn the title of Ms. Health & Fitness, take home \$20,000 in cash, and be on the cover of “Muscle and Fitness HERS” magazine.

HCN FILE PHOTO

Saturday is Election Day in Cresson, Lipan

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Three polling sites will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, for voters in Cresson and Lipan.

There is a school board election in Lipan and two issues to be decided in Cresson. One relates to a tax reauthorization and the other, a Municipal Utility District.

The Vote Centers that will be open are Annex 1, 1410 W. Pearl St.; Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 119 N. Caddo St.; and Cresson City Hall, 8901 E. U.S. Highway 377.

In Lipan, School Board incumbent Walter H. Baldree has competition for the Place 5 seat from T.J. Bleeker. Ellyn Grove of Place 3 and Phillip Tarpley of Place 4 did not draw challengers for re-election.

Cresson voters will determine the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half percent to continue providing revenue 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.

All four Cresson City Council members whose terms are expiring filed for re-election but drew no opponents. They are therefore considered 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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Plans set for Memorial Day weekend events Servicemembers to be honored at Field of Flags, Memorial Lane

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Memorial Day weekend is just a few weeks away, and organizers have planned events for the federal holiday when United States military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces are honored and

mourning.

Honoring Hometown Heroes/Field of Flags and Friends of Memorial Lane will hold separate, non-conflicting ceremonies.

Honoring Hometown Heroes will again present Hero Banners and a Field of Flags at Memorial Field at 3602 E. U.S. Highway 377 near H-E-B. Banners ordered by loved ones honor not just those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but also those who retired

from the military or passed away after having served, are currently serving, or are a first responder.

There will be an opening ceremony at that location at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 26. Special guest will be Taya Kyle, widow of “American Sniper” U.S. Navy Seal Chris Kyle.

A closing ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Special guests will include Black Hawk Down Army Ranger

Mike Kirth and former Army Golden Knight Aerial Skydiver Sergeant First Class Dana Bowman.

Sponsors include the city of Granbury, the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, Hood County, VFW Post 7835, the Greater Granbury Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, and a number of local businesses.

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The Field of Flags in Granbury was started in 2012 by Gold Star Mother Gail Joyce. In 2022, she introduced the hero banners.

Banners can be ordered year-round and are displayed at other times besides Memorial Day. The deadline to place an order to be guaranteed in time for Memorial Day has passed but Joyce said it is possible that late orders can be filled in time. The cost for banners is \$150.

Flags tagged with the names of military personnel or first responders can still be ordered. They cost \$30 each.

Some Honoring Hometown Heroes banners are currently on display on the Granbury Square. Joyce said that banners will be displayed through Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

For more information on Honoring Hometown Heroes or to order a banner or flag, visit honoringhometownheroes.org online.

The Friends of Memorial Lane will host a ceremony on Memorial Day beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Memorial Lane at the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 561 N. Travis St. There will be a wreath and flag presentation.

Following the "remember and honor" ceremony, a winner of the J.C. Campbell essay contest will be announced. The occasion will also serve as the unveiling of the new Daughters of the American Revolution addition to the military section of Memorial Lane.

A box lunch will be provided by Kroger and Lake Granbury Medical Center.

Attendees can park at the city-owned building next door and walk the short distance or ride the free shuttle. There will be signage to direct attendees, according to organizer Julia Pannell.

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In recent years, local women have been driving force in Memorial Day observance

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Memorial Day weekend traditionally has been the unofficial start of summer pool parties and barbecues, but Hood County's focus has always been on what the federal holiday is really about: honoring those who died in service to their country.

In recent years, Memorial Day commemorations in Granbury have been given more pageantry through efforts led by two local women, Julia Pannell and Gail Joyce.

Pannell, aided by volunteers and generous donors, created Memorial Lane at The Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park with permission from the Granbury City Council. The site near North

Travis Street honors military personnel as well as firefighters, law enforcement officers, and first responders, both past and present.

Ever since Memorial Lane was dedicated on July 1, 2017, a solemn public ceremony featuring local dignitaries has been held there on Memorial Day.

Joyce, a Gold Star Mother known around town as "the flag lady," was the main impetus behind the creation of the Field of Flags, which began here in 2012. Ten years later, she found a way to expand on the concept through Honoring Hometown Heroes, a program that involves banners bearing photos of servicemembers and first responders. The Greater Granbury Chapter of the Military Officers Association of

America (MOAA) and Blue Star Mothers aided in the effort.

The colorful flags and banners, which are 18 inches by 36 inches and made of double-sided durable vinyl, combine to create a stunning, sobering visual. The banners tend to last about three years, Joyce said.

On Memorial Day weekend last year, 80 banners and 300 flags were displayed at Memorial Field at 3602 E. U.S. Highway 377.

Joyce has been a Gold Star Mother for almost 30 years. Her son, U.S. Army Ranger Sgt. James "Casey" Joyce, was among 18 American soldiers killed during the battle of Mogadishu. The 2001 award-winning film "Black Hawk Down" was based on those events.

Joyce's husband Larry was a career Army officer who served two tours in Vietnam. He passed away on April 30, 1999, after a long battle with leukemia. After his death, Joyce founded the MOAA Greater Granbury Chapter.

Orders for banners can be placed during any time of the year. Joyce said they will be displayed through Veterans Day on Nov. 11. Proceeds benefit the Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC, military veterans, their families, and survivors needing assistance.

For more information or to order a flag or a banner, visit honoringhometownheroes.org online.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE REED FAMILY

Former United States Marine Trevor Reed, center, and his parents Paula and Joey Reed, are grateful for the support they received from the community during the almost three years that Trevor was held as a political prisoner in Russia.

OPEN LETTER OF THANKS TO RESIDENTS OF GRANBURY AND HOOD COUNTY

It's hard to believe that we are closing in on the one-year anniversary of our son, Trevor's, release from the Russian prison system where he spent 985 days wrongfully detained by the Russian government. Understandably, unlike the previous almost three years, this past year has flown by rapidly for us. While we, as his parents, were extremely elated to have him back home, and never wanted to leave his side, we knew that we would have to balance our desires to smother him with his need for space to adjust back to normal. It hasn't always been easy to do that, but we are all just doing the best that we can!

Very early on since his return home, Trevor felt a strong sense of obligation to speak out for Paul Whelan, a fellow Marine that was left behind in Russia. He did a few TV interviews to speak a little bit about his own experience, but mostly to advocate for the many other Americans being held hostage or wrongfully detained in many other countries. After that, he decided to step back and take some much needed (time)

for himself. He has been busy getting some college applications in to continue working toward his degree in Foreign Services/International Studies degree. He seems to have adjusted well and I can see his old silly personality daily. I am excited to see where his future takes him!

We will forever be grateful to President Biden for approving the prisoner swap and members of the State Department that went to collect Trevor and returned him to us. But we also want to acknowledge the many businesses and individuals in and around Granbury and Hood County that were generous to our family and helped us feel supported during the darkest time of our lives. Our family only moved to Granbury around 2014. Neither Joey, myself, or our children grew up here. But you took us all in your warm embrace and we are so grateful for all the kindness you sent our way.

I honestly, can't begin to count the number of people that stopped me at grocery stores, doctor's offices, or at restaurants to let me know that our family was in their prayers. That was such a blessing for me to hear. We also had some people donate their time, talents, and products to help create car decals and

T-shirts that would enable us to bring awareness to Trevor's story. Others let us pin up posters or place business cards on their counters. Others let us use their copy machines for free and many individuals helped me pass out flyers or shared our story on Facebook. It may have seemed like a small, insignificant gesture to you, but to us, it was everything.

And finally, we are so grateful to everyone that donated to our GoFundMe account. It truly is so hard to quantify how much that helped us. And after writing this all out, it occurs to me that saying a simple 'Thank you' is not nearly sufficient to express the depth of our gratitude to the many locals that helped us out. Just please know, we felt the love and support from all of you! I can never name everyone individually but do want to mention these following businesses and individuals that stepped up in a really big way for us. If you see these names of businesses and you don't already do business with them, please consider doing so.

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A million thank-you's from the bottom of our hearts,

The Reed Family,
Paula, Joey, Taylor and Trevor

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

CALENDAR

MAY

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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



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WWTP

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reached 75% capacity for three consecutive months.

In 2019, the city submitted a permit application and the TCEQ administratively approved the city's permit and construction plans.

However, the commission extended the public comment period after significant public opposition to the planned location arose. At that site, up to two million gallons of treated domestic wastewater per day will be discharged into a tributary of Rucker Creek, which feeds into Lake Granbury.

The permitting process was further delayed when, in September 2021, TCEQ commissioners sent the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing.

In March 2022, two administrative law judges heard three days of testimony, with both sides presenting data and testimony from expert witnesses. Three months later, in June, the judges recommended that the TCEQ issue the permit. Commissioners voted unanimously to do so on Oct. 5, and the order granting the permit was signed later that month.

On Nov. 18, the group of opponents, referred to as "protestants," filed a Motion for Rehearing. The following month, they filed an appeal to the TCEQ's decision to issue the permit in federal court in Austin.

During the months since the permit was issued and opponents took steps to reverse it, the city did not move forward with the WWTP — not until its meeting on May 2.

No details were given at the meeting or in the statement released the next day regarding when the city might break ground on the plant or when the development moratorium might be lifted.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Are there any candidates who would govern instead of ruling?



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.

It is hard to imagine, but in just a few short months the U.S. election cycle will be back on. I will never understand why it takes so many months of campaigning to educate the electorate on which candidate to vote for. In most of the world, election campaigns last for a defined short period of time, voting occurs, a winner is announced and elected officials go about governing. Why do our elections take so long and cost so much? Could it be by design?

Election campaigns cost money. A lot of money. In 2020 the total dollars spent on federal elections was 14.4 billion. Yes, you read that right, candidates spent more than \$14 billion running for federal office! How much of the money was spent on opponent attack ads try-

ing to convince voters a candidate was the total sum of all their fears and dislikes is anyone one's guess — but my strong feeling is, most of it. How much promotion really informed voters or educated them on a candidate's position or record in office — maybe not so much.

Where does the money come from? Why do people donate tens of thousands of dollars to a candidate? Why are political action committees created to pour unlimited funds into campaign coffers? Why does someone spend over a million dollars on a state senate campaign in Texas when the job only pays a salary of a few thousand dollars? The answer is simple: Power and control.

Power and control are the reasons why the government is stagnated. It is the reason why nothing gets done. In many cases, instead of attacking problems and attempting to pass problem-solving, life-changing legislation, elected officials consider their "job" to be fundraising for their next election. They attempt to govern by "polling numbers" with little sense of what is best for the nation or a complete unwillingness to make tough decisions. We have lots of politicians — but can you name one you would describe as a statesman? My canvas

is blank.

Name a candidate for national or state office, then ask yourself what the person has accomplished in the past few years to solve the problems that exist. Stop thinking about what they "believe in" or their position and what "tribe" you belong to: Ask what they have gotten done.

Perhaps all the fundraising and campaign obstacles are set up to keep someone from outside the political status quo from running for office. It seems those in power do not want change or even to solve problems. Their goal is to maintain their position in the power hierarchy. How else can we explain that out of a country of 340 million people we may very well be forced to choose between two presidential candidates who will be in their 80s when they finish office? Is that the best we can offer from the vast pool of brilliant minds and potential leaders of our nation? Where is our young, inspirational leadership? I have always respected the

wisdom and experiences of my elders, but does anyone seriously imagine that any 80-year-old is up to the most strenuous and powerful job in the world? Are we willing to risk everything they are?

The next 18 months will be full of ads, promotions and commentary about our candidates. We can only hope voters can look through all the marketing and seek candidates who want to solve problems and not simply hold on to power. It would also be nice to find a few young statesmen to vote for.

Thought for the day: A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. — Douglas McArthur

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

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Don't 'tread' on me: Taxpayers won't foot bill for tire disposal

From staff reports

The Hood County Commissioners Court recently authorized the county judge to sign an interlocal agreement between Hood County and the North Central Texas Council of Governments that will save a bit of taxpayer money.

Through the agreement, the county will be allocated \$2,340.

Environmental Health Director Jeannie Stacks explained that NCTCOG offers money to counties for tire disposal. The county's vendor, American Tire Recyclers, estimated that from March 1 through June 30, it will dispose of \$1,950 worth of tires for Hood County.

"This grant would pay for roughly six months of tire disposal for the county," Stacks told the county judge and commissioners.



COURTESY OF CAROLINE MARTIN

Granbury High School senior Caroline Martin is a national champion in rifle sharpshooting and plans to attend Murray State University in Kentucky in the fall, where she will also compete on the NCAA Murray State University Rifle Team.

MARTIN

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like many athletes.

"Once you (shoot a national record), you're like, 'I have to shoot a national record every day,'" Caroline explained. "It's like, 'Why am I not shooting good? As good as I was?' and that kind of got to me a little bit. But then, I kind of thought to myself like 'You are who you are. You shouldn't ever give up because I can do amazing things and I know I can do amazing things, so why am I settling for last place?'"

As soon as she won first place during the Junior Olympics at Colorado

Springs — the "biggest match of junior shooter history" — she gained her mojo back.

"My confidence is coming back, when I really thought that it was all over for me," Caroline said. "It's been a wild year and it's definitely not done. We have a few matches this summer, and after that, I get to go shoot for my state and do some college things, so that'll be interesting."

Caroline will be attending Murray State University in Kentucky this fall, where she will be majoring in public relations and minoring in advertising.

If she becomes Ms. Health & Fitness, she plans to use the money to help

pay for her college tuition so she can compete on the NCAA Murray State University Rifle Team.

"I'm pretty excited," she added. "I feel like I can win, and of course, the \$20,000 means that I can pay for my first year of tuition. It's for a good cause, and it's going to help me continue on my athletic career at Murray State University."

As of May 3, Caroline is currently in third place in the voting.

To vote for her, visit this online link: mshealthandfitness.com/2023/caroline-m-2.

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Hood County repairing, replacing HVAC units

From staff reports

Scorching weather is just around the corner, and the county's Maintenance Department is working to make sure that HVAC units at county buildings can stand the heat.

The aging Hood County Jail has plenty of problems, but, hopefully, faulty air conditioning won't be among them this summer. Eighty percent of the building's AC units are new.

The Commissioners Court recently committed another \$25,000 to the Maintenance Department's efforts, bringing money designated for HVAC repair/replacement up to \$75,000.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Pluto is a female Catahoula mix dog. She is approximately 10-12 months old and weighs about 55 pounds. Pluto is our long-time resident and deserves 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.

Diego is a male domestic short-hair cat. He is approximately 2 years old. Diego is super 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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Betty Arlene Fowler

August 29, 1936 - April 29, 2023

She is survived by three step-daughters along with their spouses, Carolyn Dale Myres (Earl), Marilyn Gale Routt (Danny), and Sharalyn Kale Pitcock (Bob); eight grandchildren, Amber Garrison Duncan (John), Angela Garrison, Zachary Garrison (Audrey), Emily Routt, Laura Brown (Geren), Robert Pitcock (Madeline), Rosalind Lawrence, and Tarrant Fuller; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Dale Wayne Fowler; mother, Inez Montgomery; father Johnnie Montgomery; and brother Carl Montgomery.

She was born August 29, 1936 in Turkey, Texas. She graduated from high school in Pueblo, Colorado in 1954. She graduated from Amarillo College, Northwest Texas School of Nursing in 1957.

She married Dale Wayne Fowler on November 1, 1968. She continued nursing until she joined Dale in



owning car dealerships in Dimmit, Graham and Weatherford and later in the custom home building business in Granbury.

Along with Dale, they were involved in their church, Habitat for Humanity and various civic organizations.

Service: 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023, First Christian Church of Granbury. Graveside service: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023, Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Flora Virginia McCarty

December 20, 1921 - April 24, 2023

Flora Virginia McCarty, 101, beloved and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Monday, April 24, 2023, in Granbury.

Visitation was held from 5 until 7, Friday evening, April 28, 2023, at Martin's Funeral Home, 100 S. Morgan St., in Granbury. A funeral service was held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, April 29, at the funeral home followed by burial at Granbury Cemetery.

Flora was born on December 20, 1921, in Granbury, Texas to the late Henry and Mary Johnson II. Flora married Charles Thomas McCarty and together they had three children, Charles, Mary, and Clay. Flora grew up in the D.O. Baker's Home. She and her mother did freelance work for Ashley Crockett when he owned the Hood County News. Flora taught second grade for many years in Granbury. She is credited for writing the lyrics to the Granbury school song. Flora would take her mother out every spring to go



paint the Bluebonnets.

Flora leaves behind her children, Charles Thomas McCarty and wife Lynne, Mary Bearman, and Clay Johnson McCarty; her grandchildren, Jonathan and McCarty and wife Victoria; and her great-grandchildren, Jovan, Jethro, and Mirah.

In addition to her parents, Flora was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Thomas McCarty on July 11, 1993; and by her brother, Henry Clay Johnson, III.

Services were entrusted to Martin's Funeral Home in Granbury.

CALENDAR

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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.

HONORING OUR Firefighters is a ceremony taking place on Saturday, May 6 and is organized by Friends of Memorial Lane to come and say "thank you" to these heroes. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Part located at 561 N. Travis in Granbury. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. and shuttle or walk over to the park. There will be refreshments furnished by VFDSupport Brigade, and there will be helmets for kids. Members of the nine Hood County Stations will be honored and recognized and "Firefighters of the Year". A special firefighter flag will be presented to Judge Massingill to be displayed at the courthouse in honor of all firefighters that fought some big fires this past couple of years. Everyone is invited. For more information call 817-308-7427.

MONDAY, MAY 8

THE NORTH Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que located at 317 E. Hwy 377. The program will be presented by Dr. Curt Fields, who will be dressed as Union General Ulysses S. Grant, and, as General Grant, will discuss some of his experiences during the war. Dr. Fields has spoken to the group before and presents a program that you will not want to miss. Visitors are welcome, and there is no charge for first-time attendees. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting will take place on May 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque located at 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. The guest speaker will be local author and historian Melinda Ray. She will talk about the founding families of Hood County and their democratic values. For more information call 254-716-5195.

LGAA WILL hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8 at 6 p.m. There will also be a two-day workshop May 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost to attend is \$160 for members and \$180 for non-

members. There is no supply fee. Register at Lgaaworkshop@gmail.com

DAV GRANBURY Memorial Chapter 238 will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. The discussion will be on our 2023 goals for reaching veterans and their families to help them secure the benefits they have earned. The meeting will be located at 3601 Fall Creek Hwy., Granbury, TX. For more information contact Chris Georgopoulos, adjutant at 682-719-5560.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

THE SALVATION Army Women's Auxiliary of Hood County May 9 at De Cordova Bend Country Club located at 5301 Country Club Dr. Meet and Greet starts at 10 a.m. and meeting & presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. The program will be Founder's Party & Installation of 2023-2024 Officers. Chloe Steinhagen, Founder of Women's Service League/SAWA will share personal stories of the history and inspirations behind SA and SAWA. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The menu will be Chicken breast stuffed with wild rice & mushrooms, sides, and dessert. Please bring \$20.00 cash for lunch. RSVP by to sauxiliaryofhoodcounty@gmail.com to attend meeting only or meeting and luncheon.

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.

TOLAR CEMETERY Association will have a meeting to elect new officers and discuss old and new business. The meeting will be at the Tolar First National Bank, 8401 US 377, Tolar at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

MELODY BELLES singers present "Down Memory Lane", Spring Concert & Dinner taking place on Friday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at DeCordova Bend Estates Country Club. The program will be followed by dinner. Public invited to attend. Cost is \$20 per person plus tax & tip. For reservations, call the Club at (817) 326-2381.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

SPOTLIGHTING OUR local Law Enforcement. Friends of Memorial Lane invite all citizens to attend a ceremony on Saturday, May 13, to honor and spotlight members of our Law Enforcement. The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. but please arrive by 9:30 a.m. Parking is limited, so please park next door, and shuttle or walk over. A limited number of seats will be available. Water will also be available. This gives everyone an opportunity to shake hands and say "thank you" to those first responders that daily make our community a better and safer place in which to live. This ceremony takes place at the Law Enforcement site in Memorial Lane, at the Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park located at 561 N. Travis, Granbury. For more information call 817-578-7879.

THE GRANBURY Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) will officially place their new truck, Tanker 10, in service with a traditional Push-In Ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at 3 p.m. This brief ceremony will take place at GVFD Station 1 located at 1701 West Pearl St. Everyone is invited to attend, learn about this new truck, and watch as GVFD members push the new truck into the fire station.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

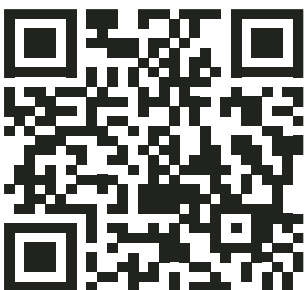
STROLL ACROSS Texas. Please join us for the annual Stroll Across Texas at the Acton Cemetery located at 3600 Fall Creek Highway on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This family-friendly event will bring early Texas history to life with demonstrations and displays, interpreters and re-enactors, live music and live cannon fire. Stroll back in time to learn about various Texas historical events. Come and go as you please. Free to all. www.texasheroesfoundation.org

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.



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Investment ideas for business owners

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By definition, business owners put a lot of their financial resources into their enterprises. But as an owner, you may need to invest in more than inventories and payroll to help achieve the future you've envisioned.

Here are a few investments you may want to consider:

RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Depending on the nature of your business and how many employees you have, you can choose from a variety of tax-advantaged retirement plans,

such as an owner-only 401(k), an SEP-IRA and a SIMPLE IRA. By contributing regularly to one of these accounts, you can avoid being entirely dependent on the sale of your business to pay for your retirement years.

To fund your 401(k) or other retirement plan, you'll have many investment options — stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And if you "max out" on your retirement plan, you may even be able to build a separate investment portfolio. In any case, keep in mind that

you're already putting a lot of money into your business, so, to achieve a level of diversification, you may want to concentrate your investment choices in areas outside your industry. However, while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio, it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

PROPERTY

our physical space is a key part of your business' success. So, you may want to invest some time in comparing the pros and cons of renting versus owning. Of course, owning your building may

require a big financial commitment, and it may not be feasible, but it could free you from worrying about untime-ly rent increases.

DISASTER PROTECTION

If a fire or a weather-related disaster should strike your business, would you be prepared? It's important for you to create a disaster recovery plan, which can include business interruption insurance to pay for your operating costs if you're forced to shut down for a while.

EMERGENCY SAVINGS

While a disaster protection plan with appropriate

insurance can help keep your business afloat, it's unlikely to cover other types of emergency needs, such as a major medical bill or an expensive repair to your home. For these unexpected costs, you may want to build an emergency fund covering at least a few months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Without such an emergency fund, you may be forced to dip into your 401(k), IRA or other long-term investment vehicle.

You'll also want to invest the time and energy into creating a business succession plan. Will you keep the busi-

ness in your family? Sell it to outsiders or a key employee? If you do sell, will you do it all at once or over time? Clearly, the answers to these types of questions will make a big difference in your ultimate financial security.

Finally, invest in help — Enlist the services of a financial advisor and business-planning professional, so you'll be able to make the decisions that work best for your business and you.

Your business may well be a lifelong endeavor — so make sure you're investing whatever it takes to earn a lifetime of benefits.

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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 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.

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 Bra-

zos. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch and tools provided. Details: visit 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.

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

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.

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.



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Puzzle by websudoku.com

CINERGY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 05 May 2023 - Thursday, 11 May 2023

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret (PG13)
 Fri: 11:50AM, 2:25PM, 5:00PM, 7:35PM, 10:10PM.
 Sat: 10:35AM, 1:10PM, 3:45PM, 6:20PM, 8:55PM.
 Sun: 11:50AM, 2:25PM, 5:00PM, 7:35PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:25PM, 5:00PM, 7:35PM.
 Thurs: 2:10PM, 4:45PM, 7:20PM

Big George Foreman (PG13)
 Fri: 12:35PM, 6:20PM.
 Sat: 11:00AM, 4:50PM, 10:35PM.
 Sun: 2:35PM, 8:20PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 5:05PM.
 Thurs: 2:40PM
 Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG13)
 Thurs: 7:00PM

Evil Dead Rise (R)
 Fri: 12:20PM, 2:45PM, 5:10PM, 7:35PM, 10:00PM.
 Sat: 10:30AM, 12:55PM, 3:20PM, 5:45PM, 8:10PM, 10:35PM.
 Sun: 11:05AM, 1:30PM, 3:55PM, 6:20PM, 8:45PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:15PM, 5:40PM, 8:05PM.
 Thurs: 8:25PM

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG13)
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 Sat: 11:15AM, 12:15PM, 2:30PM, 6:45PM, 9:00PM, 10:00PM.
 Sun: 11:00AM, 12:35PM, 2:15PM, 7:05PM, 8:45PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:30PM, 6:45PM.
 Thurs: 2:45PM, 4:25PM, 7:40PM, 8:30PM

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 in 3D (PG13)
 Fri: 3:30PM, 6:00PM.
 Sat: 3:30PM, 5:45PM.
 Sun: 3:50PM, 5:30PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:30PM, 7:45PM.
 Thurs: 2:00PM, 6:00PM

Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R)
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 Sun: 11:45AM, 5:30PM.
 Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:15PM, 8:00PM.
 Thurs: 2:25PM, 5:35PM
 The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
 Fri: 12:20PM, 2:40PM, 5:00PM, 7:20PM, 9:40PM.
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Hood County ACTIVITIES

YOUR TICKET TO THINGS TO DO

HOOD OUTDOORS

TPWD kicks off May Water Safety Month



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

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

Summer is quickly approaching, and many folks take to the water for enjoyment. May is National Water Safety Month and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds boaters to follow some simple, yet effective, safety precautions to prevent accidents and save lives.

In 2022, 207 boating accidents occurred in Texas waters, resulting in 36 fatalities. The TPWD reminds you to wear a life jacket, use an ignition cutoff switch and swim safely.

Drowning accounted for 50 percent of deaths on the water in 2022 and was the leading cause of death in recreational boating fatalities. Of those, 69 percent of the victims were not wearing a life jacket.

Texas law requires that a Coast Guard-approved life jacket must be available for each occupant of a boat or paddle craft. Children under the age of 13 are required, by law, to wear their life jacket while the boat or paddle craft is underway or drifting. It is recommended that everyone always wear a life jacket while on the water.

Selecting a properly sized life jacket is an important safety measure. Adult-sized life jackets are not appropriate for children to wear. TPWD has put together a quick, informative video about how to select the correct size of life jacket for children. Please refer to

TPWD's Boater Education website for more information about life jacket fitting, safety, and regulations.

Safety ignition cutoff switches are another important tool to prevent injuries and fatalities. Most motorized boats are equipped with this device. In the event a boat operator falls off the boat or moves from the helm, the engine automatically and immediately shuts off.

Safe swimming is another precaution to consider while enjoying our lakes, rivers, and streams. It's important that everyone near or on the water knows how to swim, never swims alone and swims only in designated areas. Safe swimming also includes staying hydrated and sober.

According to the Center for Disease Control, drowning is the leading cause of death among children ages one through four and the second-leading cause of accidental deaths among children ages five through 14. They should be supervised closely and wear a life jacket while near water.



COURTESY OF MIKE ACOSTA

Pictured, from left, are Adler Snow with his mom and dad, Megan and Chad Snow. They were celebrating Adler's 12th birthday, fishing on Lake Granbury. They caught some big striped bass to 9 pounds.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Water levels are close to 2.5 feet down, making some shallow creeks more difficult to navigate. Avoid areas with timber that may have stumps right under the surface. Water temperatures continue to be around the 70-degree mark on most days and a little cooler when those cool fronts come through. Striped bass contin-

ues to be good to 10 pounds on live bait on the lower ends. Large blue and yellow catfish are good on cut bait fished on the upper ends. Crappie reports are mixed, but some good reports are coming from near deeper docks and near entrances to creeks on small jigs and minnows. Largemouth bass are fair to good to 7 pounds on spinner baits and soft plastics fished near main lake points and in the backs

of creeks on their beds. Sand bass are slow to fair on slabs and small minnows fished near Indian Harbor and near DeCordova.

OTHER AREAS

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney limits of striped bass continue to be common on shad or shiners. Lots of smaller keeper striped bass with an occasional larger fish mixed in. Largemouth bass

on Lake Whitney are good to 8 pounds on crankbaits and soft plastics worked in the backs of major creeks. Possum Kingdom Lake striped bass continues to be excellent as well on live shad. Crappie on Possum Kingdom are reported as excellent as well near docks on the upper ends.

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BOOK REVIEW

Some would lie, cheat, and steal if it meant survival — including 'Black Bart'

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Here, take this. It's yours. You've always wanted it, you've always known somehow that you were going to have it and now's the time. It's not like you've ever passed on a chance to seize what you want, so go ahead - just take it. But as in the new book, "Gentleman Bandit" by John Boessenecker, remember your manners.

On the morning of July 26, 1875, stage coach driver John Shine was stopped on a short route up a mountain by what he thought was a large band of desperadoes with rifles. One of them, a man dressed in white clothing, head masked, his boots



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is "Gentleman Bandit: The True Story of Black Bart, the Old West's Most Infamous Stagecoach Robber" author, John Boessenecker.

wrapped in rags to conceal his footprints, demanded that Shine throw down the

coach's lockboxes and mail bags - which Shine did, with great haste before he was told to "Drive on."

He didn't know it then, but he'd just become the first victim of Black Bart, America's "greatest stage robber."

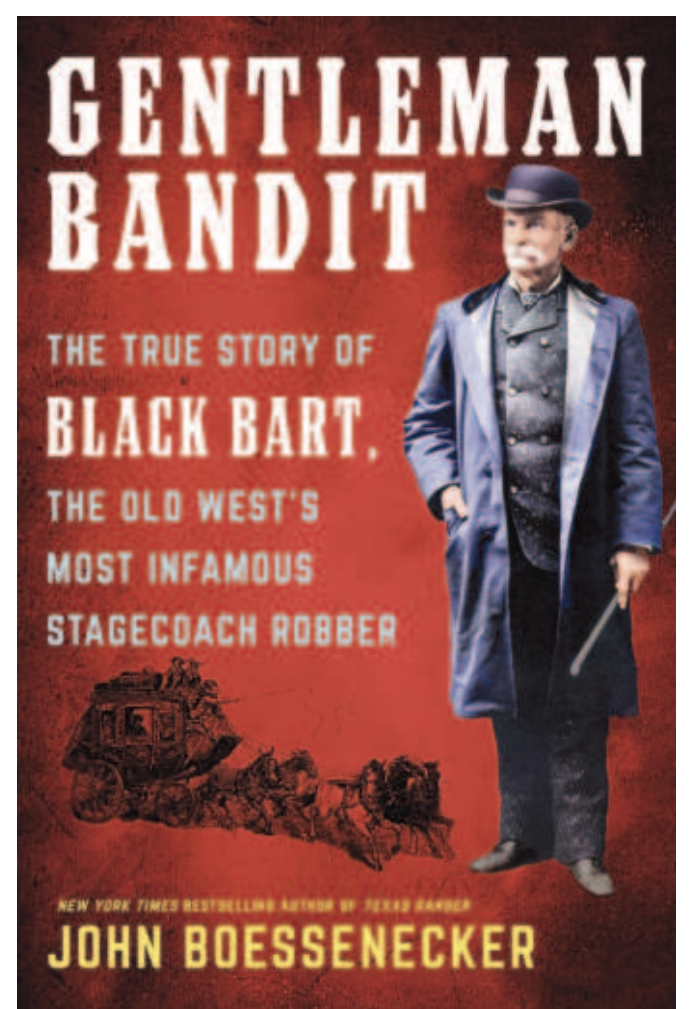
Born Charles Boles in 1829 in England, "Black Bart," said Boessenecker, "was the grandson of an English bastard." Boles was a child when his large family emigrated to New York and landed on a series of regional farms, but "Charley" - who was under-educated but literate, kind, gentle, and polite to a fault - hated that life. As soon as he was old enough, he left to find his fame and fortune in California's Gold Rush.

Sadly, he was unsuccessful. For a time, he traveled back and forth across the U.S., gathering a wife, offspring, and experiences before joining up to fight for the Union in the Civil War. By war's end, said Boessenecker, Charley was used to living alone in the wild, forging for his own food and shelter and simply taking what he needed - which he did, from random farmhouses on his way

PLEASE SEE BOOK | A7

COURTESY PHOTO

"Gentleman Bandit: The True Story of Black Bart, the Old West's Most Infamous Stagecoach Robber" by John Boessenecker C.2023, HANOVER SQUARE PRESS. \$32.99. 376 PAGES.



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AUSTIN — Over the next 12-15 years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will open six new state parks from Big Bend to the Hill Country and the Texas coast. Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine highlights these future getaways in a special May commemorative issue, on newsstands now.

“There is a need to provide more recreational opportunities for the growing population of Texas,” said Texas State Parks Director Rodney Franklin. “Until the recent passage of Proposition 5, we haven’t had the funds to develop some of the properties we have in our inventory. So, it’s exciting that we can build new state parks for future generations of Texans to enjoy.”

New parks in the works include Palo Pinto Mountains State Park near Fort Worth, the Dan A. Hughes Unit of the Devils River State Natural Area near Del Rio, Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area near Boerne, Powderhorn State Park



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Big Bend Ranch State Park, the largest state park in Texas, offers outdoor recreation for the adventurous. This remote park features rugged mountains, steep canyons, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting. The park stretches along the Rio Grande in far west Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border.

near Port Lavaca, Chinati Mountains State Natural Area near Presidio and Davis Hill State Natural Area near Houston.

Texas Parks & Wildlife magazine staff devoted the entire edition — sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation — to the Texas

State Parks Centennial. With 100 pages honoring 100 years of parks, the May edition features a Texas-size helping of information about the state park system — the places and the people, the history and the future, the magic and the memories.

Inside, there are recommendations about the best parks to hike or bike a trail, fish, paddle or catch a glimpse of wildlife. A quiz helps readers find their state park personalities and which parks suit each type. State parks are perfect for picnics; this edition sup-

plies inviting sites, innovative menus and recipes. Vintage photos of Texans enjoying state parks in decades past accompany a timeline of the century’s highlights. Lyle Lovett, Daytripper Chet Garner, and other notable Texans share state park memories.

This special issue would not have been possible without the sponsorship of Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation.

BOOK

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back West. He left notes as a thank-you, bits of poetry, and “doggerel.”

“Charley Boles had come to a fateful turning point in his life,” Boessenecker said of those post-war years. “Over and over again, suc-

cess had eluded him. Since nothing else had worked, now he would steal it.”

In romanticizing the Old West, as we often do, it’s easy to imagine a slower life and hard to remember that times were hard. “Gentleman Bandit” is a good — and thoroughly entertaining — reminder of any

waved-away facts.

Was the Old West as lawless as it’s been depicted over the last century-and-a-half? No doubt those were heady, seemingly limitless and successful days for Charley Boles and others like him, and author John Boessenecker clearly shows how a series of historical

events created generations of outlaws in the mid-19th century. Boessenecker does this with stories of dash and bravado and by letting us get to know bit-players, such as the inexhaustible detective, James Hume, who was tasked with catching Boles.

Try not to laugh at Boles’

now-delightful taunting...

This book arcs across the country and will appeal to Civil War buffs as well as to Old West fans. If this sounds good, and you find a chance to read “Gentleman Bandit,” take it.

WANT MORE?

Want more, Hoss? Then

look for “Follow Me to Hell: McNelly’s Texas Rangers and the Rise of Frontier Justice” by Tom Clavin. (St. Martin’s Press, \$29.99). Being a book about the Law in Texas in the 1870s, it’s the antithesis of an outlaw book — which absolutely makes it a very nice balance to the Boessenecker saga.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billie Louise Parker, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2023, under Cause P09993 in the County Court at Law of Hood County, Texas, to Michael Coogole. Claims may be presented to: Estate of Billie Louise Parker, c/o Miller Law Office 1400 Preston Rd, Ste. 118 Plano, TX 75093 All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time frame and in the manner prescribed by law. (214) 292-4225 paralegal@aaronmillerlaw.com

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Cynthia Lou Cunningham, Deceased, were granted on April 27, 2023, in Cause No. PI 0006, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Luke Arthur Cunningham. 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. DATED the 27th day of April 2023. The Reid Firm, P.C. Attorneys for Luke Arthur Cunningham By:/s/ Samuel I. Reid Steven J. Reid State Bar No.: 16747900 Samuel I. Reid State Bar No.: 24105702 1840 Acton Highway Granbury, TX 76049 Telephone: (817) 573-3718 Facsimile: (817) 573-9732 E-mail: steve@reidfirmpc.com samuel@reidfirmpc.com

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Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

ORDINANCE NO. 23-34
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SECTION 1.
Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by granting a Specific Use Permit on the property addressed as 322 W. Bridge St. as described in Exhibit 'A' and depicted in Exhibits 'B' and 'C', in the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and more fully described as:

An approximate 0.150 acre tract of land described as the West 7/10 of Lot 3, Block 28 of the Thrash Addition, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located in the Residential-8,400 [R-8.4] district to allow for "Short-term Rental (STR) Residential Unhosted"; with the following terms and conditions under the issuance of a Specific Use Permit:

1. The Specific Use Permit shall automatically expire 1 year from City Council approval (May 2, 2024).
2. The site shall conform to the site plan (Exhibit A) and the floor plan (Exhibit B).

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3. The short term rental shall be limited to not more than two bedrooms.
4. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, landscaping or other screening shall be installed along the east side of the parking to screen vehicle headlight "sweep" from the abutting properties.
5. Except as provided in these conditions, the Specific Use Permit shall be subject to the Supplemental Standards as contained in the Zoning Ordinance.
6. This Specific Use Permit is subject to all other City Code requirements, permits, periodic inspections; and an inspection fee as established in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
7. Any violation of the supplemental land use standards or terms and conditions stipulated in the SUP may be deemed in violation of the zoning ordinance and the Specific Use Permit may become null and void and/or the Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked.

SECTION 6.
Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

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An approximate 0.25 acre tract of land described as the North 7/10 of Lot 4, Block 25 of the Thrash Addition, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located in the Residential-7,000 [R-7] district to allow for "Short-term Rental (STR) Residential Unhosted"; with the following terms and conditions under the issuance of a Specific Use Permit:

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"Jawbreakers" are a candy that became popular in the early-to-mid 1900s.

Finally, I see ...



BY DON NEWBURY

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My grandkids might understandably say of me, "Oh, Poppy, you are so yesterday."

And they are so right, clearly on target if they encase me with the "day before yesterday" crowd.

Whatever, they often kid me about needless effort expended in simple written communication.

For example, I frequently scrawl the word "okay." They assure me that "K" works just as well for them. They - with fingers and thumbs flying across tiny iPhone keyboards hundreds of times daily - may be right.

HANDY

Pretty amazing that the simple letter "K" successfully compresses meaning where multiple letters fear

to go, huh?

Compressing as far as I dare, I'll cite two letters that stand tall to represent two major problems of this era: "IC."

Do you see? After all, both are handy excuses in virtually all areas of life. Blame inflation or blame COVID. This ties ribbon on a small package of excuses often used to place blame, right?

WHAT A DEAL

This thought occurred during a recent visit to what we old-timers still call a "variety store." A woman - her hair as white as mine - joined me in pausing at a bin containing "jawbreakers." (If you have to ask what "jawbreakers" are, it is pointless for you to read further.)

The "come-on" sign read, "Special Today: 10 for a Dollar!"

I feared having a smothering spell, right there on aisle seven, and the lady trembled a bit. We both were shocked by this outlandish price.

WRAPPED IT UP

Both of us remembered - simultaneously or near thereto - that "jawbreakers" of yesteryear were always priced the same wherever we shopped: One penny each!

A young salesclerk hailed down near the display tried mightily to defend the monumental price hike. "Our jawbreakers are individually wrapped," he whined. "Were yours?"

Neither of us could remember, but we agreed that they probably weren't.

At least the youngster didn't blame "I" or "C."

PANIC PRICING

This could mark the end of "jawbreakers," I suppose. Or, maybe the cost of cellophane has ballooned, or perhaps COVID greatly reduced availability of workers.

Now don't go out looking for good buys on "jawbreakers," because if there's a run on them, we may next expect to see them "sale-priced" at ten for \$10.

That's what happened when persons buying Girl Scout cookies discovered that the "Raspberry Rally" flavor had sold out. Suddenly, cravings for this specific flavor spread - wild-fire like - when pantries went bare. Don't bother to wonder. As soon as news of the shortage spread, it was e-Bay to the rescue. There, "Raspberry Rally" cookies were available, some at several hundred dollars PER PACKAGE. See what happens when we panic?.

HISTORY

It likely won't be otherwise noted, but "jawbreakers" became popular in this country almost exactly one century ago; what ho, it's "jawbreaker anniversary time." (OK, call them "JBs" if you'd like. Today's youngsters don't care what we call what they probably consider to be a poor excuse for candy.)

Alas, we didn't introduce "jawbreakers," unless you'd

like to "bluff" that we did.

They were popular in Great

Britain a few years earlier, but in the Mother Country, they were called "gobstoppers." (If you are curious how such a name was chosen, you can look it up.) Suffice it to say that neither "jawbreakers" nor "gobstoppers" remain in production, and sales were propped up greatly by the movie Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, about a half-century ago.

NERDY

While on the topic of unlikely names, what about "NerdWallets?" These items are being advertised heavily on TV during the NBA basketball playoffs.

I'd have to think a long time before I'd choose such a name for wallets. Even those among us with "Nerdlike" characteristics hate to admit it.

Maybe investors with death wishes chose the name. If so, their demise may be near at hand, because here in the USofA, we want something like rawhide, cowhide or deerskin in the name. I'm guessing it'll take something more than a chocolate movie to keep "NerdWallet" on store shelves. 'Course, we can always check on eBay.

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Auxiliary fundraisers in full swing this spring



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.



COURTESY PHOTO BY LANA ROBINSON

Resident wildlife photographer Karen Gomez has donated a beautiful canvas-wrapped print as a raffle prize for the upcoming Auxiliary Golf Tournament fundraiser in Pecan. Tickets for this fantastic prize are just \$5 each or five for \$20.

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary is preparing for two upcoming fundraisers: a pancake breakfast and the 2023 golf tournament along with raffle prizes.

Pancakes and all the trimmings will be served from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Planeview Park Pavilion (4500 Wedgefield Road) on Saturday, May 27. Tickets, which will be sold in advance and at the door, are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children (ages 5-10). Folks are invited to the airport park to eat as well as to enjoy a musical performance by husband and wife team Frank and Rebecca Faiola (JetBlacq) beginning at 9 a.m.

In addition, the auxiliary's annual golf tournament is set for Saturday, June 24 on the Pecan course, and auxiliary members are selling tickets in advance of the tournament for prizes to be raffled.

For folks wishing to donate items or participate by assembling items or services in a themed basket for the raffle, please contact Julie Logan at 727-252-3702 or Susan Lee at 972-743-1292. No contribution is too small.

Finally, golfers may register for the golf tournament at the Pecan Pro Shop (817-573-2645). The 4-person scramble will offer golfers three hole-in-one opportunities, which all boast fabulous prizes.

Pecaners may check the auxiliary's Facebook page or contact an auxiliary member for more information concerning the fundraisers and how to purchase raffle tickets.

GOLF PLAY

Pecan's golf course continues to be busy today and tomorrow with the Guys and Dolls Tournament.

In addition, the Men's Golf Association has individual low gross/low net on the calendar for Saturday, May 13, and the Ladies' Golf Association is pleased to announce a most successful Sadie Hawkins event where many funds (that will go toward updating the on-course restrooms) were raised.

MOTHER'S DAY

Today, Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. brings 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 sign up is necessary: 817-573-7952.

PARTY TIME

Pecaners will enjoy a Kentucky Derby Party today, Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the clubhouse when attendees may show off "hats, ties, and skill for picking ponies during the first jewel of the Triple Crown."

The Brazos Room staff will provide heavy hors d'oeuvres, and the bar will be open. Ladies are encouraged to decorate and wear hats, and men should don their best bow ties. There will be prizes for the best fashion accessories chosen by "special guest judges."

The Entertainment Committee will be selling door prize tickets that attendees may use to choose winning horses. Prizes for all winners will be "Pecan Bucks."

Reservations are required as seating is limited. Call the clubhouse front desk to secure a spot: 817-573-2641.

ART EVENTS

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild will meet collectively on Tuesday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC and then hold a stained-glass workshop in the afternoon 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 Plantation's Breakfast Club will gather again on Wednesday, May 10 in the Terrace Room of the clubhouse with breakfast buffet service beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the program starting at 9. Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, May 9: 817-573-2641.

Attendees will hear from Sandi Walker, president and founder of Second Chance

Farm, a successful nonprofit that houses special animals and whose motto is "Let's Redefine Normal."

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.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Pecan's Genealogy Group is taking a field trip on Tuesday, May 16 to the Somervell County Library beginning at 10 a.m. Folks will meet at the library in Glen Rose, and everyone is welcome. While on site, attendees will enjoy a tour of the genealogical resources, which include not only Texas but all of the United States. After the May meeting, the Genealogy Group will recess until September.

For more information on the Genealogy Group and to be added to its email list, call or text Kay Holly at 682-459-5718.

SUCCESSFUL SALE

The Green Thumb Garden Club thanks all patrons who supported its plant and garden art sale fundraiser last weekend.

Linda Kunzman described the event as "another successful fundraiser thanks to our community support and Green Thumb volunteers!"

Want another chance to purchase unique garden art? Or want more information about the garden club and its presence in our community? Contact Linda at 214-636-9887.

SUMMER FUN

Summer is a spectacular time for the youngest residents (and their parents and grandparents) in Pecan, and the May edition of "The Columns" showcases all the offerings the season will bring. Dates and sign-up instructions are included with each event.

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