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Faced with just one bid, county pauses new building

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Imagine sending out party invitations and receiving just one RSVP, or maybe not even that. That's how it has been lately for both the county and the city of Granbury where bidding projects is concerned.

At a recent regular meeting of the Hood County Commissioners Court, the county judge and commissioners were hesitant to accept a bid for construction of a metal building. Why? Because the price was well into six figures, and because it was the only bid submitted. "It's really hard to identify whether

or not the bid is reasonable when you only have one," Emergency Management Coordinator Margaret Campbell stated. She added the acknowledgement that the offer might be "totally reasonable."

Whether the county finds a better deal soon or accepts the offer that is on the table could be important. The metal building in question is to protect the county's most valuable and expensive assets, chief among them the county's 50,000-pound Mobile Command Unit for use by various enforcement agencies and first responders.

Formerly used as a training

vehicle for the FBI, the Mobile Command Unit is valued at \$1.2 million but, thanks to a deal that was reportedly the envy of other agencies, the county was able to purchase it for just \$195,000. Even sweeter was that it cost local taxpayers nothing. The unit was purchased with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds.

Other county assets proposed for protective housing include emergency response equipment and the just-arrived Hood County Library Bookmobile, a 29-foot-long Freightliner MT55 purchased for

\$323,000 and funded partially by the Library Foundation Board and a \$100,000 donation from Rachel Ledbetter.

The Commissioners Court first began publicly discussing construction of an "emergency management shed" last October.

The sole bid, for construction of a 3,820-square-foot metal building, came in at \$331,075 and was discussed at the court's regular meeting on April 25.

The pricing includes dirt work and a concrete slab thick enough to accommodate the significant weight of the vehicles. A 22-foot-

by-90-foot area would be partially enclosed and a 46-foot-by-40-foot area would be fully enclosed with roll-up doors, according to Purchasing Agent Glenn Tillemann.

The proposal was for the cost to be paid from Fund 101, which is the emergency management fund.

Some on the court raised questions about whether a cheaper option might be found.

Fire Marshal Jeff Young stated the opinion that the county is "handcuffed by the government" through requirements that make

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'ABOVE AND BEYOND' THE 'PAW' OF DUTY

Granbury Animal Clinic celebrates 60 years of service

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

An animal clinic that was once housed in a feed store is now celebrating 60 years of service in Hood County.

HISTORY

Granbury Animal Clinic — the oldest veterinary clinic in the county — was founded by Dr. Roger Nunnallee on May 9, 1963.

"In his first few months, (Nunnallee) practiced it out of what was then Bonds Feed Store, which is now Wagon Yard," said Dr. Ronny Naylor, current veterinarian at Granbury Animal Clinic.

After practicing in the feed store for a few months, Nunnallee then built a small building at 1319 Lipan Highway — the clinic's current location.

Nunnallee continued his solo practice until 1972, when he hired Dr. Gary Cooper. He hired Naylor in 1978.

"It was just the three of us there for several years until Dr. Nunnallee passed away, and then Dr. Cooper and I then hired Dr. David Imke," Naylor said.

Cooper has since retired and Imke sold his part of the practice and moved to Montana — leaving two openings for Dr. Sally Everett, who joined the team in 2013, and Dr. Courtney Bailey, who joined in 2016.

EXPANSION

Naylor has now been a veterinarian at Granbury Animal Clinic for 45 years and has seen growth in both the practice and in Hood County.

"In 1980, we expanded from this first little building and in 1999,



Veterinarians Dr. Courtney Bailey, left, Dr. Ronny Naylor, middle, and Dr. Sally Everett, right, practice at the Granbury Animal Clinic.

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we built the present facility," he explained. "In general practice we saw a lot of large animals, but now with the way the county's grown, not so much. About 90% of what we see is small animals, dogs, cats. We still see a lot of horses and cattle and other animals too, but most of them are small."

In 2012, Granbury Animal Clinic also founded its second location in The Village by First National Bank in Pecan Plantation.

The full-service facility offers routine examinations and vaccina-

tions, laboratory diagnostics and surgery, as well as dental cleanings. The doctors rotate between the two locations to ensure that all patients get the care they need.

"We have a satellite clinic where we can do vaccines, routine surgeries, bloodwork, and even hospitalizations, but that's been part of the expansion that they did right before I got here," Everett said. "To have that second location has been really nice."

The advancement of technology has also affected the clinic in a

huge — and positive — way, especially regarding the equipment.

"We have a complete laboratory, we do all lab work as far as blood work and things like that, we have ultrasounds, we have EKG machines, we have radiology, and we do much more now than we ever used to," he explained.

But the biggest change, Naylor said, has been the growth within Hood County.

"When I came here in '78, it was a two-lane highway between

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Demopoulos sentenced to 90 years in prison for child sex crimes

From Staff Reports

Thomas Edward Demopoulos, who had evaded arrest for more than eight years for first-degree felony child sex crimes, on April 26 was sentenced to 90 years in prison by a jury in 355th District Court in Granbury.

A news release from Hood County District Attorney Ryan Sinclair states Demopoulos pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, one count of indecency with a child by sexual contact, and one count of bail jumping.

"The jury found him guilty of each of those counts, and sentenced him to 90 years in prison for the aggravated sexual assault charges, 20 years in prison for the indecency with a child by sexual contact charge, and 10 years in



Demopoulos

a maximum of 20 years in prison, and bail jumping carries a maximum of 10 years in prison."

Sinclair added, "Justice has been a long time coming in this case. Not only did Demopoulos destroy his family when he abused his seven-year-old little girl, but for the last 10 years he denied his daughter and family the justice they need and deserve. But now, at long last, he's where he needs to be: in prison for the rest of his life."

Sinclair also noted, "This case has been outstanding for many years. It

took the concerted effort of many law enforcement agencies to finally bring Demopoulos to justice. My thanks to all those involved over the years."

Demopoulos can become eligible for parole after he has served half his sentence, the district attorney noted.

Sinclair explained some of the details involved in the felony offenses.

"In October 2010 Demopoulos was discovered molesting his seven-year-old daughter," the news release states. "During the investigation of this case, it was also discovered that Demopoulos had sexually abused his younger sister when they were growing up. He was arrested and subsequently bonded out. Demopoulos and his ex-wife had five young kids at the time, and Demopoulos worked in the pur-

chasing division of IBM."

Sinclair noted that after Demopoulos was released from jail after posting bond, he "moved to another town while awaiting trial."

Sinclair continued, "(Demopoulos) eventually purchased fake identification documents, and in 2011 he fled the country. Authorities tracked him to Mexico City, but the trail went cold after that. For the next ten years, law enforcement was unable to locate Demopoulos's whereabouts."

Sinclair noted that "Sometime in late 2020 or early 2021," he asked "Dan Bradshaw, an investigator with the DA's child abuse investigation unit, to see if he could locate Demopoulos. Bradshaw worked with law enforcement authorities and eventually located Demopoulos deep in Mexico living under his new identity. Mexican au-

thorities expelled Demopoulos and transported him back to the United States in 2021. Upon return to the United States, Demopoulos was taken into federal custody to face an embezzlement-related charge in Pennsylvania. Federal authorities ultimately dropped that charge against Demopoulos, and he was transported back to Texas to face charges for child sexual abuse in Hood County."

Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds told the Hood County News, "It was a long time coming, as this case was from 2010. The end result wouldn't be possible without the dedicated work of Hood County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Marshal's Office and District Attorney's Office."

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DOES GRANBURY HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE?

- Yes. It is supervised by the Hood County tax-assessor collector and is located inside Annex 3, 1402 W. Pearl St.
- It is not a full service location. Driving tests aren't offered there, but those with Class A, B, or C driver's licenses can renew their license, register name or address changes, and renew their state ID.
- Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Appointments are requested but not required. Appointments can be scheduled at the kiosk in the lobby. Walk-ins are welcome but there is no guarantee that they will be seen that day.
- Proper identification for processing is a birth certificate or certified copy. Passports are not accepted for renewals of a driver's license or state ID.
- Need a full-service driver's license office? There's one in Tolar, at 105 Pine Lane. Call 254-835-4160 to schedule an appointment.

Thompson, Nelson staff Granbury driver's license office

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The county's partial-service driver's license office in Granbury has been open for a little more than a year now but as evidenced by occasional queries on social media, not everyone knows about it.

It is located inside Annex 3 at 1402 W. Pearl St. near the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center a short distance from Granbury High School.

Years ago, the county had a full-service driver's license office in that building, but the state closed it due to a misunderstanding involving members of a previous Commissioners Court.

When county officials scrambled to find a way to keep a full-service Texas Department of Public Safety office in Hood County, Terry Johnson, then mayor of Tolar, offered space at the city-owned building at 105 Pine Lane in Tolar.

The state approved that location and does operate a full-service driver's license



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Alicia Thompson, left, and Sara Nelson are the county employees who staff the partial-service driver's license office at Annex 3.

office there, including written tests and driving tests. It is a small operation, though, and people often have to wait in line and drive a farther distance than before.

The effort to open an office in the downtown Granbury area that could at least offer some services related to driver's licenses was led by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson and approved by the Hood

County Commissioners Court. The office opened in April of last year.

The driver's license operation is overseen by Hood County Tax Assessor-Collector Andrea Ferguson. It offers processing for those who need to renew their driver's license or state ID, or register name or address changes. They do a pretty brisk business, so appointments are recom-

mended. They can be made through a kiosk in the lobby.

The Annex 3 office is currently staffed by Sara Nelson and Alicia Thompson.

Nelson, 21, is a lifelong resident of Hood County. She played tuba in the marching band at Granbury High School and graduated in 2020.

Thompson, a native of Electra who moved to Hood County in 2009, worked in Ferguson's office at Annex 2 before moving over to the driver's license office a couple weeks ago. She completed her training in Cleburne last Friday.

Asked whether they had any advice for people needing services from that office, Thompson advised those who schedule appointments to "pay attention to what they sign up for." She indicated that accurately stating their needs can prevent them from having to be rescheduled or making a wasted trip.

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Voters decide Lipan School Board seat, Cresson measures

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The Saturday, May 6, election was largely uneventful with little on the ballot but voters leaned on the "for" rather than the "against" side on measures pertaining to Cresson.

Cresson voters approved Proposition A, which reauthorized a local sales and use tax at the rate of one-half percent that will continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.

The rural town sprawls across three counties: Hood, Parker, and Johnson.

In Hood County, nine people voted in favor of Proposition A and no one voted against it. In Johnson County, the votes were 2-0 in favor.

The measure also passed among Cresson residents who live within Parker County's borders, but there was a 60%/40% vote split among that group. A total of

15 voters who cast ballots in early voting and on Election Day favored the tax while a total of 10 did not.

In voting precinct 415 in Cresson, four propositions pertaining to the creation of the Cresson Crossroads MUD #2, a Municipal Utility District, were approved with no nay-sayers. While that might indicate overwhelming support, it is perhaps more likely that few knew about it or cared to oppose it. In both Hood County and Johnson County, only one person participated in that decision. The measure was not on the ballot in Parker County.

In Lipan, Walter Baldree won a new term for the Place 5 seat on the School Board of Trustees, besting challenger T.J. Bleeker by 29 votes. Baldree garnered 105 votes, or 58.01% of the ballots cast, to Bleeker's 76 votes, which was 41.99%.

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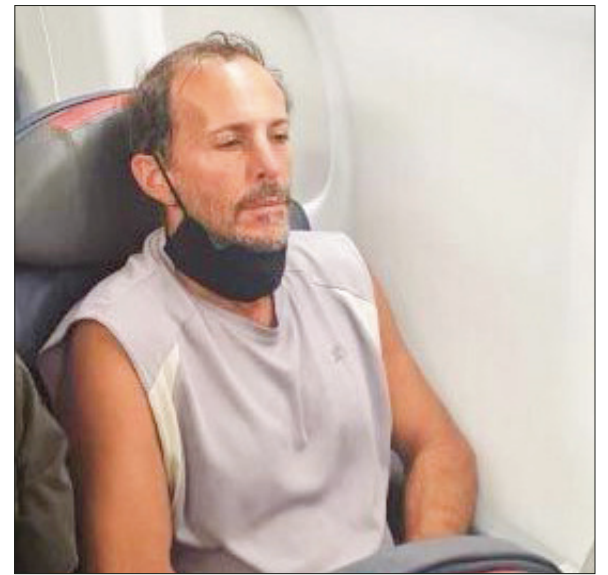
news release from the Hood County Sheriff's Office, Demopoulos was located in Oaxaca de Juarez, Mexico in May of 2021 by the Office of the Inspector General for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, assisted by the U.S. Marshal's Office. Demopoulos was then

transported to a federal holding facility in Fort Worth. The release noted that at that time his sexual abuse case was "pending and was never resolved due to him fleeing the country."

That 2020 news release included a quote from Deeds stating, "This arrest has been a long time coming and I'm so proud to know he's in custody. We never gave up hope and knew eventually he would be arrested."

COURTESY PHOTO

The photo at right of Thomas Edward Demopoulos, provided through the Hood County Sheriff's Office, was taken in the airplane that flew him back to the United States after he was taken into custody in Mexico in 2021. Demopoulos recently was convicted of multiple felony charges in 355th District Court and sentenced to 90 years in prison.



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Our future is bright because of Granbury ISD



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.

This past week I had the good fortune to be asked to be the Master of Ceremonies at the annual Granbury ISD Academic Recognition Banquet held by the Granbury Education Foundation. Each year a dinner is held for the 25 top-ranked students in the graduating class. The evening also features the teacher each graduate selects as having had the most significant impact on their educational experience.

At the dinner, each one of the students was recognized with their inspirational teachers. As one student and faculty member would rise after the other, the student's description of their interaction with their teacher was read aloud. In some ways, I felt like I was listening to an echo chamber because the descriptions kept repeating the same words and phrases: "Dedication," "always there for me," "pushed me to be my best," "passion," "loves what they do," and "made by life better." It was

also exciting to hear the future graduates declare their college destination for furthering their education.

After the ceremony, I spoke to some of the graduates and their favorite teachers. I could sense the appreciation, affection and commitment they had toward each other. These teachers had formed a bond with their students that will never be broken or set aside. It could best be described as mutual respect and it was undeniably on full display for all to witness.

If one were to listen to the small contingent constantly criticizing GISD at the school board meetings and on social media, the conclusion could only be drawn that the public-school model has failed and GISD is providing a poor education for our school children.

Between the allegations of pornography in the libraries, mismanagement, and the possibility of teaching critical race theory, there is a movement on the part of a few to undermine the many success stories of our local public school. There seems to be a political agenda based on outside interests rather than creating an atmosphere of working together to make the school system better for the students and the staff.

I urge you to go to the GISD web site and look at the success stories that are happening every single week. Whether it be in CTE classes, traditional classes, or extracurricular activities, GISD students are knocking it out of the park on a consistent basis.

GISD is a huge operation with hundreds of staff members and literally thousands of students. This endorsement does not mean there are no issues or problems. As with any large entity, especially

one tasked with the education of so many children, there are issues. It is gratifying to see and witness the school board and staff working to solve those problems. They are not satisfied with simply having success, they are dedicated to achieving excellence! Think what could be accomplished if the divisiveness and political agendas were alleviated and focus could be trained on the task at hand.

My father was an educator at one of the best public-school systems in the Midwest. I had the good fortune to be a participant in an educational system that was far superior to what many children receive. Since the school system where I graduated was the only school I ever attended, I had nothing to compare it to. In the innocence of my childhood, I assumed everyone's child was blessed with wonderful facilities, a crackerjack staff, and boundless learning opportunities. It was not until college, when I started comparing notes with my fellow students, I realized how fortunate I had been to have the educational foundation I had been provided.

As I have grown older, my appreciation of what I experienced has only deepened. I could not have

had whatever success I have been able to accomplish without the schooling I received in my youth. I have heard my dad say many times, "A good education is the foundation from which all the good things in life are built."

As I looked around the room at the academic dinner, I could see bright, enthusiastic, intelligent, well-prepared young people who were excited about moving forward into the future. I have no doubt they will make us all proud as they move into the next portion of their lives. I am proud of what they have accomplished and the mark they will make in the future. Their success will be possible because of the work of the staff of GISD and their parents. I am proud of our GISD teachers, proud of our GISD staff, and most of all, proud of the students they have produced.

Our future is bright because of our young people. I think my dad would be proud of them too.

Thought for the day: Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.

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

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Next phase of Saratoga leaves the gate

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The Granbury City Council has unanimously approved a Facilities Improvement Agreement for the next phase of the racehorse-themed Saratoga development near Granbury Nissan and across U.S. Highway 377 from Temple Hall Highway.

The FIA, for Phase 2B and the Hurricane Fly extension, which will run from Fall creek Highway to Cleveland Road, covers 25 acres and 78 single family homes. The agreement between the city and Legends Land Development, CJB Development, and CRB Asset Management will be for the construction of water, wastewater, storm drainage, street improvements, park improvements, street lights, street signs, and electric infrastructure.

That phase of the development will involve park areas dedicated to the city.

Phase 2B connects to existing Seabiscuit Drive and Saratoga Boulevard, which are the primary local streets of the already developed Saratoga phases, according to a City Council agenda document. The document states that the Phase 2B necessary infrastructure is required to be installed prior to any homes being built.

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bidding "difficult for local contractors." He noted that a local contractor he spoke with claimed that he could build the building faster and for half the price than what was outlined in the submitted bid.

Tilleman commented that the contractor Young spoke with could have simply downloaded the bid paperwork, filled it out, and submitted it. Young responded that the man was busy building metal buildings during the bidding period. County Judge Ron Massingill told Young that a contractor's ability to submit a performance bond is also an "important" part of the process.

Tilleman told the county judge and commissioners that county staff "went to extensive efforts" to make the process as easy as possible.

"We try to make it accessible to everybody, far and wide," he stated.

The court voted unanimously to table the matter so that further review and research can be done.

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LOOKING BACK

First-hand account of post-WW I observations in May 1919 edition of Granbury News

From Staff Reports

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

For youngsters out there who may not have been around at the time, World War I began in 1914 and officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919 outside Compiègne, France. A fascinating article published in the Friday, May 23, 1919 edition of The Granbury News, headlined, "Hood County boy's interesting descriptive letter from France," began this way:

"Jewel W. Gordon writes to his home folks a most interesting letter, from which we make the following liberal extracts:

"It would be impossible

to tell all the wonders I saw in Paris, but a few places of interest I visited were, first the La Grand Italia Boulevard, where all the swells promenade. This street was all decorated with emblems, flags, etc., of the war, and all kinds captured guns, cannons of all sizes, airplanes, etc."

The first-hand account of what Gordon saw in Paris continued with his description of a painting depicting the war:

"Two artists and 17 helpers have been at it 4 years and it is not complete," Gordon wrote. "It is around an area 360 feet and 50 feet high. It has all the different nations at war represented, showing their leaders, armies and battle fronts, the most wonderful and realistic painting I ever saw. It just looks like the real article right out in front of you. It is impossible to describe on paper.

"Then there was Eiffel Tower, the highest in the world, and the great Ferris wheel, 385 (feet) high, built as attractions for the World Fair of 1888. I could mention thousands of other wonderful sights in Paris, but want to tell you of my trip to the front.

"I reached Chateau-Thierry at night, where our boys played an important part and many lost their lives. The whole town and the smaller villages all around are a total ruin. Where beautiful little villages stood there is nothing but the walls and debris. Not a home of building left.

"I went out to Belleau Woods, where we lost quite a number of troops. The wood looks as (though) a tornado had struck it and the country for miles around looks like it can never be put in shape again. Shell holes all over the country, some of them large

enough to put a wagon and team.

"I went into the underground passages at Chateau-Thierry, in which the Germans had their headquarters. The river Marne divides the town, so the Germans had one side and the French and Americans the other, all bridges having been blown up.

"Verdun was another much the same, nothing but trenches, barb(ed) wire entanglements, etc. Visit Du Mont Fort, Dead Man's Hill, where so many of our boys are buried. Then to Reims, once a beautiful city of 100,000 people, now a mass of ruins. The Germans bombarded it four years, but never took it. They destroyed here the finest cathedral in France, but the splendid statue of Jean de Arc was removed to Paris and saved."

Tolar seeks input on TxDOT grant for sidewalks, paths

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Tolar city officials are seeking input from residents in preparation for possibly receiving grant funds to finance a big sidewalk project.

The sidewalks and shared-use paths would be along Tolar's main corridor, U.S. Highway 377, as well as sidewalks that link schools to the downtown area.

A come-and-go Open House featuring exhibits will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, May 10-

12, at Tolar City Hall, 8712 W. U.S. Highway 377.

Those attending the Open House will be able to share their opinions. Those unable to attend can fill out a pedestrian infrastructure survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tolarsidewalks>.

City Administrator Michelle Burdette told the Hood County News that a Town Hall meeting about the project will be scheduled soon.

According to a press release, the city was recently invited to submit

a detailed application to the Texas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, which grants funds for locally sponsored bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects.

TxDOT will recommend projects from around the state to the Texas Transportation Commission for disbursement of TA funds under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Granbury city officials have also spoken of pursuing Transportation Alternatives

Set-Aside Program grant funds to help achieve goals outlined in the city's Active Transportation and Recreation Master Plan, adopted in 2022.

The agenda for this week's meeting of the Granbury Parks Board included discussion of those grant funds and possible action on a letter of support from the Parks Board.

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Robert C. Smith

April 2, 1938 - May 5, 2023

Robert (Bob) C. Smith, 85, passed away on Friday, May 5, 2023, in Granbury. He was born April 2, 1938, in New Bern (Craven County), North Carolina to Nathan and Etta Brown Smith.

Bob began singing in the 1950s and sang country and gospel music at various venues for years. He owned and operated the Country Love Theatre on the Granbury Square and was a member of the Country Music Organization of America. Bob was also a member of the Texas Silver Haired Legislature, improving the lives of older citizens of Texas. He was a member of the Staked Plains Masonic Lodge #598 in Big Spring, Texas, and a member of the Granbury Masonic Lodge #392. Bob was the founder and owner of Bob Smith Bail Bonds Company in Granbury. He dearly enjoyed coaching youth baseball, basketball and football and did so until the age of 82.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Chris Smith, and a brother Bill Smith.

He is survived by his loving wife, Christy Smith; sons, Robert Smith and wife Denise of Big Spring and Terry Smith and wife Amy of Granbury; step-daughter, Catheryn John-



son of Granbury; stepson, Carey Johnson and wife Suzanne of Conroe, TX.; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; brothers, Lewis Smith, Mike Smith and wife Geri, David Smith and wife Jan, Dale Smith and wife Liz; sisters, Bonnie Darienzo and husband Ed and Cathy Torrey and husband Joe; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Friday, May 12, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel located at 400 E. Hwy. 377 in Granbury, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Granbury with burial to follow at Acton Cemetery. Masonic Graveside Rites will be conducted by Granbury Lodge #392.

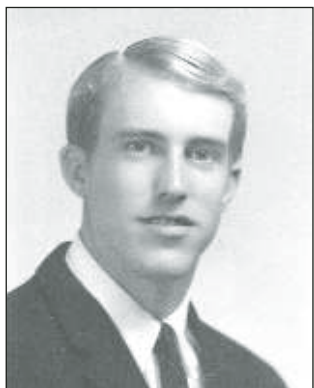
Stephen Lynn Tillman

June 23, 1950 - May 3, 2023

The family of Stephen Lynn Tillman, with honor and heart felt sadness, announce the end of his life's journey on May 3, 2023, in Wheatland, Texas. Stephen was born in Wichita Falls, Texas to Bill Joe and Nita (McDowell) Tillman June 23, 1950.

Stephen's very early years were filled with many carefree, sun filled days chasing parrots in Caracas, Venezuela as his father worked for Halliburton there. His family returned stateside and settled in Midland, Texas where Stephen attended Alamo Junior High School and Lee High School where he was the president of his freshman class. He excelled in his favorite sports of basketball and baseball and lettered in both. Stephen attended Texas Tech University and answered the calling of his country enlisting in the U.S. Marines. Stephen went on to form Tillman Drilling and Equipment of Dallas, Texas and Pure Spring Water Company of Granbury, Texas.

Stephen was loved by family and friends alike as



his infectious zeal for life was shared by all.

Stephen was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his longtime companion, Caroline Covington, Wheatland, Texas; his mother, Nita Tillman of Granbury Texas; his brothers, Bill Tillman Jr. of Decatur, Texas and Michael Tillman of Granbury, Texas; his son, Stephen Reagan Tillman Richards, wife Autumn and their children Olivia, Presley and Ellie of Lubbock, Texas.

There will be no formal service, so in lieu of flowers, donations on Stephen's behalf may be made to his favorite charity, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. www.calfarley.org

Lucille Johnson

December 12, 1929 - May 3, 2023

Lucille Johnson, 93, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, of Tolar, Texas, passed away on Wednesday morning, May 3, 2023, in her home, surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Sunday, May 7, 2023, at the Wiley Funeral Home, 400 Highway 377 East in Granbury. Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, at the funeral home, followed by burial at Tolar Cemetery.

Lucille was born in Morgan Mill, Texas, on December 12, 1929 to Ray and Dimple Earp. She married Earnest Whitt "Tony" Johnson on October 28, 1950. From an early age, Lucille was a "farm girl who loved the country life." She was a professional seamstress and worked for many years at the Factory on the Square in Granbury. She enjoyed doing crafts including crochet and embroidering. Additionally, Lucille enjoyed working in her vegetable garden and canning. Most of all, Lucille will be remembered for her faith and for the devotion she had for her family.

Lucille is survived by her sons, Mike and Terry (Kathy) Johnson; her grandchildren, Teressa (Craig) Potter, Terri Sue (Darrell) Robinson, Christi-



na (David) Robinson, Justin Johnson, Jessica Johnson, James Daniel (Juae) Hunter, Josiah Gowan, Amy (Jason) Stamm, Tony (Brandi) Johnson, and Michael (Matt) Smith; and by her great-grandchildren, Tiffany Potter, Jasmine Potter, Ethan Robinson, Chloe (Davis) McCauley, Leanne Patterson, Logan Patterson, Genesis Johnson, Madison Stamm, Isyss Haggard, Maelin Johnson, Asher Johnson, Gatlin Johnson, Memphis Hunter, Daylen Hunter, Tobias Johnson, Atticus Gowan, and Salem Gowan; and by her great-great-grandsons, Anthony, Jaxson, and Gabriel Potter.

In addition to her parents, Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, "Tony" Johnson; son, Timmy Lynn Johnson; her daughter, Tawnya (Joe) Moss; and by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Johnson.

Ulen Smith Mullenix

December 31, 1933 - April 5, 2023

Ulen Mullenix of Granbury, Texas, passed away peacefully April 5, 2023.

Ulen was born in Irvine, Kentucky in 1933, the only child of Henry and Thelma Mullenix. Following high school in Louisville, Kentucky, Ulen attended University of Louisville and worked for the Federal Reserve and American Airlines where he met and married the love of his life, Sally, in 1957. Following many years in Northern Kentucky, they moved to Fort Worth and most recently to Granbury, Texas.

Ulen worked for State Farm Insurance for more than 30 years and was a proud member of the Lion's Club. He and Sally enjoyed their world travels and after retirement spent many years traveling in their motorhome seeing friends and family throughout the United States and Canada.

Ulen was preceded by his wife Sally and his par-



ents. He is survived by his daughter Michele (Rick) Wilkerson, his grandchildren Kathryn Wilkerson (Desmond Foster), Austin Wilkerson (Nicole), great-grandson Logan, great-granddaughter Josie, and step-great-granddaughter Audrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Granbury, 4530 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX 76049, (817-326-6074) or charity of choice. At his request, no service is planned.

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.

MAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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.

FORWARD TRAINING Center's Jobs for Life Spring Graduation will be held May 12 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.

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

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

Obituaries are submitted online at obituaries.hcnews.com. Advance payment is required and you may do so online when placing the

obituary. Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with

the facility handling the body or the church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submit-

ting the obituary. The Hood County News deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Monday for the Wednesday paper, and 10 a.m.

Wednesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.

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ACROSS

- worry
- TX McConaughy had a starring role in "A Time to Kill"
- large Texas ranch, spelled out
- flat-topped hill
- TX Larry McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove" was a novel
- TX Bonnie & Clyde, e.g.
- in Kilgore: "East Texas _____"
- TXism: "_____ have to get better to die" (sick)
- TX-born Nimitz was the last to have the _____ of fleet admiral
- TXism: "got as much _____ as a steer in a packing plant"
- convulsions
- ill-mannered
- fashion designer: Christian _____
- TXism: "costs _____ arm and a leg"
- made by Texans and Cowboys in the NFL draft
- winter garment
- TXism: "_____ as dirt"
- name of Jay Gould private rail car in Jefferson, TX
- TXism: "esta _____" (good)
- school kids often walk in single _____
- city on Redfish Bay (2 wds.)
- worked on fingernails
- corporation abbr.
- Latin for "nothing"
- San Angelo is the seat of Tom _____ County
- pronounce Lamesa "luh-____-suh"
- massive historic Panhandle ranch
- _____ Prairie, Texas
- TXism: "a day _____ a dollar short"
- TX Yale _____ in NFL Hall of Fame
- retirement acct.
- zero
- TXism: "blister _____" (hinder)

DOWN

- TX Nanci Griffith 1987 song (3 wds.)
- in Falls County on U.S. 77
- this Moreno killed 6 people in Houston area in 1983
- toast
- TXism: "horny _____" (lizards)
- trigonometric function of an angle
- _____ hart, Texas
- TX Fawcett's only husband (init.)
- TX Adams, Medal of Honor recipient
- TXism: "strike while the iron _____"
- TXism "_____ bout" (about)
- six-shooter
- in Hidalgo County on Mexico border
- TXism: "he could out _____ legged bobcat"
- finished
- position of Astro Jeremy Pena or Ranger Corey Seager (abbr.)
- TXism: "_____ shooter" (slingshot)
- Claudia _____ "Lady Bird" Johnson
- former Dallas Sidekicks leag.
- TXism: "keep your saddle _____" (be prepared)
- TXism for "to fish" (3 wds.)
- villain
- this Gramm was a U.S. Senator
- former Vikings QB Tarkenton
- Pampa's county
- this Ford took over for Nixon in 1974
- TXism: "hot as road _____ July"
- _____ State Park
- this Drayton owned the Houston Astros from 1992 to 2011
- in Fisher County on highway 70
- TXism: "_____ a bull give milk?" (no)
- fmr. immigr. agcy.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

A&M holds off Texans for 6-5 baseball victory

TSU Sports Information

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION — Tarleton led Texas A&M for six innings of play on May 2 at Blue Bell Park, but a late three-run home run from the Aggies paired with a close call in the top of the ninth saw the Texans fall, 6-5.

With the bases loaded in the top of the ninth and the Texans trailing 6-5 with one out, Jordan Andrade stepped in to pinch hit for Payton Pennington. Andrade hit a ground ball to the Aggie third baseman who turned a 5-4-3 double play to seemingly end the game. However, it appeared the play at first base was closer than it looked, and Andrade may have beat the throw or at least touched the base as the ball was arriving. The umpires went into a review for a few minutes, but ultimately decided the call on the field stood. Had it been overturned, Alec Williams would have scored from third and the game would have been tied at 6-6. Piercen McElyea got the

start on the mound for Tarleton and had a quality start, throwing 5 innings allowing one run on one hit. He walked five and struck out three. Tarleton got the scoring started with a run in the second inning as Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo sent a rocket over the left field wall, a no-doubt solo home run, his third of the season.

A&M tied the game at one with a sacrifice fly from Trevor Werner in the third inning.

Choy Foo and Crews each led the Texans with two hits while Wagner paced the team with three RBI.

The sixth inning saw the most action for both teams. The Texans took a 4-1 lead as Jack Wagner hit a three-

run home run, his team-leading 12th, to left field to score a pair of Mason's — Mason Hammonds and Mason Crews.

A&M answered back with two runs on back-to-back RBI singles from Jordan Thompson and Max Kaufer, but the Texans left the sixth inning with a 4-3 lead.

Zach Poe entered in the bottom of the sixth and pitched through the seventh. He threw 1.1 scoreless innings, allowing a lone hit while striking out two and walking one.

The eighth inning ultimately did the Texans in as the Aggie shortstop, Hunter Haas, hit a three-run home run off Tarleton's Jake Burcham to take a 6-4 lead. Zane Badmaev entered in the eighth inning and got the final two outs, striking out Trevor Werner and inducing a groundout to Wagner at first base.

Tarleton scored in the ninth as Crews drove in a run with an infield single to the shortstop with the bases loaded to bring in Choy Foo.



COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

The sixth inning saw the most action of Tarleton State University's baseball game at Texas A&M, especially when Jack Wagner (pictured) swatted a three-run home run for the Texans, his team-leading 12th on the season.

TSU closes softball regular season with fourth straight win

TSU Sports Information

HOUSTON — With just one regular season series remaining, the Texans softball team seems to be peaking at the right time — heading into the WAC tournament in Phoenix.

Tarleton beat Houston Christian 5-2 on May 2 in its final regular season non-conference tilt, winning its fourth straight contest. The Texans (29-24, 12-9 WAC) have won six straight road games, finishing their true road schedule 9-10 on the year.

The Huskies (20-28, 9-12 Southland Conference) lost their fifth straight game.

Pitcher Grace Garcia (12-8) earned her team-leading 12th win of the year as she went the distance at Husky Field. She allowed two earned runs on seven hits and two walks, and recorded three strikeouts in seven innings. Garcia has now tied Tristan Bridges' win total from last year for the most softball wins in a single-season by a Texan since Tarleton joined the NCAA Division I ranks.

Tarleton outthit Houston Christian 10-7 and committed no errors to the Huskies' two.

Kayla Wallace started rousing innings three times for TSU, reaching base four times on the night. She went 3-for-3 with a walk, scoring two runs.

After Garcia sat down the first three HCU batters, Tarleton struck in the top of the second to go ahead 2-0. Wallace started the rally with a single, then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jordan Dickerson. Morgan

Medford moved Wallace to third on an infield single before stealing second. With runners on second and third, Amanda DeSario scored Wallace with an RBI single, then Kelci Hill followed with an RBI single of her own to score Medford.

The Huskies answered with a pair of their own in the third. They loaded the bases on their first three plate appearances. Garcia threw a runner out at home on a fielder's choice for the first out, then induced a fly ball for the

second out that brought a run home. HCU singled to make it 2-2 before Garcia limited the damage.

The Texans retook the lead in the fifth inning. With two outs, Wallace hit her tied-team-leading fourth triple of the year. Dickerson followed with an RBI single to boost Tarleton up 3-2.

Tarleton added insurance runs in the seventh, as Wallace started the rally for the third time. Kaylin Ortner later scored as a pinch runner on a throwing error to make

it 4-2 Tarleton, then DeSario doubled home Medford for her second RBI.

Garcia allowed just two baserunners over the final three innings, going three-up-three-down in the seventh.

In addition to Wallace, DeSario (two RBI, one walk), Medford (two runs), and Hill (one RBI) also had multi-hit nights. Dickerson added that RBI single, and Austin Germain recorded two walks.



COURTESY OF TSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Tarleton State University golfer Jack Anderson has been named to the All-WAC Second Team, one of 16 players across 13 WAC programs to take All-Conference honors.

Golfers end season with WAC tourney

Tarleton Sports Information

BOULDER CITY, Nevada — Tarleton's first season in nearly 30 years concluded on April 30 at the WAC Championship, where they turned in their best round on the final day in their first conference tournament.

Jack Anderson led the Texans like he did most of the season, shooting -4 (72, 69, 71) to finish tied for 17th. As a team, Tarleton took 10th at -1 (287, 293, 283) at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

"It was not the performance we were wanting, but I'm overall pleased with the progress this team made in the first year," head coach

Chance Cain said. "This week we had the game to be in the top-five with 61 under-par strokes, but we made too many mistakes to keep us in the running. It's something the team is well aware of and now we have the summer break to work like crazy to clean those areas up in order to be ready for the fall start.

Anderson finished his collegiate career with an incredible spring semester. Across seven total tournaments, he shot under-par four times, and across 21 total rounds, he fired six rounds in the 60s. Max Bengtsson was next on the individual leaderboard for TSU, carding +1 (71, 77, 69),

tying for 35th. Masen Ward shot +2 (75, 73, 70) (tied-39th), Alvaro Huidobro was +3 (69, 76, 74) (tied-43rd), and Cristobal Sepulveda shot +14 (82, 75, 73) for 60th.

Of Tarleton's five team members, three had their best 18 holes in the final round to put the team under-par for the event and move them into the top-10.

Grand Canyon won the WAC Championship at -34 (280, 273, 277) while New Mexico State's Garrison Smith was the medalist at -19 (64, 65, 68).

The Texan freshman Bengtsson ended his WAC Championship with his best

round of 69. He improved his place on the individual leaderboard with 13 spots on the final day to tie for 35th.

Ward ended his collegiate career by shooting -3 over his final 12 holes, a clean finish with three birdies. He had the tied-second best overall score on Par 5's in the tournament at -10, averaging a gross score of 4.17.

Huidobro, a sophomore, led the Texans after the first day at -3 (69). Sepulveda, the third underclassman and second freshman playing for Tarleton at the WAC Championship, shot +1 (73) on the final day for his best round of the event.

ASUN-WAC football partnership rebrands as United Athletic Conference

Tarleton Sports Information

The ASUN Conference and Western Athletic Conference (WAC) football partnership is now officially known as the United Athletic Conference, as announced jointly on April 17 by the football-sponsoring members of both conferences.

Entering its third year as a formal football partnership but first as a single entity, the United Athletic Conference now fully operates like a single-sport conference with an independent budget, policies and governing documents. The group will recognize its own league champion and at-large FCS playoffs automatic

qualifier under a singular conference banner beginning with the 2023 football season.

The newly christened United Athletic Conference currently has nine participating institutions, including Tarleton State University; Abilene Christian University; Austin Peay State University; University of Central Arkansas; Eastern Kentucky University; University of North Alabama; Southern Utah University; Stephen F. Austin State University; and Utah Tech University. The conference will officially add the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) in the fall of 2025 when it begins sponsorship of football.

As previously announced on Jan. 5, the governance structure of the United Athletic Conference features co-chairs of the Council of Presidents, Dr. James Hurley from Tarleton State University and Dr. David McFaddin from Eastern Kentucky University. Also included in the leadership is Executive Director Oliver Luck, WAC Commissioner Brian Thornton and outgoing ASUN Commissioner Ted Gumbart, with incoming ASUN Commissioner Jeff Bacon officially joining upon Gumbart's retirement at the conclusion of the 2022-23 academic year.

The 2023 United Athletic



Conference schedule will be limited to six conference games among its nine members. The 2024 schedule will feature a full eight-game single round robin. The team

with the best conference record (and owns any applicable tiebreakers in the case of matching league records) will be declared the United Athletic Conference champi-

on and FCS playoffs AQ. A full conference rollout including official marks, an official website and more information will be released in the coming months.

Area athletes set for state track, golf

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

This moment has been a long time coming for Kassidy Kirkpatrick. Heck, it's been a long time coming for the Granbury Lady Pirates track program.

When the senior high jumper competes in the UIL Class 5A State Track and Field Meet Friday morning, she will be the first Lady Pirate to appear in the prestigious meet in more than a decade. The last to do so was pole vaulter Morgan Northcutt, who did so from 2010-12, finishing third as a junior.

Kirkpatrick qualified for state by winning the Region 1 Meet April 29 in Lubbock, clearing 5 feet, 5 inches.

"My past four years at GHS have prepared me for this moment," Kirkpatrick said. I feel like my hard work has paid off, and I'm thrilled to compete at the state meet for my last high school meet.

Kirkpatrick enters as the No. 6 seed. She has a career-best of 5-6 and matching that at state would give her a good chance at medaling. The top jump was awarded by Frisco Wakeland's Hannah Pfiffner at 5-8.

"I am so excited for Kassidy. She has been very consistent in her jumping this year and very determined to do her best — and she has," Lady Pirates coach Amber Ward said. "The top seed being 5-8 will fuel her fire!

"Coach (Desiree) Shahan has been working very hard with her this season. She knows that Kassidy can get 5-8 and has been telling Kassidy that she is very capable of 5-8." Kirkpatrick has committed to jump next season for Tarleton State University — which is now an NCAA Division I school.

SPOTLIGHT NOT

FAZING FRESHMAN

Miller Schenewark will be making his debut at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet Friday morning in the high jump competition. And though he is a freshman, the looming spotlight of competing on the biggest stage at the University of Texas in Austin does not appear to be daunting to him.

"I try to stay humble. I try to just be my best and not worry about others," Schenewark said.

After finishing third at the Region 1 Meet with a career-best jump of 6-6, he had to wait to see if it

would qualify him as a wild card — as the best third-place jump in all four of the state's regions. To make things even more intense, Schenewark learned he was tied with another jumper at the same height, so it came down to how many misses each had as a tiebreaker.

"It was stressful. It was a long couple of days," Schenewark said.

"For a freshman he's extremely mature," Pirates coach Jody Brown said. "I thought at Lubbock (regionals), being a freshman, I might see some wide eyes, but that's where he did his best.

"He's just gotten better each week."

Schenewark enters state as the sixth seed. The top jump was by Clint Horizon's Ricardo Leyva at 6-11.

Schenewark is the first Pirate to qualify for state track since Luke Mankowsky two years ago in the discus.

"Hopefully we can make this a habit going forward," Brown said.

STATE TWICE AS NICE FOR SOILEAU

Tolar senior Dillon Soileau will be competing in two events at the Class 2A State Track and Field Meet at UT Austin Friday afternoon. He'll run solo in the 110-meter hurdles and join teammates Garrison Nation (junior), Cade Pate (sophomore) and Wyatt Jones (junior) on the 400-meter relay.

Soileau qualified individually after finishing second at the Region 2 Meet in Springtown April 29 with a time of 14.94 seconds. The quartet qualified as a wild-card after finishing with the best time in the state among third-place finishers (43.40).

Soileau is seeded fifth in the 110 hurdles, but there is a narrow margin among the top qualifiers. Jkoby Williams of Beckville has the top time of 14.44.

The relay is seeded sixth. Timpson is the top seed, clocking 42.70.

GAYLOR, NIX SET TO TEE OFF

Lipan sophomore Hanna Gaylor and Tolar freshman Callan Nix will

be competing in the Class 2A Girls State Golf Tournament at the Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16. For Gaylor, it is her second consecutive season to qualify, and she is confident having gone last season will prove a big plus this time.

Nix is the first Lady Rattler to qualify for state since the entire team reached Austin in 2004.

"I think being down there last year was a great learning experience for me. It helped me prepare for this year," Gaylor said. "With me having already played it twice this year I think I will be more prepared with the course and the way it plays.

"Also having my mom — who played it all four years of high school and has won a state championship on that course — with me is also a big help, too, because she knows the course better than anyone I know."

Wendy Gaylor is, likewise, confident the prior experience will be clutch for her daughter.

"She has improved so much from her freshman year to this year," coach Gaylor said. "Last year she was so excited to just make it to state but this year she knows what to expect and what she has to do to get on the medal stand. That is her ultimate goal she has been working toward. In the end I'm so proud of her, her work ethic and all her accomplishments."

Last season Hanna had rounds of 94 and 99 at state. Her qualifying rounds at the Region 2 Tournament in Ferris in mid-April were 77 and 87 for second place overall.

Nix had rounds of 86 and 88 to qualify for state. Her coach, Scott Richardson, said he's confident she can perform at the highest level on the heels of the great freshman season she's already had.

"Her swing as a freshman is impressive and we have enjoyed seeing her quickly learn to navigate tournaments successfully," he said. "We are excited to see what she does at state."

TOLAR BASEBALL

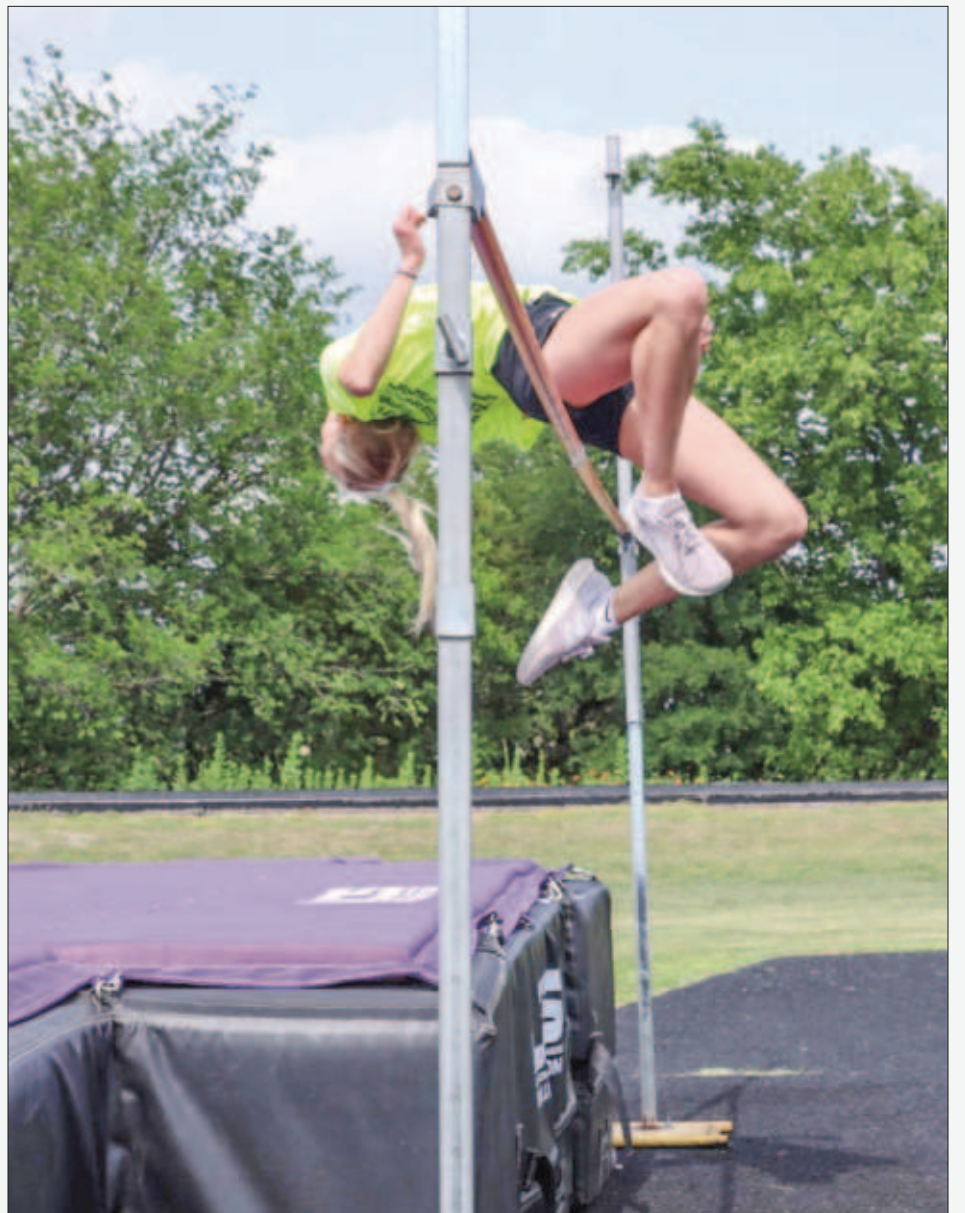
The Rattlers (16-7-2) advanced to the second round of the Class 2A playoffs in the most exciting of fashions — well, unless you're a Moody High School fan.

Tolar wrapped up a



Below, senior high jumper Kassidy Kirkpatrick will be the first Granbury Lady Pirate to compete at the state track and field meet in more than a decade.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DESIREE SHAHAN



sweep of its best-of-three series against Moody by winning 7-3 at home on a walkoff grand slam home run by Reis Brown in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday. It came after the Rattlers won 1-0 the night before in Moody on Reis Brown's seventh-inning RBI single that drove in Talan Brown.

Talan Brown pitched a two-hitter in the Friday victory.

This is the third consecutive season the Rattlers have swept Moody in the first round of the playoffs.

The Rattlers, ranked 10th in the state by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association, will next face No. 9 Axtell (21-3) in a best-of-three series in Cleburne. Game 1 is

Friday at 6 p.m., Game 2 Saturday at noon and Game 3 immediately after, if necessary.

Game 1: Hitting - R. Brown, 1-for-3, triple, RBI; Keaton Morrison, 1-for-4; Brock Owens, 1-for-3; Merritt Imel, 1-for-3; T. Brown, 1-for-3; Drake Owens, 2 walks. Pitching - T. Brown, seven innings, two hits, four strikeouts.

Game 2: Hitting - R. Brown, 2-for-3, double, home run (grand slam), five RBI; B. Owens, 2-for-3; Jesse Owen, 1-for-4; Imel, 1-for-3, walk; Jackson LeCluyse, 1-for-3, home run, hit by pitch, RBI; D. Owens, three walks, hit by pitch. Pitching - LeCluyse, seven innings, five hits, three runs (two earned), five strikeouts, one walk.

TOLAR SOFTBALL

The Lady Rattlers' season came to a surprising end with losses of 9-6 at home and 12-5 at Muenster in the second (area) round of the Class 2A playoffs Friday and Saturday. Tolar (20-3-1) entered the series ranked fourth in the state by the Texas Girls Coaches Association and Muenster (17-6) was unranked.

The Lady Rattlers matched Muenster hit-for-hit in the series with 13 each, but were undone by 17 errors compared to 10 for the Lady Hornets.

Game 1: Hitting - Reese Tryon, 2-for-3, walk; Lane Gardner, 2-for-3, walk, RBI; Courtlynd Hogan, 1-for-4, two stolen bases; Allyson Dobbs, 1-for-3, double, walk, stolen base; Ava LeCluyse, 1-for-4; Kaira Krause, 1-for-4, RBI; Senne Imel, two walks, stolen base. Pitching - Tryon, seven innings, six hits, nine runs (two earned), nine strikeouts, nine walks.

Game 2: Hitting - LeCluyse, 2-for-3, two RBI; Imel, 1-for-4, triple; Dobbs, 1-for-1, double, walk, RBI; Tryon, 1-for-3, triple, RBI. Pitching - Tryon, six innings, seven hits, 12 runs (one earned), seven strikeouts, four walks.

LIPAN SOFTBALL

The Lady Indians' season ended with a 10-7 record after a 4-3 loss to Collinsville Friday in the second (area) round of the Class 2A playoffs in Jacksboro.

Hitting - Neali Overton, 2-for-4, RBI; Finley Shockley, 2-for-3; Savannah Green, 1-for-3, RBI; Ashlyn Clark, 1-for-3, triple, walk, RBI. Pitching - Ella Sharp, six innings, four hits, four runs (one earned), nine strikeouts, one walk.



Freshman Miller Schenewark will be high jumping at the state meet for the Granbury Pirates.

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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
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Tolar will hold a public hearing on May 15, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to receive comments for a request for a zoning change on the property of 108 W. 6th St., .546 acres from Single Family Residential (8000 sf) (R8) to Single Family Residential (6000 sf) (R6), subdivision and re-plat. All owners of property within 200 feet of the above described property are being notified of the meeting by mail. The public will have the opportunity to address any questions or concerns about the proposed changes at the meeting. If you're unable to attend the meeting, you may address any questions, concerns or objections by mail. If you need further clarification about this notification, please contact Michelle Burdette, City Secretary at 254-835-4390.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sylvia Doris Weatherby, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2023 in Cause No. P10013, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Mary Anna Sillivent.

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LEGAL AD
The City of Granbury is accepting sealed competitive unit bids for the following:
Granbury Regional Airport Pavement Rehabilitation RFP No. 22-23-09 I May 25, 2023 at 2:00pm CST, at which time they will be opened publicly at 401 N Park St. Granbury, TX 76048. Bids should be mailed, or hand delivered to the City of Granbury Municipal Service Center at 401 N. Park Street Granbury, TX 76048. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the stated time and location. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope addressed to: City of Granbury Municipal Service Center
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"Granbury Regional Airport Pavement Rehabilitation RFP No. 22-23-09"
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of WILLIAM DEAN HAGAN, Cause No. P10048, County Court of Hood County, Texas. GRETCHEN RAE KING 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 WILLIAM DEAN HAGAN, 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 5th day of May, 2023.
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Notice of Public Hearing Hood County County Clerk Archival Plan
Hood County Commissioners Court is considering the acceptance of the County Clerk's Archival Plan and Report.

A public hearing concerning the proposed plan is scheduled to be held during Commissioner's Court meeting at 2:30am on Thursday June 15th, 2023 at the Hood County Justice Center Central Jury Room, located at 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the County Clerk's Archival Plan. All citizens are encouraged to attend this hearing and present their views to the County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates Of CAMERON RILEY HILL, Cause No. P10045, County Court of Hood County, Texas. DANIELLE DELYNNE DUFFEY 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 CAMERON RILEY HILL, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

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The Project includes the following Work: Installation of a new sewage lift station with 12' diameter concrete wet well, three (3) submersible pumps, piping, controls, diversion structure, electrical improvements, on-site gravity sewer piping (24" PVC), manholes, all related work and associated site work.

Owner anticipates that the Project's total construction cost will be approximately \$2,100,000.00

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Cornerstone Christian Academy athletes complete spring sports slate

Submitted item

Cornerstone Christian Academy junior Dakota Becker took second place in the discus and fifth in the shot put competing in the TAPPS 1A State Track and Field Meet on May 5. Becker was regional champion in both shot put and discus.

Senior teammate Emily Lemens had tied for first place in the high jump at regionals, but was unable to

compete at the state meet due to being on the Senior Mission Trip to Costa Rica. Other regional finishers

included Alyssa Brandon, seventh place, and Bryce Thomas eighth place in the 1,600-meter run, and Asher Thompson 11th place in the 100-meter run.

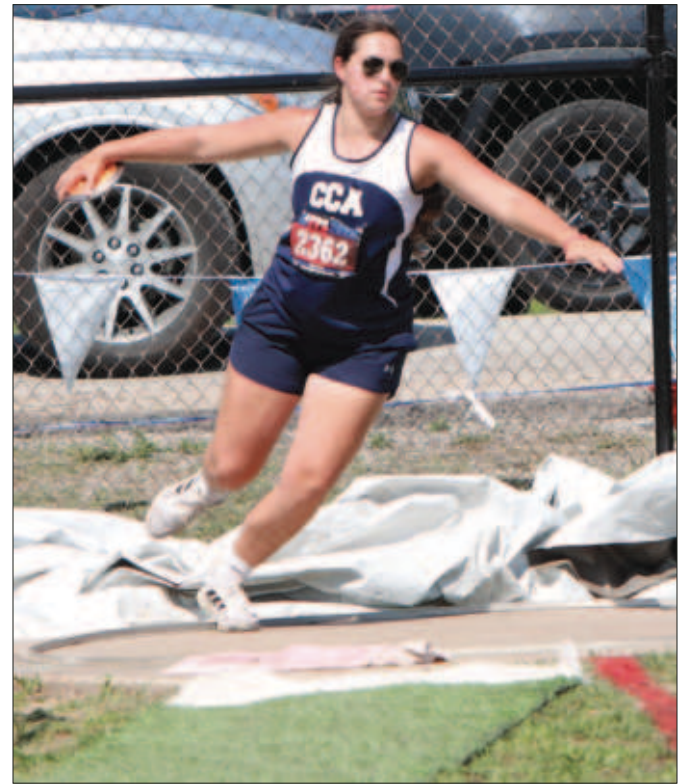
TENNIS

Junior Dakota Becker finished as TAPPS 1A regional runner-up and reached the second round at the state tournament. Other state qualifiers from the

regional competition were Lizzy Carter (seventh) and Nathanael Robinson (eighth) in singles, and Riley Jones/Emily Lemens (seventh) in doubles. All were eliminated in the first round of the state tournament.

BASEBALL

The Cornerstone baseball team finished the season with one victory.



COURTESY PHOTO

Right, Cornerstone Christian Academy junior Dakota Becker took second place in the discus (pictured) and fifth in the shot put competing in the TAPPS 1A State Track and Field Meet on May 5.

"In 1980, we expanded from this first little building and in 1999, we built the present facility. In general practice we saw a lot of large animals, but now with the way the county's grown, not so much. About 90% of what we see is small animals, dogs, cats. We still see a lot of horses and cattle and other animals too, but most of them are small."

DR. RONNY NAYLOR

Current veterinarian at Granbury Animal Clinic



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Granbury and Fort Worth," he explained. "There were only two or three restaurants in town. There were 13 dairies in Hood County; we haven't had a dairy in Hood County now in probably 20 years, so that business has gradually faded away. The town has really exploded,

and the county has grown the same way.

'GREAT MENTORSHIP'

Bailey said her favorite part about practicing at Granbury Animal Clinic has been learning from her fellow veterinarians.

"The five of us combined have more than 65 years of experience, and so, you get a little bit of everything in great mentorship; we all have our niche," she explained. "(Naylor), he's seen it all and done it all, but like, some of the best things that I learned from him are llamas and alpaca medicine. (Everett) likes the pigs, I don't mind working on chickens, Dr. (Elizabeth) Wooton works on horses, and Dr. (Cheyenne) Bone does acupuncture, so you have this dynamic (where) it seems like you can just do it all based on everybody's knowledge."

FUNNY BUSINESS

Although they all have their specialties when it comes to animals, sometimes issues arise where they may have to assist with an animal that they're not particularly fond of — like the

time Everett had to tend to a chicken.

"One of my favorites — a lady calls, and she said her chicken has an impacted crop," Bailey said. "I didn't have time to see it that day, so Dr. Everett saw it the next day and I told her 'It'll be OK. Just flip it upside down and make it vomit.' She got to wear chicken vomit all day."

"She's the chicken lady, and I'll see the pigs," Everett chimed in, laughing.

Naylor said there is one house call in particular that stands out the most to him — one that he will never 'frog-et.'

"We used to do 24-hour emergency calls, and due to the time constraints, we don't do that anymore," he explained. "But this was late one night when a lady called me. I can tell that she probably had several martinis by this time of the night, but she had this frog that she wanted me to take care of. I asked her what the problem was, 'Was it a pet frog?' and she said 'No, it's just a toad from the backyard, but my dogs jumped on it and tore him open.' She wanted me to come and see this frog and I tried to explain to her

with an emergency fee and coming up here at midnight, it was not going to be inexpensive. I was just trying to nudge her along to let nature take its course — she wasn't gonna have any of that though, and I had to come and see the frog.

"She had the frog in a box, and he was on a bag of ice. Being a cold-blooded animal that can't regulate their temperature, this frog was pretty much just comatose from the cold. He was just completely anesthetized by the cold basically. The dog had just ripped the skin in the frog's groin area and so I took some tissue adhesive and glued the skin back on and got him off the ice where he could survive. Well, she comes back the next morning very upset because she had gotten a bill for this emergency call on this frog. After I reminded her and convinced her that I had tried to stop that whole thing from happening, she finally stormed out, but she wasn't happy; it was just too many martinis. The frog was OK, though."

The team has also treated several exotic animals, like

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COURTESY FRIENDS OF MEMORIAL LANE

The Friends of Memorial Lane hosted a ceremony Saturday at Memorial Lane to honor local firefighters and to commemorate International Firefighters Day, which was Thursday, May 4. Special recognition was given to the Firefighter of the Year for each of the county's nine volunteer fire departments.

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bears, lion cubs, lemurs, wallabies, and monkeys — although monkeys are quite difficult, Naylor said.

"They're too smart," Naylor said. "They have some pretty good teeth, so you have to be careful with the monkeys, but there's al-

ways a little bit of variety."

60 YEARS AND COUNTING

Naylor said it doesn't seem like it's been 45 years since he joined the Granbury Animal Clinic as a veterinarian.

"Time really does get away from you," he said.

He said he's been very fortunate with the Granbury community and the kindness

that his clients have shown him throughout the years.

"It's been amazing," he said. "It's a great place to live and raise kids, and a great place to practice medicine. People 99.9% of the time are always very great and appreciative, and it makes a big difference. We have a lot of country people, and it's just been amazing to me the way the practice has grown."

'ABOVE AND BEYOND'

On average, the team at Granbury Animal Clinic see anywhere from 30 to 45 clients daily. While the job can be challenging and stressful at times, the community makes the job worthwhile for Bailey and Everett.

"Granbury's a great place," Everett added. "As it's grown, people are very compliant, generous, sweet,

and thankful. It's been really rewarding to see the payoff. People are so nice. You feel like you've gone above and beyond to save their pet and maybe it doesn't always work out and they send you flowers; it can be really amazing."

"I don't feel like our hands are really ever tied that much. They love their animals, they care for their

animals, and they let us do our job," Bailey said, choking up. "They trust us, so that's rewarding — actually getting to do your job and help animals and help people; it's nice."

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May 1 is known as college 'Decision Day'

Planning for such a huge choice sometimes begins a when child is in middle school

BY EDEN GILBREATH

Special to the Hood County News

A collective sigh of relief was exhaled across Hood County this week. May 1 is known nationally as "Decision Day," the day that graduating high school seniors traditionally declare which college they will attend in the fall.

The hard deadline of May 1 was eased by restrictions placed on the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) by the Department of Justice, but still some schools caution students could lose scholarships if they wait too long.

With high-school level classes now offered in eighth grade, for some, college planning begins in middle school. Still others don't begin until their senior year. Public or private? Large, small, or mid-size? Lots of school spirit or quiet weekends? Large research or small liberal arts? Rural, suburban or city?

Christian Fortner, admissions counselor for Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, said, "When it comes to making your college decision, it's most important not to rush it. This is an important decision that could impact the rest of your life, and you want to make sure you have all the information

you need. Being in close contact with your admissions counselor and not being afraid to ask questions can help you get the clearest picture possible about what a school has to offer."

For some students the decision was easy and was made some time ago.

Sarah Webb joked about her Granbury senior son, "Initially Grae (Webb) desired to go to any college that was located in areas with great fishing ... clearly we had our priorities in order."

There was a list that included Arkansas, Stephen F. Austin and Oklahoma State. But after visit-

ing Oklahoma State, interest in the other two faded away. Even a trip to show the beauty of Arkansas didn't sway her son. The Webb family never even made it to SFA for a tour.

Grae shared with his parents, "OSU just feels like home. They are my kind of people. Lots of boots and jeans with cowboy hats and everyone seems down to earth. I think this is where I am supposed to be. Oh, and Lake Murray isn't too far

for fishing."

Grae received his acceptance letter and a scholarship so early that no additional research or visits were needed.

For other students the process is not so easy.

"Texas Christian University has always been True's (Hughes) number one choice," shared mother

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'STARS ALIGN' FOR ASPIRING PERFORMERS

New dance studio expands into theater, music, adult classes

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

"What happens at karaoke, stays at karaoke." At least, that's the motto that professional vocalist Rebecca Faiola abides by when she serves as voice instructor for her adult karaoke class at Stars Align.

"We're just having a great time," she said. "It's been super fun." Stars Align, located at 220 S. Morgan St., is a dance studio that has recently expanded to incorporate other performing arts, like theater and music.

The studio is new to Hood County and has since been taken over by new owners: John and Trenna Kelley.

"It was like this little gem that no one knew about, and my kids loved it," Trenna explained. "We bought the studio, literally, between Christmas and New Year's because they were going to go out of business, and I was like, 'No, I don't want it to close.' It was a dance studio, but now we're kind of expanding into theater and basically all the visual and performing arts. We're slowly going into that for both kids and adults."

Trenna said the studio now offers guitar and violin lessons, as well as acting and homeschool classes for children.

"We have lots of dance classes, and we have a couple acting classes for character development and au-

dition prep classes, so we're slowly kind of building," she said. "Now we're working on the summer camp listings. We're going to be doing some camps for (ages) four to 10, and then 11 to 18 the third week in June. We're also building up private lessons for all our staff, so we're just growing."

Faiola's six-week "Let's Karaoke" class for adults is the first of its kind at the studio and has provided moms with a creative outlet to unwind and let their talent shine through.

"One thing that's really been eye-opening for me coming out of our simple karaoke class is that a lot of these moms like a place to go and just to be with each other," Faiola said. "And the moms are letting their hair down. I have one woman who's coming in dressed to the nines every night because the first class I mentioned that when



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Professional vocalist Rebecca Faiola, left, and Trenna Kelley, owner of Stars Align, have collaborated to create an adult karaoke class at the performing arts studio.

you dress well, you up your game, so she's really taking it seriously. She's dressing the part, showing up, and wanting to be a good singer."

Faiola and Trenna first met at Rise and Grind — a weekly community networking event — and that's when the pair began to brainstorm on the idea for the karaoke class.

"She and I were talking about, 'Wouldn't it be fun to do some kind of adult class at Stars Align,' because she wants to have a full menu of not only kid offerings, but other age groups and other fun things that are available to the community," Faiola explained. "And I said, 'Well, I've always wanted to

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COURTESY OF TRENNA KELLEY

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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

Boater safety, awareness more important than ever during Texas drought



BY KYLE LEWIS

Kyle Lewis is the project manager/program coordinator at Brazos River Authority's Lake Granbury.

Please see B7 for BRA Water Safety Awareness Day photos.

As the drought continues to cause water levels to decline in Texas reservoirs, once-familiar water hazards may now be on dry land, with new hazards emerging daily.

Tree stumps and sandbars continue to make an appearance on Lake Granbury. It's extremely important that boaters, especially those unfamiliar with the reservoir, use caution when taking to the water. If drought conditions continue to progress,

more of these stumps will become visible. But a bigger risk is from stumps that are just below the surface.

Someone on a fast-moving boat might not see submerged stumps or sandbars in time to avoid them. Even if no one is injured, when a watercraft strikes a stump, repairs for the resulting damage can be costly. But, the human cost of boating accidents is enormous.

According to Statista Research, 658 people died

due to accidents while 2,641 people were injured in 2021, the year most recent data is available. The same group notes that the total damages caused by boating accidents amounted to nearly \$68 million, with the primary contributing factor for boating accidents being inattention by the operator.

Recognizing and avoiding water hazards is just one of the topics covered in boater safety courses. Texas law requires anyone born

on or after Sept. 1, 1993, to complete a state-approved boater education course to legally operate a boat with a motor of more than 15 horsepower or a wind-blown vessel longer than 14 feet. Texans must be at least 13 years of age to take the course.

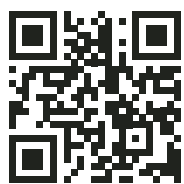
Those under 13 years of age may still operate a watercraft if supervised by a person over 18 years licensed to operate a watercraft and remains on board

the vessel during operation.

May is Water Safety Month in the United States and a great time to get certified. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offers online boater safety courses and state licenses. The cost is \$39.95, plus a \$10 state fee. You may sign up for classes on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website at <https://bit.ly/3mUtXGr>.

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Heather Hughes, "My oldest Noah went there in 2009."
 Still, even being in the top 10 of Granbury High School did not guarantee a spot at TCU.

"True applied to Texas Tech, Tarleton and TCU and all have been wonderful," Hughes explained.

"We weren't sure it was going to happen. True wants to study nursing and TCU's nursing program is extremely competitive! It's their number one major, even over business! TCU came back to True with an offer we couldn't pass up. Making the cost close to the price of public university."

Merit or scholarship offers vary according to college. Typically, a school may use the students grade-point average and/or their class rank and/or their ACT or SAT tests scores. Where students place on these scales can vary widely. A potential college may not even require test scores, which became more common to exclude during COVID-19.

"Many colleges today place an emphasis on a well-rounded student," Hughes said.

They holistically review an application looking for leadership, volunteering, hobbies. In a day when many students have perfect stats, even Ivy league schools are looking for something different in students to give their college variety.

Sometimes rejections from schools with a low admittance rate come down to just that — a stu-



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is Grae Webb.

dent who the college doesn't see as needed for that current application season.

Ranking systems have made some colleges get a disproportionate number of applications. This is why students are encouraged to apply to a wide range of schools. There is a school for everyone.

Spreadsheets when deciding the college of choice are more and more common, where the stats are entered to allow families to study

the pros and cons of each school. Most affordable doesn't always win.

Some families rely on friends who have traveled this road before. Occasionally a family will hire a consultant to handle all the details for them and to negotiate scholarships.

There are social media groups for getting into and paying for college. Many of the sentiments in these groups echo one another: This is



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is True Hughes.

not like when the parents themselves applied. And with the high price of higher education, some parents have been saving for college since their seniors were born.

Hughes noted, "I would strongly suggest not to leave all the applying process to your child. Key word... child. There are so many deadlines and requirements, one's head could spin."

Even students who have yet to apply can find colleges with rolling

(year-round) admissions. Fortner offered this encouragement: "You also want to check if May 1st is even a deadline for that school, so you don't stress for nothing! At Hardin-Simmons, we allow students to "commit" all the way through the summer because we know deciding can be hard and takes time."

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teach a karaoke class,' and she said, 'Well, let's do it,' and so we did it — and it's been more amazing than I imagined it would be."

Stars Align currently has six teachers who are all skilled performers in various styles of dance: Victoria Trimble, Sofi Warren, Emmie Vaughn, Kendall Cobb, Danny Tran, and Deven Anderson.

"I have literally the best staff over there," Trenna explained. "All of our staff perform in different places. They perform in Granbury, Plaza Theatre Company

(in Cleburne), and some of them are in Ballet Frontier of Texas (in Fort Worth). All of our teachers are performers, so it's a great school for those who want to (perform)."

Although many students of Stars Align are children, Trenna said that the studio gets more requests for adult classes than anything else.

"Kids can dance, but parents and moms just want to go and have fun, so we're going to be upping our adult offerings," she said. "We're starting a moms dance group, and I think the karaoke is going to turn into a little karaoke club. It's slowly coming together."

Faiola — who also performs in the musical group JetBlacq with her

husband, Frank — said the karaoke class has served as an escape for many of the parents who have never sung by themselves before.

"The first class I said, 'Everyone needs to say this: I am a singer,' because there's so many things people have heard about singing in their life, like literally been told, 'Don't sing and just mouth the words in choir,' so there's a lot of love that goes on and just helping people accept themselves," Faiola said. "Trenna and I both have noticed that it's just about fun. The fun factor is huge for parents to just be together in a safe spot and just have fun, be silly and goofy, and try new things."

"There was literally a waiting list," Trenna said, chiming in. "Like I had more people who wanted to be in (the karaoke class) but we barely get through everybody (as it is), so we'll probably get more scheduled in the fall, especially now that word has gotten out that we're having a good time over there."

Trenna, who is not a performer, said taking over the studio has still allowed her to support the arts in her own way.

"My husband and I, we're not dancers, but we love the arts," she explained. "We just wanted to support all the kids, the young adults, and people who are doing arts and

to give them a chance to continue to be creative and support that process because it's so important."

All 11 members of the karaoke class will have their final performance at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, at D'Vine Wine, 107 E. Bridge St.

"Everyone's really supportive of each other and it's been really fun," Faiola added. "I think we've all bonded."

For more information or to sign up for future classes at Stars Align, visit starsaligndance.com online.

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Student from Lipan named ACU University Scholar for 2023

Submitted item

Abigayle Taylor, Communication major from Lipan, was honored among a group of top students in Abilene Christian University's May 2023 graduating class on April 27 in the Chapel on the Hill during the University Scholars awards ceremony.

Students are nominated by faculty within each department, and ACU's faculty senate elects the top 50 students across all departments. Eligibility for the honor requires a 3.5 or higher GPA, demonstrated knowledge and skill in research appropriate to their field, and

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Steven Vale: Trash pickup day shows 'community in unity'

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Those who showed up to participate in the inaugural Great Granbury Clean-up event seemed to have a ton of fun but one thing was certain: They picked up a ton of trash.

Seriously, a literal ton. According to City Council member Steven Vale, who was the impetus for the community-wide clean-up effort, 2,000 pounds of litter was collected at locations all over town.

According to the city, about 200 people participated in the Saturday, April 22 event. About 150 showed up at the official gathering place at Hewlett Park on East Pearl Street while a group of 50, mostly students, congregated at Granbury High School to pick up trash around that location.

Volunteers worked in teams. Businesses that included Classic Chevrolet

and civic groups such as the Rotary Club of Granbury, of which Vale is a member, pitched in to help.

Teams dispersed to various locations and spent the morning picking up trash. They didn't have to bend over or touch the trash because the city distributed "grabbers" along with colorful vests for safety.

Parks Department employees collected and disposed of the bags the teams filled with trash.

City officials plan to keep the effort going by creating a Keep Granbury Beautiful Committee.

At the City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, Vale praised all involved in the event. He noted that the collective effort shows that Granbury is "a community in unity."

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BRCC PRESENTS TIPTON OF LIPAN VFD WITH CHECK



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The Brazos River Corvette Club recently presented a \$12,000 check to Ned Tipton with the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department. The money was raised this past Oct. 8 at the BRCC yearly car show held at the Granbury town square. We donate the money raised at the yearly car show and appreciate everyone who supports this event. The next car show is set for Oct. 14, and the club will be supporting the Tolar VFD in 2023. Pictured, from left, are: Becky Skaggs, BRCC president; Bob Halford and Theresa Halford, BRCC car show directors; Ned Tipton, captain-secretary for the Lipan VFD; and Billy Parks, charity lead.

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Pure Collins — a Phil Collins tribute band — will be performing this Saturday night at Granbury Live.

Phil Collins’ music will be ‘in the air’ this weekend

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Jeff DeYoung can’t wait to take the stage this weekend. But then, he can’t wait to take the stage any time he gets a chance — and he and the Phil Collins tribute band Pure Collins are finding themselves with more opportunities to do that, including this Saturday at Granbury Live, with a 7:30 p.m. start.

The band pays tribute to the singer and drummer who had a legendary career with the band Genesis and as a solo artist. His solo hits include “In the Air Tonight,” “Against All Odds,” “Sussudio” and many more, while he and Genesis produced such classics as “Invisible Touch,” “Abacab” and “In Too Deep.” The members of Pure Collins include DeYoung as the main drummer and backup vocals, along with being the co-manager with Art Fernandez, who goes by Artemus and is the lead singer and also drums.

Joining them are Ken Felarca, guitar; Chris Cuadra, bass; Daniel Orozco, keyboards; Ken Snow, saxophone; Jason Webb, trumpet; Chad Wood, trombone; and Sarah Jensen, backup vocals. Expect to see both DeYoung and Fernandez drumming — at the same time in some instances — during Saturday’s show. They have two drum sets and do a lot of double drumming. Also, DeYoung plays left-handed, just like Collins. He also built his own drum kit, from the wrap, hardware and badges to the gray aluminum

fence paint on the inside of the shell, just like the famous Gretsch drum company does with theirs. The real Collins announced he had played his final live show when he and Genesis performed to a sold-out crowd in London on March 27, 2022. When his son, Nic, was asked if his dad might consider a tour as a solo artist, he said he believes the 72-year-old is retired for good. Collins’ health has been a source of concern for more than a decade, beginning with some injured vertebrae in his upper neck in 2009. He was injured while performing, and it left him with crippling nerve damage in his hands. However, DeYoung and his bandmates proudly carry the torch for the legendary rocker. DeYoung offered some insight into how the band came to be, when he once met the pop legend and more. HCN: How did the idea for a Phil Collins tribute band



Artemus Fernandez and Chris Cuadra and their band Pure Collins will be onstage Saturday night at Granbury Live playing the music of Phil Collins and Genesis.

come about? JD: Art Fernandez, our singer, had met our original keyboardist, Giovanni Riggins, in August of 2017 and found they both had a strong fandom of Phil Collins and Genesis. So Art decided to place a Craigslist ad to see if there was anyone else out there that wanted to start a Phil Collins tribute band. I then answered that ad in October and put an ad out for a bassist and guitarist.

Ken and Chris were the first to audition and we were on our way! HCN: I see you are in your fifth year together. How would you assess the first five years? JD: Our first five years have gone from meager and eager beginnings to a well-oiled machine that never gets boring or feels like going through the motions. HCN: What is the larg-

est venue in which you’ve played? JD: We got the opportunity to play the House Of Blues in August of 2019 opening for a Heart tribute called Even It Up (who has also played Granbury Live) and we are forever thankful to them for that opportunity. HCN: Have any of you ever met Phil Collins? JD: I got the chance to meet him on May 10, 2010, which PLEASE SEE **TRIBUTE** | B5

GRANBURY CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Plan now to fill your children's summer with art, related activities



COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured above and below right are children's creations at the 2022 Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts.

BY STACEY WATKINS-MARTIN AND CORA WERLEY

Stacey Watkins-Martin and Cora Werley are local artists and members with several others of the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission. Both work diligently with many other people and organizations to promote Granbury as the exciting arts destination it has become.

What an exciting arts community we have in Granbury! With summer coming up, consider the multiple options available to expand your children's artistic horizons.

The Granbury Library has multiple options from Music 'n Motion (1.5-5 years), Story Time, Code Club (8-18) and Teen Night to the ultimate creative outlet for kids: Saturday "Lego Days." And that's in addition to more than 600 books for children, many of which explore artistic creativity.

Some of you probably attended Constitution Camp 4 Kids (CC4K), a project of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which teaches 2nd through 6th graders about America's most important document and some of its creators. As future leaders of our community and our country, this is an opportunity for them to act, create and learn information in a fun atmosphere that will shape their lives.

The Texas Independence Day's celebration includes the Student History Competition. Students of all ages create by writing essays, making exhibits and different genres of art and even developing video presentations on the topic: "Rights and Responsibilities in the Fight for Texas Independence from Mexico." The opportunity to be creative is helpful for both their artistic interests and also to

get them involved in their own history.

An old favorite is branching out: Children's Creations from Harvest Moon is now joyfully moving forward to do additional festivals and events. You may have noticed the large "kids (and parents) only" area at the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts last October. Inside, kids were doing all sorts of things: Acting in theater productions, creating their own art, and encouraging each other. Adults played the parts of several famous "Dead Artists" (Old Masters) to introduce important historical art to today's kids. They also learned to buy art by earning "Moon Dollars" around Children's Creations and the Festival, which they then brought back to the huge Children's Gallery of largely original art to purchase their favorites to take home.

Did you notice the "band" roaming the festival playing festive songs on instruments they had just finished making? Fun! If you are interested in either contributing financially, or volunteering your time for a few fun hours, please contact Stacey Watkins-Martin directly.

If that's not enough, check with local churches, most



of whom do a vacation Bible school that features creative opportunities. Or the Granbury Children's Academy at the Opera House or the LGAA's art classes Shanley House.

Finally, please consider this: The GISD middle schools and high school have several different art programs (for example, theater, choir, band and art) but only a couple teachers for each. Make sure the educators you know understand the significance of art in the education of our children.

Don't forget, there's still

time to get your tickets to the Dinner in White that is scheduled to be held on the beautiful grounds of the Langdon Center on Friday night, June 2, 2023. There will be an art show and sale as well as great music and good company. See you there!

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It was all created organically between three friends, and if their sold-out reunion tours in 2007 and 2021 shows anything, it's that people still crave to see and hear them play their music.

HCN: Do you get many young people at your shows?
JD: Yes, and even if they don't know the music as well as their parents do, they do marvel at the musicianship displayed on stage.

HCN: Any additional thoughts/comments?
JD: Our tag line refers to the Phil Collins album "But Seriously," but also the dedication we have to the music of Phil and Genesis. Phil Collins' music has had a deep impact on my musical life and helped me through many tough times and given me some of the greatest joy in my life. Oddly enough his less popular album "Both Sides" is my favorite album because he was going through a lot of the same things when he was my age at 47 and it speaks volumes to me.

HCN: What are the most popular songs requested when you perform?
JD: Of course people want to hear the biggest hits from Phil and Genesis, but we get a lot of requests for the older and more instrumental Genesis music, which we absolutely love, but unfortunately there isn't as much of a demand for that era.

But we do get to do a couple special "Pure Genesis" shows every year where we give our horn section the night off and focus almost entirely on Genesis music, including their hits and deep cut songs like "Home By The Sea," "In The Cage," "Squonk" and "Just A Job To Do."

HCN: What are your personal favorites and why?
JD: Our personal favorites range from time to time, but right now our favorite is a song called "Hang In Long Enough" from the "But Seriously" album, which really stretches out our horn section and has a hard driving beat.

HCN: Do you feel their music still has a relevance today?
JD: I do believe their music is timeless and has many layers and depth to it that carries it on through the years.

TRIBUTE

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was also my birthday. He was doing a Q&A session about his love for The Alamo with the Dallas Historical Society at the Hall Of State in Fair Park, and for \$150 you could be in a reception afterwards with him.

I don't think my heart has ever pounded harder while waiting in a line to meet him!

Me and Art also met his son, Nic Collins, in April of 2022 when he came to play with his own band in Ft Worth. It was a bit odd because I can remember when Nic was born and now I'm a huge fan of him!

HCN: Ironically, you started your band during the time Phil was making a comeback. Was that an inspiration?

JD: His music alone was an inspiration, but things just happened when they did. I think we would've all been happy to start years earlier if we had met each other sooner.

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

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

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FIRST TUESDAY

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SECOND SATURDAY

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

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Jesus Martinez takes a long look at a non-venomous plain bellied water snake, which is harmless to humans and a common sight in our area of north Texas. Mark Pyle and his team from the Dallas Fort Worth Herpetological Society were set up to educate and inform attendees about the diverse array of reptiles and amphibians that call Hood County home.



Water Safety Awareness Day featured kids activities aplenty Saturday, May 6th, at Rough Creek Park. Not only were all the kids fitted with a free life jacket, the first 100 got a free fishing poles. Games, demonstrations and free hot dogs kept the kids coming back for more fun.



After reps from the Hood County Sheriff's Department talked about water safety and rescue, they let the kids check some of their essential water rescue equipment.



Allyson Youngblood shows off her brand new life jacket, and looks forward to wearing it on her next boating outing. If you weren't able to attend, or realize your child has outgrown their own, swing by the Lake Granbury office at 4552 Mambrino Hwy during normal working hours to get a free life jacket while supplies last.

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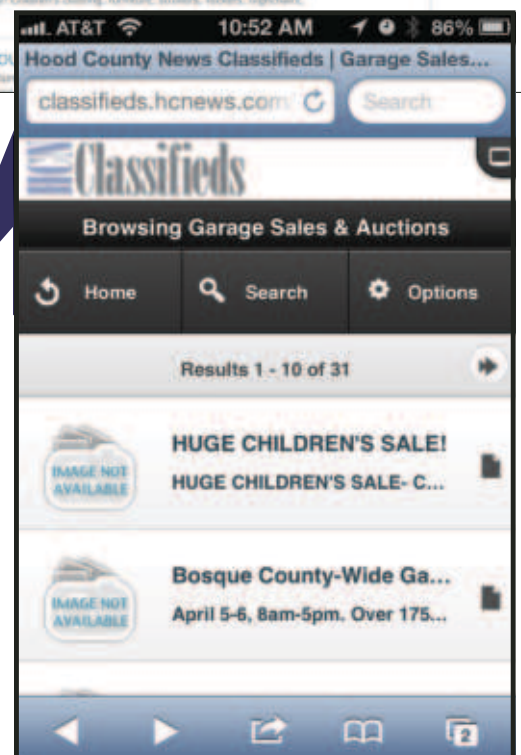


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