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RIDING FOR RANCHO

Team 24 Fitness raises \$2,000 for Rancho Brazos in Spin-A-Thon

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Legs were pumping and wheels were spinning at Team 24 Fitness on Saturday as several community members put the pedal to the metal in support of a local nonprofit.

Team 24 Fitness — Granbury's only private and personal training fitness studio according to its website — held a 12-hour Spin-A-Thon "Ride for Rancho" event on May 13, with proceeds benefiting Rancho Brazos Community Centers.

"On January 16, I received an email from Dawn Skinner at Team 24 Fitness asking us if they could do a fundraiser for us," said Jamie Franco, Director of Marketing and Fundraising for RBCC in an email to the HCN. "I was so excited that this business reached out and was eager to help Rancho. I had no idea that it would be a spin-a-thon!"

From 12 p.m. to midnight on May 13, Rancho Brazos board members and staff took turns participating in 30-minute



spin classes on stationary bikes to participate in the fundraiser.

Brandon Sledge, Team 24 Fitness founder and lead trainer, pedaled the entire duration of the event, with many

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Anyone who donated or made a pledge during the "Ride for Rancho" Spin-A-Thon event got the opportunity to put their "hand" on the fundraiser banner.

Locations set for Saturday's kid-driven Lemonade Day

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

They've fine-tuned their recipes, stocked up on supplies, secured a business loan, and cleared their calendar. Now all that's left is the big day.

On Saturday, participating Granbury ISD fifth graders will operate lemonade stands throughout the community. It's all part of Lemonade Day, a national initiative brought to Hood County by the Granbury Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Granbury ISD.

As of Monday, lemonade stands were planned for 10 locations, but chamber president and CEO Brian Bondy said he expected more locations to be added during the week. An up-to-date list can be viewed at <https://lemonadeday.org/granbury/stands-map> online.

Bondy and other organizers encourage the community to support the students by purchasing lemonade. Proceeds will enable the youngsters to pay back the money loaned to them by their parents or other supporters, while the goal with any profits is for them to save some, give some to a worthy cause, and have enough left over to buy something for themselves.

The chamber purchased the Lemonade Day license and the workbooks that were used in classroom instruction. The curriculum was approved by Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills.

Participation in the lemonade stand exercise is voluntary.

"Each student that has a stand will set their own pricing and their own product selection," Bondy stated in an email to the Hood County News. "Some will have bottled water, brownies, cookies, etc. As a part of their learning model, they work backwards from their net profit goal to determine how much they need to sell to cover their expenses and make a profit."

Some start times vary, but for the most part the lemonade stands will be in operation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Below is a list of the lemonade stands as of press time. Stands opening later than 10 a.m. are noted. Two stands are planned for Kroger Marketplace but they will be spaced apart, with one at each entrance.

- Abby's Fresh Squeezed Lemonade, 1475 James Road (YMCA of Hood County).
- Cayden-Ade, 120 N. Crockett St. on the Granbury Square. Opening at 11 a.m.
- Granbury (no other name available at press time), 505 W. Atchley Dr. Opening at noon.
- Junior's Sunshine Lemonade, 113 E. Bridge St. on the Granbury Square.
- Kiki's Lemons N' Love, 3915 E. U.S. Highway 377 (Kroger Marketplace).
- Lemon Lattes, 403 E. U.S. Highway 377 (GameStop).
- Siblings' Sweets, 3600 Fall Creek Highway (by Good Shepherd Anglican Church).
- Sweet & Sour Patch, 1021 E. U.S. Highway 377 (Lowe's Home Improvement).
- The Sour Demon, 3915 E. U.S. Highway 377 (Kroger Marketplace).
- Zoey's Lemonade, 9205 Plantation Dr. (Pecan Baptist Church in Pecan Plantation).

Lemonade Day started in Houston in 2007 as a way to build self-esteem in students and ignite an entrepreneurial spirit. It has grown to more than 80 licensed markets in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, including six U.S. military bases, according to the program's website.

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SHARLA CARO
Executive director of RBCC

HCN publisher announces larger, once-weekly 'hyperlocal' paper

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County News, the fastest growing community newspaper in Texas according to the Texas Press Association, will soon move to a larger, once-a-week publication, Publisher Sam Houston has announced.

Houston said his goal is for the newspaper to consistently be at least 32 pages, rivaling the size of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram,

but with "hyperlocal" coverage specific to Hood County. Although the HCN will no longer publish twice weekly, its staff will continue to post breaking news and other news items daily on social media and at hcnews.com, which receives more than 50,000 views per week.

The new weekly issues will include more photos, Houston said, along with expanded coverage that will include such things as more business news, more civic

group activities, and a focus on issues relevant to various population groups, such as young families. Additional staff has been added to assist in the effort.

The move, slated for early next month, will not affect subscription rates.

Houston said the switch reflects changes in the industry and in society.

"Our world constantly evolves, and how people receive their news constantly evolves," he said. "You

know, when I was a child, we got our news on the radio and we got our news in the newspaper that got delivered every morning, because not everybody had a television. And eventually things evolved. And people wanted to watch their news as well as listen to it. It didn't mean that the newspaper was irrelevant, it just meant that it had a different role."

He noted that while news posted on social media is instantaneous, it is not necessarily factual.

Separating fact from fiction is where a community newspaper plays a significant part, Houston indicated. He noted that while HCN staff will post information about a breaking news situation in which not all facts are immediately known, the weekly printed issues will likely be able to provide more detail about that situation. The paper will also publish a greater variety of other information.

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Hood County residents making per-mile pledges on his behalf.

"Brandon was on that cycle from 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, and rode 150 miles...for us! If that is not dedication, I don't know what is," Franco said in an email.

Anyone who donated or made a pledge during the "Ride for Rancho" Spin-A-Thon event also got the opportunity to put their "hand" on the fundraiser banner.

The Spin-A-Thon raised a total of \$2,359 from the fundraiser — and RBCC couldn't be more thankful.

"Brandon Sledge and Dawn Skinner have such big hearts," Franco added. "I can't thank them and their

members enough for selecting us and believing in our organization."

Ride for Rancho's donation link of go.rallyup.com/rideforrancho will remain open until Friday, May 19 for anyone wishing to make an additional donation.

"We are so appreciative to everybody who participated, donated, and cheered us on," said Sharla Caro, executive director of RBCC, in an email to the HCN. "A big thank you to Dawn, Brandon, and Team 24 Fitness for working tirelessly to get us more miles, donors, and for organizing this spin-a-thon for us."

For more information on Team 24 Fitness, visit team24fitness.com online or call 817-683-8347.

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COURTESY PHOTO

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mation important to the community, such as news about schools, churches, city and county government, civic clubs and other organizations.

In addition to being the HCN's publisher, Houston is also chief operating officer of the Hyde Media Group, which purchased the Hood County News in August 2020 and went on to acquire three other community newspapers.

Many newspapers have struggled in recent years, particularly with the rise of social media, and the COVID-19 pandemic caused further challenges. But Houston insists that newspapers remain relevant even as they are evolving. He said

that community newspapers are perhaps better equipped to handle that evolution since, unlike metropolitan newspapers, they don't need to commit resources to covering national, state, or regional news.

"The truth is, three years (after acquiring the HCN), we're the fastest growing newspaper in the state of Texas, and that's a fact," he said. "That's not a prideful boast, it's a reality. How did that happen? Well, it happened because we made changes to not be the status quo newspaper but to evolve to be something that was objective and factual, to provide information that people want to see. We are the only source of local community news. We're providing people with information that they can't get

anyplace else."

The final twice-weekly issue of the HCN will be published on Saturday, June 3, Houston said. The first weekly issue will be published one week later, on Saturday, June 10.

Subscribers who receive print issues of the HCN are also able to read full stories posted on the HCN's website and they also have access to digital versions of the newspaper. Although some readers, particularly those who are older, have long favored the newspaper's printed version, Houston said that many seniors are now doing more reading online because they became more accustomed to doing things online during the pandemic.

The Gatesville Messenger, one of the papers owned by

the Hyde Media Group, recently went to once a week and Houston indicated that readers and advertisers have been very pleased with the change.

Another coming change is that two other newspapers owned by Hyde Media, The Springtown Epigraph and Azle News, will merge and become The Tri-County Reporter. The two newspapers are in neighboring communities and often-times publish the same articles, so merging them made sense to Houston and to Hyde Media Group President Kim Ware, publisher of both papers.

"That area of northwest Tarrant County is expanding and northeast Parker County is growing so rapidly, those communities are starting to merge," Houston

said. "And we feel like those are real opportunities by joining them in a newspaper called The Tri-County Reporter, (to) report on a broader area and not be limited to a single small community."

A SMARTER WAY

The HCN is one of just a few community newspapers in Texas to own its own printing press. The press crew is kept busy printing not just the HCN, but Hyde Media's other newspapers and other publications across the state.

Houston indicated that the larger, once a week issues will help the press crew manage its workload and will help insulate the newspaper from postal rate increases while at the same time expanding coverage

for readers.

"I still believe that people want information about their community," Houston stated. "For now, there's still a large segment of our population that want a printed paper. And that's what we're going to provide them."

A one-year subscription to the HCN costs \$65, \$85 for out-of-county subscribers. A one-year online-only subscription costs \$50.

"The Hood County News has been here for well over 100 years, and we intend to be here for a lot longer," Houston said. "We're trying to be the cutting edge of what a 21st Century community newspaper should be."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Big, positive changes are coming to the Hood County News



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.

After careful consideration and with an eye to the future, starting the week of June 5th the HCN will be published a single time each week. This is exciting news for us at the paper, because we believe we are taking another huge step forward to be on the cutting edge of 21st Century newspapering.

In the three years since Hyde Media assumed ownership of HCN, there has been a steady evolution in our publication. The paper has been more colorful, bigger, and contained more community news, while staying true to its pledge to be objective, even-handed and fair in its presentation of the news. The response has been terrific from the public. Subscriptions and advertising revenues are up substantially, and I consistently hear our readers refer to the HCN as "their" newspaper. We are the fastest growing newspaper in the state, and we were

gratified to be recognized last year by the Texas Press Association as the best bi-weekly community newspaper in Texas. I frequently receive emails and letters complimenting our efforts and it is rare for me to walk through a grocery store or around the square without a stranger relaying positive comments about our product. Now is not the time to rest on our laurels.

I have heard it said the newspaper industry is dying and I could not disagree more. I do recognize there are newspapers suffering and I believe a large part of the dif-

ficulties fall on the leadership of those entities for failing to recognize the newspaper industry is not dying, it is EVOLVING! The world is different from how it was 20, 30 or 50 years ago. With the advent of the internet and the cell phone, people no longer wait on their doorstep to receive their newspaper to learn who won the football game the night before. They have already picked up their phone and know the score. They want more!

Does this mean the newspaper is obsolete? Quite the contrary. It is more important than ever, but we do have to deliver our news through different mediums and meet the needs and demands of our readership.

It is our objective to make the Hood County News the destination for breaking local news. As news events occur, we will be posting them on our website and to social media. When we make such a post, it will not be gossip or a social media post gone amuck. Instead, it will be information that has been vetted by professionals, which should assure you that it is news you can trust. We will not place our emphasis on being first, but on being correct.

At the same time, the home edition of the HCN will be larger and more inclusive with greatly expanded coverage. Our goal is to create a "hyper local" newspaper with more information about our city and county government, our schools, clubs, organizations and events. There will be more pictures of our youth, our activities, and everything you need to know to be informed about our community. There will be more feature stories about your friends and neighbors, and more stories that reach out to young families, single mothers, and empty nesters. We will be chartering new ground and hopefully be on the cutting edge of the future. When you need to know what is happening in your community, your choice should be the HCN.

One of the great things about the HCN is when you subscribe for home delivery, you also receive a FREE subscription to our online edition. This means for no extra charge you have the best of both worlds, the immediacy of being online, and the thoroughness of expanded reporting in the home delivery issue. I know we have detractors.

There is a small segment of our community who do not want us to be successful, nor do they want us to report on certain newsworthy events. They would rather operate in darkness and spout unchallenged allegations or assertions without fear of being challenged by facts.

It is my great pleasure to announce the HCN is here to stay, and we are not fearing the end of our industry, but rather are excited about leading the way into the future. We are committed and take pride in our role to make our community better. Let us know what you think when you see what we have done. If I know our readers; I think they will be as excited as we are.

Thought for the day: Being a trailblazer is never an easy task. Leaving the certainty of the past for the unknown of the future can be frightening. But realize, no jump for humanity has ever come from standing in yesterday's tracks.

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

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Extension office seeks grant for rain harvest garden

BY KATHY CRUZ
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The county's Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office is applying for a grant to fund a rain harvest garden on the parking lot side of the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden near county Annex 1.

It would be the basis of a two-year case study that could lead to other rain harvest gardens in other communities.

A rain harvest garden relies on rainwater and needs little to no maintenance.

The idea received the unanimous approval of the Hood County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9. The court's approval includes permission for AgriLife to dig a six-inch trench along a strip between the parking lot and the demonstration garden.

County Extension Agent Warner Seidel said that the initiative is a "great opportunity" for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas A&M University's Water Resources Institute. He said the project will be at no cost to the county since

20 "eager" master gardener interns will provide the needed labor.

Seidel explained that there is "tremendous runoff" from the parking lot when it rains and that the extension office wants to capture that runoff and put it into the ground where plants will soak up the water.

"Hopefully, whenever we dig down to six inches to start that garden, it'll catch the majority of that (runoff)," the extension agent told the Hood County News. "And we're also going to pipe it out to the east, to the creek bed, and that

way we can reroute that water coming off the parking lot and, one, have a garden right there out front that looks more inviting and open to the public and, two, save the mulch and the master gardeners' backs in the long run."

Seidel said that plants that are able to adapt to the hotter months when there is less rain will be chosen for the bed.

He also noted that plants in the rain harvest garden are expected to likely absorb "minerals and pollutants" from the parking lot, resulting in "clean and filtered water" flowing into the nearby creek

bed. Testing during the two-year study will determine whether that is the case, he said.

The county agent stated that AgriLife Extension is extending research into the community. He indicated that rain harvest gardens might be used to protect expensive landscaping, such as that around some apartment complexes, that tends to be washed away in heavy rain.

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Courthouse to be surrounded by flags for much of year

BY KATHY CRUZ
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Colorful flags will surround Granbury's historic courthouse on the square for much of the year due to a unanimous vote by the Hood County Commissioners Court.

A schedule for the display of Texas flags, American flags, and

blue CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) flags to be displayed during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April was approved by the county judge and commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 9.

The court decided to extend the period when American flags will be displayed after County Judge Ron Massingill noted how

nice it is to see flags around the courthouse, especially with the new lighting that is in place, and that he would like to see flags there year-round except at Christmastime when holiday decorations are in use.

Placement and removal of flags are handled by volunteers.

The court approved the following annual schedule:

- Feb. 16: Texas flags will be installed by The Sons of the Republic of Texas.

- April 1: The Texas flags will be removed and CASA will install CASA flags.

- April 30: CASA flags will be removed and replaced with American flags installed by Riley Stephens VFW Post #7835. Instead of the American flags

being removed on July 8, as was originally proposed, the Commissioners Court agreed to leave them in place until the Wednesday following Election Day in early November, just ahead of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

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National Women's Health Week aims to prioritize women's health

From Staff Reports

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is encouraging women of all ages to take care of their health as part of National Women's Health Week, which began on May 14.

"National Women's Health Week

gives us the opportunity to remind women about the importance of taking care of their health. HHSC provides a variety of preventive and treatment options and services to help women stay healthy," said Faith Sandberg-Rodriguez, associate commissioner of Family Clinical Services for HHSC. "We are

committed to meeting the needs of women and connecting Texans with vital health programs."


National Women's Health Week is a weeklong health observance led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health. The week, May 14-20, serves as a reminder for women

and girls to make their health a priority and maintain healthy habits throughout their lives.

HHSC's Healthy Texas Women program (HTW) offers free women's health and family planning services at no cost to eligible, low-income women. These services include breast and cervical cancer

screening, contraception, and pregnancy testing.

More information is available at hhs.texas.gov. Texas residents can dial 2-1-1 to learn about programs and services.



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Six champions crowned, one school record set

Tarleton Sports Information

NACOGDOCHES — Six Tarleton State University Texans can now call themselves a WAC champion after the third and final day of the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships last weekend.

The first individual to earn a crown was Alan Palmer in the men's high jump. Palmer came into the meet with the 11th best jump of the season. However, Palmer decided to give his final meet his best performance. Palmer jumped a personal best of 2.10 meters to become the champion.

Then, teammate Justin Raines became the WAC Outdoor Champion in the 200m with a time of 20.62 seconds. The time became Raines personal best for the event. Raines also took fifth in the 100m event that took place just an hour prior to the 200m final.

Finally, it came down to the final event of the championship to crown TSU's final champions of the meet, in the 4x400-meter women's relay. The Texans qualified fifth for the event with their season best time coming in at 3:45.15. However, the Texans wanted to finish the

meet with a historic run. The team was comprised of Jordan Anglin, Macie Evans, Alessa King, and Taylor McFarland. The team completed a time of 3:41.39 to create a school record and to become the 2023 WAC Outdoor women's 4x400m relay champions.

OTHER TOP HIGHLIGHTS

TSU's Gabriele Tosti took second place in men's triple jump. Tosti jumped a personal best of 15.79 meters on his last jump to take the silver medal.

Caterrin Cox, Cornelius Coleman, and Konnor Hoerman placed in the top six in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Cox took fourth with a time of 14.12 seconds, while Coleman finished fifth in 14.33 seconds and Hoerman placed sixth in 14.36 seconds.

Kevin Baez took eighth in the men's 1500-meter run with a time of 3:50.93.

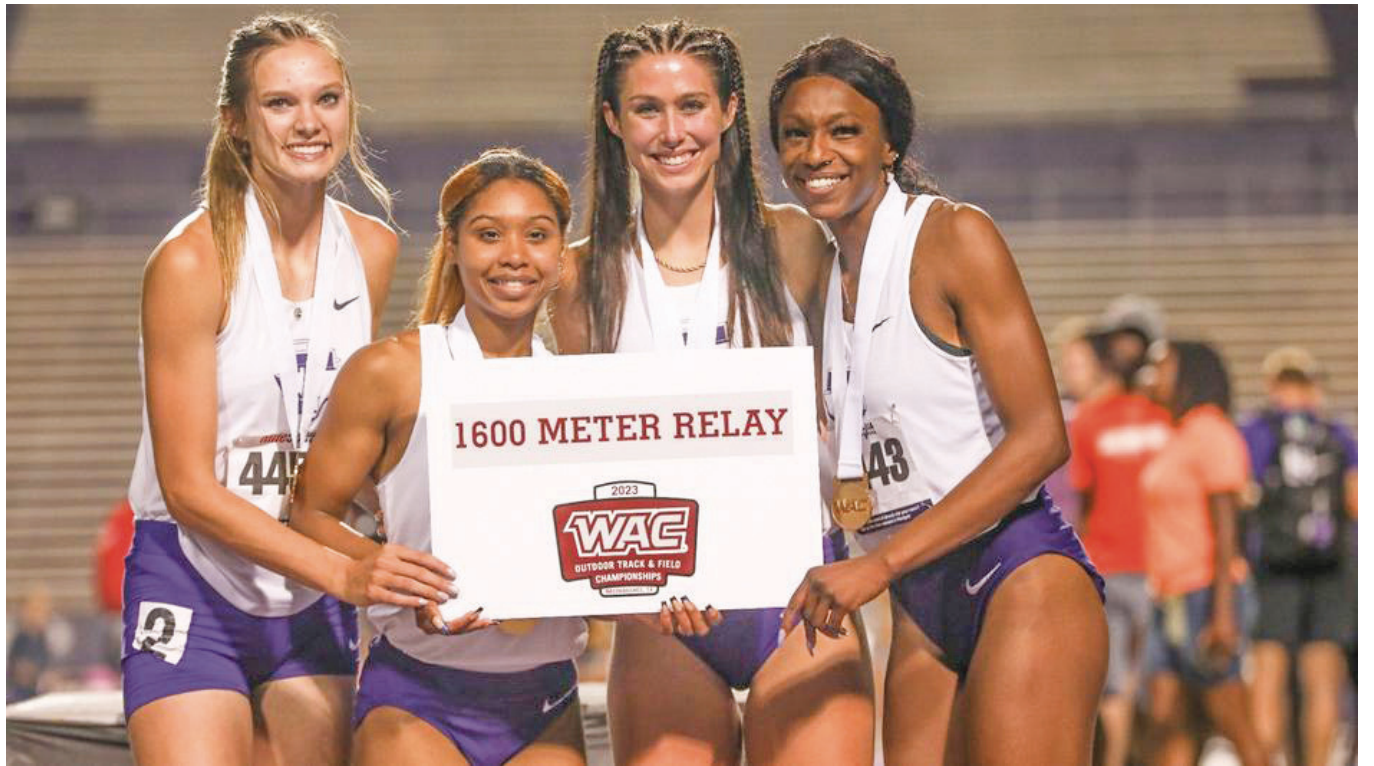


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Tarleton State University's 1,600-meter women's relay team posted a time of 3:41.39 to create a school record while also winning the Western Athletic Conference title in the event on the final day of the meet. That relay team was comprised of, from left, Jordan Anglin, Macie Evans, Alessa King, and Taylor McFarland.

Along with Raines, Reid Vincent also competed in the men's 100-meter final. Vincent finished eighth with a time of 10.51 seconds.

Elise Smith took sixth in the women's javelin with a throw of 43.63 meters.

Jordan Rae and Rylee Hennig both placed in the women's high jump with Rae finishing in a tie for sixth place and Hennig placing eighth.

Ethan Bratton placed fifth in the men's discus throw

with a distance of 50.24 meters.

Kailey Sykora placed eighth in the women's 800-meter final with a time of 2:16.83.

TEAM SCORES

TSU's men's team took seventh place with a total of 77 points. The women finished in 11th place with a total of 27.50 points.

Texans drop baseball series to ACU with 12-1 loss in finale

TSU Sports Information

ABILENE — Tarleton State University lost its baseball series finale to Abilene Christian by a score of 12-1 on Sunday afternoon at Crutcher Scott Field.

Tarleton (24-24, 8-17 WAC) mustered just four hits over the course of the game while ACU managed 12 runs on 12 hits.

On Friday afternoon, a two-run home run in the ninth inning from Cris Enriquez with the game tied at five and two outs helped Tarleton secure the series opener, 7-5, over Abilene Christian. The Wildcats took an 8-3 win on Saturday to tie the series at a game apiece.

The Texans used six differ-

ent pitchers in the series finale Sunday, with starter Devon Patel (L, 2-3) getting the loss after throwing 0.2 innings allowing two runs on four hits.

Freshman Reece Elston had the best day on the mound for Tarleton, throwing 2.2 scoreless innings after he entered in the bottom of the second. Elston tied a career-high with five strikeouts. He allowed just one hit and walked two.

ACU jumped out to a quick lead with two runs in the first inning and five in the second, making it 7-1.

Tarleton plated a run in the top of the first as Cris Enriquez hit a sacrifice fly to left field, scoring Mason Hammonds who led the game off with a single to left field.

The Texans scored first in all three games of the series.

Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo totaled half of the Texans hits with two of his own. Hammonds and Jaime Perez added the other two.

A five run fifth inning from the Abilene Christian Wildcats proved too much to come back from for Tarleton as they dropped the middle game of the series, 8-4, at Crutcher Scott Field on Saturday afternoon.

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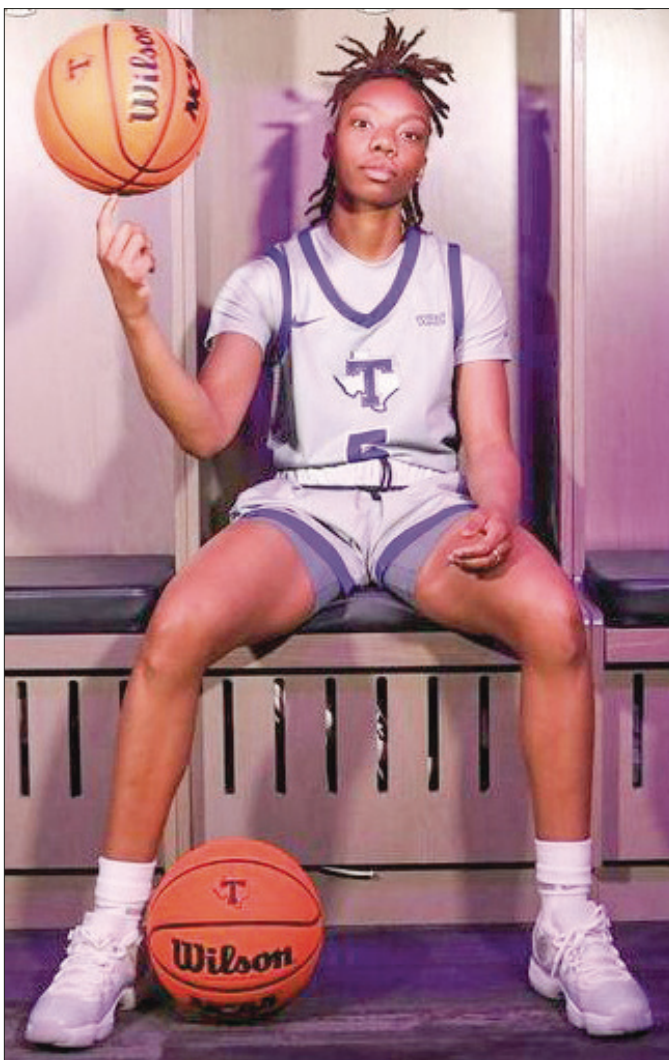
Tarleton State University's Texans fell in the final game of their best-of-three series at Abilene Christian University last weekend, two games to one.



SANDERS SIGNS FOR 2023-2023 SEASON

Tarleton State University announced recently that one of the top point guards from the national junior college ranks has been signed to play starting with the 2023-2024 season. Nykesha Sanders earned all-conference and all-region honors playing for Paris Junior College at the NJCAA Division I level last season.

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Tarleton qualifies for softball playoffs second year in a row

TSU Sports Information

Tarleton State University's softball team is headed to the national postseason for the second straight season after being chosen to compete in the 2023 National Invitational Softball Championship (NISC) Sunday night.

Tarleton was one of eight teams selected to compete for an NISC championship in Fort Collins, Colorado. The tournament is scheduled Thursday-Sunday, May 18-21 and will be played across two fields at Triple Crown Sports — Red Rocks Field and Horsetooth Field. Since making its debut in 2017, the NISC has grown into the largest college postseason tournament outside of the NCAA Championships.

The tournament format features two four-team pods that will play a double-elimination slate, with winners of the two winner's brackets and loser's brackets advanc-

ing to a single-elimination championship bracket. There will be live stats and live video for every game of the tournament.

The semifinals are set for 9 a.m. MT / 10 a.m. CT and 12 p.m. MT / 1 p.m. CT on May 20, with the championship game scheduled for 3 p.m. MT / 4 p.m. CT - all those games are on Red Rocks Field. Maryland (36-17) earned the top seed in the tournament while the other teams competing are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- BYU (32-16)
- CSUN (28-22)
- Iowa (31-27)
- San José State (26-28)
- South Dakota State (37-17)
- Tarleton State (30-27)
- UC Davis (29-20)

"We're excited for the opportunity to represent Tarleton State University on the softball field one more time this spring," said Mark Cumpian. "The NISC is a great event and it provides great postseason experience

for our team, especially our younger players. We look forward to a great week of action in Colorado."

Here's the schedule for the first two rounds:

- Thursday, May 18 (all times Mountain):
- Maryland vs. CSUN, 10 a.m. (Red Rocks Field)
- Iowa vs. UC Davis, 10 a.m. (Horsetooth Field)
- San José State vs. BYU, 1 p.m. (RR)

Tarleton State vs. South Dakota State, 1 p.m. (HT) Friday, May 19

Loser's bracket, both fields, 9 a.m.

Winner's bracket, both fields, noon

Loser's bracket, both fields, 3 p.m.

The 2017 NISC was won by Liberty; the 2018 crown went to Loyola Marymount, and the 2019 title went to UT-Arlington. The event was suspended for two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Baylor winning the 2022 championship.

Kirkpatrick takes silver with perhaps best-ever state performance by GHS athlete

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Kassidy Kirkpatrick ended her high school career by jumping to the top of Granbury High School's track and field record books by earning a silver medal as the runner-up in the pole vault on May 12 at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet at the University of Texas in Austin.

Kirkpatrick, a senior, matched her career-best performance in clearing 5 feet, 6 inches. Her performance is believed to be the best ever by a Granbury athlete at state.

The only jumper to go higher than Kirkpatrick in Friday's event was Hannah Pfiffner of Frisco Wakeland, who won the state title with a clearance of 5-10.

"I would like to thank my coaches and family for helping me get this far. Coach (Desiree) Shahan believed I could be a high jumper freshman year and has not only formed me into the person I've always wanted to be, but has stood by my side through all the losses and wins," Kirkpatrick said. "State has been something I've looked forward to all four years of high school and finally competing at it has been a surreal dream. I can't wait to continue my athletic career for the next four years."

Kirkpatrick has committed to high jump for Tarleton State University. "Kassidy did great today. She was a little nervous but she was ready to compete," said Shahan, Granbury boys and girls high jump coach. "She jumped very well from her first jump on."

"Her goal today was to have fun and enjoy her last high school meet, and I think she succeeded in that," Shahan continued with a smile. "It has been a privilege to get to coach

her for the last four years and I am going to miss her so much."

Lady Pirates head track coach Amber Ward said of Kirkpatrick, "Kassidy did great! She stepped up to compete and never missed a height until 5-8. She was so close on her first attempt at 5-8. She really wanted to PR, but super proud of her for walking away from the state meet with a silver medal."

SCHENEWARK SEVENTH AT STATE

Also for Granbury, freshman Miller Schenewark matched his career-best high jump at 6-6 to finish in seventh place among the boys at Mike A. Myers Stadium Friday.

"I am proud of Miller. He was the only freshman that jumped for the 5A boys," Shahan said. "He was so close to clearing 6-8. He is one of the most humble, hardworking kids I have ever coached. I am so excited to get to coach him for the next three years."

Bradford Jennings of Corpus Christi Flour Bluff won the state title with a jump of 7-1.75.

TOLAR TRACK

The Rattlers' season ended with a fourth-place finish by the 400-meter relay team at the Class 2A State Track Meet in Austin Friday. The quartet of junior Garrison Nation, sophomore Caden Pate, junior Wyatt Jones and senior Dillon Soileau clocked

a season-best time of 42.72 seconds.

Soileau also competed in the 110 hurdles, posting a ninth-place finish with a time of 15.98 seconds.

TOLAR BASEBALL

The Rattlers (18-7-2) advanced to the third round of the Class 2A playoffs for a third consecutive season, sweeping Axtell in their best-of-three area round playoff in Cleburne. The series matched two of the state's top 10 teams as Tolar was ranked 10th coming in and Axtell was ninth.

However, the Rattlers got a two-hit shutout from pitcher Talan Brown in winning the opener 10-0 and finished the sweep with a 4-2 victory.

The Rattlers will next meet defending state champion and second-ranked Valley Mills (27-3) in the third round. Game 1 and 2 are set for Thursday in Whitney starting at 5 p.m. If necessary, game 3 Saturday is scheduled to be in Glen Rose at 3 p.m.

"This is the third year in a row we've made it this far, so it has almost become expectation of our teams," Tolar coach Lance Alford said. "We've been playing solid baseball all year long. We have played a very tough schedule and we feel like it has gotten us prepared to play all of our games at a high level."

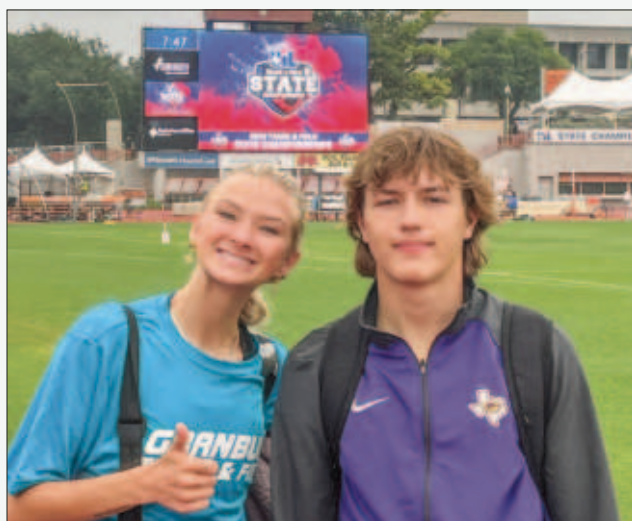
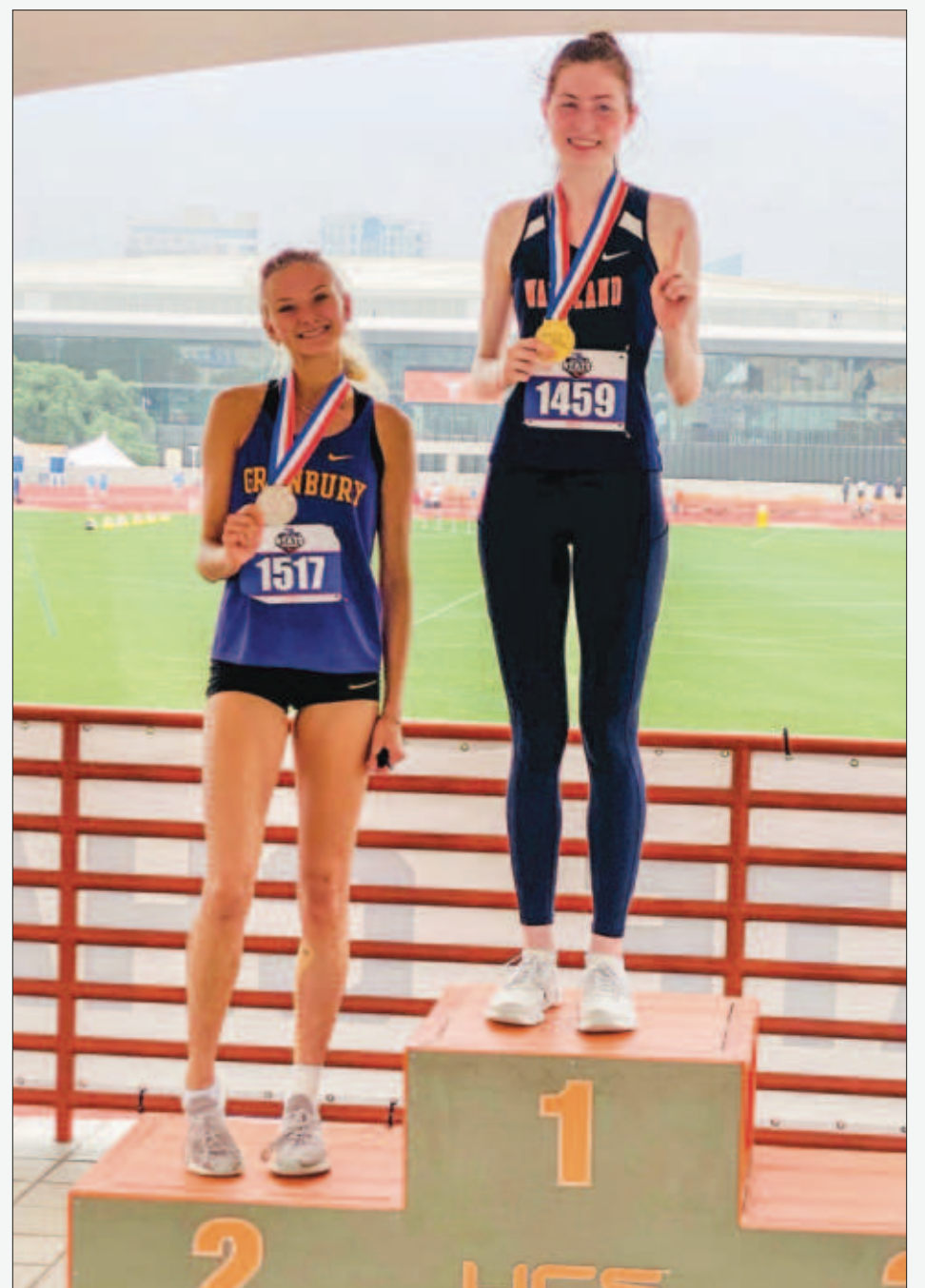
Tolar 10, Axtell 0: Tolar hitting - Keaton Morrison, 2-for-3, two RBI; Brock Owens, 1-for-3; Jesse Owen, 1-for-3, double, two RBI; Jackson LeCluyse, 1-for-2, three RBI; Talan Culberson, 1-for-2, three RBI; T. Brown, 1-for-1, walk, RBI; Drake Owens, two walks, Reis Brown, two walks. Tolar pitching - T. Brown, five innings, two hits, three strikeouts, two walks.

Tolar 4, Axtell 2: Tolar hitting - B. Owens, 2-for-4; Morrison, 1-for-4; Merritt Imel, 1-for-4, triple, RBI; R. Brown, 1-for-4, RBI; Culberson, 1-for-3, hit by



Below, Kassidy Kirkpatrick of Granbury captured a silver medal in the high jump at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet. Also pictured is gold medal winner Hannah Pfiffner of Frisco Wakeland.

PHOTOS BY DESIREE SHAHAN



Left, Senior Kassidy Kirkpatrick and freshman Miller Schenewark competed in the high jump for Granbury High School at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet. Kirkpatrick earned a silver medal.

Lower left, Kassidy Kirkpatrick matched her career-best in the high jump, winning a silver medal for Granbury.



pitch; D. Owens, 1-for-2, hit by pitch, RBI; Owen, four walks; T. Brown, two walks. Tolar pitching - R. Brown 6.1 innings, six hits, two runs (one earned), six strikeouts, three walks; T. Brown, 0.2 innings, one walk.

ALL-DISTRICT 11-2 SOFTBALL

Tolar's Lady Rattlers and Lipan's Lady Indians, two teams that advanced to the second round of the playoffs, dominated the All-District 11-2A Softball Team as selected by the league's coaches.

The Lady Rattlers (20-3-1 overall) won district with an 8-0 record, while the Lady Indians (10-7 overall) finished second at 6-2 with both losses to Tolar.

Tolar Junior Reese Tryon was named the league MVP. She was a stand-out at the plate and in the pitching circle for the Lady Rattlers, including three no-hitters.

Lipan senior Neali Overton was named the Co-Offensive MVP, while her teammate, junior Ashlyn Clark, shared Co-Defensive MVP honors with Tolar junior Ava LeCluyse.

Lady Rattlers sophomore Allyson Dobbs was honored as Catcher of the Year and Lady Indians sophomore Ella Sharp is the Pitcher of the Year.

The Co-Newcomer of the Year is Lipan freshman Finley Shockley and sophomore Senne Imel of Tolar is the Utility Player of the Year.

Senior Courtlynd Hogan of Tolar and junior Sarah Marcantonio were selected to the first team. Freshman Kanyin Deaver of the Lady Rattlers and sophomore

Dawson Oliver of the Lady Indians were chosen for the second team.

Tolar honorable mentions are freshmen Lane Gardner and Rylee Hamby, along with sophomores Kaira Krause and Landri Kimmel. Lipan honorable mentions are junior Rylee Cudd and senior Cate Cooper.

Academic all-district honors from Tolar are Tryon, LeCluyse, Dobbs, Imel, Gardner and Deaver. Lipan academic honors went to Clark, Cooper, Cudd, Overton, Marcantonio, Shockley, juniors Harley Grove and Dixon Sinclair, seniors Savannah Green and Madison Harrison and freshman Addison Tarpley.

Of the Lady Rattlers' season, which saw them reach as high as fourth in the state rankings, coach Christie Collie said, "Our team mission was #SAUT. Strong Alone Unstoppable Together. The girls made this their foundation and built a great team with this mission in mind. After losing five seniors last year we had to build a new team and we did. We leave the season disappointed it's over, but with no regrets."

Lipan coach Heather Reatherford capped the season by saying, "I am extremely proud of these girls. They have worked hard all year long and bought into what we were trying to do. My heart hurts for them in the way it ended, but I couldn't be more proud of them."

RICHARDSON HONORED BY THSCA

Tolar Rattlers basketball coach Scott Richardson

was honored by the Texas High School Coaches Association as one of the Class 2A Region Coaches of the Year. He led the Rattlers to their best season in program history.

Richardson's Rattlers set team records for most wins, posting a 30-8 record, and deepest playoff run. Tolar reached the Region 2 championship game before being eliminated by eventual state champion and district rival Lipan.

TGCA BASKETBALL ALL-STATE

Six area basketball players were named all-state in their respective classifications by the TGCA. From Granbury, senior Ella Hamlin is among the Class 5A honors, while Lipan had five honorees in 2A.

Lady Indians awarded are seniors Trinity Benitez, Lynsey Little and Chelsea Lott, along with junior Taylor Branson and sophomore Hanna Gaylor.

TGCA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE BASKETBALL

Six senior members of the Granbury Lady Pirates basketball team garnered academic all-state accolades from the TGCA, while senior Haley Pennock was named the top Academic All-State Support Staff in Class 5A for the Lady Pirates.

Granbury honors went to Madison Black, Angie Coffman, Ella Hamlin, Alexa Hueller, Maycee Slatton and Katie Wood.

Two Lipan players were also among the honors, Lynsey Little and Chelsea Lott.

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FORWARD TRAINING CENTER

It's not too late to fundraise for future Hood County youth

BY KATY OFFUTT



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

Our students take their best shot every day. The Forward Training Center of Hood County's fifth annual "Shoot for a Cause/Shatter the Cycle" sporting clay shoot event is a unique and exciting way to raise funds for the Powered for Life (PFL) youth job skills training program.

The event will take place June 9 at the Defenders Outdoor Clay Sports Ranch, located at 8270 Aledo Rd. in Fort Worth. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The event promises to be a day filled with healthy competition, tasty food, and great company.

There are different sponsorship levels available, including platinum, gold, and silver, with varying benefits for each level. For example, the platinum level includes three four-man teams, three carts, signage, and advertising,

while the gold level includes two four-man teams, two carts, signage, and advertising, while the silver level includes one four-man team, one cart, signage, and advertising.

Individual shooters can also register for \$125, and there is a special price of \$65 for youth (18 and under) and ladies concurrent. All participants will enjoy a catered lunch from Hard Eight Barbeque, which is included in the registration fee.

In addition to the exciting sporting clay shoot, the



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fathers and sons team up for a clay sporting event day of fun and gun safety at Defender Outdoor Sporting Ranch. Pictured from left (back row) are: Romney Carey, Leonard Nuckolls, along with (front) Conaghey Carey, Corbin Nuckolls.

event will also raise awareness and funds for the Powered for Life (PFL) youth job skills training program. The PFL program is designed to help young people overcome barriers that may prevent them from reaching their full potential and creating a personalized roadmap to achieve their long-term goals.

The program is particularly beneficial for students labeled negatively by society or as the best or near perfection, putting undue pressure on them to perform or be people pleasers. The PFL program seeks to break down those barriers and provide young people with the skills and tools they need to become assets to the business community and reject labels that may hold them back from achieving their full potential.

Overall, the "Shoot for a Cause/Shatter the Cycle" event is an excellent opportunity to have fun while supporting a worthy cause.

Pictured is HOA youth trophy winner, Fielding Carey.



Robbie Fenn takes her shot and ends up a winner.

Participants will have the chance to engage in healthy competition, meet new people, and make a difference in the lives of young people in their community.

For those who cannot attend the event but still want to support the PFL program, there is an opportunity to make a tax-deductible monetary donation. Every donation, no matter the size, will help to make a difference in the lives of young people and support their journey toward achieving their goals and dreams.

In conclusion, the Forward Training Center of Hood County's fifth annual "Shoot for a Cause/Shatter the Cycle" sporting clay shoot event is a wonderful opportunity to support a worthy cause while having fun. With different sponsorship levels and individual registration options available, there is something for everyone to get involved in and make a difference in their community. For lodging accommodations see

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Granbury VFD held time-honored 'push-in' ceremony



COURTESY PHOTO OF GVFD

Local officials as well as members of the public participated in Saturday's traditional "push-in" ceremony for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department's new 3,000-gallon Tanker 10.

From staff reports

The Granbury Volunteer Fire Department's new Tanker 10 was christened with a traditional "push-in" ceremony on Saturday, May 13.

According to a press release from the GVFD, the tradition dates back to the 1800s when fire apparatus was pulled by horses. Since

horses could not easily back the apparatus into fire stations, firefighters would disconnect the horses and manually push the equipment into the station.

In addition to members of the public, the push-in ceremony was attended by City Council members Greg Corrigan and Steven Vale as well as City Manager Chris Coffman and Precinct

2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson.

Tanker 10 replaces Tanker 1, which was built in 1999 and is nearing the end of its service life. Tanker 1 is semi-retired and remains available if needed for large wild-land fires, the press release stated.

Tanker 10 carries 3,000 gallons of water and will be dispatched on all fire calls

outside of Granbury's city limits to ensure that firefighters have an adequate supply of water on hand to safely fight fires in locations that do not have fire hydrants.

The new truck is versatile. It can hook a hose to a fire engine to directly provide water and can be simultaneously refilled from another tanker. It also carries a

3,000-gallon pool that can quickly be set up to leave water on scene while the tanker goes for another load. A water chute on the rear of Tanker 10 can dump all 3,000 gallons of water into the pool in less than a minute.

After it arrived in December, the Granbury VFD equipped the truck with radios, hoses, and tools. It was

first used in February and has already responded to more than 30 fires, according to GVFD.

Tanker 10 cost \$417,500 and was paid for with funds from the county subsidy to GVFD and a bank loan. GVFD will pay the annual loan payment with a portion of each year's county subsidy.

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Derian Morphey (left) and Matthew Walters have been friends for many years. Morphey, a Tolar graduate, and Granbury High School graduate Walters met recently in an Ivy League baseball game between Brown (Morphey) and Cornell (Walters).

From GHS student to GHS teacher *Goodson's journey comes full circle*

BY MICKY SHEARON
Special to the Hood County News



For Brooke Goodson, teaching theater arts at Granbury High School is a full-circle moment. After graduating from Granbury High School in 2012, Goodson pursued her passion for theater and became a teacher to inspire and support students like her former teachers did for her.

Goodson will join the GHS teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year after spending the past six years in the Alvarado Independent School District as the head theater director at Alvarado Junior High School, and assistant theatre director at Alvarado High School.

Goodson was involved in extracurricular activities at GHS, including chamber choir, theater production, and the Stowaways dance team. Her fondest high school memories were in those classes, where she discovered her love for performing.

"My favorite teachers were Joy Hope, Phil Groeschel, and Greg Doss. None of them teach at GHS anymore. They have all since retired, but Phil occasionally comes to GHS as a substitute teacher," she said, recalling how she was encouraged by her teachers, specifically Hope, Groeschel, and Doss, to pursue her dreams.

After graduating from GHS, Goodson attended Texas Wesleyan University to earn a theater arts and education degree. In her eighth-grade year at Acton Middle School, she discovered her love for theater, and went on to be cast in the lead role in a one-act play. Looking back on her childhood, Goodson realizes that her love for theater was evident even before she was consciously aware of it.

"Now that I look back at it, it makes me laugh," Goodson said. "All of my favorite movies as a child, just to name a few, were, 'My Fair Lady,' 'Mary Poppins,' 'The Sound of Music,' 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,' 'Pete's Dragon,' and 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.' Truthfully, how did any of us NOT know that theater would be my landing point?"

For Goodson, her teachers had the most significant impact on her. They created a safe environment for her to express herself fully and discover her true potential. It was that experience that inspired her to become a theater arts teacher.

"My fine arts teachers showed up for me in a stage of life where lots of things felt uncertain for me," Goodson said. "I cannot begin to express how much laughter, heartache, and pure joy I was able to experience and be a part of while in the theater/ fine arts department at Granbury High School. I knew without a doubt in my mind that I wanted to do and be that for someone else one day."

As a teacher Goodson's philosophy is centered around creating a safe space for her students.

"My first and foremost goal within the walls of my classroom is to have a space where every student knows they're loved, seen, safe, and supported," she said. "Without those things, how would any of us be able to operate in society and learn?"

Through her work, Goodson hopes to impart valuable lessons to her students, including that they are capable of greatness and have someone in their corner, no matter what. Goodson's most meaningful moments in her teaching career thus far have been the small moments, such as when a student looks her in the eye and says, "I love you, Ms. Goodson."

As she steps into her new role as a theater arts teacher at GHS, Goodson hopes to inspire and support her students, just as her former teachers did for her. Her return to her alma mater is a testament to her love for her community and her dedication to her craft.

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Longtime friends still stay connected through baseball

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Derian Morphey and Matthew Walters have been friends for many years. However, there was one thing they had never done before.

They had never faced each other on the baseball field. That is, until recently when Morphey and the Brown Bears squared off against their Ivy League opponent the Cornell Big Red - which, coincidentally, also has a bear mascot.

"It felt awesome to see a familiar face so far from home, especially with both of us being in the Ivy League," Morphey said. "Before that, we saw each other sometime in January when we hit together before departing for the semester."

Morphey was a baseball standout at Tolar, graduating in 2019. Ditto for Walters, a 2022 Granbury High graduate.

Morphey pitched and played outfield for the Rattlers. His accolades included being all-dis-

trict several times, including Freshman of the Year and Pitcher of the Year as a junior. He capped his career with Tolar by batting .511 with a .592 on-base percentage as a senior.

Academically, he was a National Hispanic Merit Scholar.

Walters, also an outfielder, was named Newcomer of the Year in district in 2019 and was a two-time all-state swimmer in 2020 and 2021. He also was academic all-state, elite selection, in 2022.

"Seeing Derian across the field in the visitors dugout was definitely a surreal experience, for multiple reasons," Walters said. "First, I could have been in there with him."

Walters explained that his first offer to play collegiate baseball was from Brown University.

"I turned it down because I was not ready at the time and wanted to keep my options open, but I was blessed with that choice," he said. "The second (reason) was just the fact that I am playing against Brown University as a member of the Cornell University baseball team, both world class institutions."

"When I step back and look at my life sometimes it's amazing to see how God has blessed me. And finally, it felt comforting seeing him across that field."

The difference in age kept Morphey and Walters from playing on the same team. But they did share the same hitting coach growing up, Dennis Papasan, father of Nick Papasan, considered one of the best players ever for the Pirates. Also, Walters' older brother played alongside Morphey.

"I grew up going to his games since him and my older brother, Andrew, played on the same team. It somewhat felt like the old days, like home," Walters said.

"I think our baseball connection has probably been the biggest factor that has kept us together so long. However, I think our friendship is more than that. Obviously we connect on an intellectual level, and I believe we share similar values, being raised by a great group of parents."

Morphey's older brother, Stevie, and Andrew also took hitting lessons from Papasan.

"All four were baseball fanatics and I was brought into the mix because the two families knew each other and allowed me to give hitting lessons to these great kids," Papasan said. "My schedule was limited, so I normally scheduled them back-to-back. We all developed a bond. The youngest guys were 6 and 7 years old in the beginning and suddenly they have become men!"

Walters said he was also inspired by his friend being in the Ivy League.

"I think Derian being in the Ivy League just assured me that

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"It felt awesome to see a familiar face so far from home, especially with both of us being in the Ivy League. Before that, we saw each other sometime in January when we hit together before departing for the semester."

DERIAN MORPHEY

Brown University baseball player

North Hood County VFD seeks donations for annual fish fry

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Members of the North Hood County Volunteer Fire Department always work tirelessly to keep Hood County safe from fires and other potential dangers.

But now, the VFD needs the community's help.

The department's annual fish fry is set for Saturday, May 27, from

11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Sky Harbour Clubhouse, 2707 Galaxy St., and is scheduled to have a gun raffle and silent auction.

However, the VFD is still in need of various silent auction items for the event.

"This event is one of our station's primary fundraisers during the year," said North Hood County VFD Fire Chief Terry Worcester, in a letter that he emailed to local

businesses asking for help. "We are a volunteer department currently made up of 34 members serving Hood County. Money raised at events like this helps to fund the purchase of critical tools and life-saving equipment."

Worcester said that the North Hood County VFD reaches out to local businesses for their help because it also benefits them, as they will have a great opportunity to

promote their products or services.

"Being a volunteer fire department, we do get money from the county, but it is kind of limited," Worcester said, in an interview with the HCN. "With the help of the county, and the way that we go about raising donations, that just helps our operating budget as a whole, so we are very appreciative of the support of our local community. We would love for (them) to

come out and set up a banner or table to help market (their) business."

Donation recommendations include themed baskets, gift cards or certificates, retail products, or tickets to events.

"It could be anything," Worcester said. "It could be dinner at the Mesquite Pit. I've seen a fish tackle store donate fishing rods and

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Cresson mayor to headline chamber's Women in Business lunch

From Staff Reports

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce will hold a Women in Business luncheon on Tuesday, May 23.

It will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, 621 E. Pearl St.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Cresson Mayor Teena Conway.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

To reserve a seat, register through the Events Calendar at granburychamber.com online.

BASEBALL

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it was possible for me to do the same. I had already set my sights on playing at a high academic institution and had been talking to some schools, but seeing Derian at Brown just affirmed my goals," he said.

Walters is majoring in hotel management. He said it is "essentially a business degree but taught through the lens of hospitality, encompassing things like operations, management, finance, technology, real estate, and much more.

"I am still unsure of my career plans at this time, but regardless of my job title, I will be doing something that serves others."

Morphew's major is chemical engineering. He plans to pursue a masters in materials science/nanoengineering after this year.

"I would like to work with the materials science applications of renewable energy technologies," he said.

While Walters' college career is just getting started, Morphew has enjoyed two solid seasons for Brown. This season he started all 38 games and led the team in almost every offensive category, including runs scored (33), at-bats (159), hits (50), doubles (19), triples (2, tied for first), runs batted in (26), total bases (79), walks (21, tied for first) and stolen bases (8).

In 2022 he started all 36 games in center field, ranked third on the team with 17 walks and was third with 18 runs scored. In addition, he was one of three eligible players in the Ivy League with a 1.000 fielding percentage.

In his one pitching appearance, he threw a scoreless ninth inning with two strikeouts.

This came after not playing games for two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with shutting down the season, as did all of America, in 2020 when the pandemic broke, the Ivy League did not play in 2021.

"It felt great to finally get back

on the field last year in 2022. After not playing for so long, I was honestly just thankful to be playing the game again," Morphew said. "I actually have two years (eligibility) left because our conference shut down for two years."

And should he opt to use them, during that time he will see more of his good friend as the teams continue their rivalry — and that's just fine with them both.

"I know how hard he has worked since we were children, and I think everyone should play the game of baseball as long as they can. It is a gift that should be cherished," Walters said.

"It was definitely an awesome experience to play against a childhood friend that plays in the same conference," Morphew said. "While my undergraduate baseball experience is coming to a close, Matthew's is just starting and I wish him nothing but success as he endeavors through some of the most excit-

ing years of his life."

Papasan said the two are an inspiration to other youngsters — not just athletes, but any who choose to work hard for a dream.

"I love that we have two players from Hood County that are playing Ivy League Division 1 baseball. It just shows the possibilities for these local guys that are coming up," he said. "Both of these players chose at an early age to do hitting lessons year-round so I got to see their work ethic and diligence weekly. I am so honored to have been a spectator and fan as they have grown from little kids into young men that epitomize what I believe student/Christian/athletes should be.

"They both have some baseball left to be played and it will be so fun to watch, but I can't wait to see what is in store for them afterward. Two great guys that have always supported each other and rooted for each other."

VFD

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accessories, it could be a portrait, it could be some wine bottles, and sometimes it can be just a decorative knick-knack; it could be just about anything."

The fish fry meal will consist of "U.S.A. farm-raised catfish," French fries, fried jalapenos, beans, coleslaw, and hushpuppies, with choices of cake or pie for dessert, and tea.

Tickets are \$15 for an adult plate and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets can

be purchased at the door of the event, or online at nhcvfd.org.

Worcester said that this year, instead of the usual silent auction, guests will purchase raffle tickets instead for an item that they want, so it's more of a "luck of the draw" scenario.

"This year, we're throwing a different curve," he said. "It's kind of like the raffle. This is a thing we're just kind of trying just to see how it goes. If it doesn't do that good, and if we catch a lot of negative feedback, then next year, we'll just go back to the

same old."

The fish fry will also consist of a gun raffle, where attendees will be given three chances to win three guns: a Diamondback DB15 5.56 bronze; a Glock 45, Gen 5, 9mm; and an S&W Equalizer TS, 9mm.

"We have recently got into the bandwagon of having a gun raffle, and I know a lot of people look at that, like 'Oh gosh, now you're getting into the spectrum of guns,' but we do it as safely as we can," Worcester said. "We have several gun dealers here in Granbury and every person

is screened by them, just like you would if you walked in and said, 'I want to buy a gun today.' Background checks are performed and if they don't pass it, they don't get the gun. It is done as safely as we possibly can."

Gun raffle tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. The gun raffle drawing will take place at 3 p.m. during the fish fry and will also be livestreamed on the North Hood County VFD Facebook page.

Winners do not need to be present to win, but they must be 21 or older and be able to pass a NICS back-

ground check. Winners are also responsible for scheduling a time to complete paperwork and pick up at Right to Carey Guns, 108 Gateway Hills Ct.

All proceeds from the fish fry will benefit North Hood County VFD.

Donations of cash, check, Venmo, and PayPal will be accepted. Please make checks payable to North Hood County VFD.


Worcester requests that item donations be received by Wednesday, May 24. He added that if a business donates an item to the event's

silent auction or raffle, they will be recognized on the item auction sheet.

For more information or to arrange a pick-up of your donation, please contact Karen Sosebee at 817-964-2621, Corbin Bullington at 817-201-0329, Worcester at 817-408-5588, Michael Bell at 817-894-5456, or email of office@nhcvfd.org.

"We would greatly appreciate any donation that you can offer for our silent auction," Worcester added.

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Real-life restaurant experience, "Shark Tank" style

BY EDEN GAILBREATH
Special to the Hood County News

Restaurant Management is a new course offered at Granbury High School this year as part of the Culinary track of the Career and Technical Education department. Students must now complete this course, among others, to receive the Culinary Endorsement. Taught by Crystal Burenheide, the course is an entry level class, but Burenheide told the students much of what they learned is

college level work. For the entirety of the school year students learned the basics of running a restaurant and applied the knowledge to their own faux restaurant. Topics included staffing, scheduling, training, as well as money issues such as the basic concepts of budgeting, payroll, and taxes. The course concluded with a "Restaurant Shark Tank," in which — like the television show it was named after — the students had to present their concept to a panel of "business investors." The in-

vestors were members of the community who had volunteered their time. Investors could ask a wide array of questions of the students. The students were instructed to be prepared for any question. Student Keiry Urquiza shared, "It felt very realistic like I actually made a restaurant and presented it to real life investors." Urquiza explained that preparing took the entire school year. "We had to plan our restaurant with great detail. From menu prices to the

interior and exterior of the restaurant and much more," she said. Many of the students worked as partners. Urquiza's partner Breanna Garcia described their concept. "Enchanted is a small cafe that serves pastry and coffee," Garcia said. "It's inspired by Taylor Swift." Urquiza said pricing was a challenge. "I think we could improve our menu prices because at first we didn't know the location was going to be New York City, so we made our

prices really low," she added. Nerves were high the week of presentations. One student wrote notes on index cards and encouraged his classmates by teaching a proper handshake. Another laughed nervously and lamented they should have prepared better. All expressed relief when their presentation time concluded. Student Faith Evans was grateful for the experience though she suffered stage fright. "My people skills got better, I also learned how to

tell which thing is the better deal," Evans shared. Garcia gained skills she knows she can take forward. "My interview skills improved," Urquiza said. "I learned a lot about management and how one thing can affect another." Both Urquiza and Evans indicated that they felt a culinary career was in their future, and Garcia felt this was probably the case for her as well.

GRANBURY AVIATION DIRECTOR PAT STEWART RECEIVES PLAQUE



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Aviation Director Pat Stewart (in bright blue shirt) was surprised Monday morning with a plaque displaying a recent feature article about him that was published in the Hood County News. The plaque was given to Stewart by members of the city's Airport Board. He is shown here with some current and former members of that board, as well as City Manager Chris Coffman, fifth from right, and Deputy City Manager Michael Ross, sixth from left. Stewart helped lead the city through the years-long expansion of Granbury Regional Airport.

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'LABOR OF LOVE' Hood County Stampede to benefit Rancho Brazos May 27

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

With a passion for both rodeo and helping kids in need, Wes Stevenson has created the ultimate event to follow his heart: Hood County Stampede.

Set from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at 641 Reunion Ct., the Hood County Stampede is an annual rodeo event, with proceeds benefiting a different children's nonprofit organization every year.

FOR THE KIDS

Stevenson was inspired to create the event back in 2017, when there was a young girl around his daughter's age who was severely ill at the time. "She needed help in the community and was kind of falling through the cracks," he said. "So, we got together and tried to raise money to help their family out, and we saw the need for us to start our own 501(c)(3) to help children in Hood County."

Since then, the Hood County Stampede has provided the community with rodeo entertainment, while also using the proceeds to benefit several nonprofits like: Rainbow Room of Hood and Somervell Counties, Hood County Children's Charity Fund, Lake Pointe Academy, Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center, and Miracle League of

Granbury. "We (realized) that we don't need to wait to raise money until there's a kid in need; we need to be proactive," Stevenson said. "There are several organizations that work hard for children here in Hood County that we're proud of, and we're here to help those groups succeed."

For the 2023 event, one local organization stood out more to Stevenson personally.

"With going out to (Rancho Brazos) and volunteering and seeing how many children are helping out and working with them, they seemed like they needed the most help at the time," he said.

The Rancho Brazos Community Center's mission is to be a key resource and activity center for "at-promise" families in the Rancho Brazos, Sandy Beach, and Park 377/Carter Court communities and beyond, according to the Hood County Stampede website.

RBCC was a previous beneficiary in 2020 and is now the beneficiary for the 2023 Hood County Stampede.

"I'm actually from Florida,



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The Hood County Stampede brings smiles to both adults and children alike, with its variety of activities and excitement.

so I was thoroughly impressed at how much (RBCC) does in that small center and how they serve the kids," said Jill Duran, marketing and communications coordinator for the Hood County Stampede. "It's really impressive, so we're really proud to be able to help them out."

Stevenson said he is excited to bring the Rancho Brazos children to the Reunion Grounds the day before the Hood County Stampede.

"They'll help us with the opening and hoisting up the American flag," he said. "When the children get there early, I'll be able to take the kids and show them the horses. Even though we're considered a rural community to the point outside of the DFW area, there's a lot of these children that don't know

Even though the Hood County Stampede is a professional event, founder Wes Stevenson said there will still be activities for children, like the mutton bustin' event set for 6:30 on May 27.



The Hood County Stampede — set from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, at 641 Reunion Ct. — is a family-friendly rodeo that "highlights the Western way of life," according to event founder Wes Stevenson.

much about livestock and horses, so we get to talk to the kids and actually have a personal interaction with them."

THE STAMPEDE

The Hood County Stampede is a family-friendly rodeo that "highlights the

Western way of life." "Each year we bring something new to the table for an element of surprise during our event," Stevenson said. "Currently, we have 36 bareback riders entered including No. 1 and No. 2 in the world, and 11 other contestants who have been to the

National Finals Rodeo."

The charity rodeo is a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) sanctioned event that features top PRCA stock contractors, including Smith Pro Rodeo and Pickett

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK RECOGNITIONS

Staff Reports

City of Granbury Mayor Jim Jarrat proclaimed May 12 to 20 2023 as National Police Week and May 15, 2023 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" during the May 2, 2023 city council meeting. On Saturday, May 13, a ceremony was held inside the new Granbury Police Headquarters located at 2050 NE Loop 567 at 10 a.m.

A proclamation was read during the city council meeting highlighting the profession.

"It is important that all citizens understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency," the proclamation read. "And that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression."

National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day is a time to commemorate past and present law enforcement officers who have dedicated their lives in the service of others. During the ceremony, community members gathered to pay their respects to the men and women who choose law enforcement as their profession and to honor those that gave their life for others. Friends of Memorial Lane presented awards to Law Enforcement Officers during the ceremony



Law enforcement officers were recognized in a ceremony on Saturday, May 13 at the new Granbury Police Headquarters.

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Pro Rodeo. According to the Hood County Stampede website, (Stace) Smith Pro Rodeo is an 11-time stock contractor of the year, and one of the best producers in the rodeo industry, while Pickett produces some of the top bucking horses on the PRCA circuit. "There's a total of six contractors bringing 36 head bucking horses in, so you'll experience the free-spirited horses, along with some cowboys that are as wild as the wind," Stevenson said, with a chuckle. Rodeo clown Robbie Hodges will be doing Boot Barn giveaways and raffles during the rodeo. Stevenson said there will also be a few events

for kids, like the mutton bustin' event (limited to 20 participants). "Even though it's a professional event, we try to figure out ways to have children involved," Stevenson said. "Being Memorial Day weekend, we'll also have several veterans that are coming that we'd like to pay homage to." Since starting the Hood County Stampede six years ago, Duran said she considers it a "labor of love." "A lot of people dedicate their time and I think it means a lot of different things to different people," she said. "There's all different types of personalities and talents of people that contribute different things from the physical labor side to the digital marketing side. There's a lot of people that see the value in having an event and organization

like this in the community." Vendors for the event will include Combat Chef, Frog Juice, Chick-Fil-A, and Pinks. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and the performances kick off at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Hood County Stampede are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and an additional \$20 BYOB cooler fee. "I love seeing so many people coming together, working for children, and putting on family-friendly activities in the community," Stevenson added. "God put me in the right place; I'm just trying to follow in his footsteps." For more information or to purchase tickets, visit hoodcountystampede.com online. ashley@hcnews.com / 817-573-1243

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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).

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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

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FIRST MONDAY

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT Group, join others to share concerns, 10 a.m. at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-2355.

FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the community. Details: 817-326-4693.

SECOND SATURDAY

GRIEF SUPPORT break-

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

THIRD MONDAY

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT Group, join others to share concerns, 10 a.m. at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-2355.

THIRD TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS support group, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the 1894 Building at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. For caregivers, family members, friends and anyone in the community. Details: 817-326-4693.

FOURTH TUESDAY

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT Group, 1 p.m. at Lakestone Terrace, 916 E. U.S. Highway 377. Open for those with Parkinson's and their families wanting to understand more about this disease. Details: 817-999-1470.

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Fri: 2:00PM, 4:35PM, 7:10PM, 9:45PM.
Sat: 11:00AM, 1:35PM, 4:10PM, 6:45PM, 9:20PM.
Sun: 11:00AM, 1:35PM, 4:10PM, 6:45PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:35PM, 7:10PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM

Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG13)
Fri: 2:35PM, 5:10PM, 7:45PM, 10:20PM.
Sat: 10:20AM, 12:55PM, 3:30PM, 6:05PM, 8:40PM.
Sun: 10:20AM, 12:55PM, 3:30PM, 6:05PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:35PM, 7:10PM.
Thurs: 2:05PM, 4:25PM, 7:00PM, 9:35PM

Fast X (PG13)
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 5:05PM, 7:00PM, 8:10PM

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG13)
Fri: 2:25PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM, 8:55PM, 10:20PM.
Sat, Sun: 10:25AM, 12:30PM, 1:45PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:15PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:40PM, 3:45PM, 7:00PM.
Thurs: 5:15PM, 8:30PM

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 in 3D (PG13)
Fri: 5:40PM.
Sat: 3:45PM, 10:15PM.
Sun: 3:45PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 6:00PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM

Nefarious (R)
Fri, Thurs: 7:00PM, 9:30PM.
Sat: 10:05AM, 12:30PM, 7:35PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 10:05AM, 12:30PM, 7:35PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 4:20PM, 6:50PM

Rally Road Racers (PG)
Fri: 2:15PM, 4:35PM.
Sat, Sun: 10:10AM, 2:55PM, 5:15PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM.
Thurs: 4:35PM

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
Fri: 2:35PM, 4:55PM, 7:15PM, 9:35PM.
Sat: 10:00AM, 12:20PM, 2:40PM, 5:00PM, 7:20PM, 9:40PM.
Sun: 10:00AM, 12:20PM, 2:40PM, 5:00PM, 7:20PM.
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CALENDAR

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MAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

HOOD COUNTY Republican Women monthly meeting will be held at the Women's Wednesday Clubhouse located at 306 North Travis Street in Granbury on May 17. Social check in is at 10:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. This month's guest speaker is Callie Crow. She will be speaking about the fentanyl crisis. Let's show our patriotism by wearing red, white and blue. We hope to see you there.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23

MID CITIES Stamp Club-Granbury Branch will present "My Collection". This is where members present their personal collections on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Bentwater Activities Center located at 1800 Emerald Bend Court. For more information call 817-910-8174.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

HOOD COUNTY Hospital District Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting on Friday May 26 at noon. The meeting will be held in the Annex 1 Meeting Room located at 200 Deputy Larry Miller Dr. For more information call 817-579-3200

WATERVIEW MEET and Greet Car Show at Waterview Senior Living will take place on Friday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The car show will be held at 100 & 101 Watermark Blvd. For more information call 817-573-9505 or email kmurillo@waterview-life.com

JUNE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

5TH ANNUAL 'Shoot for a Cause' Clay Shoot benefiting Forward Training Center of Hood County will take place on June 9 at 8:30 a.m. at

the Clay Sports Ranch in Fort Worth. To purchase tickets go to <https://forwardtraining-center.org/5th-annual-shoot-for-a-cause-clay-shoot/>

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SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle on May 13 (Puzzle 27).

8	7	6	5	4	1	9	2	3
4	9	1	3	2	6	5	8	7
2	5	3	8	9	7	4	1	6
5	1	7	6	8	9	3	4	2
9	3	8	2	7	4	1	6	5
6	4	2	1	3	5	7	9	8
3	8	9	7	1	2	6	5	4
7	6	4	9	5	8	2	3	1
1	2	5	4	6	3	8	7	9

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	7		9					
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I'VE BEEN THINKING

The brain is such a complex organ

CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER



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

The brain is such a simple thing - merely an average two-pound clump of "gray matter." What a falsehood that first statement is! With each passing year, scientists learn more than ever imagined about what is tucked inside our skull. The brain is complex beyond man's ability to adequately explain its nature and full range of characteristics and responsibilities! And yet we attempt to do that very thing - try to describe the indescribable!

Now ... back to the brain. As most individuals know, the brain is divided into two hemispheres - the left hemisphere and the right hemisphere. These two hemispheres are joined by a large bundle of neurons called the corpus callosum. Back in the 1950s and 60s, Roger Sperry was an American neuropsychologist, neurobiologist, cognitive neuroscientist, and Nobel laureate. He worked with David Hunter Hubel and Torsten Nils Wiesel, winning the 1981 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for his work with split-brain research. He began his research by separating that neuron bundle to study the functioning differences between those two hemispheres of the brain, and he was astonished by the results!

Sperry learned that such corpus callosum separation permitted each hemisphere

to function independently of one other. He also learned that the two hemispheres had different functions. He also realized that most left-brain dominant individuals are right-handed (70-90 percent of the general population). Conversely, most right-brain dominant individuals are left-handed (10 percent). Figures vary, depending upon the source.

This "cross-over" of hand and brain is due to the brain controlling the muscles and senses on the opposite side of the body. So we clearly see that our brain controls our left- or right-handedness. In the past, children who were naturally left-handed were often forced to use their right hand. Forcing a child to do the opposite of what the brain is dictating can cause some serious problems. Some children, when learning to use eating utensils or pencils, may frequently switch hands. It is



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The brain is more than a two-pound clump of gray matter.

their brain's way of deciding their "future handedness," and they should not be instructed by adults to use a particular hand. It is not an example of messing with their hand. It is an example of messing with their brain.

Thus, we could say that the left brain knows what the right hand is doing. And the right brain knows what the left hand is doing.

The left side of the brain is connected with language, number skills, reasoning, scientific skills, and spoken language. It is often referred to as the "hub" of language where one puts together words and sentence structure in communication.

The characteristics of left-brain dominant include the following: works well with daily task lists; tends to be

the critic in a group; are rational and logical; perform research that is precise and well-documented; enjoy setting goals; find it easy to interpret information. Certain activities are more suited for left-brain folks. Famous left-brain people were/are Albert Einstein, Michelangelo, Lewis Carroll, Sir Paul McCartney, Ted Koppell, Winston Churchill, Babe Ruth, and Prince William.

The right side of the brain deals more with images than words. It processes information in a more simultaneous manner. These individuals usually have more creativity, spatial ability, artistic and musical skills. They tend to be: more intuitive; express themselves and tend to help oth-

ers more freely; have a high level of empathy; see the "big picture" more easily; prefer visual communication; seek out patterns and group things according to similar attributes.

A website devoted to right-brain thinkers says, "Right brains don't express well how they feel and are often misunderstood. They think of one thing and say another because their brain has already moved on to another thought." These qualities do not mean these individuals are not analytical or logical. Famous right-brain people were Sir Isaac Newton, Aristotle, Albert Einstein, and Jonas Salk.

Do you notice one name in both lists? Interesting, isn't it?

Remember, trying to ex-


plain the complicated brain in simple language is nearly impossible! Now that you probably realize you are either left- or right-brain dominant, you may want to check out more famous people like yourself.

However, we must remember that human beings are not molded like "a thousand like it" pieces of pottery. We are uniquely created beings with variety and exceptions.

This column dealt with left-brain and right-brain dominant individuals. But is there a third option? Yes. We will deal with that in the next column.

Happy thinking!

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NATIONAL ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY
May 19, 2023

Endangered Animals


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

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S	J	L	O	I	N	P	J	L	E
V	Z	E	N	G	D	O	L	R	U
K	M	O	O	E	A	I	H	W	L
G	I	P	B	R	R	I	N	D	B
L	B	A	O	O	N	A	O	W	S
T	M	R	G	O	E	L	A	H	W
R	O	D	V	S	Z	D	H	J	F
N	A	T	U	G	N	A	R	O	V


Panda	Rhino	Bonobo
Elephant	Tiger	Sea Lion
Orangutan	Leopard	
Blue Whale	Gorilla	



It's important to try to protect endangered species because they are a valuable part of our world. They play important roles in their ecosystems, and losing them could have a big impact on other plants and animals. Plus, they are just really cool and unique, and it would be a shame to lose them forever.



ANIMAL FACT:



THIS ANIMAL LOVES TO MUNCH ON BAMBOO. BAMBOO IS A TYPE OF GRASS THAT IS VERY FAST-GROWING.

ANSWER: PANDA

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Animal

SPANISH: Animal

ITALIAN: Animale

FRENCH: Animal

GERMAN: Tier

An endangered species is a type of animal or plant that is in danger of disappearing from the Earth forever. This means that there aren't very many of them left in the wild, and if we don't take action to protect them, they might go extinct. Certain elephants, tigers and pandas are endangered. Color the elephant, panda and tiger above?

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CODY STONE
Hood County Sheriff's Deputy

My name is Cody Stone and I graduated from Stephenville High School in 2013. I have been raised in a law enforcement family as my father served as a police officer for 36 years. Not only do I get to share this career with two of my four brothers, but also with my fiancé. My hobbies include long walks on the beach, hunting, fishing, and spending time with my family. I have worked as a Sheriff's deputy for the Hood County Sheriff's Office since July 2019. I look forward to growing and continuing my career here in Hood County.



HOOD COUNTY HEROES

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