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## Not child's play: Officers confiscate illegal products packaged like chips, candy



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A team of five Granbury police officers found products containing illegal levels of THC and seemingly packaged to appeal to children and teens at 19 stores earlier this month. Thanks to the cooperation of store owners, officers pulled more than 4,600 illegal products from stores that sell vaping and tobacco products.

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer

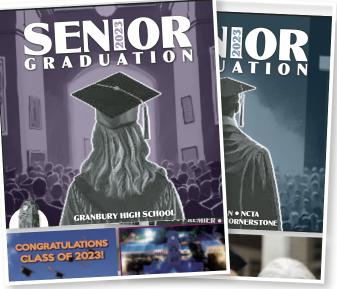
arlier this month, five Granbury police • officers conducted site visits to stores that sell vaping products and confiscated 4,613 items containing illegal amounts of THC that were packaged to look like candy and other products that appeal to kids.

THC, or Tetrahydrocannabinol, is the major psychoactive component in cannabis. In other words, it's pot.

The officers didn't make a single arrest, nor did they ask the county attorney or district attorney to prosecute anyone.

Parents might not look twice if they spot what appears to be name brand candy and chips in their children's backpacks, but these

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## Tolar progresses in police department licensing requirements

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ** Senior Staff Writer

TOLAR - Recently-hired Police Chief Ray Wilson is continuing to make the preparations necessary to create a police department in Tolar.

At the City Council's regular meeting on Monday, May 15, the council unanimously approved two items that will assist Wilson in obtaining the needed license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. A new license is needed since Tolar has not had a police chief or police department since 2014.

The council amended the General Fund budget, adding line items for police department funding — a TCOLE requirement. Among the police department's expenses is insurance, which City Administrator Michelle Burdette said will be about \$3,600 per year. The council also approved a Memorandum of Understanding related to communication, coordination, and jail access between the Tolar Police Department and the Hood County Sheriff's Office. The panel authorized Mayor Matt

Hutsell to sign the MOU once it is approved by the Hood **County Commissioners** Court.

Wilson told the Hood County News that the agreement will allow for call center dispatching through 911 dispatch at the Hood County Sheriff's Office. This will enable hm to show TCOLE that he has "established some type of dispatch center for the city of Tolar," he stated.

Wilson said that when 911 dispatch receives a call from someone inside Tolar's city limits, he, rather than a sheriff's deputy, will be notified to respond to the call.

"I will be on the same radio frequencies as other law enforcement agencies in Hood County," he said.

That wasn't the purpose of the operation.

The police department's goal was to educate store owners and protect customers who might be unaware that what they were purchasing could lead to a felony charge.

Every store owner com-

said Lieutenant Garrett Wiginton. "It's not very well written, and these products (have) labels that would make you think they're legal. But when you actually scan the codes for the ingredients, or you do a test with one of our field test kits, they're not legal. Anything above .3 is presumed from the marijuana leaf and contains THC."

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#### products are illegal and could lead to a felony charge.

He said that the products surrendered by store owners are "either a synthetic THC or THC that's (derived) from the marijuana plant. So, from the state's view, all of these items are a felony offense to possess, whether you're a child or an adult. It's a felony offense regardless."

Wiginton said that consumers often believe that a product has a .3 or less THC potency and therefore legal, but they actually contain "synthetic THC, which is illegal, or they have a higher THC than .3. A lot of them are .6 or .8, well over the le-

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The MOU includes mutual aid, Wilson said. If a situation arises where he needs backup, deputies will come to assist, and vice versa.

Wilson also stated that if he makes an arrest, he will be able to transport the detainee to the Hood County Jail.

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## Freddy's Steakburgers headed to Granbury Lakeside Center

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer

Been wondering what's being built on that pad site on the parking lot at Granbury Lakeside Center, where HomeGoods, FiveBelow, and Ulta Beauty are located?

It's a Freddy's Frozen **Custard & Steakburgers** restaurant, according to Granbury Communications Manager Jeff Newpher.

Developers of Granbury Lakeside Center indicated during the planning process with the city an intention for one or more restaurants

to occupy the pad sites. The shopping center has been open and occupied for several years.

Freddy's, which features a festive red as its dominant color, offers 100% premium beef patties with thin, crispy edges and a thicker middle. The hand-crafted burgers aren't made until they are ordered.

The restaurant also offers all-beef hot dogs and chili dogs, chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, and, for the health conscious and self-disciplined, veggie burgers.



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Pictured are Freddie's original double burgers.

Sides include fries, cheese fries, onion rings, cheese curds, Lay's Baked Potato Chips, and Mott's Natural Applesauce. And of course, the menu offers a variety of frozen

custard treats. The restaurant chain was founded by Kansas native Freddy Simon, a veteran of World War II and a recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

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### City to increase public polls, engagement efforts

#### **BY KATHY CRUZ**

Senior Staff Writer

The city of Granbury is committed to upping its game when it comes to communicating with residents so that leaders are better able to address needs and concerns, give the public what it wants, and make informed decisions.

The City Council recently approved the expenditure of \$10,250 for tools to help achieve that goal.

The approval came at the council's regular meeting on Tuesday, May 16, after the elected officials heard a presentation from **Communications Manager**  Jeff Newpher.

Newpher outlined a fourpart strategy that included scientific as well as non-scientific polling.

The strategy is in addition to the other ways feedback is received from the community, such as when members of the public speak at council meetings or to individual council members. The plan is also in addition to the recently created "I'd Like to Speak to the Manager, Please" occasional events at City Hall that provide opportunities for the public to speak directly to City Manager Chris Coffman. Because of a desire that

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## Millions of Texans still not wearing seat belts TxDOT partners with law enforcement to urge everyone to "Click it or Ticket"

#### Staff Reports

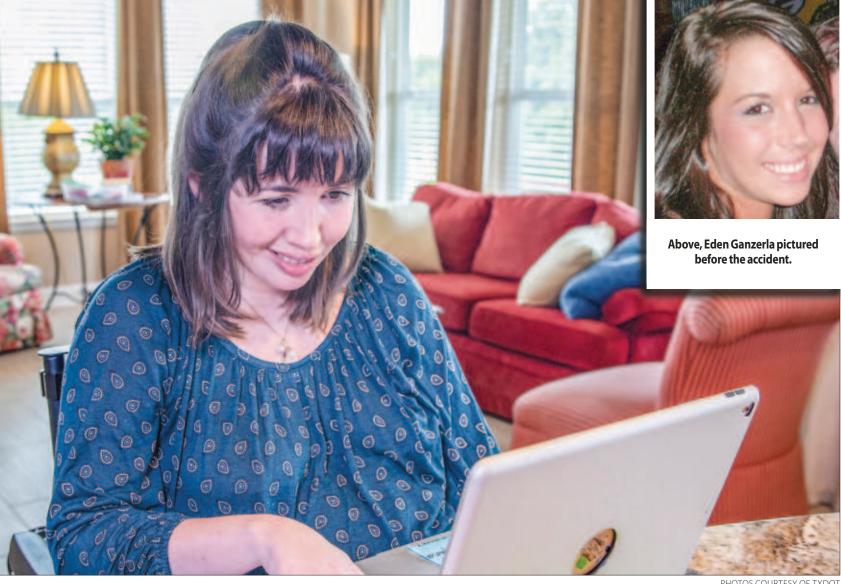
The week of May 22 through June 4, including Memorial Day Weekend will be a busy week for law enforcement around Texas as they will be working overtime ticketing motorists who are not wearing their seatbelts as Texas Department of Transportation's Click it or Ticket week begins.

State law requires that every person in a vehicle be secured by a seat belt whether riding in the front or back seat. Fines and court costs for failing to fasten seat belts can add up to \$250 or more.

TxDOT's Click It or Ticket campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-ofmouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was more than 20 years ago on Nov. 7, 2000, according to TxDOT.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the Click It or Ticket initiative has saved more than 7,399 lives, prevented more than 120,000 serious injuries, and resulted in \$28.5 billion in economic savings since its inception in 2002.

While more than 90% of Texans make the right choice to wear a seat belt, 10% of Texans make the dangerous choice to stay unprotected on the road. TxDOT's goal is to get 100% of drivers and passengers to wear their seat belt 100% of the time.



Eden Ganzerla sits in front of her computer on March 28, 2020.

Eden Ganzerla learned this lesson the hard way when nearly seven years ago, she lost control of her car while driving to work and crashed into a retaining wall. She broke nearly every bone in her body. Since then, she has endured thousands of hours of physical, occupational and speech therapy, as a result of one fateful decision to not wear her seat belt. Ganzerla now struggles with a traumatic brain injury, speaks with the aid of a comPHOTOS COURTESY OF TXDOT

puter, and is slowly learning how to walk and talk again.

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"It's critical for everyone to take just a few seconds to buckle up, every ride, every time. Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important precautions motorists and their passengers can take to protect themselves in a crash. Whatever reason you may have for not buckling up, I promise it's not worth your life."

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### FROM MY FRONT PORCH *Remember our brave men and women on Memorial Day*



#### **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.

'n just a few shorts days, Memorial Day will be upon us. By the end of May, most schools are out, the kids are hitting the neighborhood pool, and families are beginning to partake in their summer vacation. Maybe it is not unreasonable to think of Memorial Day as a three-day weekend which serves as the official kickoff of summer, but while summer activities are noble pursuits, I do hope we all stop for at least a few moments over Memorial weekend and thank the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our nation. Celebrating those brave souls is the true

reason for the holiday.

As a reader of history, it is easy for me to become engrossed in an account about Valley Forge, the Alamo, or Iwo Jima, and picture myself being a part of the battle. Straining to imagine what it was

like to be there, I struggle to sense the weather conditions, the sounds of battle, and the devastation which surrounds me. I question myself wondering how I would measure up under the pressure of battle? Would I feel fear, anger, or would

there be no feeling at all? No matter how well the author writes the passages or how vivid my imagination is, I sense they can never accurately depict the horror of the battlefield and the experiences of each individual soldier. Surely battle must be personally experienced to be truly understood.

I frequently find myself thanking the good Lord that I never had to experience the horror or war.

When "Band of Brothers", the story of Easy Company, 506th Parachute Regiment of the 101st Airborne made its debut on HBO, I watched every episode with keep anticipation. Easy Company was engaged at D-day, the Battle of the Bulge, and the invasion of Germany. I loved the very realistic depiction of their exploits, but particularly enjoyed the interviews of the actual Easy Company survivors and listening to them share their memories.

Bastogne was the primary location of the Battle of the Bulge. American troops were surrounded by Germans while experiencing

freezing temperatures with little winter clothing or food, and dwindling ammunition. I recall "Bull", a sergeant in Easy Company, telling how years after the war when there would be a particularly cold night at his home in Texarkana, his wife would frequently complain about the weather conditions. Bull said he would look at his wife, shake his head and say, "It is not near as cold as Bastogne". His comments hit me so very hard because I could feel "Bull's" words. I knew the frozen deadly experience of Bastogne was never far from his mind. He had survived but the sights and sounds of battle were never far away.

When I visited Gettysburg, tears came to my eyes while standing on the ground where Pickett's Charge took place. The emotion I experienced was overwhelming as if I could hear the screams of dying and wounded men and sense the firing of artillery. The thought of the 50,000 casualties in a single engagement over three days made me look for stains of red in the ground where I walked. No matter which

side they fought, I could feel each soldier's devotion to duty, their love of home, and the loss their families experienced when they learned of the death of their "citizen soldier".

I wish not another American. man or woman, would die in battle, but I am not naïve enough to believe my wish will be granted. Freedom has a price, and the bill comes due for some young man or woman on a regular basis. I fear such will continue long past my life. All we can do is offer our thanks and respect. We must never forget their sacrifice.

God bless the souls of those who have fallen and God Bless these United States.

Thought for the day: It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

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

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## Certain household products will be tax free starting this weekend

#### From Staff Reports

Families and businesses can save on the purchase of certain water- and energy-efficient products starting this weekend during two different sales tax holidays: Water Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday and ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday.

The holidays, created by the Texas Legislature, both take place from Saturday, May 27, through midnight on Monday, May 29, and affects ENERGY STAR and water-efficient products.

The Texas Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save \$14.3 million in state and local sales tax.

"Older, inefficient appliances and outdated water systems can put a tremendous strain on our power grids and water supplies," said Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar. "By taking advantages of these sales tax holidays, Texans can make upgrades that will help alleviate those pressures and lower their utility bills — while saving money on state and local sales taxes.

This is the eighth year for the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday. Products displaying a WaterSense label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use. These include showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and accessories, toilets, urinals, and landscape irrigation controls.

This sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors. Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or dripirrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch; and plants, trees, and grasses. These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only.

During the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, certain energy-efficient products displaying the ENERGY STAR logo can be purchased tax free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, compact fluorescent light bulbs, integral LED bulbs, dishwashers, humidifiers, and clothes washers.

For more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday or the ENERGY STAR Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Comptroller's website at comptroller. texas.gov.



## **FEMA**

## Flood Awareness Week highlights drowning dangers

#### From staff reports

This week is Flood Awareness Week in Texas. Heavy rain can bring flash flooding. Floods are the

most common natural disaster in the United States. County Development Director Clint Head, who also

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gal THC limit, which makes them a felony, which is punishable by two years in jail or a \$10,000 fine. So, it's not a little slap on

pliance in turning over what was illegal," Wiginton said.

The lieutenant said the department has tried to be judicious in the way such offenses have been handled due to so much confusion around the law. Those charged with felonies "knew or should have

keep this ball rolling and visit some more stores (throughout the county)," Wiginton said.

Pugh stated that some stores that were checked were in "complete compliance."

Wiginton expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the store owners. Because

the wrist.

Photos taken of the surrendered items show packaging in bright, primary colors, with labels seemingly deliberately made to look like candy or snacks with name brand labels, such as Skittles or Air Heads.

The site visits took place May 1-5. Illegal items were found at 19 stores, 17 of which were inside the city limits and two of which were just outside the city limits.

In addition to the five police officers, the operation also involved the department's evidence technician, Kent Barnes. The state comptroller's office, District Attorney Ryan Sinclair, and County Attorney Matt Mills were informed ahead of time of what the department intended to do.

"The goal was to visit every single location in the city that we're aware of that sells vape pens, tobacco products — anything, anywhere that would sell a vape, tobacco product, these type of gummies or THC products in any manner, and just try to educate them on what is legal what's not legal and ask for their voluntary com-

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known" that the product they possessed was illegal, he said, and they typically also possessed other contraband.

Officer Justin Pugh, who was among those who made the site visits, said that officers handle such situations differently, but said, "We would rather go after someone who's intentionally violating the law than someone who just walked into a store and didn't know what they were purchasing."

He indicated that lack of awareness was part of the reason why the department conducted the operation.

"Seventeen- and 18-year-old kids are getting felony convictions on their record and that changes their life," he said. "That's not anyone's goal."

Wiginton and Pugh said that the effort to remove deceptively packaged illegal products from store shelves has not ended. Follow-up visits will be conducted to make sure stores remain in compliance and additional stores may be targeted.

"One of our next goals is to try to collaborate with the sheriff's department and of their willingness to help rather than hinder the effort, no search warrants were required.

Wiginton said the department frequently receives calls from Granbury school officials about students who are in possession of vape pens that have THC. Nicotine products as well are illegal for anyone under 21.

He said he will notify school officials about the department's recent findings from the vape store visits.

Wiginton indicated that parents may have spotted some of the illegal products in their child's backpack but didn't realize what it was due to deceptive packaging.

He, along with Pugh and Barnes, advised parents who find such products in their child's possession to dispose of it, but without transporting it anywhere. If they wish, they can notify the PD without fear of repercussions for themselves or their child, they said.

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serves as the county's floodplain director, provided flood-related information and tips to the Hood County News, most of which came from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

• Never drive through flooded roads. Almost half of flood deaths happen in vehicles.

• Six inches of moving water can knock a person down.

• Two feet of moving water can sweep away a vehicle.

• A flood warning means that flooding is happening or will happen soon. Move to high ground immediately.

• A flood watch means that flooding is possible. Stay tuned to radio/TV for information and be ready to move to higher ground.

• Flooding is the second leading cause of weatherrelated deaths in the United States, based on a 30year average.

• Never cross barriers that have been put in place by emergency officials.

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**OBITUARIES** 

#### **Bernice Oleta Proffitt**

March 10, 1932 - May 20, 2023

Bernice Oleta Proffitt, a generous, loving, and thoughtful woman, was born on March 10, 1932, in Carnegie, OK, and passed away on May 20, 2023. Bernice resided in Granbury, Texas, and was a dedicated legal secretary for the Chief of Police in Cleburne, Texas. She was a true testament to the power of love and devotion, as she tirelessly worked to provide for her family and make their lives better. Bernice's passions included camping, cooking, traveling, and reading her Bible. Her greatest joys were found in the simple pleasures of spending time with her family and creating lasting memories together.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Proffitt, and her parents, Elam and Carrie Berna and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Rodney Prof-



fitt; grandson, David Proffitt and wife Jennifer Proffitt; great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Proffitt and spouse Callie; and extended family.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6-8 p.m. at Wiley Funer-al Home, 400 East US Highway 377, Granbury, Texas, 76048. The funeral service will take place on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10 a.m., also at Wiley Funeral Home. Bernice will be laid to rest at Hico Cemetery.

#### **Diane Jordan Hart**

November 1, 1939 - May 17, 2023

Diana Jordan Hart, 83, passed away peacefully on May 17, 2023 in Granbury, Texas. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 10:30 am at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery located at 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211.

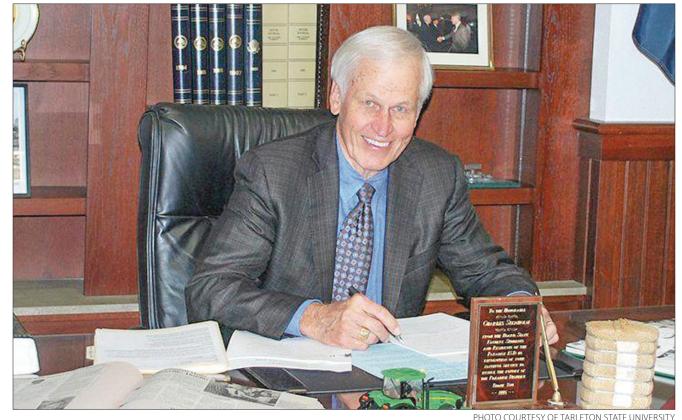
Diana was born November 1, 1939 in Florien, Louisiana to Roy Edward Jordan and Ethel Cook Jordan. Diana married Marcus Lucian Hart August 27, 1960 in Florien, Louisiana. She graduated from Northwestern State University with a Bachelors in Nursing. She was a Registered Nurse for 40 years. She was known for caring about everyone.

Diana is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years Marcus Lucian Hart; parents Roy and

Ethel Jordan; and brother Gerald Jordan.

Diana is survived by her sons Marc Roy Hart, of Granbury, TX and Matthew Rhett Hart and his wife Tricia, of Dallas, TX; her grandchildren Colton Hart, of Dallas, TX and Julienne Hart, of Dallas, TX; and her brother Bill Jordan as well as numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

# Former U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm dies at age 84



#### Pictured is Charles Stenholm.

#### From Staff Reports

Granbury resident Charles Stenholm, who served 13 terms (1979-2005) in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 17th Congressional District, died on Wednesday at age 84 according to multiple reports.

He served Hood County until redistricting changed his legislative coverage area in 2004 and he was defeated by Lubbock Republican Randy Neugebauer.

Stenholm was born in 1938 in a rural community known as Ericksdahl, and graduated from Stamford High School, about 40 miles north of Abilene. He was a former farmer and rancher who had been living in Hood County in recent years.

Stenholm passed away at his residence in Granbury's Harbor Lakes neighborhood, where he lived with his wife, Cindy.

Ron Botsko, 85, a friend of Stenholm who lived near him in Harbor Lakes, met him socially and had known him for about 10

years. Botsko told the Hood County News by phone on Thursday that he had dinner with the Stenholms early Tuesday evening at Harbor Lakes Country Club and had "a delightful time." Then they went to Botsko's residence for a post-meal visit before the Stenholms went home for the evening at about 10 p.m.

"He left with a big smile," said Botsko, who moved to Granbury in 2003 with his wife, Billie, who passed away in September. "I was going to talk to him the next day.

Instead, Botsko said, the next morning Stenholm and Cindy "got up for a morning walk. She went in the kitchen, and he sat in a chair watching TV." Botsko said Cindy told him that the next time she looked at her husband, she thought he had fallen asleep, but then realized something was wrong.

"He had a beautiful personality," Botsko said of Stenholm. "He was soft-spoken. You would have never known what his profession was. He was a nice guy."

Stenholm had a reputation

as a conservative Democrat during his time in office and was, heavily involved in agri-

dog Democrat." Botsko said, adding that the congressman wanted "the left and right sides to compromise. He said that's what he spent his life doing. He did not like the extremes on either side. He and his wife were both Christians."

Communications department shared the following statement to the HCN on

"It is with sadness that we share the passing of a legendary Tarleton Texan, former U.S. Rep. Charles 'Charlie' Stenholm. He was a devoted supporter of Tarleton State University and dearly loved.

"After retiring from a 26-year career in the U.S. House of Representatives, Stenholm served the stu-

dents in our College of Agriculture and Natural Resources by regularly teaching classes in agricultural policy and guest lecturing in various classes across campus. He was instrumental in the formation of Tarleton's Center for Agribusiness Excellence (CAE), strongly advocating for continued federal funding by communicating the \$1.67 billion in savings it provides to the taxpayers of the United States since its formal establishment in 2001.

"Stenholm has also been a strong supporter of Tarleton Athletics for over 30 years, recently serving as a board member for the Texan Club. He earned his Associate of Science from then, Tarleton State Junior College in 1959, and played both football and basketball for the Tarleton State Plowboys.

"While we mourn the loss of Congressman Stenholm, we honor his legacy and the lasting impact he has made on our university, the state of Texas, and the nation.'



Stenholm's passing:

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Coffman heard expressed at one of those events, the city earlier this year created a pickleball court. The Parks and Recreation Department added pickleball court lines and a portable pickleball net to the basketball court on North Park Drive next to the Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center.

Newpher's recommendations to the council included a three-year commitment to FlashVote at a cost of \$8,900 per year. FlashVote has the capability to conduct scientific surveys. With a three-year commitment, the company waives the \$3,000 set-up fee.

Another recommendation was the use of PollEverywhere, which allows for real-time, nonscientific surveys at a cost of \$120 per year. Newpher demonstrated how the survey tool works, with council members and audience members using their cell phones to respond to poll questions in real time.

The third aspect of the proposal was virtual town halls through OpenGov, a government technology company used in 49 states that offers cloud software

for public sector accounting, planning, budgeting, citizens services, and procurement. Since the city is an existing client of OpenGov. the virtual town halls will cost the city nothing.

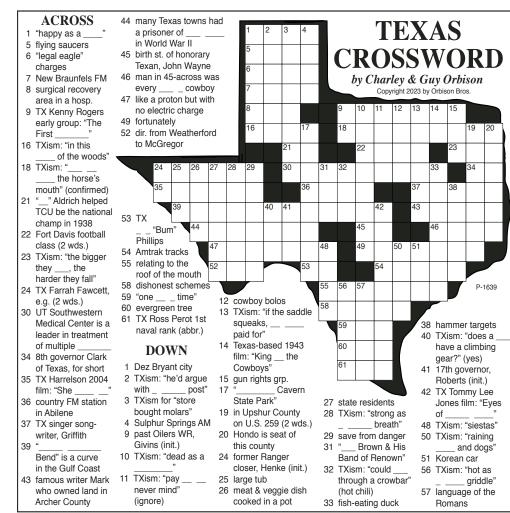
Newpher said that with the virtual town halls, the city will be able to seek input from citizens on certain matters. Participants will be able to post comments and questions or simply "like" comments made by others if they don't want to post their own statement.

The fourth aspect of Newpher's proposal was for the city to hold in-person listening sessions with the public at negligible additional cost other than staff time.

Mayor Pro Tem Trish Burwell, who has been involved in the effort to expand communication channels between the city and the public it serves, said she feels that many people want to be involved but are unable to attend meetings or perhaps do not want their opinions to be criticized on social media.

Mayor Jim Jarratt expressed the view that the city's "outbound communication" efforts have been "outstanding."

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Dylan Delvecchio started on the mound for Tarleton and threw 5.0 innings allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits. He struck out three threw an inning, allowing three runs. Grant Garza al-

## Texans fall to Bearkats, 12-3

#### TSU Sports Information

TEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State University's baseball team could not overcome a seven run seventh inning from the Sam Houston Bearkats on May 19 at the Tarleton Baseball Complex, falling 12-3.

Tarleton (25-26, 9-18 WAC) allowed six home runs to the Bearkats (33-21, 22-7 WAC) with four coming in the seventh inning alone.

Dylan Delvecchio started on the mound for Tarleton and threw 5.0 innings allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits. He struck out three and walked one.

Things unraveled for the Texans following Delvecchio's exit. He left with a 3-3 tie heading into the sixth inning.

Sam Houston scored two in the sixth and seven in the seventh to take the 12-3 lead that ultimately was the final. Matt Haley (L, 0-2) was tagged with the loss as he lowed six runs, all in the seventh inning. Peyton Hutson threw the final 2.1 innings without allowing a hit or run.

Trace Morrison added two hits to lead Tarleton. Carter Dobrinski hit a solo home run in the second inning to tie the game at one.

With SHSU leading 3-2 in the fifth, Alec Williams was able to score from first on a failed pickoff by the Bearkat catcher. The ball got all the way to the corner of the fence in right field.

Steven Beard (W, 7-3) picked up the win for the Kats, tossing 5.0 innings allowing three runs on five hits. Three Bearkat relievers combined to shut the Texans out for the final four innings.

## Texans eliminated in national softball playoffs

**TSU Sports Information** 

FORT COLLINS, Colo. -With just one loss to spare on May 19 in the National Invitational Softball Championship double-elimination tournament, the Texans pounded UC-Davis in the morning to keep their season alive for another game. In the afternoon bill, South Dakota State proved too much for the second time in as many days, ending Tarleton's run at the NISC.



Seven other Texans each collected one hit in the game. Grace Garcia and Tristan Bridges combined for four strikeouts, walking three in the game.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 11, TARLETON 1 (5)

The Texans late-inning

#### **TARLETON 10, UC-DAVIS 4**

The Aggies struck first in the bottom of the third. In the top of the fourth, the Texans got on the board on a solo shot by Jordan Dickerson, her third straight game with a homer. In the top of the sixth the Texans took the lead with a three-spot. Tristyn Trull and Dickerson both reached on a walk, then Morgan Medford followed with a double to center to score the two. MacKenzie Peterson made it 4-1 with an RBI single to score Medford.

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Tarleton State University's Katy Schaefer, a junior infielder from Sweeny, strokes a ball during Friday's softball action in Fort Collins, Colorado.

After UC-Davis got one back in the bottom of the sixth, Texans busted the doors off in the top of the seventh, scoring six runs on six hits. Kelci Hill got it started with a single to left, then Kayla Wallace launched one over the center field wall scoring two to put the Texans up 6-2. Trull and Katy Schaefer kept the rally going with singles, and after Dickerson walked to load the bases, Medford singled up the middle to score two. Brittany Coe capped off the inning with a two RBI double to left center, making it 10-2 Texans, leading to the 10-4 victory. The TSU offense was led by Hill and Medford, both collecting three hits each. game failed to carry over to the second game on the day.

Following a scoreless first inning, the Jackrabbits tacked on eight runs in the second to put Tarleton's season on the brink. In the bottom of the second, Schaefer scored the Texans' lone run on a solo shot just inside the left-field foul pole.

Through the next three innings, the Jackrabbits added three more runs to runrule the purple and white.

The Texans finished their season 31-29, posting a 30-plus win season for the second year in a row. The Texans just completed their third year of the reclassification to NCAA Division I.

## Highly sought-after guard signs to play basketball with Texans

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State University won the recruiting battle for one of the top young players coming out of Canada, announcing the signing of guard Bubu Benjamin on May 19.

Benjamin (6-7, 210) had interest from several Power Five conference programs, including Wisconsin, Arizona State and Minnesota, plus had offers in hand from the likes of Montana State, Santa Clara and Howard. Yet, he chose Tarleton to play his collegiate career.

"T'm extremely excited about being able to add Bubu to our program, he is an outstanding prospect, student and person," head coach Billy Gillispie said. "His aspirations as a player and student are congruent with the expectations we have as a program. He strives to be the absolute



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

Bubu Benjamin, one of the top young players coming out of Canada, has signed to play with Tarleton State University's men's basketball team. The 6-7 player is from Alberta, Canada, where he played at the Edge School for Athletes in his hometown of Medicine Hat.

best at everything he does. He has great size, skill, and determination that will allow him to be a top-level player very early in his career. At 6-7, he can play almost any position offensively and guard almost anyone.

"He has had great success as one of the best players in Canada and has been recruited at the highest level," Gillispie added. "He will be something to see for the Texan faithful and he will be a key component as we work toward being a yearly NCAA Tournament qualifier as our program moves forward. My staff did a great job recruiting Bubu and he adds to an unbelievable class of Texans this spring. We can't wait to get started."

Benjamin is from Alberta, Canada, where he played his prep career at the Edge School for Athletes. Before transferring to the Edge School in 2020, Benjamin was named the Most Valuable Player for the McCoy Colts in his hometown of Medicine Hat.

"What really made me choose Tarleton was the coaching staff and the campus," Benjamin said. "The cohesion and chemistry of all the coaches and the welcoming environment felt all around campus is what ultimately was the deciding factor."

He represented his home country at the U18 Americas Championship where he averaged 6.5 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.5 assists in six games. Benjamin and his Canadian team earned bronze after going 4-2 with wins against Argentina, Mexico, Brazil and Puerto Rico.

"We're excited for Bubu to join Coach Gillispie and his staff at Tarleton, it's an unbelievable fit and opportunity," said the Edge School's director and head coach, Eddie Richardson. "Bubu has intensity, a high motor, a high work ethic and tremendous skill. He's one of the most skilled players in all of Canada. He can shoot the ball, score and has the ability to defend at a high level, I think people will recognize it right away. We're so happy for him and proud of him."

Six weeks ago, Benjamin shined at the 2023 Biosteel All-Canadian Game, exclusively featuring the top-24 senior male and female high school basketball players across Canada. In the event, he recorded 15 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Just a few weeks before the 2023 Biosteel All-Canadian Game, Benjamin participated in Phoenix's 2023 Grind Session All-Star, an international elite prep basketball circuit. He tallied 17 points and six rebounds in the special event.

Benjamin posted a 4.0 GPA at the Edge School. He is still deciding what he will study at Tarleton State University.

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## Rattlers split first two with Valley Mills

#### **BY RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Hood County News

he Tolar Rattlers split the first two games of their best-of-three Class 2A Region 2 quarterfinals (third round) series with Valley Mills Thursday night, May 18, in Whitney. The Rattlers (19-8-2) won the opening game 3-2 before the Eagles (28-4) countered with a 6-2 victory in the nightcap.

That left the teams playing a deciding Game 3 Saturday at press time in Glen Rose. Check the Hood County News website at www.hcnews.com for the result of that game as the paper went to press early for pre-Memorial Day deadlines.

In the most recent Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association rankings Valley Mills was second and Tolar was ninth. The Eagles are also the defending Class 2A state champions, while this is the Rattlers' third consecutive season to reach the third round of the playoffs.

The opening contest Thursday went nine innings before Tolar prevailed. The winning run was scored when Jesse Owen drew a walk.

Talan Brown and Talan Culberson combined to pitch a five-hitter.

While the Rattlers managed just three hits, they took advantage of receiving six walks and a hit batter.

"Lots of drama in the first game. Their pitcher was effectively wild and it took us a while to get the hang of his hard slider and changeup. Once we did we were able to work his pitch count up and work him for bases on balls," Tolar coach Lance Alford said. "You could tell we were a little tight at the beginning and it didn't help that their big guy hit a home run in the first inning. Talan Brown settled down and kept us in the game as he normally does. He allowed his defense to work for him and it got us out of some tough situations.

"Then in the end Talan Culberson came in and was lights out. He loves the big situations and usually rises to the occasion. He hasn't pitched since April, but he has thrown bullpens for us every week during the season. The umpire was calling the low strike and that's the area of the zone he attacks best. It was the perfect situation."

In the second game, the Rattlers lost despite outhitting the Eagles 6-5. However, that was offset by nine walks and two hit batters.

"The second game we knew would be a battle of attrition because of the heat and the win-orgo-home situation Valley Mills was up against. Their pitcher was tough. His control and breaking pitch gave us fits at the wrong times," Alford said. "We needed a couple timely hits, and we could have won that game. This is why you play a series and not one game."

Game 1: Tolar hitting -Keaton Morrison, 1-for-4, walk; Owen, 1-for-4, walk, RBI; T. Brown, 1-for-4, RBI; Culberson, RBI; Brock Owens, two walks, hit by pitch; Clayton Stembridge, hit by pitch, stolen base; Drake Owens, walk; Reis Brown, walk. Tolar pitching - T. Brown, six innings, five hits, two earned runs, three strikeouts, three walks; Culberson (win), three innings, no hits, no runs, three strikeouts, two walks, hit batter.

Game 2: Tolar hitting -Culberson, 2-for-3, double; Morrison, 1-for-4, stolen base; B. Owens, 1-for-4; Owen 1-for-2, double, two walks, RBI; Merritt Imel, 1-for-3, double, two RBI; Stembridge, hit by pitch. Tolar pitching - Cade Moody, three innings, one hit, two earned runs, two strikeouts, four walks, hit batter; B. Owens, one inning, one hit, one strikeout, one walk, hit batter; R. Brown, 2 innings, two hits,

three runs (none earned), one strikeout, two walks; Culberson, one inning, one hit, one earned run, one strikeout, two walks.

#### **NTHSRA FINALS**

At press time, several athletes from the area were competing in the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals this past weekend. The top 15 in the final regular season standings in each event qualified for finals.

Cate Cooper from Lipan leads all area qualifiers and will be competing in two events. She is seeded sixth in breakaway roping and 10th in ribbon roping.

Also competing from the area are: \*Evan Brown, Tolar, fifth

in team roping-heeler. \*Micah Wallace, Lipan, seventh in ride-up goat tying.

\*Grace Burdick, Granbury, 12th in walk-up goat tying.

\*Carsyn Nolen, Granbury, 14th in ride-up goat tying. \*Kyley Kenley, Tolar, 14th in pole bending.

#### TGCA LEGACY BASKETBALL ALL-STARS

Two members of the Lipan Lady Indians have

been honored by the Texas Girls Coaches Association as members of their Class 2A Legacy All-Star Basketball Team. Honored were seniors Lynsey Little and Chelsea Lott.

The duo helped the Lady Indians win the Class 2A state championship this season.

Legacy All-Stars will not participate in the summer clinic all-star activities but will receive a certificate and Legacy All-Star patch.

#### TOLAR'S BROWN HONORED BY THSCA

Tolar running back Peyton Brown has been named a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association Class 2A Super Elite Football Team. The THSCA Super Elite Teams consists of high

school players nominated by members of the Texas High School Coaches Association. The award recognizes student athletes across the state of Texas for their exemplary athletic achievement in their respective sport.

The qualifications to be nominated are:

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Have been a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination.

Player has excelled as an elite member in their respective sport.

Brown, a sophomore, led all of Class 2A Division I in rushing yards (2.777), touchdowns (49) and total points (296). He led all state classifications in TDs and points and was third in rushing yards.

Nationally, he ranked 10th in TDs, 11th in points and 21st in rushing yards.

#### **TGCA CHEER**

Jaxon Robinson of Granbury has been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Cheer squad. The junior was named to the Class 5A-6A Red Team. She was, likewise, named 5A All-State

Academic All-State honors from Granbury went to seniors Alina Porter, Abiah Wark, Tryniti Barks, Rylan DeRouen, Karlee Greene and Avery Thomas.

## Eight GHS athletes participate in last College Signing Day of semester

From Staff Reports

The Granbury ISD Athletic Department hosted the final College Signing Day of the 2022-23 school year on Tuesday, May 16. Eight student-athletes were



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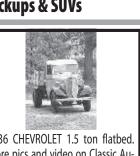
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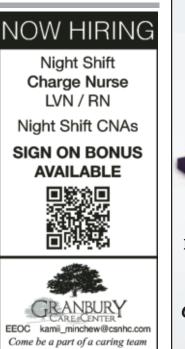
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## LGNC INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



Lake Granbury Newcomers Club installed their new officers during the May meeting. Pictured are from left to right: Incoming President Malinda Peters, First Vice President Darla Boozer, Second Vice President Treasurer Patty Kelley, Corresponding Secretary Jan Boeckel, Third Vice President Susan Burton Kennedy and Outgoing President Kelley Class.

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The Lake Granbury Newcomers Club awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to area high school graduation seniors during the May 4 meeting and luncheon. Pictured are from left to right: **President of LGNC Kelley Class, Scholarship Committee** Chair Linda Keithley, Lipan **High School senior Cristal** Bustamante, Granbury High School senior Amy Hernandez, **Granbury High School senior** Saphyre Sneed, and LGNC **Scholarships Committee** Members Kathy Norwood and Jan Boeckel.

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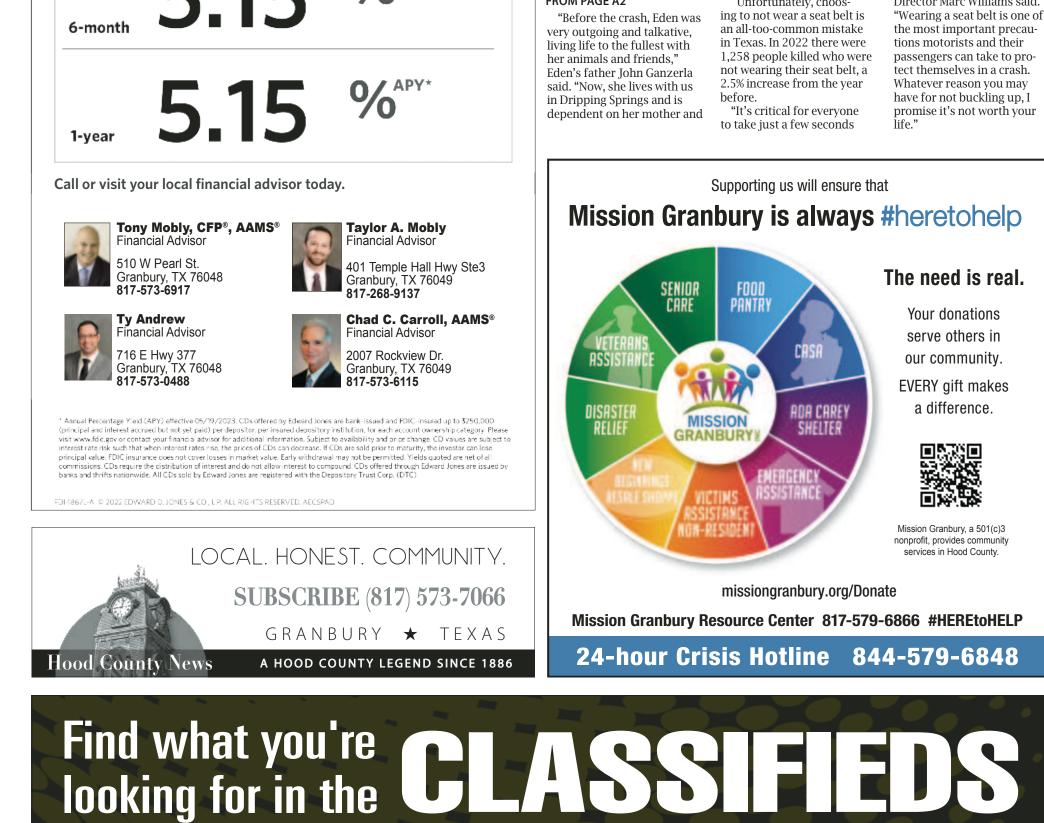
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**MID CITIES** Stamp Club-Granbury Branch will present "My Collection". This is where members present their personal collections on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Bentwater Activities Center located at 1800 Emerald Bend Court. For more information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

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Brawner Elementary held its second annual kindergarten graduation on Friday, May 19.

## Future nurses, superheroes 'fly' to first grade Brawner Elementary holds second annual kindergarten graduation

#### **BY ASHLEY INGE**

Staff Writer

spiring nurses, doctors, truck drivers, and "vegetarians" (veterinarians) walked the stage at Brawner Elementary on Friday during its second annual kindergarten graduation.

Since Brawner became a K-5 campus during the 2021-22 academic year, this is only the second time that the campus has held a kindergarten graduation.

"Today, we're celebrating the end of the year and a job well done," Brawner Elementary Principal Jincy Ross said.

A total of 150 students from eight classes graduated kindergarten on May 19, with each class having its own separate ceremony.

As a special treat to their parents, students also performed the Brawner Elementary version of "Don't Stop Believin' " and "You

Brawner said. "They are like our babies now. We've gotten so close to them."

And the feeling is definitely mutual, as Ruiz herself has experienced.

"Just a while ago, we kind of gave them high fives as they were leaving and one girl, she said, 'I'm gonna miss you so much,'" Ruiz said. "I'm like 'It's okay, honey. I'm gonna be here next year, and so are you.' They think this is the end."

"A lot of the kinder kids will cry on the last days," Ross chimed in. "They will get tearyeved "

students' growth and maturity. "When they come to (kindergar ten), some of them go to pre-K, but not all of them, so these kindergarten teachers are amazing,' she said.

With five general education classes and three dual-language classes, each kindergarten teacher has worked tirelessly to prepare their children for first grade.

"These ladies have an unlimited amount of patience and love that is poured over your children every day," Ross said, speaking to the parents during Friday's ceremony. "We are so thankful to work with Ms. Hardaway and our year-long student teacher Ms. Martinez, and also Mrs. Cheyne, Ms. Escalon, Ms. Herrnandez, Ms. Moreno, Mrs. Rickert, Mrs. Wheeler, and Mrs. Coker. These kinder teachers are truly the best of the best.'



Are My Sunshine."

"This class is precious," Sandy Ruiz, assistant principal at

From their first day feeling jittery and rambunctious to today, Ross said she is proud of her

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A total of 150 Brawner Elementary students graduated from kindergarten on Friday, May 19, with each student receiving a hug from Assistant Principal Sandy Ruiz, right, and Principal Jincy Ross, far left, when they crossed the stage.

## Area golfers/friends shine at state

#### **BY RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Hood *County News* 

Hanna Gaylor said she had a great time competing at the Class 2A Girls State Golf Tournament as a freshman in 2022.

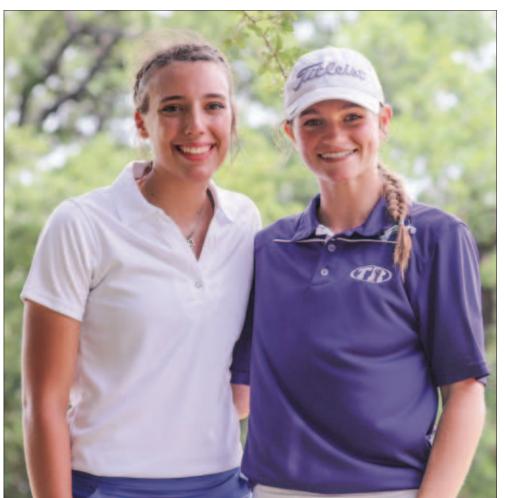
This time, it was even more fun for the Lipan Lady Indian - not only because she brought home a bronze medal, but she was also joined by her friend, Tolar freshman Callan Nix.

The duo ended the season among the best in Texas. Gaylor finished third and Nix was right behind her in fourth place.

Gaylor posted a two-day total of 159 (83-76) at the Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16. Nix fired a 161 (82-79). After their opening rounds, they were paired together on the second day of play, something that seemed to relax and inspire both of them.

"I think playing her helped me relax more the second day, knowing that she was there and someone I could talk to during the round," Gaylor said. "We kept encouraging each other during the day, and at the end we both ended up shooting our best rounds of the season, which is a great accomplishment."

Tolar coach Scott Richardson said of his freshman star, "Callan was amazing both days. She fought through adversity to put together two excellent



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Nix pictured with Hanna Gaylor of Lipan. Gaylor shot 83, 76 to win the silver medal for 3rd place.

rounds. It was fun on Day 2 to get to play with a district opponent and battle for a medal."

"The atmosphere of all the people from Hood County cheering on both kids was really special."

Sisters Ainsley and Avery Burns of Mason finished first and second with scores of 149 (72-77) and 158 (81-

77), respectively. "Hanna was fun to play with because we are very competitive, but we can still have fun and support each other," Nix said. "State was a very good experience. I am looking forward to the next season and hopefully make it to the podium with

#### Hanna."

After the opening round, Nix was tied for sixth and Gaylor was in eighth place. 'I think the difference between Day 1 and 2 was my confidence," Gaylor said. "I didn't think I played my best and I still shot pretty

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### GISD students master district's dyslexia program

#### From Staff Reports

Several Granbury ISD middle school and high school students were honored for mastering the school district's dyslexia program in the Granbury ISD Administration Building on May 17.

The recognized students from Granbury High School, Acton Middle School, and Granbury Middle School completed a five-year program through the Multisensory Teaching Approach (MTA) during the 2022-23 school year.

Students honored were Zoey Brown, Logan Odom, Lilly Sprinkles, Brooks Thompson, Bryson Beaman, Abygal Bond, Hannah Chapell, Jalysha Coaster, Riley Crow, Kash Travis Davis, Britan Gatlin, Thomas Hawkins, Peyton Hawkins, Tyler Johnson, Cayden Jones, Whitman Kemper, Rebekah Killough, Blake Kimbrell. Kaylee Leisure, Miguel Lopez, Gracie Martin, Zander Mckinzie, Brooks Meyer, Killian Moore, Abigail Nichols, Eric Preza, Chevy Rasco, William Rangel Reveles, Jessie Richardson, Gunner Sage, Theron Salles, Grace Shackelford, Samuel Shockey, Caden Sliva, Addison Toth, Jaxon Tyler, Keithen Vassar, Brody Wilkins, Ruffus Wolf, Uriel Escobar, Raquel Douglas, Skye Lange, Faith Mcginnis, Josiah Alarcon, Bryson Bush, James Collins, Gunner Dunlap, Arianna Fisher, Suriah Galindo, Julianna Garcia, Makayla Gibson, Katara Glidewell, Lorah Grumke, Sheri Harmon, Austin Kirby,

Brooklyn Logan, Zane Lopez, Damon Mancha, Jax McWilliams, Rickey Nelson, Joseph Piersante, Jessie Pierson, Callie Richards , Braydon Swaim, Autumn Thornton, Gabriel Valdez, Keegan Vanderpool, Ellie Whipple, Noah Pursche, Liam Aguilar, and William Skidmore.

According to the International Dyslexia Association, dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin and is characterized by difficulties with accurate word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. Individuals may struggle with reading, which can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.

MTA is a research-based program for the remediation of dyslexia and other reading disabilities. It follows research begun at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in 1965 and provides a proven approach to teaching reading, spelling, and handwriting to students who require a structured, multisensory presentation. Reliable reading and spelling patterns in the English language are taught using multisensory discovery techniques that are intensive, systemic, and sequential.

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## Granbury Optimist Club awards scholarships to seniors



#### More than 30 Hood County seniors received scholarships from the Granbury Optimist Club on May 9.

Van Patten, Gene Williams,

#### From Staff Reports

The Granbury Optimist Club awarded more than 30 scholarships to Hood County seniors at the club's breakfast ceremony on Tuesday, May 9.

A total of 29 Granbury High School seniors received scholarships from the Granbury Optimist Club: Amy Hernandez, Diorlan Granados Duran, Lydia Strickland, Isabella Vazquez, Citlaly Rodriguez, Marisol Coronilla, Julia Vargas Madonado, Annabel Dikes, Krizln Cooper Sanderson, Claudia Morales, Carolina Espinosa Garcia, Adee Gonzalez, Dylan Livingston, Jordan Scott Buchanan, Cameron Lee Kokot, Tessa Schulte, Abiah Wark, Katherine Wood, Gavin Logsdon, Claire Burdett, Perla S. Martinez, Preston Beauchamp, Hailey Golen, Daisy Villafranco, Jayton Glenn, Saphyre Sneed, and Braydon Olthoff.

Additionally, two Tolar High School seniors Aiden Wolf and Isabella Carpenter received Granbury Optimist Club scholarships, along with Lipan High School senior Cristal Bustamante, and Cornerstone Christian Academy senior Anna Felty.

"Generous donations to our club made the scholarships possible, and we thank all those who worked hard to award these amazing students," shared a representative from the Granbury Optimist Club. "We congratulate these deserving students and wish them the best in their future success."

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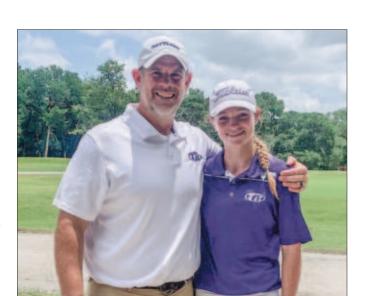
Optimist Club President Taylor Mobly, left, and Kathy Mobly, far right, present Tolar High School senior Aiden Wolf with the H-E-B Scholarship.

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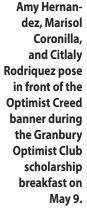
good. I knew going into Day 2 that I needed to play really good to have a shot at a medal, so I was ready to go out the next day and compete.

"All in all, I think my sophomore season was a great success. I learned so much each week and improved every week. I finished my season shooting my best round of the year, which was my goal all along."

Gaylor improved by 34



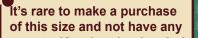
Coach Scott Richardson is pictured with Callan at the close of the





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strokes from her 2022 state performance when she shot 193 (94-99) and finished 23rd.

Richardson noted that Nix's in-round response to a tough stretch on the opening day was impressive.

"Tough breaks on some shots," he said. "She had three bad holes in a row and then she had four pars and two birdies over the next six holes. Great response."

Gaylor is coached by her mother, Wendy Gaylor, a state champion in golf for Haskell High School in 1998. Prior to that she was third as a sophomore - like Hanna - and second as a junior. "It is very special coaching your daughter. I was fortunate when I played to be coached by my dad," coach Gaylor said. "I played the same course Hanna has the last two years, so it's pretty

tournament.

special to be on the other side. We both won bronze our sophomore year, which is pretty cool, too.

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"End to end, I love watching her compete and just being a small part of it."

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## Paving the way for the future of guns The owner of Granbury's Bond Guns Inc. turns passion into innovation

#### **BY ABIGAIL GAGE**

Special to the Hood County News

ordon Bond, the owner of Bond Guns Inc., uses his passion for innovative gun design to give back to the community of Granbury. In 2007, Bond purchased Bond Guns from his brother and began finding ways to refine various features of guns to enhance safety and quality.

Bond said his innovation began when he started marketing the classic "snake gun" as a means of personal protection.

"What I found out was that small personal protection handguns were selling the best, so we changed our marketing," Bond said. "A lot of handguns that are out there right now are polymer, and they are lightweight. So, it is sort of our claim to fame that nobody

else makes a gun this small that shoots the big calibers like we do."

Bond said these guns, which many customers refer to as a hand cannon, also entice buyers due to their quality appearance.

"We really put a lot of time and effort into making them look pretty," Bond said. "We have tackle box models and fancy models, and the fancy models are the ones that people

want to keep as heirlooms because they are unique, pretty-looking guns."

Bond's guns have made appearances in movies and television shows, such as Murder Mystery, Longmire, John Wick 3, and Castle.

Bond said he is currently working on launching a new rifle with a modern lever action. He first showcased the prototype for this gun at the 2023 Shot Show in Las Vegas, where it won best firearm of the show and has since received over 7 million views on You-Tube.

Bond said that four days after the Shot Show, Bond Arms' new prototype was trending on Google.

"We were just planning to show some people to get feedback and go back to the drawing board, but it just sort of took a life," Bond said. "People loved the concept, and so now we are just trying to figure out how to manufacture them. We were not expecting such a demand."

Bond is also eager to promote Bond Arms' newest launch- the Cyclops. Bond said this gun was created after he received continued interest from customers for a single barrel gun.

"My brother thought the company was pretty much done with innovation when he sold it to me, but he said, 'man, you keep coming up with ways to make it fresh and new," Bond said.

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Pictured is Bond Guns Inc. owner, Gordon Bond.



## **DIAMOND RATTLER AWARDS FOR TOLAR ISD** Submitted item

The following employees were recognized at our school board meeting last night and presented with the Diamondback Rattler Award by School Board Member, Matt Imel:



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### ONCE AGAIN, FLAGS TO HONOR VETERANS

#### **BY RICK MAUCH**

Special to the Hood County News s has been a tradition in Hood County and the nation, veterans will once again be honored with flags in 2023. This year, the Rally Project is taking a new approach to its way of honoring. This Memorial Day weekend, May 26-29, the organization will have 44 American flags on display at half-mast in memory of the average of 44 veterans of war who take their lives or die from self-injury on a daily basis throughout the country.

Doug Pruitt, Founder and Executive Director of the Rally Project, cited those numbers (24 on average by suicide, 20 on average by self-inflicted injury) from a study by America's Warrior Partnership called Operation Deep Dive.

"We call them American Servant Warriors," Pruitt said. "It's not only the physical, but emotional and behavioral needs they have due to the cumulative or single incident trauma that comes with their duties."

The flags will have multiple tags attached to them, Pruitt said, each tag remembering a lost veteran.

The event also moved to a new location in 2022, 5715 Matlock Rd., just down from Revolver Brewing Company.

"The landowner has had the property for sale for the last few years. With that in mind, we knew that we would have to relocate at some time, so we did not want to be caught offguard," Pruitt said. "The new location has better County Sheriff's Department.

"As a law enforcement chaplain, I have been on too many veterans' suicides, and just wanted to see what I could do to assist these brave men and women, so they don't spiral into this desperate act," Pruitt said.

"My years in Bible college never equipped me for this, so I connected with our local behavioral health agency and The Veterans Mental Health Department of Texas and became a certified peer to peer network team leader with the MVPN (Military Veteran Peer Network)."

The VMHD focuses on ensuring access to competent mental health services for service members, veterans, and their families. They work with partners at the national, state, and local level to address veteranspecific issues, including suicide prevention/ intervention and veteran homelessness.

Getting veterans out of homelessness is a large part of what the Rally Project



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Two events in Granbury will honor fallen veterans and first responders with flags. The Rally Project will have 44 flags at half-mast in honor of the average amount of veterans who die by their own hand on a daily basis throughout America. The Granbury chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will host opening ceremonies for "Hometown Heroes and Field of Flags," which will feature Taya Kyle, widow of American Sniper Chris Kyle as the featured speaker.

ing veterans struggling with trauma by getting involved in their local veterans' service organizations and assisting at events. "Sometimes the easiest thing is to just get to know these local veterans and let them see that they are not alone in their lives back here at home," he said. "So often the transition from military service back to civilian life is difficult because of the lack of structure, purpose and so often thinking that civilians could never understand what they have gone through, so they don't wanna talk about it.

"Then it bottles up and



parking and we partnered with Revolver Brewing to hold our ceremonies inside their beautiful facility.

"Saturday will be the end of our annual RUCK March. We and Revolver will have a short moment of silence and toast to the men and women that gave their lives during service to this great nation."

The moment and silence will be around 2 p.m., Pruitt said. The public is invited. There will also be live music provided.

Pruitt did not serve in the military himself but has two uncles who were in the Navy and a young cousin who served as a Marine and then in the Army before retiring with multiple tours. Also, he has served as a chaplain with the Hood does. In fact, they plan to literally build houses for them, Pruitt said, adding that they have plans to build a Warriors Village in the DFW area with at least a dozen homes.

This weekend's event is one of three each year the Rally Project must honor veterans and fallen heroes, Pruitt said. They will also do so on Sept. 11 in Willow Park and on Veterans Day (Nov. 11) at a site to be announced.

Pruitt said future plans are to hold these three events in other cities and states, including Colorado, Kansas City and Atlanta.

"And other metropolitan areas as we see needs," he said.

Pruitt noted communities can play a big role in help-

comes out when life presses hard against them."

The Field of Flags event also serves as a fundraiser. For a \$50 donation, a person can receive a personalized tag and a flag.

Pruitt said the funds raised will go to their special operations group fund to assist in the operations of The Rally Project. Donations are tax deductible as the Rally Project is a nonprofit organization.

Pruitt said volunteers are welcome to assist in organizing and preparation of the flags, and after the event in organizing the proper storage of the flags and equipment used. To learn more, visit ral-

lyproject.com.

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#### **DOUG PRUITT** Founder and Executive Director of the Rally Project

#### TAYA KYLE TO SPEAK AT "HOMETOWN HEROES" EVENT

For the first the annual "Hometown Heroes and a Field of Flags" celebration in Granbury - not to be confused with the Rally Project's event - will have an opening ceremony. It will be hosted by the Granbury chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and feature guest speaker Taya Kyle. Kyle, whose late husband, and veteran Chris Kyle is recognized by many as the American Sniper, will offer an address for the opening ceremony which begins Friday, May 26 at 5 p.m.

Held over Memorial Day Weekend and now in its 11th year, the event is a display of over 350 American flags, many with a banner honoring a U.S. military veteran or a first responder.

Kyle works to carry on the

legacy of her late husband, whose story was memorialized in his internationally bestselling book "American Sniper" and the Academy Award-nominated movie of the same name directed by Clint Eastwood.

She is also a New York Times best-selling author with her book, "American Wife." She currently serves as the Executive Director of her nonprofit, Taya and

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#### **BY MICKY SHEARON**

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he Granbury Opera House has witnessed many memorable moments and performances during its rich history. With Granbury Theatre Company's current production of "Treasure Island," you can add another to that "memorable moment" category. Portraying the older and younger version of the same character in the show, Wayne Trimble and his son, Travis, take the stage together for the first time.

Their real-life connection adds an extra layer of depth and authenticity to their dual roles. "Wayne and Travis obviously share similar looks, but their mannerisms, facial expressions, body language, vocal inflections, even their British accents, are remarkably alike, enhancing the believability of their portrayal," said the show's Director, Kyle Hoffman.

Wayne, known as GTC's company videographer, has been involved with the Granbury Theatre Company since 2015, when his daughters, Tiffany and Victoria, first joined. Travis, then age seven, soon followed suit, being cast in GTC's production of Mary Poppins. Trimble's other daughter, Tessa, was cast in GTC's Oliver a few months later. However, this time, it's

Wavne's turn to step into the limelight as he makes his debut appearance on the Opera House stage alongside his son. Despite a long hiatus from acting, Wayne has had previous experience in the industry, including a brief stint in films such as "Action U.S.A." and doing camera work on such movies as "Leprechaun" and "Noises Off" and TV shows "The Practice," "Picket Fences," and "Northern Exposure."

He has also directed theatrical productions at Cottonwood Church in Dublin for several years.

When asked about his inspiration for participating in Treasure Island alongside his son, Wayne explained, "After my daughters started performing with the company, I became the videographer for GTC. Travis followed suit and joined the stage a year later. Travis' passion for performing reignited recently after taking acting classes at the Granbury Theatre Academy. When he auditioned for the role of Jim Hawkins in Treasure Island, I couldn't resist the opportunity to audition as well. The chance to share the stage with my son was

too great to pass up." In the play, Wayne portrays the older version of Jim Hawkins, while Travis embodies the younger and more dashing incarnation. This dynamic allows them to draw from their real-life experiences as a father and son. Wayne shared, "The beauty of sharing a role with my son is that, just as in real life, I bring an older, wiser perspective, while



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Travis brings the youthful, adventurous spirit."

Performing alongside his son has profoundly impacted Wayne and Travis's relationship. Wayne said, "Travis is not only my son; he's my lifelong friend and best friend. We only grow closer with each passing year. This opportunity to perform together in Treasure Island is beyond special and will be cherished for a lifetime."

Performing the role of the younger Jim Hawkins, Travis has gained a lot of insight into his dad and a better understanding of their relationship. "It's been fun seeing a side of my dad that I don't normally see! He's usually a director or a cameraman, so watching him act has been great", Travis said. "He's a great storyteller, and the way he narrates the show reminds me of the way he used to tell us bedtime stories... with a lot of drama!"

Wayne and Travis hope to impart a valuable lesson to the audience through their performance in Treasure Island. Wayne explained, COURTEST OF

"Just as Jim Hawkins embraced the opportunity for adventure when it unexpectedly arrived at his doorstep, we embraced the opportunity to perform in Treasure Island together. The lesson of the play is to seize upon chances for adventure whenever they present themselves, as they are fleeting and not to be missed."

You can see Wayne and Travis perform in "Treasure Island" at the Granbury Opera House through May 29.

## Granbury Tractor Supply to host farmers' market

#### Staff Reports

Farmers' market to be hosted by Granbury Tractor Supply store on Saturday, May 27. The market will feature fresh produce, as well as other seasonal products from local vendors.

"This is a great opportunity for members of our community to support local farmers while also getting to enjoy deliciously fresh food," Bill Sims, manager of the Granbury store said. "As a company, we believe in fostering community relationships while supporting the rural lifestyle, and this event allows us to do just that."

The Farmers' Market will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shoppers can stop in for arts & crafts, jewelry, and baked goods. Participating vendors will have tables set up at the tented space by the storefront where they will showcase their goods.

This event is open to the public and will take place at Granbury Tractor Supply located at 2105 W. Highway 377. For more information, please contact the store at 817-573-1621.



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n North Central Texas, summer rain rarely follows spring showers. The water tap typically shuts off by July 4th! Knowing this, we should collect rainwater while it is readily available. Your stored water will help you affordably grow vegetable and ornamental plants if drought and water restrictions ensue.

Efficient water use is increasingly urgent given our limited supply of both groundwater and surface water. Rainwater is easily diverted, captured, and stored for later use. If treated, rainwater may be used for drinking. But since Texas communities regularly expend 30-60 percent of their total water consumption on landscape irrigation, this single use is where the greatest conservation gains may be attained. Harvesting water to irrigate landscapes not only makes an efficient use of a valuable resource,

but the practice can also reduce water bills, slash demand on municipal water supplies and reduce flooding, erosion, and surface water contamination.

Plants prefer rainwater! It is free of salts and other minerals that harm root growth. As rain percolates into the soil, it pushes salts (prevalent in fertilizers) down and away from root zones leaving them a better environment in which to grow. The deeper the roots grow, the more drought tolerant the plants become. Storm water falling on

impermeable surfaces runs off immediately, causing erosion and washing pollutants into area waterways. Roofs, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots and roads are typical of the impermeable surfaces found in urban areas. Diverting some of this rain helps to slow the runoff and allows water more time to soak into the ground. To mitigate flooding and erosion, direct the rain hitting rooftops into gutters and then into harvesting systems, such as rain barrels.

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#### **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).

#### **GRIEFSHARE 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." Regis133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximun weight scale: 400 pounds.

#### **GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY**

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#### **RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE**

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"And, yeah, we have got new products still coming."

Through Bond's success, he has prioritized giving back to his community and has donated nearly 100 guns to various auctions and charities around Granbury.

'On the retail market, our guns normally go for, say, four to six hundred dollars," Bond said. "But,

at these charity auctions, they will go for a thousand to two thousand dollars. So, they have been a really popular way of raising money."

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## DAR holds installation of new officers

#### Submitted item

Brigadier General Robin Babb Akin, U.S. Army, Retired, was installed as Regent of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), on May 15, 2023, during a ceremony held at the Acton United Methodist Church. General Akin brings to the Granbury chapter over 35 years of experience in military and civilian personnel management and international logistics operations, as well as a long list of firsts. She was one of only 22 general officers in the United States Army in April 2009 when she was promoted to brigadier general. General Akin was also the first female to be a platoon leader, the first female as a brigade commander in her outfit in Germany, the first female general officer in the 3rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), and she was the only woman in her Master Parachutist class in 1986. General Akin served as the assistant chief of staff for logistics at United States Forces Korea and as deputy assistant chief of staff for logistics at South Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command. She held senior leadership positions in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and Operation Unified Response in Haiti. General Akin retired from military service in May of 2013 and was selected and sworn back into the United States Army in September 2017 to serve as a member of the Senior Army Executive Service. She is currently a HQ Combined Armed Center Senior Highly Expert Mentor. In addition, General Akin continues to volunteer for a number of veteran and women non-profit organizations in the north Texas area.

Conducting the installation ceremony was Marcy Carter-Lovick, State Regent of Texas, and Honorary Regent of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter. She oversees the daily operations of the Texas State Society (DAR) with 199 chapters and 19,317 members across the state. Lovick served as Regent of the Granbury Chapter from 2007 to 2009.

Other newly installed chapter officers include Christine Waterfield-Copeland, Vice Regent; Margaret Cook, Chaplain; Andrea Burt, Recording Secretary; Janet Smith, CorrespondNew officers of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter shown from left to right are: Brigadier General Robin Akin, Regent; Christine Waterfield-Copeland, Vice Regent; Margaret Cook, Chaplain; Andrea Burt, Recording Secretary; Janet Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Margo Walsh, Treasurer; Karen Nace, Registrar; and Kay Lee, Historian. Not pictured is Carol Benson, Librarian. on June 5, 1987, with 26 ing Secretary; Margo Walsh, Treasurer: Karen Nace, Registrar; Carol Benson, Librar-

charter members. Today, the chapter boasts 139 members, including Crockett descendants and several women military veterans. The National Society

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with more than 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world.

DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. More than one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

For more information about DAR membership, visit www.texasdar.org/ chapters/ElizabethCrockett/.

#### **FLAGS FROM PAGE B5**

Chris Kyle Family-Service Family Strong, with a mission to serve God, country, and service marriages.

Special music for the opening ceremony will be provided by local artist Adam Richards. Additionally, a bugler will play "Retreat" and "Taps."

At the event site, citizens

will be able to purchase flags to place in the field in memory or in honor of a veteran or first responder.

The closing ceremony will be held on Memorial Day at 2 p.m. and features special guest speaker former Army Ranger Mike Kurth, one of several dozen veterans of the Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia on Oct. 3, 1993, in which 19 soldiers died. The story was told in the movie "Black Hawk Down."

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Remarks will also be delivered by Granbury resident and Gold Star wife and mother, Gail Joyce, whose youngest son, Sgt. James Casey Joyce, an Army Ranger, died in that battle. In 2012, she launched this annual event to ensure that her son and all hometown heroes are forever remembered and honored.

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Smith are Honorary Regents

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Alamo hero David Crockett,

was organized in Granbury

Margaret Cook and Janet

and Kay Lee is a Charter

Member of the chapter.

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Patton Crockett, wife of

The closing ceremony will also feature an Aerial Skydive with a giant American

flag by Sergeant First Class Dana Bowman, U.S. Army (retired), double amputee and founder of the HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation.

Bowman was a Special Forces soldier and a member of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, the Golden Knights. He lost his legs in an accident during their annual training in Yuma, Arizona, in 1994.

The closing ceremony will

also feature a flyover from retired pilots and the laying of the wreaths by several Gold Star Families

Both the opening and closing ceremonies and display of flags will take place at Memorial Field, 3602 E. Hwy 377 in Granbury. The field of flags will be open throughout Memorial Day weekend from dawn to dusk.

Those who wish to donate to support Home-

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town Heroes may do so by visiting the event web site honoringhometownheroes. org. All profits will support veterans, their families, and survivors in need, and the Granbury High School JROTC program.

Local citizens wishing to provide volunteer hours in support of the event should contact Cathy Castro at 817-727-3083.

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Rick Dailey is a U.S. Air Force Veteran from Fairbury, Illinois. He joined the U.S. Air Force in May of 1994, attended basic training at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, TX, and technical school to become a F-16 Crew Chief at Shephard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX. During Dailey's 1994-2005 Air Force service he supported multiple real-world efforts to include Operation Provide Comfort in 1995 to defend Kurdish refugees fleeing their home in northern Iraq in the aftermath of the Gulf War. In 1996 he was stationed in Muwaffaq Salti AB, Azraq Jordan, and supported Operation Southern Watch to monitor and control Iraq airspace and prevent Iraq strikes against the Shi'ite Muslims. Dailey also served at Osan AFB in South Korea and Prince Sultan AB in Saudi Arabia before his final Air Force tour from 2002-05 at Shephard AFB, Wichita Falls as an instructor for

Dailey transitioned to the Air National Guard in 2005 and served at multiple bases within the continental US until his departure from active duty in 2011 as a Staff Sergeant (E-6). From 2011-13 he worked at Lockheed Martin and deployed to Afghanistan to support US forces by providing Persistent Threat Detection Device coverage at conventional and special forces Forward Operating Bases in eastern Afghanistan. From 2013 to the present, he has worked at Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth on the F-35 equipment support project team.

Dailey moved to Granbury in 2013 with his wife Tracy of 27 years, and they have two children and an adorable 4-yr old granddaughter. Dailey is a member of the local Riley Stephens Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7835 where he has recently been elected commander for 2023-24. His hobbies include motorcycle riding, Texas Hold'em, and spending time with his granddaughter.

#### **SUPPORT FROM PAGE B6**

**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 CAREGIV-ERS** 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** 

fast for anyone grieving the

loss of someone they love

at 10 a.m., The Big O Res-

taurant,1302 S. Morgan St.

219-9833.

Details: 817-894-2449 or 817-

**GRIEF SUPPORT** break-

#### **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 CAREGIV-**

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

#### **FOURTH TUESDAY**

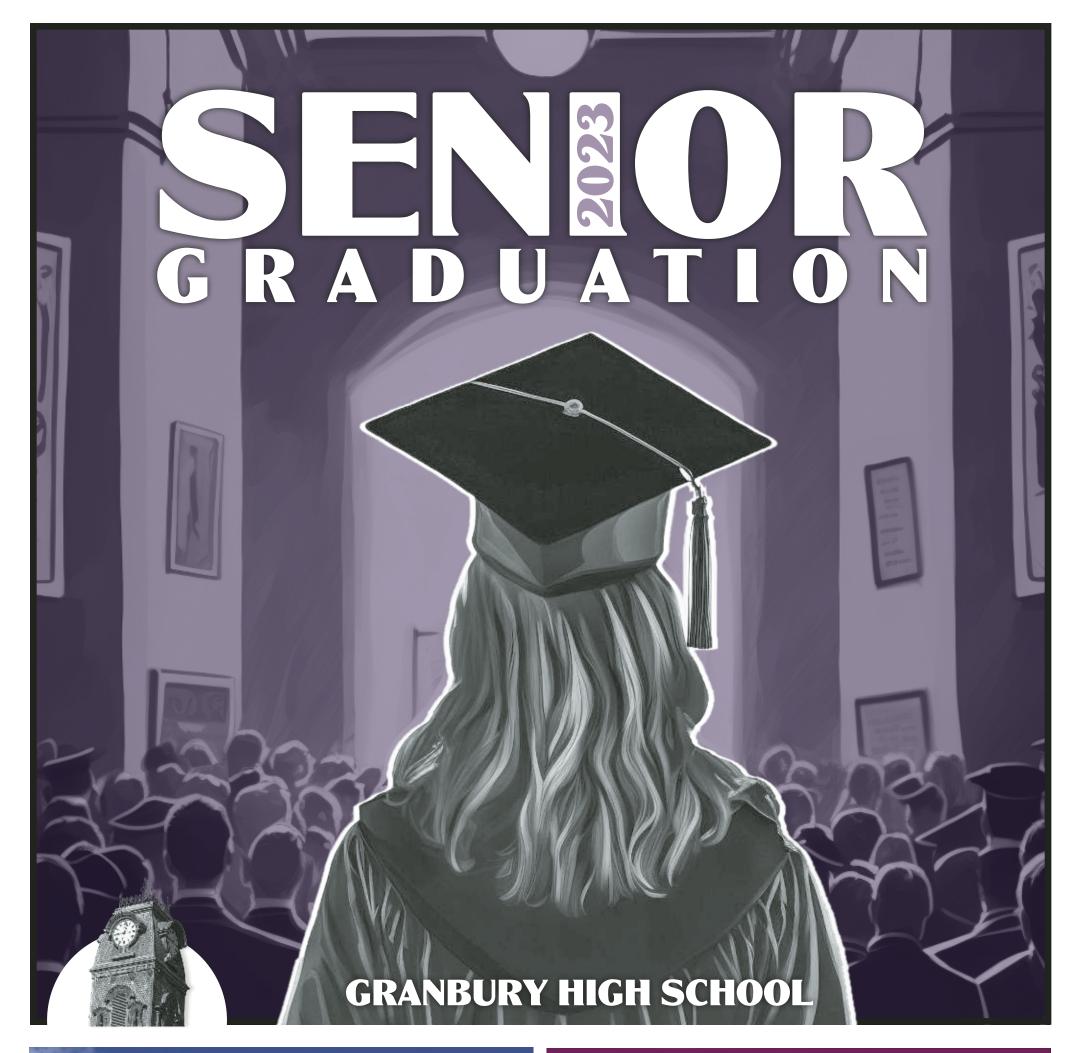
#### **PARKINSON'S SUPPORT**

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

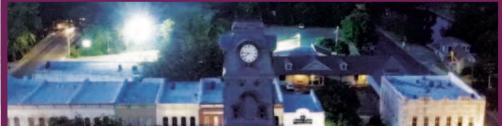
#### **FOURTH SATURDAY**

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

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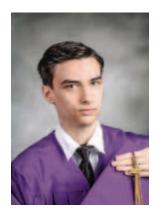


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WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023







Ayden Adams



Avin Alexander



Hannah Adkins



Christopher Almaguer





Iustin Alonzo







Joaquin Aguado Espinosa



Grace Amos



Xavier Alarcon Licona



Nathaniel Andrews













**Brianne** Arista

Jose Alvarado IV

Sports: Football

School

Choir

Hogan

Barks

School

Parents: Irene Galvan

Favorite teacher: Mrs

Favorite subject: Science

Weatherford then UTA for

Parents: Amber and Ronnie

Plans after graduation:

software engineering

School: Granbury High

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Tryniti Barks

School: Granbury High

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Ashton Arlington

Student Council Junior class president and student

body secretary (senior

year), varsity cheer, Na-

tional Honor Society junior

Hvde Law Firm through the

Sports: Track 9-11th grade.

and senior year, Intern at

CTE law practicum class.

Cheer junior and senior

Favorite teacher: Dr. Dias

Favorite subject: English

and CTE law enforcement

Plans after graduation: I

pursue a degree in criminal

plan to attend ACU and

justice or pre-law.

year.

classes.

Efrain Arriaga

Parents: Edward and Becki

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Pirate Production Studios,

Sports: Lady Pirate power-

lifting, team captain, three-

editor. Student council,

year regional qualifier.

Favorite subject: Film

Plans after graduation:

Favorite teacher: Coach

School: Granbury High

**Anne Barnes** 

Barnes

School

treasurer.

Galindo

class

Jose **Aviles Morales** 



**Carly Barton** Parents: Matt and Jennifer



Ryan Baker

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society Sports: Volleyball, alldistrict honorable mention, academic all-state honorable mention Favorite teacher: Mrs. Morisette Favorite subject: Health Science Plans after graduation: Plan to attend Tarleton University to study criminal justice.

**Madison Black** Parents: Phillip and Lana Black

Jeremiah Bankston

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** NHS, WIT Sports: Lady Pirates soccer, Lady Pirates basketball, Sparta 05 competitive soccer Favorite teacher: Coach Rhodes and Mrs. Pieren Favorite subject: Health Science Plans after graduation: I plan on attending McMurry University to play soccer and major in kinesiology.



proud of you. A new chapter is beginning and we know you will be successful regardless of what that may be.

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We love you, **Granny** and Papa







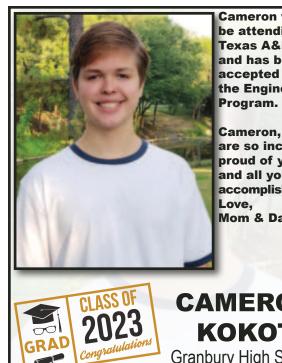
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We are so proud of the person you've become. Your hard work, dedication, and creativity amaze us. We can't wait to see all you will accomplish. Love- Mom, Dad, and Wesley

JACK

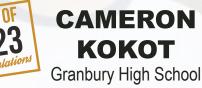
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**Granbury High School** 



**Cameron will** be attending Texas A&M and has been accepted into the Engineering

Cameron, we are so incredibly proud of you and all your accomplishments! Mom & Dad





Jack Barefoot



Tryniti Barks



Anne Barnes



Olivia Barone



Carly Barton



Bradley Bauer



Preston Beauchamp

Devin

Bird

Parents: Raquel and Chris

School: Granbury High

Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Favorite subject: English

Plans after graduation:

**Zachary Michael Brief** 

Parents: Marcella Brief

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Christopher Beaver



Joseph BeBello



Josue Becerra Carreon



Torryn Bedinghaus



Logan Bowen

Sports: Stowaways Favorite teacher: Mrs. Kelsey Daffan and Mr. Nathan Dubois Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: College at UNT

Bailee Burenheide Parents: Crystal Burenheide and Richard Burenheide School: Granbury High



Jaime Bent



Austin Boyce

School Clubs and Organizations: Choir, FFA, Jr.Optimist, NHS, Granbury Junior Leadership Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fisher Favorite subject: Choir Plans after graduation: Go to Texas AandM and major in pre-vet







Madison Black

School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: MCJROTC Sports: MCJROTC orienteering team Favorite teacher: Col. Casey Favorite subject: ASL Plans after graduation: I enlisted into the United States Air Force Reserve and leave the day after



Aaren Bolton

graduation for basic training in Lackland Air base. I will be stationed at Tinker Air Base in OK.

Madalyn Brinkley Parents: Chris Brinkley, Erica Sledge School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: All around master Sports: Track

Steven Bonner Favorite teacher: Mrs.Allen Favorite subject: Lifetime Nutrients

**Favorite subject:** Lifetime Nutrients **Plans after graduation:** Pursue a political career

Faith Brown Parents: Jill Brown and Henry Brown School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Art club president







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Madalyn Brinkley



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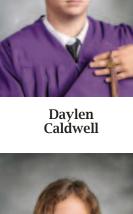


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Hailey Burns



Alyssa Callaham



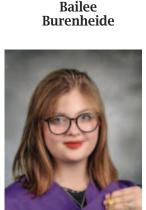


Madison **Butler** 



Vincena Callaway





Sarah **Butler** 



Lianne Campos





Nadia Cano

#### Victoria Burkey

Parents: Angela Burkey Peters (Mom) and Dr. Justus Peters and Robert Burkey(Dad) School: Granbury High School

#### **Clubs and Organizations:**

Junior Optimist Club, GHS Varsity and Acapella Choir, Multiple Award Winning Choirs 2019-2023, Individual Choir Awards: Outstanding Soloist 2021, First Division solo Contest 2021, Outstanding Soloist 2022, First Division Solo Contest 2022 Sports: The Stowaways Dance Team: Four year member, Officer for three years Sophomore Lieutenant 2020-2021, Junior

#### Samantha Carcia Salgado

Lieutenant 2021-2022, Captain 2022-2023, Individual Awards: Solo Runner Up 2021, Outstanding Performer 2022, All American Dance Team 2022, Sophomore of the Year 2020-2021, Junior of the Year 2021-2022, Senior of the Year 2022-2023, Stowaway of the Year 2022-2023; Officer Awards: Multiple Award Winning Officer Line 2020-2023, Grand National Officer Champions 2022-2023; Team Awards: Multiple Award Winning Team 2019-2023, Grand National Team Champions 2022-2023 Favorite teacher: Coach Sargent Favorite subject: Biology



Carlee Carey

Plans after graduation: Joining a college level dance team and choral program. Aiming for a bachelor's degree in biology and on to getting accepted into a medical school. Planning to be a radiologist major with a minor in voice/ opera.

Spencer Burnfield Parents: Jenni Burnfield School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society Junior Optimist Club -Treasurer, UIL Social Studies Team - 1st Place Team at District, 2nd Place Team at Region, Varsity Men's and Mixed Choirs, Lakeside

Baptist Youth Group Sports: Baseball, Golf, Powerlifting Favorite teacher: Mrs. Leatherman Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I am going to Baylor to study economics and entrepreneurship, and then I plan to go to law school.

Brannan

Carlisle

#### **Cheyenne Butler** Parents: Rebekah and Jeff Butler School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Book Club, Floral Club. FFA, Officer for Floriculture. Level one certification Graphic Design, level one certification Floral Design.

#### Makenna Carnes

Sports: Color Guard Favorite teacher: Mr. Richeson Favorite subject: Automotive Plans after graduation: Attend Lincoln Tech

#### James Byrd

**Parents:** Pamela Byrd School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** School store associate via the business curriculum. DECA member. **Sports:** Team MVP in football. Most interceptions (11) in school history. Varsity baseball Favorite teacher: Kylie Peterson, Coach Davis Favorite subject: History

Aliah Casarez

and business marketing Plans after graduation: Received an academic and athletic scholarship to play baseball for Friends University in Wichita KS.

#### Alyssa Callaham

Parents: Johnny and Jennifer Croxton School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Crimestoppers- president, National Honor Society Favorite teacher: Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Boomer Favorite subject: Government/History Plans after graduation: Dallas Institute of Funeral Service; mortuary science



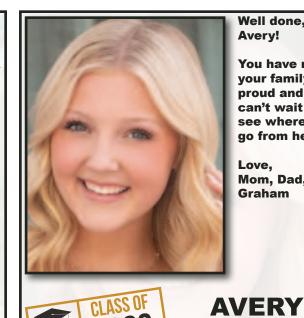
Braiden Womack has been a member of Granbury FFA and has also completed an internship with Hyde Law Firm.

He will be attending **Tarleton State** University to study agriculture

BRAIDEN

WOMACK

Granbury High School



Well done, Avery! You have made your family

proud and we can't wait to see where you go from here!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Graham

**THOMAS** 

**Granbury High School** 



"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3.

We are so proud of you, Abby!

Love, Mom, Tim, Lila, **Gracie and** Cannon









Yesenia Casarez



Miguel Castaneda Cazarez



Diamond Castillo



Vanessa Castillo



Antonio Castrejon



Albert Castro



Kianna Castro



Blajh Ceniza-Johnston



Kyleigh Chavez



Gabriel Christian



Clayton Christy



Cole



Phoenix Clark

Branlee Carlisle Parents: Jessi School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: FFA, AVID and earned my lonestar degree Favorite teacher: Mrs. Jackson Favorite subject: Advanced Animal Science Plans after graduation: Attending West Texas AandM and majoring in animal science

Makenna Carnes Parents: Amanda School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Avid Sports: Softball Favorite teacher: Jason Shahan Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Going to Weatherford to get my major in nursing



Diego Clavel

**Clayton Christy** Parents: John and Elizabeth Christy School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** UIL Science, Wind Ensemble, UIL Solo and Ensemble First Division, jazz band, marching band, WIT officer, National Honor Society Favorite teacher: Mr. Jose Ochoa Favorite subject: Chemistry Plans after graduation: Attending the University of

Texas at Austin majoring in chemical engineering

Cole Clark Parents: Randy and Julie Clark School: Granbury High School



Kira Clawson

Faith Clay Parents: Matthew and Sharon Clay School: Granbury High

School Clubs and Organizations: ASL club-secretary, Distinguished Level of Achievement, Endorsements: Arts and Humanities, Business and Industry, and Multidisciplinary. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Robblee-Davis and Mrs. Barnes Favorite subject: American Sign Language Plans after graduation: Nursing school

Kyleigh Chavez Parents: Crystal and Marcus Chavez School: Granbury High School



Faith Clay

Boomer Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Texas Tech University: Architecture, civil engineering

Clayton Christy Parents: Elizabeth Christy John Christy School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Workforce industry train-

ing president, UIL science team captain Favorite teacher: Mr. Ochoa Favorite subject: Chemistry Plans after graduation: Attending UT-Austin majoring in chemical engineering

Averie Coffman Parents: Jody and Meredith



Hailey Clingman

years bi-district champs, all-district academic, allstate academic first team. Top-five varsity track Freshman-Senior year, competed in long and triple jump - district finalist. Relay area finalist Favorite teacher: I have had many over the years that have left lasting impressions on me, to name a few Jackson, Adams, Anderson, Parks, Bradshaw, Watkins, Overstreet, Rose, Favorite subject: Science/ Anatomy Plans after graduation: At-

tending Texas AandM University to pursue a degree in kinesiology and become a physical therapist

Kaitlyn Cortez Parents: Amos and Mi-



Averie Coffman

for powerlifting for three years. He truly aspires me to keep my head up and push through my tough times. He was always by my side throughout not only season, but also throughout life and high school in general. He was always such a supporter of everything I did. He is such a Godly man and someday aspire to be just like him. Favorite subject: Health Science, Anatomy and Physiology

Plans after graduation: I plan to attend the University of Mary Hardin Baylor for a major in pre-med. I have always aspired to become a dermatologist and that's what I will plan on doing.

Vanessa Castillo Parents: Martha Castillo School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Spanish Club Sports: Softball, Basketball Favorite teacher: Ms. Pieren Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Four-year university, anticipated major: Biology

**Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society Sports: I played football for the Pirates for four years and received 5A Academic All District and THSCA Academic All State 2nd Team. I played golf for the Pirates for three years. Favorite teacher: Jon Allen Favorite subject: Physics Plans after graduation: I will be attending Texas Tech University in August and plan to major in business administration.

Sports: Lady Pirate Soccer varsity captain, all-state academics Favorite teacher: Mrs. Galvan Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend and play soccer at LeTourneau University **Gabriel Christian** Parents: Rob and Candace Christian School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Granbury High School Marching Band Favorite teacher: Andrew

Coffman School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** Choir, UIL Sweepstakes, Superintendent Leadership Council (SLC), Junior Optimist Club, Interact Club, President of National Honor Society, HOBY sophomore of the year, Optimist TexAnn Award **Sports:** Volleyball freshman year awarded will to win softball freshman year season ended early due to covid, Basketball four freshman-senior three chelle Cortez **School:** Granbury High School

Clubs and Organizations: First class to graduate with AVID on diploma, HOSA **Sports:** Powerlifting: Twotime district qualifier, two-time regional qualifier, placed 5th at regionals, earned lady fighting heart award my 2nd year, and qualified for a 1,000 scholarship from the Texas High school Women's Powerlifting Association. **Favorite teacher:** Sonny Galindo was my coach

Mason Covert Parents: Albenis and Michael Covert School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** ASL Honors Society member and Thespian Society vice president Favorite teacher: Mrs.Erin Lowery Favorite subject: Theatre Production Plans after graduation: Auditions for acting in movies, voice acting, voiceover work. etc...



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#### **GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL**



Carter Conley



Carson Cooper



Marisol Coronilla



Kaitlyn Cortez



Mason Covert



Jade Cox



Breanna Cozart



Michael Cremean



Gavin Czernik



Alan Davila



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Gabrielle Davis



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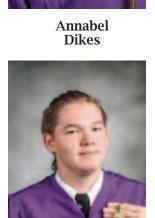


Andrew Dias



Ethan Duhaime





Marcus Eagle Star





Teagan



Dawson **Edwards** 

Jade Cox Parents: James and Julie Cox School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** NHS, FFA vice president, FFA honors: Lonestar degree, Star greendhand and chapter degree, diversified livestock proficiency. State finalist in agriscience. Ag Texas Farm Credit "Ag Youth of the month", Fort Worth Stockshow Calf Scramble Scholarship recipient.

Favorite teacher: Any of the

**Tavlor** Eidson

Ag Science teachers Favorite subject: Agriculture

Plans after graduation: Attend South Plains College and receive an associate's in agribusiness transfer to Texas Tech and receive bachelor's in animal science

#### Breanna Cozart

Parents: Anthony Cozart School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Sonya Byrd. Favorite subject: Law and public safety practicum.



Lucia Elguera

Plans after graduation: Attending Weatherford College as a vet tech.

#### Gavin Czernik

Parents: Ken Czernik School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Member TDLR licensed electrical apprentice. Sports: Tiddlywinks. Favorite teacher: Miss Brooks Favorite subject: Definitely English. Plans after graduation: Gavin will become the sole



Christopher Elliott

ruler of the USA to make a better place for everyone. Shortly followed by world domination. Space exploration will be a priority and ensure survival of the species.

Joey DeBello Parents: Holly School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Trombone section leader, Lead trombone in jazz band, Hosa member, NHS member, Received a 19,000 dollar scholarship to LSU for academics Favorite teacher: Mr. Boomer Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Going to LSU to study biological sciences

Iared

Elliott

**Rylan DeRouen** Parents: John and Trudi DeRouen School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society Officer- treasurer, Workforce Industry Training (WIT),

Health Occupation Students

Iulicia Enriquez

of America (HOSA), Student Council, Optimist Club Young Texanne, Top five in class Sports: Varsity Cheerleader. Academic all-State, Senior Sweetheart Award, JV Cheerleader- head captain, All Around Best Cheerleader, Pirate Pride Award, Sunshine Award Favorite teacher: Mrs. Morisette Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend Texas AandM University College Station and major in business administration



Ayden Davila • Tessa Fox • True Hughes Karon King • Stephen Kirchner Kaylee Kirkland • Gavin Logsdon Cynthia McKinney • Braden Montagnoli **Braydon Olthoff • Ryan Solisz** Jacob Saldana • Bryson Sparks Lydia Strickland

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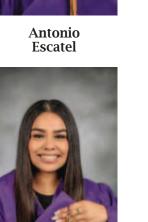
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#### **GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL**





Yolet Estrada Reyna



Chad Flatt

**Marcus Eagle Star** Parents: Trisha Hespe School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** ASL Honors Favorite teacher: Mr. Youker Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: College a major in agricultural or art

Carolina Espinosa Garcia Parents: Herminio Espinosa School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** 



Jesus Espino Suarez



Carolina Espinosa Garcia

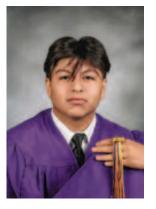


Gustavo Espinoza

Silila



Jennifer Espinoza



John of God Espinoza





### Logan Fuller

Favorite teacher: Kylee Peterson Favorite subject: Economics

Plans after graduation: Texas Tech University, Class of 2027

Logan Fuller Parents: Mary Beth Smith School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mr.Boomer Favorite subject: Marketing Plans after graduation: Plan to attend NorthWest Lineman Center in Denton, Tx

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**CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES** 



Katherine Funk

**Katherine Funk** Parents: Suzie and Doug Funk School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Thespian Society - treasurer, WIT, Spanish Honor Society Favorite teacher: Melissa Hutson Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech University



Kenneth Flower

National Honor Society, WIT, Jr. Optimist Club, HOSA. Favorite teacher: Jana Reid Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Baylor University and plan to then attend medical school.

Erika Estrada **Parents:** Erika Vazquez Chavez and Ricardo Estrada School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Pride of Granbury Band Sports: Varsity boy's bas-



Carter

Justin Floyd

ketball manager Favorite teacher: Coach Weeks Favorite subject: Health Science Theory/ Clinicals Plans after graduation: Attending Texas AandM- San Antonio

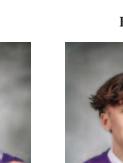
Silila Feao **Parents:** Serrine Feao School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Polynesian Club Sports: Basketball Favorite teacher: Alyssa King Favorite subject: Science

#### Fox Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Wesleyan University **Maddie Felton** Parents: Lisa Felton School: Granbury High

Tessa

School. Clubs and Organizations: Interact Club, Junior Rotary Club, GHS Anchor Store Media Manager, GHS Academic Scholar, DECA Member, GHS Fashion Show, Mission Granbury Volunteer Sports: GHS varsity tennis (captain 2023), Second team all-district-2021-2022,













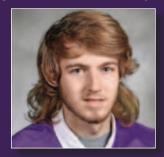


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Granbury High School



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#### Jolicoeur (Joli) St Germain **Dublin High School**

Joli 3rd in her class and also graduated from Ranger Junior College with her Associate of Arts Degree on May 5, 2023. Joli is the Chapter President of FFA and won has won 3rd in State Greenhand Creed Speaking. She has been a four-year varsity cheerleader and won All American Cheerleader in 19 and 20. Has been the secretary in National Honor Society the last two years along with many community involvement contributions throughout the last few years. She is also the reigning Miss Dublin. Joli will be attending Tarleton State University on full scholarship and then looking forward to Graduate School. The world is her oyster.



#### Michael Webb

Michael is a 2012 Granbury High School graduate. He has earned his master's of Business Administration with a dual major in Business Analytics and Entrepreneurial Management from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. A graduate with Honors of the University of Texas -Austin - B.B.A. - Finance, he will finalize the Wharton MBA program with courses at INSEAD - European Institute of Business Administration located in Fontainebleau, France.





#### **Nolan Wesley Spence** Maypearl High School

Varsity Baseball, National Honor Society, ranked 4th in his class (top 5%), Navarro **College - Associate of Science** 



#### **Justin Massey Granbury High School**

Justin played soccer all 4 years and made 2nd Team All District two years in a row. Justin plans on attending college and pursuing a degree in Engineering.





#### Jackson Dean Tucker Aledo High School

Jackson was a three year varsity soccer player and earned 2023 Honorable Mention All-District his senior year. Outside of school he enjoys hanging out with friends, family and playing golf. He will attend Texas Tech in the fall and will major in Business Management.



#### **Stephen Beare**

Stephen is a 2020 Brock High School graduate. He has earned his Associate of Art degree with honors.







Jacob Hill was born and raised in



#### Mayci Rae Jones **Glen Rose High School**

Mayci is a student athlete participating in (etball, volleyball, and Track through her years in Glen Rose. Mayci is actively an umpire for the Glen Rose Youth Baseball/Softball Association and enjoys helping coach and mentor for softball in her spare time. She will be joining FNB after graduation as a part-time teller.







Granbury, Texas. He is excited to graduate and see what the world brings him. May the best years be yet to come!





#### **Diorlan Granados** Granbury High School

I come from a small town in Venezuela, where I lived most of my life. Five years ago my parents told me we were coming to visit my aunt over the summer, but they had planned to stay without telling me about it. Moving here was one the most difficult things I have experienced. Being the new kid, not knowing the language, and leaving my whole life behind was definitely not easy. But here I am. Five years ago I didn't even see myself graduating from high school and today I can say I'm proud of myself for everything I have learned in this process and all I have achieved. All I have left to say is, gracias a mi familia y amigos por no dejar de confiar en mi, no hubiese logrado nada sin ustedes.



#### Ethan Pettus Hall **Godley High School**

Ethan will graduate as part of the 2023 class at Godley High School. He was active in many clubs and sports, including National Honor Society, Student Leadership Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes varsity baseball and football, where he was an All-State and Academic All-State selection. Ethan also earned his Unmanned Pilot Certification and was part of the Godley Drone Operations team responsible for documenting the district's growth. Ethan will attend Mississippi State University and plans to study Building Construction Science.



#### **Christopher Webb**

Christopher is a 2010 Granbury High School graduate. He has earned his Master of Public Administration from the University of Texas - Arlington. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma - B.S. - Geographic Information Systems, he continues to work in a dual role of Economic Development and Municipal Planning for the City of Farmers Branch, Texas.



#### Drew Blain Henderson **Granbury High School**

Honor Society. Academic All State. Football Jr and Sr First team all-district. Soccer First Team all-district sophomore year. Many community service hours at Christmas For Children, Mission Granbury, Senior Center. Attending Louisiana Tech in Renton, LA majoring in Logistics and Supply Chain. We are very proud of all you've accomplished and the gentle and kind person you are. Your future is bright. We love you! - John Henry and Marilyn Luton



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#### WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2023

#### **GRANBURY HIGH SCHOOL**



Kaidynce Gabbert



Diego Gamez



Anthony Garcia



Jonathan Garcia



Joshua Garcia



Arturo Garcia Jr.



Sinai Garcia



Tyler Garza



Abigail Gibson



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**Gonzalez Espinosa** 

National Honor Society, Junior Optimist, National Spanish Society, Avid Sports: Tennis. twond and threerd place in doubles Favorite teacher: Mrs. Rose Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend Weatherford College for two years then continue the next two years in a university to earn a bachelor's in business.

**Tyler Guidry** Parents: April and Danny Guidry School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** DECA Club Sports: Baseball - twond



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Jayton Glenn

Jonathan Garcia Parents: Sarah and Edgar Amaya School: Granbury High school **Clubs and Organizations:** Pract in transportation sys Favorite teacher: Micheal Beauchamp Favorite subject: Automotive Plans after graduation: Work in automotive

Jayton Glenn Parents: Jeremy and Karisa Glenn School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** Member of SLC, Junior Optimist, GHS National Honor



Bailey Glynn

Society, National Society of High School Scholars, **Congress of Future Medical** Leaders Award of Excellence, Weatherford College National Society of Leadership and Success Sports: Varsity football, three years; Academic All-District and academic All-State, Ike Thomas Student Athlete Award, Varsity track, four years Favorite teacher: Mr. Weeks and Coach Brown Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I will attend Texas AandM University in the fall where I plan to major in biomedical science to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Yay Ez!!



Hailey Golen

**Bailey Glynn** Parents: Brandi School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Coach Cellars Favorite subject: Psychology Plans after graduation: Cosmetology school

Hailey Golen Parents: Jeff Golen School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: I am a member in the National Honors Society, Junior Optimist Club, and Workforce Industry Training Club. Sports: I am on the Varsity

Kailyn **Gongora**-Martinez

golf team. I have placed first individual at JV district. Varsity placed second at the 2023 District tournament.

Favorite teacher: My favorite teacher is Greg Belleau Favorite subject: My favorite subject is AP calculus or civil engineering. Plans after graduation: I plan on majoring in electrical engineering and minoring in computer science at Texas Tech University.

Kailyn Gongora Martinez Parents: Kenia Garcia and Victor Garcia School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** 



team All-District pitcher, Academic All-District, four-year letter, swimming - two-time All-State honorable mention, three-time first team All-Region, fourtime first team All-District, two-time academic All-State, four-year letter. Favorite teacher: Tammy Bodine/Andrew Boomer Favorite subject: History/ Govt.

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Gonzalez

Plans after graduation: Committed to play baseball for Navarro College

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Avryl Graham



Diorlan Granados Duran



Karlee Greene



William Greenwalt



Noah Griffith



Noah Griffith

Justice Gumler Parents: Sandra Chazel School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Debate Sports: DC History Favorite teacher: Gilley Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Weatherford for an associate's in business marketing. Further schooling after then whatever the future

Morgan Gutowski Parents: Kelly Gutowski

School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations:

Choir Favorite teacher: Mrs. Hinojosa and Mrs. Fisher Favorite subject: My Ag classes and my choir class. Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Tarleton State for a major in pre-

veterinary medicine.



Dakota Grim

Tayler Guyer Parents: Keesha and Darsen Mattos School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mr. Hinojosa Favorite subject: Welding Plans after graduation: Trade school for welding

Raylyn Hablinski Parents: Jonathan Hablin-

ski **School:** Granbury High School

Clubs and Organizations: Pride of Granbury Band Sports: Marching band Favorite teacher: John Allen Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton State University and majoring in pre-nursing.

**Dylan Hallmark Parents:** Casey **School:** Granbury High



Makenzie Grimes

School

Clubs and Organizations: four years in the health science program, three years in the engineering program Sports: four years in crosscountry, four years in track, four years in powerlifting Favorite teacher: Mrs. Pieren

**Favorite subject:** Science **Plans after graduation:** Tarleton University

Annie Hartman Parents: Jim School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Avid, Career prep, Homecoming queen Sports: Volleyball Favorite teacher: Jason Shahan Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending Oklahoma University majoring in business management



Alice Grohmann

Liz Heil Parents: Neely and Russell

Heil School: Granbury High School

Clubs and Organizations: UIL One Act Play- best performer in district, honorable mention in Bi-District, all star cast in area, International Thespian Society- secretary, Foreign Language club- member, Spanish National Honor Society- member, Workforce Industry Training (WIT)member Favorite teacher: Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mr. Ochoa, Mrs. Hutson,

**Favorite subject:** English **Plans after graduation:** I have the pleasure to announce that I will not be attending a college in the fall, so that I can continue to pursue my dreams via film, music, and television.



Kelsey Grzybowski

**Drew Henderson Parents:** JP and Becky Gibson **School:** Granbury High School

Clubs and Organizations: National Honor Society, GHS Bass Club 19-20, 20-21 Sports: GHS Varsity soccer 2019-2021 - 2020 1st team All-District, 2021-2022 defensive MVP, GHS Varsity football: 2021 and 2022 1st team All-District kicker, 2022 academic All-State football senior year, 2021 and 2022 special teams MVP

**Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Bradshaw

Favorite subject: Engineering

**Plans after graduation:** Attending Louisiana Tech University pursuing a major in sustainable supply chain management and playing football for Louisiana Tech.



Tyler Guidry

**Kaden Hensley** Parents: Kevyn and Jesten Hensley School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Pride of Granbury Marching Band member four years, tuba section leader 2022-2023, Pride of Granbury Wind Ensemble member four years, Pirate Jazz Band member three years and Varsity men's choir member 2023 and UIL current events team member 2023. Favorite teacher: Mr, Morales Favorite subject: Band Plans after graduation: Attending the University of Texas at Arlington as a music performance major.



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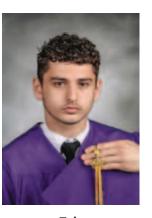
Raylyn Hablinski



Alyse Hagar



Violet Haley



Erion Halili



Logan Hall



Dylan Hallmark



Caleb Hammond

Hayden Horton Parents: Tina and Johnny Horton School: Granbury high school **Clubs and Organizations:** FFA Sports: Golf Favorite teacher: Coach Weeks Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Pilot school, and work for family business **Austin Trent Huggins** Parents: Michael and Amy

Huggins School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Cadet in the Granbury Ma-



Daymen Hallock



Andrew Hammons

rine Corps JROTC for four years - rose to the rank of Cadet Gunnery Sergeant, Lead Cadet of the JROTC Orienteering Team - OT won 2022 State Championship, Member of the MCJROTC Physical Training Team, Member of the MCJROTC Color Guard, and was named November 2022 Cadet of the Month Sports: Cross-country team and track team Favorite teacher: First Sergeant John Rositas MCJROTC Instructor Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Trent plans to join the United States Marine Corps after graduation.



Ty Halvorson

Amy Hernandez Parents: Ramiro Hernandez and Mercedes Cruz School: Granbury High School

Clubs and Organizations: Optimist Club – president, DECA - co-president, Student United Way of Hood County- president, Student Council - senior class president, National Honors Society, UIL Academics, Student Leadership Council, WIT, The Anchor, AVID Favorite teacher: Kylee Peterson and Jason Shahan Favorite subject: History (Mrs.Leatherman's DC class)

**Plans after graduation:** Attend Tarleton State Uni-



Dillon Hamby

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Julissa Hernandez Parents: Rosa and Celestino Hernández School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** Crimestoppers vice president

Sports: Soccer,freshmanjunior year, JV Gold Most Valuable Player, captain and Fighting Heart award Favorite teacher: Coach Shahan and Sonya Byrd Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Tarleton State University, major in social work



Jyden Hamilton

Ryan Hernandez Parents: Uncle Ben and Aunt Gina Moore and Jaime and Rena Hernandez School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Career Prep Favorite teacher: Ms. Barnes Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Electrician apprentice

Michael Holbrook Parents: Bret and Dena Holbrook School: Granbury High School Sports: Varsity baseball pitcher and outfield Favorite teacher: Dawn





Bradley Favorite subject: School Store Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton

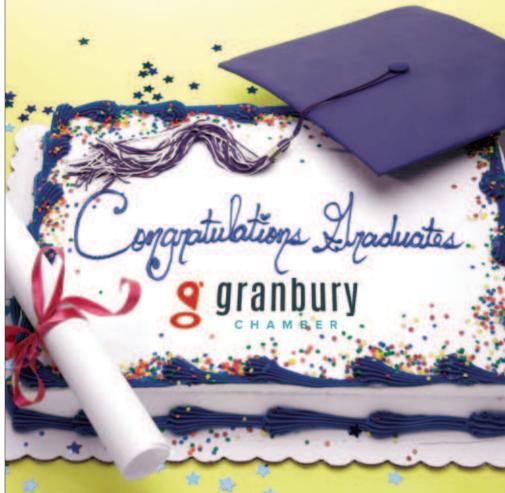
Hayden Hoon Parents: Nick and Erin Hoon School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: ASL Honor Society, theatre Favorite teacher: Mrs. Melissa Hutson Favorite subject: Theatre Arts Plans after graduation: Weatherford College for basics



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Solomon Hanchell



Emma Hanna



James Harris



Annie Hartman



Iames Hartman



Elizabeth Heil



Drew Henderson



Peyton Heninger



Kaden Hensley



Julissa



Hill

Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton state university majoring in prephysical therapy

**Christian Jobe** Parents: Toni and Justin Lindsey School: Granbury High School Sports: Varsity tennis: 2022 Bi-District champs, multiple personal medals and trophy wins Favorite teacher: Mr. Beauchamp Favorite subject: U.S. History

Plans after graduation: Attending Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Waco to pursue a degree in Instrumentation and control

**Garrett Jones** Parents: Damon and Kristi



Yissel **Hernandez Sanchez** 



Jacob Hill

School

**Clubs and Organizations:** National Honors Society, American Sign Language Honor Society, Granbury Church of Christ Youth Group Sports: Granbury High School Varsity baseballfour years, Academic All-District, defensive player of the year, team captain Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw; always pushes every student to be their absolute best and takes the extra time to make sure you get what you are doing done right. Favorite subject: Economics because I find it

interesting to see how money works and ways to be smart with it, and it is something I will use for the rest of my life Plans after graduation: Garrett's future plans are



Amy Hernandez



Skyler Hinkle

to attend Temple Junior College, where he will be playing baseball and pursuing a degree in business and finance.

**Madison Jones** 

Parents: Mike and April Jones School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honors Society Sports: GHS Varsity swim - state team participant, four-time First Team All-District, three-time Second Team All-District, 6A TISCA Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Leatherman and Coach Allen Favorite subject: English

Plans after graduation: Obtain bachelor's in business and then attend dental or



Aylin Hernandez

#### **True Hughes**

Parents: Russell and Heather Hughes School: Granbury High

School

**Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society 11,12. F1 - 10,11,12 president 12. WIT Workforce Industry Training - secretary 12, Technology Student Association - president 12 (Dragster - 9th in state). Interact.

Sports: Varsity basketball 10,11,12 Fredericksburg Tournament All-Tournament 11, 12. THSCA Academic All-State 23. TABC Academic All-State 23. Texas Association of Basketball Coaches academic All-State 23. District 5A 1st team All-District 21-22. District 5A twond team All-District 2 -23



Hernandez

National Guard - 1st team boys basketball academic All-State team 2022-23. Favorite teacher: Coach Allen and Mrs. Oelschig Favorite subject: Government Plans after graduation: Texas Christian University

School of Nursing. Doctorate of Anesthesia.

Hannah Humphrey Parents: Jimmy and Katherine Humphrey School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Granbury FFA, chapter officer for three years, Green Hand FFA degree, Chapter FFA degree, Lonestar FFA degree Sports: Granbury High School Marching Band drumline



Favorite subject: Agriculture

Plans after graduation: Will Attend Texas Tech University to study animal science

**Ryan Humphrey** Parents: April Humphrey School: Granbury High School Sports: Football and Golf Plans after graduation: Attend Texas State

Ashley Jimenez Parents: Ernesto Jiménez School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** MCJROTC for four years. Served as a platoon commander, operations officer. and battalion commander **Sports:** A/B honor roll Favorite teacher: 1st Sg

Grace

High School Coaches Association with Texas Army

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Favorite teacher: Courtney Hinojosa

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Rositas Favorite subject: History Jones School: Granbury High law school



**Congratulations**, **Munchkito!** I look forward to seeing all of the things you will accomplish in your life! Live it well!

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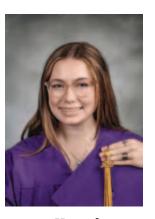
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Austin Huggins



TRUE Hughes



Hannah



Jenkins



Parents: Keith and Shannon Kokot School: Granbury High School



Aiden Jones

William Lillagore Parents: Brandy and JJ Lillagore School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society, American Sign Language



Haylee Ivey



Brody Jewett

Samantha Jones Parents: Ray and Valerie Jones School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Acapella choir - two-year choir council member,



Aedan Jackson



Ashley Jimenez

School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending in Tarleton and will be studying criminal



Sebastien James



Christian Jobe

2020), member GHS track team (2022), member GHS Varsity volleyball team -(2019-Present), two-year Varsity member and Varsity team co-captain. Favorite teacher: Mr. Cody Watkins





Kirstin Johnson

Instructors who supported me these past few years. I had the honor of becoming the first female cadet Sgt. Maj. in the program's history, meaning I was the highest ranking enlisted cadet in the battalion.

Sports: I was on Varsity



Jonathan





**Clubs and Organizations:** Science UIL, WIT Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Junior Optimist Club two-year officer, National Honor Society, Ready, Set, **Teach** Intern Favorite teacher: Clarissa Anderson Favorite subject: Education and Training Plans after graduation: After high school, I plan to attend college and double majoring in elementary education and children's ministry with hopes to pursue a career in children's ministry!

#### Jordyn Justice

Parents: Abby Taylor School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Granbury Pirate Theatre Favorite teacher: Melissa Hutson Favorite subject: Tech Theatre Plans after graduation: Trade school for cosmetology

Karon King Parents: Jacob and Natalia Hummel

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#### **Stephen Kirchner**

Parents: Chervl Kirchner School: Granbury High School Sports: Basketball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Peterson Favorite subject: Marketing Plans after graduation: Attend Weatherford College, major in business/sports marketing

#### Kaylee Kirkland

Parents: Van and Laurie Whitley School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Member GHS National Honor Society (2020 - Current), member GHS Workforce Industry Training (WIT) (2021-Current), member GHS A Cappella Choir (2020-Current) - four-year choir member, and threeyear A Cappella member - alto two. **Sports:** Member GHS basketball team (2019-

Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Will be attending Texas AandM University and majoring in business - accounting.

**Kassidy Kirkpatrick Parents:** Kim Kirkpatrick School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Lady Pirates volleyball team Sports: Volleyball and track Favorite teacher: Volleyball and track coaches Favorite subject: All Plans after graduation: Attending Texas Tech University

#### Dianna Koch

Parents: Christine Koch School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** My favorite organization is the MCJROTC program at my high school. It has completely changed my life for the better, and I am so thankful for my Marine

cross-country my freshman year in high school, then dedicated more of my time to the physical fitness team in my MCJROTC program. Three years of sweaty, hard work and I became the team captain. Favorite teacher: My favorite teacher is Mrs. Reid, my dual credit English teacher. She has pushed me to achieve my goals, all the while being there for me when I needed help. I am so sad I could only have her for one year, but I know she will be cheering me on. Favorite subject: My favor-

ite subject is English. Plans after graduation: I am attending Tarleton State University and will be a part of the Army ROTC program where I will work towards commissioning as an officer. I won a three-year National Army Scholarship and will be contracted my sophomore year of college.

Bradshaw Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I've been accepted into the Engineering program at Texas AandM

#### Kyle Kriethe

Parents: Veronica Kriethe School: Granbury High School Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Beauchamp Favorite subject: Automotive

Plans after graduation: I am going to Wyo Tech to become a performance diesel mechanic.

#### Jeremy Ledesma

**Parents:** Tiffany Cates School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** He is in MCJROTC and is a staff sergeant Favorite teacher: Mr. Greg Harris

Favorite subject: Culinary Plans after graduation: Plans to join the military

Honor Society, DECA state finalist, Jr. leadership club member, Jr. Rotary Club member Sports: Golf regional qualifier and team captain, Varsity basketball Favorite teacher: Ms. Peterson Favorite subject: American History Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Christian University and study finance.

#### Andrea Limón

Parents: Francisca Limón School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Culinary club, band Favorite teacher: Mrs. Morales Favorite subject: Culinary Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton State University, and major in psychology

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Garrett Jones



Madison Jones



Samantha Jones



Jordyn Justice



Darrell Kendall



Tanner Kertz





Karon King



Morgan King



Tyler King



Stephen



Kyle Kriethe

Favorite subject: Welding Plans after graduation: Leave for Air Force, then go to Tarleton State University when I get back

Alexis Marez Parents: Breanna Tupper School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Robotics club Sports: Band since 6th grade plays clarinet and trumpet and color guard during marching season Favorite teacher: Mr. Martin Favorite subject: Band

Plans after graduation: Going to Tarleton

#### Hagen Marlowe

Parents: James and Amy Marlowe School: Granbury High School



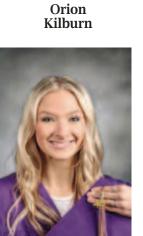
Kirkland



Griselda Landa Noyola

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Marine Corps reserves and PLC. Tarleton State University

**Caroline Martin** Parents: Craig and Karen Martin School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** GHS MCJROTC S-two public affairs officer Sports: GHS MCJROTC rifle team-2021 Orion MVP, three-time MCJROTC national record holder-3PAR 597-51x, 3PAR 599-55x, standing 20 shots 199-18x, CMP Jr Army Nationals Silver Medalist, Junior Olympic Texas State Championships silver medalist Favorite teacher: Mrs. Leatherman Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I am attending Murray State University in Kentucky to shoot on the rifle team. I plan to major in public relations and minor is sports communication.



Kassidv Kirkpatrick

**Dylan Livingston** Parents: Dylan School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** NHS, Junior Optimist Club, Student Leadership Council Sports: Varsity football (2022-2023), Varsity soccer (2019-2022), All-Academic (2019-2023), offensive MVP (soccer), First team All-District midfielder (soccer), Newcomer of the year (soccer) Favorite teacher: Coach

Allen Favorite subject: Aviation/

Engineering Plans after graduation:

Attend a flight school and become a commercial pilot for a big airline company.

Gavin Logsdon Parents: Jason and Traci



Dianna Koch

ner of "Business Finance Series"-Texas state qualifier and competitor, National Society of Leadership and Success-Weatherford College, National Society of High School Scholars Sports: Co-captain of Varsity Pirates tennis-twond team All-District, 2022 Favorite teacher: Mr. Watkins and Ms. Peterson Favorite subject: Math and Business Plans after graduation:

Texas AandM University majoring in business administration

Amanda Madsen Parents: Laura Madsen School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Pirate Blooms Floral Club, FFA, Theater Club Snorts: Gymnastic Favorite teacher: Mrs. Wilson (Floral Design) Favorite subject: Floral Design Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton University



Cameron Kokot

and major in early education and minor in interior design

Tamara Magat Parents: Nick and Callie Crites School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Medical classes Favorite teacher: Mrs. Breeden Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I am going to college to major in nursing.

Isaac Maldonado Parents: Sabrina Gloria, Jaime Juarez School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Participated in the Granbury High School marching band for the past four years. Became bass-line captain senior year. Favorite teacher: Dr. Angel Hernandez Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation:



Alyssa Krause

Attend Tarleton State University and major in mechanical engineering

Abby Manning Parents: Tim and Anita Gill; Clay Manning School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Nominated for ALA Girl's State; HOSA Favorite teacher: Andrew Boomer Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Abby will be attending Texas Tech in the fall and will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing.

**Hayden Maples** 

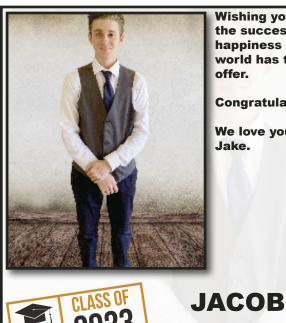
Parents: Aleta Brawner School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** 

Ag mechanics

School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society, vice president of competitions-DECA, district wingrand champion for equipment in 2023 Hood County Junior Livestock Show **Sports:** Varsity powerlifting Favorite teacher: Agustin Hinojosa

**Clubs and Organizations:** MCJROTC color guard and PT team. DeMolay for Masonic lodge Favorite teacher: Mr Boomer

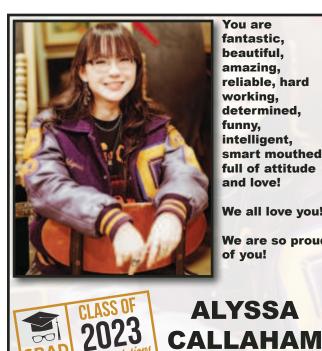


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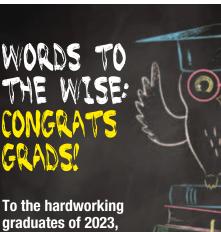
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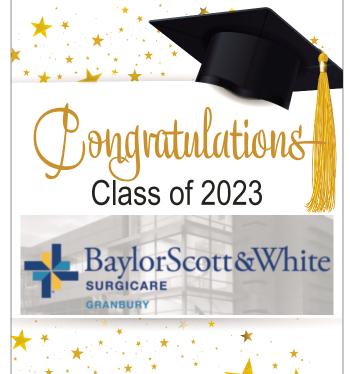


graduates of 2023, we salute your perseverance. Best of luck as you take the next step!



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Abigail Leblanc



Jeremy Ledesma



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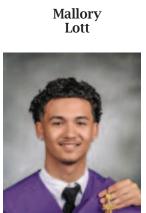






Tyler Marion





Dalton Mann



Hagen Marlowe







Abigail Manning



Brooke Marshall





Caroline Martin

Justin Massey Parents: Michelle and Paul Massey School: Granbury High School Sports: Soccer Favorite teacher: Mrs. Dawson Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: College, an engineering degree.

Philip "Cole" Mayeux Parents: Philip and Erin Mayeux School: Granbury High School Sports: Granbury Cheetahs Special Olympics Bowling silver medalist Favorite teacher: Mrs. Gee

Francisco Martinez Aranda

Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Granbury ISD 12+ Program

Klara Melendez Parents: Lavonda Melendez and Miguel Melendez School: Granbury High School

#### **Clubs and Organizations:** Granbury High School Varsity treble choir, GHS Varsity mixed choir temporarily for junior year. GHS AVID, Performed in Region three0 region treble choir during senior year after advancing to round two of the All-State choir process, Performed in the GHS musical "Beauty and The Beast" during senior year. Favorite teacher: I have

Lailoni Martinez

multiple, including Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Gabrielson, Mrs. Fisher, and Mr. Bowen, who first inspired me when it came to my career choice. Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I plan to attend the Universitv of Mary-Hardin Baylor, and receive my bachelor's in choral music education, and have a career as a choir director I supported by my large love for music. I plan to go to college online to receive my master's in music education later on.

Natalie Mercer Parents: Tiffany Mercer

and Rick Mercer

Litzy Martinez

School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Ms.Bradley Favorite subject: Graphic Design Plans after graduation: Go to Weatherford College

**Conner Mitcham** Parents: Steve and Darlene Mitcham School: Granbury High School Sports: Basketball Favorite subject: Marketing Plans after graduation: Attending Texas Tech University

Vincent Mitton Parents: Raquel and Lee Mitton School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mr. Beauchamp Favorite subject: Auto Plans after graduation: Lincoln Tech

Marisela

Martinez

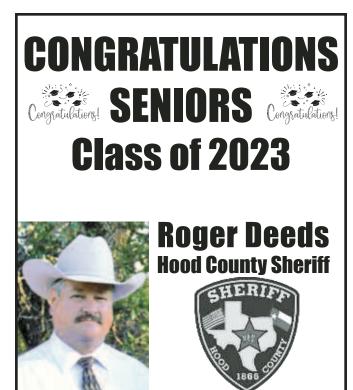
**Ryan Montgomery Parents:** Whitney Flores and Lupe Flores School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Adobe Premiere Pro, also a part of Pirate Production Studios Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Coach Williams Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation:

Perla Martinez

Attending Tarleton to pursue my communications degree.

Cameron Moore Parents: Rachel Moore School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Varsity choir, Varsity cheer from 9-11, theatre productions Favorite teacher: Mrs. Kendra Fisher/Captain Kirk Favorite subject: Choir/ Aviation Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton University to

study mechanical engineering with hopes to go into officer's school and join the Air Force and pursue a pilot's license.



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## Ledbetter Scholarship Recipients



From left are Ashton Arlington, Jordyn Justice, Isabella Vazquez, Lydia Strickland, Kaylee Kirkland, Makai Scott, Ms. Ledbetter, Adee Gonzalez, and Amy Hernandez.

#### GISD Staff Children (\$2,000 scholarship)



Kaylee Kirkland Texas A&M



Lydia Strickland Oklahoma State



Makai Scott Maryville University

Granbury ISD Education Foundation awarded \$18,000 in college scholarships through a recently established endowment and a separate dedicated donation. The announcement was made on May 12, 2022.

The endowment stems from a donation by Rachel J. Ledbetter to establish ongoing scholarships.

#### Trade School (\$2,000 scholarship)



Adee Gonzalez Texas Women's University

GEF's mission is creating opportunities to invest, encourage, and support educational excellence in GISD. The foundation is designed to be a community effort bringing donations from businesses, civic groups, and individuals to fund innovative teaching grants, student scholarships, and academic achievement for GISD students. GEF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization created for the benefit of the school district's students and staff members and will provide funding not allocated by tax dollars.



Jordyn Justice Ogle School



Ashton Arlington United States Military Academy at West Point



Amy Hernandez Tarleton State University



Isabella Vazquez Austin Community College



Dianna Koch Tarleton State University

## **CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!**

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Justin Massey



Kylan Mayes



Philip Mayeux



Shailee **McCrory** 



Tyler **Mcdermott** 

Rowan

Meer

**Gabriel Moore** 

Sports: Soccer

School

Daffan

real estate

Moore

School

Honor Roll

Peterson

Kori Moore

Parents: Cristal Moore

School: Granbury High

Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Favorite subject: Math

Plans after graduation:

Attend college, learn in

marketing, and build in

Parents: Jerry and Gina

School: Granbury High

Favorite teacher: Ms.

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

DECA, The Anchor Store, A



Braden **McGowan** 



Marjorie McKannan



Cvnthia McKinney



Porter **McKinnon** 



Conlan Miller

lish (Bradshaw) Plans after graduation: Christen plans to attend Texas State University and major in interior design

**Reagan Nugent** Parents: Heather Ross School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Kelcey Daffan Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: I am going to attend cosmetology school

Stephanie Olea Parents: Luz Ruiz and San-School: Granbury High



Mason Means



Reuben Miller

American Sign Language Sports: Band Favorite teacher: Ms. Cummons Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Going to cosmetology school

Fhernando Olivares Parents: Lydia Rojas, Fernando Olivares School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** DECA, state finalist Favorite teacher: Ms. Peterson Favorite subject: Business and Marketing Plans after graduation: Become a real estate agent



Klara Melendez

Favorite subject: Business and Marketing - The Anchor Store Plans after graduation: Kori will be attending Tarleton State University

**Claudia Morales** Parents: Lorena Morin, José Luis Morales School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Avid vice president, soccer manager Favorite teacher: Jason Shahan Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton and major in computer science



Parents: Nicole Mueller and Shannon Mueller School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honors Society (NHS), Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Workforce Industry Training (WIT) Sports: Varsity basketball-Academic All-District for three years, Academic All-State 1st team, District 5-5A honorable mention for two years, Lady Pirate Award, Granbury Kia All-**Tournament Team** Favorite teacher: Tammy Bodine Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: At-

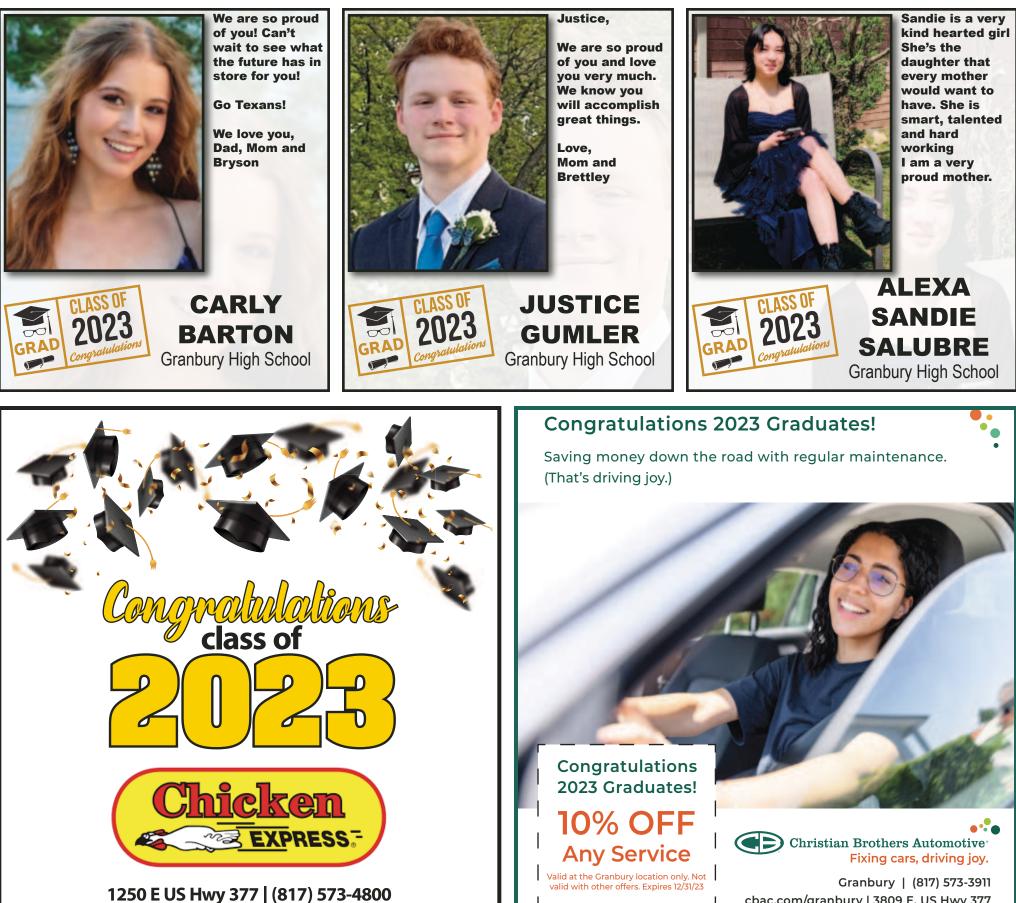


Natalie Mercer

tending TCU and majoring in biology on a pre-med track

**Christen Nichols** Parents: Chris and Sherri Nichols School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** NHS, DECA, Student United Way, ASL Honors Society, and GHS Anchor Store Sports: Volleyball (four years) - 2nd team All-District, Academic All-District, Academic All-State, team captain, and KSA Tournament MVP, basketball (two years) Favorite teacher: Mrs. Davis (Robblee)

Favorite subject: DC Eng-









tiago Olea

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Brayson Mendoza Alexa Mueller



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Tristin Miller



Conner Mitcham



Skyler Mitchell



Vincent Mitton



Shayla Mogen



Ryan Montomery



Cameron Moore



Gabriel Moore



Kori Moore



Nolan Moore



Daycee Moorman



#### Brooke Murray

Science Fair - advanced to the state competition, twice Favorite teacher: Mr. Ochoa Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to attend UT-Austin with a major in computer science

Alina Porter

Parents: David and Nina Porter School: Granbury High

School **Clubs and Organizations:** AVID, National Honor Society, Top 25, HOSA Sports: Varsity cheer captain Favorite teacher: Ms. Dumas

Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Tarleton State University,



Claudia **Morales** 



Hayden Newton

majoring in kinesiology with plans of becoming a Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Jacob Rasmussen Parents: Jennifer Rasmussen

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** LEFSA - Vice President, choir - Leadership Award, NHS Favorite teacher: Sonya Byrd Favorite subject: Forensics

Plans after graduation: I'm currently enrolled at Tarleton State University as a biology major



Daphne Morales

Amelia Orcutt Parents: Jennifer and David Orcutt School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honor Society, Student Leadership Council, head editor of Pirate Production Studios Sports: Certified in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, and Adobe Premiere Pro, logo design chosen for school's coffee bar Favorite teacher: Dawn Bradley

Favorite subject: Arts and AV

Plans after graduation: Attending University of North Texas's College of Art and Design



Carley Moreland

**Ryan Ornelles** Parents: Heidi Ornelles School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Granbury FFA, welding and automotive Favorite teacher: Mr. Beauchamp and Mr. Hinejosa Favorite subject: Welding and Automotive Plans after graduation: Making money

Haley Pennock Parents: Keysha Pennock School: Granbury High School Sports: Varsity girls basketball manager Favorite teacher: Mrs. Peiren Favorite subject: EKG

Tyler,



Jazmine Morua

plan to attend West Texas AandM pursing a pre-nursing degree

Jake Pepper Parents: Holli Pepper and Bill Pepper School: Granbury High School

Granbury High School jazz band - outstanding musician award at TCU Jazz Festival and outstanding soloist at Temple College Jazz Festival Sports: TaeKwonDo - Both state and national level medalist. Top 10 in the nation for my age category Favorite teacher: Dr. Hernandez (percussion director) Favorite subject: History

criminal justice

Parents: Jud and Tracey Poe School: Granbury High School Sports: Football and Baseball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Kendra Thornton Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton and major in business. **Tristen Pool** Parents: Don and Ronda

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Congratulations



**Congratulations.** 

Plans after graduation: I

**Clubs and Organizations:** 



Plans after graduation: Attend UNT college for

Pool School: Granbury High School

Alexa Mueller

Jaden Poe



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Fhernando Olivares



Braydon Olthoff



Avery O'Neal



Amelia Orcutt



Ryan Ornelles



Xavier Overall



Caitlyn Payne



Haley Pennock

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** In Pirate Sports Network and Crow's Nest News, certified in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.



Tyler Overman



Brack Peacock

**Citlaly Rodríguez** Parents: Alma School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Avid, Junior Optimist, Student council class representative



Jaqueline Padilla



Connor Pearson

them Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: José plans to work with his father for a year, then attend Weatherford School of Arts



Cristian **Padron-Keeling** 



Vincent Pearson

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** FFA Favorite teacher: Coach Allen Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation:



Palmer



NHS, lead alto for jazz band, wind ensemble, A/B honor roll Sports: Soccer from freshmen year to junior year, was MVP defensive player from 2021-2022 year Favorite teacher: Mrs.







Bradshaw Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend the University of Texas

Sunnee Davis Schumann











Lucky Pena

Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Sports: Soccer Favorite teacher: Jason Shahan Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Study nursing at Tarleton State University

**Rakel Rodriguez-Palacios** Parents: Joanna and Juan Rodriguez School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** 

American Sign Language National Honor Society Sports: Softball Favorite teacher: Coach Grieser Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Attend Texas State University and majoring in criminal justice

José Sebastián Romero Parents: José and Rebecca Romero School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Art Contest Sports: Art Favorite teacher: All of

**Tyler Ross** Parents: Nina School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Special education had straight A's his entire life. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Gee and all my teachers Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Would like to be a paleontologist

Noemy Ruiz Parents: Griselda De La Cruz School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Track Sports: Track, basketball, and volleyball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Cook Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending Ranger College and majoring in accounting

**Shelby Sanders** Parents: Jeff and Alisa Compton

Tarleton

Cooper Sanderson Parents: Brent and Patti Sanderson School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** NHS - secretary, BBQ club member, Granbury Community Band Member. Sports: Marching Band synth section leader, Wind Ensemble - bassoon section leader, UIL 3 time regional qualifier, UIL 1 time area qualifier, Solo and ensemble - 1 time state qualifier, UIL Science team member and vice president. Favorite teacher: Andrew Boomer Favorite subject: Music Theory Plans after graduation: Attending Nazareth University for music composition.

**Bayleigh Sappington** Parents: Rynn and Shannon Sappington School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:**  Cook

Favorite subject: Forensics Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Texas Tech University in the fall of 2023, majoring in psychology and minoring in children's education. I dream of becoming a children's therapist in the future.

Lauren Schemensky

Parents: Scott and Corinna Schemensky School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Choir, Junior Optimist Club Favorite teacher: Mrs. Anderson Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton State University majoring in elementary education

**Tessa Schulte** Parents: Shayna Schulte School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honors Society, Spanish National Honors Society, HOSA

Parents: Mary D. Schumann School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** MCJROTC, MCJROTC Cyber Patriots Team-three years, MCJROTC Academic Teamtwo years, Pirate Production Crew (Crows Nest News), Junior Leadership **Sports:** MCJROTC Rifle Team-four years (On Championship Team for JROTC Service Nationals both Junior Year and Senior Year) Favorite teacher: Lt. Col. Scott Casey (MCJROTC Senior Marine Instructor) and 1st Sgt Johnny Rositas (MCJROTC Marine Instructor) Favorite subject: Mathematics classes (Algebra

I, Algebra II, Statistics and Pre-Calculus) Plans after graduation: Plan to attend University of North Texas, major computer engineering with emphasis in cyber security

**Analise Scroggins** Parents: Tracy and Jim Scroggins

Bradley Favorite subject: Graphic Design Plans after graduation: Work full-time

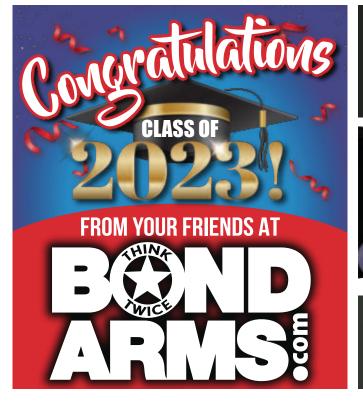
Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Ezra Sedgwick Parents: Jeff and Nikki Sedgwick School: Granbury High School Sports: Basketball, cross country and track Favorite teacher: Mrs. Boaz Plans after graduation: Cosmetology school

**Trey Seymore** Parents: Sherri Seymore and Donnie Seymore School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Choir and AV Favorite teacher: Fisher Favorite subject: Choir Plans after graduation: I plan to start making music and maybe eventually try to major in it down the line.







### Congratulations **Class of 2023!**

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Jacob Pepper



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Alexxa Pimentel



Jacob Pitts



Brayan Pleitez Segovia



Jaden Poe



Brady Pomeroy



Tristen Pool



Alina Porter



Michael Power III



Kenzie Prock



Dyanna Ray





Joseph Puig-Torres



Haven Riddle







Ethan Riley





Orlando Quintana



Riquelme Rios





Claudia Ramirez



Rakel Rodriguez Palacios





Jacob Rasmussen



Ana Rodriguez



Citlaly Rodriguez

Marissa Sellers Parents: Julie School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Pride of Granbury Band Sports: Varsity boys basketball manager Favorite teacher: Coach Weeks Favorite subject: Aerospace Engineering Plans after graduation: Texas AandM San Antonio, majoring in psychology

#### **Ezekiel Shaum**

Parents: Craig and Lee Ann Shaum School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Gael Rodriguez

GHS band, FFA, WIT Favorite teacher: Mr. Boomer Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Texas AandM University studying computer engineering

Brock Shores Parents: Lenny and Julie Shores School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations: Company XO in JROTC, Recipient of flight school from Order of Daealions Favorite teacher: Coach Davis Favorite subject: Aquatic Science Sarahi Rodriguez

**Plans after graduation:** Attending Oklahoma State Honors College

#### Haylee Sisco

Parents: Cindy Moseley School: Granbury High School Sports: Golf / one year Favorite teacher: Mrs. Alderson Favorite subject: Health science

**Plans after graduation:** Going to college at Tarleton State University and majoring in nursing

Kaylynn Slaughter Parents: Crystal and Jesse Slaughter School: Granbury High R C

Victoria Rodriguez

School

**Clubs and Organizations:** NHS, WIT, MCJROTC- rifle team captain, academic team captain, Platoon Commander, Company Commander, Operations Officer, Robotics Sports: I have been awarded over 150 awards, as I have competed in competitive rifle for nine years, as well as band, robotics, cross country, UIL, and numerous 4-H events. Some of the most notable awards I have received include: Top J2 at Winter Airgun Championships 2020 (Rifle), 2nd Place Individual in Service Championships 2022 (Rifle), 1st

Madison Rogers

Place Team in National All Service Championships 2021 (Rifle), 2nd Place Individual in Junior Olympics State Championships 2022 (Rifle), 2nd Place team in JROTC VEX Robotics Nationals 2022 (Robotics), Precision Rifle High Over All in 4-H State Games 2016 (Rifle), Junior Distinguished Marksman #1521 Favorite teacher: Mrs. Jumper, Coach Allen, First Sergeant Rositas, and Mr.Ochoa Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I will be attending Texas Christian University in the fall, majoring in engineering with a mechanical

Madison Roman

emphasis and continuing my athletic career on the women's rifle team.

**Blane Smith** 

Parents: Jeron and Cristi Smith School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Michael Beauchamp Favorite subject: Automotive Plans after graduation: Exploring options in the automotive and diesel industry.

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CONGRATS SENIORS!

> Best of luck in your future endeavors!

**City of Cresson** 



Now that you've graduated, the future you want is within your reach. It takes hard work and dedication to make your hopes and dreams come true, and it's time to go for it. **Good luck, and congratulations!** 



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Joseph **Romero** 



**Tyler** Ross



Megan Rubio



Enrique Ruiz



Noemy Ruiz



Zachary Rushing



Jacob Sadana



Gavin Sailer



Yahir Salinas Aguilar



Alexa Sandie Salubre



Shelby Sanders





Bayleigh Sappington



Analise Scroggins

Kaitlyn Smith Parents: Bethany Smith School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Choir, National Honor Society, and Workforce Industry and Training



Milo Scales



Ezra Sedgwick

School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations: DECA** Competitor Sports: Swim team regional champion and state qualifier.

Favorite teacher: Mrs.



Lauren Schemensky



Marissa Sellers

Favorite subject: History or business Plans after graduation: Attend Texas Tech, and pursue a degree in supply chain management or business

**Bailey Stone** Parents: Laci and Jason Schaeffer School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** HOSA, National Honor Society, EMT program through CTE Sports: Softball Favorite teacher: Mrs. Pieren Favorite subject: History or Science Plans after graduation: Nursing school at Weatherford College Naiya Stone Parents: Lynsey and Bert Stone School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** President of the Foreign Language Club, member of the National Honor Society,



Tessa

Schulte

Chad Setzler

member of the Spanish Honor Society Favorite teacher: Ms. Fuller Favorite subject: AP Human Geography Plans after graduation: I would like to become a

travel nurse.



Sunnee Schumann



Donald Seymore

Interact member, Junior Optimist Club member, Student Council Leadership member, Student Council member, Student United Way member, Student Based Enterprise Certified Sports: Swim team captain,

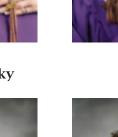


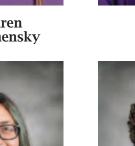
Makai

Ezekiel Shaum

School: Granbury High School

Sports: Band - wind ensemble woodwind player of the year 2021-2022, region band member - 2021, dance competition member - multiple titles winner Favorite teacher: Kelcey Daffan Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: Attend Ogle Beauty School to pursue a career in cosmetology.





Sports: Basketball/Volleyball, freshman year and cheer sophomore Favorite teacher: Mrs. Morris

Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attend Stephen F. Austin State University to obtain a degree in rehabilitation services in order to find a profession in physical therapy.

#### Sage Smith

Parents: Ricky Dalby School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw Favorite subject: Biology Plans after graduation: Joining the Marines

**Ryan Solisz** Parents: Nancy Solisz and Carlos Solisz

Bradshaw Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I will be attending Weatherford College and plan on studying business

**Bryson Sparks** Parents: Brent and Kim Sparks School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** VP of DECA, VP of student United way, NHS member, School store member, CTE certified, Rotary club, WIT, and Junior Leadership Sports: 2nd team All-District varsity golf, and Academic All-District varsity basketball sophomore and junior year and Academic All-District golf junior and senior year. Favorite teacher: Ms. Peterson

Jaden Stover Parents: Justin and Amanda Stover School: Granbury High School Sports: Number one varsity tennis Favorite teacher: Mrs. Leatherman Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Complete the two-year instrumentation and control course at TSTC

Lydia Strickland Parents: Jess and April Strickland School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Top 25 of Class of 2023. Treasurer of DECA, School Store Manager, two-year

NHS member, two-year

varsity swim team district qualifier Favorite teacher: Coach

Payton Johnson is an incredible teacher and mentor. She has pushed me to take risks and rise above to lead others in a positive direction.

Favorite subject: My

favorite subject is math based courses. I have had tremendous math teachers at GISD, Mrs. Travis in 5th Grade at Oakwoods, Mrs. Morris at AMS, and all my high school math teachers. Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater majoring in entrepreneurship and minoring in fashion merchandise.

**Ashley Sukampo** 

Parents: Ernest and Melanie Sukampo

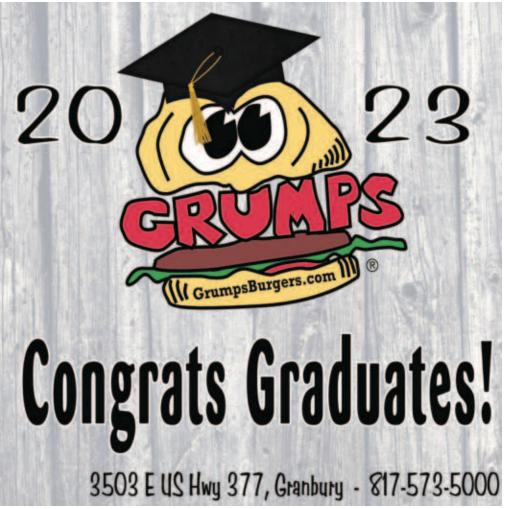
Katherine Sullivan

Parents: Frank and Jennifer Sulllivan School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

Band-four years, AVID-four vears Favorite teacher: Coach Jason Shahan Favorite subject: Chemistry

Plans after graduation: Attending Texas AandM Galveston to pursue a degree in marine sciences





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Maia Sheffner



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Matthew Shute



Jadon Siddall



Haylee Sisco



Bryce Skelton



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Kaitlyn Smith



Bailey Stone





Naiya



Sage Smith



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Jaden Stover





Ryan Solisz



Chloe Stowe









Lydia Strickland





Ashley Sukampo

**Ethan Stewart Swaim** Parents: John and M. Christine Swaim School: Granbury High School Sports: Varsity basketball team, varsity golf team, varsity swim teamlettering in all three sports Favorite teacher: Mrs. **Kylee** Peterson Favorite subject: Business Marketing Class Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Norwest Lineman College in Denton, Texas

**Alex Sutton** Parents: Billy and Maxie Martin School: Granbury High School Sports: Football, track,



Katherine Sullivan

powerlifting. First boy in the history of GHS to medal in state powerlifting competition at state level. Placed 5th in super heavy weight division powerlifting in 2022 Favorite teacher: Coach Galindo Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Join the US Army

Austin Taylor Parents: Phillip Taylor School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Associate degree in aerospace engineering Sports: Football. Doubles tennis. Track. All-District academics. All-State academics. Offensive line MVP.

Alex Sutton

Favorite teacher: Eppler Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Tarleton electrical engineering

Brianna Taylor Parents: Abby and Andrew Taylor School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Pirate Production Studios assistant chief editor, videographer for varsity Pirate soccer Favorite teacher: Mrs. Dawn Bradley Favorite subject: AV Plans after graduation: Canadian Armed Forces



Ethan Swaim

**Theodore Terrell** Parents: Lacev Smith School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Cook Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Trade school

Cooper Thomas Parents: Shannon Thomas and Sean Thomas School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Welding Sports: Baseball- All-District catcher 2022 Favorite teacher: Mr. Hinojosa Favorite subject: Welding Plans after graduation: Attend Vernon College to play

baseball

Liam Swisher

**River Thomas** Parents: Jessica School: Granbury High School Sports: Soccer and golf. Favorite teacher: Mr. Payne, my forensic psychology teacher Favorite subject: Economics Plans after graduation: Committed to attending ASU. Angelo State University

#### Shane Thorp

**Parents:** Tina Hogans School: Granbury High School Favorite teacher: Mr. Hibbs Favorite subject: English

Plans after graduation: Work

Olivia **Sylvester** 

**Connor Townsend** Parents: Andrea and Jonathan Goodwin, Jeffrey Townsend School: Granbury High School Sports: JV tennis for one year, varsity tennis for two years, honorable mention All-District Fall 2022, team **Bi-District champion Fall** 2022 Favorite teacher: Mrs. Gabrielson Favorite subject: Auto Class. Connor has always had a passion for cars and enjoyed auto class for three years Plans after graduation: Texas State Technical Collage in Waco



Wherever you go, go with an open mind and all your heart.

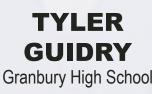
Love, **Mom and Dad** 





Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart and strong enough to live the life you've always imagined.

We love you! **Golfcart &** Grammy





You are a true warrior for equality. We are so proud to be your parents and can't wait to see what you do from here on!

Love, **Mom and Dad** 







Austin Taylor



Brianna Taylor



Theodore Terrell



Hailey Thackerson



Avery Thomas



Cooper Thomas



Emelia Thomas



Erick Thomas



River Thomas



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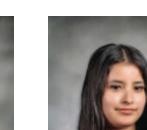




Gracie Tschopp



Van Patten





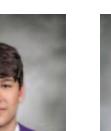


Kevin Umanzor



Bryce Vanzandt







Dysin Valentini



Krizln

Julia Vargas Maldonado

Jillian Tremble Parents: Becky and Jason Tremble School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Thespian Society - president, secretary, NHS - historian, Ready Writing UIL - 2nd place district, choir Favorite teacher: Melissa Hutson Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: College at Trinity University (double majors in

**Kyler** Turner Parents: Brandy Gil, Joseph Gil School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** 

English and business)

Emmie Vaughn

Automotive Tech Favorite teacher: Mr. Beauchamp Favorite subject: Automotive Plans after graduation: Attend Universal Techni-

cal Institute to become a welder

**Krizln Van Patten** Parents: Kara Van Patten, Daniel Van Patten School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** National Honors Society (NHS), Jr. Optimist Clubsecretary, National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)-Academic achievement, Student United Way, Workforce Industry Training (WIT), First place



Isabella Vazquez

in the Historic Granbury

Sports: Basketball, track-

lettered and newcomer of

ones who pushed me to

through not only school

Plans after graduation:

Attending Texas Tech to

double major in architec-

ture and civil engineering

Julia Vargas Maldonado

Parents: Eva Maldonado,

School: Granbury High

**Clubs and Organizations:** 

but life as well!

Josue Vargas

School

be my best self and excel

Favorite subject: Engineer-

Favorite teacher: All of the

Children's Art Show

lettered, powerlifting-

the year

ing/Art

Kenya Vielma Moreno

NHS, Pride of Granbury flute section leader, AVID historian, Art Club, Kiwanis Club Sophomore of the Year Sports: Marching Band Favorite teacher: Mrs. Daffan, Mrs. Morris, Coach Shahan Favorite subject: Science and Art Plans after graduation: Undeclared major under the College of Science and Technology at Tarleton State University

**Emmie Vaughn** Parents: Chad and Wendy Vaughn School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Pirate Barstool Commu-

nity Theater, HCN, Dance Teacher Favorite teacher: Mrs. Bradshaw Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Tarleton State University majoring elementary education with hopeful plans of teaching in her home town.

Daisy

Villafranco

#### Kayleigh Wadsworth

Parents: Robyn and TJ Arterberry School: Granbury High School Sports: Boxing Favorite teacher: Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Daffan Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Go to Tarleton for engineering

Jonathan Villalobos

and finish my hours for my pilot license.

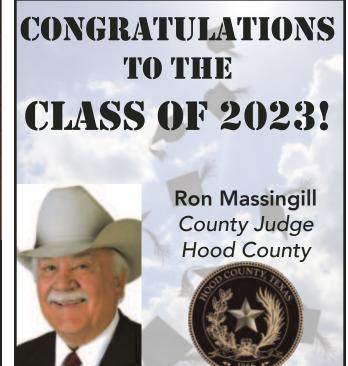
Grae Webb

Parents: Landon and Sarah Webb School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Student Leadership Council, FFA, Jr Optimist, Leadership Granbury, DECA Sports: Pirate football and Granbury bass fishing team Favorite teacher: Coach Sonny Galindo Favorite subject: Business and Economics Plans after graduation: Attending Oklahoma State University



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Fernando Villegas



Kayleigh Wadsworth



Abiah Wark



Rachel Warren



Madelyn Watkins



Gracie Weaver



Gibson Webb



Hunter Weis



Sara Welch



Benjamin West



Kathryn White



Macie White

Gene

Williams



Brandy Whiting



Hannah Williams



Brady Whitney



Lillian Williams



Zachary Williams



Wilkerson



Ava Williamson









Joshua

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Sommer Wilson

Thomas Wise

Granbury FFA

**Gene Williams** 

Weeks

Favorite teacher: Coach

Favorite subject: English

Plans after graduation: At-

tending Texas State Univer-

sity to major in education

Braiden Womack



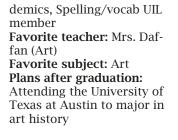
Katherine Wood

Jackson Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Attend Tarleton State University major in engineering

#### Ava Williamson

Parents: Nadya and Chad Williamson School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and Organizations:** Third place in Harvest Moon Festival art competition, National Honor Society, Honors/AP art (2021-now), Spanish Honor Society (2021-now), College Board AP Scholar Award (2022), GISD Board of Trustees Achievement Spotlight (2022), College Board National Rural and Small Town Recognition Program (2022), Tech theatre/assistance on school productions, Art club member and secretary, Honors/AP art and aca-



#### Matthew Wilson

Parents: Zac and Amanda Wilson School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** Marching band, drumline captain and tenor captain Sports: Track, basketball and cross country Favorite teacher: Mrs. Knight Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending Tarleton State University to major in music.

#### Hunter Weis Parents: Matt and Kelli School: Granbury High ics **Clubs and Organizations:** Law Enforcement and Law Internships

Favorite teacher: Ms. Byrd and Ms. Garrett (my favorite teachers)

Weis

School

Favorite subject: Law and Aquatics

Plans after graduation: I plan on enjoying the Summer!

#### Macie White Parents: Jaime White School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** I am in the nursing wing of the CTE classes and I am currently working on getting my CNA! Sports: I played basketball my freshman through sophomore year

Favorite teacher: John Galindo Favorite subject: Econom-Plans after graduation: I

plan on attending Texas State University and major in nursing.

#### **Brady Whitney**

Parents: Chad and Gina Whitney School: Granbury High School Sports: Football and Powerlifting Favorite teacher: Chance Walther Favorite subject: Ag Mech and Metal Tech Plans after graduation: Attend TCC for aviation maintenance

#### Makaia Wilkerson Parents: Darrell Wilkerson School: Granbury High School Clubs and Organizations:

Parents: Kim Virgil School: Granbury High School **Clubs and Organizations:** GHS Marine Corps JROTC, Cadet Administrations officer (S-1), Rank: Captain, Academics Team (JROTC): Member of first team, Pride of Granbury High School

Band: Trombone drill captain, trombone section member, Granbury High School (GHS) University interscholastic league (UIL) science team: Co-president, member, American legion Texas Boys State: Member of House of Representatives, member of Boys State

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Band, National Honors Society, Workforce Industry Training, Junior Leadership Granbury, Honors: MCJROTC awards: Veterans of foreign wars - Awarded April 2020 and April 2022 for outstanding leadership, Outstanding cadet award, Student leadership award, Civic service award, Arts and academics award, Distinguished scholastic achievement award, Distinguished military training award, Longevity/fidelity award, Distinguished conduct award, Officer leadership award, Noncommissioned officer award, Band/choral award; UIL science awards: Team Bronze Medal for UIL Science Regional level competition, First place individual medal for chemistry, Third place overall score, Second place team

Favorite teacher: Cindy

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Gabriella Albisu-Robertson



Brayden Bailey



Jenna Briley

Favorite teacher: Coach Rhodes Favorite subject: Art Plans after graduation: Plan to attend UNT



Hayley Ballenger

Bryce

Brown

Key Club, United Students

(Tolar Baptist Church),

NJHS (President), FCA

Sports: Four-year varsity

football letterman, three-



Barton



2nd team All-District basketball Sports: Basketball 2nd team All-District Favorite teacher: Coach Bond



Mason Berry



Emily Buck

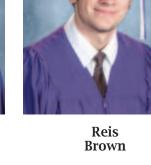
**Emily Buck Parents:** Timothy Buck School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** I have participated in the Tolar FFA for four years. Sports: I have been a part of volleyball, track, and Varsity marching band at Tolar High School. I have received an award and will be going to state for solo ensemble later in the month.





Kasyn **Burdette** 

Favorite teacher: Coach Bond Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending TSTC to be a mechanic



Sports: Volleyball in Ne vada Favorite teacher: Tyler Hall, Mrs. Polk Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: To work in welding

Derek

Brafford

Gaby Albisu-Robertson

Parents: Todd and Rhonda

School: Tolar High School

**Clubs and organizations:** 

FFA

**Brayden Bailey Parents:** Steven Bailey School: Tolar High School Favorite teacher: Sterling Rounsavall Favorite subject: Food science Plans after graduation: Stuff

**Hayley Ballenger** Parents: Chad and Renee School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Student athletic trainer (10th-12th)Sports: Track (9th-10th)

Lana Barton Parents: Lacy and JJ Barton School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** FCA officer, Sunshine Club vice president, Yearbook committee president Sports: Vollevball. academic All-State, varsity track Favorite teacher: Coach Clayton Favorite subject: Yearbook Plans after graduation: Going to Tarleton to study business.

**Mason Berry** Parents: David and Shelli Berry School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** 

year varsity track letterman, four-year varsity powerlifting letterman, two-time regional medalist in powerlifting, three-time All-District defensive lineman, two-time All-District offensive lineman, All-State offensive lineman, All-State defensive lineman, area and regional qualifier in track Favorite teacher: Mrs. Tarpley Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I plan on attending the University of Oklahoma and majoring in business.

**Derek Brafford** Parents: Crystal and Chris Abrego School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** 

Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attend Blinn College and get an associate degree in business

**Reis Brown** 

Parents: Martin and Emily Brown School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** None

**Sports:** Basketball- TABC All-Region, TABC All-State, three-rime First Team All-District; Baseball- District Pitcher of the Year, District MVP Favorite teacher: Mr. Hawkins

Favorite subject: Athletics Plans after graduation: Play basketball in college

Favorite teacher: My favorite teacher is Coach Gardner

Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Abilene Christian University and major in accounting/business. I plan to keep up with music as well while I am in college.

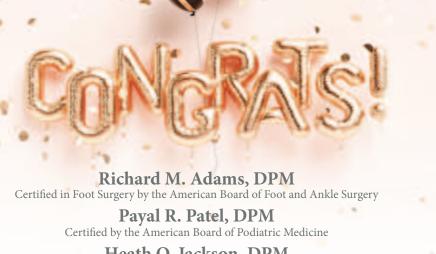
Kasyn Burdette

Parents: Stacy Burdette School: Tolar High School Sports: Football track

Isabella Carpenter

Parents: Nancy Ruyle, Darrell Fisher School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Student Council - historian, FCCLA, TMAD, National Honor Society president, marching and concert band - drum major, field conductor, first chair, UIL spelling team. Favorite teacher: Mr. Noland Favorite subject: Anato-

my and physiology Plans after graduation: I'm going to Tarleton State University with a major in pre-nursing.



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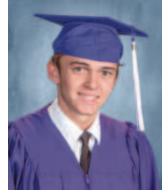
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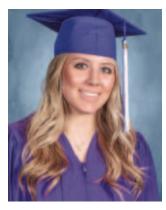
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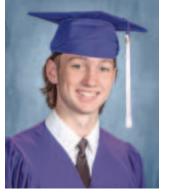
Kennedy Dollander



Luke Ellis



Jacob Fisher



Colton Gibson



Shayne Hankins



Alexander Harris



Alyssa Henderson

#### Kenna Clark

**Parents:** Elise Greer, Eric Greer, Mandy Clark, Nathan Clark **School:** Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** I am a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, I have been a regional qualifier in UIL for three years. I am the treasurer of our Sunshine Club. **Sports:** I was an athlatic

**Sports:** I was an athletic trainer for football and track for four years. I was awarded academic All-District this past football season.

**Favorite teacher:** Jud Griffith

**Favorite subject:** English **Plans after graduation:** I am attending Weatherford College to study biology.



Hadlee Holt

School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: FFA and Key Club Sports: Cheer Favorite teacher: Mrs. Parker Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan to go to Tarleton and seek a bachelor's degree in business.

#### Luke Ellis

**Parents:** Aaron and Lauren Ellis

School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Athletics

Sports: I have participated in basketball all four years and made history along with my team in going the furthest anyone has ever gone in Tolar playoffs. I also was an academic All-District player. Favorite teacher: Coach Bond Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Blinn College and getting my associate degree in business. I also plan on getting mv real estate license and becoming a realtor.



Caroline Jennings

Clubs and organizations: FFA. Grand Champion, Champion and Reserve Champion Hood County Livestock Show. Honors classes Favorite teacher: Nana Brown Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend Stephen F. Austin for environmental sciences. Alex Harris Parents: Carina Harris, Charles Harris

Parents: Carina Harris, Charles Harris School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Band Favorite teacher: Jud Griffith Favorite subject: History



Wyatt Jones

aide **Plans after graduation:** Go to Weatherford College and become a nurse

#### Hadlee Holt

Parents: Amy and Shane Flippin School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Student Council president, National Honor Society treasurer Favorite teacher: Mr. Griffith and Mrs. Foreman Favorite subject: Math/ Engineering Plans after graduation: I

**Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend the University of North Texas in Denton, and major in cybersecurity.

Caroline Jennings



Kaelin Kunkel

Logan Kunkel Parents: Dona Henderson School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Sunshine club member. Junior Class president. Senior class historian Sports: Football four years. Basketball two years. Academic All-State. Homecoming King. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Polk Favorite subject: Lunch Plans after graduation:

**Plans after graduation:** Texas Tech University

#### Kaelin Kunkel

**Parents:** Dona Henderson **School:** Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Sunshine Club, showing animals in Ag, second



Logan Kunkel

Big Country FCA All Star Game, 2023 Golf District Champion Favorite teacher: Jud Griffith Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Attend Rockhurst University to study mechanical engineering and play baseball in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference

Jorji Lidell Parents: Brandi Fisher School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Throughout high school, I participated in FFA, UIL, both marching and concert band, and was an 'honorary" TMAD mem· ber. I was named the Tolar High School Band historian in my senior year of high school. Favorite teacher: band director Mr. Noland. Favorite subject: statistics. Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Weatherford College for nursing and begin my life in the workforce in the fall of 2023.

#### Brayden Coan

Parents: Brent Coan and Patricia Coan School: Tolar High School Sports: Played football jr year Favorite teacher: Mrs. Griffith Favorite subject: Ag Plans after graduation: Welder

Jeffrey Collie Parents: Jeff and Christy Collie School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Bass Sports: Football, Track Favorite teacher: Coach LeFever Favorite subject: Athletics Plans after graduation: Try to get on the fire department or go to TCC

Kennedy Dollander Parents: Todd and Kim Dollander

#### Jacob Fisher

Parents: James and Laura Fisher School: Tolar High School Sports: Basketball freshman year Favorite teacher: Mr.Griffith Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Not sure

Shayne Hankins Parents: Ashley Briley, Danny Briley, Savanna Hankins, Rayme Hankins School: Tolar High School **Plans after graduation:** Military, U.S Navy

Alyssa Henderson Parents: Randy and Dona Henderson School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: I was in sports medicine for two years and a manager for the varsity cheer team for two years. I was also a secretary for Key Club and a member of NHS. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Parker Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attend Texas AandM in College Station and major in human resource management.

Courtlynd Hogan Parents: Amanda Anwash and Cody Hogan School: Tolar High School Sports: Volleyball and softball Favorite teacher: Coach T. Hall Favorite subject: Office Parents: Debra Jennings School: Tolar High School Sports: Volleyball, track Favorite teacher: Jill Griffith Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I plan to attend community college.

#### Wyatt Jones

**Parents:** Amy and Sam Jones **School:** Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Sunshine club member to bring happiness to the school.

Sports: Rattler football, track, and golf, two state appearances in track and All-State in football for two years. Favorite teacher: Mrs Polk Favorite subject: Financial math Plans after graduation: Play football at Hardin

Play football at Hardin Simmons place rabbit, 3rd place rabbit

**Sports:** Varsity cheer **Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Polk

**Favorite subject:** Ag **Plans after graduation:** I plan on going to Tarleton University to get a doctorate in animal science and medicine.

#### Jackson LeCluyse

Parents: Matthew and Jennifer LeCluyse School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** NHS Member, NSHSS Member, Engineering Award 2021, 1st Team Academic All-State Football 2022, Sunshine Club member, Student Council treasurer Sports: 2nd Team All District Quarterback 2020, Pitcher of the Year 2021, 1st Team All District Quarterback 2021, 2022, District MVP 2022, 2nd Team All-State Outfield 2022, 2nd Team All-State 1st Baseman 2022, 2023

#### **Claire Manley**

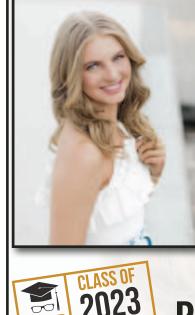
Parents: Jeffrey Manley School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Tolar FFA Sports: Softball sophomore year Favorite teacher: Nicki Serna Favorite subject: Ag Plans after graduation: Go to Ranger College for my associate degree. Then to cosmetology school.



I am so beyond proud of you. Now that you've graduated just remember bosses don't usually accept mommy notes lol.

Love you and remember, I'll always have your back XOXO





We are so proud of you and are excited for your future as an Aggie! We love you so

much! Dad, Mom, Braeden and Keeton



You are an inspiration to many. Keep powering on. -Grandma & Grandpa





Jackson Lecluyse



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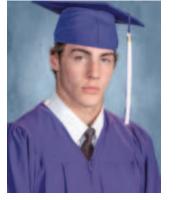
Caitlyn Miller



Braden Montagnoli



Cade Moody



Keaton Morrison



Davis Nix



Shylar Nunley



Kenneth Owens

**Reagan Meek** Parents: Ashley Meek School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Varsity cheerleader, Tolar FFA president, Chisholm Trail District FFA reporter, Tolar 4-H Sports: Graduating with endorsement in agriculture, livestock judging team - state qualifying, speaking development event - area qualifier, leadership development events, senior skills team - 3rd in district, National Cheerleading Association - 10th in state, Hood **County Miss United States** 

Agriculture **Favorite teacher:** Mr. Newton



Aimee Palmer

I participated in Tolar FFA and built projects all four years during high school. Some of my accomplishments are Freshman year-3rd in my division with a TV cabinet. Sophomore year- first in my division and reserve grand champion overall with a jewelry box. Junior year- first in my division with hammock and metal stand. Senior year- second in my division with an outdoor kitchen. These were all at the Hood County Stock Show. I also received fourth out of 55 with my outdoor kitchen at the Fort Worth Stock Show. During my high school career I also was part of Student Council, FCA, Tolar Football Unity Council, and Key Club. **Sports:** I played four years of football during high school. I participated in powerlifting for all four years of high school. I participated in discus my junior year. I participated in multiple lineman challenges during my high school career. Some honors I earned in football are Sophomore year- area finalist and received 2nd team All-District defensive line. Junior year- Regional semi-finalist, second team All-District offensive line, 1st team All-District academics. Senior yeardistrict champ, regional finalist, 1st team All-District



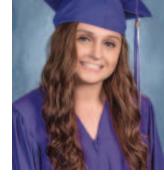
Aerial Payne

offensive line, and 2nd team All-State academics. **Favorite teacher:** Coach LeFevre **Favorite subject:** Agricultural fabrication **Plans after graduation:** I plan on pursuing a job in the electrical field.

#### Caitlyn Miller

Parents: Crystal Miller and Cory and Raecee Miller School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Junior class secretary, senior class secretary, National Honors Society, Student Council vice president Sports: Varsity track

**Favorite teacher:** Coach Rhodes



Patricia Phillips

**School:** Tolar High School **Sports:** football, basketball and baseball. 1st team All-District football, basketball and baseball. All-regional basketball. Academic All-District.

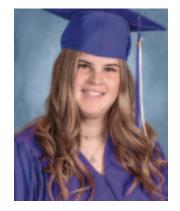
**Favorite teacher:** Mr. Jud Griffith

**Favorite subject:** Engineering **Plans after graduation:** Attending Tarleton State University, majoring in

#### Keaton Morrison

mechanical engineering

Parents: Katie Morrison School: Tolar High School Sports: All-State Padilla poll linebacker. 1st team each year of baseball, first team football Favorite teacher: Bagby Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attend TSTC

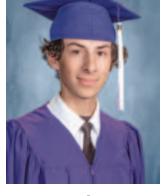


Karley Richardson

Sports: Golf - Regional Team member Favorite teacher: Mr. Griffith Favorite subject: Ag Plans after graduation: Texas AandM University -College Station

Shylar Nunley Parents: Brent and Becky Nunley School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: Sunshine Club Sports: Varsity basketball four years, yolleyball

Sports: Varsity basketball four years, volleyball, track, honorable mention - junior year in basketball, 1st team All-District and Academic All-District - senior year basketball Favorite teacher: Ms. Tri-



Jaden Rodriguez

for football 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023. **Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Bagby **Favorite subject:** Science **Plans after graduation:** I will be attending TSTC in the fall and will be in instrumentation and control operations program.

Kenneth Owens

Parents: Jon Owens School: Tolar High School Sports: Football, baseball, track, basketball Favorite teacher: Lefevere Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: TSTC

#### Aimee Palmer Parents: Lisa Palmer, Keith

**Favorite subject:** Ag **Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend Weatherford Junior College to pursue a degree to become a radiology technician.

#### Levi Mercado

Parents: Ashleigh School: Tolar High School Sports: Football Favorite teacher: Mrs. Serna Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Go to college to be a game warden

#### John McClure

Parents: Dee McClure and Kelly McClure School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: **Favorite subject:** Algebra **Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend Tarleton State University to major in business management.

Braden Montagnoli Parents: Jamie and Wes Green and Andre Montagnoli School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: National Honor Society

Favorite teacher: Judd Griffith Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Military.

#### Cade Moody

**Parents' Name** John and Kelly Moody

#### Davis Nix

Parents' Name Dalton and Amy Nix School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA - 1st vice president, Market Steer - Reserve Champion American Breed, State Fair of Texas, Prepared Speaking - State Qualifier, Livestock Judging - State Qualifier, UIL - Number Sense - Regional, L-D Debate - Regional, Student Council Representative, National Honor Society, Junior Class High Individual in Engineering

sha Bagby Favorite subject: English/ Writing

**Plans after graduation:** I plan on attending Weatherford College to get my basics for nursing, then transfer to Texas Tech to get my nursing degree and become a pediatric oncology nurse.

#### **Brock Owens**

**Parents:** Jon and Alicia Owens

School: Tolar High School Sports: Four-year starter in both varsity football and baseball. First team All-District in baseball 2021, 2022, 2023; newcomer of the year 2019/20 for football. First team All-District Palmer School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations: I have participated in UIL academics for two years. Last year I was on the spelling team, and I placed 5th in the state. This year I was on both the math and spelling teams.

**Sports:** Granbury Seals club team for four years. Last year I went to state in the breaststroke, freestyle and IM.

**Favorite teacher:** Miss Parker.

**Favorite subject:** math. **Plans after graduation:** I plan to attend the Master's University in Santa Clarita, California. I intend to major in geoscience.



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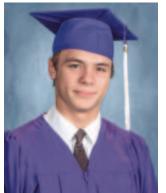
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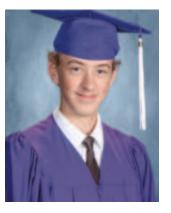
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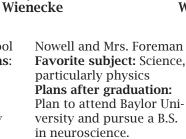
Aiden Wolf



Yearbook Sports: Football, track, powerlifting, golf Favorite teacher: Bagby Favorite subject: Art **Plans after graduation:** 

**Garrett Tedder** Parents: Regina and Robert Tedder FFA

Favorite subject: English **Plans after graduation:** I plan on going to Weatherford College and getting



Toni Underwood Parents: Bobby and Brooke Underwood School: Tolar High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Griffith Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Attending college and majoring in accounting.

#### Dakota Webb

**Parents:** Danny and Paula Webb School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations:

Jacob White Parents: Christine Hernandez

School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Sunshine Club Member **Sports:** Football, All-State honorable mention and 2nd team All-District. Powerlifting. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Tarpley

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend OU to major in psychology. Also, I plan on one day becoming the UFC Welterweight champion of the world.

#### Wyatt Wienecke

Parents: Laurie and Wayne School: Tolar High School Clubs and organizations

Champions; 2022 District Champions, Bi-District, Area, Regional Champions; 2019 3A DII District 6 Second Team All-District-Defense DE; 2020 2A DI District 7 Second Team All-District- Defense DE; 2021 2A DI District 7 Second Team All-District-Defense DE; 2022 2A DI District 5 First Team All-District- Defense DE; Padilla Poll Coaches 2022 All-State Team 2A D-1 First Team Defense; Texas Sports Writers Association 2022 All-State Team- Defense Honorable Mention; Texas High School Football 2022 Fan Vote 2A All-Texas Team- Defensive Line; UIL Academic All-District in 2019, 2020 2021, 2022. UIL Academic All-State - 2022. Favorite teacher: Jud Griffith Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Attend Harding University in Searcy, AR and major in engineering.

#### Aerial Payne

Parents: Angela and Robbie Pavne School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Concert and marching band. I went to state in 2019 in solo and ensemble Favorite teacher: Mr. Noland Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I

plan to attend an online college to study psychology

#### **PJ Phillips**

Parents: Wesley and Laura Phillips School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA, Key Club Sports: Varsity cheer 9-12 grade; co- captain varsity cheer 11th and 12th grade; Spirit award 10th and 11th grade; most energetic 11th grade; NCA all-american cheerleader 11th and 12th grade Favorite teacher: Mrs. Griffith Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Pursue a career as a vet assistant.

country running. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Rounsavall Favorite subject: My favorite subject is food science. Plans after graduation: I plan to take a break from school for a year. After that year I want to go to a local college and study psychology.

Jaden Rodriguez Parents: Heather School: Tolar High School Sports: Football, track Favorite teacher: Mrs.Polk Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: To join the navy

**Dillon Soileau** Parents: Charles Soileau and Kammie Buske School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Key club, Sunshine club, FFA, FCA Sports: Football, basketball, track and field Favorite teacher: Nikki Serna



Attend college

School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** 

Sports: Football, basketball, golf, fishing Favorite teacher: Coach Iones

#### **Karley Richardson**

Parents: Karen and Scott Richardson School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Student Council Sports: Basketball, golf, track and field Plans after graduation: Going to TSTC for culinary.

Gabby Rodriguez Parents: Lina Shelton School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Student Council **Sports:** During my early high school years I participated in track and cross

Favorite subject: Spanish Plans after graduation: I am going to continue my academics and athletic career at Abilene Christian University.

#### **Lillian Spence**

Parents: Brian Spence School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Marching band (secretary and section leader), TMAD (secretary) Favorite teacher: Tristian Hawkins Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Tarleton State University to pursue a degree in psychology.

Logan Stein Parents: Daye Stein

the basics. I plan on hopefully in the next five to seven years to start racing dirt track cars.

Zoe Trammel Parents' Name Shane and

Gina Trammel School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Marching band (8-12th grade), section leader (10-12), vice president (11-12), Band Sweetheart (11), awarded Director's Award (11). Teens Making a Difference (10-12), vice president (11), president (12) UIL Science (9-11), 2nd place team at State (11), 1st Individual, Chem, and Physics (10) Student Council (9-12), secretary (12), Class Government (11-12), vice president (11), president (12), National Honors Society (10-12), vice president (11-12) Sports: Track (10), volleyball (7-12), FCA all-star player, THSCA Elite academic All-State Favorite teacher: Ms.

NSHSS, Tolar Baptist Church

Sports: Varsity football 2021-2022, 1st team All-District 2022, powerlifting 2019-2023, regional qualifier 2019-2023, state lineman challenge qualifiers 2020-2022. track 2019-2023, area qualifier 2023

Favorite teacher: Nana Brown **Favorite subject:** Athletics Plans after graduation: Plan to major in nursing at Abilene Christian University

#### **Dagen Westbrook**

come an engineer.

**Parents:** Cole and Ashley Westbrook School: Tolar High School **Sports:** Track. Regional qualifier in cross country Favorite teacher: Mr. Griffith Favorite subject: Engineering Plans after graduation: Attend college and beFFA - four years / officer two years, Bass Club - two years Sports: Golf Team - four years, regional qualifiers Favorite teacher: Nate Newton Favorite subject: Ag

Plans after graduation: South Plains College

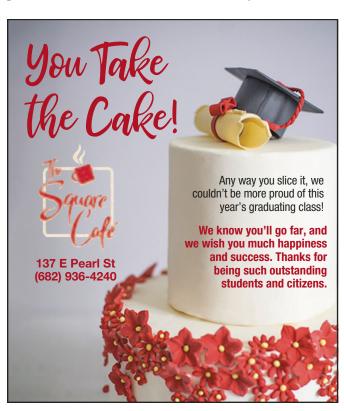
#### Luke Willmon

Parents: Curtis and Stacey Willmon School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** Key Club-1 year, FFA- two vears Sports: Varsity Basketball two years: 2020-2021 **Bi-District Champions.** Varsity Baseball - four years: 2021 District, Bi-District, Area Champions; 2022 District, Bi-District, Area Champions; 2021 2A, District 11 - 2nd Team All-District-1st Base, 2022 2A District 11 2nd Team All District-Pitcher. Varsity Football- four years: 2020 **Bi-District Champions;** 2021 Bi-District, Area

#### Aiden Wolf

Parents: Kristi and Raymond Wolf School: Tolar High School **Clubs and organizations:** FCCLA (president and treasurer), NHS, STUCO, TMAD (treasurer) Sports: Marching banddrum major last two years Favorite teacher: All of them Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: Will be attending the Uni-

versity of Texas at Austin, majoring in biochemistry



# Honoring Our **Graduates**

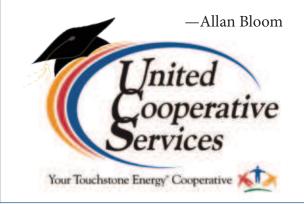
We'd like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2023. As you celebrate this milestone achievement, please know you have made your community and your loved ones proud!

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#### **LIPAN HIGH SCHOOL**





Daniel Acosta



Trinity Benitez



Chad Bilbao



Jude **Bradshaw** 



Tate Branson



Beau Broumley



Cristal **Bustamante** 

**Trinity Benitez** Parents: Juan and Amanda Benitez School: Lipan High School Clubs and organizations:



Reese Cook





Cate Cooper





Favorite subject: Math, ASL, and Ag Classes Plans after graduation: I am attending Hendrix College where I will major



James

Harrison Favorite subject: Ag Plans after graduation: South Plains Community College

Fox



Macie Garcia

from 2021-2022, pit boss of our state qualifying BBQ team, NHS member, STUCO member, UIL participant. Sports: 2A State basketball champions, four-year varsity softball player, Track 9-10th grade year, cross country 9-10th grade year Favorite teacher: Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Ervin Favorite subject: Agriculture Plans after graduation: I am going to Tarleton State University to major in elementary teacher educa-

FCA- public relations NHS member student counciltreasurer

Sports: Varsity basketballtwo-time state champs '21 '23 State Runner up '20,TGCA All-State '23, TABC all-region '23, district co-MVP '23, first team All-District '21, fourtime academic All-District, Track- three-time regional qualifier in discus, cross country- academic All-State. Tennis. Favorite teacher: Coach Callaway Favorite subject: Psychology Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Southwest-

ern University to continue my education career as well as my basketball career for the Lady Pirates. I plan to major in psychology.

#### Jude Bradshaw

Parents: Aaron and Nikole Grimmer, Jarrett Bradshaw

plan on attending Tarleton State University in the fall to major in pre-veterinary medicine. After finishing my undergrad, I plan on going to Texas AandM to complete my path in becoming an exotic vet.

#### **Tate Branson**

Lott

Parents: Amber and Les Branson School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA, FCA, NHS **Sports**: Basketball: state champion, two-time All-State, two-time All-State tournament team, tennis: regional qualifier, golf. Favorite teacher: Mr. Callaway Favorite subject: Basketball

#### Plans after graduation: Texas Tech Business School

#### **Beau Broumley**

Parents: Hayley and Will Cooper School: Lipan High School with Harrison Plans after graduation: I will be attending Texas Tech University.

rite subject: English

Jordan Buchanan Parents: Kristi and Jeremy Buchanan School: Granbury High School

**Clubs and organizations:** FFA (chapter conducting, wildlife, chapter secretary and treasurer, Lone Star Degree), NHS, ASL, Texas Boys State Press Corps, swim team captain. Sports: GHS Pirate Swim Team: 2022-2023, 200 IM: 1st team All-District, 2nd Team all-region, 200 freestyle relay: district and regional champions: state qualifying, 100 butterfly: 2nd team All-District, 400 freestyle relay: 1st team All-District, 1st team all-region, two-time state qualifier, academic All-State 20/21 and 22/23. Favorite teacher: Mrs. **Robblee-Davis** 

in pre-veterinary medicine and be a member of the Warriors swim team.

**Cristal Bustamante** Parents: Juan Bustamante and Maria Bustamante School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Student Council- member. FFA- member competing in CDEs which included wildlife and plant ID judging.

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: After graduation I plan on attending Tarleton in the fall and majoring in animal science so I can be a vet tech.

#### **Reese Cook**

Parents: Mark and Rissa Cook School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA Sports: Basketball Favorite teacher: Brad

Lucas Eagle

Parents: Heather and Mathew Eagle School: Lipan High Sports: Archery Favorite teacher: Mrs. Pack and Mrs. Harrison Favorite subject: Honors English II Plans after graduation:

I'm going to West Texas AandM University for my bachelor's in business.

#### James Fox

Parents: James, Jennine, and Jennifer School Lipan High School Favorite teacher: Foust Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Military

Savannah Green Parents: Johnny Green, Kaitlin Strunk School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Vice president of the Lipan FFA chapter, treasurer of the Lipan FFA chapter

**Riley Grove** 

tion.

Parents: Kevin and Ellyn Grove School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Lipan FFA Favorite teacher: Brad Harrison Favorite subject: Ag Mechanics Plans after graduation: Welder

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Hats off to the Class of 2023 for a job well done! We wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter and work toward your future goals. Good Luck! From The Texas Democratic Women of Hood County

#### **LIPAN HIGH SCHOOL**



Savannah Green



Riley Grove



Madison Harrison



Grace Heavyside



Logan Hodge



Gabriel Johnson



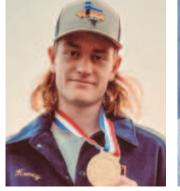
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Lynsey Little



Chelsea Lott



Korey Massie



Ben Montoya



Erin Moya

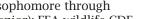


Nealie Overton

#### Grace Heavyside

Parents: Michelle Heavyside

School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** I have been class secretary officer (freshman), Fellowship of Christian Athletes member (freshman through senior), Student Council member (freshman through senior), FFA member (freshman through senior), Hood County Livestock participant (freshman through senior), National Honor Society member (sophomore through senior); UIL Academics participant (sophomore through senior), Yearbook staff (sophomore through senior); FFA wildlife CDE team member (sophomore), Student Council Environmental Ambassador (junior); FFA livestock judging CDE member (junior), FFA reporter (junior through senior), National Honor Society secretary (senior), FFA horse judging CDE team member (senior), FFA agricultural issues LDE team member (senior), FFA Quiz Team LDE team member (senior), National Society of High School Scholars member (freshman through senior). I have received A-Honor Roll (freshman through junior), 1st Place UIL Journalism Team (sophomore through senior), Reserve Champion Breeding Goat at Hood County Stock Show (sophomore), Grand **Champion Breeding Goat** at Hood County Stock Show (junior), Student of the Month-September (senior), Reserve Cham-





Ellie Peacock

pion Middleweight Market Goat at Hood County Stock Show (senior), Reserve Champion of Senior Foods at Hood County Stock Show (Senior). Sports: I have been a member of junior varsity cross country runner (freshman through sophomore), junior varsity basketball player (freshman through junior), varsity golf player (freshman through senior), Lipan archery club member (junior through senior). Favorite teacher: Mrs. Cindi Fields Favorite subject: Science.

Plans after graduation: I plan on attending Tarleton State University and earning my bachelor's degree in wildlife, sustainability, and ecosystem sciences. I will minor in soil science, and later I plan on earning my master's degree in agricultural and natural resource sciences.



Tripp Phillips

#### Lynsey Little

Parents: Misty and Shawn Little School: Lipan High School Clubs and organizations: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Council, and FFA. Sorts: Basketball, TGCA All-State four years, TABC All-Region four years, TGCA all-star, district defensive player two years, district MVP, and district offensive MVP. Cross country two-time state qualifier. Track and field four-time regional qualifier. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin Favorite subject: Math

Plans after graduation: Attend Texas AandM University and major in education.



Camey **Powers** 

Favorite teacher: My only teacher, Mrs. Fields Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: My plans after high school are to complete my associate degree during the summer semester at Weatherford College and then go to taxidermy school in the fall.

#### Ben Montoya

Parents: Wesley and Brandi Nelson School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA Sports: Basketball and baseball Favorite teacher: Brad Harrison Favorite subject: English



Reusch of the Year 2021, District

Pitcher of the Year 2022. academic All-District Favorite teacher: Mrs. Turner

Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: I will be attending Weatherford College's cosmetology program and will also obtain an associate degree.

#### **Ellie Peacock**

Parents: Sunshine Lee and David Peacock School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** I have been involved in the Lipan FFA organization chapter by showing livestock, competing in Agriculture Issues Leadership Development Events and both Wildlife and Plant Identification Career Development Events. In addition, I have also been an active member in the Student Council. I served as Student Council Spirit Leader my sophomore and junior year and then followed up in serving as president this current year. During my junior year of high school, I had the privilege to represent the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as vice president. In addition to the different leadership positions I have held, I have also been a member of my school's National Honor Society Chapter. I have competed in UIL Academic Journalism events for the past three years. At the district level, I was a part of the District Journalism Champion team for three consecutive years. Each year I competed, I advanced to the Regional UIL Academic



Cole **Reynolds** 

meet. In 2022, I placed 4th in News Writing at regionals. This spring, I advanced in five events and won 7th in Copy Editing Skills and 4th in Feature Writing. In preparation for these events, I have had the privilege to write tri-monthly articles for the Hood County News, featuring the ongoing events of Lipan High School. I have also been a part of my school's yearbook community for the past three years. Sports: During my first two years of high school, I ran with both the crosscountry and track teams. However, in my junior year, I chose to join the tennis team instead of running. While in high school, I played basketball and earned the opportunity to play at the varsity level. Through my teammates and my efforts, we won both the 2021 and 2023 2A Basketball State Championships. Favorite teacher: Numerous teachers have helped me throughout my high school career. Therefore, it would be unfair to just name one. I would like to thank the many Lipan staff members that have helped me to become the person I am today.



#### **Gabriel Johnson**

Parents: Valerie and Jeremy Johnson School: Lipan High School Clubs and organizations: NHS president, FFA chapter sentinel, class treasurer, UIL academics in current issues and events, history, qualified in regional for current issues, five-time sweepstakes for ensemble band Sports: Tennis, archery two-time state qualifier Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fields

Favorite subject: Music Plans after graduation: Obtaining my bachelor's in music education at West Texas AandM

#### **Chelsea Lott**

Parents: Jimmy and Vanessa Lott School: Lipan High School Clubs and organizations: Class President Sports: Varsity Basketballtwo-time State Champion and State MVP; Varsity Tennis- two-time Regional Qualifier Favorite teacher: Coach Lott Favorite subject: History

Plans after graduation: I will be attending Hardin-Simmons University to study exercise science and play basketball.

#### **Korey Massie**

Parents: Brad and Tracy Massie School: Lipan High School Sports: Basketball-2nd team All-District, academic All-State

Plans after graduation: Attend Weatherford College to start working on an agribusiness degree.

#### Erin Moya

Parents: Joshua Moya and Janet Moya School: Lipan High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Pack, and Mr. Foust

Favorite subject: Environmental, English, and Photoshop. Plans after graduation: I plan to move away and

have a little farm off-grid.

#### Neali Overton Parents: Duane and Jodi

Overton School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Throughout the years at Lipan ISD, I have participated in Lipan 4-H, Lipan FFA, Lipan Archery Club and STUCO. Sports: Lady Indians Softball- District Newcomer

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to

attend the University of North Texas College of Liberal Arts to study English.



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#### **LIPAN HIGH SCHOOL**



Aaron Rogers

**Camey Powers** Parents: Michael and Lori Powers

School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Throughout high school, I have had many opportunities to pursue my passions through extracurricular activities and leadership roles. Most notably, I have served as president of the Lipan FFA chapter for the past two years and have been an officer in both 4-H and FFA every year of my high school career. I have participated in prepared public speaking, horse judging, and other agricultural activities through Lipan FFA. I am currently Lipan FFA's horse judging coach, and my girls just came home with the 2023 State Champion Team title. I have also been a part of NHS and served as a delegate board member for Texas' American Quarter Horse Association affiliate, TQHA. I was inducted into the Hood County 4-H Ambassador program to serve as a county representative for the 2022-2023 school year. Community service goes hand in hand with these organizations, so I have organized, participated in, and led many service projects for 4-H and FFA over the years. These activities and leadership roles have shaped me in ways that I am extremely grateful for and proud of. Not only have I been able to better serve my community and connect with peers, but now I have leadership skills that will serve me well for years to come. Favorite teacher: My favorite teachers at Lipan ISD would have to be Mr. Terry Whitaker and Mr. Brad Harrison. These two gentlemen have hauled

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me all over the state to compete and work at the things I love. I could not have accomplished everything that I have done without their countless hours, miles, and tears shed.

#### Hannah Reusch

Parents: Susanne Reusch School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** I am a member of both National Honor Society and FFA. **Sports:** I love to compete in rodeos and jackpots. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: My dual credit sociology and psychology classes have been my favorite classes to take!

Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to attend Tarleton State University and get a bachelor's degree in child development and family studies, and then become a certified child life specialist.

#### **Cole Reynolds**

Parents: Ashley Reynolds and Clint Reynolds School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Lipan FFA Sports: Basketball - state championship, first team All-District, Lipan fishing team - regional qualifier. Favorite teacher: Harrison Favorite subject: Ag Plans after graduation: Go into the electrical field.

#### **Aaron Rogers**

Parents: Bobby Rogers, Melissa Smith, Dale Smith, Dannell Rogers School: Lipan High School Favorite teacher: Mrs. Harrison Favorite subject: Math Plans after graduation: Go straight to work.



Jolie Russell



Hayden

Shockley



Dylan

Sinclair



Garrett Smith



Phoebe Tipton

Jolie Russell Parents: Clark and Tina Russell School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** NHS and STUCO Sports: Basketball and track

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: Anatomy and physiology Plans after graduation: I plan to further my education at Weatherford College, where I will work to become a radiologist.

#### Hayden Shockley

Parents: Shane and Jackie Shockley

School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** FFA- treasurer, band, archery-state qualifier, BBQpit boss-Bean Queen- state qualifier, FCA- president, Student Council- treasurer-president, NHS- treasurer.

Sports: Basketball - 2A state champion, cross country, and track manager

Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: Anatomy and Physiology Plans after graduation: Attend Weatherford Col-



#### **Dylan Sinclair** Parents: Duff and Billy Jo

School: Lipan High School Clubs and organizations: Secretary (9th), vice president (11th and 12th); Student Council - class representative (11th and 12th); FFA - Secretary (12th); Horse judging team member - 2022 area champs, state qualifiers; UIL - 2022 regional qualifier Ready Writing and science; National Honor Society - vice president (12th).

Sports: JV/varsity basketball (2019-2022); JV/ varsity track (2019-2021); high school rodeo - fourtime state qualifier, twotime national qualifier, two-time region year end cutting champion, 2020 reserve state champion girls cutting; 2022 6th place national finish girls cutting. Favorite teacher: Mrs.

Ervin Favorite subject: Anato-

my Plans after graduation: In the fall, I will be attending Oklahoma State University on a rodeo scholarship to get a degree in cell and molecular biology. After graduating, i pian on ap plying for physician assis-



Jimena Vega

tant school back in Texas and eventually working as either a general surgery or emergency room PA.

#### **Garrett Smith** Parents: Barry and Sarah

Smith School: Lipan High School Sports: Golf. BasketbAll-State champions, state MVP, All-State, All-State tournament, 2A player of the year Favorite teacher: Mrs. Fields Favorite subject: Math

Plans after graduation: Attend St. Edwards University to play basketball and major in marketing

#### **Phoebe Tipton**

Parents: Richie and Ellie Tipton School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** NHS, Student Council officer

Sports: Basketball and track 9th-11th, cross country manager 9th-11th Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: Science Plans after graduation: I will be attending WTAMU in the fall to major in criminal justice to then hopefully work in the BAU



Jimena Vega Parents: Martha Garcia, Roy Vega School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Title of Spirit Leader in STUCO Favorite teacher: Mrs. Ervin

Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: I am planning on attending Tarleton State University in the fall, getting a degree in pre-nursing.

#### **Micah Wallace**

**Parents:** Cristy Wallace School: Lipan High School **Clubs and organizations:** Lipan FFA: 2023 horse judging team state champions/ national qualifier, 2023 7th individually state horse judging, Lipan rodeo team president. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Harrison Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: My plan after graduation is to attend Tarleton or Frank Phillips College. During my time at college, I will be a part of the rodeo team and pursue an education in animal science, along with a minor in business. After college,

I plan to work my way to building my own equine rehabilitation business.

#### Weston Vance

Sinclair

lege and major in nursing

as an FBI agent



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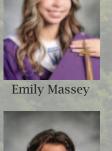
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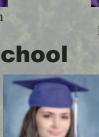


Gavin Logsdon

#### **Tolar High School**



Jackson LeCluyse



Isabella Carpenter





Saphyre Sneed



Carolina Espinosa Garcia



Name: Reagan Meek Parent: Ashley Meek Clubs: Varsity Cheerleader, Tolar FFA, President, Chisholm Trail District FFA Reporter, Tolar 4-H Sports/Clubs Involved with any Honors: Graduating with Endorsement in Agriculture, Livestock Judging Team - State Qualifying, Speaking Development Event - Area Qualifier, Leadership Development Events, Senior Skills Team - 3rd in District, National Cheerleading Association - 10th in Stat, Hood **County Miss United States Agriculture** 



Solomon is a transfer from Florida. That alone is a big feat considering this was his last year of high school. He showed his athleticism at GBISD playing Football, Basketball and track while maintaining his attendance and academics. His goal post graduation is to get into Realistate but college may still be in his future.



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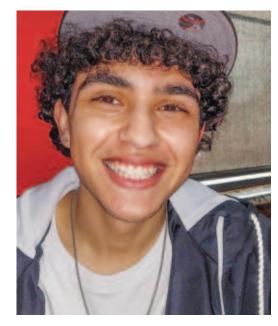




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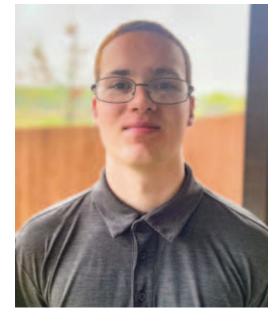




Sarah Nelson



Elijah Ray



Gabriel Ray



Alexandra **Rogers** 



Cadence Snowdon







Brianna Culton Parents: Bryan and Tiffiny Callas School: Premier High School Plans after graduation: Attend college o pursue being an ultrasound technician (sonographer)

Zoey Fincher Parents: Kelci Murphy School: Premier High School Clubs and organizations: law of public safety lefsa Sports: I played in band freshman year Favorite teacher: Mr. Kelly **Favorite teacher:** Mr. Kelly **Favorite subject:** History and English **Plans after graduation:** I'm going to Weatherford College, majoring in business management, then I'll transfer to Texas AandM and get my bachelor's and then go to law school.

### Brynna Wells

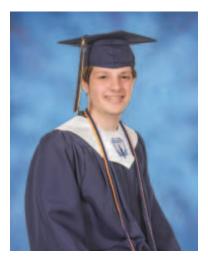


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# CORNERSTONE **CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS**



Luke **Bagley** 



Talon Ann Dozier

#### Luke Bagley

Parents: Brian and Rebekah Bagley School: Cornerstone Christian Academv

**Clubs and organizations:** Student Council - senior class representative; and member of the National Honors Society

Sports: Varsity football MVP 2021-2022; varsity tennis; varsity basketball; varsity golf

Favorite teacher: My favorite teacher is Mr. Duke

Favorite subject: My favorite subject is Economics.

Plans after graduation: After graduation, I plan to attend New Saint An-'ollege in Moscow, Idaho



Emalee **Bradford** 



Anna Felty

# Alyssa Brandon



Elizabeth Gonzalez

dren's Hospital as a Child life Specialist.

#### Anna Felty

**Parents:** Todd and Whitney Felty **School:** Cornerstone Christian Academy

Clubs and organizations: Hood

County Food and Fashion Club- president (3rd place district 8 educational presentation, 9th Place Texas state educational presentation, 1st Place Hood County Food Show), NHS-treasurer, president, Cornerstone 4-H treasurer, vice president, Hood County Healthy Ambassador, student council- treasurer,

Varsity basketball manager-Sports runner-up TCAF state champions Favorite teacher: Mr.Duke Favorite subject: Geography Plans after graduation: Anna will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall with a major in marketing and minor in human nutrition. She plans on becoming a recipe developer for a world-class culinary development center.



Lizzy Carter



Nathan Heep

#### Lauren Riley Jones Parents: Brian and Jae Crawford; Kevin Iones

School: Cornerstone Christian Acadmey

**Clubs and organizations:** 4H president, VP and treasurer, National Honor Society president and treasurer, Student Council vice president Sports: Volleyball All-State, 1st team All-District, 2nd team All-District, All-State defensive player, basketball tournament MVP, first team All-State, tennis state recognition, cross country state recognition Favorite teacher: Mrs. Swaim Favorite subject: All of them! Plans after graduation: Oklahoma

Fire Volleyball Club Sports: Volleyball - three-time 1stteam All-District, two-time 1st-team All-State, all-tournament team, district

offensive MVP, track and field **Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Swaim Your favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Oklahoma State University and major in sports media in hopes of becoming a sports journalist

#### Lizzv Carter

Parents: Misty and Michael Carter School: Cornerstone Christian Academv

Clubs and organizations: STUCO, NHS, worshin lea

#### **Emalee Bradford**

Parents: Guy Bradford School: Cornerstone Christian academv

Clubs and organizations: Student council

Sports: Cheer captain, tennis Favorite teacher: Mrs Swaim Favorite subject: Geography Plans after graduation: I plan to attend Tarleton State University and major in pediatric rehabilitation physical therapy

#### Alyssa Brandon

Parents: Traci Cooper-Ives, Michael Brandon

School: Cornerstone Christian Academv

Clubs and organizations: Student Council - class representative, officer of fundraising, officer of marketing, National Honors Society, Fort Worth

Sports: Volleyball, basketball, tennis, cross country Favorite teacher: I love all my CCA teachers!

Favorite subject: Bible and History **Plans after graduation:** Lizzy plans on attending Texas Baptist College in Fort Worth majoring in intercultural missions and biblical counseling

#### **Talon Ann Dozier**

Parents: Jennifer Jean School: Cornerstone Christian Academy

Clubs and organizations: Student Council, NHS Sports: Cross country, basketball, tennis

Favorite teacher: Mr. Nolte Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend UMHB (University of Mary Hardin Baylor) Plan to study Childhood Development and Family Services. To work in a Chil-

#### Maddie Hosea

Parents: John and Sara Hosea School: Cornerstone Christian Academv

Clubs and organizations: National Honors Society

Sports: Cross country, tennis Favorite teacher: Mrs. Swaim Favorite subject: Honors English Plans after graduation: Maddie will attend Texas Tech University and will be majoring in criminology

State University to major in architecture with a minor in entrepreneurship

#### Kayla Kirk

Parents: Mark and Ginger Kirk School: Cornerstone Christian Academv

**Clubs and organizations:** Student Council 2021-2023: historian, presi-dent, 4-H 2015-2020, National Honor Society 2019-2023: co-historian, vice president

**Sports:** Volleyball: state runner up, cross country: state meet, basketball: state championship, state runner up, 1st team All-District (four times), district MVP (two times), 2nd team All-State, 1st team All-State (three times) Favorite teacher: Mrs. Swaim Favorite subject: English **Plans after graduation:** Plaving basketball for Howard Payne University, studying pre-physical therapy



# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS



Maddie Hosea



Riley Jones



Kayla Kirk



Emily Lemens





Sam Mitchell





Jacob Nolte



#### Campbell Plemons

#### Bryce Thomas



#### **Emily Lemens**

**Parents:** Dawn Lemens **School:** Cornerstone Christian Academy

**Clubs and organizations:** National Honors Society, Senior class representative, Stuco.

**Sports:** Varsity soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, cheer, and track. Volleyball Newcomer of the Year, basketball 1st team All-District, volleyball 2nd team All-District, 1st place girls high jump, 7th place tennis All-District. **Favorite teacher:** Mrs. Gacetta **Your favorite subject:** English **Plans after graduation:** I plan to major in forensic toxicology and minor in missionary studies at Grand Canyon University.

#### Samuel Mitchell

**Parents:** Jennifer and Michael Mitchell **School:** Cornerstone Christian Academy

Clubs and organizations: National Honors Society, Student Council, Student Council secretary, Student Council vice president Sports: Varsity gootball, varsity basketball, varsity cross country, varsity track and field, crusader award, varsity tennis, Crusader Award, Male Athlete of the year Favorite teacher: Mr. Nolte

Favorite subject: English Plans after graduation: Attend Oklahoma State University and study to be a high school teacher.

#### Jana Plemons

**Parents:** Michael and Jana Plemons **School:** Cornerstone Christian Academy

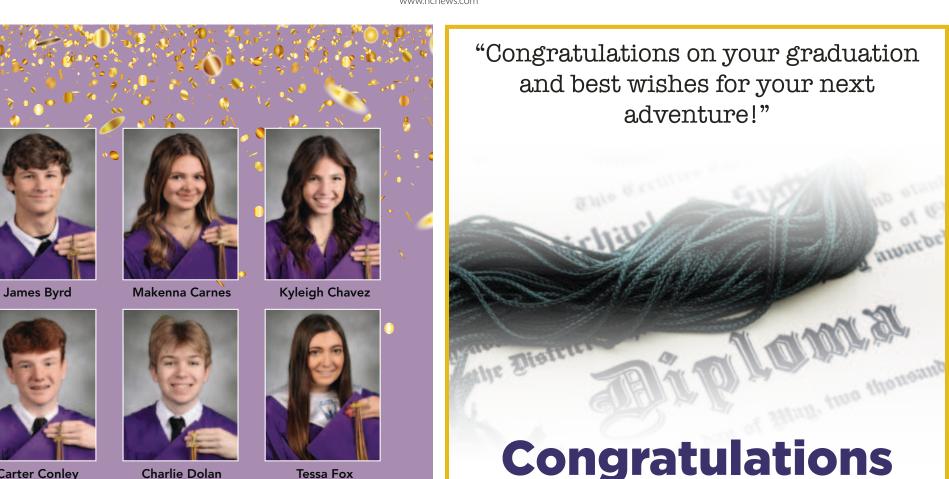
Clubs and organizations: Secretary of National Honor Society Junior and Senior year. Received Academic Dean Award Sophomore, Junior, Senior year for having GPA of 4.0 or higher. Sports: Lettered in volleyball sophomore, junior, and senior year. First team All-District junior and senior year Favorite teacher: Sherry Swaim, English Teacher Favorite subject: Art **Plans after graduation:** Attend Texas Tech University to major in nursing.

#### Zachary Tompkins

Parents: Daren and Elissa Tompkins School: Cornerstone Christian Academy

Clubs and organizations: Offices held and honors earned NHS Sports: Basketball Favorite teacher: All my teachers Favorite subject: History Plans after graduation: Attend Summit Gap Year at Summit Ministries in Colorado





**Carter Conley** 



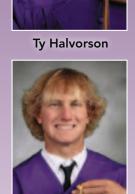
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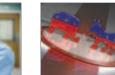
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