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FUN IN THE SUN

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Hood County residents and visitors can now enjoy some pool fun at the Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center. The 4,280-foot swim center opened on May 30 for the 2023 season.

City pool now open for the summer

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Anyone wishing to beat the heat can now head to the city pool for some much-needed relaxation and fun in the sun.

The Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center located at 301 N. Park St., is now open to the public for the 2023 season.

The 4,280-foot swim center ranges from four to 12 feet deep and contains 196,000 gallons of water.

Additionally, with six 75-

foot swimming lanes, a water slide, and a shaded kiddie splash area for toddlers, there is something for everyone to enjoy at the pool.

The swim center is named after Olympic gold-medalist swimmer Dana Vollmer, who grew up in Granbury.

“Who is the city pool named

after? Undoubtedly the most decorated Olympic athlete from Granbury,” said Jeff Newpher, communications manager for the city of Granbury. “If people aren’t familiar with the history of the pool, google ‘Dana Vollmer.’ Almost all of her records have not been broken.”

For those ages three and older, general admission for the pool is \$4 per person. Children under three can get in for free.

Season passes are also available to purchase for \$100 each.

“The great thing about the pool is it’s on an end of town that’s more convenient for a lot of people,” Newpher said. “Some people can even walk there if they want to, but please be careful. Anyone under 12 should always be accompanied by an adult.”

No outside food or drinks are allowed at the pool, but attendees can purchase concessions on site.

The center does not offer swim lessons, but residents can take lessons at the Hood

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Reynolds reappointed to water district board

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court unanimously reappointed Lipan resident Jarrod Reynolds to the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District board at the court’s regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23.

Reynolds is finishing his first term on that panel. He was first appointed in 2019.

Hood County has two seats on the board of the UTGCD, which encompasses the counties of Hood, Montague, Wise, and Parker. The UTGCD helps protect and conserve water within the Upper Trinity aquifer through the registration of wells, public education, and outreach.

In his early 40s, Reynolds has a bachelor’s degree in hydrology from Tarleton State University and a master’s degree in water resources engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington. He did some doctoral work in groundwater modeling, studying under Gordon D. Bennett, “the grandfather of MODFLOW,” he told the Hood County News in 2021. MODFLOW is a computer code that solves the groundwater flow equation and is used by hydrogeologists.

Reynolds is the principal owner of CORE Management, LLC, a company that provides water treatment and wastewater treatment along with consulting services for public water systems and oilfields. The company designs and constructs water and wastewater treatment systems and does engineering for them.

He and his wife Sheree, who serves on the Lipan School Board of Trustees, have three children who are the fifth generation to live on a 100-acre farm purchased by Reynolds’ grandfather after his service in World War II. Reynolds’ great-grandparents also lived on the farmland. The family was in the dairy business for many years.

In addition to Reynolds, Hood County is represented on the UTGCD board by the recently appointed Bob Lusk.

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County approves agreement with Tolar for police help

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, authorized the county judge to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city of Tolar relating to communication, coordination, and jail access between that city’s police department and the Hood County Sheriff’s Office.

It’s all part of Tolar’s efforts to create a licensed police department after going almost a decade without one.

The Tolar City Council gave its approval for an MOU at its regular meeting on Monday, May 15.

Ray Wilson, who will serve as Tolar’s police chief once licensing is in place, is overseeing the tasks that need to be completed for the town’s new police department to become licensed through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

With the MOU, Wilson will be able to call for back-up and will also aid the county if his help is needed.

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County accepts offer for RV storage units

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

Just a few weeks after the Hood County Commissioners Court tabled construction of a large metal storage building after receiving just one construction bid, someone stepped up to help the county protect its most expensive assets.

Ron Cummings, who owns an RV parking facility on Fall Creek Highway, offered the use of two 15-foot-by-50-foot RV storage units to house the county’s Mobile Command Unit, valued at \$1.2 million, and the recently arrived Hood County Library Bookmobile, which was purchased for \$323,000.

The cost to use the parking bays is \$1.

Mills explained to the Hood County News that he was in a rush to meet the deadline for putting items on the Commissioners Court agenda, so he reconfigured an existing agreement that happens to include a \$1 charge.

“Rather than doing a bunch of research on whether a ‘contract’ for no money at all would be enforceable for the county or other party, I just left the \$1 in there so it would appear to be more of a mutual exchange,” Mills stated in an email to the HCN. “But a couple of commissioners have offered to pay the \$1 out of their own pockets. I would do the

same. So, I would still call it a free deal for the county, except (for) utilities.”

Each storage unit is equipped with electricity and an individual electric meter. The county will pay for any electricity that is used in the two units.

The RV site has security cameras and is monitored 24 hours a day, according to the May 23 agenda item, which was sponsored by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson.

“It’s one of those deals where it’s kind of hard to pass up free,” Wilson stated at the meeting.

The court agreed and unanimously approved Cummings’ offer.

The county judge and commissioners have been discussing possibly constructing a 3,820-square-foot metal building to house the Mobile Command Unit, the bookmobile and other county-owned assets since last October.

The one bid that was received came in at \$331,075. The pricing included dirt work and a concrete slab thick enough to accommodate the significant weight of the vehicles.

Rather than accepting the bid, the court decided to conduct further research.

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POOL

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County YMCA, at 1475 James Road.

“They do an outstanding job at the Y for swimming lessons,” Newpher said. “They have pool safety in general and I know they’ve had Granbury ISD second

graders there in the last couple of weeks learning about pool safety, plus having a lot of fun too.”

According to the granbury.org Aquatics page, there will be no private pool parties or after-hour pool parties during the 2023 pool season. However, guests can rent the pool pavilion and swim with the

public during regular business hours.

The cost to rent the pool pavilion is \$30 for three hours, plus an extra \$2 per person.

If interested in renting the pool pavilion during business hours, residents can email Maggie Wylie, aquatics manager and events coordinator, at mwylie@

granbury.org.

Newpher said the swim center has a full staff of lifeguards, and that any teen wishing to apply for a job can visit granbury.org online and fill out an application under “Employment.”

The Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center 2023 season will remain open from now through July

30.

Hours of operation are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday. The pool is closed on Mondays.

“There’s no guarantee that you’ll be an Olympic swimmer if you use the Dana Vollmer pool, but it

can’t hurt,” Newpher added, with a chuckle. “If parents need something to do, take your kids to the pool — just don’t forget the sunscreen.”

For more information about the Dana Vollmer Municipal Swim Center, call 817-573-7275.

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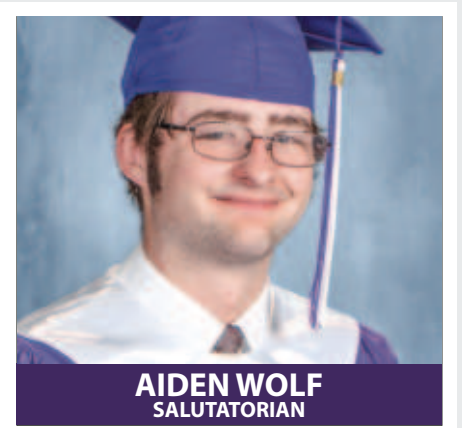
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CORRECTION

In the May 24 Graduation Special Section of the Hood County News, the Tolar valedictorian and salutatorian were misnamed. The valedictorian is Zoe Trammel and the salutatorian is Aiden Wolf. Congratulations to these outstanding students and we deeply regret our error.



ZOE TRAMMEL
VALEDICTORIAN



AIDEN WOLF
SALUTATORIAN

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. Nowell and Mrs. Foreman
Favorite subject: Science, particularly physics
Plans after graduation: Plan to attend Baylor University and pursue a B.S. in neuroscience.

Aiden Wolf
Parents: Kristi and Raymond Wolf
School: Tolar High School
Clubs and organizations: FCCLA (president and treasurer), NHS, STUCO, TMAD (treasurer)
Sports: Marching band- drum major last two years
Favorite teacher: All of them
Favorite subject: Science
Plans after graduation: Will be attending the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in biochemistry



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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Summer has “officially” begun but somehow, it is different!



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.

With the school year ending and the passing of Memorial Day, summer has officially started. I appreciate the first official day of summer is not until June 21, but in my book after Memorial Day and the kids are out of school, the world quickly passes from spring to the heat and activity of summer vacation.

Thoughts of summers gone by re-ignite memories, which are deeply embedded in my mind. The world has changed in the many years since the summers of my youth. Those summers were spent in endeavors significantly different than how children now spend their time.

Just this past week I went to the dermatologist for them to examine a mole on my back. My wife had advised me the mole was slightly irregularly shaped and darkened, and she thought I should have it checked. When the doctor asked me if I used sunscreen, I advised

that I do now, but when in grade school my shirt came off the last day of school and other than church, it pretty much did not go back on until the first day of school in the fall. I am not sure sunscreen had even been invented yet! Most all my summer days were spent either playing baseball, running in a garden sprinkler, or playing with the water hose, while the sun baked down. Many times, there were not enough boys to play a regular full scale baseball game, so we played stick ball or what we called Indian ball which required less men. Sometimes, my buddy Bobby and I would simply play catch for hours on end, creating a game with imaginary players, hits and runs, walks, and errors. The thought of going inside never seemed to cross our mind. Of course, there was no air conditioning in the house, so going

inside would not have been much cooler except for a little breeze provided by the oscillating fan.

We boys would go in to eat dinner but would gobble our food down so we could get back outside and play tag or hot box or wait until near dark to begin catching fireflies. We would be out past dusk and would hear the back screen open and my mother's voice would call out when it was time to come in. I never remember being discontented. I was never envious of other kids who went off to camp or on extravagant vacations. There was something magical about the simplicity of life, the sheer joy and happiness of playing, being with my friends, and doing what we did.

I look at the summer activities of young people today and they are so vastly different. Children go to gymnastics, dance, and swimming

lessons, sports camps as well as a host of other activities. Time is spent playing with a tablet, phone, or playing video games. Other than swimming, little time is spent outside or creating ways to spend their time, everything is preplanned and pre-programmed.

Who am I to judge whether the way children spend their summer is well spent or not. I am guessing young people will not look back on their youthful summers with the same joy as I do. Such a pity.

Thought for the day: A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking.

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

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County Court-at-Law to replace chairs in 'bad condition'

BY KATHY CRUZ
Senior Staff Writer

County Court-at-Law Judge Richard Hattox will get some new chairs for his courtroom and jury room.

It's probably a good thing, too. "I looked at the chairs yesterday," county Purchasing Agent Glenn Tilleman told members of the Hood County Commissioners Court at their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, when the purchase was considered. "The ones in the courtroom are in pretty bad condition and a safety issue. The chairs in the jury room, there are six of them (and) they need 12 in there due to the kind of cases they'll be handling in the future, and so this is a request that they have made."

In March, the Hood County News reported that Hattox and 355th District Judge Bryan Bufkin had agreed to a "cross-assignment" arrangement that allows them to hear cases from each other's courts.

The partnership, which is allowed under the Texas Government Code, is expected to help move cases through the courts at a faster pace. The agreement is good for one year and was approved by David L. Evans, presiding judge of the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region.

The Commissioners Court approved the purchase of 23 new chairs for the courtroom and jury room from Fund 55, which is the General Fund. The cost is not to exceed \$16,500.

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The Hood County unemployment rate for April was 3.4 percent —a one percent decrease since February.

Texas job growth continues in with record job count Hood County unemployment rates decreased from February to April

Staff Reports

Texas achieved 26 consecutive months of growth in total nonfarm employment in April 2023, with the state again eclipsing records for the largest civilian labor force and greatest number of people employed in state history. The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force increased by 62,184 to reach a series-high 14,960,308 people, while the unemployment rate held steady at 4.0

percent. Texas added 33,300 positions to reach another series-high job count at 13,871,100 total nonfarm jobs. Annually, the Texas job count increased more than any other state, with 534,600 positions added since April 2022.

"Texas continues its strong job creation trend with more than one million jobs added since April 2019," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC continues to work to meet the growth

across the state and support workforce needs with training solutions that start as early as high school."

In Hood County, the April unemployment rate was 3.4 percent or 1,052 total unemployed out of a civilian labor force of 30,706. The highest unemployment rate in Hood County was in February with 4.4 percent, or 1,342 total unemployed out of a 30,733 civilian labor force.

Every one of the 11 major industries had positive annual growth in Texas, with all but one industry, Construction, achieving positive over-the-month growth. In April, Professional and Business Services had the largest monthly gain with 8,700 jobs added, followed by Trade, Transportation and Utilities with 6,400 positions, and Leisure and Hospitality following closely with 6,200 positions.

"The fact that every single industry in Texas has sustained positive growth over

the year is a testament to the strength of Texas employers, large and small, and the health of our economy," TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson said. "Texas is leading the way and on the forefront of technology and many other high-demand sectors, and TWC is here to provide resources for training to employers so they can ensure their workforce meets their business needs."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) reached the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.3 percent in April, followed by Amarillo at 2.8 percent, then College Station-Bryan at 2.9 percent. Nationally, over the year, the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA ranked second for number of jobs added, while the Midland MSA

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Leveda Jean Roark

December 10, 1931 - May 23, 2023

Jeanne Roark was born in Lake Village Arkansas to Christopher Columbus Roark and Elizabeth Hazel Hollis on December 10 1931. Jeanne passed away surrounded by her family after a sudden illness.

She is survived by her daughter Julie Pitman and husband Joe, son Robert Howard and wife Lisa, son Steven Howard and wife Anita and daughter Robin Ortega. Jeanne is survived by 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Jeanne owned Jeanne's Cleaning Service for many years in Granbury. Donations in lieu of



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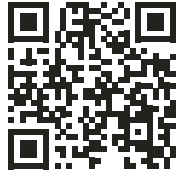
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Remittances from the retail trade sector were positive in April compared with the same month the previous year, after falling in March for the first time in 12 months

State sales tax revenue totaled \$4.1 billion in April

Submitted Item

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said state sales tax revenue totaled \$4.09 billion in April, 6.7 percent more than in April 2022. The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on sales made in March and remitted to the agency in April.

"April sales tax revenue growth, moderately in excess of general price inflation, suggests economic expansion continues in spite of higher interest rates and fears of a recession," Hegar said. "The strongest growth continues to be from sectors primarily driven by business spending."

"Receipts from the oil and gas mining sectors once again showed the strongest growth among all sectors compared with the same month a year ago, with remittances approaching a 50-percent gain for the fourth straight month. Receipts from the construction and manufacturing sectors were up by double digits, while receipts from wholesale trade slowed and dipped below the year-ago level, as building materials prices have come down from the peak reached last year."

"Remittances from the retail trade sector were positive in April compared with the same month the previous year, after falling in March for the first time in 12 months. Within the sector, receipts from electronic shopping and grocery stores both showed double-digit increases compared with April 2022, and collections from general merchandise were up again after falling last month."

"Restaurant receipts increased in line with the inflation rate for food away from home in March."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2023 was up 8.8 percent compared with the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$507 million, down 3 percent from April 2022;
- Motor fuel taxes — \$319 million, down 5 percent from April 2022;
- Oil production tax — \$453 million, down 32 percent from April 2022;
- Natural gas production tax — \$203 million, down 40 percent from April 2022;
- Hotel occupancy tax — \$83 million, the highest monthly collections on record, up 9 percent from April 2022; and
- Alcoholic beverage taxes — \$163 million, the highest monthly collections on record, up 7 percent from April 2022.

LOOKING BACK

It's been a very long summer off for those Thorp Spring college students

From Staff Reports

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

The Hood County community known as Thorp Spring never had a massive population, but readers may be stunned to know that it has been the location of more than one institute of higher learning.

While current school graduations were being reported from all around recently, a look back into local newspaper history from 100 years ago turned up an interesting article.

The story, published in the Friday, July 27, 1923 edition of The Granbury News, was headlined, "Successful Summer Term Closes at Thorp Spring."

For those who may not know, Thorp Spring is a tiny Hood County community located on FM 4 — only about three miles from Granbury, on the way toward Lipan.

An article written by Barbara Thorp Wilkins that was published in Granbury Magazine in the summer of 1986 described Thorp Spring as a "forgotten hamlet" and an "obscure village" — but one that "has a rich and tumultuous history, a well-kept secret, long forgotten by

most. Just off the highway, a deserted church camp on a weedy expanse belies the fact that a major university had its beginnings and flourished there over a century ago. It still flourishes, but not at Thorp Spring."

The century-old newspaper article — written by A.R. Bolt, president of the college, stated, "Thorp Spring Christian College closed on Saturday, July 21, its first summer session. Prof. B.W. Miller of the Mathematics and Science Department is leaving for the University of Texas where he goes to take special work the second term at the University Summer School. He intends to return to the college about September 2."

"Miss Mattie Ella Cravens of the English Department is leaving for her home in Brownwood, Texas, and will start in a few days for a two

week rest in the Yellowstone National Park. Miss Minnie Ruth Hammond of the Expression Department is leaving today for Sherman, Texas, where she will visit Mrs. A.P. Scott of that city. From there she will go to her home in Nashville, Tennessee, where she will remain until the opening of school September 19."

"Miss Ruth Stewart of Thorp Spring was awarded (a) college diploma at the regular chapel service on Saturday. About fifteen students are doing special credit work looking toward graduation from the college department. On the whole the school (officials) consider that the summer session has been very successful. The fall session was announced to begin September 19, at which time reports from the business office are that the school will have an unusual enrollment."

Wilkins' article noted that the original college in the Thorp Spring area was chartered in 1873, as AddRan Male and Female College — named for founders Addison and Randolph Clark. The records showed that 13 students attended AddRan in its first year.

Thorp Spring, the 1986 ar-

ticle in Granbury Magazine stated, was founded by "A hardy pioneer from Virginia, Pleasant Thorp," who "settled his family on the west banks of the Brazos River in 1854. Naming the spot for himself and bubbling springs in a branch of Stroud's Creek, Thorp envisioned not just another frontier settlement but an important town, and he spent almost the next 40 years making the dream come true. At his death in 1890, the 81-year-old pioneer had lived to see his vision become reality, for by the 1880s the town's population had boomed to over 1,000, and it was known statewide."

However, Wilkins continued, Thorp's dream "blossomed for a short, glorious season, then withered. By 1890, the population of the once-vibrant resort and college town was estimated at 184. Pleasant Thorp could not have been pleased."

Wilkins' article also noted this now-obscure golden nugget of history: "The college would continue to grow to become Texas Christian University, but not in Thorp's limestone building, for in the spring of 1877, he evicted the Clarks, and the deed was canceled."

JOB

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ranked first in America for percentage of jobs added.

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ACROSS

- 1 consumes a meal
- TXism: "bright as ___ penny"
- 6 possible transport to George Bush International Airport
- 7 TXism: "if he bought a cemetery, people would ___ dying"
- 8 casa constructors
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- 18 below
- 21 Texas-sized multinational conglomerate
- 22 dog name
- 23 TX Ginger Rogers 1939 film: "Fifth ___ Girl"
- 24 TXism: "he's still got some ___ in his jeans"
- 29 grain storage
- 30 TXism: "two peas in ___" (alike)
- 31 physician deg.
- 32 Carl Sandberg said "Texas ___ swagger"
- 34 Texas Comanche chief "___ Beard"
- 35 TX Foreman fought for this championship at 44 (abbr.)
- 36 TXism: "tough ___ boot"
- 37 drunkards
- 38 Gomer ___ is a San Antonio street
- 39 in Williamson County on highway 79
- 40 TXism: "all bought and paid for"
- 41 "___ concolor" (cougar)
- 42 TXism: "thin ___"
- 44 empty the bathtub
- 45 Sandra of film "Houston, We've Got a Problem"
- 46 TXism: "costs an ___" (expensive)
- 48 TX-born Steve Martin 1991 film (2 wds.)
- 49 union at Arlington's GM plant
- 50 nickname of Denison-born president
- 51 ___gallon hat
- 52 TXism: "tear jerker"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "___" (rich)
- 2 big Dallas hotel: Hilton
- 3 lake in Texas and Oklahoma
- 4 steal
- 9 TXism: "___ a fence before you buy cattle" (plan)
- 10 immediately fix a computer mistake
- 11 marryin' words
- 12 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___Sueur
- 13 big curtains
- 14 Sam Houston was once an ___ for the Cherokee
- 15 TX film critic, Rex
- 16 ___ Benito, TX
- 19 TX-born Gene Autry sang "___ Tumbleweeds"
- 20 TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___ his socks"
- 22 TXism: "he couldn't ___ an egg under a sitting hen" (dumb)
- 24 "yes" in Mexico
- 25 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the t's"
- 26 actress Gardner in 1952 "Lone Star"
- 27 this TX Phylcia was Cosby's "Clair"
- 28 Nolan had no-trade ___ in his last Ranger contract
- 29 fancy barber shop
- 30 Houston Museum of Fine ___
- 33 SMU "Giant" 1950 graduate, Kyle
- 34 TX Charley Pride's "It's ___ Little Bit Longer"
- 35 in Collin County on highway 78
- 37 bikinis, e.g.
- 38 loud bell ring
- 40 fried Texas veggie
- 41 brawl
- 43 Lake El ___ del Rey in the Rio Grande Valley
- 44 Dolores of "Flying Down to Rio" with TX Ginger (init.)
- 47 "You started it, ___ it!"

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PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

The five seniors on this year's Tarleton State University baseball team were honored following the Texans' May 20 season finale against Sam Houston State University. The senior players are (in numbered jerseys) Alec Williams, Isiah Campa, Carter Dobrinski, Peyton Hutson, and Dylan Kurahashi-Choy Foo.

Texans Triumph 6-4 on senior day Crushes Bearkats' hopes for WAC baseball championship

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — It was a senior day for the ages as the Texans won the rubber game against Sam Houston 6-4 on May 20 to win the baseball series and dash the Bearkats' hopes for a Western Athletic Conference championship.

The Bearkats entered that weekend with a 1.5 game lead over Grand Canyon University in the WAC standings, but Tarleton would not be denied its first .500 season as a Division I program. The Texans won their 26th game of the season to finish the season

at .500. Both are program bests since moving to Division I and the WAC in the spring of 2021. While GCU completed a sweep of California Baptist University in Phoenix, Tarleton ripped the league title from the Bearkats' grasp in favor of the Lopes.

This series win marked the first victory and the first series win for Tarleton ever over Sam Houston, and capped a season that saw the Texans improve their win total by nine games from 2022. The 26 wins are the most for Tarleton in a season since 2018 when the Texans won 35 games and were LSC Champions.

Starting pitcher, Piercen McElyea, (W, 3-1) went six strong innings for the Texans against Sam Houston, with just two unearned runs scoring on his watch. He struck out five and walked two, exiting the game with a 5-2 lead.

Zach Poe and Zane Badmaev (S, 4) each held the Bearkats off the board late, with the senior Badmaev picking up his fourth save of the season in his final collegiate outing.

Mason Hammonds and Trace Morrison each contributed three hits and an RBI apiece. Jordan Andrade added two hits, an RBI and a walk while Alec Williams scored two runs.

Tarleton plated a run in the first inning, as Jack Wagner hit a sacrifice fly to left field that scored Hammonds.

SHSU plated two runs in the second off a Texan error

to go up 2-1.

Tarleton used a run in the third to tie the game at two as Trace Morrison drove in a run with a single to right field. The Texans went ahead with two runs in the fourth and never looked back.

The Bearkats pulled within a run in the seventh as Justin Wishkoski hit a two-run double to left-center field, making it 5-4 in favor of Tarleton. The Texans added a run back in the eighth as Kooper Shook scored on a wild pitch, making it 6-4.

Along the way in 2023, Tarleton also won its first

game against a Power Five conference opponent when they defeated Baylor on April 25. Tarleton played four games against Power Five opponents this year — Baylor (2), Texas A&M, and TCU — and the Texans matched those opponents in total runs 21-21, losing two games by one run and the other by two runs, and defeating Baylor by four.

The Texans won six of their multi-game series this season, including three against WAC opponents Sam Houston, California Baptist, and New Mexico State.

Former Indiana high school basketball standout transfers to Tarleton

TSU Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Teresa Maggio, a former Indiana prep star with four years of collegiate eligibility remaining has transferred to Tarleton State University, the Texans announced recently.

Maggio, a guard who stands 5 feet, 6 inches, signed with Tarleton after redshirting last season at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She had excelled on and off the court for McCutcheon High School in Lafayette, Indiana. Maggio played four varsity years for the Mavericks, enjoying breakout seasons her junior and senior campaigns, garnering her team's Most Valuable Player award each year. Also in each season, Maggio was the Journal & Courier (J&C) Big School All-Area Player of the Year, J&C Big School All-Area First Team, Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA) All-State First Team and North-Central Conference (NCC) All-

Conference First Team.

Across her career at McCutcheon High School, Maggio scored 1,161 career points in 62 games (18.7 PPG). She set school career records for field goal percentage (.500), three-point percentage (.340) and free throw percentage (.890).

Her best season was her senior year, when Maggio averaged 23.4 points, 5.5 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 4.7 steals. She was nominated for the McDonald's All-America Team, plus earned spots on the Hoosier Basketball Magazine First Team All-State and Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Supreme 15. She was also invited to the Hoosier Reunion All-Star Classic and an IBCA Top-60 workout. She added IBCA Underclass Large School All-State accolades and an Indy Star Player of the Week award as a junior, a season in which she helped the Mavericks win the sectionals championship.

Academically, Maggio was a McCutcheon High School valedictorian with an unweighted 4.0 GPA. She was named IBCA Academic All-



PHOTO COURTESY OF TARLETON SPORTS INFORMATION

Teresa Maggio, a former high school standout from Indiana, has transferred to play for Tarleton State University.

State First Team her senior year. She intends to pursue a degree in communicative disorders at Tarleton State University.

Maggio is the 11th announced signing by head coach Bill Brock, joining post player Faith Acker from Winstboro High School, guard Miannah Little from McLennan CC, stretch-four Andjela Bigovic from Cochise College, forward Lexi Bull from Wyoming, post Vitória Carvalho from South Plains College, guard Gosia Byczkowska from Howard College, guard Jakariah Long from Blinn College, post player Dymon Griggs from Midwestern State, guard Karyn Sanford from UAlbany, and guard Nykesha Sanders from Paris Junior College.

Tarleton announces list of summer basketball camps

Tarleton Sports Information

STEPHENVILLE — Wisdom Gym will be active this summer. Tarleton State University's men's basketball program announced its 2023 summer camp schedule, with eight camps slated from June through July.

There are four different types of camps offered by the Texans. The first two camps are for unsigned high school graduates to showcase their potential. The second set of camps are for high schoolers to demonstrate their ability in front of college evaluators.

Then, on the last week of July, Tarleton will host four camps, three of which are purely instructional camps for children in grades 1-12. In between those three will be Tarleton's "Gym Rat Camp," an overnighter for children in grades 1-12.

The first camp is scheduled for June 2, and the last will end on July 31. Camps will be held at Wisdom Gym. For full information regarding any of the eight camps, and to register, visit www.texanbasketballcamp.com online. Key details can be found below:

LAST CHANCE CAMP #1

Date: June 2
Ages: Unsigned High School Graduates
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

LAST CHANCE CAMP #2

Date: June 7
Ages: Unsigned High School Graduates
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

RISING STARS CAMP #1

Date: June 14
Ages: 9th-12th Grade
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

RISING STARS CAMP #2

Date: June 15
Ages: 9th-12th Grade
Time: 1-5 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:15 p.m.)
Cost: \$100 (includes camp insurance)

DAY CAMP #1

Dates: June 20-22
Ages: 1st-12th Grade

Time: 9 a.m. to noon daily for Grades 1-6 (registration starts at 8:15 a.m.)
2-5 p.m. daily for Grades 7-12 (registration starts at 1:15 p.m.)
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

DAY CAMP #2

Dates: July 25-27
Ages: 1st-7th Grade
Time: 9 a.m. to noon daily (registration starts at 8:15 a.m.)
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

GYM RAT CAMP

Dates: July 28-29
Ages: 1st-12th Grade
Time: 6 p.m. July 28 through 5 p.m. July 29 (an overnight camp)
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance, plus breakfast and lunch on July 29)

DAY CAMP #3

Dates: July 30-31
Ages: 8th-12th Grade
Time: 2-6 p.m. on July 30 (registration starts at 1:15 p.m.)
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 31
Cost: \$200 (includes camp insurance)

Rattlers make more history

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

What do you do a week after you've just made school history? Why, you go out and make history again.

That's exactly what the Tolar Rattlers (22-8-2) baseball team did when they swept Alvord (22-7) in their Class 2A Region 2 semifinal with wins of 5-1 on Wednesday, May 24 and 7-1 on Thursday, May 25 in Cleburne.

The sweep moves the Rattlers into the Region 2 final against either Collinsville (29-5-1) or Bosqueville (19-8-1) later this week with game days, times, and site to be determined. Those teams were playing a best-of-three series at press time with Collinsville having won the first game 5-3.

Just like it was Tolar's first time to reach the fourth round last week, this will be the Rattlers' first foray into a regional final.

Among the teams left in the region at press time, Bosqueville was ranked fourth in the state, Tolar was ninth and Collinsville was unranked.

In the wins over Alvord, the Rattlers were led offensively by Keaton Morrison, who was 5-for-9 with an RBI. Reis Brown had three hits with a walk and two RBI.

On the mound, Talan Brown pitched a complete-game two-hitter in the opener. That was followed by a combined five-hitter between Jackson LeCluyse and Reis Brown in the series finisher.

In a rarity, neither team had an extra-base hit in the series. The Rattlers, however, capitalized on receiving 10 walks - including eight in the second game - and 10 Alvord errors in the two games.

The Rattlers continued their turnaround from a 1-5-1 start to the season when numerous key players were not playing because the basketball team also advanced to the regional final before being eliminated by eventual state champion Lipan.

Since ending the regular season with a 1-0 loss at Godley - ranked eighth in the state in Class 4A at the time - Tolar is 8-1 in the playoffs, with the lone loss being the middle game of a 2-1 series win over defending state champion and No. 2 ranked Valley Mills in the third round. The Rattlers have outscored their post-season foes 46-21.

Class 2A Region 2 semifinal

At Cleburne, May 24-25
Tolar defeated Alvord 2-1

Game 1

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Tolar hitting: Keaton Morrison, 2-for-4; Jesse Owen, 2-for-3; Merritt Imel, 2-for-3; Reis Brown,

2-for-3, two RBI; Brock Owens, 1-for-4, stolen base; Talan Culberson, RBI; Talan Brown, walk; Drake Owens, walk, RBI.

Tolar pitching: T. Brown, seven innings, two hits, one run (no earned), six strikeouts, two walks, one hit batter.

Game 2

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Alvord 001 000 0 - 1 6 6

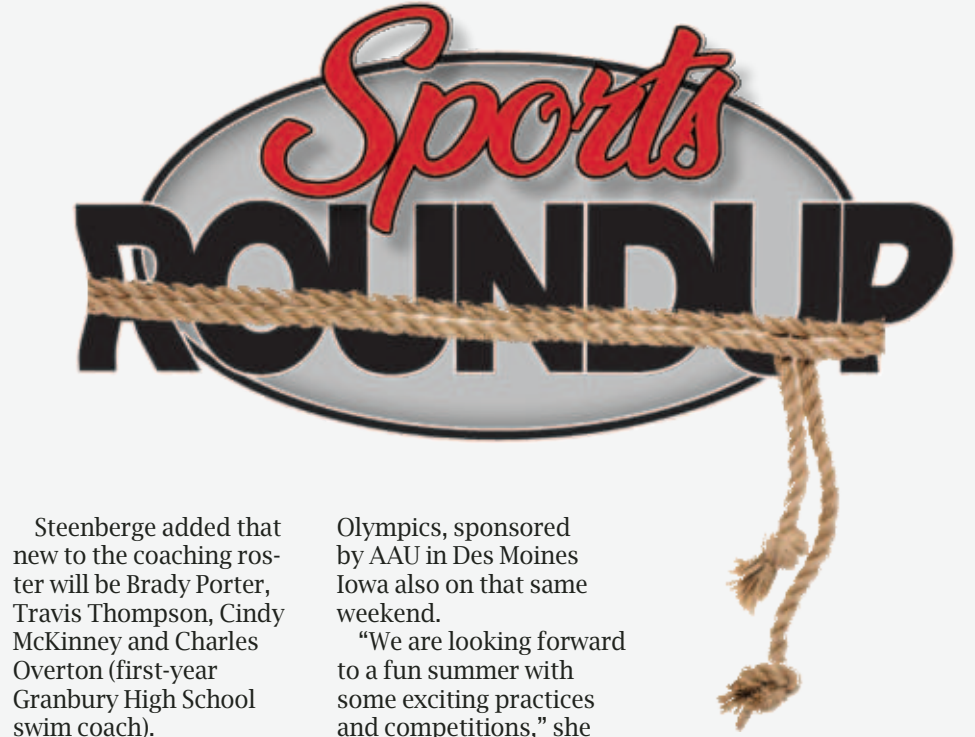
Tolar hitting: Morrison, 3-for-5, RBI, stolen base; R. Brown, 1-for-3, walk, stolen base; T. Brown, 1-for-3, walk, two RBI; Cade Moody, walk, RBI; B. Owens, RBI; Owen, walk; Culberson, three walks, stolen base; D. Owens, walk.

Tolar pitching: Jackson LeCluyse, six innings, five hits, one earned run, five strikeouts, one walk; R. Brown, one inning, one strikeout.

GRANBURY SEALS

The Granbury SEALS swim team is preparing for another season with coach Janet Steenberge at the helm. The team has a long history of success and fun - and Steenberge is expecting more of the same this summer.

"This will be my 32nd summer for SEALS, Vicki Hamrick's (assistant coach) 27th summer, and returning to coach will be long-time swimmer and coach Kinsey Brawner for part of the summer, along with Kori Brawner and Faith Schmeets," Steenberge said.



Steenberge added that new to the coaching roster will be Brady Porter, Travis Thompson, Cindy McKinney and Charles Overton (first-year Granbury High School swim coach).

"Coaches who have coached all through the offseason helping the swimmers perfect their skills will also coach this summer - Jonah Delaney, Amber Stone and Melissa Ward," Steenberge continued. "Coach Jane Zembraski will be taking the summer to recoup from surgery. We hope she gets a chance to visit and say 'hello.'"

The season gets underway Saturday, June 3 in Weatherford. On June 10 they have a meet at Ridglea in Fort Worth, June 17 at home and the TAAF regional meet is July 15-16.

"We are going to do some competitions during the practice times in preparation for the regional meet, because we all feel like a month is too much time between meets," Steenberge said. "The Regional meet is in Southlake this year at the ISD pool. It is a super nice facility with seating and a warmdown area."

For those who qualify, the state meet is July 27-29 in Brownsville. Steenberge said the team is going to focus on getting as many swimmers as possible to the Junior

Olympics, sponsored by AAU in Des Moines Iowa also on that same weekend.

"We are looking forward to a fun summer with some exciting practices and competitions," she said.

GRANBURY BASEBALL

Five members of the Granbury Pirates have been named to the All-District 5-5A Baseball Team by the league's coaches.

First-team honors went to senior pitcher Tyler Guidry, along with junior utility player Gavin Current and sophomore outfielder Blake Bramlett.

Guidry had a 4-1 record with a 2.43 earned run average. He also struck out 49 batters and walked 25 in 49 innings pitched. At the plate, he hit seven doubles and a home run, driving in 18 runs and walking 14 times.

Current hit .307 with six doubles and two triples, along with walking a dozen times, driving in 10 runs and getting by a pitch a team-leading three times. Bramlett had a .346 average with four doubles, seven RBI and 10 walks, along with leading the team with nine stolen bases.

Selected for the second team were senior catcher Cooper Thomas and sophomore shortstop Kyler Crites. Thomas bat-

ted. 345 with six doubles and led the team in RBI (31) and hits (30). Crites hit .319 with five doubles and led the team in walks with 15.

NTHSRA FINALS

Several competitors from the area finished among the leaders following the North Texas High School Rodeo Association's season-ending rodeo May 18-20 in Saginaw. The top 15 among the points standings in each event following the entire season of rodeos qualified for the finals.

The top finisher from the area was Micah Wallace of Lipan in ride-up goat tying. With 161 points, Wallace finished second, 35 points out of first place. Granbury's Carsyn Nolen was sixth in the same event.

Cate Cooper of Lipan placed seventh in break-away roping. She was also ninth in ribbon roping.

Tolar's Evan Brown placed ninth in team roping and Granbury's Grace Burdick took 11th in walk-up goat tying.

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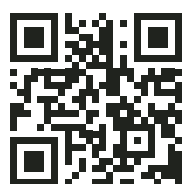
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LEGAL AD
Application for change of location
has been made with the Texas Alko-
holic Beverage Commission for
Mixed Beverage Permit and Food
and Beverage Certificate for Mi Fa-
milia Granbury LP dba Mi Familia
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Michael Jones - Limited Partner
Vincent Messina - Limited Partner
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Hood County Commissioners' Court
has received an application to consid-
er a revision of the plat for:

CANYON CREEK 3, LOT 183R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the appli-
cation and to hear any protest to the
revision on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023,
at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of
the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center,
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HOLIDAY ESTATES, LOT 1R

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THE LANDINGS, LOTS 3285R, 3286R &
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revision on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023,
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CONSIGNMENTS
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Sat., June 10
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Taking consignments for farm and ranch equipment and some lawn
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Partial Listing

- 3 pt. 7 shank Mohawk chisel plow
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- 5 1/2 ft. 3 pt. box blade (no teeth)
- 250 gal. propane tank
- Water trough
- Electric cement mixers
- 5 1/2 ft. drag shredder w/ cylinder
- Hay dollies
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- Grain buggy
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- Drag dump rake
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- Breaking plows (3 pt.)
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- 3 pt. 8 ft. long boom pole.

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10 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting May 31, 2023 until
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REQUEST FOR FORMAL SEALED BID
The City of Granbury, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, TX 76048, is seeking formal sealed bids for Group Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance. Bids are due c/o Higginbotham, 500 W. 13th Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102, by 2:00 pm CST on Friday, June 9, 2023. Information may be obtained from Higginbotham (jesheets@higginbotham.net) on or after May 23, 2023. The City reserves the right to accept, negotiate, or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any informality in any bid, and to accept any bid, which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Calvin Samuel, Deceased, were issued on May 10, 2023, under Cause No. P09997, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to Teresa McClain.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:
Teresa McClain, Independent Executor of the Estate of James Calvin Samuel, Deceased
c/o Hardesty Law Office, PLLC
209 W. Main Street, Suite 101
Waxahachie, TX 75165
All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Don B. Tramel, Deceased, were issued on May 24, 2023, in Cause No. P10043, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Paul Michael Tramel.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: E. Mark Piland
Attorney at Law
1107 W. Pearl St., Suite 101
Granbury, TX 76048
DATED the 24 day of May, 2023.
E. Mark Piland
Attorney for Paul Michael Tramel
State Bar No.: 16008870
1107 W. Pearl St., Suite 101
Granbury, TX 76048
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Granbury Independent School District is soliciting proposals 2023-10, -11, -12, -13 for catalog bids MRO, Maintenance, Repair & Operations; Transportation Supplies, Equipment and services; onsite student staff professional development; Athletic trainer supplies, equipment, uniforms/clothing; and CSP 2023-09 for a one time phone system upgrade.
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The Project consists of constructing the City's new 1.0 million gallons per day (MGD) East WWTP, including pretreatment utilizing screening, grit removal and flow equalization, secondary treatment utilizing biological nutrient removal (BNR) and membrane bioreactor (MBR), post-treatment using UV disinfection, solids storage and dewatering, electrical, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems, a new control building, a new MBR support building, and other miscellaneous support systems.

A NON-MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. local time at City of Granbury's Service Center, located at 401 N Park Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

The Proposal Documents may be obtained from Civcast at www.civcastusa.com. Prospective Proposers may examine the Proposal Documents at the Engineer's Abilene Office, Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas, (325) 698-5560, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., at the Engineer's Granbury Office, Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 1310 Weatherford Highway, Suite 116, Granbury, Texas, (882) 498-6000, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., and at the City of Granbury office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the base price proposal, as a guarantee that the successful proposer will enter into a proper Contract and execute Bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

The surety company providing the Bond must conform to the same requirements for surety companies providing Performance and Payment Bonds described in the Instructions to Proposers.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, or in the event of any informality in the proposals received, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all proposals.

Date: **May 24, 2023**
Owner: **City of Granbury**
By: **Chester Nolen**
Title: **Director of Public Works**

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NOTICE OF BID OPENING FOR REAL PROPERTY

Granbury Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following real property (the "Property") as described in this Notice of Bid Opening:

All of Lot 1-R-1, Block 2 of ACTON MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION, an addition to the City of Granbury. Hood County, Texas according to the Replat thereof recorded in Slide P-507 of the Plat Records of Hood County, Texas (1300 James Road.) and described by metes and bounds: available upon request at Granbury ISD Admin. 217 N Jones St.

A contract for the sale of the Property shall be awarded, at the discretion of Granbury ISD, to the bidder submitting a bid in accordance with the terms outlined below and providing the best value to Granbury Independent School District.

It is the intention of Granbury ISD to sell all of the Property based on the best value bid that is submitted. If in the judgment of the Granbury ISD bids submitted do not represent the fair value of the Property, Granbury ISD will reject all bids. Should any bid be accepted, a contract for sale of the Property shall be executed upon a form acceptable to the GISD Board of trustees and shall provide:

- For the purchase of the Property, including all buildings, structures or improvements "AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS,"
- For the Buyer to pay all fees, commissions and costs associated with closing the sale of the Property.
- For the Buyer to assume all responsibility or liability for any environmental condition affecting the Property, or any clean-up or remediation that may be required by law; and
- That the Property, when acquired, must conform to all current zoning requirements of the City of Granbury.

Each bidder shall submit a proposed contract for the sale of the property containing all required provisions. A contract for sale of the Property will be negotiated after the successful bidder is selected. The resulting contract must be approved by the GISD Board of Trustees.

Bids that are below \$5 million will not be accepted.

Conveyance of the Property will be by special warranty deed. The Property will be sold "as is" with no warranties or representations as to suitability for any particular use.

By execution and submission of this bid, the bidder hereby represents and warrants to Granbury ISD that the bidder has read and understands this Notice of Bid Opening and that the bid is made in accordance with the terms stated herein. Bidder acknowledges that it understands all terms herein, which include the waiver provisions, and that it has the right to consult with counsel regarding all applicable documents.

Granbury ISD reserves the right to waive, delete or amend any of the requirements connected with this bid, and Granbury ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any bids submitted for the Property.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: M. Colby Gunnels
Attorney for Jill E. Austin
State Bar No.: 24072134
827 West Pearl Street
Granbury, Texas 76048
DATED the 24th day of May, 2023.
/s/ M. Colby Gunnels
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Attorney for Jill E. Austin
State Bar No.: 24072134
827 West Pearl Street
Granbury, Texas 76048
Telephone: (817) 579-5997
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SUPPORT SYSTEMS

SUPPORT SYSTEM calendar will feature recurring activities that provide group support and are open to the public. These items will run each Wednesday. Submit Support System listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

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

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STARTING A New Life is a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. This includes the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or close friend. For the past 26 years this group has helped people work through their grief process. If you, or someone you know, is suffering from the loss of a loved one, come or bring

them to our next session that began March 19,2023. We are Christian based, nondenominational, and welcome all who are suffering. We meet 3-5 p.m. on Sundays in the Parish Hall of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. For more information, call Ben Bradley at: 575.706.5703 or Sherry Bingham 817.657.0822

EVERY MONDAY

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

EVERY TUESDAY

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

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." Register: GriefShare.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175.

AMATEUR RADIO Weekly Social Hour Net. All licensed Amateur Radio Operators welcome. 7:00 pm, on the 147.240 MHz Repeater, +600 offset, PL 162.2.

EVERY THURSDAY

TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45 - 10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE

Enrichment meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at StoneWater Church in Granbury. For more information email to paige.kitchens@stonewaterchurch.com

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FIRST MONDAY

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Hood County receives 31 to 33 inches of rain annually. Apart from reducing weathering of soils and streets, rainwater harvesting helps alleviate stress on local groundwater systems. Rainwater systems can be all manner of shapes and sizes.

Rainwater harvesting tips and tricks

Submitted item

With recent showers dotting the north Texas landscape and hopefully more precipitation on the way, the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District is here to provide the best tips and tricks to maintaining your very own rainwater harvesting system. Hood County receives 31 to 33 inches of rain annually, and just a fraction caught from a roof or barn can sustain landscaping, livestock, or family homes. Apart from reducing weathering of soils and streets, rainwater harvesting helps alleviate stress on local groundwater systems. View our recommendations below and consider a harvesting system today.

Rainwater systems can be all manner of shapes and sizes. A small barn, apartments rooftop, or single-family home all have suitable catchment surfaces for harvesting. Not sure how much rain you want to catch? Consider what you're hoping to use the volumes for, be it a garden, irrigation, or potable household use. This will help you decide on a storage container material and type. A great rule of thumb is for every square floor or roof or surface, you can catch .62 gallons for every inch of rain. That means a 2,000 square foot home could catch 1,240 gallons in a brief thunderstorm!

If your home currently includes gutters, consider attaching a harvesting barrel at the base of your gutter system. Installing that along with a filter at the base of the gutter outlet will keep vegetation and debris from reaching your storage tank, increasing the longevity of your system.

Don't have gutters? No problem, go outside and look at the shape of your roof. Roof footprints allow you to anticipate the drainage pattern and determine where a rain chain could be installed to lead water to a storage system. While these are less efficient than a gutter, they save time and money

for those looking to install something quick and less permanent.

If you're looking to catch from a barn or larger structure, consider the addition of a pump and filtration system. Micron sediment filters can help reduce debris and ensure clean water is entering your storage systems. Multiple rainwater harvesting companies exist in the north Texas area. Research your own contractor at ARCSA.org (The American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association) and find the system that's right for you.

Did you know the Upper Trinity recently completed our first annual rainwater harvesting program? Stay tuned to the news as we award funds towards two harvesting projects in the Parker County area. The sites will also have resources for residents to design their own systems and learn about the numerous benefits of harvesting. Remember, Texas supports rainwater harvesting by making materials tax exempt, and requiring certain new state facilities to be equipped with systems.

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FIRST TUESDAY

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

SECOND

SATURDAY

GRIEF SUPPORT 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.

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.

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W US Hwy 377. R/C aircraft, cars, boats, gliders, helicopters, etc. Details: 817-475-2194

THIRD TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVERS 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.

Step into outdoor learning and fun

By Staff Reports

This summer, and all year round, everyone can enjoy and experience what Texas has to offer with outdoor learning opportunities from Texas Parks & Wildlife.

Here are a few programs to check into:

ANGLER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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GET OUTSIDE

Youth can shoot an arrow, learn to cast, meet a warden, find your next state park adventure, win camping equipment, and more as part of the Outdoor Kids Challenge. Join TPWD staff in attending the next festival and special event. Refer to the TPWD calendar. For more information, email at get.outside@tpwd.texas.gov

TEXAS OUTDOOR FAMILY

Families can experience a fun-filled weekend and learn to camp. No experience or equipment necessary. You will learn the basics of camping, fishing, kayaking, geocaching, fire-building and more. There is also a community partnership program for eligible educators, nonprofits, and veteran's groups seeking to provide experience to their members. For more information, email at tofsp@tpwd.texas.gov

BOATER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Learn about boater terminology, required equipment, legal requirements, and safe operation of a boat. Certification is available through instructor-led classes or on the web. All boaters born on or after Sept. 1, 1993, must take a TPWD-approved course to operate certain vessels on public waters. Share your knowledge and skills and become certified as a volunteer boater education instructor. For more information email boater.education@tpwd.texas.gov



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Adults 18-30 can volunteer to become a Texas State Park Ambassador. Ambassadors participate in a variety of volunteer opportunities to promote state parks.

TEXAS STATE PARK AMBASSADORS

The program connects conservation-minded young adults ages 18 to 30, with volunteer opportunities to foster a new generation of state park stewards. Over a six-month period, ambassadors complete community engagements, social media and service projects to promote state

parks. Regional application periods open three times per year. For more information, email at ambassadors@tpwd.texas.gov

For more information on these and other activities from the TPWD, check out their calendar at www.tpwd.texas.gov/calendar to call 1-800-792-1112.

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Following the presentation of the diplomas during the Acton Elementary School kindergarten graduation on Tuesday, May 23, the graduates tossed their caps into the air, igniting smiles and giggles from everyone in attendance.

A sweet year in kindergarten



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

All 69 kindergarten students at Nettie Baccus Elementary School make their way to the stage for the annual graduation ceremony on May 23.

FULL CIRCLE MOMENT

AES holds Senior Walk, kindergarten graduation minutes apart

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

It was a bittersweet moment for Acton Elementary School on May 23, when the traditional Granbury High School Senior Walk was held only minutes before its annual kindergarten graduation ceremony.

The Senior Walk is a Granbury ISD (Independent School District) tradition that allows graduating seniors to walk the halls of their former elementary school while the current students line the hallways to cheer them on and congratulate them on their success.

"Usually this is the piece that the parents remember the most because it kind of puts into perspective how quickly kindergarten through 12th grade went; it's definitely a favorite of our families," Maggie Walton, principal of AES said. "It's just a sweet, sweet

moment for them, and for us too. My first year, these students were in second grade when I was here, so it's nice to see them come back."

Historically, the district-wide Senior Walk has taken place the day after AES's kindergarten graduation, but this year, the two milestone celebrations took place mere minutes apart from each other.

"This time of year, when high school graduation is also happening, I think it just kind of gives us a glimpse of like, how fast it all goes," Walton said. "And especially today having seniors very

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Baccus kindergarteners show 'character' during graduation ceremony

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Individual personalities and characters shined through during the Nettie Baccus Elementary School kindergarten graduation ceremony on May 23.

Coinciding with the campus theme of "Livin' the Sweet Life at Baccus," the graduation ceremony proved that it's been a "sweet year" for the Baccus kindergarten class of 2023.

"Kinder always makes you smile, but this kinder group, their giggles, their laughter... they love being here, and I love seeing them every morning and every day," said Baccus Principal Julie Rohleder. "They have such great fun personalities, and a lot of laughter and a lot of giggles; it's my favorite part of kindergarten."

All 69 students at Baccus Elementary performed three songs: "ABC U Later," "Count on Me," and "First Grade Here We Come," — the latter being a parody of One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful."

Following the presentation of the diplomas from teachers Amy Green, Deidre Payne, Morgan Taylor, and Lynsey Woods, the ceremony concluded with a photo slideshow of the kids throughout the year.

"I just love kinder because they're just open and honest," Rohleder said. "They shoot you straight, and that's what makes it fun. I just want them to be who they are."

Rohleder said she has loved seeing the transformation in this class from the beginning of the year to now, crediting a lot of the growth to the Emma Robertson Early Learning

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'From one chapter to the next'

Oak Woods principals dress the part for kindergarten graduation

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Oak Woods School held its kindergarten graduation ceremony on Friday, May 19 — but the students weren't the only ones wearing a cap and gown.

Principal Chelsey Gibson and Assistant Principal Nathan Daniels also wore their college graduation gowns from when they obtained their master's degrees in education.

"(During the ceremony), we lead our kindergarteners down and we celebrate them," Gibson said. "We celebrate all of their accomplishments. Not only academic accomplishments, but social accomplishments and their character as well. We've focused a big part of that on their character and

how well they have done showing kindness, respect, and fairness with their classmates."

All 80 graduates sang the song "First Grade Here We Come," — a parody of One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful."

"They do sing a kindergarten song about going into first grade," Gibson said. "Talking about you know, we've learned our sounds, our letters, our one, two, three, and ABCs; it's the cutest little song."

Gibson said the kindergarten class "loves to give hugs" and that all the kids are "extremely sweet."

"They have very supportive parents, so anything that we've ever needed, our parents do a wonderful job of jumping in, and helping." She said her favorite part

of the graduation ceremony is when the kids throw their caps into the air.

"To me, that's one of those things that signifies, 'We're moving on from one chapter to the next,' so that's one that I love to see," Gibson said. "Just looking back, thinking about everything that they've accomplished, but then thinking forward to the big things that they're going to do."

She added that more than anything, she is proud of every single kindergartener.

"It's been a great year with them, and we're proud of every single one of them," Gibson added. "We're ready to see them shine in first grade."

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Eighty kindergarteners at Oak Woods School wait patiently in excited anticipation of their graduation ceremony on May 19.



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BACCUS

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Academy. “We had a lot of kids coming from Emma, and they had pre-K there and transitioned into our school, and

it made a world of difference with behaviors and academics, so it was kind of cool to see how that worked effectively for them,” she said. “The pre-K program is really a big deal for us to have now in the district. The growth of

behaviors (also) in student led conferences, that’s always fun to watch with kindergarten because they learn how to tell their parents how they’re doing in school. The growth in those folders when you visually look at them

and see how well the kids did has been really great to see.” Baccus Assistant Principal Melissa Shipp said there are some “definite characters” in the kindergarten class, emphasizing that she meant “characters” in a good way.

“They just make you laugh,” she said. “They’re comedians, they’re well behaved, they’re sweet. This group likes to make you proud, and I feel like they live life to the fullest.” “They are just a great

group of kids,” Rohleder added. “They’ve learned a lot this year, and I expect great things from them in the future.”

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first thing and then a few minutes later having kindergarten, I think I’ll get to share that with parents, that literally you blink and like that, it’s gone.”

The 2023 kindergarten graduation was split into three different ceremony times—a change from the pandemic that has ultimately worked out better for the campus.

“We have about 145 kindergarten students, and

since COVID changed some things, we realized some things work better, so we actually have three separate kindergarten graduations,” Walton said. “It’s a few at a time, instead of all eight classes at the same time, and it’s worked well dividing it out into different ones.”

During the ceremony, Walton addressed the parents, saying she has “the best job ever” getting to be with “their babies,” every day.

“Kindergarten is a very special year,” she said, dur-

ing the ceremony. “For a lot of kids, it’s the first opportunity to be in a classroom setting, so there’s lots of opportunity for growth. These boys and girls have grown so much since the beginning of the school year. I will tell you that we started this morning with our seniors who went to Acton Elementary. They came back this morning and they walked the halls for one final time, and I will tell you that it goes by in the blink of an eye and a lot of you know that if you have older children, but it really does

go by so fast. We just want to let you know how much we love your kids, how much they mean to us, and just how proud we are.”

Following Walton’s opening statement, students performed two songs: “I’m On My Way” and “ABC Ya Later!” followed by the presentation of the diplomas.

“Every group of kindergarteners is sweet and special in their own way,” Walton said. “Kindergarten is a really unique year and a lot of them are learning how to be in school. There’s lots of growth in kindergarten just

in terms of the emotional piece. A lot of them are used to being with mom or dad, so seeing how far they have come from the beginning of the school year until the end of the school year is probably my favorite thing about kindergarten. They come in at such varying levels, and by the time they’re in kindergarten, they’re all ready to move on to first grade. It’s fun to see the growth, for sure.”

Following the presentation of the diplomas, the graduates tossed their caps into the air, igniting smiles

and giggles from everyone in attendance.

“The songs are really precious, but probably my favorite thing is the tossing of the caps at the end,” Walton added. “It’s just so sweet, and it’s just precious seeing them in their caps and gowns. It kind of gives you a glimpse of just what it’ll be like when they’re high school graduates, which is our ultimate goal.”

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Writing club now another option at GHS

BY JILLIAN TREMBLE
Special to the Hood County News

At Granbury High School, there are numerous clubs students can join. Faced with options ranging from cheerleading to chess club, sophomore Evie Watson decided she would rather choose her own path when deciding what to participate in at Granbury High School.

Watson, only a freshman at the time, decided to organize the Creative Literature Club, or the CLC, as a designated spot for students to spend their morning writing, reading, or otherwise engaging with literature — in a more relaxed environment without the pressure of the work affecting grades or academic standing. She said that was something she had always wanted, so she took it upon herself to “create a space” for herself and other students to have that experience.

Taking on the task of founding a club herself was not easy and was made even more difficult by Watson’s relative newness to high school. As a freshman, she had to set up a meeting with the principal, convince a teacher to be the “supervisor,” and complete paperwork — all before the club could have its first meeting.

She did make it to the first meeting, and since then, the club has grown in popularity. What began as a small gathering consisting of Watson’s close friends — had grown by November of this school year into a group big enough to hold a showcase of student writing. Watson described the showcase as “amazing — something (she) never thought (she) would be able to do with (her) club.”

It is clear that the future is bright for Watson, who is already speaking of ambitious plans, and her club. She wants to spend more time in meetings — and expand the club from a group of students writing together — into a larger community that does more activities and communicates with writing students and professors at local colleges. Finally, she has plans to bring in guest speakers to advise and inspire fellow club members and writers.

Despite these goals, it is clear the club is still about the idea that started it all: Creating a place and a community for writers and other creative types to showcase without the pressures generally put on students by high school curriculum. Watson is well on her way to building that community and gets closer every day, through the hard work and drive she exhibits daily.



Granbury High School senior Krizln Van Patten



Granbury High School senior Tristen Pool

Granbury High School seniors honored for academic excellence

From Staff Reports

Granbury High School seniors Krizln Van Patten and Tristen Pool were named Tex-Anne and Texan by the Granbury Optimist Club, for their academic excellence on Tuesday, May 2, during the

club’s breakfast meeting. Throughout the school year, the Granbury Optimist Club honors students who are “maintaining a high level of scholastic performance, participating in civic and church activities, community

involvement and extracurricular activities,” according to the organization. The Granbury Independent School District thanks community organizations such as the Granbury Optimist Club, which invest in their

students and provide recognition opportunities such as these. Patten and Pool aspire to continue their education at Texas A&M University to carry on their path of academic excellence.

CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County News to inform readers of programs, special meetings and nonprofit events. The event should be open to the public and free to attend. Email the who, what,

when and where. Include the meeting location and a street address for the location. The topic for the meeting, program or guest speaker must be included. Email to calendar@hcnews.com. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.

MAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

SEALS SWIM Team starts May 31, 2023, Monday through Thursday. Please see our webpage, www.sealsswimteam.org, for sign up information or opportunities to help a youth. We love our Hood County community.

JUNE THURSDAY, JUNE 1

KIWANIS CLUB will hold its

meeting on June 1 at noon at Farina’s located at 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker will be Margaret Cohenour, Executive Director of Paluxy River Child Advocacy Center.



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Junior

National Dinosaur Day
June 1

Triceratops was a really big and awesome dinosaur that lived a long time ago during the Late Cretaceous period, about 68 to 66 million years ago.

Triceratops had a big, bony frill on the back of its head that looked like a giant shield. It also had three horns on its face: one big one on its nose and two smaller ones above its eyes. These horns were used for defense against predators and for fighting with other Triceratops over territory or mates.

Dinosaurs

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On the Map

Dinosaur Valley State Park,
Glen Rose, Texas

Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really cool place where you can go back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! The park is located in Glen Rose, Texas and has over 1,500 acres of land for you to explore. One of the most exciting things about the park is that you can see real dinosaur footprints! Millions of years ago, when dinosaurs were walking around, some of them left their footprints in the mud. Over time, the mud hardened and turned into rock, and today you can see those footprints in the park.

You can also go hiking, swimming, or camping at the park. There are lots of beautiful trees and plants to see, and you might even see some wildlife like deer or armadillos.

If you want to learn more about the dinosaurs that used to live in the area, there is a museum at the park that has lots of interesting information and exhibits. You can see fossils and learn about what the world was like when dinosaurs were around.

Overall, Dinosaur Valley State Park is a really fun and exciting place to visit, and it’s a great way to learn about the incredible creatures that used to call our planet home.

New Word

PALEONTOLOGY

Paleontology is the study of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals that lived a long, long time ago, before humans were around.

Paleontologists are scientists who study fossils, which are the remains of these ancient animals that have been preserved in rocks over millions of years. By studying these fossils, paleontologists can learn about what the world was like when these animals were alive, what they looked like, what they ate, and how they lived.

Did You Know?

The word "dinosaur" comes from two Greek words: "deinos," meaning "terrible" or "fearfully great," and "sauros," meaning "lizard" or "reptile."

So, the word "dinosaur" literally means "terrible lizard" or "fearfully great reptile."

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CONSIDER YOUR TRAVEL LIFELINE

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People often wait until they retire to start traveling, but your “travel lifeline” actually begins in childhood.



BY ZAC WILSON

Zac Wilson is a Certified Travel Advisor, ASTA Verified Travel Advisor, CLIA Master Cruise Counselor, and owner of Daydream Vacations Travel Agency in Granbury. www.DaydreamVacations.com

This past week my son graduated from high school and registered for college. My wife and I are preparing to become empty nesters. While pondering the quick passage of time I enjoyed all the memories of our family adventures together. The trips to the beach, Walt Disney World, and cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska. As a travel agent I am reminded of a blog I wrote years ago about our travel lifeline.

It's important to recognize your travel lifeline and take advantage of each stage. Too often I meet a retiring couple who never traveled and waited until retirement to start experiencing their bucket-list trips. But that's only one step on your travel lifeline.

It begins when you're a kid. As a child you travel with your family. These experi-

ences become a part of your story, which builds your relationships with your family members and the world around you. It's important for young people to experience other cultures, destinations, foods, art, history, etc.

The next step on your travel lifeline is your honeymoon and then your anniversaries. Travel is a wonderful way to

celebrate these milestones. Many destinations specialize in romance travel. These are valuable experiences to bond with your spouse. Don't wait. A recent client of mine contacted me to book an Alaskan cruise. She and her husband had always wanted to go together. He recently passed away and she was going to honor his memory. Travel together now with no regrets!

Travel with your kids: They grow up too quickly. Start as early as you can. My son had his first haircut at the barbershop in Disney's Magic Kingdom. He may not remember it, but it's part of his story that he brags about. And the pictures are great! Most people start traveling with kids at age 5. Tip: Once they enter high school it will become challenging to travel with them. They will have sports, band, perfect attendance, final exams, and a part-time job. So, you only have about eight to nine good travel years. Don't miss it!

Go on a cruise with friends: Empty nesters may feel

lonely traveling without your college-age kids. It's time to travel with other couples. Group travel can be great fun! pickleball groups travel to all-inclusive resorts together. Photography groups travel to exotic destinations and go on photo safaris together. Wine lovers take river cruises through France together.

Multi-generation travel is popular: Grandparents traveling with their grandkids to Disney, cruise lines, all-inclusive resorts, beach trips, and more. My kids were blessed each summer to go on a "Grand Cruise." The grandparents would take the grandkids on a cruise out of Galveston — no parents (my wife and I) allowed.

Retirement bucket-list experiences: There still may be that one trip you never had the time to enjoy. Some travel experiences are longer than the average one-week vacation from work. Take a longer trip to Europe. Take a 160-day cruise around the world!

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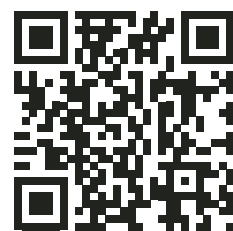
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The Monthly Community Food pantry will take place on Friday, June 2. Food distribution will be from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the garage area of Granbury First United Methodist Church located at 301 Loop 567, Granbury. Fresh produce, meat and dairy products will be provided to families with food insecurity. The monthly event is sponsored by Neighbors Feeding Neighbors, a 501(c)(3) non-profit of which all Hood County food pantries are members. Food is provided by the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Neighborhood food pantries, as well as mobile pantries, are providing food to residents across Hood County. Pantries in the Hood County area include the following:



BRAZOS RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 2201 Mitchell Bend Highway.
Sponsor: Granbury First United Methodist Church, H-E-B and others.
When: Noon - 3 p.m. Mondays; 3-6 p.m. Thursdays.
Information: Email Terry McNew at tdmcnew@gmail.com or call 817-408-5533.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Location: 1903 W. Pearl St.
Sponsor: Granbury Church of Christ.
When: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
Information: Email cocfood-pantry@outlook.com or call 817-573-0316 or 817-573-2613.

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD PANTRY

Location: Rancho Brazos Community Center, 3701 Sundown Trail.
Sponsor: Tarrant Area Food Bank.
When: 5-7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday each month.
Information: 817-910-8114.

GOD'S FOOD PANTRY

Location: 3751 Acton Highway, near Bob White Drive.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GOD'S FOOD PANTRY 2

Location: 1320 Ports O' Call Drive, Comanche Harbor.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY CHURCH OF GOD BLESSING BOX 1

Location: 1106 Weatherford Highway, church parking lot.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY CHURCH OF GOD BLESSING BOX 2

Location: 3514 Hilltop Road, Oak Trail Shores.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

GRANBURY FIRST UNITED METHODIST FOOD MINISTRY

Location: 301 Loop 567.
Sponsor: Granbury First United Methodist Church.
When: Monday-Thursday,

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Information: Email andy_faletto@msn.com or call 817-573-5573.
NEW: Now offering a 24/7 accessible food pantry, in addition to regular pantry.

JOSEPH'S LOCKER OUTREACH

Location: 708 Paluxy Road, Suite B.
Sponsor: Joseph's Locker Outreach Ministry.
When: 9 a.m. until noon, Monday - Thursday
Information: Send email to josephs.locker@yahoo.com or call 817-579-1446.

LIPAN COMMUNITY PANTRY

Location: 214 N. Kickapoo.
Sponsor: Lipan community.
When: 3-7 p.m. on Fridays.
Information: 254-646-2484.

LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY

Location: 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive
Sponsor: Lakeside Baptist Church.
When: Tuesday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m.
Information: 817-573-2094 or email loaves76048@gmail.com.

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PANTRY

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MISSION GRANBURY

Location: 3611 Plaza East Court, off U.S. Highway 377.
Sponsor: Mission Granbury.
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Also Wednesday 3-7 p.m. Drive-through line up starts no earlier than 15 minutes before start time.
Information: 817-579-6866.

MONTHLY COMMUNITY PANTRY

Location: Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567.
Sponsor: Neighbors Feeding Neighbors.
When: 8:30-10:30 a.m., first Friday of month

NEW SEASON GLOBAL MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

Location: Lake Granbury Christian Temple, 3755 Acton Highway.
Information: 817-910-9449

NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PANTRY

Location: 3804 Contrary Creek.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.

OUR FATHER'S FOOD PANTRY

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

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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

RANCHO BRAZOS COMMUNITY CENTERS

Location: 3701 Sundown Trail, Granbury, 76049.
Sponsor: Tarrant Area

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

RUTH'S PLACE/OAK TRAIL SHORES

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

SHEPHERDS FOOD PANTRY

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

SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 910 Paluxy

Highway. Sponsor: Southside Baptist Church.
When: 24/7 accessible food pantry.
Information: southside-granbury.com

THE LITTLE PANTRY

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

TOLAR FOOD PANTRY

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

WAPLES BAPTIST CHURCH

Location: 1200 Temple Hall Highway.
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Thurs: 11:50AM, 2:50PM, 5:50PM, 8:50PM

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Spider-Man: Across The Spider-Verse (PG)
Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 8:10PM

The Boogeyman (PG13)
Thurs: 7:00PM, 9:25PM

The Little Mermaid (PG)
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Thurs: 10:35AM, 11:00AM, 4:35PM, 7:35PM

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Mon, Tues, Wed: 1:25PM.
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Notice
Virtual Public Hearing with In-Person Option
US 377 in Hood County
From Holmes Drive to 3,000 Feet North of FM 167 (Fall Creek Highway)
CSJs: 0080-04-081, 0080-03-049, 0080-04-094, and 0080-03-060
Hood County, Texas

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Fort Worth District is proposing improvements to United States Highway (US) 377 from Holmes Drive to 3,000 feet north of Farm to Market Road (FM) 167 (Fall Creek Highway), a distance of approximately 9 miles, in the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public hearing on the proposed project with an in-person option. **The same information will be available at the in-person and virtual hearing.**

In-Person Hearing
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Lake Granbury Conference Center
621 East Pearl Street
Granbury, TX 76048

Virtual Hearing
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. through
Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.
Project Website: www.txdot.gov
Search Keywords:
"US 377 in Hood County"

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. The virtual hearing can be viewed from Tuesday, June 13, 2023, starting at 6 p.m. through Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Materials will be posted to the project website listed above. You can also access the US 377 in Hood County Project page directly by going to <https://www.txdot.gov/content/txdotreimagine/us/en/home/projects/projects-studies/fort-worth/us377-hood-county.html> or by scanning the QR code above. If you do not have internet access, you may call the Project Manager, Dr. Francis A. Smith, P.E., at (817) 370-6708 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to ask questions and access project materials during the project development process.

Additionally, TxDOT is providing an in-person option for individuals who would like to participate in person instead of online. In-person attendees will be able to view the same presentation delivered in the virtual public hearing which will be playing on a screen, review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and consultants from a socially distanced approach, and leave written comments. **The in-person option will be held on Tuesday June 13, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Lake Granbury Conference Center located at 621 East Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048.**

US 377 between Holmes Drive and State Highway (SH) 144 would be converted from a rural highway to a four-lane urban highway with a raised median, enclosed drainage and curbs where appropriate. The proposed project would reconstruct and widen US 377, from SH 144 to north of FM 167 (Fall Creek Highway), from a four-lane divided highway to a six-lane divided highway with a raised, concrete-paved or vegetated median. Improvements are also proposed along SH 144 from Autumn Ridge Road to FM 51 (Paluxy Road) (CSJ 0080-03-049), a distance of approximately 0.4 mile. The proposed project also includes improvements to cross street intersections, ramps and driveway connections, the addition of shared-use paths in each direction to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians, signalization, and drainage improvements. The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require approximately 25.2 acres of additional right of way (ROW) and 3.7 acres of permanent drainage easements. The project has the potential to be constructed in phases, with the SH 144 from Autumn Ridge Road to FM 51 (Paluxy Road) improvements being completed during the first phase of construction.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional ROW and potentially displace five non-residential structures. No residential displacements are proposed. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for those displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for ROW acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT Fort Worth district office by calling Cherree Cassidy at (817) 370-6548.

The proposed project would involve construction in wetlands and an action in a floodplain.

Any environmental documentation or studies, any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, tentative construction schedules, and other information regarding the proposed project are on file and available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office located at 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133. Project materials are also available online at www.txdot.gov and search keywords: "US 377 in Hood County". These materials will also be available in hard copy form for review at the in-person option.

The virtual public hearing and in-person option will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to attend and participate in the virtual public hearing or in-person option, please contact Marc Jansing at (817) 370-6538, no later than 4 p.m. CT, Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office, Attn: Dr. Francis A. Smith, P.E., 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX, 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Francis.Smith@txdot.gov. Verbal comments may be submitted by calling (512) 593-2272. All comments must be received on or before Wednesday, June 28, 2023. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or virtual hearing or in-person option, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager, Dr. Francis A. Smith, P.E., by phone at (817) 370-6708 or by email at Francis.Smith@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT.

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SUDOKU

Solution for the puzzle on May 27 (Puzzle 31).

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CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B3

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

FREE YOGA Saturday, June 3 at Open Hearts Sanctuary located at 616 Fall Creek Hwy. Try as many unique classes as you want! 9 a.m. Energizing Yoga. 10:30 a.m. Yin Yoga. 12 p.m. Belly Dancing. 1:30 p.m. Buti Tribal Dance Yoga. 3 p.m. Kundalini Yoga. 4:30 p.m. Sound Bath. For more information call 817-559-3333.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

KIWANIS CLUB will hold its meeting on June 8 at noon at Farina's located at 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker will be Crystal Moore, Executive Director of United Way of Hood County.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

5TH ANNUAL 'Shoot for a Cause' Clay Shoot benefiting Forward Training Center of Hood County will take place on June 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Clay Sports Ranch in Fort Worth. To purchase tickets go to <https://forwardtrainingcenter.org/5th-annual-shoot-for-a-cause-clay-shoot/>

MONDAY, JUNE 12

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Program: Meet our High School Senior Scholarship Winners. 11:00 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. Details: 254-716-5195.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

THE GRANBURY Bridge Club will hold a special game of Fun Duplicate with lunch and dessert provided at 11 a.m. to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Donation is \$30; trophies will be awarded to the winners. Location: The Captain's Texas Cottage at 5918 Henslee Court, Granbury. Call to reserve your spot at 817-480-4472. Space is limited.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

KIWANIS CLUB will hold its meeting on June 15 at noon at Farina's located at 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker is Sam Houston, Publisher of the Hood County News.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

THE GRANBURY Bridge Club will hold a special game of Fun Duplicate with lunch and dessert provided at 11 a.m. to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Donation is \$30; trophies will be awarded to the winners. Location: The Captain's Texas Cottage at 5918 Henslee Court, Granbury. Call to reserve your spot at 817-480-4472. Space is limited.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

KIWANIS CLUB will hold its meeting on June 22 at noon at Farina's located at 202 N. Houston St. on the square. The speaker is Shelly Curtsinger, Director GISD Special Education Program.

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Look, up in the sky... it's Eddie making another impressive descent!



BY DON NEWBURY

Dr. Don Newbury is a longtime public speaker and former university president who writes weekly.

I'm sure Will Rogers was a friendly guy, even if the quote usually attributed to him has been taken out of context. During an interview, he mentioned prominent men he'd met, all of whom he liked. (Lesser guys weren't referenced.)

This observation aside, I have a friend whose admirers feel as strongly about him as Rogers seemed to feel about others. He rises "sunny side up," and his positive outlook on life is both refreshing and infectious.

His name is Eddie Janek. He is beloved immensely, this bona fide hero in Galveston, his home for some 80 years. He's observing his 96th birthday come April 28. To celebrate, he's jumping out of an airplane — the fourth time since his 90th birthday.

EARNING HIS WAY

I met him a dozen or so years ago, thanks to a mutual friend. Eddie is from a share-cropping family near West, and his upbringing redefines "hardscrabble." A veteran of the U.S. Navy and World War II service, he fibbed a bit to enlist. He was 15 years of age,

weighed 98 pounds and stood 5-1. Understanding that Eddie desperately wanted to serve, the doctor said, "I've never done this before, but I'm changing your numbers to 17, 110 and 5-2."

He never met his father, and was reared by his mother and other relatives. He could easily have viewed his first naval vessel as a cruise ship, since he had his own bunk, first toothbrush and "indoor" plumbing.

Eddie remembers long-ago experiences. One was provided by "mean old" Uncle John, who allowed him to listen to The Lone Ranger on radio if he first gathered 100 ears of corn, shucked them, then fed the hogs. "Before he died, I thanked him for that lesson," Eddie said. He also remembers stuffing two chickens into a tow sack, selling them to a West grocer for 15 cents. Proceeds would buy his ticket to the

Best Theater, a box of popcorn and a comic book.

MULTIPLE TITLES

He learned life lessons well, always learning and always working. To many, he is "Mr. Galveston." To others, he is "Mr. Baseball," a testimony to his many years spent managing teenage baseball teams. Some call him "a county commissioner who would listen." And for thousands like me, he is a revered figure with an ever-widening circle of friends.

EXPERIENCED

He knows that some of his derring-do feats baffle his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, perhaps well beyond head-shaking.

A widower since 2015, Eddie defends his aerial observance by pointing out that he jumps in tandem with a guy who has made more than 8,000 jumps.

Smiling, he adds that his jumping partner is "shorter than he is," a claim he can't often make. (Previous jumps have been from 12,000, 14,000 and 16,000 feet, and if winds permit, this jump will be from 18,000 feet.)

ALMOST HAD HIM

He has always recognized baseball talent when he sees it. In the early 1960s,

his team qualified for the state teenage baseball tournament. He was allowed to add a player he'd seen during the season.

Eddie selected a hard-throwing pitcher from Alvin, who had to cancel hours before the first game.

The player, Nolan Ryan, explained that he had signed with the New York Mets hours earlier.

APPRECIATION

Every bit as memorable when we cruise from Galveston are the short visits with Eddie. His memory amazes, his generosity abounds and his frequent smiles light up his face.

To say he's beloved in Galveston is an understatement. Accompanying him to a restaurant — or merely walking down the street — means witnessing his acceptance of thanks and greetings from friends along the way. They want to express appreciation repeatedly, often for guidance or assistance rendered generations earlier. One was a former player, thankful for Eddie serving as his coach and mentor some 50 years ago.

Little wonder that a few years back, Eddie and several other Galveston leaders were honored when the city opened a new baseball complex.

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order, and a variety of other special assignments in support of police operations.

Special Assignments: Bicycle Patrol, Motorcycle Patrol Officer, Crash Investigator, and member of a Traffic Enforcement Unit.

Experiences: Officer Clapp has been with the Granbury Police Department and was assigned to the Patrol Division for 19 years.

Awards: Master Peace Officer, Mental Health Peace Officer, ARIDE certified (Impaired Driver investigations), Advanced Crash Investigation, Crash Reconstruction, Police Motorcycle Operator and 10-year safe driving award.

HOOD COUNTY HEROES

Every Wednesday of every month we will publish one of four tributes to our local heroes.

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- TO PROTECT AND SERVE — for sheriff deputies
- VOLUNTEER SERVICE W/PRIDE — for firefighters
- WE SALUTE YOUR SERVICE — for veterans

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