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Glenda Williams, second from right, instructs two participants in a Wednesday night women's self-defense class. Glenda and her husband Danny own and operate the Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program on West Pearl Street.

## TxDOT sets June public hearing on 377 expansion

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

Granbury Mayor Jim Jarratt suspects that information provided by the state during an upcoming public hearing on the proposed expansion of U.S. Highway 377 will reveal something exciting: That impacted entities, such as the city, county, and utility companies, can start the infrastructure work that needs to be done before construction gets underway.

The proposed widening of 377 will be from Holmes Drive to 3,000 feet north of FM 167 (Fall Creek Highway), a distance of about nine miles.

The Texas Department of Transportation has planned a public hearing for Tuesday, June 13. There is both an in-person option and an online option.

The in-person public hearing will take place from 6-8 p.m. on June 13 at the Lake Granbury Conference Center at 621 E. Pearl St.

The virtual hearing will be available starting at 6 p.m. that day but will remain available for viewing until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28. Viewers will be able to access it at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) by typing "US 377 in Hood County" in the search bar.

The virtual hearing will consist of a pre-recorded video presentation and will include both audio and visual components. Related materials will be posted online.

Those who attend the in-person hearing will be able to view the same presentation, but it will be displayed on a screen. They will also be able to review hard copies of project materials, ask questions of TxDOT staff and consultants, and leave written comments.

The proposed phased project would expand U.S. Highway 377 from four lanes to six lanes with a raised, concrete-paved, or vegetated median. It would also involve reconfiguration of the SH 144 (South Morgan Street) intersection and overpass, from Autumn Ridge Road to FM 51 (Paluxy Road), a distance of 0.4 miles.

A proposed schedule prepared by TxDOT shows the acquisition of right of way and the adjustment of utilities to take place from fall of this year through the spring of 2026, when the breakout project, or first phase, would be let for construction.

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. Frances A. Smith, P.E., 2501 S.W. Loop 820, Fort Worth, Texas, 76133. Written comments may also be submitted by email to [Francis.Smith@txdot.gov](mailto:Francis.Smith@txdot.gov) before Wednesday, June 28. Responses to comments received will be available online at the project website once they have been prepared.

Jarratt, who along with City Manager Chris Coffman and Mayor Pro Tem Trish Burwell made multiple trips to Austin during this year's legislative session, said he feels confident that lawmakers and state officials now fully understand the importance of widening the critical artery.

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## Ladies Night: Martial arts school expands offering of women's self-defense classes

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

In the view of Danny and Glenda Williams, instruction on how a young woman can physically defend herself might be one of the best graduation presents for a college-bound student.

But it's also one of the best gifts a woman of any age can give herself.

The couple own and operate the Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program at 804 W. Pearl St. Danny is the primary instructor, but Glenda also instructs, particularly where the women's classes are concerned. Of the eight classes offered, one is a Wednesday night self-defense class for women. The class is so popular that the couple is expanding women's self-defense to Monday nights and Friday nights.

"It's so important for them to know," Glenda said. "You know, it may be (a new college student's) first time away from home like that. We have one young woman who is moving away to Lubbock, going to Texas Tech, and I'm so proud of her and I'm confident she's going to be able to handle herself. She was assaulted in high school."

Steve Smith, chief deputy for the Hood County Sheriff's Office, said that over the past year, that of-



Abby Williams, left, sometimes joins her parents Danny and Glenda Williams at their Granbury martial arts studio.

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GLENDA WILLIAMS

Co-owner of Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program

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## Birdwell to chair rules committee for Paxton impeachment trial

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

Granbury's Brian Birdwell, state senator for Texas District 22, has been selected by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to chair a special committee to recommend rules and procedures for the impeachment trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton.

On Saturday, May 27, the Texas House voted 121-23 to adopt 20



Birdwell

articles of impeachment against Paxton. He was suspended and referred to the Senate for trial on misconduct charges that include bribery, abuse of office, and obstruction.



Paxton

In a statement issued Monday, May 29, after the Texas Senate received the articles of impeachment, Lieutenant Gov. Dan Patrick said that the senate "will follow its constitutional duty" in

the matter. He announced that he had appointed a committee to develop proposed rules and procedures for the senate to follow in the impeachment trial process.

Six other state senators will serve with Birdwell on the committee. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, will be vice chair. Other state senators who will serve are Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe; Pete Flores, R-Pleasanton; Joan

Huffman, R-Houston; Phil King, R-Weatherford; and Royce West, D-Dallas.

In his written statement, Patrick said, "When the rules are drafted, a date will be set for when the Senate will resolve into a court of impeachment to consider the articles."

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Danny Williams instructs a student at his self-defense class for women on Wednesday, May 24. The former Marine began learning martial arts at age four.

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Police handled 10 assaults with a firearm; two knife assaults; 282 assaults, 151 of which were domestic violence situations; 133 harassment complaints; 26 sexual assaults; and 14 protective order violations.

Although Smith said he did not know specifically without reading each report how many of those cases involved female victims, he said that most domestic violence calls, sexual assault cases, and protective order violations involve women.

"I think with the kind of town Granbury/Hood County is, it's very easy to get kind of lulled into a belief that, oh, it's a big-city issue," Glenda stated. "This is a small Texas town but I'm telling you, we see things on Facebook and Instagram by Granbury and Hood County residents all the time about this man was following me in the Walmart parking lot, I was threatened here, I was approached there, and you have to be aware."

Danny said that, according to statistics, 90% of assaults are believed to go unreported and 75% of assault victims knew their assailant.

At Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program, women learn not only how to fight back against the person trying to harm them, but also how to overcome their fears.

"The driving force of abuse is fear," Danny said. "It's the fear of the unknown or it's the fear of that situation. Well, we can eliminate that. It's like when I was in the military. If you're in a war, that's a bad situation, but we resort to our training. We don't let the fear control us. It's the same way with women's self-defense."

Danny said that the news is full of women who were assaulted on a running track, or at an apartment complex.

"But those women that have been trained (in self-defense), you don't hear their stories," he said, "because they're not victims."

**STARTING YOUNG**

Danny started learning martial arts 49 years ago at the age of four. After graduating high school in Marlin at 18, he opened his first martial arts school. He ran it for two years before joining the United States Marine Corp and serving in the Persian Gulf War. He was in the Marines for four years. Danny then opened a martial

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**DANNY WILLIAMS**

Co-owner of Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program



Danny and Glenda Williams' Wednesday night self-defense class for women is so popular, they have added a Monday night and Friday night class.

arts school in Austin and ran it for 12 years while also pastoring a church.

"Glenda and I both went to college for ministry," he stated, adding that they were in ministry for 20 years.

Danny moved to Hood County six years ago, and Glenda arrived three years ago. They opened the West Pearl Street martial arts school about a year and a half ago.

Danny and Glenda have a particular interest in helping women and girls protect themselves because their blended family includes five daughters. One is 31, one is 22, two are 21, and the youngest is 13.

One of the couple's classes is a morning class for kids who are homeschooled.

"Usually, assaults on teenagers start around 12, 13 years old," Danny said. "You know, their dating years and their college years."

**FIT AND FEARSOME**

According to Danny, learning martial arts is not only good for self-protection, but also a great way to stay in shape. And while women are getting a workout, they build their self-esteem and even reduce the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder.

"Sometimes women don't look at self-defense until they've already had a bad encounter," Danny said. "If I had it my way, it would be taught to children in school."

Mary Flores, crime victim liai-

son for the Hood County Sheriff's Office, said that while some women who experience a traumatic event move forward with their lives without suffering lasting effects, others may experience depression, anxiety, or PTSD.

Flores said that she herself is impacted by the trauma suffered by those she works to help, especially when the victims are young girls.

"We carry these stories in our hearts and usually do not realize that we are also carrying the effect of compassion fatigue," she wrote in an email to the Hood County News.

One way she copes, she said, is through exercise.

Females at Danny and Glenda's martial arts school are taught a combination of Krav Maga,

jiu jitsu, and Combat Hapkido. Danny said that classes are open for those age 12 to 102. In other words, pretty much everybody — and regardless of their fitness level. Probably half of class participants are over 50, he said.

"An assailant looks for vulnerabilities," Danny stated. "And those vulnerabilities are age and physical condition. So, just because someone is older, and maybe on the heavyset side or the leaner side, or maybe has a disability, we tailor to that as well."

He added, "But we really make sure that we are more focused on the strength of the mind. Martial arts is not about strength, it's about leverage. If someone grabbed you in a certain way, it's not you fighting their power. It's how you use their limbs, their joints, and their bones against them."

If the assailant is armed, that changes things.

"If the assailant has a gun and he wants material, we let him have it," Danny said. "He can have purses and (credit) cards and keys and cars. We let him have it. However, if he is looking for abduction, or assault, or murder, we are going to fight back. It's one thing to surrender material possessions. It's another thing to surrender your physical body. I would rather fight at the scene in hopes of getting away than be abducted and never be seen again."

Danny and Glenda's evening classes for adults start at 7:15 p.m. and go for 45 minutes to one hour.

The new Monday evening class for women, which will be an intermediate level, will start Monday, June 5. The new Friday class started June 2.

Danny said the additional classes were added so that he and Glenda could keep the classes smaller, enabling them to provide more individual attention.

Cost is \$99 per month. The fee allows members to attend up to 12 classes. Potential members are allowed a free trial.

Classes run year-round and women can join anytime.

"We go over it in such a way that everyone's learning something new every week," Danny said. "The new ones can just jump right in."

The website for the Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts Program is [dwcmap.com](http://dwcmap.com). The phone number is 817-776-7680.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Past actions of parents can be shocking



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.

**A**s a high school student, I was very focused on playing basketball. Between practices and games, there was little free time during the season; certainly not time to hold down a part time job. When the season ended, I was pretty much dead broke and immediately sought out a part time job where I could earn

some spending money. The PTA of my high school had set up a volunteer staffed employment service where local businesses or individuals could call in with a job listing and mothers who volunteered would attempt to find a suitable student to apply for the job. My girlfriend's mother was one of the volunteer staff, so when a job opportunity came in to work as an office boy in a prominent law office, she gave me the information. As soon as school was over that day, I headed to the address and applied.

I was excited for the opportunity because while minimum wage was \$1.60 an hour, this job was paying the princely sum of \$2.50 an hour. For that huge amount of salary, I did not know if I would have to kill people or drive a getaway car, but the money certainly piqued my

interest. The job entailed running errands, delivering legal papers to other lawyers, taking deeds to be recorded, as well as keeping the law library picked up and updated. The office where I would work was on the 22nd floor of a new high rise. No one was more shocked than myself when I was told I had gotten the job. All my friends were mowing yards, or raking leaves, and there I was working in a swanky law office. It was cool.

On my third day of work, I was summoned to the top partner's office as he had an errand for me to run. I had not yet met Mr. Susman, but I understood he was very young to be the named partner on the letterhead. Hearing the reverence of others as they mentioned his name made it clear to me, he was the "big boss".

I was a little nervous when I

walked to his office and knocked on the door. He told me to come in and introduced himself as Lou Susman and then asked my name. When I responded, he asked me, "you related to Don Houston, the teacher? I smiled and proudly replied, "Yes, he is my dad". I was proud of my dad, and it was pretty neat that Mr. Susman knew his name. Upon hearing my reply, Mr. Susman responded, "Yah, he threw me down a flight of stairs when I was a freshman. I was a smart aleck and he let me know I was out of line. Looking back, I'm sure I deserved it."

Upon hearing the shocking words Mr. Susman uttered, I did not know how to respond. I felt like I wanted to say I was sorry for my dad's actions, but the words would not come out. I was shocked, stunned, and bewildered all at one time. I had a confused look on my face as I retreated, then went about doing the errand I had been assigned. My dad had never laid a hand on me. Would my dad do such a thing as throwing a kid down a flight of stairs?

I could not wait to get home that night. The family was gathered around the dining table and mom was placing the last of the food on the table when I slid into my usual seat. Before any side gibberish could begin, I looked straight at my father and asked him, "Guess who I met today dad?". My father glanced

up from filling his plate with mashed potatoes and fried chicken long enough to utter, "Who?". I nearly shouted out, "Lou Susman, and he said when he was a freshman in school you threw him down a flight of stairs because he was a cocky, smart-mouthed kid". My dad did not really respond, he just nodded his head and went back to eating. I waited for a second, trying to be respectful but at the same time dying to get to the bottom of the story. Then I said, "Well is that true Dad? Did you throw him down a flight of stairs?" This time Dad looked up, almost sheepishly, and stated, "I don't really recall that".

What? You don't recall throwing a student down a flight of stairs? I know the late 50s was a lot different than today, but I would have thought an incident such as throwing a student down the stairs would have stuck out in my dad's mind! He simply went back to eating his dinner and then asked one of my sisters how their day had gone at school, seemingly impervious to the shocking question I had asked.

It wasn't until quite a few years later that I revisited the subject of Mr. Sussman and the stairs with my dad. I was now much older and in my dad's mind I was now able to understand what had happened. He acknowledged that he had in fact given a "brief educational encounter" with the spoiled, cocky, loudmouth kid. He was also

quick to add his actions had a very positive result because Mr. Susman never caused another problem in school. He never defended his actions but said teachers were given much more authority to discipline kids back in the 50s and early 60s than what was accepted currently. In Dad's mind, he gave the student what he needed, and it worked. End of story.

I am not suggesting my dad's action were appropriate, but it is interesting to note Mr. Sussman ended up having quite a prominent legal career, as well as significant political accomplishments including becoming the United State Ambassador to England in 2009. Was Dad responsible for Mr. Susman's success? I would like to think maybe a little bit. I know Mr. Susman always treated me like a prince and he never failed to ask me how dad was doing. I could sense that despite the incident, he respected my dad.

Teachers have a big impact on their students. And sometimes children do not know their parents as well as they thought they did. Maybe both are good things.

Thought for the day: Nothing can surprise you more than people you thought you knew.

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

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## Raising stroke awareness: Understanding the signs, risk factors, and prevention strategies

Stroke is a debilitating medical condition that affects millions of people worldwide. It occurs when the blood supply to the brain is interrupted or reduced, leading to damage to brain cells and potentially severe long-term consequences. Raising awareness about stroke is crucial to identifying symptoms early, receiving prompt medical intervention, and implementing preventive measures.

"It is crucial to understand the risk factors and the signs of a stroke," mentions Desiree Lester, FNP, family medicine nurse practitioner at Lakeside Physicians. "The sooner a stroke patient gets to an emergency room, the more likely they will have fewer complications."

### RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS

Recognizing the signs of a stroke is vital for timely medical intervention,

as every minute counts when it comes to brain health. The most common symptoms of a stroke can be remembered using the acronym FAST, which stands for:

- 1. Face drooping:** One side of the face may droop or feel numb when a person tries to smile.
- 2. Arm weakness:** One arm may become weak or numb, making it difficult to raise both arms.
- 3. Speech difficulties:** Speech may become slurred or incoherent, making it hard to understand or express thoughts.
- 4. Time to call emergency services:** If any of these symptoms are observed, it is crucial to seek immediate medical attention.

### RISK FACTORS

Several risk factors increase the likelihood of experiencing a stroke.

These factors can be categorized into two main types: non-modifiable and modifiable.

- 1. Non-modifiable risk factors** include age (over 55 years), gender (men have a higher risk), and a family history of stroke.
- 2. Modifiable risk factors** include high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, high cholesterol levels, obesity, physical inactivity, excessive alcohol consumption, and drug abuse.

### PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Reducing the risk of stroke involves adopting a healthy lifestyle and managing underlying medical conditions. The following preventive measures can significantly decrease the likelihood of experiencing a stroke:

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COURTESY OF VISIT GRANBURY

The Granbury Trolley runs on an hour long route starting at the Visitors Center. The free shuttle stops at hotels, bed and breakfasts, and other locations as it loops back through the Historic Downtown Square.

## Visit Granbury sets record for trolley/tram rides

BY KATHY CRUZ  
Senior Staff Writer

The city of Granbury's green, iconic trolley is, well, iconic, and it is an important part of the city's tourist appeal. Visit Granbury enlists the trolley to transport visitors between lodging establishments, the Lake Granbury Conference Center, and the square/historic district.

Last year, Visit Granbury marked its biggest year ever for ferrying people around town, according to Visit Granbury Director Tammy Dooley. Between the trolley, the "mini trolley," and the city's open-air tram, rides were given to more than 13,000 people, she said.

The old-fashioned shamrock-colored trolley is a particular favorite and anyone can ride for free, including locals.

The trolley runs from 4-10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The route takes an hour and starts at the Visitors Center at 201 E. Pearl St. by Ketzler's Schnitzel Haus And Biergarten on the square.

The complimentary shuttle stops at hotels, bed and breakfasts, and a few other locations as it loops on the U.S. Highway 377 corridor and through the square.

To receive information and updates about the trolley schedule, text "trolley" to 77222.

Trolley fans can now track the trolley in real time at <https://tinyurl.com/TracktheTrolley>.

Visit Granbury even has a trolley app that lets folks know the trolley's ETA at their location. A QR code to download the app can be found at [visitgranbury.com](http://visitgranbury.com). Type "Granbury Trolley" in the search bar.

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# OBITUARIES

## 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



flowers to your local animal shelter.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 5 p.m. on June 6, 2023 at 5618 Robs Court, Benbrook.

## Joe Michael Lasiter

June 1, 1956 - May 26, 2023

Born June 1, 1956 in Brownfield, TX to Charles Lee "Corky" Lasiter (deceased) and Manty Lou (Bell) McKinley. Joe is survived by his loving wife Bonnie, "Dad" Don McKinley, his children Michelle Whiteaker (Ross) of Albuquerque, NM; Melissa Ashburn (Colin) of McAllen, TX; Katrina (Levi) Clements of DeCordova, TX; Kelly (Myron) Wicks of Warwick, RI; three sisters; one brother, sixteen grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews, close cousins and his lifelong friend Donny Jones.

Joe had extensive training in private country club management as general manager and chief operating officer throughout his 33-year career. He held two of them close to his heart - DeCordova Bend Estates as the general manager from 1991-2005, and Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club in Alto, NM from 2014-2020 from



which he retired. Joe cherished his friendship with the many club manager associate friends he made over the years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's name to the "Willed Body Donation Program" of UTSW Medical Center in Dallas, P.O. Box 910888 Dallas, TX 75390-0888

To honor Joe's wishes, there will be no funeral services. We invite you to celebrate Joe's memory in your own way.

## THE IDLE AMERICAN

# Skunks in low places



BY DON NEWBURY

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

Far-out occurrences often are illuminated through the miracle of the Internet, sometimes resulting in findings that may, uh, need additional study.

Such occurred recently in Dallas, where a homeowner was troubled by skunks who had burrowed their way under the foundation. Then, frustrations increased when the little varmints proceeded to make unwelcome noise with their under-the-floor activities.

Thankfully, he saw a short account in an obscure

publication. It claimed that radios--placed under homes and left playing on medium volume--would rid homes of skunks.

The man thought it might be worth a shot, and far more humane than, well, a shot.

He crawled under the

house, following directions explicitly. Surprisingly, the only signal coming in clearly was from Dallas' municipally operated WRR, a radio station featuring classical music 24 hours a day. Sure enough, the skunks vanquished to parts unknown. Pleased that the task was

accomplished so easily, the man wondered if skunks are the only rodents who don't like classical music. What if they'd come running back upon hearing strains of Willie Nelson, George Strait, or Elvis Presley? He might as they say-be better served to leave well enough alone.

### GRADUATIONS

Our country is awash in commencement exercises, some for kindergartners entering first grade, others

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# 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.

## JUNE

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

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### 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.

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## What should you expect from your investments?

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To help achieve your financial goals, you may need to invest in the financial markets throughout your life. However, at times your investment expectations may differ from actual returns, triggering a variety of emotions. So, what are reasonable expectations to have about your investments?

Ideally, you hope that your investment portfolio will eventually help you meet your goals, both your short-term ones, such as a cross-country vacation, and the long-term ones, such as



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a comfortable retirement. But your expectations may be affected by several factors, including the following:

### MISUNDERSTANDING

Various factors in the economy and the financial markets trigger different reactions in different types of investments — so you should expect different results. When you own stocks, you can generally expect greater price volatility in the short term. Over time, though, the "up" and "down" years tend

to average out. When you own bonds, you can expect less volatility than individual stocks, but that's not to say that bond prices never change. Generally, when interest rates rise, you can anticipate that the value of your existing, lower-paying bonds may decrease, and when rates fall, the value of your bonds may increase.

### REGENCY BIAS

Investors exhibit "regency bias" when they place too much emphasis on recent events in the financial markets, expecting that those same events will happen again. But these expectations

can lead to negative behavior. For example, in 2018, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell almost 6% — so investors subject to recency bias might have concluded it was best to stay out of the markets for a while. But the Dow jumped more than 22% the very next year. Of course, the reverse can also be true: In 2021, the Dow rose almost 19%, so investors who might have been susceptible to recency bias may have thought they were in for more big gains right away — but in 2022, the Dow fell almost 9%. Here's the bottom line: Recency bias may cloud your expectations about your investments' per-

formance — and it's essentially impossible to predict accurately what will happen to the financial markets in any given year.

### ANCHORING

Another type of investment behavior is known as "anchoring" — an excessive reliance on your original conviction in an investment. So, for instance, if you bought stock in a company you thought had great prospects, you might want to keep your shares year after year, even after evidence emerges that the company has real risks — for example, poor management, or its products could

become outdated, or it could be part of an industry that's in decline. But if you stick with your initial belief that the company will inevitably do well, and you're not open to new sources of information about this investment, your expectations may never be met.

In many areas of life, reality may differ from our expectations — and that can certainly be true for our investments. Being familiar with the factors that can shape your expectations can help you maintain a realistic outlook about your investments.

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The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application 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, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

**LEGAL AD**  
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Watkins Survey, Abstract Number 575, Hood County, Texas and being a portion of Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Slide A38B, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows; BEGINNING at a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 5696" found at the southwest corner of that called 0.620 acre tract described by deed to Lewis Dean Williams, recorded in Volume 2303, Page 19, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas, said iron rod also being the southeast corner of Lot 7, Block 1, Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 39, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas; THENCE South 31 degrees 26 minutes 54 seconds East, 158.72 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "MANHARD" set in the north line of Block 6, of said Stroud Creek Estates; THENCE South 51 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, 290.82 feet along the north line of said Block 6 to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "MANHARD" set; THENCE North 21 degrees 59 minutes 51 seconds West, 198.49 feet, departing said north line of Block 6 to a 1/2 inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said Lot 7; THENCE North 58 degrees 48 minutes 43 seconds East, 256.00 feet along the south line of said Lot 7 to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 47,984 square feet or 1.102 acres of land, more or less, and alternatively for declaratory relief concerning such property. BEING a 0.724 acre tract of land situated in the S. Watkins Survey, Abstract Number 575, Hood County, Texas and being a portion of Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Slide A38B, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows; BEGINNING at a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "RPLS 5696" found at the southwest corner of that called 0.620 acre tract described by deed to Lewis Dean Williams, recorded in Volume 2303, Page 19, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas, said iron rod also being the southeast corner of Lot 7, Block 1, Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 39, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas; THENCE along the south line of said called 0.620 acre tract the following calls: North 65 degrees 34 minutes 54 seconds East, 61.13 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "REALSEARCH" found; North 54 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds East, 103.41 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "REALSEARCH" found; North 68 degrees 39 minutes 18 seconds East, 80.99 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "REALSEARCH" found at the southeast corner of said called 0.620 acre tract; THENCE South 13 degrees 44 minutes 02 seconds East, 124.03 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod found at the northeast corner of Block 6, of said Stroud Creek Estates; THENCE South 51 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, 207.45 feet along the north line of said Block 6 to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "MANHARD" set; THENCE North 31 degrees 26 minutes 54 seconds West, 158.72 feet, departing said north line of Block 6 to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 31,554 square feet or 0.724 acres of land, more or less. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 11 day of MAY, 2023. Attorney for Plaintiff(s): MARK B DEWITT, P.O. BOX 1274 GRANBURY, TX 76049. WITNESS: TONNA L. NEWMAN, CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD By Susan Ashmore, Deputy

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**Public Notices**

**LEGAL AD**  
Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for:

THE LANDINGS, LOTS 3285R, 3286R & 3287R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application 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, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jacquelyn Hansen, Deceased, were issued on May 24, 2023, in Cause No. P10034, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Ronnie Charles Hansen.

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: Jeremy SoRelle  
Attorney at Law  
827 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 24th day of May, 2023.  
/s/ Jeremy SoRelle  
Jeremy SoRelle  
Attorney for Ronnie Charles Hansen  
State Bar No.: 24056352  
827 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 579-5997  
Facsimile: (817) 573-4933  
E-mail: jeremy@hydefirm.com

**Notice of Public Sale**  
Property of Kathy Walker, Michael Skelton, Brian Quinn and Tanisha Wilson, consisting of misc. household items. Being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale to the highest cash bidder. The facility retains the right to place minimum bid. June 16, 2023, 11AM. Westgate Storage 3118 Hwy 377 Granbury TX 76048 (817) 573-4130

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Granbury Housing Authority will hold a Public Hearing on July 25, 2023 at 12:00 pm at 503 N. Crockett for comments/recommendations on the 2022 & 2023 Annual PHA Plans and 2023 5 Year Action Plan [julia@granburyhousing.org](mailto:julia@granburyhousing.org)

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.

Bid proposals are available online on <https://granbury.ionwave.net>. The bids are open immediately and will close June 15th, 2023 at 9:00am.

Please contact purchasing manager Houcine Chraïbi or Bradee Watson with any questions at (817) 408-4029.

**Legal notice of divorce**  
Tiffany Baker--vs--Colten Cargill this is a notice by publication of hearing of divorce. Filed in Hood County Texas District Court. Hearing is set to be held June 9th, 2023 at 9am.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of DOLORES JEAN JACOB, Deceased, were issued on May 24, 2023, in Cause No. P 10025, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: VICKI VALENA JACOB.

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: Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney at Law  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 25th day of May, 2023.  
Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Vicki Valena Jacob  
State Bar No.: 24078807  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 573-8872  
Facsimile: (817) 579-1651  
E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

**LEGAL AD**  
Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals at 1402 W Pearl st, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, until 10:00 a.m., July 27, 2023. Proposals will be opened in a public meeting at that time and place.

Request for Qualifications  
Civil Engineering Services  
RFQ2023-05

Proposals may be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at <http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com>. It is free to register and to bid. Proposal documents may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing website <http://www.co.hood.tx.us/purchasing.htm>.

Hood County reserves the right to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County and the right to reject any and all bids. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semimonthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court.

For additional Information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 408-3440.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114 STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO. C2023042**

WILLIAM DEWITT MCCLARAN AND MELDA C MCCLARAN V 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS TO: THE UNKNOWN OR MISSING PARTNERS, HEIRS, OFFICERS, AND ASSIGNS OF STROUD'S CREEK LAND COMPANY, L.P. Greeting DEFENDANT: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you." You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being MONDAY the 3RD day of JULY 2023, before the Honorable BRYAN T. BUFKIN 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 27TH day of JANUARY, A.O. 2023, in the above-entitled cause. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: THE ORIGINAL PETITION IS A SUIT FOR CIVIL, CIVIL CASE - OTHER, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, the nature of which suit is PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ON BEING a 1,238 acre tract of land situated in the S. Watkins Survey, Abstract Number 575, Hood County, Texas and being a portion of Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Slide A-38B, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows; BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 1, Stroud Creek Estates, a subdivision in Hood County according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 39, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas, said iron rod also being the southeast corner of Lot 6 of said Block I; THENCE South 21 degrees 59 minutes 51 seconds East, 198.49 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod with cap stamped "MAN HARD" set in the north line of Block 6, of said Stroud Creek Estates; THENCE South 51 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West, 290.80 feet along the north line of said Block 6 to a 1/2 inch iron rod found at the southeast corner of that called 2.2315 acre tract of land described by deed to Beau Gonzales, recorded in County Clerk's File Number 2019-0008005, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas; THENCE North 32 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds West, 160.77 feet, departing said north line of Block 6 and along the east line of said called 2.2315 acre tract to a 1/2 inch iron rod found at the southwest corner of said Lot 6, said iron rod also being the northeast corner of said called 2.2315 acre tract; THENCE North 46 degrees 14 minutes 17 seconds East, 332.80 feet along the south line of said Lot 6 to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 53,936 square feet or 1.238 acres of land, more or less. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 16th day of May 2023. WITNESS: TONNA TRUMBLE HITT, CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS. By Cami Roybal, Deputy

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**LEGAL AD**  
Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, until 11:00 a.m., July 27, 2023. Qualifications will be opened in a public meeting at that time and place.

Request for Qualifications  
Land Surveyor Services  
RFQ2023-06

Proposals may be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at <http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com>. It is free to register and to bid. Proposal documents may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing website <http://www.co.hood.tx.us/purchasing.htm>.

Hood County reserves the right to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County and the right to reject any and all bids. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semimonthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court.

For additional Information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 408-3440.

Public Notice is hereby given that LGI Homes - Texas, LLC on behalf of Cresson MUD No. 1, Hood County, State of Texas, will receive bids for the construction of a new PWS Trinity Water Well and related improvements. All bids must be sealed and received on or before June 29, 2023 at 2:00 pm at 201 Main Street, Suite 901, Fort Worth, TX 76102 to be considered by LGI Homes - Texas, LLC. Any bids coming after that date and time, unless LGI Homes - Texas, LLC extends the date and time for all bidders, will be rejected. Sealed bids must be hand delivered to Pape-Dawson, 201 Main Street, Suite 901, Fort Worth, TX 76102; Attn: Matt Gilbertson, PE.

The improvements generally to be made may include: drilling and construction of a new potable public water supply Trinity Water Well and necessary water lines, valves, electrical lines and related improvements.

Proposal forms, specifications, plans, and contract documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer located at 590 East South Loop, Stephenville, Texas, 76401, phone number (254) 968-8741 for the purchase price of Ninety-Five Dollars and no/100 dollars (\$95.00) for each half size or full-size set of documents. No refunds will be made. Plans and specifications may be obtained electronically by contacting Matt Van Hattem of Collier Consulting by email at [matt@collierconsulting.com](mailto:matt@collierconsulting.com) or by phone at 254-968-8741.

Collier Consulting, Inc., on behalf of LGI Homes - Texas, LLC, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any or all informalities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of ninety (90) days from the date bids are opened. LGI Homes - Texas, LLC is acting on behalf of Cresson MUD No. 1.

  
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students to wait for the final bell. Mary

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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:

1. For the purchase of the Property, including all buildings, structures or improvements "AS IS, WITH ALL FAULTS,"
2. For the Buyer to pay all fees, commissions and costs associated with closing the sale of the Property.
3. 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
4. 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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**PUBLIC CONSIGNMENTS AUCTION**  
**Sat., June 10 at 10 a.m.**

Benefitting the Hood County Livestock Raisers Association at 641 Reunion Ct. for building improvements

Taking consignments for farm and ranch equipment and some lawn equipment, plus donated items. (Please no small yard sale items)

- Partial Listing**
- 3 pt. 7 shank Mohawk chisel plow
  - 3 pt. Massey Ferguson post hole digger (9 in Auger)
  - 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
  - Overhead fuel tank w/ stand
  - Grain buggy
  - 100 gal. fuel tank w/electric pump on trailer
  - Drag dump rake
  - 3 pt. one row planter
  - Breaking plows (3 pt.)
  - Motorcycle trailer (homemade)
  - 3 pt. 8 ft. long boom pole.

Taking consignments from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting May 31, 2023 until auction time on Saturday, June 10.  
**For more information call Lonnie Johnson 817-578-4862**  
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**GARAGE SALE Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2, 8am-4pm, 4401 W Kenwood Ct. Something for everyone.**  
 5620 Peveler Ct- Saturday June 3, 8 till ?. Lots of clothes for teenage girls.

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**BY WHITNEY KNIEPER**

Whitney Knieper grew up in and around the real estate industry and has had her license for 12-plus years. She recently earned her broker's license and is a broker at Knieper Realty. Whitney is the 2023 President of the Granbury Association of REALTORS®. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University. Go Frogs!

Buyer's Agent.

The listing agent is responsible for representing you and your best interests. How your agent portrays your home for sale is critical to an effective marketing campaign. The better the photos, the more online interest you'll have. The better the description, the more prepared a buyer will be in what to expect. That is just the beginning of a good promotion for your home. From there is the cost of marketing and advertising, online and in print. Making sure your home is viewable on Zillow, Trulia, Realtor.com, and the thousands of other sites out there.

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**IDLE**

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for graduates completing eighth grade, high school, and colleges and universities.

Often, the "pomp and circumstance" desired at such ceremonies is best accomplished by the five-year-olds.

At one Metroplex graduation, a recipient face-planted after accepting his diploma. Platform members, ready to render aid, were relieved when he immediately jumped up and left the stage. Authorities "smelled a mouse," and their suspicions later were confirmed.

It turned out that a fellow graduate issued a \$300 dare for his friend to perform the stunt.

Years ago, a graduate at Texas A&M University was the first of the doctoral degree recipients to cross the stage.

He failed to pay attention during rehearsal and wasn't sure what to do about a small platform at center stage. He figured it was his to stand on, perhaps to emphasize his academic achievement. He was wrong. After mounting it, he towered high above the dean, who was short enough to be a magazine centerfold....in Reader's Digest.

"The platform is for me," the dean whispered, so they swapped places. The dean was thus able to place the doctoral stole around the recipient's neck.

**STUNTS**

Other "accidental stunts" -so to speak-sometimes occur in church pulpits. They usually are harmless and warmly remembered. Often, they are the result of scrambled words that simply come out wrong.

My friend Danny Andrews, whose memory is razor sharp, remembers many times when his pastor, the

late Carlos McLeod, uttered verbal zingers, some planned, some not.

Andrews said McLeod claimed to know a woman of critical spirit who was "born in the objective case and lived in the kickative mood." (Okay, I admit it. The preacher could just as easily have been describing a man.)

**LOSS**

Two truly great Americans departed this life during a 48-hour period recently, both at age 84. Both were my friends, a claim that is made by many others.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, serving his West Texas district for 13 terms in Washington, died suddenly at his home in Granbury, and Dr. Frankie Rainey died following an illness in Abilene. Dr. Rainey was pastor at seven Texas churches and was a longtime respected theology professor at Howard Payne University. During most of his "retirement years," he was on the faculty of Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary and College. Well-remembered is a mission trip by HPU students during spring break of 1986. He and I accompanied the group. As the Wyoming trip began, Dr. Rainey wore a cap which had bills, fore and aft. On the front were these words: "I am their leader. Which way did they go?"

This man made great spiritual impact on many, including our family. He officiated at the weddings of all three of our daughters.

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

# Events, benefits, and activities

**AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER  
BENEFITS EMERGENCY  
SERVICE VOLUNTEERS  
IN PECAN**

More than 200 people enjoyed pancakes and all the trimmings last weekend at the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary's morning fundraiser. Held in an airplane hangar at Planeview Park, the successful day grossed almost \$2,000 from pancake sales and raffle prize sales in anticipation of the June 24 auxiliary sponsored golf tournament. The musical duo JetBlacq, which consists of Pecan residents Rebecca and Frank Faiola, entertained the diners with a variety of music, including some rousing Patriotic tributes. The auxiliary thanks everyone who attended because all proceeds benefit our neighborhood's fire and medical emergency responders.

**SWIM TIME**

Swimming lessons taught by a certified instructor begin in Pecan on Monday, June 5 at the PAC pool with three age-divided classes for participants ranging from 6 months to 9 years. Sign up at the PAC.

**TAKE AIM**

A two-day archery camp will happen on Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6 at Pecan's archery/air gun range for youth ages 8 to 13. A hot dog lunch will be provided on Tuesday. Campers should register at the PAC as



**BY DIANE LONG**

A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 28 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother and English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 15 years cumulatively. She spends her time gathering neighborhood news and teaching students how to avoid passive voice.

space is limited.

A two-day air rifle camp will follow Thursday, June 15 and Friday, June 16. Sign up also at the PAC.

**GOOD KICKS**

Soccer camp comes Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9 at the PAC soccer field with divisions for players ages 4 to 6 and 7 to 10. Sign up is also at the PAC.

**SWIM TIME**

The clubhouse pool and Teen Room are now open for the summer. Swimmers are reminded to don proper attire when coming into the clubhouse from the pool as well as to observe all posted pool rules. Parking near the loading dock is prohibited since this area is reserved for delivery trucks. Many fun activities at the pool are on the schedule for the summer.

**SHARP DESIGN**

Pecan is seeking to update our front entrance, and residents with a talent for design are needed. Our community is holding a competition open to all members who would like to have a lasting impact on Pecan in addition to winning a four-course meal for four created by Chef Jordan Ray, a plaque at the newly rede-

signed front entrance, and of course, bragging rights. Send both inquiries and submissions to Jay Arrington at jay.arrington@ppoaweb.com. Entry deadline is Friday, June 23.

**PAC SCHEDULE**

The PAC will now be open for a half day on Wednesdays for recreational use; however, the PAC pool will remain closed.

The new Wednesday hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. with aerobics, pickleball, and open gym on the schedule. For a complete PAC schedule of events and hours of operation, call 817-573-7952.

**FREE FLICK**

The summer's first "drive in movie at the PAC" comes Friday, June 9 with a showing of "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" at 9 p.m. Golf carts and lawn chairs are welcome.

**BRUSHES READY**

Pecan artist Kathy Yoders will facilitate a paint party at the PAC on Saturday, June 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. when participants will complete a step-by-step acrylic painting. All supplies are included in the registration fee, and artists should bring their own beverage as well as



COURTESY PHOTOS BY LANA ROBINSON

**The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary thanks everyone who made its recent pancake breakfast fundraiser a wonderful success. Standing (left to right) are Frank Faiola, auxiliary co-president Donna Bulls, Joy Rice, Julie Logan, and auxiliary secretary Vicki Paxton. These volunteers sold tickets, greeted guests, and helped serve pancakes at the breakfast.**

wear an old shirt or apron. Sign up for this event at the PAC.

**DAD'S DAY**

Father's Day is coming on Sunday, June 18, and reservations for a holiday brunch are now being taken. Three seating times are available (10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.). The menu will boast "lots of meats" for dad to enjoy. Call the clubhouse front desk to reserve a table: 817-573-2641.

Before Father's Day weekend arrives, little ones may participate in a "Dad's Day" craft at the PAC on Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. Registration required.

**GOOD DEED**

Li Cross and the Fidget Chicks thank the neighbor who recently delivered gadgets and placemats to the PAC. The Fidget Chicks are already using the materials to make fidget mats to be delivered to local nursing homes for use by dementia patients. Just last week, the Fidget Chicks delivered and mailed 90 mats across the country.

**GOLF NEWS**

Pecan's Men's Golf Association will hold pick your own foursome- blind scramble on Saturday, June 10, and the Ladies' Golf Association has its Member/Member Tournament coming

up on Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, June 20. Sign up for golf events in the pro shop: 817-573-2645.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**

While official meetings of the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club recess for the summer, Chit Chat luncheons are on the calendar with the first one coming Thursday, June 15. Social time begins at 10 a.m., and lunch will be served at 11:30. Reservations are due by noon on Friday, June 9. Secure a spot by contacting Gerta Howell at ppwres@gmail.com or 817-964-3139.

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**STROKE**  
FROM PAGE A3

**1. Maintaining a healthy diet:** Consuming a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and low in saturated fats,

cholesterol, and sodium.

**2. Regular physical activity:** Engaging in moderate-intensity aerobic exercise, such as brisk walking or cycling, for at least 150 minutes per week.

**3. Quitting smoking:** Those who stop smoking can

substantially reduce the risk of stroke.

**4. Managing chronic conditions:** Regularly monitoring and controlling blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol levels under medical guidance.

**5. Limiting alcohol in-**

**take:** Moderating alcohol consumption to recommended levels or avoiding it altogether.

**6. Avoiding illicit drugs:** Steering clear of illicit drugs can reduce the risk of stroke.

**7. Seeking medical advice:** Regular checkups and taking

medications as prescribed can help to effectively manage underlying conditions.

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## Ending on a high note



COURTESY OF GRANBURY ISD

Granbury High School band students earned a first division rating at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest held on May 27 and May 29 at Pflugerville High School and Connally High School.

### GHS band students earn first division in state competition

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Fourteen Granbury High School band students finished the school year strong, earning a first division rating at the Texas State Solo-Ensemble Contest held on May 27 and May 29 at Pflugerville High School and Connally High School.

“They either played a solo or they were part of an ensemble,” Director of Bands Mario Morales said. “At

the state level, the average score was a second division so for them to get a first division, it was a good

day for sure.”

The percussion ensemble was led by Director of Percussion Angel Hernandez and consisted of eight students: Sophomores Ezekiel Adams and Wyatt Green, juniors Brooklyn Bennett, Lucas Hyde, and Reagan Neal, and seniors Olivia Barone, Palma Norwood, and Matt Wilson.

A percussion mallet solo was also performed by Bennett, and juniors Kate Mauldin and Ethan Mayes per-

formed a trumpet solo.

A flute ensemble also consisted of freshman Jina Kim, junior Layla Escatel, and senior Julia Vargas.

“We were fortunate to have the seniors come back to compete — especially because they had just graduated the day before,” Morales said. “There was growth in all of the students. Since COVID, Granbury hasn’t participated in the Texas State Solo-Ensemble contest, so it was a pretty big accomplishment

for them to be able to get to that level and compete.”

Each student who received a first division rating at the state competition also earned a gold medal for their achievement.

“This was all work that they had done individually,” Morales added. “Very little did we help them. It was all self-motivated for sure.”

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COURTESY OF GRANBURY ISD

A total of 33 students walked across the stage during the STARS Accelerated High School spring graduation ceremony on May 25.

### STARS Accelerated High School graduates 33

From Staff Reports

STARS Accelerated High School held its spring graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 25, at Acton Baptist Church.

A total of 33 graduates walked across the stage during the spring 2023 ceremony including: Fabrizio Rodriguez, Luz Gamez, Yasmine Robledo, Kelsey Grybowski, Cheyenne Colbert, Avery Revett, Emilio Salazar, Alonzo Lopez, Coleman Culbert, Preston Thompson, Blayke Armstrong, Braden McGowan, Litzy Martinez, Layla Liles, Emily Stacey, Jayden Cox, Gavyn Gillis, Landon Cooke, Hannah Williams, Zachary Rushing, Carli Saldivar, Austin Couch, Lance Ramirez, Aidan Holloway, Aubriana Chandler, Benjamin West, Jose Aviles, Jadon Siddall, Carson Hosier, Elizabeth Hernandez, Lorrena Ramirez, Dakota Grim, and Angel Castillo.

### GHS Anchor Store exceeds sales goal

From Staff Reports

The Granbury High School Anchor Store met a substantial goal as they closed out this school year.

After seeing quick success at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, crew members at GHS’s school-based store set a lofty sales goal of \$100,000 in profits earned — and on Tuesday, May 23, they reached their goal.

The Anchor Store is a retail business that is managed and operated by the Practicum in Marketing and Business Management Senior-level students in the CTE busi-

ness pathway. Each of the 25 students enrolled had to meet the requirements and be interviewed to be selected as a crew member. They also obtained the coveted School-Based Enterprise National Certification from DECA (Distributive Education Clubs in America) in which they had to write and submit a 50-page document detailing 10 business standards they implement daily in the store. When they presented their School-Based Enterprise at the international DECA competition, judges expressed their amazement with

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The Granbury High School Anchor Store reached its sales goal of \$100,000 by selling SMART healthy snacks and drinks, and spirit wear that crew members designed and printed.

COURTESY KYLEE PETERSON

# FIELD OF FLAGS



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Affectionately known around town as the “Flag Lady,” Gold Star Mother, Gail Joye, lost her son in the Black Hawk Down battle in Mogadishu and lost her husband to complications from agent orange in Vietnam. With a desire to preserve their legacies and honor them in remembrance, Gail started the Granbury Fields of Flags in 2012. Ten years later, she introduced the hero banners to create the organization Honoring Hometown Heroes. Gail Joye (far left, standing) joins her son Steven Joye, mother and brother of SGT James Casey Joyce, U.S. Army, and fellow family members of the honored fallen heroes to lay the Gold Star Families Ceremonial Wreath during closing ceremonies on Memorial Day. Opening with Dr. John Taber on the Bagpipes, a Missing Man Formation Flyover by RV Formation Group-Pecan Plantation US Air Force Pilots (Ret) immediately followed. Guest Speaker SGT Mike Kurth, former US Army Ranger, Battle of Mogadishu served with and was the best friend with fallen hero SGT James Casey Joyce. The program also included an American Flag Folding Ceremony by Granbury and Acton Boy Scout Troops 148 and 360 Amazing Grace, and so much more.

# MEMORIAL LANE SALUTE



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Friends of Memorial Lane invited all citizens and visitors to join in honoring and remembering all those who have served, or are serving, and especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice during their time of service. Due to weather concerns, the event took place at the Lake Granbury Conference Center. Bagpiper Robert Silvestri set the mood as he opened the ceremony with Master of Ceremony Stephen Vale keeping pace with the full patriotic program. Highlights included announcements of the Campus Essay winners, MCJROTC posting of the colors, Memorial Day proclamation, flag ceremony, and the unveiling of the Remembrance Wall pictured above. Even with a room packed with hundreds, one could hear a pin drop after Steve Teel, accompanied by Jerry Allen, honored the crowd with an extremely moving performance of the Statler Brothers song “More Than Just A Name on the Wall.” Scenes from the unveiling of a new marker in the Military Section at Memorial Lane presented and gifted to the City of Granbury by the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (Led by local and state DAR members.)

# FALLEN HERO MEMORIAL DEDICATION



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Gold Star families were the honored guests at the official dedication of the recently completed Hood County Fallen Veterans Memorial on May 29, Memorial Day. In conjunction with the HGMA Memorial Day program, the dedication ceremony began at the city stage on Bridge Street, followed by a bagpiper-led procession of hundreds of attendees, with many family members of the fallen taking the lead to the southwest corner of the Hood County Courthouse lawn. Those named on this memorial — built on donations by the community and all who no longer wanted to see them forgotten — are the war heroes of Hood County. They will be those born or raised in Hood County, Killed in Action (KIA), or Missing in Action (MIA) with war periods dating back to the Spanish-American War of 1898. A QR code is available, which allows access to each hero’s biography on the Hood County Fallen Veterans website.



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 steadfast love, O LORD, helped me up.  
 When the cares of my heart are many, Your  
 consolations cheer my soul.*  
 Psalm 94:18-19



*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not  
 be dismayed, for I am your God. I will  
 strengthen you and help you; I will uphold  
 you with my righteous right hand.*  
 Isaiah 41:10



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# Hood County ACTIVITIES

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HOOD OUTDOORS

## Call them in!



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

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

**H**ow can you get striped bass, hybrids, and sand bass to find you? Can you call them in? It may be a surprise to many that you can call fish in. This is a practice that many anglers use for striped bass and sand bass on inland lakes. Many coastal fishermen have used similar methods for calling in the fish. Most of us were always told to be quiet and patient while fishing and this still holds true for some conditions, but there are times where aggressive calling techniques can help put fish in the boat.

Generally calling the fish in involves thrashing the water to mimic surface activity or "thumping". Many guides have permanently mounted DC motors with blades that thrash the water behind the boat continuously while they are fishing. The "thumper" is a different device that periodically makes a rhythmic thumping noise that draws the fish in. Both of these techniques do work.

I first noticed sand bass anglers about 40 years back tapping the side of boat with a short stick in one hand and a fishing pole with a jiggling spoon in the other (thumping). It's like chewing gum and walking at the same time, it takes a little getting used to, but it does work. Of course, they make thumping devices now that you can use while you are fishing.

Thrashing the water whether with your rod tip or a transom mounted thrashing device mimics surface feeding fish and the predators are drawn in looking for an easy meal. I do use this technique most of the year especially when open water fishing. I use a fishing rod to thrash rather than a separate device. That is my choice. Thrashing is probably not recommended when you are fishing in real shallow water where the predators are easily spooked.

On a real windy day, the thrashing may not work as well for obvious reasons. However, you might still give

it a try if you are trying to find fish. You might have to thrash more often and louder to draw in the fish.

There are a few other ways to try to call in the fish while live bait fishing that don't involve making a bunch of noise. You can put out a really large baitfish that may draw attention to your boat. Another method is to use a jiggling spoon that appears as an injured bait fish. You can also toss out crankbaits with rattles in them and see if anything will follow your bait in.

Recently on Granbury the action has been tremendous and calling in the fish using a variety of methods is working. This time of year, there is a lot of top water action and thrashing the surface to draw in predators is a good choice in open water. Once you start seeing the fish coming in on your graph, you may want to refrain from thrashing while you are catching fish. If the bite tapers off, start thrashing again.

Some days it pays to be quiet, as any noise may impact the bite especially when fishing real shallow. Long casts may be on the order. On other days you may be able to bring the fish in with thrashing or thumping. Give it a try, you might be surprised.

**HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Water temperatures are in the upper 70s to low 80s.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE ACOSTA

Pictured left to right is Beckie Jo McEwen, Matt McEwen, Beckie Williams and Justin Foster. These family members got together for some unbelievable big striped bass fishing to 12 lbs this past Memorial Day weekend. This family was visiting the Williams who are residents in Decordova Estates.

Striped bass to 15lbs are possible on the lower ends on live bait. Crappie fishing on underwater structures is good on jigs or small minnows. Bridge Pilings and submerged timber are good choices for crappies. White bass fishing is fair on slabs and minnows from in town near the Shores to Indian Harbor. Look for schools of sandies on 10-to-15-foot flats. Largemouth bass continue to be good in numbers with an occasional fish to 8lbs possible. Some good top water is possible near main lake points. Large blue and yellow catfish continue to be good on cut bait fished on the upper ends near channel breaks.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney striped bass limits are common on live bait from the Island to Cedar Creek. Lake Proctor sand bass and catfish fishing is excellent near the island. Possum kingdom striped bass continues to be excellent on the lower ends on live bait and down-rigging jigs.

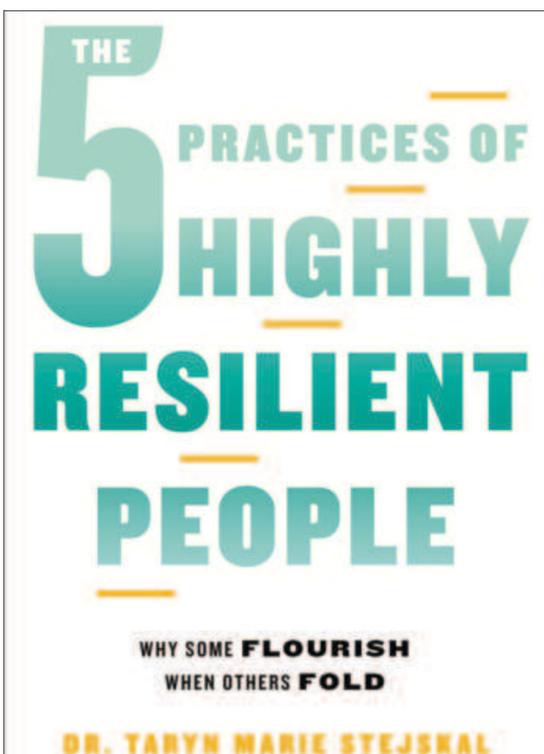


Pictured left to right is Warren Marshall, Chris Ashlock and Doug Lewis. These fellows limited out early with huge striped bass this past memorial day weekend. These folks are Granbury and Tolar residents.

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BOOK REVIEW

## Finding resilience in you



COURTESY PHOTO

"The 5 Practices of Highly Resilient People: Why Some Flourish When Others Fold" by Dr. Taryn Marie Stejskal  
C.2023, GO / HACHETTE BOOKS \$29.00, 272 PAGES

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Once upon a time, life was a ball.

You got up on the sunny side of the bed, greeted the day, and you kept moving with the flow like a pro. Bad things hit you and caromed off like you were rubber because they didn't affect you. You were in control, and the new book "The 5 Practices of Highly Resilient People" by Dr. Taryn Marie Stejskal helps you harness that again.

When she was a young teen, Taryn Marie Stejskal had a stalker.

The first time she saw him, she says, he was peeking through her bedroom window. Later, he trespassed in her parents' back yard. Reports were filed but the man was bold: One evening, he tried to break a glass door before the police arrived.

That was a scary time for Stejskal. So how did she overcome the trauma of it all? And how can you come out stronger at the end of a pandemic, loss, fear, and

change?

There are, she says, five main ways that people can enhance their resilience.

First, embrace the challenge, don't shy from it. Stejskal says, "it is in adversity that we discover our strengths, talents, and wisdom..."

"Challenge can't (and shouldn't) be entirely avoided by careful planning."

Remember that resiliency is not about "bouncing back." Instead, "Resilient people bounce forward, not back."

Learn to see where you've already been and what you already know by making a "reverse bucket list" with three items on it: something you lost, a bad health diagnosis, and "thing(s) that scare you." These are what makes you the person you are.

Allow yourself to be molded by your experiences, rather than hardened by them. Learn "productive perseverance" and how to "pursue goals intelligently." Understand how to make

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# Free Fishing Day in Texas Slated for June 3

Submitted item

Each year on the first Saturday in June, anglers across the state pack their tackle boxes and get their fishing poles ready for the Texas tradition of Free Fishing Day. This year, Free Fishing Day lands on June 3 and Texans can fish on any public waterbody in the state without a fishing license.

"Free Fishing Day is a wonderful opportunity for anglers to share their knowledge, skills, equipment, and love for fishing with a new participant, yet it's also more than that," Craig Bonds, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries Director said. "We hope those trying fishing on this special day will also learn that purchasing

a license is an act of conservation. A fishing license purchase is one of the simplest and most effective way people can support fisheries science and management." Anglers help the conservation effort with their license purchase with 100 percent of fishing license fees going to TPWD. The fees fund on-the-ground conservation efforts such as fish stocking that

help make Texas one of the best places in the country to fish. For more information on licensing, visit the TPWD license page.

To help celebrate Free Fishing Day, TPWD offers multiple resources to provide fun, high-quality fishing opportunities to anglers of all skill levels and all ages.

## FISHING 101

Learn the basics of fishing with tips and a variety of videos. Find resources for how to get started, safety, supplies and gear, casting and baiting, cleaning and storing fish on the TPWD Learn to Fish webpage.

## VISIT TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

Grab your family for a day

of free fishing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center is offering free admission for everyone, and visitors will have a chance to catch a tagged catfish and win a prize during "Fish Tag Friendly". In addition, the Texas Fish Art Contest finalist and honorable mentions will be displayed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks are on sale beginning at 11 a.m. and available while supplies last. Visitors can watch the dive show at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., followed by hatchery tram tours immediately after each show. Visitors may bring their own fishing tackle or borrow gear from the TFFC.

## VISIT SEA CENTER TEXAS

Grab your fishing poles, bait and lawn chairs for a free fishing event for youth ages 2-17. It takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 3 at Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson. Visitors can also explore aquaria and exhibits of Texas marine life, the largest redfish hatchery in the world, 36 one-acre fish culture ponds, an outdoor wetland exhibit and a 20-foot touch pool that allows visitors to gently touch marine animals such as blue crabs, hermit crabs, stone crabs, snails and even anemones.

## FIND A PLACE TO FISH CLOSE TO HOME

Texas offers numerous lakes and rivers with access to fishing throughout the state. The Lake Finder page on the TPWD website can help anglers find lakes by region or alphabetically. Access to information and fishing tips on more than 150 lakes are available. Check out the River Fishing page to find out where to get access to Texas'

flowing waters.

## SALTWATER FISHING FROM A PIER

There are numerous wheelchair accessible fishing piers available for public use up and down the coast. Piers are a great place for the entire family to try saltwater fishing without the need for a boat. Public access sites can be found in every bay system.

## GO FISHING IN THE CITY

TPWD's Neighborhood Fishin' lakes provide urban angling access for the entire family across the state. In all, 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes provide a great opportunity to catch channel catfish including five in Dallas-Fort Worth, four in the Houston area, two each in the Austin and San Antonio areas, and one each in Amarillo, College Station, San Angelo, Waco and Wichita Falls. Information on lake locations and how-to fishing videos can be found on the Neighborhood Fishin' website.

## COMMUNITY FISHING LAKES

Live Oak City (CFL), Waterloo Park Pond (CFL) and William Blair Jr. Park Pond East (CFL) are all hosting special events for Free Fishing Day. TPWD Inland Fisheries Dallas-Fort Worth District staff will be on hand at William Blair Jr. Park Pond for Representative Crockett's Fish N' Kids event from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. TPWD staff will provide casting education, supply loaner tackle and help the families fish. A display of local fish species that occur in local waters will be on site for attendees to view and learn about fish morphology and biology. Check out all the community fishing lakes in Texas which can be great

options for Free Fishing Day and year-round.

## HAGERMAN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

From 10 a.m. to noon, the Friends of Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge is hosting a special "Refuge Rocks" fishing event for children ages 4-16.

## GO KAYAK FISHING ON A TEXAS PADDLING TRAIL

With more than 3,700 named streams, 15 major rivers and some 3,300 miles of tidal shoreline along the Gulf Coast, Texas offers unlimited possibilities for paddling adventures and angling opportunities of all types. Enjoy improved and maintained fishing and paddling access to rivers, creeks, lakes, ponds, bayous and bays on any of the 78 official Texas Paddling Trails available throughout the state.

## FISH IN A STATE PARK

Lake Livingston, Lake Arrowhead, Galveston Island, Sea Rim, LBJ, Bonham, Eisenhower, Martin Creek and Ray Roberts are offering a variety of Free Fishing Day events. Check out the state parks event calendar for more information. Although June 3 is designated as Free Fishing Day in Texas, fishing is free year-round at every Texas State Park.

## BUY A LICENSE

The Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package for Texas residents offers a great value, allowing anglers to fish in fresh and salt water. It's valid from the date of purchase through the end of the next license year. (Example: License purchased on March 13, 2023 expires March 31, 2024)

## MORE INFO

Learn more about Free Fishing Day at [TakeMeFishing.org](http://TakeMeFishing.org). If you plan on fishing in federal waters, keep in mind that a license is needed for the private recreational angler red snapper season opening June 1.

## BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER

# The town where Texas history lives

BY DAN VANDERBURG



Dan Vanderburg is an author and speaker who loves Texas history. He has published seven historical fiction novels about exciting events in Texas history. As a speaker, Dan presents programs about everyday life in early Texas. Dan is a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, David Crockett Chapter in Granbury, Texas and is also a member of the Granbury Bridge Street History Center Board of Directors. Learn more about Dan at [danvanderburg.com](http://danvanderburg.com)

Anybody who spends more than 15 minutes in Granbury, Texas will realize we're proud of our hometown and celebrate its colorful history every chance we can. Citizens, visitors and those just passing through see the town motto on the huge sign at the water facility stating "Where Texas History Lives" as they come into town. They also see our pride in history when they stop to read the many interesting Texas historical markers posted around our town square. Preservation of the classic, turn-of-the-century architecture downtown is another indicator of our determination to keep our town's history alive. We celebrate our history at no less than five history museums around town including the magnificent Hood County courthouse.

If you stay in Granbury a while you'll learn stories of the town founders and key civic leaders that made Granbury the thriving small city it is today. The docents at the Bridge Street History Center tell stories of our heritage at the museum, and its directors post historical articles in The Hood County News on a regular basis. Acclaimed historians and authors frequently discuss significant historical events and profile key individuals as part of The Ramay-Macatee Lecture Series or the less formal "Local Tales by Local Folks" sponsored by the Bridge Street History Center. Several talented local authors have published well-researched and well-written books about the founding and development of Granbury and Hood County.

The history of Granbury was both wild and progressive during its developmental years. Here are just a few of the highlights of those

years in a chronological listing. Each of these events have a very interesting story behind them. Books have been written about some of them and some would make great movies. This list is only a few of the many colorful events that made our history so special.

1866 - A new county in Texas was created by law from the 11th Texas Legislature. The new law specified it would be named Hood County with its county seat named Granbury from two prominent Confederate generals.

1868 - Hood County's first judge, Abe Landers managed the contentious process to select the new county seat town site. His leadership resulted in the town square of Granbury being located on the beautiful bluff overlooking the Brazos River. Judge Landers was a colorful man. He once dismissed a grand jury to find a missing goat. Another time, he took the jury to a saloon and bought the first round of drinks.

1871 - Business lots on the newly cleared and surveyed town square of Granbury went on sale at sunup on January 17. Before the day was over, 84 lots were bought by 33 individuals. Some set up their businesses immediately in tents until more permanent buildings could be constructed.

1872 - According to attorney Finis Bates, John Wilks Booth (alias John St.

Helen) lived and worked in Granbury at the Black Hawk Saloon.

1874 - Mitchell Bend was named for "Cooney" Mitchell, the only man legally hanged in Granbury.

1874 - Dr. D.K. Turner and Mr. J.M. Bateman had a fatal confrontation in Granbury. Dr. Turner drew a derringer. Mr. Bateman drew a knife. They buried Mr. Bateman the next day.

1876 - John Rylee's ferry hauled people, livestock and equipment across the Brazos River. Fees: 1 man, 2 horses and a wagon - \$.75. A footman - \$.15.

1877 - After a six-hour stagecoach ride from Fort Worth, Granbury passengers could finally see Comanche Peak.

1887 - Granbury's new Brazos River bridge was the only bridge across the Brazos between Granbury and Waco.

1887 - The Fort Worth and Rio Grande Railway line to Brownwood reached Granbury. It ultimately created daily service between Granbury and Fort Worth.

1891 - The newly completed Hood County courthouse was accepted by the county commissioners.

1893 - The greatest gathering ever assembled in Granbury was the re-interment of General Granbury at the Granbury cemetery.

1899 - The telephone line

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**GO PLAY** calendar will feature recurring activities that are open to the public. These items will run each week along with other activities across the area. Submit Go Play listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

## MONDAYS

**HEALTHY CONNECTIONS** exercise classes. 9 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11:15 a.m. chair yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club, ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game, noon at Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$8, earn Masterpoints. Details: 817-480-4472.

**SONS OF** the American Legion Post 491 of Granbury Burger Night. 5 - 7 p.m. American Legion Post, 3409 Davis Road. Funds raised are used to support veteran and community youth programs. Open to members and guests. Details: 515-554-6498.

**GRANBURY CIVIC** Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: granburycivicchorus2001@gmail.com.

**MODERN SQUARE** Dancing lessons every Monday at the Granbury YMCA at 1 p.m. For more information contact Ted at 435-720-6920 or Faye at 682-309-8504.

## TUESDAYS

**LINE DANCING** 2 p.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**GRANBURY JAM** Session 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Brock's Food and Drink, 4012 Acton Highway. Bring your instrument or get up and sing! Details: 505-710-5100.

**BEGINNERS' CHAIR** Yoga 45-minute Class. Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. - Donations for Local Charities are accepted. Class will take place at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located at 2301 Fall Creek Hwy, 76049. For more information call 817-326-2201

## WEDNESDAYS

**HAND AND** Foot game day. 10 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club offers a "fun duplicate" bridge game at noon at the Texas Cottage, 5920 Henslee Court. \$4. Details: 817-480-4472.

## THURSDAYS

**HEALTHY CONNECTIONS** exercise classes. 9 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. tai chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11:15 a.m. chair yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

**CHESS CLUB**, 5-9 p.m. at YMCA, 1475 James Road. U.S. Chess Affiliate, all ages and skill levels, children 10 and under must be accompanied by adult. Y membership not required. Details: HoodCountyChess.com.

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

**THE GRANBURY** Disc Golf Club has Mini tournaments every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 600 W. Moore St. Welcoming all levels of disc golfers.

Show up at least 15 minutes early to pay the \$12 entry fee and warm up.

## SATURDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** Hummers Walking Club, 8 a.m., meet every Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 635 E. Pearl St., for 5K or 10K walk for fun, fellowship and fitness. Details: 972-567-3278.

## SUNDAYS

**THE GRANBURY** Disc Golf Club has Mini tournaments every Sunday at 2 p.m. at 600 W. Moore St. Welcoming all levels of disc golfers. Show up at least 15 minutes early to pay the \$12 entry fee and warm up.

## FIRST MONDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Hood County Emergency Operations Center, 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive.

**LOVE KNOTS** Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry is in need of people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. 1 - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

## FIRST TUESDAYS

**GRANBURY DOLL** Club meeting, 2 p.m. Granbury Doll House Museum, 421 E Bridge St. All doll appreciators are welcome!

## SECOND TUESDAYS

**GRANBURY KNITTING** Guild meets to knit, learn

and share knitting tips each month at First Presbyterian Church Annex, 303 W. Bridge St. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting from 10-11:30 a.m.

## FOURTH TUESDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** Historical Society meets the 4th Tuesday each month (except November and December) at 7 p.m. at the Historic Granbury Railroad Depot, 109 E. Ewell St. Contact Karen Nace 817-279-2995 for additional details.

## FIRST THURSDAYS

**BRAZOS RIVER** Corvette Club meets on the first Thursday each month for fellowship, planning events and other business. Dinner, if desired, at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs8aol.com.

## SECOND SATURDAYS

**2ND SATURDAY** Showoff at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 115 W. Pearl St. Car show, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## THIRD MONDAYS

**GRANBURY QUILTERS** Guild meets on the third Monday each month at United Coop Electric, 320 Fall Creek Highway, 6 p.m. Details: 817-296-8186.

**LOVE KNOTS** Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry is in need of people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. 1 - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.



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Tues: 12:35PM, 2:55PM, 5:15PM, 7:40PM.  
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Mon, Wed: 12:15PM, 2:40PM, 5:05PM, 7:30PM.  
Tues, Thurs: 11:35AM, 2:05PM, 4:35PM, 7:00PM

**The Little Mermaid (PG)**  
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connections, both externally and within yourself. Be grateful and open to the possibilities, "set aside time to worry, and then release."

The most amazing thing about "The 5 Practices of Highly Resilient People" is this: every single power inside this book is already inside you. You only need to know how to coalesce and make them stronger.

Dr. Taryn Marie Stejskal does a fine job at that, starting with a hair-raising story of her own to illustrate how staying resilient is possible. Through her tale, Stejskal makes it clear that a certain amount of the process is personality-based, possibly

genetic, definitely innate, but that much of it's accomplished by pulling oneself up by the bootstraps. Just knowing that you have the raw materials already will be a giant comfort to readers - parents, teachers, leaders, businesspeople, entrepreneurs - who need to see that in print. It's like getting a Superhero Cape for free.

This is the kind of book you'll want to spend some serious time with, and you'll be glad you did. It's easy to read and surprisingly simple to employ. For anyone who wants a solid boost of confidence, one they can refer to again and again, "The 5 Practices of Highly Resilient People" is a good book to have a round.

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# Lemonade Day brings thousands in profits for local fifth graders

BY KATHY CRUZ  
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Hood County's first kid-driven Lemonade Day was a success. The project for Granbury fifth graders was a partnership between the Granbury Chamber of Commerce and the Granbury ISD. Chamber President and CEO Brian Bondy reported that there were 47 registered lemonade stands for the Saturday, May 20, event and five or six stands that "popped up" but were not officially registered. More than 100 fifth graders participated. Bondy said that just over \$11,000 in sales and donations were recorded, with net profits totaling \$7,728.02. The largest amount of profit was collected by a team from Baccus

Elementary. Their profit total was \$600, according to Bondy, who called Lemonade Day "a pretty awesome first-time event for the community." Lemonade Day is a program designed to encourage entrepreneurship and to teach kids how to operate a business. It has grown to more than 80 licensed markets. The program involved classroom training for all 550 of the district's fifth grade students, but participating in lemonade stand sales was voluntary.

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**Kaisyn Lee (right) and Kai Lee—a brother and sister team—manned their lemonade stand during the Stroll Through Texas History event held at Acton Cemetery.**



## GARDEN PATCH

# Adopt regenerative practices

It took a pandemic and the fear of climate change to spark a revolution in horticulture. Although the term "regenerative" had been tossed about regarding agriculture, it hadn't been seriously discussed on a small scale until people suddenly had more time and an incentive to grow more produce at home.

Regenerative now addresses all types of commercial and home gardening, including landscaping. At the core of this movement is a desire to enrich the soil, thereby enriching our food, our bodies and the planet's diverse inhabitants. The idea is to rebuild the soil's organic matter and stop robbing the soil of its nutrients through such practices as intensive tilling and use of chemicals and salt-based fertilizers. Long before modern agriculture, Native Americans lived in harmony with the land. This

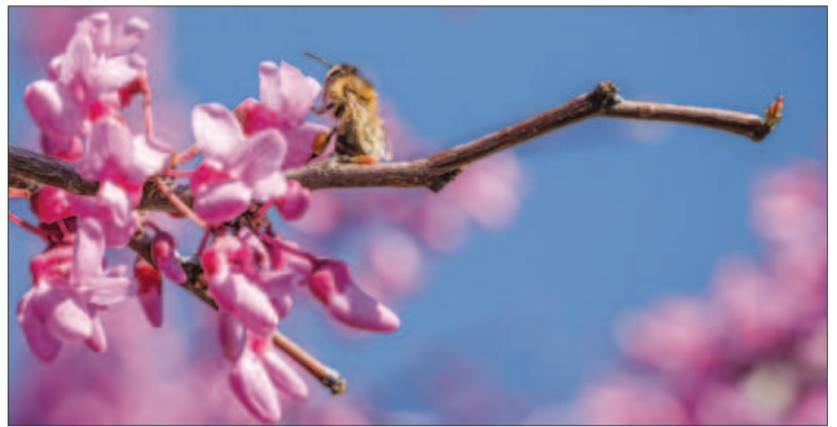


BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

Phyllis Webster earned a degree in journalism before embarking on a long career in public relations and marketing. A Granbury resident since 1998, she has been deeply involved in the community. She is an award-winning writer and photographer, as well as a Master Gardener. She has authored Garden Patch since 2001.

new effort combines time-honored techniques for replenishing the land with more modern methods to create a sustainable approach. No-till is a key concept of regenerative gardening. Expected benefits are healthier plants that are more resilient to climate changes and improved yield. Why? Tilling breaks down soil structure, releases carbon emissions and damages the soil's microscopic life. Healthy soil is full of invertebrates, such as earthworms, fungi, bacteria, nematodes, and other tiny creatures. Retaining soil microbes

results in increased water retention, better nutrient availability to plants, increased carbon dioxide capture and decreased soil erosion. A second premise is feeding and covering the soil. Composted biological materials such as food waste help build organic matter and act as soil and plant fertilizer by supplying nutrients. Also, leaving plant matter in the garden rather than removing it retains soil nutrients. Additionally, cover crops can fix carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and sequester carbon as organic matter in



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Regenerative gardening practices help to protect wildlife, such as pollinators.

the soil. Legumes and winter rye grass used as cover crops fix nitrogen from the atmosphere into the soil and leave organic matter underground, reducing the need for fertilizers. Covering soil with mulch increases water retention and cools soil temperatures. Regenerative gardening also protects wildlife. Many crops and garden plants depend upon pollination by insects such as bees and butterflies.

Adding native plants, such as wildflowers and grasses, increases habitat for these beneficial creatures. Practices include combining pollinator-friendly (nectar-producing) flowers with edibles, allowing nectar-rich weeds to bloom and avoiding pesticide use. And finally, increasing plant diversity minimizes monocultures and imbalances in soils. Crop rotation limits same-nutrient depletion and mimics

natural plant diversity. Not only are the crops diversified, so are the soil microorganisms, which benefits plant health. For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

## GHS

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the goal, as other schools' projected incomes were half of The Anchor's. The Anchor Store reached its sales goal by selling

SMART healthy snacks and drinks, and spirit wear that crew members designed and printed. Revenue from sales also more than doubled this year, compared to last year's profit of \$48,000. Profits earned go back

into the store to buy new products and supplies, and into the DECA program to help pay for competition and travel fees. The students that were part of the goal-achievement include: Tyler Guidry, Perla Martinez, Fernando

Olivares, Bryson Sparks, Griselda Landa Noyola, Kailyn Gongora-Martinez, Lydia Strickland, Hayden Newton, Sebastien James, Braydon Olthoff, James Byrd, Stephen Kirchner, Kevin Umanzor, Amy Hernandez, Maddie Felton,

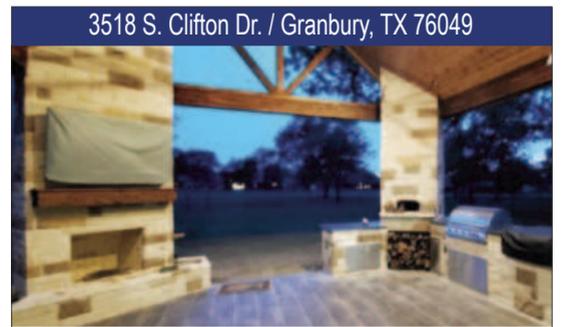
Brady Pomeroy, Kori Moore, Christen Nichols, Ayden Davila, Michael Holbrook, Lianne Campos, Sandie Salubre, Ethan Swaim, Aiden Jones, and Carson Cooper. The Anchor Store and DECA Chapter is overseen by Business Marketing Teacher,

Kylee Peterson. According to the Granbury Independent School District news release, the Anchor Store crew members of 2024-25 are already planning to beat this year's goal.

## HISTORY

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from Granbury to Glen Rose was up and functional. 1900 - Baseball became very popular around Hood County with several teams formed. Some team names were, "The Squints, The Squats, The Fats and The Leans." 1903 - The Granbury Light and Water plant was built by the Granbury Milling Company. Its first use was to provide water for the railroad's steam engines and ice for the refrigerated cars and the

public. 1907 - Earl Cogdill owned the first automobile in Hood County, soon to be followed by Dr. Wilder, W.R. Robbins, Dr. Walker, R.W. Bowden and Earl Brewer. So, Granbury grew with new families moving west after the Civil War, prospered (with a few difficult years) and progressed out of the nineteenth century through the twentieth and into the twenty-first, becoming "The Best Historic Small Town in America." Our town truly is "Where Texas History Lives."



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