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## City of Granbury computer network hacked

BY EMILY NAVA  
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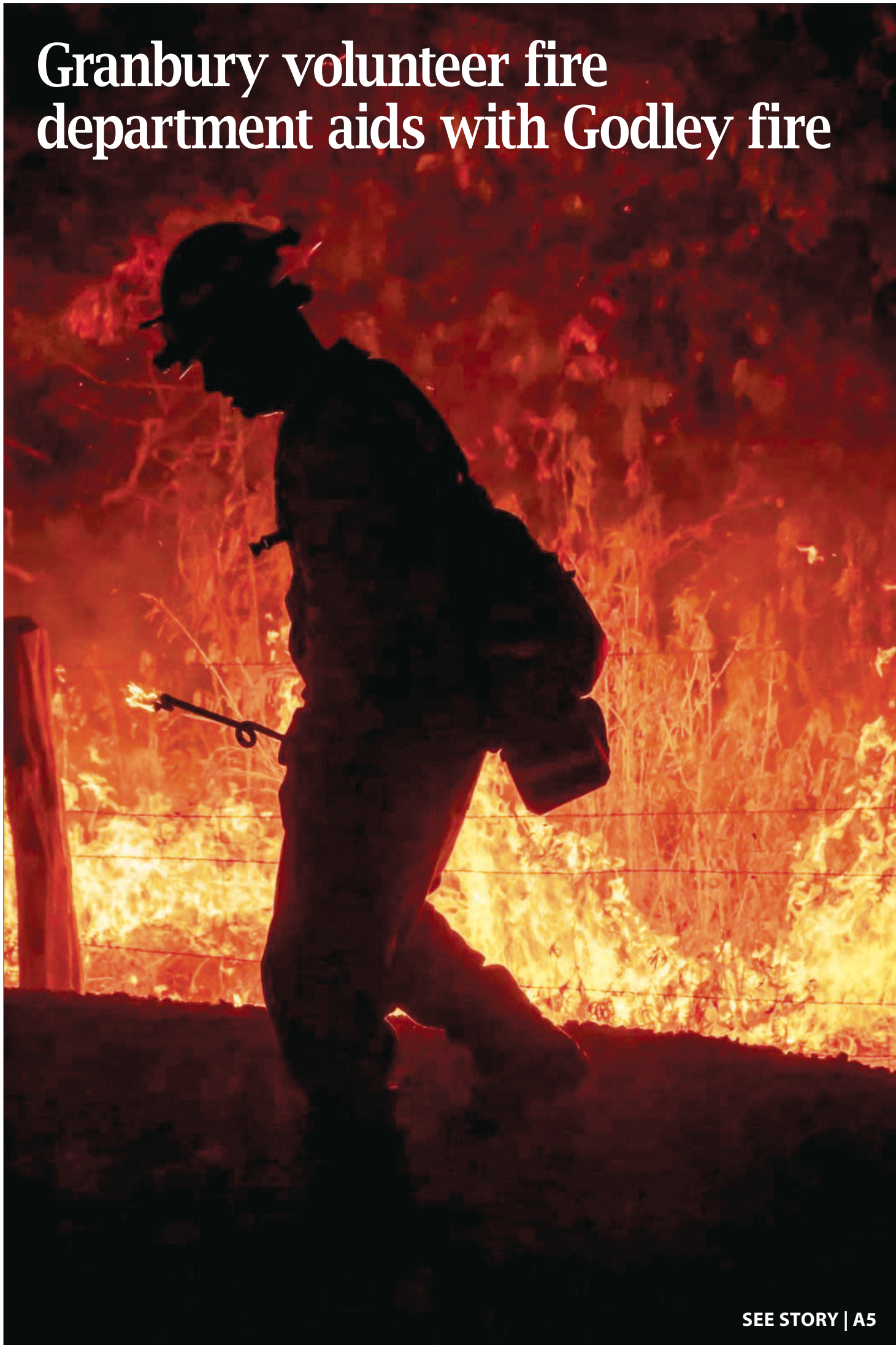
The city of Granbury's computer network was hacked on July 30, prompting the city to hold an emergency meeting on Aug. 8 to discuss approval of a budget that would fund consulting servers to mitigate the impact of the attack. "The initial infection started from something being clicked that activated the malicious software. That software used that user's credentials to traverse the network. Anywhere that user logged into previously automatically infected those machines because the hacker had the credentials. Because that

user was logged into our network motion system, it allowed that to travel from the police department side to city side," Director of IT Services for the City of Granbury and Patrol Officer, Chris Collins said during the meeting. "Immediately, I identified it as being something of malicious nature and disconnected those systems that the user had logged into." Collins and his staff further investigated the activity and after eight hours, the team was able to contain the activity. Monday and Tuesday of last week, systems that weren't powered on, were powered on, which caused the same type of activity to occur but were

contained. After those containments new suspicious activity began to occur on Aug. 7 at around 2 a.m. "What was concerning about this activity is that they were using native communications that run normal processes in the Windows environment, so this would not be

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Director of IT Services for the city of Granbury and Patrol Officer Chris Collins discusses the details of the hacked computer network on Aug. 8 during an emergency meeting.



## Granbury volunteer fire department aids with Godley fire

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Stuart Laperouse of Temple Fire and Rescue back burns a large fire in Godley on County Road 1233 just East of the Hood County Line on Aug. 6.

## Commissioners exclude themselves in 3% salary increase for elected officials

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Elected and appointed Hood County officials will soon see a 3% increase in their salaries, as voted on by the Hood County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Aug. 8. However, the salary increase will not affect every elected official, as the commissioners approved to exclude themselves from the motion — a decision that was largely led by Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson. At first, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews said he was concerned about the elected officials in Hood County who are still "working age" and still "require a salary." Hood County Judge Ron Massingill told Andrews that the Local Government Code 153.013 statute allows that any elected official can "turn back any and all of (their) salary back to the county treasurer." Samuelson also chimed in that the statute allows the commissioners to set different rates for each individual office. As Wilson still had questions regarding approving the raise for every elected official, Hood County Auditor Becky Kidd assured him that if some individuals didn't want their salary increase, they would need to let the commissioners know so that the budget could be adjusted. "With all of the elected and appointed, the total increase with benefits was less than \$100,000," Kidd said. "And to take that away from all of them ... I don't know what they've come to you and said, but I know what they've come to me and said: They like their increase, they want to get their employees as much as they can, but they don't want to start going backwards, because all of the elected for three years did not get a raise. Let the other elected officials have their raise and let them decide what to do with it." Samuelson chimed in that she believed they should allow individuals to choose whether they would want a salary increase or not. "You know, for the folks that had come to us that said, 'I'm willing to give my raise up so that folks can get a better raise,' we should honor their request," she said. Massingill said that the commissioners court does a "lot of good things for this community," but many people think that it's not a function of the government. "There's a lot of 501(c)(3) organizations that save a lot of families," he said. "So, you want to do something really good to help this community? Go ahead and take your 3% and give it all back and more to the community — how about that? If you really want to help someone and make a difference, give it to your church that helps out people that has a food program. How about doing that so that you can really do something that makes a difference and make you feel good? You want to really help citizens out? Take your increase and give it back to the citizens of

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# COMMUNITY BUSINESS



CHAMBER NEWS

## Leaders in Government quarterly luncheons

Each year, the chamber hosts a series of four quarterly luncheons titled, "Leaders in Government" with each luncheon focusing on a different aspect of government. Let's face it, government is a part of our lives, and knowing what is going on in each of those institutions can help you understand the potential impact to your business.

We start at the beginning of the year with the State of the City and County featuring City Manager, Chris Coffman and County Judge Ron Massingill. This meeting is an excellent way to not only start the year off, but to get a better idea of what lies ahead... taxes, transportation, permits, building codes, burn bans...each of these comes from either the city or the county or both. If you're in business, it's probably a good idea to get a better perspective of what's happening in your city and county that could affect your company, your employees, your sales...basically, your entire operation. Even if you never attend city council or commissioners court meetings, an event like Leaders in Government is a great way to meet leaders on a level playing field.

In the spring, Leaders in Government focuses on education. Whether it's hearing from Hood County school district superintendents on student achievements or learning more about programs that are making a difference in students' lives (like CTE or JROTC), once again, it's an opportunity to meet and talk with these community leaders. Moreover, just like with city or county government, if you never attend a school board meeting, you have an opportunity to learn more about education. Since finding and keeping employees is an important issue for most business owners, Leaders in Government luncheons provide opportunities to learn more about what schools are doing to help students become 'job ready'.

The summer and fall Leaders in Government meetings are reserved for state and federal-elected officials, and when the State Legislature has been in session, the state luncheon helps businesses get a better understanding of updates and potential changes coming from Austin... changes that can and usually do affect your business. Finally, when we hear from our Congressman, this is an opportunity to get a clearer picture of what is really happening in DC as opposed to what we see/hear in the media.

At the end of the day, no business owner should miss opportunities like Leaders in Government luncheons to meet, build relationships and learn about government and how it affects their business. Join the chamber on Aug. 18 for our next Tri-County Electric Cooperative Leaders in Government luncheon as we welcome our Hood County State Representative Shelby Slawson. Between a full regular session and several special sessions, Rep. Slawson will share her insights into the changes that could impact all of us in Hood County. For registration information, go to granburychamber.com.

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Hood County."

"I don't want to take the money from the taxpayers, so we can give it to the charity. I want to give to the charity with my own money. I don't want to tax people so that I can give money to charity," Samuelson said, which elicited applause from community members.

She then made a motion to set the salaries with a 3% raise for all elected and appointed officials excluding the Hood County Commissioners Court.

The motion passed 4:1, with Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle replying that since a proposed budget had not yet been presented, he wasn't "going to vote on something that's not ready."

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# "It's very important to be an integral part of the community"

## Patti Birney discusses being a leader

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Moving to a new area is tough for most but Dr. Patti Birney easily fit right into Granbury by becoming a leader of the community.

Birney's daughter had moved from Dallas to Granbury and Birney visited her only two times before deciding she also wanted to live here.

Coming from the big city of San Antonio was a big change for Birney so she decided she wanted to learn more about her new town while also maintaining her passion for leadership, so Leadership Granbury was an ideal fit.

"I like the feel of the town and I have come to learn that in the two years I've lived here what I love about the town is the people. The people make the town what it is," Dr. Birney said. "The beauty of leadership Granbury is that there are so many different people from so many different facets. "What we got out of the program is just invaluable," Dr. Birney added.

Birney is going into her 48th

year of education. She had a 39-year career in PreK through 12th grade and served in administration as both a principal and an assistant superintendent. She is currently a part time associate professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she teaches classes for those wanting to earn their superintendent certification and has been teaching with UTSA since 2006.

It was with this background in education that made Dr. Birney the perfect candidate to lead the high school junior and senior leadership programs.

"Education and learning is very near and dear to my heart," Dr. Birney said. "I love working with kids and I love helping them grow. It's very rewarding. I just feel like education is the great equalizer."

When it comes to teaching students in the program, Dr. Birney's goal is to maximize the students' time so they get the most out of the program. She also wants to mirror what is being taught in the adult sessions as well as they can.

With so much involvement in the community, Dr. Birney is



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Patti Birney

very busy but loves everything she does. Dr. Birney cannot recommend enough for those who are wanting to build their leadership skills to join Leadership Granbury.

"I feel like as we go through life, we just need to keep learning," Dr. Birney said.

Applications for the junior and senior class of the new year will open when school starts. For more information on Leadership Granbury visit leadershipgranbury.org or visit their Facebook page under Leadership Granbury or email at leadershipgranbury@gmail.com.

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**  
**Diane Hedges**

**Business:**  
**D'Vine Wine of Texas**  
**Time as Board Member:**  
**2022-Present**

COURTESY GRAPHIC

We are so very thankful for our Board Member, Diane Hedges. Diane has been a chamber member since 2005 and has been a Board Member since 2022. When asked why she loves being a board member for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce she replied, "I love hearing what is

going on with the chamber and getting to know the other board members and volunteers that work with the chamber."

Fun Fact: Diane was previously a nurse. Thank you, Diane, for being a Board Member for the Granbury Chamber!

## CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Thank you for joining the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

## RIBBON CUTTINGS



Main Street Medical Supply is located at 1333 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 102 Granbury, Texas 76048. They recently celebrated their Grand Opening. Pictured are owners, staff team, vendors/partners, ambassadors, and community members.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Old memories make a wonderful gift



**BY SAM HOUSTON**

Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

This past week my friend Neva Sundvahl brought me a package. She had been going through things which her mother Rosanne had passed on to her and found some old notes. Neva knows and appreciates that I like a good

story and she thought I would enjoy some of the clippings she had recently uncovered. I was in a meeting when she came by the newspaper office, but when I returned to my desk there was a folder full of antidotes and quant little stories. Here is one I wanted to share with you:

**THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM A DOG**

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Let others know when they have invaded your territory.

Take naps and stretch when rising.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Run, romp, and play daily. Never pretend to be some-

thing you are not.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Avoid biting when a playful growl will do.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shade tree.

When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you are scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal.

Sounds to me like we all have a lot to learn from dogs.

I want to thank Neva for bringing me the treasures which her mother had so copiously collected over her life. It is my loss that I never got to meet Ms. Sundvahl.

I am sure she and I would have been friends and would have enjoyed sitting on her front porch, regaling each other with story after story.

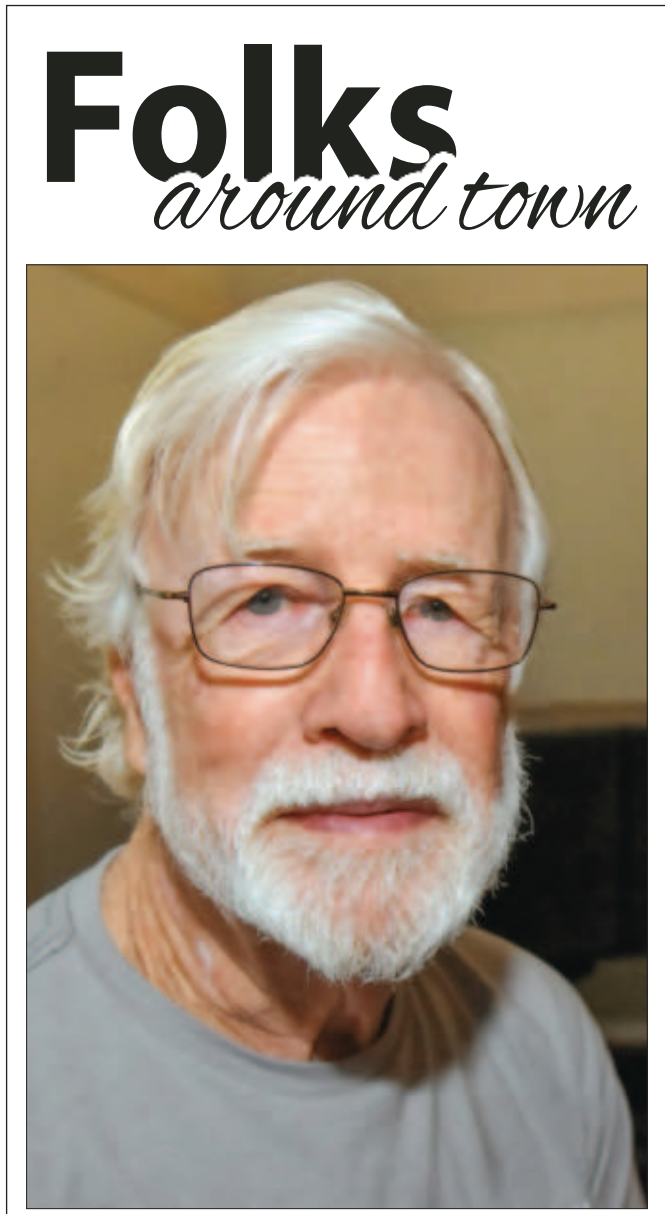
This week let's all try and

be a little more "dog like" and enjoy the wonderful life which God has given us.

Thought for the day: A woman marries a man thinking she will change him, and he never does. A man marries a woman thinking she will never change, and she always does.

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

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**David Talmage**

## Say hello to our neighbor, David Talmage!

David Talmage has called Hood County home for almost 40 years. David loves life in Hood County because the people are friendly, and there's always something to do. David may look familiar because he often shares his musical talents (wind instruments are his forte) recently with the Granbury Jazz Orchestra and the National Swing Band of Texas. Talmage has another gig, he works with the good folks at Visit Granbury as an information specialist. Talmage laughingly says he doesn't know everything, but he certainly will connect you with someone that does. "I read the Hood County News, but I never used to. What more can I say? Now it's a newspaper I want to read."

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# GVFD fundraiser, open house set for Aug. 19

**BY ASHLEY INGE**  
Staff Writer

The Granbury Young Professionals organization is doing its part to give back to Hood County's first responders.

Members of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce program are hosting a fundraiser and open house for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday,

Aug. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The Granbury Young Professionals want to create opportunities to give back to the community," Chamber of Commerce President Brian Bondy told the HCN via text. "By partnering with GVFD, we help those who help us! It's a great combination!"

Located at 1701 W. Pearl St., the free public event will encourage attendees to

donate needed items to support the local volunteer fire department.

Donation items needed include water, Gatorade, eye drops, hand wipes, meat, and cheese snacks, and ChapStick.

Attendees can also get the chance to have a meet and greet with the firefighters as they talk with the brave individuals who are protecting the community.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be served at the event.

Although the event is free, attendees will still need to register for the event to assist with headcount.

To register for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser & Open House event, visit granburychamber.com online.

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# Commissioners propose 13% lower tax rate

**BY ASHLEY INGE**  
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The Hood County Commissioners Court set a proposed tax rate for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at .287622 per \$100 valuation during its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

The rate, as presented by Hood County Judge Ron Massingill, is a .04 (or 13.14%) decrease from the 2022 tax rate of .331129.

"I worked very closely with the auditor on doing this, and we've had, like I said, numerous workshops, (and) I've taken their advice and counsel in some instances — and in some instances, I haven't — but this gives us enough budget to cover all of the elected salaries," he said, during the meeting. "With this budget that I propose, it's enough to cover all the expenses, for all of the accounting and leave this county in very good shape."

Massingill stated that Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle had also proposed a tax rate at .251700, but County Auditor Becky Kidd said that it would leave the county \$3 million short.

"I just don't want to do that," Massingill said, on Eagle's proposed tax rate. "I mean, that may result in laying off employees or not having enough money."

Eagle responded by saying he needed to set the record straight. He said that the proposed tax rate

that he had emailed to Kidd was miscalculated because he used the "wrong numerator."

"I checked my numbers and put the correct numerator in the equation, and I came up with the ratio of .276800 which is slightly under the ranking of the judge's proposal," he said. "The judge has a motion on the table for the tax rate that he's presenting, and it's gonna go where it's gonna go. But, you know, I was trying to explain the reasoning for me to come up with my own rate which I've done every year. I think we're talking about \$950,000 less overall with my proposed rate, and I think that we can go back into our budget and find close to a million dollars and tighten up and sharpen the pencils — and that's my opinion."

Kidd then came up to the podium and addressed Eagle, stating that by dropping a tax rate by one cent, "you lose a million dollars."

"This county needs this tax rate," she said. "I'm sorry, I'm gonna sound very adamant about it, but I've worked it and looked at it, and I've brought it down from where we were. I cut already, I added revenue, I looked back at the revenue and was able to increase it. This is a good tax rate for this county, and I hope that you will work with the county and the people that work here and do this tax rate."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews said that the commissioners court did something "different" this year, by sitting down and discussing the budgets individually.

"I think that we've established a lot of where we are with this, which I think is the absolutely correct way to do the budgeting," he said. "You sit down, go forward and figure out where you have to be. Trim everything out and say, 'This is where we need to be,' and what actually gets us to this level of revenue."

Nannette Samuelson, Precinct 2 commissioner, said she agreed with Andrews on the budget, but that most of the discussions have centered around salaries.

"I feel like there are some areas that we can still have an impact on as far as saving taxpayer money," she said. "There is a tax decrease, but can we do better? Can we go somewhere between what Commissioner Eagle was saying and what the judge has proposed? I think we still have some room. This is a proposed tax rate, and we can still change it as we go through. If we have another workshop or some other session where we find different ways where we can consolidate in certain areas, and reduce redundancy in certain areas, then we can save some dollars in tax-

payer money, so I think that we can come somewhere in between."

Massingill added that more and more people continue to move into Hood County every year and stressed the importance of keeping enough money available in the budget.

"We're cutting this by four points here, which means that it decreases the tax on the average household by \$48," he said. "We've talked about it. It's now time to act on it. This is my proposed budget, but this proposed budget is what Becky Kidd has really worked on and knows it better than anybody else, and you've heard her position on this."

Samuelson added that she felt there was a "disconnect" and believed there was room to lower the tax rate.

"I had many people who stood there at that microphone, elected and appointed officials, and said, 'I don't want you to give me an increase. I want that money to go to my employees,' and I feel very strongly that that's what we should do."

Massingill made the motion to set the proposed tax rate at .287622.

The motion passed in a 3:2 vote, with Samuelson and Eagle voting against the proposed tax rate.

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### CORRECTION

In the July 29 edition of the Hood County News the article should have included that the Sparks Music School homeschool band has no registration fee.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 14

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC**  
Women of Hood County monthly meeting with guest speaker Stephanie Cooper, Hood County Elections Administrator will be held at 11 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377, Granbury. For more information, please call 254-716-5195.

**LAKE GRANBURY Art Association's** General Meeting will be held on Monday Aug. 14, 2023, at 6 p.m. at 224 N. Travis, Shanley House Free oil art demonstration by Audrey Caylor. Visitors welcome!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

**THE LIONS Club** will host their general meeting with Traci Cooper as guest speaker. She is the Director of Community Education & Engagement for the Paluxy River Advocacy Center here in Granbury. This will be a general meeting to discuss club affairs. Public is welcome to attend. The meeting will be held at noon, at Spring Creek Barbeque located at 317 E US Highway 377.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

**HOOD COUNTY Democrat Club** will be hosting having their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl Street. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., meeting begins at 7 p.m., speaker will be Sam Houston, Publisher of Hood County News.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

**HOOD COUNTY Hospital District Board of Directors** regularly scheduled meeting will be held at noon in the Annex I meeting room, 202 Deputy Larry Miller Dr. For more information, please call 817-579-3200.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

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# County approves placement of 'Black Star' statue on courthouse lawn

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Following a lengthy discussion and varying opinions from several Hood County residents, the Hood County Commissioners Court approved the placement of the "Black Star" statue, during its bimonthly meeting on Aug. 8.

The bronze statue was donated to the county by the Kenneth Hill Foundation and is set to be placed on the northeast corner of the Hood County Courthouse on Friday, Sept. 8.

Although the donated statue was previously accepted by the Hood County Commissioners Court during the bimonthly meeting on Nov. 29, 2022, the location of the statue was not properly agreed

upon, spurring Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle to place it back on the agenda to clear up any confusion.

"I went back and reviewed the video of the motion, and it was unclear," Eagle said at the meeting. "The first statue, the horse and the mountain lion, it was clear for that to go on the southeast corner, but it wasn't clear in my opinion of the other statue, and so I put it back on here to clarify because I also received several calls from several people — many of them

are my constituents — that have voiced their opinion."

Hood County Judge Ron Massingill responded to Eagle, explaining that the motion stated that the statue would be "placed on the courthouse lawn," and how he didn't see how that could've been made clearer.

"It wasn't actually decided at that time where it would be placed, but a lot of locations were looked at and all in Hood County, the city park and a bunch of other places, and it was decided that the best place would be on the (court-

house) lawn," Massingill said. "It's a beautiful foundation and it's going to be a great benefit to all the people of Hood County."

However, many residents had some concerns regarding the "Black Star" statue, as it refers to a Native American medicine woman who passed away in 2007.

The Hood County Commissioners Court listened to 14 speakers who signed up to voice their opinion on the controversial subject.

Eight speakers were com- PLEASE SEE STATUE | A13

GRANBURY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

## Granbury and Its Real Estate Market



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!

One of the most frequent questions we as Realtors® receive is, "How's the market?" Well, that depends on where you're talking about. The Dallas market is completely different than our local Granbury market. While properties are selling, we are not in the selling frenzy of this time last year. Let's have a look at what's going on in our local area.

I want to focus on the last 90 days. In Hood County, 399 residential properties have closed accord-

ing to the North Texas Real Estate Information System (NTREIS). In comparison, between those same 90 days last year (2022), there were 434 residential properties sold. While you might look at those numbers and say that is not a huge change, the Average Days on Market (DOM) for those listings more than doubled this year, going from 26 days to an average of 62 days.

Currently, there are 475 residential properties for sale. In July 2022, the ac-

tive number of listings was 420, while July of 2021 was shockingly low at 230. The National Association of Realtors® (NAR) says a stable, healthy market should average at six (6) months of active inventory. As you can see, the active number of residential listings in Hood County is increasing, bringing us closer to a new norm.

Since we are a Lakefront community, let's have a look at those numbers...in the last 90 days, 54 waterfront residential properties have sold with an average DOM of 53 days and an average sold price per square foot of \$288. If we filter those properties down to site-built homes on the water, the number of closed properties drops to 34 but with an average sold price per square foot of \$321 and a DOM of

58.

So, what does all this tell us? The real estate market is steady, but it is taking longer to sell homes than it has for the last couple of years. While your home will sell, having the right comparables and price will make the difference. If you live in a 2,500 square foot home on a quarter of an acre, on a canal that hasn't been updated, you can't compare your property with a 6,000 square foot home on the main body of Lake Granbury with over an acre of land. Those two are not comparable to each other.

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CORRECTION

The Granbury Association of Realtors column that appeared in the 8-5 edition was not the correct column submitted. We will rerun the correct column in this edition and regret the error.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRE ON CR1232

As I sit here on my front porch watching smoke billowing from the pasture across the hill from where I live, I can't help but think of the men and women fighting to contain this fire. Currently, the fire is at our county line and approximately two miles from my house. There is a steady stream of planes flying overhead taking turns dumping water and fire retardant over the area in a coordinated effort to gain control of one of Mother Nature's most unpredictable forces.

As I watch this, my thoughts turn to possible evacuations, the homes, livestock, and memories they have to leave behind with no guarantee they will be there when they re-

turn. My heart grows heavy for them, and I say a little prayer. It is quite a sight to behold.

Watching the onslaught of planes fly into this battle and to know they are saving lives is quite a humbling experience and creates a sense of gratitude and pride that I can't quite explain. It truly is something our English language lacks the words for and something one must experience to fully appreciate.

So, Thank you! To all the firefighters on the ground and pilots in the air working tirelessly to gain control of the fire, thank you! To the volunteers that help coordinate relief efforts, thank you! Whether it's providing water bottles, offering a neighbor a place to stay or being on the front lines of this fire, may God

bless you!

Courtney Gore  
Granbury

TAX EXEMPTION

The decision to increase the homestead exemption to 10% is welcomed but flawed in its intended purpose. This provides no relief to small business and land holders including rental property.

Blaming the appraisal district for rising tax obligations is also flawed. The purpose of the appraisal district is to provide equity and relativity between property holder values. The county sets tax rates.

Shifting the tax burden to business and non-homestead taxpayers is an ill-conceived process since it shifts the tax burden

to renters and consumers. Both of these have struggled in the past covid environment.

Increasing property values and new construction increase the tax base. The tax rate is the responsibility of the respective governing bodies. In this calculation thought should be given to the real purpose of government. Taxpayers are also concerned about what the get for their tax dollars not just the actual tax rate.

Good roads, public safety and desired amenities add to the quality of life and should receive proper consideration in determining tax rates.

Just some food for thought.

Ken Sapp  
Granbury

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The last airdrop of the day falls over County Road 1233 to help fight a large fire in Godley.

# Granbury volunteer fire department aids with Godley fire

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

A large brush fire started Aug. 5 and spread very quickly across an estimated 1400 acres in Godley throughout the day and the Granbury volunteer fire department was quick to lend many helping hands.

The Granbury volunteer fire department, De Cordova Bend Estates, Acton and Cresson fire departments supplied tanker Abd brush truck assets to assist with the "Double Back Fire" that started on County Road 1233.

Granbury's volunteer fire department sent a team of three brush trucks out

Aug 7 to asset with the containment.

"We had approximately 14 fire units there yesterday, (Aug. 6,)" Jeff Young Fire Marshal said. "The suspected cause, as I understand it, is outdoor welding," Young said.

There were over 30 trucks on site the first day of the fire on Aug. 6 with 4 Air

Bosses, 2 heavy helicopters and a 737 assisting.

According to Johnson County Emergency Management as of press time on Aug. 8 the fire was 75% contained and was still covering 1400 acres.

Granbury's volunteer fire department will continue to work as long as necessary to provide aid and help Godley's fire department in getting this fire 100% contained.

A burn ban is still in effect for Hood County which includes all outdoor burning and outdoor welding. The ban was extended for 90 days on July 25 by the Hood County Commissioners Court.

## around town



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Owlsley and Miss Hootie have been coming around almost every day to the birdbath. Usually about 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. Granbury, Tx.

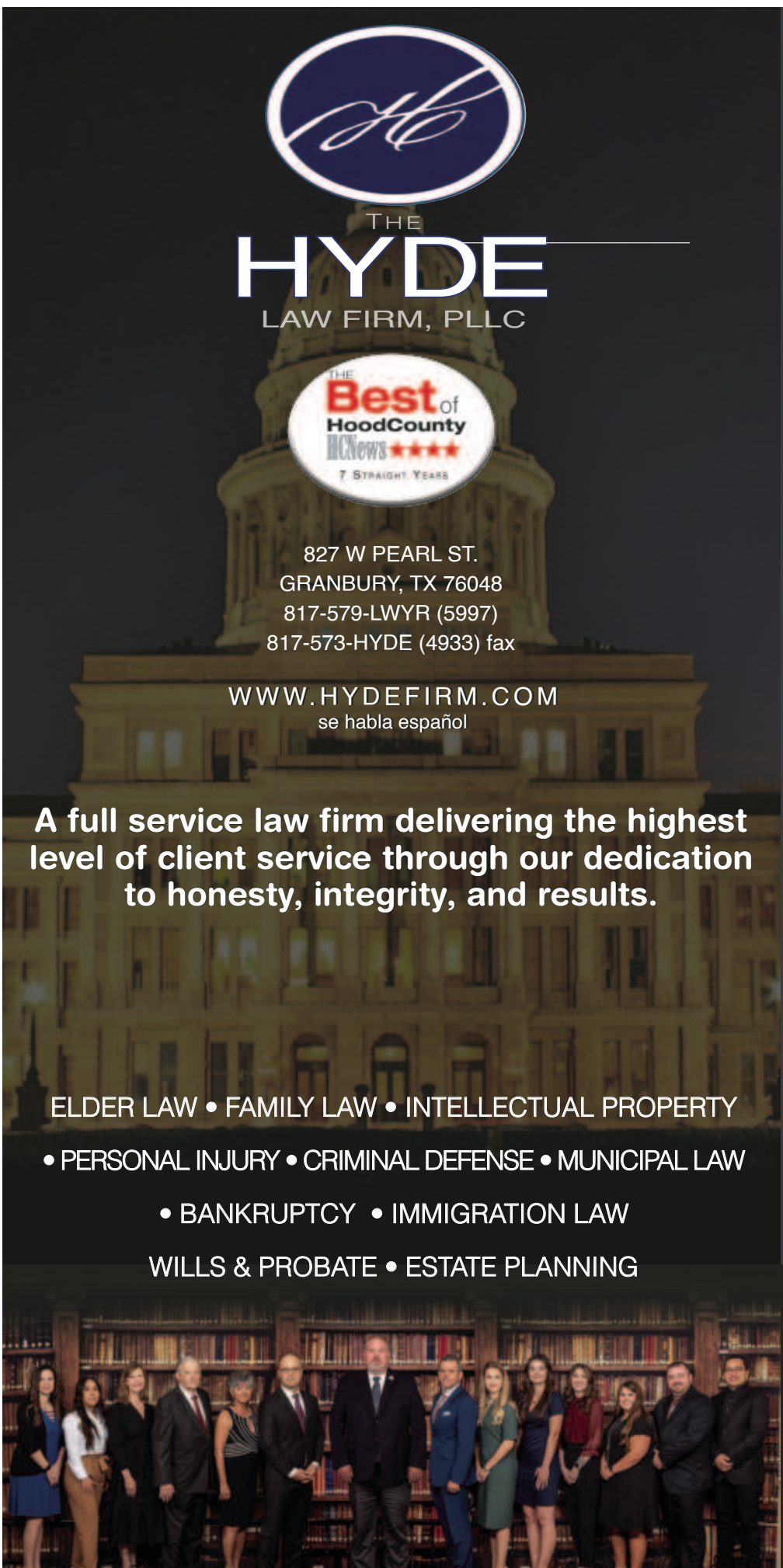
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COMMUNITY BUSINESS

# Small town guys brew up big success

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

**F**our lifelong friends from the small town of Granbury have found some big success with their creation of Whiskey Morning Coffee operating in Tolar. Carson and Garrett Becker, TJ Ryan and Evan Sledge are the proud faces of Whiskey Morning Coffee.

**HOW IT STARTED**

Evan Sledge went to Texas Christian University and studied business. In one of his classes, he was required to create a business. He had whiskey barrels in the family and thought he could use those for his business. Another student's family in the class was in the coffee business so he was familiar with the process of getting beans.

Sledge thought let's get those coffee beans and throw them into these whiskey barrels for our business. Then the creation happened, but didn't have much movement as a business as this was just an assignment for class.

After college, the idea to keep brewing the coffee and turn this into a full-time business came about. Whiskey Morning Coffee has now been running since 2018. The group first started out selling on college campuses such as Tarleton State University. They also would

go to Granbury Live to give the community a taste of the coffee.

In the beginning the idea was to just continue selling the whiskey coffee only. Many customers reached out saying they loved the taste of the coffee and wanted to see more flavors become available.

The team listened to their customers and created more than just the whiskey coffee flavorings.

**THE PROCESS**

The team buys the raw coffee which is green beans comes from all over the world including, Indonesia, Guatemala, Brazil, Columbia and Costa Rica. The raw coffee is then shipped to Houston, and picked up by the guys then brought back to the Tolar Warehouse. With eight all year flavors, and one new flavor a month, there are different processes to create the perfect taste. The light, medium and dark roasts are blended with other beans to make the flavor they want.



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Whiskey Morning Coffee is known for their bourbon flavored coffee that takes two to three months to age in the bourbon barrels.

The bourbon flavored coffee is aged in the bourbon barrels for two to three months. The coffee is then roasted to then create the ground and coffee beans. The barbecue's smoked coffee is smoked with pecan wood and cherry wood to create a Texas styled taste. Real spices, botanicals, brown sugars, cinnamon are also added to the coffee barrels instead of

arterial flavorings. "Every flavor takes at least three to five runs before we get it perfect," Sledge said. When orders are placed online, the coffee is roasted and shipped out the same day.

**THE FUTURE**

Since 2018 the business has grown exponentially selling roughly 1800 pounds a week. The team

is now at the point where much more is needed. Such as bigger roasters, k-cup machines, a bigger building and much more. "We're at that point where were taking the next big step," Sledge said. "We have to figure out what we need not just for tomorrow, but three years down the road."

With the business continuing to grow, the

teams' families, wives, and friends will come to help out the crew.

"Without everybody pitching in, I don't think we'd be able to get it done," Sledge said. The team is also looking forward to adding real flavors to their k-cup pods such as real brown sugar and camion which has never been done before. The

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Application has been made for renewal of Private Club Registration Permit for DeCordova Bend Estates Owner's Association, Inc. DBA as DeCordova Bend Estates Country Club, Inc., 5301 Country Club Drive, Hood County, Texas, 76049. Officers are Doug Jones, President; Bennie Hudgins, Vice President; David Zunker, Treasurer and Cathy Permenter, Secretary. Said application made to Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission with provisions under Texas Alcohol Code.


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## Notice of Public Hearing on Hood County Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget

The Hood County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing for the proposed 2024 Annual Budget. The proposed tax rate (No-New-Revenue rate) would lower the tax rate from \$0.331129 to \$0.287622. The average homeowner (home valued at \$330,687) would see a decrease in property tax by -\$56.58 or -5.61%. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$907,339.00, which is a 3.6 percent increase from last year's budget. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Central Jury Room, Ralph H. Walton, Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048.


Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
-TRC 109 & 114  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CAUSE NO. C2023116

ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB  
D/B/A SERVBANK  
vs.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEFFERY BLANKENSHIP, DECEASED, IN REM ONLY, ET AL. IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JEFFREY BLANKENSHIP & GERRY BLANKENSHIP  
Defendant, Greeting;  
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 Plaintiffs Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock AM. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 4TH day of SEPTEMBER 2023 before the Honorable Ralph H. Walton, Jr., 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court, on the 18TH day of MAY, 2023 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: "Plaintiff is seeking a judicial declaration that, as recourse for default under that one certain voluntary security instrument, it may proceed in accordance with the terms of such security instrument and the Texas Property Code with the nonjudicial foreclosure of that certain property, to wit: Legal Description: LOT 1060 OF BLUE WATER SHORES, A SUBDIVISION IN HOOD COUNTY TEXAS, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN SLIDE A-238-B, PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE ORIGINAL PETITION IS A SUIT FOR CIVIL, (REAL PROPERTY), as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs Petition on file in this suit, the nature of which suit is PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION ON LOT 1060 OF BLUE WATER SHORES, A SUBDIVISION IN HOOD COUNTY TEXAS, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN SLIDE A-238-B, PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS and alternatively for declaratory relief concerning such property.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 17 day of JULY 2023.

WITNESS: TONNA L NEWMAN  
CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURTS OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
By Regina Williams, Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Barbara Ann Shelton, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2023, in Cause No. P10085, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate being administered are hereby required to present same with-in the time prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of "Representative, Estate of Barbara Ann Shelton, Deceased," and may be presented to the attorney for the Estate at the following address:  
Kris Yager  
West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C.  
510 N. Valley Mills Dr., Ste 201  
Waco, Texas 76710  
Signed: August 2, 2023  
WEST, WEBB, ALLBRITTON & GENTRY, P.C.  
510 N. Valley Mills Dr., Ste 201  
Waco, Texas 76710  
Telephone: 979-694-7000  
Fax: 979-694-8000  
By: //Kris Yager  
KRIS YAGER  
State Bar No.: 24125878  
Attorney for Applicant

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JANIE POWELL, Deceased, were issued on July 31, 2023, in Cause No. P10032 pending in the County Court of HOOD County, Texas, to: Jodi Bird.

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: Representative, Estate of JANIE POWELL  
The Hyde Law Firm  
827 West Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 31st day of July, 2023.  
/s/Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Attorney for Jodi Bird  
State Bar No.: 24115896  
827 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 579-5997  
Facsimile: (817) 573-4933  
E-mail: [ashleygale@hydefirm.com](mailto:ashleygale@hydefirm.com)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RALPH NORMAN JOHN MORRISON, Deceased, were issued on July 31st, 2023, in Cause No. P09883 pending in the County Court of HOOD County, Texas, to: Karen Morrison.

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: Representative, Estate of RALPH NORMAN JOHN MORRISON  
The Hyde Law Firm  
827 West Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 31st day of July, 2023.  
/s/Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Attorney for Karen Morrison  
State Bar No.: 24115896  
827 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 579-5997  
Facsimile: (817) 573-4933  
E-mail: [ashleygale@hydefirm.com](mailto:ashleygale@hydefirm.com)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GLORIA JEAN MIEARS, Deceased, were issued on July 31st, 2023, in Cause No. P10093 pending in the County Court of HOOD County, Texas, to: Danielle Jenkins.

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: Representative, Estate of GLORIA JEAN MIEARS  
The Hyde Law Firm  
827 West Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 31st day of July, 2023.  
/s/Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Ashley Gale Vaughan  
Attorney for Danielle Jenkins  
State Bar No.: 24115896  
827 West Pearl Street  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 579-5997  
Facsimile: (817) 573-4933  
E-mail: [ashleygale@hydefirm.com](mailto:ashleygale@hydefirm.com)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of VIRGINIA LOIS HALE, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2023, in Cause No. PI 0073, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: RAYMOND V. OLSON.

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 3rd day of August, 2023.  
Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Raymond V. Olson  
State Bar No.: 24078807  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 573-8872  
Facsimile: (817) 579-1651  
E-mail: [skuban@kubanfirm.com](mailto:skuban@kubanfirm.com)

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Betty Jean Carmichael were issued on July 24, 2023, in docket number P10111, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to J. Dwight Carmichael. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

Estate of Betty Jean Carmichael  
c/o J. Dwight Carmichael, Independent Executor  
4112 Boulder Drive  
Dallas, TX 75233

Dated August 9, 2023

/s/ J. Dwight Carmichael  
J. Dwight Carmichael  
Independent Executor of the Estate of Betty Jean Carmichael  
[d.carmichael@yahoo.com](mailto:d.carmichael@yahoo.com)

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
-TRC 109 & 114  
STATE OF TEXAS  
CAUSE NO. C2022417  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ACCREDITED MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 ASSET BACKED NOTES, VS.

KIRK URICE A/K/A/ ROY KIRK URICE, JAMES OF HAWTHORN, PAUL "MARTY" HATHORN, ALYSSA KIMBELL, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF BOBBETTE HATHORN, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF BOB PAUL HATHORN, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF WILMA J. HATHORN, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ANN ITT A URICE A/K/A ANNITTA HATHORN, DECEASED IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF BOBBETTE HATHORN, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF MONTIE HATHORN, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF BOB PAUL HATHORN, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN DESCENDANTS OF WILMA J. HATHORN, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF ANNITTA URICE A/K/A ANNITTA HATHORN, DECEASED

Defendant, Greeting;  
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 Plaintiffs 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 17TH day of AUGUST 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 Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court, on the 9TH day of SEPTEMBER, AD. 2022, in the above-entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Accredited Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 Asset Backed Notes., its successors and assigns, by and through its attorney of record, Thuy Frazier of McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, 1255 West 15th Street, Suite 1060, Plano, Texas 75075, brought suit in rem only, against Kirk Urice a/k/a/ Roy Kirk Urice, James Hathorn, Paul "Marty" Hathorn, Alyssa Kimbell, the Unknown Descendants of Bobbette Hathorn, Deceased, the Unknown Descendants of Montie Hathorn, Deceased, the Unknown Descendants of Bob Paul Hathorn, Deceased, the Unknown Descendants of Wilma J. Hathorn, Deceased, and the Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Annitta Urice a/k/a Annitta Hathorn, Deceased, and any other person(s) claiming any right, title, or interest through Annitta Urice a/k/a Annitta Hathorn, as heir(s)-at-law to 5626 Highland Court, Granbury, Texas 76048 and legally described to wit:

THE ORIGINAL PETITION IS A SUIT FOR CIVIL, REAL PROPERTY, as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs Petition on file in this suit, the nature of which suit is PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION on LOT 42, 43 AND 44, BLOCK 3, SECTION B, ARROWHEAD SHORES SUBDIVISION IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLATS THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 2 THRU 4 (SLIDES A-153-B, A- 154, AND A-154-B), PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS. SAID LOT BEING SHOWN IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 2 (SLIDE A-153-B), PLAT RECORDS, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS and alternatively for declaratory relief concerning such property.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 6 day of JULY, 2023.

WITNESS: TONNA TRUMBLE HITT  
CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
By Susan Ashmore, Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: MIRANDA FRANKENFIELD, Respondent

GREETINGS:  
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "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 a.m. of the first Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Department of Family and Protective Services Petitioner, was filed in the 355 District Court Court of Hood County, Texas on the 26th of AUGUST, 2022, against MIRANDA FRANKENFIELD Respondent, numbered P2022013 and entitled "In the Interest of TREVOR FRANKENFIELD".

The suit requests: Original Petition for Protection of a child, for Conservatorship, and for Termination in suit affecting the Parent - Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit is TREVOR FRANKENFIELD AUGUST 25, 2022

"The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you including but not limited to the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption."

Issued and Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Granbury, Texas, this the 7TH day of JUNE A.D. 2023.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: STEVEN BARKER, Respondent:

GREETINGS:  
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "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 a.m. of the first Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Department of Family and Protective Services Petitioner, was filed in the 355 District Court of Hood County, Texas on the 26th of AUGUST, 2022, against STEVEN BARKER Respondent, numbered P2022013 and entitled "In the Interest of TREVOR FRANKENFIELD".

The suit requests: Original Petition for Protection of a child, for Conservatorship, and for Termination in suit affecting the Parent - Child Relationship as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Granbury, Texas, this the 7TH day of JUNE A.D. 2023.

TONNA NEWMAN  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS  
By: Susan Ashmore, Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of RONALD DWANE HALE, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2023, in Cause No. PI 0074, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: RAYMOND V. OLSON.

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 3rd day of August, 2023.  
Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Raymond V. Olson  
State Bar No.: 24078807  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
Telephone: (817) 573-8872  
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E-mail: [skuban@kubanfirm.com](mailto:skuban@kubanfirm.com)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SCOTT STANLEY EGGEN, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2023, in Cause No. P10082, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: JENNIFER LYNN EGGEN.

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 3rd day of August, 2023.  
Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Jennifer Lynn Eggen  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 23-54**

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**SECTION I.**

Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property and area; described as a 3.005-acre tract described in Exhibit "A" and depicted in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein:

From Planned Development with a base of R-10 Single-Family Residential [PD/R-10] to Planned Development with a base of R-10 Single-Family Residential [PD/R-10] with the following requirements:

**R-10 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING REQUIRMENTS**

PROPOSED USE	R-10 DISTRICT	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
Article 4. Permitted Uses		
Section 4.1 Use Regulations		
Bed And Breakfast, Hosted	Specific Use Permit Required	Permitted without Specific Use Permit
Sec. 4.2 Supp. Stds.	#2 and #17 17.a. Owner live on-site 17.b. Screen parking "sweep" 17.j. Maximum 7 bedrooms	Amend Supplemental Standards 17.a. allowed off-site, see below 17.b. Parking not screened 17.j. More than 7, see below
AND		
Short-term Rental (STR), Residential Unhosted	Specific Use Permit Required	Permitted without Specific Use Permit
Sec. 4.2 Supp. Stds.	#1 and #18 18.i. Maximum 3 bedrooms	Amend Supplemental Standards More than 3, see below

Reference Additional PD Allowances and Requirements below.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

Standards not included below are not changed with this PD. Section 5.5 R-10 Single-Family Residential District

**5.5.C Height, Area, Yard, and Lot Coverage Requirements**

R-10	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
Side Yard	
Interior Lot	Zero feet one side (east side Lake House) Approx. 45 feet west side Total 45 feet
15 foot min. total both sides	

**5.5.F Parking Regulations**

205 W. Doyle St (garage in accessory building currently used STR/B&B operations)  
221 W. Doyle St. (has a garage)

R-10	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
2 enclosed (garage) spaces	zero enclosed (garage) spaces 205 W. Doyle St.

**Section 11.2 Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements**

Requirement	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
205 W. Doyle St. Required off-street parking shall be located behind the front building line.	Zero unenclosed (garage) spaces Parking as shown on Exhibit B in front of the front building line.
221 W. Doyle St. Vehicles require an improved hard surface for parking	Parking on other material (parking is asphalt covered by decomposed granite)

**Section 11.10 Accessory Buildings & Use Regulations**

11.10.B Accessory structures in Residential and Multi-Family Districts

Requirement	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
205 W. Doyle St. 2.a. No accessory building permitted in the front yard setback	Carriage House in the side front yard setback
2.b. Accessory building setbacks: Side 3 feet Street Side 15 foot minimum	3.7 feet west side Pool House 3.1 feet Carriage House

3. Total maximum floor area of accessory buildings 420 square feet

Requirement	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
205 W. Doyle St. 5. Accessory building floor area maximum 420 square feet	Accessory building floor area approximately 6,990 square feet

Section 11.12.B. Screening Fence & Wall Standards

Requirement	PD-R-10 VARIANCE
205 W. Doyle St. 3. Max. 4 feet fence between the front building face and street	Propose 6 to 8 foot refuse enclosure fence

**Additional PD Allowances and Requirements**

- The operation of the Bed & Breakfast, Hosted and/or the Short-Term Rental (STR), Residential Unhosted use shall be for a term of seven (7) years from the date of City Council approval (August 1, 2030). After which, the property owner must reapply to the City to continue use of the site for the PD purposes by submitting a Change of Zoning application. If the City Council does not approve the subsequent application, or the property owner fails to reapply, the allowance for the PD uses shall become null and void.
- Except as required by these conditions, the site shall conform to the site plan (Exhibit B) and the floor plans (Exhibit C). Additionally, the setbacks for existing site improvements shall be as shown on the site plan (Exhibit B).
- The existing decorative fence installed along the property line shared with 301 W. Doyle Street shall be maintained by the property owner of 221 W. Doyle Street.
- No live band or audio equipment shall be allowed on the site addressed as 221 W. Doyle Street.
- The Planned Development shall allow for either:
  - Eight (8) Short-Term Rental (STR) Residential, Unhosted bedrooms on the property addressed as 205 W. Doyle St. and seven (7) Short-Term Rental (STR) Residential, Unhosted bedrooms on the property addressed as 221 W. Doyle St. (15 total bedrooms). The Short-Term Rental (STR) Residential, Unhosted bedrooms shall only be permitted if the owner of the property addressed as 205 & 221 W. Doyle St. resides within 300 feet of the subject properties. The distance shall be measured from property line to property line; or
  - Eight (8) Bed and Breakfast, Hosted bedrooms on the property addressed as 205 W. Doyle St. and seven (7) Bed and Breakfast, Hosted bedrooms on the property addressed as 221 W. Doyle St. (15 total bedrooms). The property owner is required to reside on the subject property.
- Prior to issuance of a short-term rental permit, a refuse enclosure screening fence shall be installed on the 221 W. Doyle Street property.
- A Short-Term Rental Permit is required in accord with City Code Chapter 4 Business Regulations Article 4.16.
- Except as provided in these PD regulations, the Bed and Breakfast, Hosted use shall be subject to the Supplemental Standards as contained in the Zoning Ordinance.
- The Bed and Breakfast, Hosted use is subject to all other City Code requirements, permits, periodic inspections; and an inspection fee as established in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
- Any violation of the supplemental land use standards or terms and conditions stipulated in this PD may be deemed in violation of the zoning ordinance and the Bed and Breakfast, Hosted and/or Short-term Rental, Residential Unhosted use(s) may become null and void and/or the Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked.

**SECTION 6.**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St. and can be seen in its entirety during normal business hours.

Notice of fiscal year 2024 proposed annual salary changes for Elected Officials conforms to Section 152.013 of Texas Government Code.

ELECTED OFFICIAL	INCREASE	ANNUAL AMOUNT*
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1	0	80,895
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2	0	80,895
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3	0	80,895
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4	0	80,895
COUNTY JUDGE	0	92,440
COUNTY CLERK	2,298	78,901
DISTRICT CLERK	2,298	78,901
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1	2,298	78,901
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4	2,298	78,901
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2	2,298	78,901
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3	2,298	78,901
TREASURER	2,298	78,901
TAX ASSESSOR	2,298	78,901
CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1	2,298	78,901
CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 3	2,298	78,901
CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 2	2,298	78,901
CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 4	2,298	78,901
SHERIFF	3,090	106,090

\*Annual salaries are a calculation of each officials bi-weekly salary times 26. Salaries may be less in some fiscal years (October-September) and more in others depending on the actual payroll date.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

STATE OF TEXAS  
HOOD COUNTY

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Hood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on August 4, 2023, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in September, 2023, the same being the 5th day of said month, in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Hood County Courthouse at 100 East Pearl Street, in the City of Granbury, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Hood and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	C2018353 08/18/22	11242.015.0022.0(R000002613) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. W. L. SCOTT	Lots 22, 23, and the East 1/2 of Lot 21, Block 15, Brazos River Acres, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1445, Page 160, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$69,870.00
2	C2018396 08/17/20	15160.000.0488.0(R000034889) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ELTON W. CLAY	Lots 488 and 489, Western Hills Harbor Addition, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 11, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$169,230.00
3	C2018397 04/30/20	12970.001.0013.0(R000018955) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CATHY A. BATTAGLIA	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lot 13, Block 1, Lake Granbury Estates Section of Oak Trail Shores, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 374-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$17,000.00
4	C2018405 03/12/20	12371.000.0058.0(R000012967) AUGUST 04, 2023	LIPAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JULIUS E. HIDEG, ET AL	Lot 58, The Hill Country, Section One, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 232-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$35,400.00
5	C2018415 03/12/20	12963.000.0278.0(R000018027) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SINGHAM KHAMONE, ET AL	<b>TRACT 4</b> Lots 278 & 279, Lake Granbury Harbor, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 201-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$2,000.00
6	C2018421 03/12/20	12968.000.0052.0(R000018828) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. HYLON G. ALFORD, ET AL	Lot 52, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "F", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 358-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$7,000.00

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7	C2018425 03/12/20	12970.001.0056.0(R000019000) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA ELLEN CROWE	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lot 56, Block 1, Lake Granbury Estates, Section Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 374-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$19,000.00
8	C2018425 03/12/20	12970.001.0055.0(R000018999) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA ELLEN CROWE	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lot 55, Block 1, Lake Granbury Estates, Section Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 374-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$7,000.00
9	C2018426 03/12/20	11445.003.0018.0(R000006948) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. NANCY L. WEAVER	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lot 18, Block 3, Comanche Harbor Subdivision, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 34, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$2,200.00
10	C2018426 03/12/20	13443.005.0009.0(R000014712) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. NANCY L. WEAVER	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lot 9 and the South 1/2 of Lot 10, Block 5, Oak Trail Shores, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 33, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$25,130.00
11	C2019031 09/11/19	12538.000.1580.0(R000015696) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MICHAEL P. SHIVOK, ET AL	Lot 1580, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase 18, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 128, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$2,000.00
12	C2019032 03/12/20	12538.000.1588.0(R000015704) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KENNETH C. YOUNG, ET AL	Lot 1588, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase 18, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 128, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$2,000.00
13	C2019033 09/11/19	11368.000.0051.0(R000005095) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JON L. CARLSON, ET AL	Lot 51, Canyon Creek III, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1299, Page 946, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00
14	C2019043 04/30/20	12529.000.0651.0(R000014712) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WOODY R. PUMPHREY, ET AL	Lot 651, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase IX, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 100, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$2,000.00
15	C2019163 06/03/21	11121.007.0044.0(R000006668) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ERIC WATKINS	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lots 43 and 44, Block 7, Arrowhead Shores, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 2, Page 57, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
16	C2019163 06/03/21	12970.001.0006.0(R000018948) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ERIC WATKINS	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lot 6, Block 1, Lake Granbury Estates, Section of Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 374-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$17,000.00

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17	C2019168 05/05/21	12967.000.0148.0(R000018600) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CURTIS A. PROCTOR, ET AL	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lot 148, Lakeside Hill, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 225, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,500.00
18	C2019268 10/03/22	12385.008.0026.0(R000013276) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TER - CAR, INC.	Lot 26, Block 8, The Hills of Granbury Subdivision, Phase V-R, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A" Slide 334B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$201,680.00
19	C2019287 10/29/21	13442.000.0542.0(R000023654) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JIMMY VERNON GRIZZELL, SR.	Lot 542, Oak Trail Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$39,500.00
20	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0061.0(R000008402) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 6</b> Lot 61, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,500.00
21	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0060.0(R000008401) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 5</b> Lot 60, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,500.00
22	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0059.0(R000008400) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 4</b> Lot 59, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,500.00
23	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0053.0(R000008394) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 3</b> Lot 53, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,500.00
24	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0282.0(R000008588) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lots 282 and 283, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
25	C2019290 10/03/22	11483.001.0261.0(R000008569) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER M. JAMES	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lots 261, 262, and 263, Block 1, Comanche Cove, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,500.00
26	C2019291 10/29/21	11367.000.0045.0(R000004453) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. W. C. MCMILLIN	<b>TRACT 2</b> Lot 45, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2011-0009888, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00
27	C2019291 10/29/21	11370.000.0426.0(R000005890) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. W. C. MCMILLIN	<b>TRACT 1</b> Lot 426, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 119, Page 299, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00

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89	C2021304 11/29/22	15236.002.0007.0 R000035588) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BILL HENLEY, JR.	Lot 7, Block 2, Whippoorwill Bay , Section "F", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 53, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,220.00
90	C2021324 11/09/22	20752.000.0030.0 R000046965 and R046965) AUGUST 04, 2023	TOLAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. J. LANCE SAUNDERS	All that certain tract of land situated in the J. M. Y'Barbo Survey, Abstract 752, Hood County, Texas, described as 16.68 acres, more or less, in deed dated December 19, 1996, from Carol Leigh Caughman to J. Lance Saunders, in Volume 1522, Page 726, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 2.12 acre tract described in Volume 276, Page 268, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 14.56 acres, more or less.	\$166,800.00
91	C2021340 06/28/22	15670.110.0006.0 R000037946 and R037946) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SANDRA MARSHAL	3.12 acres, more or less, out of Blocks 110 and 118, Peters Addition, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, as described in deed dated July 25, 2019, from Richard J. Folwer etux to Sandra Marshal, in Clerk's File #2019-0009752, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$77,590.00
92	C2022030 06/28/22	11362.000.0330.0 R000003528) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DOUBLE DIAMOND, INC., ET AL	Lot 330, Canyon Creek, Unit 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 191A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$7,000.00
93	C2022040 09/13/22	11483.002.0470.0 R000009298) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. AMANDA SULLIVAN	Lot 470, Block 2, Comanche Cove Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 200, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,500.00
94	C2022056 09/13/22	12531.000.0551.0 R000014990) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BILL GOLDEN	TRACT 1 Lot 551, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase 11, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 104A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,000.00
95	C2022056 09/13/22	15239.004.0025.0 R000036205) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BILL GOLDEN	TRACT 2 Lots 25 and 26, Block 4, Whippoorwill Bay Subdivision, Section 1, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 147, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,000.00
96	C2022077 04/05/23	12962.000.0187.0 R000017332) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PENNY A OWENS	Lots 186 and 187, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$18,000.00
97	C2022082 05/23/23	12533.000.1023.0 R000015222) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MICHAEL A. BUCK	Lot 1023, Indian Harbor, Phase 13, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 128, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$24,000.00

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98	C2022234 05/23/23	11367.000.0006.0 R000004414) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PENSICO TRUST COMPANY FBO NAN WEATHERHORN ROTH IRA, ET AL	TRACT 2 Lot 6, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2011-00009472, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
99	C2022234 05/23/23	11367.000.0005.0 R000004413) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PENSICO TRUST COMPANY FBO NAN WEATHERHORN ROTH IRA, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 5, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2010-0008297, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
100	C2022252 11/29/22	11369.000.0022.0 R000005435) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DDI PROPERTIES, INC.	Lot 22, Canyon Creek IV Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 2512, Page 908, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$9,000.00
101	C2022285 02/28/23	M7033.727.0978.1 (N000109019 and N109019) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN E. LANGDON, ARTICLE V TRUST, C/O TEXAS CAPITAL BANK - TRUST DEPARTMENT	TRACT 2 0.007074 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE LUKER-HAMMER IH, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 243352, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE J. CHENOWITH SURVEY, ABSTRACT # 84, LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,560.00
102	C2022285 02/28/23	M7033.727.0851.1 (N000109135 and N000135412) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN E. LANGDON, ARTICLE V TRUST, C/O TEXAS CAPITAL BANK - TRUST DEPARTMENT	TRACT 4 0.007074 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE LUKER-HAMMER SH, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 242820, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE J. CHENOWITH SURVEY, ABSTRACT # 84, LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,260.00
103	C2022285 02/28/23	M7033.727.0849.1 (N000109077 and N109077) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN E. LANGDON, ARTICLE V TRUST, C/O TEXAS CAPITAL BANK - TRUST DEPARTMENT	TRACT 1 0.007074 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE LUKER-HAMMER UNIT 3H, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 242729, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE J. CHENOWITH SURVEY, ABSTRACT # 84, LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$4,980.00
104	C2022310 11/29/22	M7041.227.1174.1 (N000116338, N000131228 and N000136939) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PAULETTE LANE, AS TRUSTEE OF THE VAUGHN GRACE PURSELLEY LIFE ESTATE	TRACT 2 0.004674 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE GRACIE UNIT 6H, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 251847, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE GALVESTON CSL, ABSTRACT # 852, LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$100.00
105	C2022310 11/29/22	M7041.227.1173.1 (N000116312 and N000136915) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PAULETTE LANE, AS TRUSTEE OF THE VAUGHN GRACE PURSELLEY LIFE ESTATE	TRACT 3 0.004674 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE GRACIE UNIT 5H, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 250479, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE GALVESTON CSL, ABSTRACT # 852, LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$900.00
106	C2022310 11/29/22	M7041.227.1064.1 (N000114061) AUGUST 04, 2023	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PAULETTE LANE, AS TRUSTEE OF THE VAUGHN GRACE PURSELLEY LIFE ESTATE	TRACT 1 0.004674 ROYALTY INTEREST IN AND TO THE GRACIE UNIT 4H, RAILROAD COMMISSION # 252399, BLACKBEARD OPERATING, OPERATOR, SAID WELL BEING LOCATED IN THE GALVESTON CSL, ABSTRACT # 852 LOCATED IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$880.00

05/23/23	R000004644) AUGUST 04, 2023	SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOM WEEKS, A/K/A THOMAS RAY WEEKS	County, Texas, as described in Volume 1157, Page 507, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.
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(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Hood County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Granbury, Texas, August 4, 2023

*Chad Jordan*  
Constable Chad Jordan  
Hood County, Texas

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

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# Versatile vocalists emerge victorious in Voice of Granbury competition

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

The always-sold-out Voice of Granbury event was no different this year, as Granbury Live was packed with excited attendees as they prepared to listen to 12 contestants sing their hearts out for the audition night event on Aug. 4.

With varying ages and levels of experience, the contestants put on a show with classics such as “Come Together,” by the Beatles, “I Will Always Love You,” by Whitney Houston, and “My Way,” by Frank Sinatra, while also performing more recent hits like “Why Don’t We Just Dance,” by Josh Turner and “Never Enough,” by Loren Alred from The Greatest Showman soundtrack.

After the first and second round of voting, the top three contestants were announced, with Tee Etheridge placing in third, Hayden Phillips coming in second, and Jen Maroney winning first place.

## TEE ETHERIDGE

Tee Etheridge “wowed” contestants with her own renditions of “Proud Mary,” by Ike & Tina Turner, and “Faithfully,” by Journey.

Etheridge was born and raised in Kansas City and got started in the entertainment business at the young age of six years old with her brothers.

“I used to be in a group called Leisure and the Inmates, and we used to be backup dancers for famous people,” she told the HCN. “We were eventually going to get into singing like The Jacksons, but then my younger brother ended up with brain damage, and that kind of killed our contract,

so we never went any further. That happened when I was 10.”

Since then, Etheridge has always had a love for music, with family members constantly telling her that she had an “old soul.”

From singing in church to directing choirs, music has never left her life — even now at 60 years old.

“At one point in time, I actually wrote a lot of my own songs, but this one particular guy that was in my dad’s church, stole them and I never wrote again,” she said. “I had at least 15 to 30 songs that I wrote, but after that, I never wrote any more songs. But I love music. It’s just one of those things where I’ve always had a natural talent for and it’s something I’ve always liked to do.”

Etheridge said her musical influences are Etta James, Aretha Franklin, and especially, Natalie Cole.

“I love songs that give you feelings, and they all put feelings in their songs,” she said. “It’s back when music made sense.”

Although Etheridge favors songs and artists from back in the day, she actually enjoys a range of different genres and new releases — anywhere from pop and country to jazz and R&B.

Her favorite part about singing, she said, is just being able to make people smile when she performs.



The top three Voice of Granbury contestants pose after a rewarding night of performances. Pictured are first place Jen Maroney, far left, second place Hayden Phillips, middle, and third place Tee Etheridge, far right.

“I know that a lot of people love to hear me sing and I’m just grateful that the Heavenly Father gave me a voice to be able to sing it,” Etheridge said. “It’s something that the Heavenly Father gives you as a child and (when that happens) you use it, so I do.”

Etheridge previously competed in the Voice of Granbury back in 2019. Although she placed second in that competition, winning isn’t everything for the Granbury resident.

“The main reason why I love doing the Voice more than anything is because I know that the charitable part of it all is for the children,” she said. “I love kids, I love Granbury, and I love what they do for the town.”

Etheridge also brought up the generosity she experienced from the residents of Granbury when she lost everything in a house fire on Jan. 8, 2017.

“We literally walked out with just the clothes on our backs,” she said. “The people of Granbury, they ended up giving me all of my furniture back and they ended up giving my daughter her Christmas all over again. I was so humbled, I cried, and that’s why I always try to give back myself. I volunteer a lot, and I’ve always loved volunteering anyway, but volunteering now — especially here for Granbury — it’s like a purpose. It’s like I know what this town stands for and I love it.”

Etheridge said she is currently

figuring out what songs she wants to sing for the next round in January, but she’s only concerned about having fun.

“I’m going to try my best to end up being in the top three, but even if I don’t place, I’m all good,” she said. “It’s all about having fun and enjoying what you love.”

Aside from singing, Etheridge loves to dance, cook, and bake. She served six years in the U.S. Army Reserves and is a proud mother of five kids (YaHinus, Robert, Kemdon, Tuluara, and Savannah) 14 grandkids, and one great-grandson.

This October, Etheridge will be celebrating her 25th anniversary with her husband, Jeff. She works at Diamond C. Sandblasting &

Painting, and she has lived in Granbury for 11 years.

## HAYDEN PHILLIPS

Hayden Phillips has only been singing for a few months, but the 16-year-old Springtown resident has already proved that he has a talent by placing second in the Voice of Granbury competition.

“What got me into singing is I was at this karaoke thing, and I sung. I posted it on TikTok, and it kind of blew up,” he told the HCN. “So, I just started singing and kept it going.”

Phillips followed his country music inspiration by performing “Holes” by Wyatt Flores, and “Follow You to Virgie,” by Tyler Childers.

“I just like singing; it’s fun,” he said. “I like when the crowd gets into it, but that’s the most people I’ve ever sang in front of, so it was a really fun experience.”

Phillips said he knew he did well, but he never thought he would’ve made it to the top three in the competition.

“I was really surprised actually,” he said. “I just went there to have fun and see what I could do.”

Phillips is going into his junior year at Springtown High School. When he is not singing, he enjoys playing golf, basketball, baseball, and hanging out with friends and family. He is also currently learning how to play guitar.

He is the only child of Cory and Kelly Phillips, and they have three dogs: Zeke, Boomer, and Canela.

## JEN MARONEY

Jen Maroney, 34, brought gospel into Granbury Live with her performance of

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# OBITUARIES

## Michael Clifton Allen

February 8, 1941 - May 1, 2023

"He was also a good friend and an old one and the best kind of company." from Good-bye to a River by John Graves Michael "Mike" Clifton Allen was a true son of the north central plains of Texas and sincerely appreciated his pioneering Texas family roots.

Born in Corpus Christi, TX on January 8, 1941, he grew up in rural Texas on the Paluxy River. After graduating from Tolar High School he attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX and graduated with a degree in Industrial Arts and Engineering from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos (now Texas State University). This is also where he met the love of his life, Barbara Karp.

They lived in San Marcos, Dallas, and Austin before settling in Garland, TX where they raised their three children. Mike lived life as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, colleague, and friend. He was involved with his sons in Boy Scouts & cheered them on through Little League Baseball and Youth Soccer. He helped with many science fair projects and designed & built stage sets for his daughter's high school dance team. He approached life with a wonderful sense of humor and abundant love of his family and friends.

Mike spent his career in the aerospace and defense industry. Devoted to his work, he commuted from Garland to Ft. Worth - 120 miles a day - for 39 years. He loved his job working for General Dynamics and Lockheed-Martin, creating inventions to keep the airplane manufacturing process safe and productive. He earned many patents developing parts for the F-16 and F-35 military fighter aircraft. His creative mind was always thinking and he understood that often a simple solution was better than a complicated one.

Mike went to be with The Lord following an extended illness with a neurodegenerative disorder. He passed away in Austin, Texas on May 1, 2023 at



age 82 surrounded by his devoted family. Mike was preceded in death by his son Russell "Russ" Allen and his parents John Allen & Dorothy Clifton Allen Tiwater, and his step-father Forest Tiwater.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara, his daughter Angela Allen-Watson (husband Russell), son Jeff Allen, and grandson Aidan Watson.

In addition to the care from his dedicated wife & other family members, Mike had many wonderful caregivers over the past several years. Mike's family is grateful for the assistance from The Key, Helper Bees, and Beacon Home Hospice. The family wishes to thank Dr. Greg Thera of ADC Neurology and The Austin & Cedar Park branches of the AFTD and Bethany UMC's House of Friends patient & caregiver support groups. A memorial service in celebration of his life will be planned for a later date.

Donations can be made to The AFTD-The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (<https://www.theaftd.org/>) or the charity of your choice.

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## James Lewis Segrest

November 14, 1936 - August 5, 2023

James Lewis Segrest passed away on August 5, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was born to Excell and Louise Segrest on November 14, 1936, in Brady, Texas. He grew up in Bangs, Texas and attended Abilene Christian College on a track scholarship. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

James met Ellie Katherine Neal of Wichita Falls, Texas while attending ACC and they were married on September 1, 1956. They had two daughters Tammy and Cindi, a son-in-law Wes, and a grandson Josh.

Coach Segrest was known as the "One Man Gang from Bangs." He single-handedly scored 34 points to win the 1954 Class B Track and Field State Championship. He was a member of the 440 and 880-yard relay teams at Abilene Christian. The relay teams set five world records. The Wildcats team of Bobby Morrow, James Segrest, Bill Woodhouse and Waymond Griggs became the first to run the 440-yard relay in under 40 seconds breaking the NCAA, American and World records with a time of 39.9 in 1957. They later reset those records with a 39.7 in 1958. Coach was also a member of the 1958 U.S. track team that participated in the first dual meet with the Soviet Union in Moscow. He began his coaching career at Bonham Jr High and Monahans High School. He led Monahans to the 1966 Track and Field State Championship. He coached at Permian High School, and he served as the head track coach and Athletic Director at Odessa Junior College. His teams won 11 NJCAA National Championships. He was selected to coach the World University Games and is a member of the NJCAA Track & Field Hall of Fame, Abilene Christian Sports Hall of Fame, and the United States Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He is a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. He was honored to be included in Bangs High School's inaugural Hall of Honor. Odessa College honored



him by naming their new Track and Field facility and stadium after him. The day of the groundbreaking was proclaimed James Segrest's day.

Throughout his career he made lifelong and cherished friendships with the students he taught and coached, his teammates, and fellow coaches and teachers. Many remained in contact with him throughout the years and he considered them "Family". We are so grateful for the support and the love they showed him. It meant so much to him and to our family.

He was a faithful member of the Granbury Church of Christ where he helped the children at the Royal Family Kid's Camp learn to fish and he helped to pack lunches for school children in need.

He is survived by his daughter Cindi Williams, son-in-law Wes and his grandson Josh of Grapevine, Texas, and his niece Traci Feazelle of Rochelle, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents Excell and Louise, his daughter Tammy Segrest, his sister Linda Fay Granberry, and his loving wife of 64 years Ellie Katherine Segrest.

If you choose, memorials may be sent to the Royal Family Kid's Camp through the Granbury Church of Christ, Odessa College Track and Field Department or the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

A visitation with the family receiving friends will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

A private graveside service for his family will be held on Sunday at Rochelle Cemetery in Rochelle, Texas.

## STATUE

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pletely in agreement of the statue, calling it "part of our history," "heritage," and "art," as well as how the statue honors the individual person, and "not their beliefs."

Hood County Historical Commission Secretary Christy Massey also spoke in favor of the statue.

"The history of this county may not be acceptable to everybody," she said.

"They may try to change it or rewrite it, but the history of this county is what it is. The good Lord above has watched it all and the Hood County Historical Commission is OK with the 'Black Star' statue and with where it's gonna be placed."

On the opposing side, speakers voiced concerns regarding the "shaman" as a "witch," and how we shouldn't "desecrate the heart of Granbury."

Additionally, many community members were on board with the statue, calling it a "great gift," but preferred it to be placed somewhere else in the county, with some arguing that they didn't want the courthouse to become more "cluttered."

A filmmaker who is not a Hood County resident also spoke against the statue being placed on the courthouse lawn as it would be hard to cover up during future filming and how the courthouse is a more appropriate location for "the generals," than a medicine woman.

Jeff Farris, CEO of the Kenneth Hill Foundation, also spoke during the meeting regarding the "Black Star" donation in honor of the late Ken Hill, who passed away in November 2020.

"As a representative of Ken, I worked for him for 28 years," Farris explained. "Following his death, I learned I was named the executor of his estate, and so with that responsibility, I was charged with overseeing how his estate was dispersed. Part of his company's possessions

and foundation they set up included these statues. His intent was to leave them on Comanche Peak, but now it's private property. I did have concern about the movement that I've seen across the United States for Civil War heroes, and other very recognized honorable people who have statues made in their image being torn down, so one of the reasons I requested we put the statues on the square was (because) having a square scene is more of a historical representation of Hood County. It really honors our community, the county that Ken loved, and the city of which he was a mayor, and a civic leader."

Farris added that his intent to have the statue placed on the courthouse had "nothing to do with Black Star being an Indian shaman."

"I met Black Star twice; she never told me she was a shaman," he said. "As far as how the statues are labeled, I don't have a passion that it says, 'Black Star, who was an Indian shaman.' She could be a medicine woman, or she could just be a recognized representative of a Comanche woman. If indeed you decide you don't want to put the statue there because it's a quote, 'pagan symbol' then I've requested you consider returning it back to the Ken Hill Foundation, and we can make arrangements to place it somewhere else."

Following the conclusion of all 14 speakers, Eagle stated that he was "really glad" that the location of the statue came back on the agenda.

"I heard some very good information today from all parties," he said. "I understand the conflict and I can understand everybody's argument and they're great arguments. This is part of our history."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson then made a motion to approve the placement of the "Black Star" on the courthouse square where it had been previously acknowledged. Massingill seconded the

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**ACROSS**

1 Oldham County seat

5 TX Jensen Ackles was in "Rust" before shooting incident with this Baldwin

6 Spanish "little girl"

7 Fri. night score

8 founded in Texas, "Steak and \_\_\_"

9 horse racetrack in Selma, Texas: "\_\_\_ Park"

15 TXism: "up and \_\_\_ juice" (coffee)

16 sold by Texas-based Whataburger

19 with "Inc.," Texas based cosmetics company (2 wds.)

21 TXism: "heavy as the front end of a John \_\_\_"

22 2nd place (hyph.)

27 in golf, scoring a 3 on \_\_\_ 4 is a birdie

28 those kids who ain't a seeker

29 marijuana cigarette

30 "the food was good, what there \_\_\_" (small portion)

32 it uses machines that learn (abbr.)

33 TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ bumper"

36 A.H. \_\_\_ founded the Dallas Morning News

37 TXism: "the ole ball \_\_\_ chain" (spouse)

38 fishing boat that drags baited lines

39 front door, e.g.

41 this Smith worked for the Astros for 35 years

42 Texas-born astronaut, White

45 parental response: "because \_\_\_ so"

46 end of boxing bout (abbr.)

47 french fries seasoning

48 org. that controls athletic contests in Texas schools

49 fuel nozzle site (2 wds.)

52 sound of something wet hitting a surface

53 lineage-based patriotic org.

54 approvals

55 TX Janis sang "Me and Bobby Mc \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1 \_\_\_ Alstyne, TX

2 UT grad, Wallach

3 TX George H.W. wanted a kinder and \_\_\_ nation that learn (abbr.)

4 TX Tommy Lee Jones has won one of these (2 wds.)

8 Padre Island beach bronzed (2 wds.)

9 reservoir north of Denton

10 "Gig '\_\_\_ Aggies!"

11 Texas-born saxophonist, "Tex" (init.)

12 place for a school assembly

13 former talking horse CBS sitcom (2 wds.)

14 Cowboy running back, Tommie (1990-94)

15 Potter County seat

16 Lukas of "Leap of Faith" starring Texas-born Steve Martin

17 straying from the proper course (noun)

18 live in a place

20 San Antonio public FM station

22 home state of Jerry Jones (abbr.)

23 televangelist in Rockwall, TX, Larry

24 Branch Davidians of Waco notoriety

25 "Stark Museum \_\_\_," in Orange

26 in Ellis County on I-35 (2 wds.)

28 sword handle

31 Alamo heroes were unable to \_\_\_ off the Mexicans

34 TX Sissy was this Lynn in 1980 film "Coal Miner's Daughter" (init.)

35 Texas actor Tommy \_\_\_ Jones

37 \_\_\_-retentive (overly orderly)

40 took \_\_\_ of hot coffee

43 a dog \_\_\_ his tail when he's happy

44 TXism: "tame as \_\_\_"

50 analyze a sentence into its parts

51 Austin univer.

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hicles based on the financial markets, like a 529 plan, will always fluctuate in value. If you've had a 529 plan for many years, you've probably invested money when the market has been up, down and flat. In fact, during down periods, it's often a good time to invest, because your dollars buy more shares than they could when prices are up. Your hope is that, over the years, your 529 plan will gain enough to overcome the

short-term declines in value. In any case, you'll want to keep in mind the key benefit of 529 plans: Earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free when the money is used for qualified education expenses for college and some trade school programs. And your state may give you an income tax deduction or a credit for your 529 plan contributions. In some states, a 529 plan can be used for K-12 schooling as well.

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gradually become more risk averse as the beneficiary gets closer to college age. A financial advisor can discuss the investment options with you.

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Here's one more point to keep in mind: Just because you've planned to access your 529 plan when your child reaches 18, or whatever age they begin their post-secondary education, you're not

required to take money out at that point. You can keep your 529 plan intact until you feel more comfortable making withdrawals, though you'll need to consider how this decision will affect your ability to help pay for your child's education.

The financial markets will always be in some type of flux, but don't let these movements deter you from sticking with a 529 plan — it's still one of the best investments you can make in your child's future.



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

**FIRST TUESDAY**

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**FOURTH TUESDAY**

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

**FOURTH SATURDAY**

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## STATUE

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motion.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson then stated that learning that Hill's "original intent" was for the statue to be placed on Comanche Peak was "important" to her.

Kevin Andrews, Precinct 1 commissioner, also expressed how conflicted he was on approving the location of the statue as he agreed with a speaker's concern of "how much more can be put on the courthouse square."

Andrews then posed a question to Farris regarding what the Ken Hill Foundation would do if the commissioners did not put the statue on the square.

Farris reiterated that if the commissioners voted to not have "Black Star" put on the square because she's seen "as some evil being," then he would think the commissioners wouldn't want to place it anywhere in the county, and they should just return the statue.

Andrews replied that "that wasn't his position at all."

Farris also brought up a "petty problem," stating that the foundation has paid for everything, so if the commissioners decided to relocate "Black Star" somewhere else, he recommended that they pay for the relocation.

Eagle then stated that he knew there was a motion and a second on the table but that he would prefer to have more time

to decide because he was also "conflicted."

As several commissioners were leery on voting, Massingill asked for clarification from Ferris when the statue was set to be delivered. Ferris confirmed the date of Friday, Sept. 8.

"The cranes have been ordered, permits have been issued, so there's a lot going on — not that I can speak to everything that goes on — but it's not just as simple as showing up and rolling it off right away," Farris said.

Massingill stated that he believes Black Star is not evil, or a witch, just that she was a medicine woman who healed people.

"We've heard from the historical commission that they have no problem with it," he said. "It has been investigated since November 2022 and all the time and all the effort has gone into it to just keep kicking this can down the court. We heard from 14 people today, so I'd like to go ahead and call for a vote on the motion. If it fails, it fails and if it passes, it passes. Let's be done with it. Mr. Harris is certainly entitled to a decision on this thing."

Massingill then took the motion to a vote, with Wilson, Andrews, and Massingill voting "yes," Samuelson voting "no" with the argument of "needing more time," and Eagle abstaining from voting.

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detected by your traditional security measures," he said.

Collins then instructed the team to power down the servers that they had previously restored to prevent further infection.

In order for Collins and his team to use their insurance for these types of situations, they have to use a third-party response organization, which is what the money requested would be used for.

"Due to this incident, obviously our tool needs to be augmented and that's why I initiated the IRP engage in a third-party vendor," Collins said. "So, prior to me taking this position last July, I did request the city provide a full vulnerability scan of our network and it identified vulnerabilities within our network and majority of those vulnerabilities were attributed to lack of patching, lack of updating of equipment and so since I've taken this position and brought Buchanan, one of the biggest gaps was lack of patching of systems and endpoint management. We were able to do the initial containment because some of the tools that were in play. However, a lot of the inherit legacy system configurations can't automatically be changed without user impact. We are slowly working through the network and working through systems that we could, to update."

Collins also noted that the previous network provider told the city that they were segmenting the network, but Collins noted that had never happened. Segmentation of a network will divide the network into parts to improve security.

"Because our network is not segmented, it spread a



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The Granbury City Council held an emergency meeting to discuss approving a budget that would fund consulting services to mitigate the impact of the attack on the network.

lot quicker than it should," Collins added. "They replaced switches that were end of life, with layer two switches which don't have security built into them. The switches that I purchased which I hadn't been able to deploy yet had layer three capability where you could set up segmentation. I signed a contract before this incident to start that implantation, but with everything going on, starting one step at a time, that's how my department has been trying to keep city services going while implementing the security. It's a lot harder to implement security after without interrupting operations."

Collins and his team are trying to classify if the initial attack on July 30 and the second on Aug. 7 were done by the same hacker.

As of Aug. 7, Collins and his team executed the contract with the third-party response team, and they began

remediation.

Collins requested funding from the city to fund the services to partner with the third-party response team as well as a Cyber Specialist Attorney at an estimated cost of around \$300,000. The attorney required a flat fee of \$15,000 with the remaining amount going towards the response team.

The city approved the budget with a 5-0 vote and will utilize its general fund balance. The city believes that the \$300,000 will not be fully needed and expects to be reimbursed if the damage isn't worse than what is seen at this time. By taking this action the city hopes to restore the city's network sooner rather than later.

At this time there is no evidence of personal data of city customers being compromised.

The city noted that residents who use the online utility bill payment system

may find it difficult to pay their bills online so the city utility customers, payment of bills due on Aug. 5, 2023, will not be charged a Late Fee no matter how you pay. The payment due date has been extended. No service will be disconnected at this time.

The following payment methods including mail, in person and over the phone are available. Mail a check to: Utility Billing Payment, 116 W Bridge Street, Granbury, TX 76048. Visit Granbury City Hall, 116 W Bridge Street: Use the green drive-through box (checks only--no cash, please) or pay inside the building during regular business hours, or by phone at 682-205-1731.

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**VOICE**

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"Ain't No Grave" by Bethel Music & Molly Skaggs, while also transporting attendees to the 1960s by doing her own rendition of Patsy Cline's "She's Got You."

Maroney, the winner of the Voice of Granbury Audition Night, first started singing in church at the young age of 10, and it wasn't long after that when she started training as a classical singer.

"Singing has just always been my thing, and I love that it's an opportunity to convey a message that's bigger than you," she told the HCN. "Through a song, you can help people feel different things, you can help them cope with things when they're going through a hard time, and you can just help them feel that someone else identifies with how they're feeling and that they're not alone. It's just such a versatile way to share a message — that's what I love about it."

Maroney said her musical influence is Kari Jobe, while her musical theater influence is Kristin Chenoweth.

"I'm super obsessed with 'Hamilton,'" she said. "History meets music. It's like, my two favorite things."

Her recent musical theater roles include portraying Charlotte in Brian Clowdus' production of "Charlotte's Web" and Emily in "Elf the Musical" with Granbury Theatre Company.

She said she enjoyed performing at the Voice of Granbury with the other contestants who all differ in age and walks of life.

"We had a 16-year-old, Hayden, and we had people in their 70s, so it was such a diverse group of people, but the one thing we had in common was that we all love to sing and so we just loved getting to know each other," she said. "Also, anytime you get to sing for a cause — I mean, it's great to go out and sing just to perform — but when you're doing something bigger than yourself, it's always so much more rewarding."

Maroney said she is blessed to have placed in the top three and to live in such a welcoming town as Granbury.

"We moved here three years ago, and Granbury is such a welcoming city for new people," she said. "It was really cool to look out there to this semi-new city and just see so many people supporting me and supporting all of us. I think it's just a testament to the heart of Granbury; it's just a welcoming, loving place."

In her free time, she enjoys leading worship at StoneWater Church, where she also works in communications.

She is married to her husband, Justin, and they have two kids: Nolan, 9, and Blakely, 5.

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**KNIEPER REALTY**

*Don't be misled by headlines about home prices*



**BY PAM KNIEPER**

Pam Knieper, Broker/Owner of Knieper Real Estate, is and has been the #1 Top Producer for more than 15 years in Hood County and running. She is known as the Waterfront Expert and the Authority on Real Estate.

**I**f you're thinking of selling your home, one of the biggest questions you have right now is probably: what's happening with home prices? And it's no surprise you don't have the clarity you need on that topic. Part of the issue is how the press and headlines are talking about prices.

They're basing their negative news by comparing current stats to the last few years. But you can't compare this year to the "Frenzied Buying Years" (when home prices reached record highs that were unsustainable). Now that prices are beginning to normalize now, the headlines make it sound like it's a bad thing and

are causing people to fear what's next. But the worst is already behind us. What we're starting to see now is the return to more normal home price appreciation.

To help make home price trends easier to understand, let's focus on what's typical for the market and omit the last few years since they were anomalies. Let's start by

talking about seasonality in real estate. In the housing market, there are predictable ebbs and flows that happen each year. Spring is the peak homebuying season when the market is most active. That activity is typically still strong in the summer but begins to wane as the cooler months approach. Home prices follow along with seasonality because prices appreciate most when something is in high demand.

That's why, before the abnormal years, there was a reliable long-term home price trend. Data from the last 48 years shows that at the beginning of the year, home prices grow, but not as much as they do in the spring and summer. Historically the market is less active in January and February since fewer people move in the cooler months. As the market transitions into the peak

homebuying season in the spring, activity ramps up, and home prices rise in response. Then, as fall and winter approach, activity eases again.

In the coming months, as the housing market moves further into a more predictable rhythm, you're going to see headlines that are either wrong or, at the very least, misleading. Those headlines might use several price terms, like: Appreciation (when prices increase), Deceleration of Appreciation (when prices continue to appreciate but at a slower pace), and Depreciation (when prices decrease).

They're going to mistake the slowing home price growth (deceleration of appreciation) that's typical of market seasonality in the fall and winter and think prices are falling (depreciation). Don't let those headlines confuse you or spark fear. Instead, re-

member it's normal to see a deceleration of appreciation, slowing home price growth, as the months go by.

The bottom line is this: It is still a very good time to sell, and while you may not receive 20 competing offers within 15 minutes after putting up a sign, you can expect to get a very good price for your home in a reasonable period of time and still be able to replace it without breaking the bank.

If you have questions about what's happening with home prices in our local area, let's connect. Give us a call at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at www.WeSellGranbury.com.

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**COFFEE**

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group has spoken to some chain grocery retailers about getting their coffee in stores, but they are halting that.

"We want to focus on our community, so instead of trying to go big really fast we want to just focus on our community first," Sledge said. "Everyone (in the community) is really connected. We're edibility blessed. We have a community that is accepting. We have customers that support us, we have the best team there is. We love what we do, and we don't plant on stopping."

**WHERE TO BUY**

The business currently sells the coffee through their website whiskeymorningcoffee.com and also offers monthly subscriptions through their website. They also sell their products on Amazon, markets on the weekends, the state fair and many maw and paw cafes in Granbury and the panhandle.

For more information on Whiskey Morning Coffee visit their website at whiskeymorningcoffee.com, visit the warehouse located at 8210 Paluxy Highway in Tolar, or call 817-243-6882.



Evan Sledge, Garrett Becker, and TJ Ryan are three of the four lifelong friends that created Whiskey Morning Coffee. Not pictured is Carson Becker.

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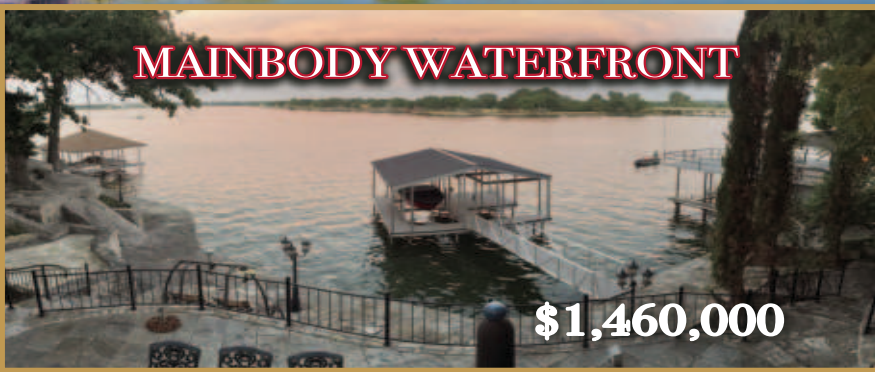
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## Wheelbrothers Blazin' Saddle 75



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The 15th Annual Wheelbrothers Blazin' Saddle 75 event presented by Bike Mart was held Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023. The routes consisted of four approximate distances: 75 miles, 100K, 44 miles, and 20 miles. This event benefited Texas EMS. The ride was a supported tour with aid stations placed every 10-12 miles. Hundreds of people turned out in the heat to participate in this annual event.



### SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT — LIPAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



## Dr. Ralph Carter: Lipan ISD Superintendent

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Dr. Ralph Carter serves as the superintendent of Lipan Independent School District. Carter has been in the district for the past six years.

Carter received his bachelor's and master's degree from Oklahoma Christian University and another master's degree as well as a doctorate degree from Sam Houston State University.

Before getting into education, Carter served as a minister and realized his passion for educating children, so he decided to pursue a full-time career in education. He has now been in education for 27 years.

Carter has served in multiple roles in his career, first as a teacher then as administrative assistant, a special education director and now serving in his current role as superintendent.

His last role as superintendent was in Arkansas for three years, but his home roots in Texas called him back landing him a job in Lipan.

Carter enjoyed serving as



COURTESY OF RALPH CARTER  
Dr. Ralph Carter

a teacher but has enjoyed his superintendent role thus far and plans to retire here in Texas when the time comes.  
"When you're in your classroom, you can affect the kids. When you're a campus leader, you can affect the kids and the campus. But when you're a district leader, you have the opportunity to work with great people that can help you drive a district in a positive direction," Carter said. "Just being able to step and do that is why I proceeded in the first place."<sup>2</sup>

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Johnathan Normand

## Lipan Junior High/High School Principal profile

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Johnathan Normand is the principal of both the high school and junior high for Lipan ISD. Normand is going into his second year with the district.

Normand grew up in Johnson City, a small town near Austin. He studied at Angelo State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a minor in mathematics.

He originally coached and taught for around 18

years before having twins in 2014. It was at this time that Normand decided to step away from his last coaching position in Stephenville. He then taught math for two years while obtaining his doctorate from Tarleton State University in Educational Administration, which kicked off his administration career. He spent one year at Hamilton ISD where he was the dean of student's kindergarten

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## Lipan Elementary School Principal



COURTESY OF JENNIFER PHILLIPS  
Jennifer Phillips

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Lipan Elementary School is run by Principal Jennifer Phillips. Phillips is going into her fifth year with Lipan ISD.

Phillips received her bachelor's degree and master's degree from Tarleton State University.

Phillips started out teaching elementary physical

education for 11 years and then got her master's degree in counseling. After that she was a counselor for five years. After those five years she earned her principal's certification from Lamar University, then served as an assistant principal for two and a half years in Weatherford before taking a break from education.

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# PRINCIPAL

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through 12th grade.

After a year with Hamilton ISD, Normand made a big switch to Weatherford High School, "which was very out of my comfort zone, but it was a great experience for me," Normand said. He stayed there for three years before coming to Lipan as the head principal for six through 12th grade. His experience at Weatherford with over 600 kids made it easier for Normand to juggle the two campuses in Lipan.

Normand spends two days a week on the junior high campus and three days at the high school. "I'm back and forth all day long, and it's pretty busy," he said. "Overall, it comes down to the teachers, and we have a good staff. We have good kids. After experiencing it for a year, I feel that it's going to be a better this year... I like to focus on being where the kids are, that's kind of my motto. I like to be very visible."

Although it is only Normand's second year with Lipan, he has loved getting to know the students, teachers, and staff as well as the community.

"Our school knows we're supported by our community. Every time we ask them to step up for us, they do without a doubt and in a big way. It goes a big way in our kid's success as well," Normand said.

His focus going into this upcoming school year is classroom instruction.

"I consider both students and teachers and I to be on a professional and trustworthy level and that's important. We feel we can work together with one another... If I can make each teacher 10 percent better over the course of the year, then the kids are the recipients of that," Normand said.

The success of the school is something Normand is looking forward to in this upcoming year. After winning the state championship in basketball for both boys in girls for 2A, the FFA Horse Judging team winning state, and much UIL academic success it is going to be a much-anticipated upcoming school year.

The first day of the 2023-24 school year will take place Wednesday Aug. 16. The school is planning on holding a meet the teacher event for pre-k through eighth grade before the start of the school year and ninth grade through 12th sometime in September.



# Lipan ISD School Supplies List

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

With school just weeks away, it's time to start gathering up school supplies. Here is a list separated by school district of what your student will need for the 2023-24 school year.

Lipan ISD - Start Date:  
Wed, Aug. 16

## PRE-K

- 2 boxes of 24 Count Crayola crayons (no large, fluorescent or jumbo)
- 2 boxes of 2 County Crayola crayons (no large, fluorescent or jumbo)
- 1 box of Crayola washable markers
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's white school glue 4 ounce (regular, not gel)
- 1 Set of Crayola

## Watercolors

- 1 Pair of Fiskars children's scissors
- 2 Red 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Folder with Pockets
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Box of Snack Size Ziploc Bags
- 1 Box of Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- 2 Large Bags of M&M's or Skittles

- Set of Headphones (No Bluetooth or earbuds)
- Change of clothes (including underwear and socks) in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it
- Small Nap Blanket
- Spill Proof Water Bottle to be left at school
- Baby Wipes (boys)
- Additional Box of Crayola Washable Markers (girls)

## KINDERGARTEN

- 2 Boxes of Crayola Markers - 8 count
- 2 Boxes of Crayola Crayons - 8 count (not large, fluorescent, or pastel)
- 1 Set of Crayola Watercolors

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## LIPAN

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During the break she went to Parker County Co-Op and served as a special ed counselor. She then moved out to Lipan after having some family

here and decided it was a good fit.

Now she is going into her fifth year with Lipan ISD and starting her 26th year in education is thrilled to start another successful school year. Her first year with Lipan ISD was during COVID-19

and although it was a tough time for educators, Phillips was surrounded by support through their small community.

"Knowing all the kids and seeing them grow not only academically but emotionally has been the most rewarding," Phillips

said.

When it comes to the upcoming school year Phillips is most excited to see the kids. "I really miss seeing the kids. Teachers look forward to summer but it's also hard because you get really invested in these kids and then don't

see them for two months, so I'm excited to see their faces again," Phillips said.

Lipan Elementary's first day of the 2023-24 school year will kick off on Wednesday Aug. 16.

## CARTER

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Carter is excited for what is to come within the district when it comes to the future and building new programs as well as improving existing ones. The district created a green-

house last spring and is expanding their agriculture offerings where students can do activities inside the greenhouse. Carter added that with the city of Lipan growing the district also is preparing for more students.

"We're trying to expand each program to meet the

needs of more students," Carter said.

We just continue to accentuate the positive and focus on excellence. Not just in the athletic field but in the classroom. We want to make our focus this year construction-oriented quality classrooms. We want students engaged

in their learning and we want to see their knowledge grow and their needs be met," Carter said. "We need to work together as a group. We need to build partnerships to help the focus remain on public school education. Not just as district leaders but as community leaders

to make sure that we're all working together and moving the needle, not just here in Lipan, but in Granbury and in Tolar and in Hood County."

Lipan Independent School District starts the 2023-24 school year on Aug. 17.

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The pyramids of Karima, Sudan, and the corner of the holy mountain Jebel Barkal in the foreground. Sudan has 255 pyramids, while Egypt has only 138.

# Expanded answers to some interesting facts

**CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER**

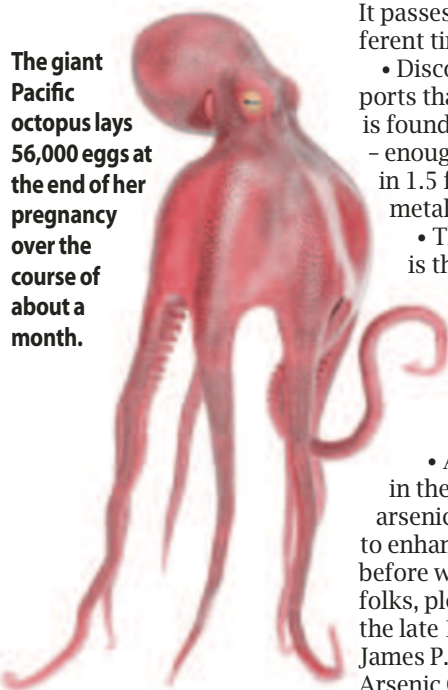


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**H**opefully, answering previous interesting facts in my last column proved both educational and fun. But, as promised, this column gives expanded answers to some of the questions that, perhaps, raised even more questions. Therefore, fasten your cranial seat-belt and let's go for an educational ride.

- According to Imperial College London, humans shed about 200 million skin cells each hour, and they have to go somewhere when we are indoors.
- Sudan has 255 pyramids, while Egypt has only 138 – so the numbers are not even close.
- Our circulatory system includes veins, arteries, and capillaries. In children, that measures the 60,000 miles if laid out in a straight line. But by adulthood, it stretches 100,000 miles.
- Africa covers 12 million square miles.
- Scientists at Harvard Department of Ophthalmology's Schepens Eye Research Institute says that the eye's cornea and cartilage are the only tissues found in the human body that do not contain blood vessels.
- The first animated feature film in Argentina was a full-length political satire titled El Apostol that was made up of 50 thousand drawings, and it had

**The giant Pacific octopus lays 56,000 eggs at the end of her pregnancy over the course of about a month.**



a running time of 70 minutes.

- German chocolate cake was named after Sam German in 1852, and the Dallas Morning Star published the recipe on June 13, 1957.
- Not only is the Trans-Siberian Railway the longest railroad in Russia, it is also the longest one in the world.

It passes through eight different time zones.

- Discover Magazine reports that 99 percent of gold is found in the Earth's core – enough to coat our planet in 1.5 feet of the precious metal.
- The Mississippi River is the third-largest watershed in the world with its length of 2,340 miles. That's a long way for that one drop of water to travel!
- A lot of the ladies in the Victorian Era used arsenic-riddled cosmetics to enhance their skin. But before we condemn those folks, please know that in the late 19th century, Dr. James P. Campbell's Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers – meant to be eaten – were claimed to rid one of freckles, blackheads, and other facial problems.
- Fifteen-year-old Annie Moore was the first passenger to be proceeded at Ellis Island when she and her two younger brothers disembarked the SS Nevada after it had departed from Queenstown, Ireland.

- Japan has one of the highest densities of vending machines in the world. Most of them sell different types of beverages, while others dispense ice cream, noodles, and disposable cameras.
- While a number of athletes had no business being in the Vaudeville entertainment industry because of their lack of ability in that area of expertise, it was not against the rules, and they took advantage of their name recognition.
- Oranges originally came from Southeast Asia and were a tangerine-pomelo hybrid. In warmer regions today – such as Vietnam and Thailand – they still stay green through maturity.
- Johnny Appleseed's trees were much more bitter than our apples today, and he did not expect them to be eaten as today.
- Imagine having to learn the 421 Scottish words for "snow." Meanings range from "starting to rain or snow," "to swirl," and "a light snow."
- One cannot shoot and kill an Armadillo because the shell is bullet-proof. The true

- story is told of a Texas man who was hospitalized when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the shell and hit the shooter in the jaw.
- The longest word in the English language is the full name for the protein nicknamed titin and would take three-and-a-half-hours to say. Really? That's what they say!
- The giant Pacific octopus lays 56,000 eggs at the end of her pregnancy over the course of about a month. At first, the babies float through the surrounding area but are unattached to one another or their mother. But then the mother gathers each egg – about the size of a grain of rice – and weaves them into braids, allowing her to keep an eye on everyone at the same time.
- Kleenex tissues – originally made as a thin flat cotton substitute – were used as a filter in gas masks during World War I because of the shortage of cotton. After the war, the process was refined and resulted into what we use today.

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**SUPPLIES**

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- 3 Bottles of Elmer's glue – 4 ounce
- 4 Packs of Elmer's Glue Sticks – 4 count
- 1 Pair of Child's Scissors
- 2 Packages of Play Dough
- 1 Set of Headphones (no Bluetooth or earbuds)
- 1 Pencil/Marker Box
- 2 Packages of Pencils
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Packs of Clorox Wipes – 2 pack
- 1 Box of Zipper Sandwich Bgs (Boys)
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels (Boys)
- 1 Box of Gallon Zipper Freezer Bags (Girls)
- 1 Package of Baby Wipes (Girls)
- Change of Clothes (including underwear and socks) in a labeled Ziploc bag

**FIRST GRADE**

- 1 1 Inch 3 Ring binder
- 3 Plastic Folders with Brads and Pockets
- 1 Primary Writing Journal
- 2 Packages of Pencils – 24

count

- 1 Package of Washable Markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons
- 1 Pair of Kids Scissors
- 5 Glue Sticks
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Pair of Headphones (no earbuds)
- 1 Bottle of Hand sanitizer (Boys)
- 1 Box of Clorox wipes (Boys)
- A Pack of Gallon Size Bags (Girls)
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels (Girls)
- Optional: Highlighters and Post-It notes

**SECOND GRADE**

- 2 Boxes of Crayons – 24 count
- 1 Box of Sharpened Map Colors
- 2 Packs of Sharpened Ticonderoga #2 Pencils – 24 count
- 4 Plastic Folders with Brads and Pockets – red, green, yellow, blue
- 8 to 10 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair of Fiskars Scissors
- 1 Set of Markers (water base)
- 8 Black Expo Chisel Tip

Dry Erase markers

- 1 White Polymer Eraser (Pentel brand)
- 1 Small School Box
- 1 Pair of Headphones labeled with name
- 1 pair of tennis shoes for P.E.

- Gallon Size Ziploc bags (Boys)
- Quart Size Ziploc bags (Girls)
- 1 Dry Eraser (optional)
- Extra : Clorox wipes

**THIRD GRADE**

- 1 Box of Crayons – 24 count
- 12 Glue sticks
- 3 Ring Binder with Pockets (1 ½ inch)
- 3 Holder Zipper Pencil Bag
- 4 Composition Journals (wide ruled)
- 3 Packages of Ticonderoga #2 Pencils
- 1 Pair of Headphones
- 8 EXPO Dry Erase Markers and Eraser
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex (Boys)
- 1 Box of Gallon Size Bags (Boys)
- 1 Box of Clorox Wipes (Girls)
- 1 Box of Quart Size Bags

(Girls)

**FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE**

- 1 Box of Crayola Markers
- 1 Box of Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1 Six Pocket Expanding File Folder (can be found at Walmart or Amazon)
- 5 Composition Notebooks
- 1 Pencil Bag or Pencil Box
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 Pair of Headphones

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- 4 Packages of Pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand)
- 1 Pack of Crayola Crayons – 24 count
- 1 Package of Skinny EXPO Markers
- 2 Packages of Pencil Top Erasers
- 3 Packages of Glue sticks
- 1 Bottle of Glue
- 1 Package of Notebook Paper
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Pack of Paper Towels
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer

- 1 Box of Gallon Size Ziploc bags (Boys)
- 1 Box of Quart Size Ziploc bags (Girls)

**SIXTH GRADE**

- 1 Box of Crayons
- 1 Box of Map Pencils
- 6 Packages of Pencils
- 1 Package of Markers
- 1 Package of Chiseled dry erase markers
- 6 Glue sticks
- 1 Package of blue/black writing pens
- 1 Pack of Pencil top erasers
- 1 Pencil Bag
- 2 Packages of Notebook paper
- 3 Composition Notebooks
- 1 2 Inch three ring binder with front inside pocket
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 1 Box of Quart Size Ziploc bags
- 1 Package of Post-it Notes
- 1 Bottle of Germ-ex
- 1 Box of Baby Wipes/ Clorox Wipes
- 1 Roll of Paper Towels
- 1 Pair of Headphones
- 
- Seventh & Eighth Grade
- 1 Pack of Pencils

- 2 Red Pens
- 1 Black Sharpie
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pencil Box
- 1 Ruler
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer (Girls)
- 1 Small Box of Clorox Wipes (Boys)

**ELAR**

- 1 Folder with Brads and Pockets
- 2 Composition Journals
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pack of Markers

**Social Studies**

- 1 Folder with Pockets
- 1 Spiral Notebook

**Math**

- 1 Composition Notebook
- 1 package of Notebook Pockets
- 2 Highlighters – Different Colors

**Science**

- 2 Composition Journals
- 6 Glue sticks



HOOD OUTDOORS

# Summertime cranking



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.

Stripers, Hybrids and Black bass will suspend at certain depths in the summer. One effective way to work a lot of water and to generate more bites is to work a crankbait to the desired depth. I have discussed using downriggers previously, but these crankbaits are also extremely effective as the predators are more apt to put up a chase in this hot weather.

There are many different crankbaits out there that will work in shallow water to water over 20 feet down. Crankbaits can be used for topwater, suspended fish in deeper water, or locating feeding fish on a feeding flat. Many of these same techniques will also produce catches of other species, and on many occasions these larger sized crankbait presentations can draw in the bigger fish.

Shallow water crankbaits with small bills or lipless crankbaits such as a rattle-trap are some of the most popular baits around. They are effective in shallow water applications. Match the size of the lure to the baitfish and hold on. Other effective shallow water baits include soft plastic swim baits such as the sassy shad or the new Storm swim baits. These baits retrieved in a steady fashion will draw strikes.

For striped and hybrid striped bass, getting to the right depth close to the thermocline is critical. On Granbury, fishing between 12 and 15 feet down puts your bait right at the top of

the thermocline where fish are typically suspended (right now). If you are working a shallow flat or hump many times the fish will hit when the bait makes contact with the bottom. The risk here is snagging the bottom.

Large crankbaits with large bills are much harder to work. The resistance of the large bill will put a good bend in a rod. A good glass rod is recommended to ease the work on you. The type of bill will also make a difference on the action of the bait. A wider bill will generally make a wider wobble and a narrower bill will generally make a tighter wobble. In my experience the tighter wobble is more effective in the summer, though there are exceptions.

I like to use shad or perch type colors on most of our area reservoirs. Shad and Chartreuse colors are effective. A red or orange spot/area on the bottom of the crankbait body draws more hits in my books. My favorite deep diver is a Fat Free shad. Norman DD22s are effective as well. Hellbenders are also used to pull down jigs or

spoons to 15 to 20 feet to get the bite. These baits can also be effectively worked trolling over flats or points where the bait will bounce bottom. A lot of water can be covered in a short time trolling with deep diving crankbaits.

If you find the fish schooled up on a point or hump, trade in the crank for a slab, spoon, or even a soft plastic bait on a jig. If they are scattered, stay with the cranking... See you all on the water.

**HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Lake Granbury water temperatures are in the upper 80s to low 90s. Recommend fishing in the am as this is when you can locate the coolest water. Thermocline is shallow (around 15 feet down). Sandbass are fair to good on rattle traps and smaller crankbaits trolled from Indian Harbor to Decordova. Striped bass to 11lbs are possible on the lower ends on live shad or downrigged jigs with a curly tailed trailer. Largemouth bass are good on shallow humps/ridges and near shaded docks on crankbaits and Texas rigged soft plastics. Catfish are best at night on cut or prepared baits. Crappie action continues to be good on small jigs and minnows fished suspended near structure.

On other reservoirs, Lake Whitney limits of striped bass continue on live or cut bait fished on channel ledges. Lake Proctor big catfish are good on cut bait fished on flats near Sowell Creek. Possum Kingdom striped bass are good on jigs fished on downriggers near Hells Gate and near the dam.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE ACOSTA

Pictured is Beckham Velazquez (7 years old) who was fishing for large striped bass on Granbury with his grandmother Travis Bickham (not pictured) this past weekend.

## Hood County News Junior

### NATIONAL BOWLING DAY August 12



Can you spot the differences in these two pictures? Look closely! (the answers are down below)



### Let's Bowl

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

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

**Word Bank**

- 1. gutter
- 2. frame
- 3. pin
- 4. split
- 5. ball
- 6. spare
- 7. throw
- 8. score
- 9. strike
- 10. pinsetter

Bowling is a fun game that people have been playing for a really long time. It all started a loooong time ago, even before there were computers or smartphones! People used to play a game called "bowls," where they would roll a ball as close as possible to a target.

In ancient Egypt, there were special bowling-like games with stones and balls. Then, in the Middle Ages, people in Europe played a game called "skittles," which is like bowling with pins.

But the modern game of bowling that we know today started in the United States. Back in the 1800s, people would bowl outside on grass. They soon realized it was more fun to play indoors on wooden lanes, so they built special bowling alleys.

Over time, bowling became really popular all around the world. People would gather with their friends and family to have a great time knocking down pins. Nowadays, we have cool bowling balls, fancy shoes, and automatic pinsetters to make the game even more fun! So next time you go bowling, remember that you're part of a game with a long and fascinating history!

**PICTURE ANSWERS**

- 1. The bowling ball is a different color.
- 2. The picture on the wall is new.
- 3. The boy's shorts changed color.
- 4. The boy in the background wasn't there before.

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# SPORTS Roundup

## Dolan has sights on another record; Brawner leads SEALS at state

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

A couple of weeks after bringing home a silver medal, Granbury runner Gannon Dolan has his sights set on something bigger - another national record.

Dolan set a national record of 8 minutes, 59 seconds in winning a gold medal in the 3000-meter run in the Boys 13-14 division in 2022. He followed that by capturing second place this year in the Boys 15-16 division at the USA Track and Field Junior Olympics in Eugene, Oregon in late July. In taking the silver medal, however, he also bested his previous best time in clocking a time of 8:49.76. That has him thinking the 15-16 national record of 8:27 is within his reach.

"Absolutely. If it's something I want enough and put the work in I can achieve that," Dolan said. "If I listen to my coaches and do what I know I can do I can get it."

Then, year after next, when he will be competing in the 17-18 division, the record in that category is 8:41.

"Had I run the race I should have in Oregon I could have beat that time," Dolan said.

Dolan was competing at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon. It's the same track on which heralded long distance runner, the late Steve Prefontaine, ran.

"It was great going there to arguably the greatest track stadium in the world," Dolan said. "He did what it took to be great, things like running on the track after dark after everybody else had left. My dad reminds me of that when he picks me up at night (from the Acton Middle School track). It was pretty surreal. You see the pictures and videos and say, 'I want to run there,' and I got to."

Dolan said he also had a chance to visit Pre's Rock, a site to honor the school's legend. He said visitors often leave items such as running bibs and shoes at the site.

"I want to be like him, but when it comes down to it, I want to be the one - some-one people look up to,"

Dolan said. "I want them to want to be like Gannon."

### SEALS SWIMMING

Led by the performance of Kyle Brawner, a dozen members of the Granbury SEALS swim team competed at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas in Brownsville July 27-30.

Brawner, competing in the Boys 11-12 division, won a pair of gold medals in the 50-yard backstroke and 100 individual medley, along with capturing a bronze medal in the 50 breaststroke.

Brawner joined Adler Snow, Connor Spence and Cameron Brinkman to win a silver medal as runners-up in the 200-medley relay.

Also finishing in the top three in an event were Camille Vazquez and Mason Prince. Vazquez claimed a silver in the 25 back in the Girls 6-Under division and Prince captured a bronze in the Boys 9-10 25 butterfly. In all, SEALS swimmers won six medals in the competition, including two gold, two silver and two bronze. In addition, they narrowly missed a medal with three fourth-place finishes and three fifth-place finishes.

### TAAF STATE GAMES OF TEXAS IN BROWNSVILLE

#### Granbury SEALS results Distances in yards

#### Boys

#### 9-10

25 Back: 4. Mason Prince, 18.84.  
25 Breast: 9. Asher Beatty, 22.45.

25 Fly: 3. Prince, 15.58.  
100 Yard Individual Medley: 4. Prince, 1:26.75.

#### 11-12

200 Medley Relay: 2. Kyle Brawner, Adler Snow, Connor Spence, Cameron Brinkman, 2:31.27.

100 Free: 11. Snow, 1:08.54.



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50 Back: 1. Brawner, 32.59.  
50 Breast: 3. Brawner, 37.82; 13. Snow, 42.74.  
50 Fly: 5. Snow, 35.38.  
50 Free: 5. Brawner, 28.36; 18. Snow, 32.37.  
100 Individual Medley: 1. Brawner, 1:12.27.  
200 Free Relay: 4. Spence, Brinkman, Snow, Brawner, 2:11.85.

#### Girls

#### 6-Under

25 Back: 2. Camille Vazquez, 24.93; 10. Eliana Sanchez, 28.88.  
25 Free: 5. Sanchez, 23.79; 7. Vazquez, 23.97.

#### 11-12

100 Free: 16. Harper Fox, 1:10.56; 17. Charlotte Sorrells, 1:10.80.  
50 Back: 17. Sorrells, 39.16.

50 Breast: 16. Fox, 44.36.  
50 Fly: 12. Annabel Ross, 36.74; 15. Sorrells, 38.72.  
50 Free: 20. Sorrells, 33.10.

100 Individual Medley: 12. Fox, 1:23.22; 16. Ross, 1:28.09.

#### 13-14

50 Back: 10. Abigail Beatty, 36.52.  
50 Breast: 14. Beatty, 41.81.  
50 Fly: 12. Beatty, 33.77.  
100 Individual Medley: 16. Beatty, 1:20.85.

#### GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

The Granbury Lady Pirates began the 2023 vol-

leyball season with a 3-0 loss at Mansfield Lake Ridge on Tuesday, Aug. 8 that was closer than the score indicates. The Lady Pirates dropped the first game 25-17 before falling 25-22 and 27-25 in the other two games.

Leaders for Granbury were junior Sienna Watts, 8 kills; junior Blakely Bleeker, .176 hitting percentage, 17 digs; senior Rachael Poirer, 2 blocks; and senior Kylie Moody, 1 ace served.

The junior varsity won 2-0, freshmen Purple won 2-1 and freshmen Gold fell 2-0.

The Lady Pirates varsity are competing in the John Turner Classic Tournament in Pearland this weekend and will travel to Waxahachie for a tri-match against the hosts and Joshua, with matches at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

They are hosting the Granbury Classic Tournament Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 17-19.

#### TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers got the season underway with a home sweep of Whitney (26-19, 25-11, 25-21) on Tuesday, Aug. 8. No stand-out players or stats were reported.

The Lady Rattlers are competing in the Brock Tournament this weekend and will host Peaster Tuesday, Aug. 15 with a 6 p.m. varsity start. They

follow that by traveling to the Glen Rose Tournament Thursday and Saturday, Aug. 17 and 19.

#### GRANBURY TENNIS

The Athan Laskaris era gets underway this season as he enters his first year as the head coach of the Granbury High tennis program. He is in his fifth school year at GHS, however, he has coached football and basketball for the past four years as an assist.

Prior to Granbury, he was at Riverdale High School in Fort Myers, Florida as the head basketball, golf, and tennis coach for four years.

Coach Laskaris is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he received his bachelor's degree in sports management and was president of the tennis club team. He attended Marion Harding High School in Marion, Ohio, where he was a district tennis champion and the No. 1 singles player for three years (lettering all four).

He and his wife Jessica, have two children, Niko (age 6) and Eliana (4). He enjoys fishing, golfing, tennis, and spending time with his family.

GHS tennis also has a new assistant coach this season with Debbie Hiler. She has been helping with the program at Acton Middle School for the past three years.

The Pirates/Lady Pirates

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## Galindo excited about early practices

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

His Granbury Pirates had yet to face their first opponent. Heck, they'd not even donned pads.

But interim head coach Sonny Galindo was filled with excited and optimism as he assessed the team's first few practices of the new season - his first at the helm after replacing Chad Zschiesche this summer.

"I'm pleased with the players, I'm pleased with the coaching staff we hired, some are new to coaching, but you can't tell it," he said. "It's a feeling throughout of 'I don't want to be that weak link.' The kids have been excited for a while. This group picked up in a hurry that we're after something not just now but also way down the road."

For the first practices, Galindo and his staff had 80 freshmen and 100 players in grades 10-12 turn out. They are looking to turn around a 4-6 campaign in 2022 that began with a lot of excitement and a 4-0 start.

"We've found some really good leaders. They've completely bought into the notion 'I'm going to do something to make us better today,'" Galindo said.

#### MORE THAN ON THE FIELD

Galindo said at a recent parent meeting over 150 folks attended and, interestingly, the focus was not on football.

"We never talked about football. We talked about making a difference in their lives," he said. "This game is bigger than what they do on the field."

Galindo uses certain phrases and philosophies to inspire his team. Among them is "hard work/good times."

"If you try to put good times before hard work, you won't be successful," he said.

Another is "Wake up in the morning and talk to the guy in the mirror. Before you put your head on the pillow at night, talk to the same guy."

"If that guy in the mirror is satisfied with the effort you put in that day, if he's convinced that you did something good, that you made a difference, then you should be able to sleep well that night," Galindo said. "Then, when you get up the next day, let that guy in the mirror challenge you to go out and do something great that day."

Galindo said the team likes the phrase that every day is a "Get Better Day."

"It means be better than the day before," he said. "Be a better student, better grandson, son, teammate. If everybody buys in, including myself, we'll have a better environment, a better society."

"I'm so pleased with the way they are accepting it all and I can see results already."

#### NEW COACHES

Galindo has been a longtime assistant, but he is new as the head coach. He also has several new coaches joining him, including:

Logan Houser, secondary.

Kevin Auten, offensive coordinator.

Donald Mitchell, defensive line.

Cody Krause, linebackers.

Jamil Easley, cornerbacks.

Jaylin Parker, slot backs.

Krause is a former Pirate, playing for the team from 2017-19. Galindo said Krause was named all-district on both of-

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## Lady Pirates seeking return to playoffs

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Granbury Lady Pirates are used to being in the high school volleyball playoffs. So, after missing the postseason in 2022 for the first time in a long time, the plan is to get back there.

And with seven players returning players who saw a lot of playing time, optimism is high for coach Desiree Shahan and her team.

Leading the list of returners is senior outside hitter Rachel Poirer and junior outside hitter Sienna

Watts. Each is a force on both offense and defense, and both were named second-team all-district last season.

Between them they posted 500 kills (Poirer 254, Watts 246) and combined for over 300 digs on defense (Poirer 157, Watts 151). They were also proficient when it came to serving, with Watts delivering 30 aces and Poirer 16.

With around 65 players turning out for the first week of workouts in preparation for the season starting this week, Shahan was impressed with what she saw.

"I was so excited about

the amount of kids that showed up for two-a-days this year. We had a lot more girls come out this year than we did last year," she said. "All of the courts were full this week and it was amazing."

The Lady Pirates are coming off a 14-30 season (2-10 in district). However, in matches that went the full distance (five games in non-tournament, three games in a tournament), they were 4-8.

With a roster filled with upper class players, the experience could result in a flip of that record. The 14 players on the roster include seven juniors and

seven seniors.

Also returning as regulars from last season are junior defensive specialist Megan James, junior right side hitter Blakely Bleeker (33 blocks), senior setter Bailey Blum, senior middle hitter Kylie Moody (416 digs, 39 aces) and junior setter Allyson McCabe.

The Lady Pirates began the season at Mansfield Lake Ridge this past Tuesday. They are competing in the John Turner Classic in Pearland this weekend and host their own Granbury Classic Aug. 17-19. The field will include teams from all across Texas.



# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Tarleton State Soccer announces Education Day to be held on September 1 against Grambling State



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In an effort to bring Texan soccer into the youth around Stephenville, Tarleton State has added an education day allowing elementary schools to come and take in a game during the school on the first Friday of September.

### Tarleton State University

**S**TEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State Women's Soccer team will host Education Day on Sept. 1 against Grambling State changing the game time from 6 p.m. to 11 a.m. head coach Pete Cuadrado announced on Friday.

In an effort to bring Texan soccer into the youth around Stephenville, Tarleton State has added an education day allowing elementary schools to come and take in a game during the school on the first Friday of September.

Before the match, students from reserved schools will be encouraged to take part in poster making and other fun "kid-tailgating" games. Each student and staff member attending will be provided with free lunch. For more information

or to reserve a spot for your school please contact Tarleton State director of marketing, Tanner Verplancke at a tverplancke@tarleton.edu. Tarleton State will kick off its season on Aug. 10 against Baylor for an

exhibition at 7 p.m. in Stephenville. The season opener is set for Aug. 17 at home against Louisiana-Monroe at 7 p.m. at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.

## Tarleton State Women's Soccer releases 2023 Promotional Schedule

### Tarleton State University

**S**TEPHENVILLE — The Tarleton State women's soccer team has released its promotional schedule for the 2023 season.

The schedule features six promotional games among the 11 regular season home contests at the Tarleton Soccer Complex this season.

Kicking off the season, a postgame autograph session with the players will be featured on opening night, Aug. 17, against ULM. Schedule

posters will be provided to be signed by the players.

On Aug. 25, the team will hold Rootin' Tootin' Texans Day featuring a vuvuzela giveaway to fans arriving early for the contest. Education Day as previously released, will be held on Sept. 1 featuring a draw to elementary-aged students with poster-making and a provided lunch.

One of the highlights of the year will be the first edition of Soctoberfest on Oct. 5. Soctoberfest will feature a mug giveaway for early-arriv-



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The 2023 Tarleton State women's soccer schedule features six promotional games among the 11 regular season home contests at the Tarleton Soccer Complex this season.

ing fans. Greek night will also take place on the fifth, with the opportunity to tailgate prior to the match.

On Oct. 19, a fan-favorite returns from last season, Pups at the Pitch Night. All dogs will receive Tarleton-

branded frisbees upon arrival. Dogs will be judged for the best dressed Tarleton spirit with the best going home with a Tarleton goodie bag. Senior Day will be held in the Texans final home regular season match of the season

on Oct. 22 against Grand Canyon. A special presentation will be held for the lone player graduating out of the program, Macie Witter.

The Texans open their slate with four-straight home games starting with

an exhibition game against Baylor on Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. Tarleton State will then open the regular season with a 7 p.m. contest against ULM on Thursday, Aug. 17 at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tarleton State Men's Golf team will be competing in 11 total tournaments across the fall and spring, beginning Sept. 6-7.

## Tarleton State Men's Golf announces 2023-24 schedule

### Tarleton State University

**S**TEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Men's Golf completed a successful first season of competition in 2022-23 after nearly 30 years without a program, and now the second year is just around the corner.

Head coach Chance Cain announced the full 2023-24 schedule on Monday, with the Texans competing in 11 total tournaments across the fall and spring.

The fall competition kicks off from Sept. 6-7 in Fort Collins, Colorado, for the Ram Masters Invitational,

hosted by Colorado State. Other fall action includes the UAB Graeme McDowell Invitational in Oneonta, Alabama, at Limestone Springs Golf Course on Sept. 24-26. A trip to the pacific northwest in Corvallis, Oregon, for the Oregon State Invitational is set for Oct. 9-10. The last competition of the fall is the Monterrey International Invitational, a tournament in Monterrey, Mexico, hosted by George Washington at Club Campestre Golf Course from Oct. 27-28.

The spring slate gets started on Feb. 12-13

at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club with the Bentwater Intercollegiate hosted by Rice. Next up for the Texans in the month of February is the Wyoming Desert intercollegiate in Palm Desert, California, at Classic Club hosted by Wyoming from Feb. 20-22. From March to April Tarleton will travel to Sugar Land, Texas, for the Colin Montgomerie Invitational, Kerrville, Texas, for The Big Texan, University Place, Washington, for the Seattle U Redhawk Invitational and Carrollton, Texas, for the North Texas Intercollegiate.

The WAC Championship is slated for April 26-28 at Chapparral Pines in Payson, Arizona.

Tarleton will be traveling to play in the Graeme McDowell Intercollegiate, Oregon State Invitational, Wyoming Desert Intercollegiate, Colin Montgomerie Invitational and The Big Texan for a second consecutive season.

All in all, the Texans will play in seven different U.S. states as well as having their first international experience with one tournament in Mexico.



# ROUNDUP

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began the season at Keller Fossil Ridge on Friday, Aug. 4, falling 14-5. Highlights included:  
 Senior Katie Childs, ranked No. 1 on the team among girls, won 8-5 in singles, as did senior and No. 2 player Molly Grossman, 8-6, along with senior and No. 3 Ava Hamrick, 8-3. Sophomores Joselin Briones and Kyleigh Ledesma each lost a close match, 8-5 and 8-6, respectively.  
 In boys singles, junior and No. 1 player Roland Krause battled back after being down 1-4 for the comeback 8-6 victory. Also, sophomore No. 2 Colten Whitefield in his first tennis match lost a close 8-6 contest, as did senior and No. 3 Justin Rios. Sophomore No. 6 Tyler St. Don dropped a 9-8 tiebreaker and freshman Chase Bohnney, No. 7, fell in his first varsity match, 8-5.  
 That was followed by a 15-4 loss at Bureson on Tuesday, Aug. 8. Granbury winners were Childs and McKenna, 8-5, in girls doubles, along with Briones and Ledesma, 8-2. Childs also won in girls singles, 8-2, as did sophomore Paloma Sandoval, 8-4, for her first varsity win.  
 Senior Kaden Bohnney and soph Ava Hamrick lost a close 9-8 in a tiebreaker in mixed doubles. K. Bohnney also lost a close 8-6 singles match.  
 "We are going to use this as a learning opportunity and move forward," Laskaris said.  
 GHS hosts Peaster Tuesday (Aug. 15) and Glen Rose Friday, both matches at 4:30 p.m.

**JUNIOR GOLF**  
 Henry Ballew of Granbury tied for fourth in the 13-14 Boys division in a Northern Texas PGA Junior Tour tournament at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle on Aug. 3. He shot an 86.  
 Also competing in that age group at the same tournament was Granbury's Lincoln Sherrill. He placed sixth after shooting a 90.  
 Granbury had three boys competing in the 15-18 age group. Landon Womack finished seventh after shooting an 85, while Drake Montoya tied for eighth with an 87 and Quinn Bradley tied for 18th with a 97.

# Lady Rattlers anticipating strong season

BY RICK MAUCH  
*Special to the Hood County News*

The 2022 volleyball season was an interesting one for the Tolar Lady Rattlers. On the one hand, they reached the post-season and even won a match, advancing to the second round.  
 On the other, they won less than 10 matches overall and split their six district games.  
 But, with six returning starters, coach Misty Rhodes is counting on that experience to lead them back to the play-

offs, something the Lady Rattler volleyball faithful have gotten accustomed to.  
 In fact, in the two seasons preceding 2022, Tolar was 18-0 in league play, and in 2019 the Lady Rattlers won 28 matches. Rhodes believes they can return to that success.  
 "The program's mantra this year, as chosen by the seniors, is 'No Limits.' If they live by this, practice by this, play by this, and truly believe in this as the coaching staff believes in them, we will have a deep playoff run with this team," Rhodes said.

There's plenty of reason for optimism as returning are seniors Maddie Rue (setter/outside hitter), Ava LeCluyse (outside hitter), Trinity Rosseau (defensive specialist), along with juniors Senne Imel (outside hitter), Abbie Soileau (setter) and Allyson Dobbs (middle blocker).  
 Rousseau was the District 8-2A Defensive Player of the Year in 2022 and Imel was the Newcomer of the Year. Rue was named to the first team, while Soileau and Dobbs were on the second team.  
 The Lady Rattlers' roster features three seniors, six

juniors and two freshmen.  
 "The freshmen class has always been very volleyball strong," Rhodes said.  
 The Lady Rattlers' district also includes defending champion Hamilton (29-8 in 2022, third round of playoffs), along with De Leon (bi district) and Hico (second round).  
 "Hamilton was strong last year and I expect them to be to be the team to beat in district again this year," Rhodes said.  
 However, Rhodes is conceding nothing to the Lady Bulldogs. In preparation for district and beyond, once again Tolar is play-

ing a tough pre district schedule. They opened the season at home this past Tuesday against Whitney and are playing in the Brock Tournament this weekend, followed by a trip to the Glen Rose Tournament next weekend.  
 "We have a very tough pre-district," Rhodes said. "I knew coming in we would have a seasoned group of returners and wanted to challenge them to prepare them for upcoming playoffs."

# Rattlers getting early start on more success

BY RICK MAUCH  
*Special to the Hood County News*

When you're coming off the greatest season in program history and have plenty of talent returning, you want to start the new season as soon as you can.  
 And that's what the Tolar Rattlers did when they held Midnight Madness. The practice actually began at 12:01 a.m. on July 31, but that's only because the University Interscholastic League wouldn't allow them to practice on a Sunday the day before, head coach Jeremy Mullins said with a laugh.  
 There is nothing to joke about, however, when it comes to the Rattlers and their preparation for an even better season in 2023. Last season they finished

13-1 and advanced to the Class 2A Division I state quarterfinals.  
 They are ranked No. 5 in the state in the preseason by "Dave Campbell's Texas Football" magazine.  
 Mullins said he has been very pleased with how the early practices have gone.  
 "It is a big transition for most all of our kids with getting up as early as they are now and working out for that long in the mornings. They have done great, though, with showing up and going to work," he said.  
 As for which positions he is watching closest, Mullins said, "I don't know that we are focusing on any one position more than the other. I think there are a lot of guys up front on both sides of the ball that we are looking forward to keeping

an eye on as they continue to progress."  
 Those guys include an offensive line that is going to have to block for a new starting quarterback with the graduation of Jackson LeCluyse, along with leading the way for junior running back Peyton Brown. He was one of the best in the nation at his position last season, rushing for over 2,700 yards with 49 TD.  
**BIG TURNOUT**  
 Tolar had 62 players report for the first practice, indicative of what success brings. After all, who doesn't want to be a part of one of the best football programs in the state?  
 "We have a big group of ninth and 10th-graders. For many of those guys they feel like they are

drinking out of a fire hose right now, probably with all we have put on this past week," Mullins said following the opening week of practice.  
 Mullins said he is also pleased with how the more experienced players are bringing the newcomers along.  
 "Our older guys do a good job of offering help in that regard, as well as leading by example with the effort in which they play," he said.  
**SCRIMMAGES**  
 The Rattlers were scrimmaging at Eastland at press time. They host Cisco at 7 p.m. Thursday in their second scrimmage.  
 "Eastland and Cisco are traditionally very tough. You know with both of those teams you are going

to get a physical brand of football, which is great at this part of the season," Mullins said. "Both scrimmages will help us get a look at some guys in different positions to see who fits best whereas we head into that first game."  
 Tolar opens the regular season at home against Peaster at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24. It is the first of three straight home games to open the season for the Rattlers.  
 "Our coaches have done a great job of putting together a great plan for Week one and our kids have done awesome in showing up prepared to get better each day," Mullins said. "We are looking forward to the improvements we will make during Week two. One day, one play at a time."

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## GALINDO

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fense (tackle) and defense (line).  
 Easley and Parker are both in their first year of coaching and third year of teaching, Galindo said.  
 Galindo also noted new coaches at Granbury Middle School (Wade Johnson, Jake Taylor and Dustin Swanberg) and Acton Middle School (Andrew Townsend).  
 "I can't brag on them enough," Galindo said, praising them for filling in when varsity assistants had teacher training.  
 "They became varsity coaches," he said. "They learned a lot in a short amount of time, and they were great."

## GOING OLD SCHOOL

Galindo took the team to the old Decker Field for practice to give them a taste of nostalgia. It was on that field the 1966 state runner-up Pirates practiced and played.  
 He also had a member of that team, James Hodges, give them a talk about winning at the highest level. Likewise, David Youker spoke to them of his friend and Pirate legend Johnny Perkins.  
 The field at Pirate Stadium is named after the late Perkins. He was not only one of the greatest Pirates ever, but he had a standout career at Abilene Christian University and played seven seasons in the NFL with the New York Giants.  
 "We're trying to bring the

community around us and bring back some of that history to the kids," Galindo said.  
 Galindo is also taking the offense back to the days of "grind it out football" with an option offense. In a rarity in the sport these days, he will have the quarterback regularly under center for snaps.  
 "We're coming right at you and if you don't like it, do something about it," he said.  
 The Pirates were scrimmaging against South Hills in Fort Worth at press time. They host Everman in their second and final scrimmage Friday at 8 p.m. at Pirate Stadium. They open the regular season at home against Carrollton Creekview at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25.

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BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY

# Interested in waterfowl hunting?

## Lake Granbury could be your favorite location

By John Riley, Lake Ranger Sergeant

**E**ach year, the Brazos River Authority offers avid waterfowl hunters the opportunity to obtain a permit for a designated hunting blind location on Lake Granbury. These close-to-home sites are very popular, but with limited spaces and many interested hunters, the blind locations are made available via a lottery-style drawing, usually held during the last weekend in August.

The BRA is happy to announce that this year's drawing has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 25, at the Lake Granbury office located at 4552 Mambrino Highway. If you're interested in taking part in the drawing for a blind permit, there are a few very important facts you should know.

Timing is an important factor in this drawing. Interested hunters must be present for the drawing. Registration opens on Aug. 25 at 8 a.m. and must be completed by 8:45 a.m. Late arrivals will not be included in the drawing.

Do not count on Google Maps to help you find the office. Google Maps consistently attempts to take drivers from the lake's northeast side on a trek over the dam to the lake office. BUT, this route is not open to the public.

You must take Hwy. 144 to Mambrino Hwy. to the lake office. If you attempt to take Fall Creek Highway to the DeCordova Bend Park, you will need to turn around, and you could miss the drawing.

Hunters must be at least 18 years old and must bring their valid 2023-2024 Texas hunting license with the Texas Duck Stamp Endorsement and the current federal Waterfowl Stamp with them to the drawing. One entry is allowed per person.

The \$200 permit fee is due at the time of the drawing for those selected. Check, money orders and debit/credit cards (except American Express) are accepted. Cash cannot be accepted.



COURTESY PHOTO

The annual BRA drawing to obtain a permit for a designated hunting blind location on Lake Granbury has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 25, at the Lake Granbury office located at 4552 Mambrino Highway.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.385000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Granbury.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.385000 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.361895 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.673387 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Granbury from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Granbury may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Granbury is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 5, 2023 AT 6:00pm AT City Hall 116 W Bridge St Granbury, Tx 76048.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Granbury is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Granbury City Council at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

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**FOR the proposal:** Jim Jarratt, Eddie Rodriguez, Steven Vale, Trish Burwell, Bruce Wadley, Greg Corrigan

**AGAINST the proposal:**

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Granbury last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by City of Granbury this year.

	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.380000	\$0.385000	increase of 0.005000, or 1.32%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$369,011	\$423,313	increase of 54,302, or 14.72%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$1,402.24	\$1,629.76	increase of 227.52, or 16.23%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$7,334,615	\$7,898,495	increase of 563,880, or 7.69%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for City of Granbury at 817-573-2471 or , or visit [www.granbury.org](http://www.granbury.org) for more information.

### NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.287622 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hood County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.287622 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.287622 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.372554 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hood County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hood County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hood County is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 22, 2023 AT 9:00 AM AT Commissioner Court 1200 W Pearl St Granbury, Texas 76048.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Hood County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Hood County of Hood County at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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	2022	2023	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.331129	\$0.287622	decrease of -0.043507, or -13.14%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$304,327	\$330,687	increase of 26,360, or 8.66%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$1,007.71	\$951.13	decrease of -56.58, or -5.61%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$24,982,336	\$25,932,769	increase of 950,433, or 3.80%

#### No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

##### State Criminal Justice Mandate

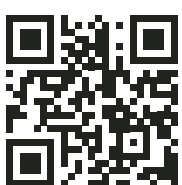
The Hood County County Auditor certifies that Hood County County has spent \$4,556,736 in the previous 12 months for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hood County County Sheriff has provided Hood County information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.004233/\$100.

##### Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The Hood County spent \$622,132 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$68,179. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.000320/\$100.

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BOOK REVIEW

# Upside-down

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

**H**anging upside-down is just the way you want to do things sometimes: upside-down, inside out, front side backwards. When you do things differently, it seems interesting, fun, and right, and sometimes, it leads you to try other new things, too. But in the new book "Bitsy Bat, School Star" by Kaz Windness, being different isn't the same as fitting in.

Tomorrow was the first night at her new school, and Bitsy Bat was pretty nervous. What if she wasn't prepared? She could lift her wing high, and she was really good at painting and sharing so maybe things

would be okay. Just in case, Mama had Bitsy practice "school" for a while until Bitsy felt better about herself and her new adventure.

The next night, Papa and Mama and Baby all flew through the skies

with Bitsy to make sure she arrived at Crittercrawl Elementary School on time. They were so proud of her, and they reminded her to do her best.

But things got off on the wrong wing right away. Mr. Nibbles told Bitsy to take her seat, but Winnie Whiskers reminded her that "take your seat" doesn't mean hanging upside down on it, and being downside down made her sick. When Bitsy began art class by using her feet as a brush, Winnie said that she was "supposed to use your fingers." And forget about sharing her delicious bugs at snack time! No, Bitsy couldn't even do the playground right.

She couldn't take it anymore. Her parents came to get her and the next night, when it was time to go to school again, Bitsy didn't want to go. She could never be like the other students.

Why ever should she want to? asked Papa. Bitsy was a "big star" at home. So why not think of a way to be a big star at school, too? And why

not do the same for all her new friends?

If you're thinking that this might be a great book for a neurodivergent child, or one who marches to their own drummer, or any child who'd have that unique kid in class, you'd be right. In fact, in her afterword, author-illustrator Kaz Windness explains to parents why this book was written, and its artwork is as it is: Windness is autistic.

This should make you want to go back and look at "Bitsy Bat, School Star" again. Windness' little character uses coping methods that Windness says worked well for her. The story offers compassion when differences are presented, and a happy conclusion that includes and supports the entire bat family. Parents might also appreciate that potential bullies are addressed here, in the subtle form of a little busy-body classmate who's won over in the end.

This is the kind of book you hope your child's teacher has on the shelf at school. It's a book you want to read several times to your unique kid, and to their siblings. For a four-to-eight-year-old, "Bitsy Bat, School Star" is a book they'll want to hang out with.



COURTESY PHOTO

Once the drawing is complete, those whose names were not drawn have a second chance to obtain a waterfowl hunting permit at a BRA reservoir.

## RIVER

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Hunting on BRA reservoirs is only permitted during waterfowl season and only at permitted designated blind locations. Although the exact number of blind locations will not be known until closer to the draw date (due to fluctuating lake levels), Lake Granbury hopes to have 14 blind sites available. Prior to the drawing, each location is reviewed to ensure it's still accessible by water and no new houses or structures have been built nearby.

Hunters are responsible for providing their own blind. Four hunters may share a designated blind area. If fewer entries are received than the number of available sites, the remaining sites will be available on a first-come/first-served basis.

Hunters must be present and remain at the Lake Office during the drawing to win a spot.

According to Lake Granbury Reservoir Manager Connie Tucker, drawings usually take 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete.

"During the selection process, we

update those still waiting with the location of the blinds that have been chosen, as some people prefer specific areas of the lake. We also draw two alternates in case one of the drawn people changes their mind," Tucker added.

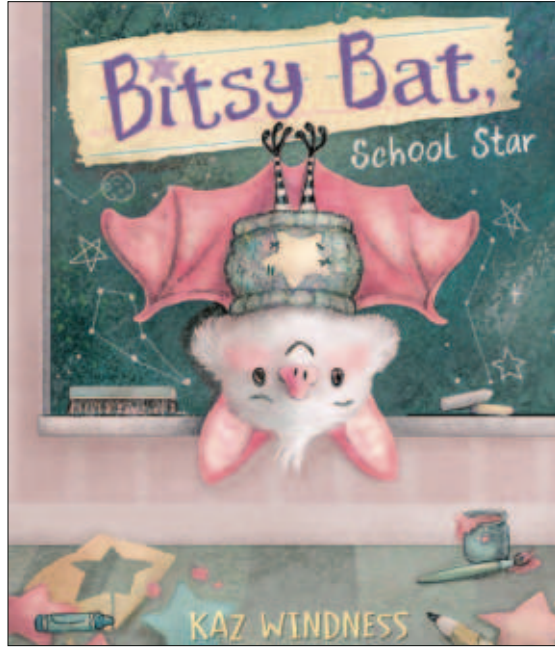
Once the drawing is complete, those whose names were not drawn have a second chance to obtain a waterfowl hunting permit at a BRA reservoir.

The Waterfowl Hunting drawing at Possum Kingdom Lake will be held the following day, Saturday, Aug. 27, at 8 a.m. at the PK Lake Office located at 301 Observation Point Road in Graford, for permits on Possum Kingdom Lake. As with the Lake Granbury drawing, the Possum Kingdom Lake drawing closes at 9 a.m. and you must be present to obtain a permit.

If you have questions, please call the Lake Granbury office at 817-573-3212.

To learn more about Texas hunting laws, including information about hunting licenses and seasons go to <https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/>

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## RADNEY FOSTER

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Radney Foster is known as a "storytelling musician," as he wrote short stories to go with every one of his songs on the "For You to See the Stars" album.

### Storytelling musician returns to Granbury Live

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Musicians who write their own music, sing, and play an instrument are already talented enough, but Texas singer-songwriter Radney Foster is taking his songs to

the next level.

The multi-talented artist is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, at Granbury Live, 110 N. Crockett St. — but some attendees and future fans may not be aware of Foster's unique storytelling ability.

#### STORYTELLING MUSICIAN

Back in 2015, Foster developed a serious case of both pneumonia and laryngitis — infections that are already unpleasant enough on their own but are absolutely debilitating for a professional singer.

"I got laryngitis so bad that I coughed my voice completely gone, and I had to have six weeks of vocal rest. I had to literally not speak for six weeks," Foster explained. "And then I had to go through six more weeks of vocal therapy."

During a grueling six-week period of not talking or singing, Foster's creative side fully emerged with an idea he had of creating short stories to coincide with his songs.

"I wrote a short story, just to kind of keep from going crazy, but it was based on my song (Sycamore Creek)," he explained. "I handed it to my wife who was a magazine editor, and music journalist for many years, and she said, 'Honey this is really good,' but it wasn't until I had written the third and fourth short

story that I got the idea of, 'Oh, I can actually have a story to go with each song.' After about three or four short stories, I got the idea for a book, and it's called 'For You to See the Stars,' and I'll do a couple of songs from that as well at the show."

Released in 2017, "For You to See the Stars," is Foster's own project comprised of two parts: a book and a CD. Although the literature can be enjoyed independently, each story is uniquely coupled with a song.

The 10-track album, also titled "For You to See the Stars," features nine new songs and a special re-recording of "Raining on Sunday," the song Foster co-wrote with Darrell Brown, which became one of Keith Urban's top Billboard singles, according to Foster's website. The album was recorded at the historic Nashville studio Sound Emporium and was produced by award-winning Will Kimbrough, who also plays multiple instruments and sings on the record.

According to his website, "For You to See the Stars" is Foster's 11th album that showcases him at his classic storytelling best, both as a seasoned singer/songwriter and a soulful writer of prose. Although both components stand alone as separate pieces of art, they are meant to be enjoyed



Texas singer-songwriter Radney Foster will be performing at Granbury Live on Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

together for a reason — that when coupled, the book and CD give fans a deeper insight into the subconscious of Foster's storytelling.

Though the stories are fiction, they are inspired by Foster's upbringing on the Mexican border in Del Rio.

#### BACKGROUND

"I was an amateur guitar player and singer, but my dad was a lawyer who sang and played guitar," he said. "On Saturday nights that were worth remembering, somebody would bring the barbecue, somebody would bring the beer, and everybody would play everything from Elvis to Patsy Cline. I just started picking up his guitar at 10 or 11 years old and then sort of ran with it. I never expected that to be anything that I could do for a living or that would somehow become a career."

But that's exactly what happened.

After being discovered in college by veteran songwriter Randy Goodrum, Foster took his advice and dropped out of college to move to Nashville, Tennessee.

"Randy was helping me do an acoustic demo, and I traded babysitting his kids for that," Foster said. "But I asked him, 'Why are you doing this? I can see all the gold records and stuff on the wall. You don't need me to save on babysitting money.' And he said, 'I'm doing it because somebody did it for me and you need to remember that because you're going to be successful someday.'"

The next few years, Foster struggled with very little success until he got a staff songwriting job at Mary Tyler Moore's publishing company, where he met Bill Lloyd.

"We started the band Foster & Lloyd," he said.

"Our first single went to number one and the rest is history."

#### GRANBURY LIVE

The Granbury Live performance will celebrate Foster's legendary solo-debut album, "Del Rio, TX 1959," — referring to his birth year and birthplace — that he released in 1992.

The album contains 10 tracks, with four that became Top 40 hits on the country charts: "Just Call Me Lonesome," "Nobody Wins," "Easier Said Than Done," and "Hammer and Nails."

"I'll be performing the first 10 songs from that album top to bottom, and it's really the one that has become my most endeared (album) by the fans," he said. "And that usually is kind of true for first records because you're just this first introduction to somebody

PLEASE SEE **FOSTER** | C3

## Captivating harmony

The Music Man takes center stage at Granbury Opera House

BY MICKY SHEARON  
Special to the Hood County News

The Granbury Theatre Company at the historic Granbury Opera House raised the curtain on its next Broadway on The Brazos production - the enchanting stage production of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man", on Friday, Aug. 11.

Considered by many to be one of the greatest American musicals, "The Music Man" had its original Broadway opening on Dec. 19, 1957, at the Majestic Theatre. It played there for nearly three years before transferring to The Broadway Theatre and completing its 1,375-performance run there on April 15, 1961. The stage musical was also made into a major motion picture in 1962 and was one of the biggest hits of the year. The movie was widely acclaimed by critics and nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, with composer Ray Heindorf winning Best Music. It has also seen several Broadway revivals, most recently in 2022, starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster.

The GTC production, directed by Matt Beutner, features a talented creative team and a stellar cast. This timeless classic promises to bring the magic of River City to life on the Opera House stage, captivating audiences with its heartwarming story and unforgettable melodies.

"The Music Man is my favorite Golden Age musical," Beutner said. "Nearly every song is a classic, and the show has a lot of good ol' Americana charm. My vision for this show has been to highlight the relationship between parents and kids. Specifically, how all a parent really wants is for their child to be happy. In a way, that's what this whole musical is about. I love the fact that in this cast of nearly 50 people, nine different families have at least two family members in the ensemble. It really does look like a small Iowa town."

At the heart of "The Music Man" is the charismatic and enigmatic Harold Hill, portrayed in this production by the multi-talented Jonah Hardt. Harold Hill is a traveling salesman and con artist who arrives in the small town of River City, Iowa, with a cunning plan to deceive the townsfolk into believing that he can teach their children to play musical instruments. Hardt's powerful stage presence and versatile acting skills make him the perfect fit for this complex character, known for his quick wit, charm, and smooth talking.

"Jonah Hardt IS Professor Harold Hill," Beutner said. "He hits an absolute home-run in this role! As he weaves his web of deception, the audience will be drawn into his mesmerizing performance, eagerly following his journey from a slick swindler to a man touched by love and redemption."

Opposite Jonah Hardt is the gifted actress Heather Appel, who takes on the role of Marian Paros, the intelligent and independent-minded librarian in River City. Making her Opera House debut, Appel's portrayal of Marian brings depth and emotion to the character as she navigates her initial skepticism towards Harold Hill and her eventual transformation into a woman deeply in love.

"Heather is one of the best Marians I've ever seen," Beutner noted. "She has one of those voices that's worth the price of admission by itself. With a voice that can effortlessly convey both vulnerability and strength, she clearly understands and communicates the character's deeper motivations."

Ryan Wagoner also makes his Opera House debut, taking on the role of Marcellus Washburn, Harold Hill's loyal and fun-loving friend. With Wagoner's impeccable comic timing and boundless energy, his portrayal of Marcellus will surely be a scene-stealer.

"There is a genuine camaraderie between Ryan and Jonah, and the dynamic between Harold Hill and Marcellus will be a highlight of the show, adding an ex-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jonah Hardt plays Harold Hill



Heather Appel plays Marian Paros



## Granbury resident inducted into martial arts hall of fame

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

A Granbury resident Danny Williams who is a Marine Corps veteran, seventh degree black belt, and owner of Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts

was inducted into the prestigious hall of fame.

Williams first started martial arts when he was four years old after experiencing some bullying. He now serves as an instructor at his own martial arts school.

It was after the youngest daughter of three got interested in the sport that the Williams' journey began to create a martial arts school here in Granbury. The family has been residents for five years now and just celebrated their two-year anniversary of the

COURTESY OF DANNY WILLIAMS

Danny Williams was inducted into the U.S Martial Arts Hall of Fame in July.

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# Wild Wild West event wrangles in big success

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

The Rancho Brazos Community Center hosted "Wild Wild West" which was an event to raise money for the center's multitude of free programs on Aug. 3.

The event took place at the Oasis Tranquilo in Granbury and featured live music, hay bale tossing, cornhole and horseshoe tournaments, chicken poop bingo, raffles and much more. The center had huge success and sold out with 175 tickets sold.

"It went fabulous. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we had a great turnout," Jamie Franco director of marketing and events at the center said.

The center is also looking forward to hosting their second annual gala coming up on Oct. 26 that will take place at the Lake Granbury

Conference Center. The event will feature live entertainment as well as both a silent and live auction.

"It will be a great way for people to get to know each other and network and have fun," Franco said.

Sponsorship tables are \$1500 each with individual seating costs \$200 each. The funds raised will go towards building the new Doug Long Outreach center, a new and improved building for the center. More information on the gala is to come.

For more information on the Rancho Brazos Community Center call 817-910-8114.



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Alicia Combs introduces a chicken from the Chicken Poop Bingo game to a young Wild West Rancho Style attendee.



ABOVE: From left, Lynn Silvestri and Rhonda Gigliotti enjoy their meet and greet with Reagan Neal and a Rancho Brazos chicken.



ABOVE RIGHT: Mighty hay-hoister Wade Killough took his chances in the highly charged Bale Toss competition. Wade is Lead Pastor at Anchor Fellowship Church.



RIGHT: Behind the mic is Leadership Granbury's Cheshe Hawkins keeping control of all the Wild West chaos.

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# HARMONY

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tra layer of humor and heart to the production," Beutner noted.

Elizabeth Baker, playing the role of Mrs. Paroo, brings warmth and authenticity to the Paroo household. As the caring and loving mother of Marian and Winthrop, Mrs. Paroo plays a crucial role in the story's heartwarming family dynamic. Baker's talent shines as she effortlessly captures the essence of a strong Irish woman with a heart of gold, making her a delightful addition to the cast.

Tanner-Bob Stanfield, a young and promising local talent, portrays Winthrop Paroo, Mrs. Paroo's shy and withdrawn son. As one of the focal points of the story's touching themes of love and transformation, Winthrop's

character undergoes a heartwarming journey. Stanfield's endearing portrayal and sweet singing voice will undoubtedly win the hearts of the audience, especially during his charming performance of "Gary, Indiana."

The creative team behind this production has worked tirelessly to ensure that "The Music Man" at the Granbury Opera House is an unforgettable experience for all. From Jay Lewis' meticulously designed sets that transport the audience to the nostalgic small-town charm of River City to Devon Kleine's exquisite period costumes that evoke the early 20th century to GTC Art Coordinator Reagan Deming's beautifully hand-painted scenic drops, every detail is crafted to immerse the audience in the story's world.

Under the musical direction of Ashley Green, the show's iconic songs come

to life. From the astounding four-part Barber Shop Quartet harmonies to toe-tapping numbers like "Seventy-Six Trombones" and soul-stirring ballads like "Goodnight, My Someone," the musical performances will surely be a highlight of this production. Coupled with Kyle Hoffman's sound design and David Broberg's lighting design, this show will be a feast for all the senses.

"The Music Man" is a musical that stands the test of time, with its heartwarming themes of love, community, and the power of music to unite people. It has been captivating audiences for generations, and this production at the Granbury Opera House is poised to continue that tradition, enchanting theatergoers of all ages. "The Music Man" opens on Friday, August 11 and runs through September 10.

# FOSTER

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and their artistry feels brand new, and that record was very different from what I was doing with Foster & Lloyd; it was a much more traditional record. It's been a real joy revisiting it and watching the audience just get so excited knowing they know the songs. But what's really cool is to watch someone who was born after the record was released, and yet they're singing along to every word. It's really a neat deal."

In almost 40 years of producing songs, Foster has written eight No.1 hit singles, including his own "Nobody Wins," and "Crazy Over You," a duo with Foster & Lloyd. His discography contains countless cuts by artists ranging anywhere from country (Keith Urban, The Dixie Chicks, Luke Bryan, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) to contemporary (Marc Broussard, Hootie & The Blowfish, Kenny Loggins, Los Lonely Boys).

"I think the biggest thing is even though there's electric guitars on a whole lot of my work, it's all driven by my voice and an acoustic guitar — almost to exclusion," Foster said. "At Granbury

Live, it's gonna be me and my guitar player, singing a two-part harmony on certain things, but two acoustic guitars. It's cool because you get to tell more of the stories behind the song and how the song got there, and it also is sort of a stripped-down version of what that riff is gonna sound like, and what the song sounded like when I wrote them. It's going to be really awesome."

Foster said he is excited to return to Granbury Live for another performance — especially for the supportive audience and the venue's amazing acoustics.

"The audience is always super engaged and respectful, but yet, they're there to have a good time," he said. "But the thing I love about it is that when you're playing and singing or you're telling a story, you can hear a pin drop. It's acoustically so good that there's times I really don't even need a microphone. It is just always a great vibe."

He encourages Hood County residents to "come out and have a good time."

"I love storytelling," he added. "First and foremost, part of the way that I really communicate stories the best is just through songs.

And it's fun to see people's expressions when they light up when there's a song that they recognize from earlier in their lives or from radio. But getting the feedback from that live experience, and seeing their joy is always a joy for me."

### MULTI-TALENTED

Foster added that he is currently writing another book of short fiction and is in the process of writing a screenplay as well.

And even though the talented artist has reached new heights with his "book-and-CD combo," he continues to pursue other projects.

Foster recently starred in the world premiere of "Troubadour," at Atlanta's Tony Award winning Alliance Theatre. He also appears in the upcoming feature film, "Beauty Mark."

To purchase tickets to Radney Foster: Del Rio, TX 1959 30th Anniversary Tour, visit granburylive.com. Tickets are \$35 for prime and \$45 for VIP.

For more information on Radney Foster, visit radneyfoster.com online.

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# GO PLAY

### 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. beginning Sept. 11 at Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: granburycivicchorus2001@gmail.com. December program will feature songs of Christmas from around the world. www.granburycivicchorus.org

### 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

**PEDALING FOR** Parkinson's hosted by the Hood County

YMCA will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at 1475 James Road. The program is led by a certified group fitness instructor and consists of a pre- and post-fitness evaluation, and 45 minute spin/cycling session. Program will last 12 weeks For more information call 817-624-9791 or e-mail communityhealth@ymcafw.org.

### 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

**MELODY BELLES** singers, women's choral group, weekly rehearsals for Christmas concert season starting August 31. from 10:00 a.m. to noon, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the Annex), 301 W. Bridge Street. For details, please call 817-999-1364

**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.

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### 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.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tolar ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 28, 2023 in BOARD ROOM 305 S Oak St Tolar, Tx 76476. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The school district has elected to adopt a tax rate before receiving the certified appraisal roll from the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) and before adopting a budget. In accordance with Texas Tax Code, Section 26.05(g), the chief appraiser(s) of the appraisal district(s) in which the school district participates has (have) certified the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district as provided by the Texas Tax Code, Section 26.01(e). In accordance with the Texas Education Code, Section 44.004(j), following adoption of the tax rate, the school district will publish notice and hold another public meeting before the school district adopts a budget.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.669200/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$0.281682/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year*
Total appraised value** of all property	\$873,883,042	\$1,081,917,487
Total appraised value** of new property***	\$13,430,010	\$44,522,023
Total taxable value**** of all property	\$392,519,004	\$456,700,737
Total taxable value**** of new property****	\$13,430,010	\$44,522,023

\*All values identified are based on estimate(s) of taxable value received pursuant to Section 26.01(e), Tax Code.

\*\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$12,701,637

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.947100	\$0.281682	\$1.228782	\$6.132	\$8.692
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.669200	\$0.281682	\$0.950882	\$4.092	\$7.146
Proposed Rate	\$0.669200	\$0.281682	\$0.950882	\$4.092	\$7.146

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$226,830	\$284,580
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$164,147	\$156,122
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.228782	\$0.950882
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$2,017.01	\$1,484.54
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-532.47

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.566393. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.566393.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,415,925
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$1,216,957

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

## CINERGY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 11 August 2023 - Thursday, 17 August 2023

**Barbie (PG13)**  
Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 11:50AM, 2:30PM, 5:10PM, 7:50PM, 10:30PM.  
Tues, Wed: 2:10PM, 4:50PM, 7:30PM.  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 7:10PM

**Blue Beetle (PG13)**  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM

**Haunted Mansion (PG13)**  
Fri, Sun, Mon: 10:30AM, 1:20PM, 4:10PM, 7:00PM, 9:50PM.  
Sat: 1:55PM, 4:45PM, 7:35PM, 10:25PM.  
Tues, Wed: 2:10PM, 5:00PM, 7:50PM.  
Thurs: 4:40PM, 7:30PM

**Meg 2: The Trench (PG13)**  
Fri, Sat, Sun: 11:15AM, 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:15PM.  
Mon: 10:30AM, 1:15PM, 4:45PM, 7:00PM, 9:45PM.  
Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM.  
Thurs: 2:15PM, 4:25PM, 8:20PM

**Oppenheimer (R)**  
Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon: 10:45AM, 2:35PM, 6:25PM, 10:15PM.  
Tues, Wed: 2:55PM, 6:45PM.  
Thurs: 2:05PM, 7:45PM

**Sound of Freedom (PG13)**  
Fri, Sat, Sun: 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 4:45PM, 7:45PM, 10:45PM.  
Mon: 10:45AM, 1:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:30PM.  
Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Thurs: 2:05PM

**Strays (R)**  
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:25PM

**TMNT: Mutant Mayhem (PG)**  
Fri, Sun, Mon: 10:25AM, 12:50PM, 3:15PM, 5:40PM, 8:05PM, 10:30PM.  
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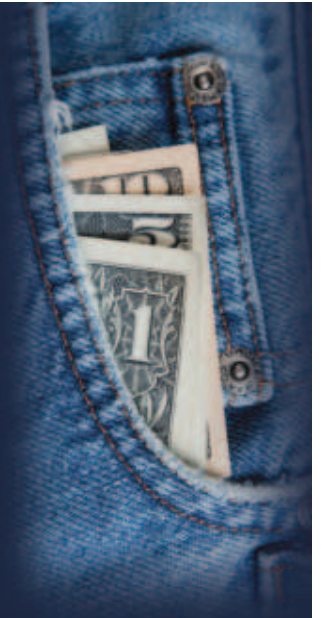
## PETS OF THE WEEK

**Buddy** is a male Doberman mix. He is approximately 5-6 years old and weighs about 55 pounds. Buddy is playful and very social. Special adoption fee of \$25! The adoption fee includes sterilization, rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

**Sammy** is a neutered male domestic shorthair cat. He is approximately 8 years old. Sammy is friendly and thrives on attention. His adoption fee is \$25. The adoption fee includes his rabies vaccination, the first round of vaccines, pyrantel dewormer, and a HomeAgain microchip.

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# Granbury's Renaissance Man

William Power's triumphs in academics, athletics, and theatre

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

**"T**he price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand." - Vince Lombardi

Those words from legendary NFL coach Vince Lombardi seem to apply perfectly to William Power, a lifelong Granbury/Hood County resident and 2023 graduate of Granbury High School. Later this month, William will embark on the next step of his journey as he heads to Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, nationally renowned for its fine arts programs, to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in musical theater.

As we visited with William to learn more about his life and aspirations, it didn't take long for the conversation to turn to his family.

"My mom, Laura Power, is a pediatrician at Lake Granbury Medical Center, and my dad, Michael Power, is a director for The Mammoth Race," William shared warmly. "My older sister, Mary, will be a junior at Southwestern University, and my younger sister, Ruth, will be a sophomore at Granbury High School."

Throughout his high school years, William embraced both academics and extracurricular activities.

"No one subject became my favorite," he said, "Different aspects of different classes stood out to me, and I enjoyed a different subject every year."

William finished his academic career at GHS, graduating in the top 25% of his class with a distinguished level of achievement and receiving multiple academic honors and scholarships, including Academic All-State.

In addition to his academic pursuits, William found joy in participating in extracurricular activities. As a member of the GHS swim team, William was a Regional Qualifier in the 100 Butterfly and 500 Freestyle. Both are widely considered among the most challenging events in high school swimming.

"William was the gold star standard of what I expected out of my athletes in Granbury," said Jason Pulano, William's high school swim coach. "He was an

excellent model for me to show to other athletes that commitment to being well-rounded, multi-talented, and involved in multiple extracurriculars is in fact possible! He made everyone around him better, me included."

However, the magical allure of theatre truly captured William's heart. William fondly recounted, "When I was eight, Granbury High School students performed the Wizard of Oz, and elementary students could be munchkins. My mom signed me up to become part of this camp, and I found my passion for theatre."

Indeed, in the years since, William has become an award-winning performer, appearing in numerous theatrical productions in Granbury, Cleburne, and throughout the greater DFW area. With talent and dedication that could rival seasoned professionals, William has delivered unforgettable performances in various roles, such as Sponge Bob in *Sponge Bob the Musical*, Crutchie in *Newsies*, and Hugo in *Tuck Everlasting*. He won a Column Award for Best Supporting Actor. He received the Caleb Midkiff Young Performer Award in 2019 and, in 2020, was nominated for a Broadway World regional theatre award. He has also worked in New York, being cast as a dancer for the iTheatrics choreography DVDs.

"I can't say enough good things about William," said Tina Barrus, one of the producers at The Plaza Theatre Company in Cleburne. "His commitment to excellence, his work ethic, his generosity as a performer, and yes, his magnificent talent has made every minute of watching him grow into the artist that he has become a tremendous pleasure."

Granbury Theatre Academy Director Matt Beutner recalled, "I met William six years ago as one of my private voice students. I don't remember if we had another lesson after our first. He was already so good that



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William Power

I didn't really have much to teach him. In the years since he's only gotten better."

When asked about his favorite thing about theatre, William's eyes lit up with enthusiasm. "There are many things that I enjoy about theatre," he said, "Probably my favorite is meeting all different types of people from different backgrounds and lifestyles who can teach me and help me grow. I also love watching the production process come to life and then performing the final product for an audience."

As William prepares to embark on the next chapter of his life, he shares insights into the rigorous college audition process.

"College auditions are a long and tedious process that truly pushes you to your limits," he explained. "You go through two stages; the first is pre-screening. Students submit video auditions to the schools they are interested in. A pre-screen usually consists of multiple songs, monologues, and a dance combination."

After passing the pre-screening stage, William attended 13 in-person college auditions nationwide, from Texas to New York and Pennsylvania to New Jersey. Ultimately, he made his decision and chose Point Park University.

As the summer draws to a close and the fall semester approaches, the local theatre community eagerly awaits the journey of their rising star, William Power, as he takes his talent to Pittsburgh and embraces the opportunities that await him at Point Park University. With his passion, dedication, and support from his family and community, the stage is set for William to shine brightly and make Granbury proud.

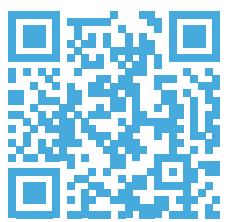
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### FIRST TUESDAYS

**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: bskaggs8@aol.com.

### SECOND SATURDAYS

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT** breakfast for anyone grieving the loss of someone they love at 10 a.m., Fuzzy's off the Square. Details: Amy or Danny Dwight. 817-894-2449 or 817-219-9833

### 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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Steve Fortenberry, past president of the Granbury Lions Club, left, present Terri Marsh, middle, and Trenton Mooney, right, with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during the club's bimonthly meeting on Aug. 1.

## Lions Club members honored with prestigious award

**BY ASHLEY INGE**  
Staff Writer

Granbury Lions Club members Trenton Mooney and Terri Marsh were presented with an incredible honor during the club's bimonthly meeting on Aug. 1.

Steve Fortenberry, past president, surprised the pair with Melvin Jones Fellowship Award plaques and pins to honor their humanitarian work.

"Terri and Trenton have taken over flag routes with over 100 flags. They have both recruited new members," Fortenberry told the HCN in an email. "They both have been instrumental in our parades at Christmas and Independence Day. They are willing to help and look for new ways to work in our community. They also are always there for our pancake breakfasts, no matter when or where. If the club needs anything, they step up and volunteer."

Named after Melvin Jones — the founder of the Lions Club International Foundation — the Melvin Jones Fellowship is the organization's highest honor that

represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate.

The fellowship is an honor given to individuals who contribute the equivalent of \$1,000 to LCIF, and persons for whom such donations are made by others.

New inductees into the fellowship, or Melvin Jones Fellows, receive a lapel pin, and a personalized wall plaque in honor of their commitment to helping others.

"It's my honor to award these plaques to Trenton Mooney and to Lion Terry Marsh for what they've done for this club since they joined," Fortenberry announced at the meeting. "We appreciate you very much."

According to a personal LCIF letter written by Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander, fellowship contributions help to bring medications to prevent river blindness or teach children to avoid drugs through Lions Quest (a comprehensive and universal, evidence-based social and emotional learning program).

Alexander's letter states that each Melvin Jones

Fellowship contribution can restore the sight of 167 individuals or provide Lions Quests to 67 youth.

Through the generous support of Melvin Jones Fellows, LCIF can continue plus expand its programs, all the while impacting lives across the globe.

As a Melvin Jones Fellow, Mooney's and Marsh's names have been added to the LCIF's listing of all individuals in the program.

Alexander encourages the pair to visit the LCIF Room during their next visit to International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, to see their names on the extensive list.

"Trenton and Terri are the true meaning of 'We Serve,'" Fortenberry added, quoting from the Lions Club motto created in 1954.

For more information about the Granbury Lions Club or the Lions Club International Organization visit [e-clubhouse.org/sites/granbury/index.php](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/granbury/index.php) or [lionclub.org/en](http://lionclub.org/en) online.

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**BY JENNIFER HARRISON**

My opinions on computer gaming and some of my favorite games. I've been playing games on the home computer since the days of the Trash 80. I love indie, open-world, unique, puzzle, and resource games. The cake is a lie.

There's a lot of simulators out there. Some of them are pretty odd. Along with truck driving, farming, construction, power washing, and gunsmithing, you can play as a medieval alchemist!

Your job is pretty simple. You're an alchemist looking for a place to live, you find an abandoned alchemist shop and set up your own business. Your job is to make potions for the people that come in looking for help for their various ailments.

In the beginning, you'll

have a variety of simple herbs to concoct your potions. There's a little patch of ground outside of the house where you can pick herbs and mushrooms. Every once in a while, somebody will stop by with some herbs, mushrooms, or crystals to buy. As you give them potions to access more herbs, mushrooms, and crystals, you'll get more of a variety of ingredients.

Making the potions involves a really interesting game mechanism I haven't seen before. Each potion ingredient

has a certain 'path.' When you grind it up with your mortar and pestle and add it to the cauldron, it will guide your bottle along the path. The various potions you'll be creating are scattered around a map.

You'll need a really delicate touch to grind the herb, mushroom or crystal to just the right amount. When you've added the ingredient to the cauldron, you'll stir the pot until the bottle reaches the target. Be careful as you stir, so that the bottle ends up exactly where you want it to create a 'strong' version of the potion, which will get the best price from your customer. Then you pump the bellows to create the potion. You can customize your potion with bottle size, shape, and the

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GARDEN PATCH

# Appreciate drought survivors

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.

**C**ome August, which plants are still blooming? Which plants are hanging tough despite no rain, soaring temperatures and minimal maintenance?

Without a doubt, crape myrtle is proving to be Texas tough, despite its Asian heritage. It fares so well in the U.S., that it is naturalized from Virginia to Texas. Once established, these deciduous trees need little supplemental water. While supporting many beneficial insects and pollinators, crape myrtles thrive on minimal care, blooming on the hottest

days. Crape myrtle comes in myriad bloom colors and sizes ranging from 5-25 feet tall. When purchasing, select a crape myrtle that will attain the mature height that works best for the intended planting site. Never "top" a crape myrtle to shorten it. Crape myrtle is a very low maintenance plant but know that it is naturally shrubby

and will continually send up sprouts from the base. To maintain a multi-trunk tree form, remove the suckers and keep three-seven trunks.

Desert willow is a heat-loving beauty that hits its stride in 100-degree weather, producing prolific trumpet-shaped pink-to-purple blooms that attract hummingbirds. A Texas native, desert willow is naturally shrubby, but easily trained into a small single or multi-trunked tree. More a desert plant than a true willow, it prefers little-to-no supplemental water.

In early spring, desert willow usually needs light shaping to remove dead wood and errant branches. Prune spent seed pods if desired. As summer progresses, remove unwanted sprouts along the trunks and base. Both desert willow and crape myrtle generally suffer only minor damage in harsh

winters. If freeze-killed, cut them to the ground. Both will likely re-sprout from the roots.

Texas sage is a native evergreen that thrives in hot sun and dry weather. It is also very cold hardy. While it may drop some of its leaves in winter, it will rebound in spring. After rain, this gray/green leafed shrub will cover itself in white, purple, or pink blooms. Like other desert-adapted plants, Texas sage prefers dry soils once established. It needs little-to-no supplemental irrigation during drought. In spring, remove any dead twigs and lightly prune to maintain the plants' natural shape.

Popular native landscape plants that fare well in excessive heat with minimal water include hollies, red yucca, Turk's cap, muhly grasses, lantana, and salvia. Turk's cap is one of few perennials to keep most of its green



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**While supporting many beneficial insects and pollinators, crape myrtles thrive on minimal care, blooming on the hottest days.**

leaves and produce unique blooms as temps stay at 100-degrees plus. It flowers best with weekly irrigation, but it will survive an extended drought. Hummingbirds love its red or pink flowers. Cut this plant to the ground after it freezes. It will regrow in spring.

Note which plants in area landscapes have failed dur-

ing this extended drought and high heat. Next year, eliminate plants that need too much water and opt for summer survivors.

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.

## FAME

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school. He serves as the chief instructor at the school and focuses on teaching his student's discipline.

Williams has now been in the martial arts world for 50 years which gives him the name Grandmaster. He also has his seventh-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do out of the nine degrees available in the United States. He has competed for more than 30 years in local, state and national tournaments. He has won over 800 first place's and holds more than 200 grand championship titles across the nation.

"I believe that you should always be training. Your journey doesn't end so that's another reason of my rank. I continue to

train," Williams said.

He was inducted into the hall of fame in July and was thrilled to hear the news. To be inducted, five people that are inductees in the hall of fame must nominate you.

"I've been doing this for 50 years and only know three people that is in the hall of fame, so I was surprised to hear that I got inducted," Danny said. "The martial arts world is very small, and so to only know three people and to know I'm in it now is amazing."

As for the future of Grandmaster Williams he is currently training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu to get his black belt as well as training in Muay Thai. Williams also is wanting to produce more black belt students out of his school. "More

than that, high quality people. Respectful, kind, caring people," Danny said.

Danny and his family also plan on opening five more martial arts schools in the next 10 years. The plan is to create a school in Weatherford, Stephenville, Benbrook and Burleson, with the school in Stephenville coming within two years.

Danny hopes to continue to grow his school in Granbury and encourages everyone to try out martial arts. "It's not like football or baseball, this sport stays with you for life. This sport teaches you kindness, confidence and discipline. Discipline

is doing something that you don't want to do, but doing it like you love it. Without discipline you are nothing. That's what martial arts gives you. It builds characters of a person. I wouldn't be in the hall of fame if I didn't have that."

For more information on the Danny Williams Combat Martial Arts school, visit their website [dwcmap.com](http://dwcmap.com), call 817-776-7608 or visit the school located at 804 West Pearl Street in Granbury. The school is open Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment.

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**Danny Williams poses for a photo shoot at his first martial arts school in Odessa in 1994.**




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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

# Bottled water donations aid Pecan emergency personnel

BY DIANE LONG



A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 29 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother, and former English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 16 years cumulatively. She spends her time both gathering neighborhood news and collecting new books to read.

Lana Robinson of the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary writes that last week, the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department responded to numerous requests to help fight wildfires. At the pace the calls arrived and because of the intense heat, supplies, such as fluids, snacks, wipes, and additional items needed in the field, quickly depleted. Thanks to the generosity and quick action of Pecan residents, folks started gathering necessary items for delivery to the fire station.

Due to the need, Pecan Foods is conducting a bottled water drive for our volunteer firefighters. Pecan residents desiring to participate may ask to donate water to the fire department at check out, and the item will be added to the bill. No need to take the case of water to the checkout register. Simply tell the cashier, and the grocery store will keep track of the number of cases donated. Afterwards, our VFD will collect the supply.

The Auxiliary appreciates assistance in helping our firefighters maintain a steady, adequate supply of

water as much as needed, and our emergency volunteers risk dehydration without it. The Auxiliary wishes to thank both members who contributed last week and Pecan Foods for this service to our community.

**GOLF TIME**

Pecan's golf course is busy this weekend with the Men's Golf Association's Member-Guest event happening today, Saturday, Aug. 12 and tomorrow, Sunday, Aug. 13. Good luck to all the participants!

**MUSIC TIME**

Karaoke with DJ Jimmy is happening tonight, Saturday, Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. in the 19th Hole. Participants and spectators are welcome.

**BUFFET BINGO**

Tuesday, Aug. 15 will bring a pizza and pasta buffet along with bingo to the Pecan clubhouse. Call 817-573-2541 to make a reservation.

**SING ALONG**

A weekly karaoke class is coming to the PAC beginning Tuesday, August 15 and running through Tuesday, Sept. 12. The six-week class will feature Rebecca Faiola (professional singer and Pecan resident) instructing students about their vocal range style as well as how to choose songs that fit a voice. Mastering proper vocal warmups and techniques will also be part of the program, and students will showcase their talent at a "graduation" event at the clubhouse on Saturday, Sept. 23. Class size is limited, sign up at the PAC (817-573-7952), and email Rebecca for more information: rebecca-showbiz@gmail.com.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

The final Chit Chat luncheon of the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club for the summer of 2023 will

happen on Thursday, Aug. 17 with social time beginning at 10 a.m. and lunch being served at 11:30 a.m. Memberships for the 2023-2024 PPWC year are now available. Ladies may visit www.mypwc.com to join.

**PAINT PARTY**

"Pecan Paint Along" at the PAC will happen Sunday, Aug. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. when Kathy Yoders leads an afternoon of step-by-step instruction (no experience necessary) of acrylic painting. Participants may bring their own beverages and should wear an old shirt or apron. Register at the PAC: 817-573-7952.

**WIDOW AND WIDOWERS**

Pecan's Widows and Widowers Club will gather on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the clubhouse for a hamburger meal and a program about Second Chance Farm. Want more information about the group and its activities? Send email to Caryl Mahaffey at caryl.mahaffey@charter.net.

**GUITAR LESSONS**

The next session of beginner guitar lessons for adults will commence on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the PAC. Reading music is not a prerequisite for the class, which will include six to eight sessions.

Meeting time is Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. with a \$25 weekly fee. Instructor Carolyn Troland encourages students to bring a guitar with new strings and says she will have class members "playing favorite songs in no time." Contact Carolyn for more information (580-369-8485) and the PAC to sign up: 817-573-7952.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Nominations are currently being accepted for folks interested in serving a three-year term beginning Nov. 11 on the Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service board of directors. Resumes may be delivered to Rene Garrett at the emergency services compound or emailed to ppems@ppvfdems.com. Deadline for submission is Friday, Sept. 1.

**BIG WINNER**

Congratulations to all the winners of the Men's Golf Association's recent Member-Guest Tournament, and special congratulations go to David Anderson for winning the "Closest to the Pin Corvette Challenge" and taking home the grand prize.

**HOT DAYS**

As scorching temperatures continue in Pecan Plantation, residents are advised to limit outdoor activities

during peak warm hours as well as to stay hydrated to combat the heat. Pecan Head Golf Professional Duff Cunningham echoes this sentiment by stating that "proper hydration is crucial in preventing heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke . . . especially on the [golf] course."

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Pecan's Breakfast Club meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the clubhouse with breakfast service beginning at 8 a.m. and a program following at 9. "Fun, Food, and Fellowship- No Dues!" is the group's mantra. Reservations are due at noon the Tuesday prior to the meeting as events range in attendance, and the clubhouse staff appreciates a headcount. The breakfast menu is posted on Facebook (Pecan Breakfast Club), and folks may also be added to the email mailing list by sending a request to pecan-breakfast@gmail.com. All Pecan residents are welcome to join.

**SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Mary Walker who passed away July 25.

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**GAME**

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symbol. After all that work you went through, you're going to want to save your potions in a recipe book, which includes the customized look of the potion.

Customer satisfaction is tracked, and as you gain more experience, you'll get more money from the potions.

Every once in a while, a bad person will come by and ask for something to do harm to somebody, and your reaction will dictate your character path.

To make things even more complicated, there's an alchemist machine in the basement that you'll repair and make more exotic ingredients with.

This game is still in development. The game designers

plan to add a farm, a mushroom cave, a pond to grow water plants, and a place to gather crystals for your own potions. They're still figuring out how to animate the plants' growth patterns. "The crystal grotto is the most enigmatic space in the garden. How does one plant a crystal? Do they require watering? How long do they take to grow? These are all excel-

lent questions that we will address another time!" Players of Potion Craft are looking forward to these updates, including new planting, upkeep, and harvesting systems. The developers are also trying to figure out transitional growing phases, the necessity of daily watering, and even what the stump of the plant would look like after it's been harvested.

"There is a lot of work ahead of us on updating and enhancing the garden mechanics, and we will share the sweetest fruits of this development in further devlogs, so stay tuned and follow our Steam Page and join our Discord so you don't miss other upcoming devlogs! Meanwhile, please share what garden improvements you would like to see in the game

the most." Not everybody likes to play a game that's still in early development, but it's a lot of fun and a low-stress kind of game. I've spent 109 hours on it so far and they haven't released the full version yet. Potion Craft: Alchemist Simulator is available on SteamOS from developer niceplay games, publisher TinyBuild.

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