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“This is not a win win situation” Granbury ISD Board of Trustees vote to censure Lowery

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

School Board Trustee member Karen Lowery was censured in a special meeting called on Aug. 23 after being seen in a library with unauthorized access.

The incident led to a stir in the community on social media and a special meeting called on Aug. 23 to address the accusation that Lowery violated district policy.

With a 5-2 vote, Lowery was censured by the board after a four-hour long meet-

ing that was filled with tension and emotions running high both from board members and the community.

The special meeting began with the board’s attorney Joey Moore giving a report on the incident from evidence collected by the

administration.

Over 50 speakers spoke during the open forum session voicing their thoughts on the situation.

Lowery presented a 20-minute-long statement detailing her side of the story. She stated that when

sworn in she was issued an all-access card to enter GISD buildings. Lowery also gave details regarding a meeting held with the superintendent, board president and Melanie Graft where Lowery asked about going into the library at any time and school,

to which the superintendent told her yes and to make an appointment.

Lowery stated she called the main office of GHS before her visit then later checked in at the front alongside her friend and par-

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SERVING FUR EVER FRIENDS

Granbury couple creates everlasting memories with their full-time job

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

Canine Fitness Camp is a high touch facility that has boarding and training services for all dogs.

Dana Collins-Malone is the owner of the facility and Scott Andrews is the general manager and the two have been running the facility for about eight years now.

Dana previously worked as a hospital administrator at a large veterinary clinic in Washington state and Scott made a visit there once and connected with Dana. The two then started doing dog rescues together, and one thing led to another and now the two are a couple. Dana has also started and formed two dog rescues and has rescued over 3,000 dogs.

They began to search for boarding facilities to run themselves and did not expect to end up in Texas.

“We were looking at probably seven to



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Scott Andrews is the general manager of Canine Fitness Camp in Granbury and works alongside his best friend Loke who is a 12 year old Cane Corso.

GISD board adds \$151.7 million bond proposal to Nov. 7 ballot

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

After months of in-depth research and preparation from community members, district leaders, and personnel who were involved in the committees of the five-year Strategic Plan and the Long-Range Plan, the Granbury Independent School District Board of Trustees voted on Monday, Aug. 21 at the regular scheduled meeting to include a \$151.7 million bond proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot.

“We have several members in the audience who had the opportunity to serve not only on Strategic Planning, but also on Long-Range Planning,” Granbury ISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn said during the meeting. “And it was a lot of goodwill to have the opportunity not only to break down the bonds from May of ‘21, and in the areas that we needed to improve upon before going back to voters, but also to have really serious in-

“Does Granbury ISD have problems? Yes, we have major problems. We have outgrown our current facilities, and our teachers are some of the lowest paid. But we have students that bring home high honors in UIL competitions. Our ROTC program is ranked top in the nation. We have preschoolers reading prior to going to kindergarten. We have many athletic and academic scholarships. We have one of the top CTE programs in the state with students set to be employed upon graduating from high school.”

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depth dialogue about the goals of the district or future of the district, and where we would want to go to address the growth in the district.”

Before the agenda item was presented, the Board of Trustees allowed residents to voice their opinions about the bond proposal.

Paula McDonald, former board member, served on the Long-Range Planning committee for the bond

throughout the summer, and expressed hope that all seven members of the school board would vote in favor of the bond project.

“This bond is not about politics,” she said. “It’s about our students. This bond is essential as this community continues and will continue to grow. We cannot ignore the demographic data that clearly shows each and every campus is busting

at the seams. The growth is here, whether you like it or not. We as a community must do the right thing and support this much-needed bond.”

Former GISD Board of Trustee candidate Bret Deason discussed how every decision that the school board makes can have an impact on the children of the community.

“During the last bond election,

we failed,” he said. “There’s no doubt about it. The one thing you did, (Dr. Glenn) and the administration did was listen to the voters. They listened to the young moms of young kids, they listened to teachers, they listened to the citizens, and they listened to those that criticize them harshly and that it takes a lot of guts and a lot of thoughtfulness as well too. We need to pass this bond for the future of Granbury ISD and the future of the kids because the decisions you make today really impact those kids as well, so I encourage all of the trustees to vote on this bond.”

Speaker Connie Wimberly also explained how the bond is “important” because it “addresses the problems and supports advancements of the students’ achievements.”

“Does Granbury ISD have problems? Yes, we have major problems,” Wimberly said, during her

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“Chamber Superstars”

Weekly spotlight on local businesses and the value of chamber membership



Chamber Message

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce has introduced an initiative that's turning the spotlight onto its members like never before! Dubbed “Chamber Superstars”, this weekly feature on social media aims to celebrate local businesses as well as underscore the incredible value of being a chamber member.

Every Friday, the chamber selects one of its members to be featured as a “Chamber Superstar.” The selected business gets a dedicated video on our Facebook page and a shout-out in this chamber section in the Hood County News. The idea is to provide businesses with a platform to share who they are and what they want the community to know that is special

about their business.

The Chamber Superstar videos not only shines spotlights on some of the amazing member businesses, but also provides a testament to the vibrant entrepreneurial spirit in our community. For chamber members, being a featured “Superstar” is not just an opportunity to be recognized; it's a boost to their business. The increased visibility can lead

to higher foot traffic, increased online engagement, and even partnerships with other local businesses. This platform also fosters a stronger sense of community and a sense of connection among chamber members. By highlighting fellow businesses, the chamber encourages members to support each other. It's a win-win situation where the success of one business can positively

impact others. After-all, we are all in this together.

“Chamber Superstars” enhances the added value of chamber membership. Beyond networking events, advocacy, education, marketing, and resources, being part of the chamber means being a part of a thriving, supportive, and interconnected community that actively promotes its members. In a world where

businesses often compete fiercely for attention 24/7/365, the Granbury Chamber's “Chamber Superstars” initiative is a refreshing and effective way to shine the light on members. The chamber is invested in the success of our members, and we are here to help our community's businesses shine brightly.

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The Workplace is a co-working space designed to make your day-to-day go from good-to-great. It is located at 307 W Pearl St. for more information, please visit www.theworkplaceco.com.

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CANINE

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eight different boarding facilities and Texas was never really on our radar. We were looking in Montana, San Diego, Connecticut, North Carolina, and all of a sudden, this one in Texas came up and we just fell in love with it,” Scott said. “The facility already had the bones for an amazing facility, and we fell in love with the town and decided to take the plunge. We love the small town. We used to live in the country in Washington.”

The facility prior to their ownership was also a high touch facility and after the couple bought it, they made upgrades and created their business. The school typically boards about 30 to 50 dogs a day.

The building sits on seven acres and serves as a perfect play place for dogs. With a playground, a swimming pool, and toys of all kinds, there is no boring day for dogs.

Scott is very proud of their business because they accept any dog no matter what. Not many dog boarding facilities will take certain breeds or dogs with medical conditions.



Pups at the facility take a splash in the pool during their playtime.

“We've never turned any dog down. All of these dogs are our babies. We form relationships with every single dog that comes here,” Scott said.

A typical day for a dog at the facility consists of lots of loving, playtime, socialization and many naps.

The facility specializes in training as Dana and Scott are both certified behaviorists. The facility offers basic behavioral training, in-home

training, and training for more aggressive dogs. There are no certain methods when it comes to the training of dogs. Scott noted all dogs are different meaning the amount of training needed and what the client wants achieved will vary the duration of training. Training costs vary depending on the time needed, and the in-home training consultation costs \$250.

The facility boards dogs

all year round for when owners need to go away and aren't able to take care of their furry friend. Boarding costs are \$65 dollars a night with all the facility amenities included.

One unique aspect of the facility is that they have a shuttle service on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays that will pick pups up from the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and then drive them to and from the facil-



Rosebud fetches a tennis ball during play time outside.

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ity. Local pickup takes place every weekday. On busier days two or three buses run and do pickups and drop-offs. Shuttle service costs vary based on mileage.

The school also offers a daycare service on occasion but typically focuses on the usual boarding and training dogs.

The only requirement for a dog to stay at the facility is to be current on their rabies, Bordetella, DHPP and ca-

nine influenza vaccinations. Bordetella and influenza can be given upon intake for a fee.

For more information and inquire visit caninefitnesscamp.com or email info@caninefitnesscamp.com or call 817-279-9336 to make an appointment. Visitors are only allowed by appointment.

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 19 edition of the Hood County News, the article regarding the city network hack inadvertently listed the wrong address for Granbury City Hall. Granbury City Hall is located at 116 W. Bridge St.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

What happened to the days when men carried pocketknives?



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.

Our culture changes every minute of every day. Sometimes the change is glacier slow, and it takes us a while to notice it. Occasionally the changes are very sudden and unexpected. But make no mistake, our society grows or digresses every day. I guess whether those changes are good or bad depends on your point of view.

In the mid to late 1960s the change was quick and occasionally shocking. The Beatles erupted on the music scene and almost overnight boys grew their hair to a length which previously would have been outlandish. Clothing styles changed to where bellbottom pants, "love beads" and sandals become a norm among the youth. Formality seemed to fly out the window. These changes shocked a great many people and sparked discussions around the fam-

ily dinner table about decorum and societal norms.

I remember working at a department store when I was 16 and having the store manager send a young female employee home because she wore sandals to work! I can still hear him explaining to the staff how a girl's "bare naked feet being displayed in public" was simply an image which the store did not want to project. The action of the manager seems rather shocking now, doesn't it? It wasn't at the time.

The 60s was a time when women went from wearing hats and gloves in church, to wearing slacks. Some young women even had the temerity to not wear a bra when in public!

Men stopped wearing hats with their suits, suspenders gave way to belts, and some even stopped wearing undershirts. All these acts were significant changes in our cultural norms.

One of the changes which evolved over the last 50 years is many men have stopped carrying pocketknives. This is not to say no men still carry a pocketknife, but I believe the number has dropped precipitously since I was a child.

There are probably practical reasons for the change. Our society was much more rural 50 or 60 years ago, and having a pocketknife in the front pocket of your pants was necessary for a couple hundred reasons. It might be to cut the string on a box wrapped with twine, or the opening of an envelope. It could be used in an

emergency when a screwdriver was not available, or when a splinter needed to be removed from a thumb. It could cut off the end of a cigar so when lit, it would "draw" better. It would cut the insulation off an electric wire that needed to be spliced, or even remove the skin off an apple. It had hundreds of purposes.

For my granddad, the major use of a pocketknife was to whittle on a piece of wood. No, he did not carve anything specific nor was he an artist. He simply carried a small piece of wood in his pocket and when he sat under the shade tree after dinner, he would "whittle" shavings while he enjoyed after dinner conversations or the setting of the sun. Whittling allowed him to keep his hands busy while his brain and heart could relax. He taught me to whittle, and I still enjoy it today. Sometimes I think most of what I know I learned under that shade tree listening to my grandfather's thoughts, while we whittled. I have a pocketknife my

dad bought for me on my tenth birthday. It is in my tacklebox, so it is available if I need it when fishing. My mother gave me an ivory handled pocketknife which is the one I utilize when I whittle. I keep the edge razor sharp and over the course of my life there is no telling how many trees I have turned into shavings using that one single knife.

Not many men carry a pocketknife these days. A fella cannot carry one into a school, governmental building, or on an airplane. The world has changed, and I understand the reasons why restrictions are in place. They are reasonable and appropriate. It is an evolution in our society. It is a new "norm". Is that part of the reason why men do not carry pocketknives, or is it simply a tool which is no longer necessary? Does it needlessly take up space in our pocket and is it rarely used? Who knows the reason, it just happened.

Before I leave this world, there will be many more cultural shifts. Not sure I will

welcome them all.

I do hope it is always the norm to open the door for a lady, to address elders as "sir or ma'am", and to shake hands with a man when you see him.

I hope looking a man in the eye when conducting business is always important, and keeping your word has meaning and purpose.

No matter what the rest of the world does, I will keep whittling and using my pocketknife. It may be a relic by the time it gets passed down to one of the grandchildren; maybe to the point where someone will have to explain what the utensil was used for.


I hope the important parts of our culture never change, but I fear they will, and it saddens me.

Thought for the day: Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.

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

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Folks around town



John Kracy

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Say hello to our neighbor, John Kracy!

John and Carla Kracy moved to Misty Meadows in Granbury from Stephenville in January 2003. We recently caught this staff-certified residential real estate appraiser at work on a good day at First National Bank Granbury. Kracy was in his second year of what he describes as his truly special role of Santa Claus for the FNB's festive Christmas in July promotion. What he loves most about living here are all the friends he has made over the last 20 years working at First National Bank, coaching youth sports for my kids, and all the great people that live in his current Decordova Bend neighborhood. "As a sports fan, I love how involved Hood County News is with local sports in the county. I enjoyed all the articles when my oldest was playing football. Looking forward for more coverage of Granbury's awesome swim team, which my youngest is a part of!"



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Logos for The Salvation Army and Lake Granbury Newcomers Club.

We are very thankful for our amazing Ambassador, Faye Landham! When asked what she loves about being an Ambassador she said, "Meeting new member of the chamber and learning about their businesses, attending ribbon cuttings, the many events that the chamber provides for its members, and encouraging owners of new businesses- especially women owned businesses!" Fun Fact about Faye: She has been a member of the Granbury Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years! Thank you, Faye for being an Ambassador of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

COURTESY GRAPHIC

GISD board sets property tax rate

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The Granbury Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a 0.9342 property tax rate per \$100 valuation during its regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 21.

This tax rate is six cents lower than last year's tax rate of 0.9996.

According to GISD Board Secretary Courtney Gore, this tax rate will "essentially

allow an increase in the tax revenue, but not an increase in the tax rate."

"This still lowers the tax rate by allowing more of our local dollars to stay local," Gore said.

GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn added that if approved, the homestead exemption will also lower homeowners' tax rates.

"The 93-cent tax rate that we're proposing is low," Glenn said. "It is the lowest school tax rate in Hood

County, it is one of the lowest in the Metroplex, and if you compare us to districts statewide that are around 7,000-8,000 kids, you're going to be hard pressed to find a district with a lower tax rate."

Glenn also gave credit to every current and past board member from the last decade, as he explained they have all been "extremely good stewards of taxpayer money," by "lowering the tax rate at every opportunity as

much as they could."

"This time, we're asking for a reprieve," he added. "Where taxpayers get a win and the district, our teachers, and most importantly, our kids get a win."

Upon voting, the motion was carried unanimously, with the property tax rate of 0.9342 officially being set.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 31

MARINE CORPS League Detachment 1297 monthly meeting the last Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 3409 Davis Rd. Chow is at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. Marines, FMF Navy Corpsman/Navy Chaplains Memberships available. Associate memberships also available. All hands welcome. Semper Fidelis. 682-498-3250

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

OPERA GUILD of Granbury monthly meeting/luncheon Sept. 5, held at Decordova Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive. Come join us: Social/Check-in - 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Entertainment / Michael Powell - singing your favorite Country songs. Short business meeting 11:30 a.m. Optional Lunch (\$18) - noon - House Salad, Chicken Picatta, Angel hair pasta, Steamed broccoli, Chocolate Cake, Rolls, Coffee/tea/water. Reservations required no later than Friday, Sept. 1. Contact 817-776-2898. General Membership, single \$25.00, joint \$35.00, Business Membership \$35.00. The Guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

ELECTION CONNECTION open house will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room located at 1410 W. Pearl St. in Granbury. Join the Hood County Elections Department to learn about how the equipment works; getting involved; learn more about the elections administration staff; national voter registration day info; logic and accuracy testing and more.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

LAKE GRANBURY Newcomers Club's next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 7. Reservation deadline to attend is Thursday, August 31 at noon. Interested ladies can email lgnc.reservations@gmail.com This event will be at Pecan Plantation Country Club (8650 Westover Ct.). Ladies can attend the program or can stay afterwards for a delicious lunch.

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

Information should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for consideration. The Community Calendar is a free listing in the Hood County News to inform readers of programs, special meetings and nonprofit events. The event should be open to the public and free to attend. Email the who, what, when and where. Include the meeting location and a street address for the location. The topic for the meeting, program or guest speaker must be included. Email to: calendar@hcnews.com. Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OPEN LETTER TO KAREN LOWERY, PLACE 7, GISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Lowery,
I was alarmed when the first conversations regarding the library situation began to circulate. I was almost immediately saddened as my teacher, staff, administrator, and parent friends started telling me how violated, disrespected and threatened they felt by

the incident.
Still, after all of those conversations, I have tried hard to not make a final judgment about the incident until I had all of the facts. Hopefully those facts will be revealed on Wednesday, and whatever the outcome of that meeting, our community can try to pull back together to make GISD, Granbury and Hood County the best it can be.
But, in the spirit of full

disclosure, there is one part of this puzzle that has been missing that troubles me most of all. I have been waiting for some sort of statement from you, possibly even an apology to those teachers, staff and parents who truly feel you overstepped your boundaries. But there has been nothing, not even some sort of explanation.
I am having a very hard time with this. I hear a lot

at school board meetings about "my constituents" from some board members and what those constituents want and deserve. Even though I did not vote for you, I am your constituent. You represent the district at large and that includes me. I want, and feel I deserve, to know where you stand on the incident, anything you believe is misrepresented and any explanation you may feel justifies

your action.
I hope we don't have to wait until a school board meeting where you read a statement someone has formulated to present a one-dimensional viewpoint. Please consider reaching out to the people of this district and letting them know where you stand.

Respectfully,
Beverly Cheney
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speech. "We have outgrown our current facilities, and our teachers are some of the lowest paid. But we have students that bring home high honors in UIL competitions. Our ROTC program is ranked top in the nation. We have preschoolers reading prior to going to kindergarten. We have many athletic and academic scholarships. We have one of the top CTE programs in the state with students set to be employed upon graduating from high school. The bond is designed to allow these achievements to continue and to grow. The bond is focusing on the needs of Granbury ISD. Your vote, your actions and your commitment to Granbury ISD will say it all. If you're not behind Granbury ISD, committed to Granbury ISD, voting for Granbury ISD, then I ask for you to step down from the GISD board. Please, board please, be on this for the right reasons."

Granbury resident Julia Pannell stated that she believes it takes "everyone's involvement to make our community a great place to live."
"Tonight, we stand before you in appreciation of the hard work that has been done to present such a bond possibility to our community, and we encourage you to vote 'yes,'" she said. "Thank you for giving citizens the opportunity to voice both praises and concerns."

As the committees gathered to discuss a new bond proposal, multiple assessments and analyses were made after visiting the district's campuses to gather data based on needs for further improvements.

The Long-Range Planning Committee was then tasked with developing a bond package that would be recommended for consideration to the Granbury ISD Board of Trustees.

Caleb Prince, newcomer to Granbury and a member of the Strategic Planning and Long-Range Planning committees, spoke to the board on Aug. 21, and ex-



Caleb Prince, newcomer to Granbury and a member of the Strategic Planning and Long-Range Planning committees for Granbury ISD, spoke to the Board of Trustees on Aug. 21 to talk about the new district bond.

plained what the new bond would encompass.

"I've been here six years, and we've seen it since we've been here — the town has grown — but currently, three out of six of our elementary schools are at or over capacity," he explained on Monday evening. "I'm going off some of the older numbers. I don't have the exact numbers in front of me. But I know that three of our elementary schools had portable buildings, which we know is a security risk. We don't want our kids in portables. That's a problem."

He also explained that according to demographic projections, all the elementary schools are set to reach capacity by 2027.

A third of the money for the bond project, according to Prince, will fund a new elementary school to try to accommodate the increasing growth in enrollment.

"The idea is to have (the elementary school) on the northeast side of town to accommodate where most of the growth is within the county, and also to accommodate kids from Cresson and that growth on that side," he explained. "There will also be updates to the existing elementary schools. There's carpet that's out of date, there's

walls that need to be painted, there's gyms that need to be updated, and so on a case-by-case basis, the elementary schools will use this money to update their facilities as well."

The following lists all the renovations and additions that will be made to the Granbury ISD campuses:

- District-wide safety and security enhancements
- A seventh elementary school (off Old Granbury Road and Peck Road)
- Renovations to all six elementary schools and both middle schools
- Acton Middle School expansion
- HVAC replacements at campuses
- Instructional Technology
- New north transportation center to alleviate traffic
- Address traffic flow at campuses
- 30 new buses
- Central transportation center fuel tank replacement

Additionally, the cost projection for each project is laid out on the Granbury ISD website, letting residents know how every dollar is allocated. The itemized list is shown below:

- \$13,614,328.38 - Oak Woods School
- \$11,299,896.35 -

Brawner Elementary School

- \$5,478,868.91 - Emma Roberson Early Learning Academy
- \$5,344,969.99 - STEAM Academy at Mambriano
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Prince noted that Granbury High School was intentionally left off the proposal as demographic projections show that the campus will reach capacity by 2027 or 2028.

"That will need to be tackled down the road. Whether that's multiple high schools, one high school, whatever it may be, that will need to be tackled at a later date, hopefully, through more of getting the community involved in these committees," he said. "(In

the committees) there were a lot of people with a lot of different viewpoints who didn't agree all the time, and that's okay. But I think the thing that we agreed on is that we do care about our kids."

Following the presentation, Glenn and GISD Board Secretary Courtney Gore thanked Prince for his time and for serving on the various district committees.

Gore added that she was also on the Lange-Range Planning committee and explained that many renovations or additions were taken off the bond proposal.

"The community said 'No, you don't need that right now,' or 'Oh, this is a want, this is extra, we don't need that.' They were very intentional in coming up with this and making sure that we have these line items, so it was as transparent as possible for the community," she said.

Before the vote, Glenn explained to the public that GISD's Communication Director Ryan Cox has created a website specifically designed for the bond project that includes more information and frequently asked questions.

"He also is going to have the opportunity for you to email in and we will get you answers to questions that you may have about the bond," Glenn added. "We want to be as transparent as possible, and we want to put out as much information as possible. We feel like this is an issue that the community would come together on. We can get behind teachers, we can get behind schools for kids, and we want to stand out and be a shining light in the community."

Board members then voted on allowing the bond project — or Proposition B — to be placed on the Nov. 7 ballot. The motion was carried 6:1, with Trustee Melanie Graft voting against the bond.

For more information about the bond project, visit granburysd.org/election2023.

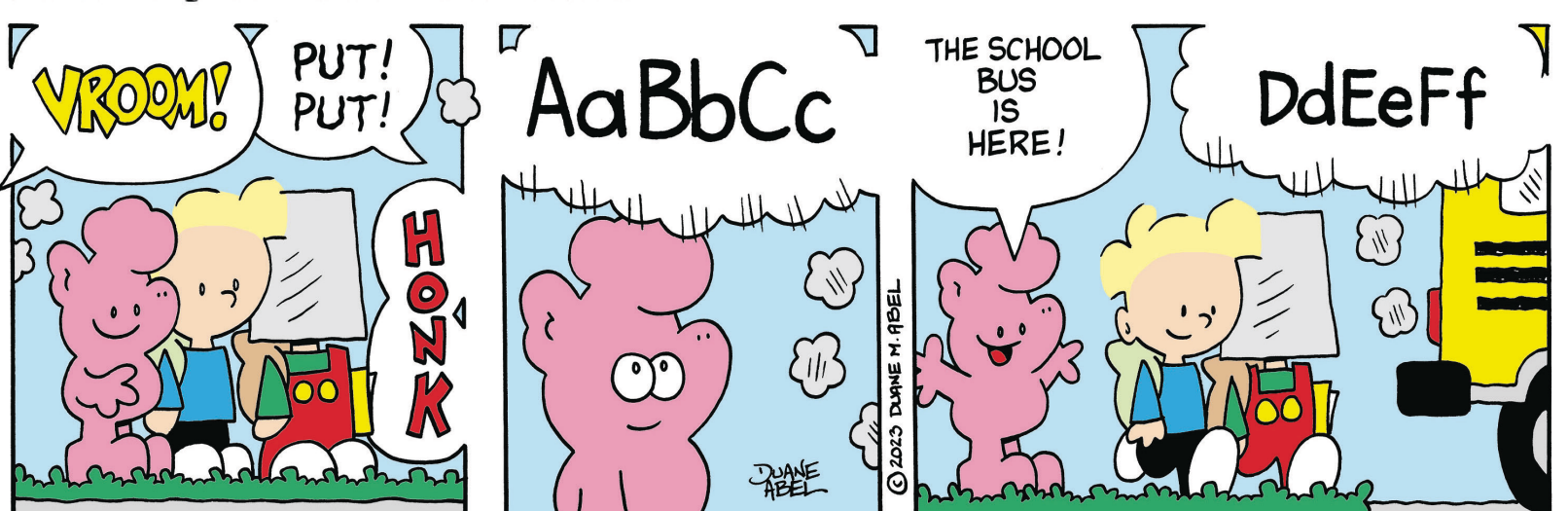
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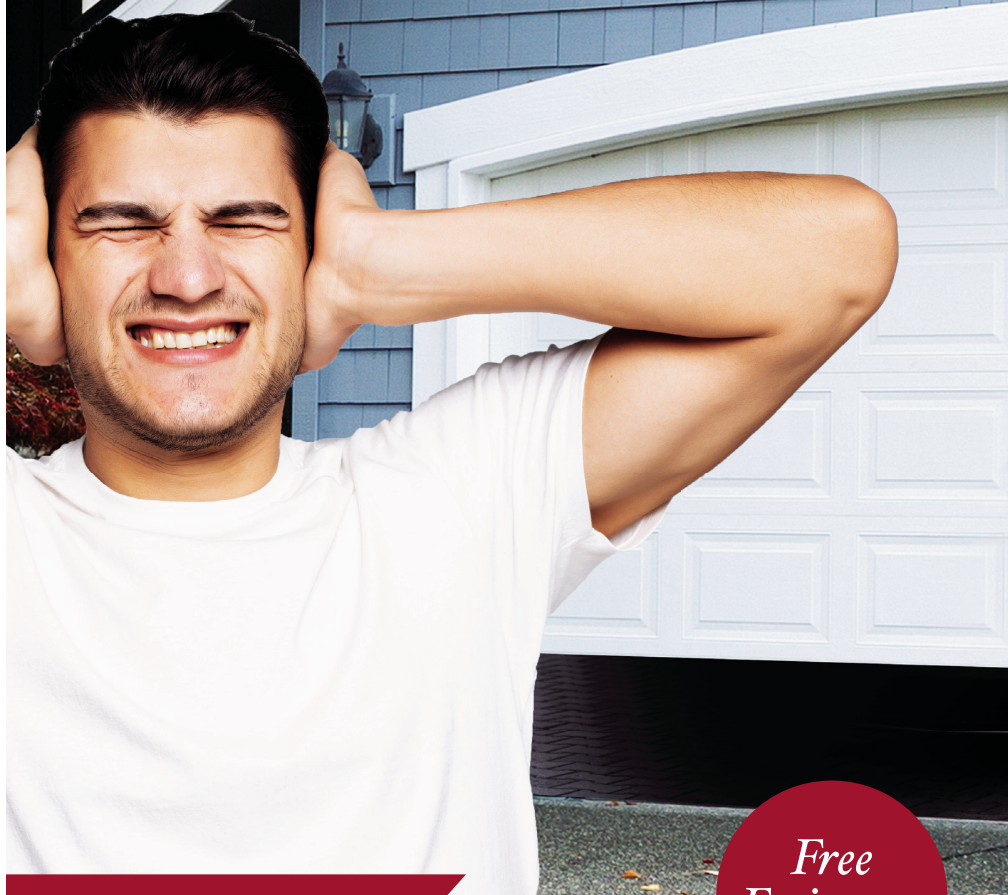


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“Election Connection” Open House Sept. 6

BY EDEN DUNCAN
GILBREATH
Special to the Hood County
News

The Hood County elections office will be hosting an open house called “Election Connection” for citizens interested in how the election process works.

Stephanie Cooper, elections administrator for Hood County is really looking forward to the event.

“My plan is to open my office to the public - to citizens that have questions or even citizens that can just come in and meet me and

see what I do,” she said. “I think this is especially important ahead of 2024 elections. I just want it to be known that my doors are open for citizens to come talk to me and they can come look at how this is all done.”

Citizens can look forward to equipment set up with a mock election set up and they can actually run their ballot and see how the ballot works. A table will be set up with information and flyers about the equipment and a table will be set up for kids with activities for them.

Cooper who has been in her position in Hood County

for a year and a half said, “Many election officials fall into their job, but I have a passion for this, and this is what I have stayed with.”

Cooper has been working in election offices for nearly a decade.

Information on getting involved, learning more about elections staff, National Voter Registration Day information, logic and accuracy testing and more can be found at the open house on Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The open house will take place in the Hood County Annex 1 meeting room located at 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury.

GISD board calls for VATRE to secure additional funding for teachers

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

The Granbury ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted on Aug. 21 to include a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) on the Nov. 7 ballot, in order to increase teacher and staff compensation.

VATRE is an election required by the State Legislature to approve a tax rate increase that generates additional revenue for public schools. If a school district adopts a Maintenance & Operations (M&O) tax rate that exceeds the maximum amount allowed by state statute, a VATRE must be held to gain voter approval to raise the tax rate.

As the GISD Board of Trustees voted for a property tax rate of 0.9342 during the same meeting, this allowed the board to call for a VATRE.

The funding for Granbury ISD primarily comes from local taxes and state funds, according to the GISD news release. Local taxes are divided into two funds: Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S). The M&O fund covers day-to-day district operations, such as staff salaries, teaching supplies, and building maintenance, while the I&S fund is used to pay off school bond debts, which finance new school construction and capital improvements.

As part of the state’s recent tax compression legislation, the overall GISD tax rate will decrease, according to the news release. Rather than compress to the maximum rate under law, the Board of Trustees has set the total tax rate at just over 93 cents, comprising just under 79 cents for M&O and 14.5 cents for I&S. The

ballot will show a total tax rate of just over 93 cents, down from last year’s total tax rate of approximately 99 cents. Compressing the tax rate six cents will mark the eighth consecutive year Granbury ISD has lowered the overall tax rate.

According to the GISD news release, if the VATRE is approved by the community to maximize state funding, the proposal would enable Granbury ISD to secure an estimated \$8.2 million in additional annual funding while simultaneously reducing the overall tax rate.

“In the motion, it says it’s an effective tax rate increase,” GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn said during the meeting. “And because we’re not pressing to the maximum allowed under state law, we’re asking voters for a partial compression, and we’re asking to use the remaining dollars to be able to generate additional, not only local revenue, but also state revenue. The first thing that we’re going to do with that revenue is take care of our staff.”

Glenn said for many years, the district has underpaid its teachers compared to other similar districts in the area, like Weatherford, Cleburne, Burleson, or Mansfield.

“This is an opportunity to give them a raise of 10%, and not just to our teachers, but also our secretaries, our bus drivers, cafeteria workers, our custodians,” he said. “These are people that live amongst you. They work amongst you. We are the largest employer in Hood County, and we want to make sure that our employees are taken care of, so they have the ability to support their kids and raise their family and our community. I think this is an

important issue, and I hope that voters can get informed about this issue.”

If the VATRE measure is approved by voters, not only will the school tax rate decrease, but the result will also mean more local and state funding for Granbury ISD.

The additional funds would allow Granbury ISD to give pay raises to teachers and staff, add personnel to reduce student/teacher ratios in classrooms, and pay for security improvements on all campuses.

“I also think it’s important to note that this is something that grows in perpetuity with the district,” Glenn said. “So as our district grows, and we continue to generate more money, as we build new schools, as we add staff to accommodate students, we’ll be able to take care of that staff at the same level; it’s not a one-time shot for the district.”

The board unanimously voted in favor of the Voter Approved Tax Rate Election set for Nov. 7 — one of two propositions that will be on the ballot.

Registered voters that reside within Granbury ISD zoning will be able to vote on the VATRE (Prop A), and the bond (Prop B) - totaling \$151.7 million.

The Granbury ISD School Board will also have two seats up for election on the November ballot: Place 1 and Place 2, currently held by Mike Moore and Barbara Herrington.

Granbury ISD residents will vote on the two propositions and school board election during Early Voting, Oct. 23 through Nov. 3, and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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iors these days.

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Kathy Commander
Granbury

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Who killed Holly Palmer?

Justice-driven Granbury native seeks truth to 35-year-old cold case

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Almost 35 years have passed since the tragic death of 23-year-old Granbury resident Holly Palmer. But with the case remaining unsolved, family members and friends aren't any closer to finding out the truth than they were back in 1988.

According to previous news articles published in the Hood County News, Palmer's body was found on Nov. 27, 1988, inside Granbury's former Greyhound/Trailways bus station, located at 1512 W. Pearl St., that has since been torn down.

Granbury police officials had also previously confirmed that Palmer had died as a result of "blunt-force trauma to the head."

In a Hood County News article published on Nov. 30, 2013, Granbury Police Chief Mitch Galvin declined to say what the specific motive had been in the killing; however, he did confirm that robbery was not a factor.

"The evidence gathered during the investigation is consistent with the strong possibility that the victim knew the suspect," he had previously told the Hood County News.

But after 35 years of no arrests and no new leads, the question remains: Who killed Holly Palmer?

Kelli Martin, a Granbury native and career criminal justice researcher, is determined to find her own answers.

"I want everybody in this community to know about Holly Palmer's murder because there's a lot of new people here that do not know how this beautiful bright young lady's life was stolen so violently, so horrifically," Martin said, in a recent interview with the HCN. "They need to know."

At the time of the murder, Martin was a senior at Granbury High School. She said she remembers that her grandmother's house was two doors west of the bus station, where Palmer was murdered.

Martin, who was only 17 years old at the time, said that the news of Palmer's murder "rocked little Granbury to its core."

"It was all over school. Everybody knew about it," she said. "It affected our town like nothing I'd ever seen. There were articles in the Hood County News weekly, sometimes twice a week, for months on end. Volunteers came out to hang and distribute Crimestoppers flyers all over the county. One business in town printed 3,000 flyers for free. Then the newspaper started running ads in Spanish, which was very uncharacteristic, to scrounge up leads on the case. We kept telling ourselves, 'Things like that don't happen here,' but honestly, it had."

Although Martin wasn't close with Palmer, she was familiar with her younger sisters: Dolly, Mary, and Honey. "Granbury was a small

town back then and everybody knew everybody, even if you didn't actually hang out together," she said. "It was devastating. It was like 'This is one part of our family,' because Holly was a Granbury High School graduate as well."

For months, the town of Granbury laid in wait to see if any news would surface on Palmer's case — but none ever did.

"Hood County News reported it was one of the most horrific crime scenes our little police force, 13 officers at the time, had ever seen," she described. "There was also no evidence of forced entry. There may have been a little money missing and a blanket, but this was personal."

As November will mark the 35th anniversary of Palmer's death, Martin decided to write a book about the murder, with a goal to hopefully spur the Granbury Police



COURTESY KELLI MARTIN
Kelli Martin, a career criminal justice researcher, will soon publish a book called "Homicide in the Hood: Murders that Haunt a Small Town Girl," depicting six homicide cases that took place in Hood County, including the unsolved case of Holly Palmer's death.

Arizona, whom I actually met and spent the day with to obtain the real story on him. I was even a field researcher on a project for the U.S. Department of Justice on domestic minor sex trafficking in Tarrant County.

"But this book I'm writing is the most meaningful writing I've ever done because it's about my community. It's

for that person not to be included in the book, so she is respecting their wishes.

"I've been wanting to write a book for a long time, so it seemed only natural to write about these homicides in Hood County that affected me as a child and teenager," she said. "I am thoroughly convinced that these murders, coupled with the fact that many of my relatives were, or still are, law enforcement officers, had a significant impact on me choosing a career in the criminal justice field."

Martin's father, Larry Tomlinson, was a cop in his 20s, and her cousin, Edwin Tomlinson, served as a sheriff in Hood County from 1980 to 1992. Seeing two of her family members in such respectful roles was also part of the driving force behind her desire to pursue a similar career.

"I even tried out to be a police officer with the Fort Worth Police Department in 1998 at age 27," she explained. "I was only one of two females that passed the physical agility testing and made it through all of the other testing. I allowed someone to talk me out of going forward, but I digress. Instead, I chose to become an adult probation officer."



HCN FILE PHOTO

Holly Palmer was only 23 years old when her body was found on Nov. 27, 1988, inside Granbury's former Greyhound/Trailways bus station, located at 1512 W. Pearl St., that has since been torn down. After almost 35 years, Holly's case has still not been solved.

background in criminal justice, Martin has now taken it upon herself to personally advocate for Palmer's case and seek much-needed justice for her family — especially upon meeting Dolly in 2019.

"A girl that I grew up with who's a law enforcement officer, we were talking one day, and she said, 'You know, I need to get you and Dolly connected. You need to write a book.'" Martin said. "You've heard that saying, 'The eyes are the window into a person's soul.' I always thought of it as just a cliché phrase until I met and became friends with Dolly Palmer. I could see the pain inside her broken soul, yet she was somehow still strong, a warrior. It was a contradiction I personally understood. I was so inspired by her. She is my 'sister' now and I will do anything for her. I wanted to help her, and the only way I knew how was to write this book."

Martin first started writing "Homicide in the Hood: Murders that Haunt a Small Town Girl" in April and is now in the process of working to get it published. Jana Reid, her Granbury High School English teacher, is also serving as editor for the book.

"I believe that Granbury PD can solve this case," she said. "It's just kind of been on the back burner for a while, but this year is the 35th anniversary of Holly's murder, and I chose to start writing my book this year because I want to get it in print and out there, and I wanted to start bringing attention back to this murder."

For 35 years, Palmer's family has been waiting for a break — any break — in the case.

But now Palmer's father and mother have both passed away, never knowing exactly what happened to their daughter.

According to a Hood County News article published in 2007, Palmer's mother, Mary Hunter, wrote a letter stating that she forgave Palmer's killer.

"That pain and agony from

Holly's murder is right there in (her family's) shadow following them everywhere they go," Martin said. "That's why I wanted to work with Dolly, Holly's sister, to help me try and put into words that type of pain that the family of a murder victim feels."

Since Martin has now talked to Galvan and Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds about her book project, she said there is now "activity on several Hood County cold cases," — not just Palmer's.

"The current police officials were not around when Holly was murdered; they inherited the mistakes that were made by past officers," Martin said. "I know they want to solve this case too. I understand they are working active cases, and that Granbury has grown exponentially since Holly's murder. However, Holly's case is only one of two cold cases under Granbury PD's jurisdiction. Holly and her sisters deserve justice."

Additionally, since Martin has posted on social media explaining her book project, she has also been contacted by several witnesses to other Hood County murders.

"I would like people in the community to work with me on this," Martin said. "Let's keep the motivation for getting (Holly's) case solved."

Martin is scheduled to host a public presentation on her book at 5:30 p.m. at the Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St., on Monday, Oct. 30.

"Dolly has never given up hope that her sister's killer would be caught and punished," Martin added. "She is on a mission. She will not stop fighting, either until her sister's killer is caught or she dies — whichever comes first."

As for Martin, she feels it is her personal duty to Dolly — and the family — to do as much as she can to finally put the killer behind bars.

"I cannot sit by and do nothing," she added. "It's not right. It's not right for people to forget about Holly Palmer."

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This photo was taken from an HCN article in 2013, featuring Holly Palmer's family. Pictured (front row, from left) are sisters Marry Ellis and Dolly Spinner, mother Mary Hunter, and (back row) sisters Mollie Fitts and Wynn Steiner. Hunter is holding a 1988 copy of the HCN that gave an account of Holly's murder.

Department to potentially solve the cold case.

Over the past few months, Martin has conducted extensive research and met with dozens of eyewitnesses for her book, "Homicide in the Hood: Murders that Haunt a Small Town Girl."

"I've published many scholarly articles in top-tier criminology and criminal justice journals during the course of my career," she said. "I've also written a chapter in a two-volume series called 'Icons of Crime Fighting' about Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Maricopa County,

about people devastated by violence."

Martin's book not only talks about Palmer's murder, but also details five other homicide cases that took place in Hood County between 1980 and 1988 — Lillian Peart, Kathryn Stemberge, Sheila Vandygriff, Dorothy Sanders, and Bonnie Barber.

Out of those five, Barber's case is the only one that has been solved.

The murder of a friend in 1990 was also a motivating factor for Martin to publish a novel, but the family asked

Martin later obtained both her master's degree and her Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice.

Now, Martin has worked in the criminal justice system for 28 years, with roles ranging from a court officer to a supervisor of a sex crimes unit.

"I still work in adult probation, but as a research and policy planner due to my advanced education," she said. "I've done everything that you could do in probation, every position, except for maybe being a gang officer."

Because of her extensive

COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Leadership Granbury member continues to grow as a leader and is now serving as district liaison

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

Meredith Fraser is a resident of Granbury and is a recent member of Leadership Granbury.

Fraser worked on movie productions out of college while living in New Orleans. In between movies, Fraser had a passion for music and would book bands shows. After leaving film, her friend suggested Fraser be a talent agent as she had been doing that unofficially.

For the last 12 years, Fraser has been a talent agent with a roster of around 30 artists and has booked shows in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

When the COVID-19 pan-

dem hit, the live music industry changed drastically, and Fraser thought she was going to retire from music all together.

It was at the beginning of the pandemic that Fraser decided to move to Granbury and be closer to family.

"It felt like a really great place to be," Fraser said. "I just immediately fell in love with Hood County and the people here. I think we have the best people here in Hood County."

Post pandemic, Fraser realized she still wanted to continue a career in the music industry. Fraser recently has taken a job as a production manager for one of the largest talent promoters in the country.

Fraser also just got hired

to be the district liaison for US House District 59. On behalf of representative Shelby Slawson, Fraser will be representing Hood and Erath County.

"We're just hoping to have a bigger presence here in Hood County," Fraser said.

Already being highly involved with Granbury, Fraser wanted to join Leadership Granbury to continue growing as a leader.

"I was really drawn to what they're doing there. They take leaders and potential

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Pictured is Leadership Granbury member Meredith Fraser.

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Please contact 254-646-2237 for more information regarding this position. You may also come by our Lipan or Granbury location to fill out an application.

You can email completed application and resume to the following email: monty@santopropane.com

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Santo Propane is looking for a full-time propane delivery route driver for our Mineral Wells and surrounding service area.

Basic duties include delivering propane to residential and commercial customers in a safe and efficient manner; while also maintaining records with regulations and company procedures.

Candidate should possess a Class A CDL License, Tanker Endorsement, Hazmat Materials Endorsement and be able to pass a drug screen. (Railroad Commission License would be a plus!)

Please contact 254-646-2237 for more information regarding this position. You may also come by our Lipan or Granbury location to fill out an application.

You can email completed application and resume to the following email: monty@santopropane.com

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

THE TRADITION AT PORT RIDGLEA, LOTS A-R1A & A-R1B

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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

ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB D/B/A SERV BANK 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

Public Notices

LEGAL AD
Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat and vacating a portion of Gospel Road for:

ROLLED STONE EST, PHASE 1, LOTS 3R & 4R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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

PORT RIDGLEA EAST, SECTION TWO, LOTS 178A & 179A

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Guardbox Storage in Granbury, which is located at 1400 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, TX 76048, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.StorageTreasures.com. The auction will end on or around 11:00 A.M. on September 11, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 cash deposit for removal and cleanup will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants: Micah Goodner- Golf Clubs, boxes Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

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 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

Public Notices

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/KIA/ 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/KIA 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/KIA 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

The Transit System, Inc. is accepting bids for the repair and renovation of our shop building restroom. It is a single restroom, measuring approximately 5 foot by 6 foot. Bids will be accepted at The Transit System, Inc., 401 Commerce Street, Glen Rose, Texas 76043 through Wednesday, September 6 and a bid opening will be held at 2pm Friday September 8, 2023.

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

STORAGE UNIT SALE Jennifer Grotalio has defaulted on payments to Comanche Peak Storage, 6820 Glen Rose Hwy. Property is being sold to satisfy debt. Auction August 31, 2023 at 10:00am. (817) 371-5765

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that CAPL Retail, LLC has applied for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit to be issued to: Joe's Kwik Marts TX 0302 located at 1901 E US Highway 377, Granbury, Hood County, TX 76049. Charles M. Nifong, Jr. - CEO/Manager Maura E. Topper - CFO Jonathan E. Benfield - Secretary Jade Y. Hu - Tax Director

Public Notices

GRANBURY REGIONAL AIRPORT GRANBURY, TEXAS AIRPORT WATER AND SEWER LINE EXTENSION _ RFP 22_23_20 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for the construction of the Airport Water and Sewer Line Extension will be received, prior to the deadline, by the City of Granbury, at the office of the Purchasing Department, 401 N. Park Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, until 10:00 am local time on September 12, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing Approximately 1,400 L.F. of Water and Sewer Line from Howard Clemons Rd. to a future hangar development area on the west side of the airport.

Bids shall be on a lump sum and/or unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: KSA Engineers, Inc.: 8866 Synergy Drive, McKinney, Tx 75070, (972) 542_2995. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 am to 5 pm.

Contract documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the Project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. Please submit questions for this Project 72 hours prior to bid opening through www.civcastusa.com in the Q & A portal.

Addenda issued will be posted on www.civcastusa.com. You will be notified of addenda automatically through email if you downloaded your plans and specifications via www.civcastusa.com. A pre_bid conference will be held on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Granbury Regional Airport Terminal Building, 400 Howard Clemons Rd., Granbury, TX 76048.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Owner: City of Granbury By: Pat Stewart Title: Airport Manager Date: 8/21/23

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
-TRC 109 & 114 STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. C2023171
in the 355th District Court of Hood County, Texas

LARRY GILBERT THOMAS AND LAURIE ANN THOMAS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS CO-TRUSTEES OF THE PROPER-T LIVING TRUST VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LAURELL E. HAND, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARSHALL T. VOSE, JR. A/KIA MARSHALL T. VOSE, JR., GENE W. HAND A/KIA EUGENE WALTER HAND

TO: The Unknown Heirs of Laurell E. Hand and The Unknown Heirs of Marshall T. Vose A/KIA Marshall T. Vose, Jr.

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 Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being MONDAY the 18TH day of SEPTEMBER 2023, before the Honorable BRYAN T. BUFKIN 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 12TH day of JULY, A.O. 2023, in the above-entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit:

THE ORIGINAL PETITION IS A SUIT FOR CIVIL, REAL PROPERTY, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit, the nature of which suit is PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION BEING Trespass to Try Title suit involving Lots 3 and 4, Block 1, Rancho Brazos Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Hood County, Texas. Property Address: 3604 and 3606 Sundown Trail, Granbury, TX 76049.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 04 day of AUGUST, 2023.

Attorney for Plaintiff(s):
Dakota Wrinkle
Texas Landowner Law Firm, PLLC
1901 Pacific Ave, Ste. 5020
Dallas, TX 75201
Phone: 469-833-3380
E-mail: dakota@texaslandownerfirm.com

WITNESS: TONNA L. NEWMAN CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS By Camie Roybal, Deputy

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to LGI Homes – Texas, LLC for Cresson MUD No. 1 of Hood County, will be received physically at the office of the Engineer, Pape-Dawson Engineers, 6105 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024, Phone 214-420-8494 until **2:00 PM**, local time, **Tuesday, September 26th, 2023**, and then publicly opened for the construction of the following project:

**“Construction of Water Production Facility for Cresson MUD No. 1”
Project No. 70193-02**

Scope of Work of the Contract includes:

[Water Production]

The Brookside Water Production Facility will provide potable water service to a new multi-use development in Hood County. The facility will include construction of:

- 200,000-gallon Welded Steel Ground Storage Tank
- High Service Pump Station
- 12,000-gallon Hydropneumatics Tank
- Yard Pipe and Valves
- Control Systems including SCADA Equipment
- Security Fencing
- Site Work
- Disinfection Systems
- Monitoring Equipment

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at **2:00 PM**, local time, **Wednesday, September 6th, 2023**, physically at the office of the Engineer, Pape-Dawson Engineers, 6105 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024. Electronic access information to be provided prior to the meeting. Please contact Ted Nelson via email at tnelson@pape-dawson.com to obtain Microsoft Teams access information.

Instruction to Bidders and other bid documents will be available for review at the office of the Engineer and will be provided electronically, through CivCast, to prospective bidders.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or minor defects. In case of the lack of clarity or ambiguity in prices, the Owner reserves the right to accept the most advantageous or reject the bid. All bids received after the closing time designated above will be returned unopened.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Government Code, may apply to this Bid and/or Contract and the Contractor agrees that the Contract can be terminated if the Contractor knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. PL-2022-16, Request of Joe Faust on behalf of QT South, LLC to Replat Lot 4, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition as Lot 4R, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition. The property is located east of the intersection of Meander Rd. and E. Hwy. 377.
2. PL-2022-23, Request of Jason Britt to Final Plat, a 59.801 acre tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abs. #351, B.W. Perkins Survey, Abs. #445 as Lots 1-6, Block 15; Lots 1-30, Block 16; Lots 1-32, Block 17; Lots 1-16, Block 18; Lots 1-10, Block 19; Lots 1-7 & Common Area 1, Block 20; Lots 1-16, Block 21; Lots 1-3 & Common Area H, Block 22; Lots 1-31, Block 23; Lots 1-12, Block 24; Lots 1-34, Block 25; and Lots 1-32, Block 26 of the Saratoga Phase 3 & 4 Addition. The property is located approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Saratoga Blvd. and E. Hwy 377.
3. PL-2022-29, Request of CRB Asset Management to Replat Lot 1 Block 1 of Enterprise Addition as Lot 1R, Block 1 Enterprise Addition. The property is located south of Old Granbury Road, approximately 135 feet east of Opal Ct.
4. Z-2023-02, Request of Tryon Development Corp. to rezone a 15.147-acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #348 from Planned Development [PD] to Residential – 7,000 [R-7]. The property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Nettie Baccus Rd. and Loop 567.
5. PL-2023-04, Request of Tryon Development Corp. to Preliminary Plat a 15.147-acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #348 as Lots 1-23, Block 1; Lots 1-27, Block 2 and Lots 1-15, Block 3 of the Bella Vista Addition. The property is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Nettie Baccus Rd. and Loop 567.
6. SUP-2021-12, Request of Mary Ann Williamson for a Specific Use Permit to allow Single Family, Attached in a Central Business District (CBD) zoning district. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.
7. PL-2021-10, Request of Mary Ann Williamson to Replat a 0.549-acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #903, known as a part of Block 8 of the Barton Addn. as Lots 6R-11R, Block 8 of the Barton Addition. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.
8. PL-2023-15, Request of Jim Tate to Replat Lot 37 of the Woodcreek Subdivision, Section 4 as Lots 37-R1 and 37-R2 of the Woodcreek Subdivision, Section 4. The property is addressed as 612 W. Woodcreek Ct.
9. Z-2023-08, Request of Manish Rimal to Rezone a portion of Lot 1, Block 1 of the 40TH Enterprise Addition from Residential - 8,400 [R-8.4] to Light Commercial [LC]. The property is addressed as 1100 W. Pearl St.
10. SUP-2023-19, Request of Manish Rimal for a Specific Use Permit to allow the operation of a "Convenience Store with Gas Pumps" in a Light Commercial zoning district. The property is addressed as 1100 W. Pearl St.
11. Z-2022-03, Request of Sand Hill Land & Cattle Company, LLC to rezone a 6.128-acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abs.#504 from Light Commercial [LC] to Planned Development [PD] with a base Multiple Family [PD/MF]. The property is located north of the intersection of Crawford Ave. and Harbor Lakes Dr.
12. PL-2022-25, Request of Sand Hill Land & Cattle Company to Preliminary Plat a 6.128-acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abs. #504 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Sundance on Lake Granbury Addition. The property is located north of the intersection of Crawford Ave. and Harbor Lakes Dr.
13. PL-2023-21, Request of Legends Land Development to Preliminary Plat a 155.098 acre tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abstract # 351 as Lots 1-25, Block 1; Lots 1-38, Block 2; Lots 1-99, Block 3; Lots 1-26, Block 4; Lots 1-16, Block 5; Lots 1-7, Block 6; Lots 1-38, Block 7; Lots 1-14, Block 8; Lots 1-9, Block 9; Lots 1-6, Block 10; Lots 1-16, Block 11; Lots 1-13, Block 12; Lots 1-26, Block 13; Lots 1-26, Block 14; Lots 1-22, Block 15; Lots 1-18, Block 16; Lots 1-10, Block 17; Lots 1-28, Block 18; Lots 1-15, Block 19; Lots 1-18, Block 20; Lots 1-12, Block 21; Lots 1-65, Block 22; Lots 1-33, Block 23; Lots 1-35, Block 24; Lots 1-11, Block 25 and HOA Common Areas: Lot 1X, Block 18; Lot 2X, Block 1; Lot 3X, Block 3; Lot 4X, Block 10; Lot 5X, Block 26; Lots 6X and 7X, Block 23 of the Legacy Ranch Addition. The property is located northwest of the intersection of Fall Creek Hwy and FM 4.
14. PL-2023-19, Request of Realty Capital Management to Preliminary Plat a 47.271 acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abstract # 504 as Lots 1-6, Block 1; Lots 1-27, Block 2; Lots 1-3, Block 3; Lots 1-11, Block 4; Lots 1-4, Block 5; Lots 1-4, Block 6; Lots 1-4, Block 7; Lots 1-7, Block 8; Lots 1-24, Block 9; Lots 1-16, Block 10 and Lots 1-14, Block 11 of the Lakeview Landing Addition. The property is located southwest of the intersection of E. Hwy 377 and Overstreet Blvd.
15. PL-2023-16, Request of Jim Martin to Final Plat A 121.224 acre tract of the Robert Alway Survey, Abstract # 4 and the Martin County School Land Survey, Abstract # 348 as Lot 1 (Park Dedication), Lots 1-45, Block 1; Lots 1-11, Block 2; Lots 1-11, Block 3; Lots 1-16, Block 4; Lots 1-31, Block 5; Lots 1-24, Block 6; Lots 1-23, Block 7; Lots 1-18 and Common Area 3, Block 8; Lots 1-7 and Common Area 4, Block 9; Lots 1-18, Block 10; Lots 1-17, Block 11; Lots 1-17, Block 12; Lots 1-14, Block 13; Lots 1-8 and Common Area 2, Block 14; Lots 1-26, Block 15; Lots 1-30, Block 16 and Lot 1 and Common Area 1, Block 17 of the Crucis Creek Addition. The property is located west of the intersection of Loop 567 and Camp Crucis Ct.
16. PL-2023-18, Request of Vanish Hospitality, LLC to Replat part of Lot 7 and Lot 8 of the Aiken Subdivision No. One as Lot 8R of the Aiken Subdivision No. One. The property is addressed as 2440 E. Hwy 377.
17. PL-2023-20, Request of George Schade to Monor Plat a 1.913 acre tract of the M. Oldham Survey, Abstract #431 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Schade Point Addition. The property is addressed as 2770 Andrews Cir.
18. CP-2023-06, Request of Granbury Nissan Properties II, LLC to amend the Future Land Use Map contained within the 2016 Comprehensive Plan on a 7.468 tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abstract #351 from Retail/Office and Low Density Residential to Commercial. The property is addressed as 4900 E. Hwy 377
19. Z-2023-11, Request of Granbury Nissan Properties II, LLC to rezone 7.468 tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abstract #351 from Interim Holding [IH] to Heavy Commercial [HC]. The property is addressed as 4900 E. Hwy 377.
20. SUP-2023-21, Request of Granbury Nissan Properties II, LLC for a Specific Use Permit on a 7.468 tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abstract #351 for "Auto Sales, Used" and "Auto Repair, Major". The property is addressed as 4900 E. Hwy 377.
21. PL-2023-17, Request of Granbury Nissan Properties II, LLC to Preliminary Plat a 7.468 tract of the Joshua Minnett Survey, Abstract #351 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Granbury Nissan Addition. The property is addressed as 4900 E. Hwy 377.
22. SUP-2023-23, Request of Glenn Kruger for a Specific Use Permit for a 4-bedroom "Short-Term Rental, Unhosted". The property is addressed as 321 W. Doyle St.
23. SUP-2023-25, Request of James Hall for a Specific Use Permit for a "Short Term Rental, Residential". The property is addressed as 407 W. Torrey.
24. Z-2023-12, Request of Granbury 491, LLC to amend the Planned Development/Heavy Commercial [PD/HC] district adopted Ordinance #20-01. The property is addressed as 1380 E. Hwy 377.
25. SUP-2023-20, Request of Progressive Powersports Properties to amend the Specific Use Permit adopted Ordinance #21-45 to allow for the operation of sales and service of new and used ATVs, Motorcycles, and Boats or similar craft. The property is addressed as 4332 E Hwy 377.
26. SUP-2023-22, Request of Homeyer Engineering, Inc. for a Specific Use Permit for a "Car-Wash, Self Serve" in a Light Commercial zoning district. The property is addressed as 3925 E. Hwy 377.
27. SUP-2023-24, Request of Glenn Wade for a Specific Use Permit for a "Short Term Rental, Residential". The property is addressed as 204 N. Brazos St.

For more information, contact Community Development at 817-573-1114, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

CITY OF GRANBURY
P.O. Box 969
Granbury, TX 76048
Publisher's Affidavit requested.
Attn: Community Development
Please publish August 26, 2023, in the smallest, legible font.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF CRESSON, TEXAS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Cresson City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8901 Highway 377, Cresson, Texas, to receive public input regarding the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 annual operating budget.

A copy of the proposed budget will be made available for public review at the following locations: City of Cresson, City Secretary's Office, 8901 Highway 377, Cresson, Texas 76035; and on the city website www.cressontx.org.



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STATE OF TEXAS
HOOD COUNTY

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:

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| 59 | C2020281 04/13/23 | 13442.000.0113.0 R000023243 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LINDA HAMLIN | TRACT 2 Lot 113, Oak Trail Shores, 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. | \$10,000.00 |
| 60 | C2020282 04/13/23 | 12522.000.0050.0 R000013893 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD L. IRWIN, ET AL | TRACT 1 Lots 49 and 50, Indian Harbor, Phase II, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 62, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$32,600.00 |
| 61 | C2020282 04/13/23 | 12522.000.0051.0 R000013894 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD L. IRWIN, ET AL | TRACT 2 Lot 51, Indian Harbor, Phase II, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1487, Page 387, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$12,000.00 |
| 62 | C2020294 04/18/23 | 12522.000.0042.0 R000013885 and R013885 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOMMY DAN WARD | All that certain tract of land containing Lots 42, 43, and 44, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase II, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 62A, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas, described as follows: a. that certain Lot 44, Indian Harbor Subdivision, as described in deed dated October 13, 1995, from Ruth S. Nanney to Tommy D. Ward, in Volume 1477, Page 252, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas; b. that certain Lot 43, Indian Harbor Subdivision, as described in deed dated December 28, 1995, from Richard W. Hall et ux to Tommy Dan Ward, in Volume 1484, Page 418, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas; and c. that certain Lot 42, Indian Harbor Subdivision, as described in deed dated January 25, 1996, from Virginia A. Leonard to Tommy D. Ward, in Volume 1487, Page 246, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$43,780.00 |
| 63 | C2020298 08/18/22 | 13180.000.0006.0 R000013885 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES E. FLUITT | TRACT 2 Tract 6, Lukers Acres, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1303, Page 203, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$10,140.00 |
| 64 | C2020298 08/18/22 | 13180.000.0005.0 R000019753 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES E. FLUITT | TRACT 1 Tract 5, Lukers Acres, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 329, Page 607, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$8,450.00 |
| 65 | C2020300 04/13/23 | 12532.000.1123.0 R000015161 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY L. GRIFFIS | Lot 1123, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase XII, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 99, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$30,000.00 |
| 66 | C2020304 11/09/22 | 12961.001.0164.0 R000016688 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DUSTY EVANS, ET AL | TRACT 2 Lot 164, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Map Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$1,000.00 |
| 67 | C2020304 11/09/22 | 12961.001.0165.0 R000016689 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DUSTY EVANS, ET AL | TRACT 1 Lot 165, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Map Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$11,000.00 |
| 68 | C2020306 08/16/21 | 11220.000.0146.2 R000001972 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GINA MILLER | Lots 146B and 146C, Blue Water Shores, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide A-238-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$59,200.00 |
| 69 | C2020309 09/13/22 | 13445.008.0030.0 R000024615 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY TYLER COUNTS | TRACT 2 Lot 30, Block 8, Oak Trail Shores, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 52, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$2,000.00 |
| 70 | C2020309 09/13/22 | 13445.008.0029.0 R000024614 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY TYLER COUNTS | TRACT 1 Lot 29, Block 8, Oak Trail Shores, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 52, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$2,000.00 |
| 71 | C2020311 04/19/23 | 12533.000.1045.0 R000015244 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. FRANCISCA BARRON | Lot 1045, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase 13, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1329, Page 599, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$30,000.00 |
| 72 | C2020318 02/28/23 | 13442.000.0581.1 R0000103906 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BEATRIZ MUNGA | Lot 581, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$77,380.00 |
| 73 | C2020327 10/03/22 | 12962.000.0414.0 R000017556 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. L. BAILEY, ET AL | Lots 414 and 415, Lake Granbury Subdivision, Section "B", 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. | \$2,000.00 |
| 74 | C2020335 06/28/22 | 11362.000.0297.0 R000003495 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOSE S. ORELLANA, ET AL | TRACT 1 Lot 297, Canyon Creek Addition, Unit 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1425, Page 890, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$21,860.00 |
| 75 | C2020335 06/28/22 | M7054.517.1171.1 (N000119688) AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOSE S. ORELLANA, ET AL | TRACT 2 .000244 Royalty Interest in and to the Decoroda Ranch Unit 8H, Railroad Commission# 254464, Blackbeard Operating, Operator, said well being located in the J A Shipley Survey, Abstract #550, located in Hood County, Texas. | \$90.00 |
| 76 | C2020346 06/28/22 | 11365.000.0096.0 R000004265 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PAT MURPHY | Lot 96, Canyon Creek, Unit 5, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2016-0003485, Official Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$17,000.00 |
| 77 | C2020397 06/28/22 | 11483.002.0116.0 R000008955 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHARLYN ROBERTSON, ET AL | Lots 116 and 117, Block 2, Comanche Cove Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Page 212B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$7,000.00 |
| 78 | C2021115 08/18/22 | 13250.000.0014.0 R000020367 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. IB PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC | Lot 14, Mid-Haven Estates, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide A-247-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$3,000.00 |
| 79 | C2021220 04/05/23 | 11367.000.0107.0 R000004514 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DONNA BURT FOSTER | Lot 107, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1020, Page 463, Real Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$14,000.00 |
| 80 | C2021224 11/09/22 | 11368.000.0182.0 R000005226 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MELVIN MAGESON | Lot 182, Canyon Creek III, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1085, Page 949, Real Property Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$6,000.00 |
| 81 | C2021283 09/13/22 | 11483.001.0266.0 R000008574 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JEFFREY K. SHIRLEY, ET AL | Lots 266, 267, and 268, Block 1, Comanche Cove Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 150, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$10,500.00 |
| 82 | C2021284 09/13/22 | 11370.000.0196.0 R000005661 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BUSINESS VACATION CONCEPTS C/O ALTERNATIVE VACATION CONCEPTS, INC. | TRACT 2 Lot 196, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1722, Page 255, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$7,000.00 |
| 83 | C2021284 09/13/22 | 11369.000.0039.0 R000005452 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BUSINESS VACATION CONCEPTS C/O ALTERNATIVE VACATION CONCEPTS, INC. | TRACT 1 Lot 39, Canyon Creek Subdivision IV, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide A-307-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$7,000.00 |
| 84 | C2021287 11/09/22 | 12524.000.0099.0 R000014168 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHERI R. JOBE | Lots 99 and 100, Indian Harbor, Phase IV, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 72, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$22,000.00 |
| 85 | C2021288 02/28/23 | 13812.003.0049.0 R000031797 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LUPE CASTILLO | Lot 49, Block 3, Sky Harbour Subdivision, Section 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 32, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$55,070.00 |
| 86 | C2021289 09/13/22 | 12961.001.0199.0 R000016723 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JEFFREY LYNN SEARLES | TRACT 1 Lot 199, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described, as Tract 1, in Clerk's File #2013-0000867, Official Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$1,000.00 |
| 87 | C2021289 09/13/22 | 12961.001.0200.0 R000016724 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JEFFREY LYNN SEARLES | TRACT 2 Lot 200, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described, as Tract 1, in Clerk's File #2013-0000867, Official Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$9,950.00 |
| 88 | C2021301 11/09/22 | 20585.000.0080.0 R000104172, 20585.000.0080.1 and R000104175 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICKEY LEE COOK, ET AL | TRACT 2 2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the Martin Walker Survey, Abstract 585, Hood County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 30, 2015, from Pauline E. Bourdon to Loyd Thomas Sebastian, in Clerk's File #2015-0013136, Official Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$26,220.00 |

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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, Whipoorwill 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 et ux 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, Whipoorwill 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 |
| 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 1H, 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 5H, 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 (N000136915 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 |
| 107 | C2022503 05/23/23 | 11367.000.0253.0 R000004644 AUGUST 04, 2023 | GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOM WEEKS, A/K/A THOMAS RAY WEEKS | Lot 253, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1157, Page 507, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas. | \$14,000.00 |

(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


Constable Chad Jordan
Hood County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

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ent Carylton Reeves signed. Reeves signed in through the Raptor system, a school safety software. Lowery stated she wore her badge and made note that neither she nor Reeves stated they were going anywhere but the library.

Lowery added that she was not being “sneaky” as some witnesses stated, and noted she casually went in the door she was familiar with noting she was unaware of the door closet when en route to the library.

Lowery stated there was enough ambient light to see in the library that there wasn’t a need to turn on the lights, and that she couldn’t find the light switch. She used her cell phone flashlight to look at books on the bottom of the shelves noting she took photos of the books.

Lowery noted she followed all of the correct procedures in accordance with the Board of Education for visiting district facilities.

“I was elected by the community, and I will fulfill my campaign promises to the best of my ability until my term is over so Mr. Superintendent and President (Herrington) I will be here another two years,” Lowery stated at the end of her speech.

After the speech, members

of the board held a discussion and went back in forth on Dr. Herrington’s gathering details not aligning with Lowery’s statement.

“On Aug. 2 I was told by someone in the community, one of our board members was in the library in darkness,” Dr. Harrington stated. “Name the person,” Lowery responded.

Dr. Herrington did not respond to Lowery and continued, “She said I saw it on social media. That was the first I heard of this on the day of the incident, they saw it on social media, so I called Dr. Glenn to verify that,” Dr. Herrington said which Dr. Glenn told Dr. Herrington they were looking into it.

“The next day (Aug. 3) I got copies of the statements that were made, and copies of the security camera videos from the hallways,” Dr. Herrington said before attempting to start reading the full email sent to Lowery after the incident.

Dr. Herrington noted she sent three emails to Lowery asking if she would like to respond or make a statement to which Lowery noted her attorney advised against responding.

Dr. Herrington also noted that a request for an open records act was requested on Aug. 4.

“I will go on record here and state for this community and Mrs. Lowery that at no time did Dr. Glenn or I (did not) put this stuff out for the



School Board Trustee Karen Lowery speaks to one of her supporters after special meeting on Aug. 23 where the board voted 5-2 to censure Lowery.

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public,” Herrington noted.

Lowery vocalized her concern noting that posts on social media showing the security camera footage were out within two hours of the incident on social media.

Board Trustee Melanie Graft read a social media post from a whom she described as “hate group” she was submitted. “This

is going to be here before we know it. I’ve been asked by other board members to ask the public taxpayers of Granbury to email the board to express your concerns on this important matter. Speakers will be held to a mere three minutes, but our emails are communicated in full. Please write to the board ahead of this meeting so that they can give full consideration to your concerns,” Graft said.

“My question is this, who on this board asked him to do this. What board members did that,” Graft asked.

“I can guarantee you, I did not do that,” Dr. Herrington said.

“I did not either,” Mike Moore said. “What’s the name of the group?”

“I’m not going to give the name of the ‘hate group’. I think most people know. I’m not going to give it attention. It’s not a place that I would advise anyone to go to so why would I give that group attention” Graft responded.

Courtney Gore then asked about all access card Lowery had mentioned asking if Lowery got a different card than the rest of the board.

Dr. Glenn noted that the card is just to access to doors of the board administration building.

Lowery responded, “I was given it and told I had access to buildings. Sometimes the communication doesn’t come real significantly to the two of us (Graft). We kinda get left out of things.”

Lowery then suggested that they move on and end the discussion as it was 10 p.m. but Gore wanted to ask more questions as she wanted to be clear on the details as a vote was to come.

The library incident took place at the Operation School Supplies at Granbury High school on the morning of Aug. 2.

A security camera video obtained through an open records request showed Karen Lowery and Carolyn Reeves walking towards the library and shows the two walking

around where they spent about an hour and a half.

Board President Dr. Herrington requested a statement from the GHS Assistant principal who had spotted Lowery in the library.

In an email statement shared with the public as part of an open records request, Mr. Guidry noted seeing two individuals walking around in the dark library.

“They were flashing lights from the phones looking at some books,” Guidry said.

Guidry proceeded to make his way into the library and asked if he could assist the individuals. Lowery identified herself and told Guidry that she had been asked by the superintendent Dr. Glenn to come and look at some books. The other individual did not identify themselves but later was identified as Carolyn Reeves.

Guidry noted to Lowery to exit as soon as possible to which Lowery responded saying thank you and it would be fine.

Reeves asked about a storage room in the learning commons and Guidry informed the individual that it was storage for computer carts and textbooks. Guidry noted that the individual continued to see what was inside the room and open the door.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn told Dr. Herrington he was not contacted by Mrs. Lowery to schedule the visit to the library.

On Aug. 4 Granbury ISD posted to their Facebook page with a statement from Dr. Herrington.

“The GISD School Board is aware of alleged concerns surrounding one of its trustees on August 2nd, 2023. The district is looking into the allegations and will take appropriate action if deemed necessary.”

After an uproar on social media, the Granbury community became heavily involved and concerned with many comments and opinions as well as the making of a petition.

The petition created by Zeb Ullom on Aug. 4 demands the resignation of Lowery and has had 243 signatures as of press time.

Chairman of the Hood County GOP, Steve Biggers posted a call to action on social media to attend the Aug. 21 meeting. Biggers claims Lowery has been smeared on social media and requested members of the Republican party of Hood County to show up and show Karen they care for her.

The school board meeting on Aug. 21 was the first meeting held after the incident took place. The meeting did not have anything on the agenda regarding the incident but many people across the community came to vocalize their thoughts.

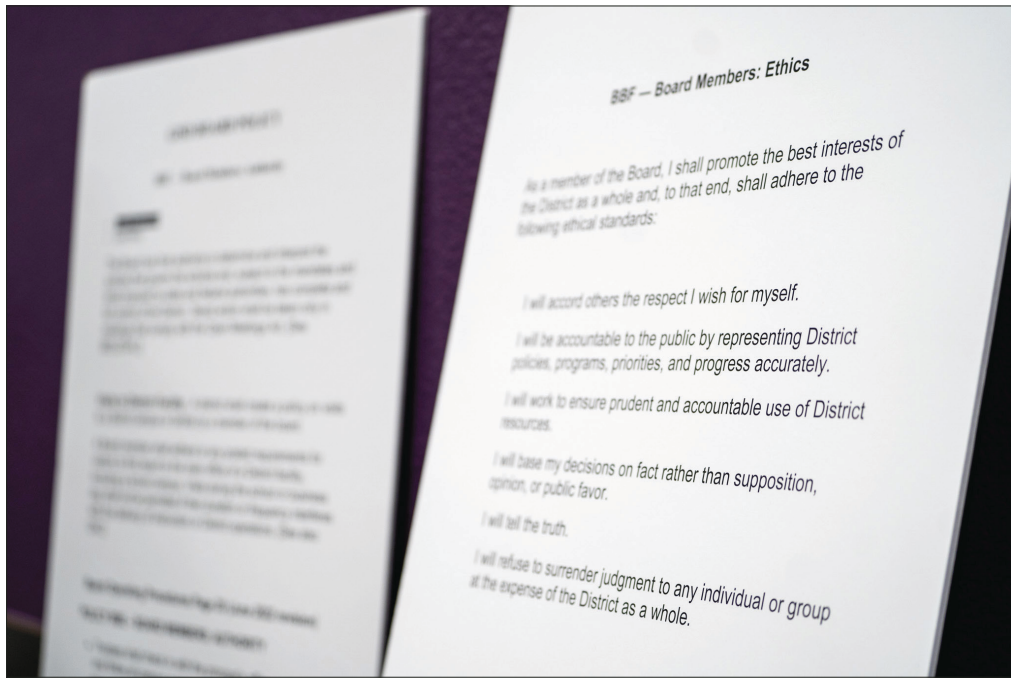
Every seat was filled, and people lined the back walls of the room. The room was divided with strong opinions shared both in support of Lowery’s actions and against.

Many attendees attempted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during an open forum but were denied as there wasn’t anything regarding the library incident on the agenda.

At the end of the three and a half hour long meeting those who were signed up to speak were given the chance to talk about anything regardless of it pertaining to the agenda.

It was at this time over 20 people spoke making this open forum last nearly an hour. Those that support Lowery believe she was doing her job as she campaigned with a statement of sexually explicit books and was checking to make sure none were still on the shelves. Whereas others believed Lowery cannot be trusted.

For the more in-depth version of this story go to our website at hcnews.com and for the video of the entire special board meeting on Aug. 23 visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBUPgZWA-wo>.



School Board Trustee Karen Lowery brought in boards with the Board of Education Ethics on them that sat at the back of the room in a special called meeting on Aug. 23 regards to the library incident.

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Susie Hanson

July 27, 1953 - August 22, 2023

Susie Hanson, 70, passed away on August 22, 2023, at her temporary home in Lampasas, Texas. She was born on July 27, 1953, in Odessa, Texas to James and Margaret (True) Pittinger.

A Celebration of Life for Susie will be held at Grace Fellowship Church in Lampasas, Texas on Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 4 pm with a visitation an hour prior. The family invites you to join them in celebration of memories of Susie "Nana" with a fellowship meal. Burial will be private.

Susie grew up in Odessa, Texas and moved to Fort Worth in 1967. She attended Richland High School in Fort Worth, Texas. After high school, she married her high school sweetheart, Steven Hanson, in 1970 in Fort Worth, Texas. They were happily married for 50 plus years. Susie was a homemaker and enjoyed being involved in her local church and volunteering in the school system. Later in life, she attended Temple College and made a career in the golf industry as membership director. She enjoyed her grandchildren, singing, traveling, painting and playing golf.

Susie was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, James Herbert Pittinger and Alan Pit-



tinger.

Susie is survived by her spouse, Steven Hanson of Lampasas, Texas; her son, Chris (Rachel) Hanson of Corinth, Texas; her daughter, Jeni (Travis) Clark of Lampasas, Texas; her son, Andrew (Cassie) Hanson of Granbury, Texas; her grandchildren, Lauren (Chris) Pontes, Carter Hanson, Landry Hanson, Dakota Hanson, Javan Shearon, Naeveh Shearon, Emma Clark, Hudson Clark, Kennedy Clark; her mother-in-law, Jerry Hanson and many other close family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to the Children's Building Fund at Grace Fellowship Church in Lampasas, Texas.

A celebration of life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2023 at Grace Fellowship Church, 2974 US 271, Lampasas, TX, 76550.

Penny Helsley

January 19, 1943 - August 13, 2023

Clista Jane Helsley, fondly known as Penny, walked into heaven August 13, 2023, in Granbury, Texas at the age of 80. She was born January 19, 1943, to Dr. Homer Money and Juanita Elizabeth (Smead) Money in Wichita Falls, Texas. Penny married John Edwin Helsley on August 27, 1965, in Denton, Texas.

She was a member of Acton Methodist Church in Granbury, Texas. Penny graduated from Denton High School in 1961 and received a Bachelor of Science from the University of North Texas in 1965. She was an elementary school teacher in McKinney, Plano, and Granbury, during her 36 years in public education.

Penny is survived by her son, Bart Helsley and wife, Jennefer of Keller, Texas; grandson, Sam Helsley of Keller, Texas; grandson, Spencer Helsley of Keller, Texas; grandson, Jack Helsley of Keller, Texas; nephew, Thad Helsley and wife, Dorie of McKinney, Texas; nephew, Alan Helsley and wife, Jackie of Fairview, Texas; nephew, Thomas Ford and wife,



Elise of Roanoke, Texas; and niece, Julie Helsley Cardwell and husband, Jim of El Paso, Texas; and many great nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the physicians, nurses, and staff at Lake Granbury Medical Center for their loving care and support.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Homer Money, and Juanita Elizabeth Money-Brown; husband, John Edwin Helsley and sister, Carol Ford.

A memorial service will be held 3:30 p.m. August 27, 2023, at Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, Texas 76049.

Beverly NeSmith Record

March 8, 1958 - August 17, 2023

Beverly NeSmith Record, 65, of Granbury, TX, passed away on August 17, 2023. She was born on March 8, 1958. Beverly was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.

Beverly is survived by her loving husband, Mike Record, her sons Jason Edmondson and Jeremy (Renee) Edmondson, and her cherished grandchildren, Dylan and Grace Edmondson. She is also survived by her sister, Beth Nettles, her sister Glynn-Ellen (Mark) Wilson, her brother Cliff (Karen) NeSmith, her half-sister Tiffany Morgenstern, her step-sister Amanda Ogilvie Bell, and her step-brother Witt Ogilvie. Beverly was pre-

ceded in death by her mother, Jean Ogilvie, and her father, Glenn NeSmith.

Beverly had a passion for travel and spending time with her friends and family. She found immense joy in talking to and visiting with her grandchildren, Dylan and Grace.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a future event to honor Beverly's memory.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests contributions to be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice House at Huguley - Burleson, TX

Beverly will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Beverly Ann Contakos

November 6, 1937 - August 19, 2023

Beverly Ann (Bowling) Contakos, 85, passed away peacefully Saturday, August 19, 2023 in Granbury, Texas.

Funeral was 10 a.m. Friday, August 25, 2023 at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur with burial at Thurmon-Fairview Cemetery in New Fairview.

Pastor Lindsay Luedeker will officiate.

Beverly was born November 6, 1937 in Decatur, Texas to Lawrence L. and Isabelle Annie (Teague) Bowling. She attended Decatur Baptist College and was a member of Waples Baptist Church in Granbury, Texas. Beverly was a life time believer and servant of the Lord, including 10 years of missionary service in Greece.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Isabelle Bowling; and her husband of 58 years, Chris Contakos, Sr.

Those left to cherish her



memory are her son, Chris Contakos, Jr. and wife Jane of Allen; her daughter, Kimberly Taylor of Granbury; loving "Yia Yia" to four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; her brothers, Gary Bowling, Robby Bowling and Rickey Bowling; two nephews, and one niece; extended family members and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Waples Baptist Church in Granbury, Texas, also to Heart to Heart Hospice (Texas).

Mary Jane Webb

March 23, 1946 - August 16, 2023

Mary Jane Webb passed to her heavenly home on August 16, 2023. Mary Jane was born March 23, 1946 in Dallas, TX to John S. Weaver and Barbara Lynett Weaver.

Mary Jane retired from Southwestern Bell after 40 years of dedicated service.

After retiring she moved to Pecan Plantation in Granbury, where she also worked up until July 2023.

Throughout her life she had many dogs to love and spoil.

Preceded in death by: her parents; husband, Harold Webb; son, Little

Reggie

Survivors:

Son, Rodney (Lisa) Gist
Grandchildren: LeeLee Madison, Linsey and Ledger Gist

Brother: John (Sue) Weaver

Niece: Lesley (Tom) Spencer

Nephews: Todd Weaver and Grant Weaver

She will be missed by her family and friends.

Graveside Service was held Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at Sparkman Hillcrest, Dallas, TX at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the SPCA.

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GRANBURY FIREFIGHTERS PUT OUT GARBAGE FIRE IN PARKING LOT



DARREN CLARK | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury firefighters worked to extinguish a garbage fire that came from a Waste Connections truck on Wednesday Aug. 23 at about 8:30 a.m. The truck driver noticed the fire and dumped the burning load in the back parking lot of First Financial Bank in the 2000 block of Hwy 377 E. so it could be extinguished.

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leaders and they're like 'Hey here's our resources and here's our needs and here's other people that are like you that want to serve this community' The emphasis on service is what was so appealing to me," Fraser said. This year Fraser has had

the opportunity to serve as one of the four junior class leaders under Leadership Granbury. Fraser noted the students are doing a lot of what the adult class is doing and is excited to work with the students.

Fraser is most looking forward to serving those underserved kids that are wanting to become leaders. "That kid who didn't see it

in themselves yet, but someone within our organization decided that they're worth investing in," Fraser said. "The educational component of this program is so strong because of the connection that we have with our schools."

Fraser described the most rewarding part of being in Leadership Granbury as the relationships the members

get to build.

"The connections and relationships we have made over the past year have been irreplaceable. There's nothing like it," Fraser said. "I'm so grateful for the program and everyone that I have met. You are reinvesting into the community by strengthening those bonds and those relationships. You can't even put a value on what this

program does for you as a person, and for the county as a whole. I can't recommend it enough."

With working full time still in the music industry, being a member of Leadership Granbury and teaching the junior class all while now serving as the district liaison, Fraser has a full schedule, but is beyond excited for the future.

"I have been all over the place and I have no idea what is next, but I know that I always enjoy the ride. I'm always excited for what the future holds," Fraser said. "I look at everything as an opportunity and something to be excited about. I'm thrilled for what the future holds for both me and this county."

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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.

With rising temperatures this summer, extreme weather events and the resulting drastic increase in utility costs, Solar Power is becoming more and more popular. An April 2023 article published in the Architectural Digest emphasized that most homeowners know that solar panels reduce energy costs and carbon emissions, and that the long-term savings will boost property values. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), your home value increases by \$20 for every \$1 you save on energy bills. For example, if your solar energy system saves you \$700 per year, the value of your home increases by \$14,000.

HOWEVER, a recent article in the Texas Realtors Magazine pointed out that Home Sellers should not assume installing Solar Panels will always increase the value of their home. Especially if the panels are leased rather than owned because when leased they are considered personal property and appraisers cannot consider them when determining value.

If your home was worth \$500,000 before installing a solar panel array that cost \$30,000 and that array is leased, that 30K investment cannot be added to the value of your homes appraisal when selling. Accordingly, the lender won't loan on the overage and the buyer would have to assume the lease, if possible, pay the lease off in cash, or you, the

seller, will have to pay it off in full out of your proceeds at closing.

CONVERSLEY: If you OWN or finance the array as fixtures the array can be considered part of the property and an appraiser CAN consider it in determining value, (provided the panels may not be repossessed for default as part of the financing terms).

A recent Zillow report found that 67% of homebuyers considered energy efficiency to be very important when searching for a potential home. According to a large-scale solar home study conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) homebuyers are willing to pay on average 4.1% more for a solar powered-home,



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A 2023 article published by Joe Olivieri in the Texas Realtors Magazine stated that installing a 5-kW solar panel system in Texas, on average ranges from \$11,560 to \$15,640, according to EnergySage. The federal government offers a 30% investment tax credit that drops the average price to around \$9,520. It typically takes about a decade for a homeowner to pay back the

initial investment of installing solar.

SELLERS: If you are considering installing Solar Panels, do your due diligence. If you are planning to stay in the home for an extended period of time, the option to lease the panels may be the right one, but if there is a chance you are going to sell in two-three years, do the math. Paying cash or financing the array

as a FIXTURE may be the better alternative for you.

BUYERS: Ask Questions, such as the number of panels, installation date, warranty information, maintenance costs, will it impact the cost of your homeowner's policy, technology specifications, energy output, contracts with energy providers and most importantly is the array owned and attached or is it considered

personal property.

As always thank you for taking the time to read this article and please feel free to contact us with questions or comments. We love hearing from you, so give us a call at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at www.WeSellGranbury.com

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Hood County's first youth rodeo is a big success



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hats off and heads bowed down in prayer as the first ever Hood County Youth Rodeo kicked off with an inspirational and patriotic opening ceremony on Aug. 19.

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

Hood County held its first youth rodeo at the Reunion Grounds on Aug. 19 and 20 and was a big success.

As noted in the preview article, Roy Madearis oversaw the production of the rodeo and was the creator of the rodeo. Madearis described the event as amazing and noted that he received many compliments on how the rodeo ran.

"We had a great turnout and people that came in from everywhere," Madearis said. "We had 300 entries and 277 showed up to compete."

The rodeo featured many different events including mutton busting, tie-down roping, goat-tying, chute dogging, steer wrestling, barrel racing, breakaway, pole bending, bull riding, bronc riding, saddle bronc

and team roping. There were also thousands of dollars in cash prizes given out and buckles to the winners of each event.

Madearis described his favorite part seeing, "all the kids smile, but absolutely the best when a mutton bustin' kid received his buckle walking around showing everyone what he did."

The plan is to hold another youth rodeo next year but

this time when it is cooler outside.

"I would like to thank all the sponsors and the volunteers that came out to help. [This event] could not be possible without them," Madearis added.

For the list of winners, see below.

BAREBACK
Triston Flinn

SADDLE BRONC
Mitchie Story

MUTTON BUSTIN FRIDAY WINNER
Samuel Miller

MUTTON BUSTIN SATURDAY WINNER
Luke Terbush

BREAK-A-WAY
First Place - Salem Brooks

Second Place - Spring Pennington
Third Place - Blakely Boardman
Fourth Place - Tomi Womack

JUNIOR BREAK-A-WAY
Molly Boedeker

CALF ROPING
First Place - Logan Robertson
Second Place - Rowdy Quattlebaum
Third Place - Ace Reese

JUNIOR BULL RIDING
Konner Decuire

CHUTE DOGGING
Collier Cowdry

GOAT TYPING
First Place - Jolee Weston
Second Place - Spring Pennington
Third Place - Kameryn

White
Fourth Place - Mattie Gaynor

TEAM ROPING
First Place - Kelly Ashikar and Hays Bruce
Second Place - Rocco Fitzgerald and Hays Johnson
Third Place - Collier Cowdry and Bryan Hernandez

BARRELS
First Place - Addy Arnold
Second Place - Kameryn White
Third Place - Tomi Womack
Fourth Place - Landry Cumbie
Fifth Place - Cheyene Decuire

JUNIOR BARRELS
First Place - Ruth Ann Hutchison
Second Place - Gentry McFarlin

Third Place - Paislee Cumbie

POLES
First Place - Jaden Nowosad
Second Place - Cheyenne Decuire
Third Place - Landry Cumbie
Fourth Place - Alexa Aviles

JUNIOR POLES
First Place - Ruth Ann Hutchison
Second Place - Peyton Head
Third Place - Starlett Proctor

Bull riding, junior broncs and steer wrestling had no qualified rides.

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT — NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ACADEMY



Brother and sister duo follow grandfather's footsteps in serving God through education

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

Amanda Schwausch and Lucas Shipman both grew up in Granbury and are now both leading the North Central Texas Academy located at the Happy Hill Farm that sits on 500 acres in Granbury.

The academy serves K-12 students and is an independent, accredited, interdenominational, college preparatory, boarding, and international school. The school does not take any state or federal funding and 90% of the budget comes directly from donors and members of the community to keep the school running.

Amanda and Lucas's grandfather Ed Shipman was the founder of the school in 1975 and was the sole fundraiser for the school before passing away in 2016.

Shipman was a Southern Baptist preacher, and two girls were dropped off his doorstep in 1974.

"That kicked off a whole



EMILY NAVA | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

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adventure for them to try and find a place for these girls and that really was the beginning of Happy

Hill Farm. My grandfather's father-in-law owned this property and was creating a housing development at the

time," Lucas said.

Shipman quit his job, bought a single wide trailer, and went to his father-in-law

and told him he wanted to pay for the property. He then bought it and set up a board and a non-profit, which has now been in operation since 1975.

The name for the school officially changed in 2011 to North Central Texas Academy after the school started accepting international students with the broad charity under Happy Hill Farm.

The siblings' father and uncle both serve in executive positions for the academy.

"Our family says all the good things that we have are through God's blessings through this place," Lucas said.

Amanda serves as the Dean of the Students and Faculty and studied at Texas Christian University and earned her master's degree. She served in public school for five years and then came back to Granbury in 2012.

Lucas became the Chief Development Officer at the academy after the passing

of his grandfather in 2016. In this role he seeks out funds, donors, and builds relationships with new donors, and shares the story of their academy while continuing to serve the mission and vision of the academy. Before starting at the academy, he studied at Liberty University. He then moved back to Granbury in 2012 and first served for seven years in youth ministry at the academy.

"One of the things we have been really proud of, with God's help and lots of great friends that he sent us, is to be able to continue to care for these kids with no expectation of them being able to pay. Some of them pay tuition, some of them come for just a great educational option. For our boarding students, this is an opportunity of a lifetime," Lucas said. "They are all coming out of low opportunity situations and so that's one of the things that unites them.

PLEASE SEE NCTA | B2

Granbury ready for another strong run

Cross country preview

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

As a freshman, Granbury runner Bryan Hailey made an impact by reaching the Class 5A State Cross Country Meet, where he finished 20th. It was one of the greatest seasons in GHS cross country history.

Now, he's back for an encore and he'd love nothing more than to bring a few of his friends with him to Old Settler's Park in Round Rock the first weekend of November. A measure of the talent around him leads to optimism, particularly given the program's history of success.

"This is my 21st year as the head cross country coach and we are all very excited about the upcoming season," Amber Adams (nee Ward) said. "We have a very small girls team this year, but they are working hard and will be ready to compete."

"The boys have a lot of returners, and these guys have been working hard since their freshman year. With the experience on the team and some newcomers, we are expecting a great season."

For the first time in her 21 years at Granbury, there will be a head boys coach to work alongside Adams as Jody Brown joins the staff.

"I'm extremely excited about cross country. I have known all the boys from spring track," Brown said. "It's a really solid group of kids that really enjoy the sport."

Adams noted, "In the past it has just been myself and coach (Steve) Weeks as my assistant. Jody and I have worked together in track for many years, so I know he will do a great job with the boys side."

"We will have Weeks in cross country for one more year. He has been a huge asset and brought a lot of cross-country knowledge to the program, so we are all excited to see what the boys and girls teams do this year."

The entire boys team qualified for regionals last season, from which Hailey went on to state. Also back from that squad are seniors Alec Wilkinson and Bryce Young, along with juniors Kolden Rand, Aiden Lemens and Aidan Turpin.

Senior Emily Kirby is back to lead the girls again after qualifying for regionals last season. Also returning are juniors Josafina Berry, Karolina Berry, Zaeda Sedgwick and sophomore Aubrey Ward.

The junior varsity boys won district last season. From that team, juniors Levi Hinchcliffe and Jacob Wolfe are looking to make an impact on varsity. From the JV girls, junior Alexie Patrick and sophomore Jori Collins could make their way onto the varsity.

Newcomers to the program include freshmen Kambri Zschesche and Presley Davila on the girls' side, along with freshmen boys Jaxon Glenn and Samuel Valdez.

Once again Granbury will be competing in a tough district (5-5A) with the likes of perennial power Aledo, who advanced their entire girls team to state last season, along with Azle, Northwest, Saginaw, White Settlement Brewer and Wichita Falls Rider. They also compete in a most challenging Region I.

"Our district meet is always tough, so we will have to build on what they did over the summer so that we are peaking and competitive when district and post-district get here," Adams said. "Our Region is very competitive, and the course (Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock) is tough with two big hills, so we run the DeCordova golf course every Monday to get in hill work."

She added that the experience of Hailey will make a big difference for the boys team.

Granbury begins the season Saturday, Aug. 26, at the SCS Invitational at Southwest Christian Lakeside Campus in Fort Worth. They then compete in the Burleson Elk Run on Friday, Sept. 1.

"Early season training is going good," Brown said. "Hopefully, we will be our best come the end of October and early November. That's when it counts."

TOLAR

Tolar returns four boys and one girl who qualified for Class 2A regional competition last season.

The returning girl qualifier is junior Braelynn Westbrook. Boys who qualified and are back are seniors Andrew "Cage" Wolf and Jaxon Boisjolie, along with sophomores Ernesto "Bob" Ramirez and Christian Noyola.

Also returning for the Lady Rattlers are seniors Bailey Gammons, Livy McClain and Kylie Carter, juniors Julz Maxwell and Brittain Taylor, and sophomores Mykah Kirbie, Karlee Smith and Shadi Gammons.

Newcomers include senior Hunter Keith, sophomore Relic Nelson and freshman Connor England for the boys.

"I look forward to this year in cross country. The kids are working hard, and they are encouraging and pushing each other, which is a great environment," coach Ericka Halfmann said. "They show up to early morning workouts and understand that every single person on the

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STARS FIRST GRADUATE OF 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



COURTESY PHOTO

Neil Campbell recently graduated from STARS and is the first graduate of the 2023-24 school year. "You have worked so hard and have been such a joy to have you in our STARS family! All our love! Now go out and do great things," said STARS Principal Margaret Rodriguez.

HOOD COUNTY'S FIRST YOUTH RODEO A BIG SUCCESS



PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Youngsters who answered the Hood County Youth Rodeo call for entries August 19-20 at the Reunion Grounds Arena Saturday for opening ceremonies.



Above: No matter what level or skill, the Hood County Youth Rodeo offered something for everyone. Entertaining and competitive events included Saddle Bronc, Roping, Breakaway, Steer Wrestling, Bull Riding, Bareback, Mutton Bustin, and so much more.

LEFT: Presented by Tex Sand Transport and Patriot Events (Specializing in combined equine events.) Entries were open to Cowboys and Cowgirls ages 19 and under. This youngster busted out of his chute riding bareback during Saturday night's competition.

NCTA

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They're really driven and bright, up to grade level, emotionally healthy but they're stuck in a low opportunity situation. When they come here, they are able to get incredible opportunities and grow. The goal is for them to be the leaders that God created them to be."

With students from all over the world integrated with students from the area, the school is incredibly unique and diverse.

The school has an I17 certification through Homeland Security, which allows them to have international students on an F1 Visa. The academy finds students through a networking sys-

tem and seeks out students from countries the United States have good relations with as well as the countries that have easier access to getting visas. The school seeks out students that are academically on target, have conversational English skills and can read in English. If those requirements are met, the potential student will participate in multiple Skype calls with Amanda, and the student's family to see if it is a good match. The entire application process lasts about six months and the student's room in the boarding school.

Students that aren't from the general area or other states can also board at the academy.

"One of the things that's really important to us is we

don't have dormitories, we have homes," Lucas noted. "These homes are staffed by what we call resident parents. It's a mom and dad and their job is to take care of eight boys or girls in that house."

The houses are laid out by the parents, having an apartment at one end and four to five bedrooms for the students to live in.

"They do everything together. It's a family environment. For our kids, the majority of them are coming out of these low opportunity situations. That's a huge gap that's being filled to have a healthy Christian family with a mom and a dad whose only job is to do all the things that a parent does," Lucas said.

The school day is from

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the primary curriculum coming from the BJU Press, a Christian-based curriculum written from a Christian World View. The day includes eight periods with two classes of electives. The school also offers dual credit, and advanced classes through Liberty University as an option when farther into their education.

The school also has many unique extracurricular activities including an equestrian program, FFA, journalism, yearbook and much more.

In terms of sports, NCTA has a boys and girls basketball team that has had much success with six girls State Championships and five state championships for the boys' team as well as several

players going to play for the collegiate level. The academy also has a volleyball team that was recently named to the 2022-23 United States Military Academy American Valley Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

"Watching them grow, learn and change and mature over the time that they're here, that's the best part of it," Amanda said.

Lucas added the most rewarding part of the job is, "seeing the kids change the trajectory of their family tree with God's help. The difficulties that some of them faced before they got here and then to see them not just go through K through 12th grade, but mature and grow. We are committed to them like they are family."

North Highway 144 in front of Happy Hill farm will be renamed in honor of Lucas and Amanda's grandfather Ed Shipman. On Sept. 1 an event will be held to celebrate the renaming of the highway.

Since the school runs solely on fundraising, donations are always welcome as the school continues to grow and give more opportunities to the students. For donations visit happyhillfarm.org/donate.

The school is open for tours, and applications to apply for the school are available online. For more information on the academy visit northcentraltexasacademy.org and for all inquiries fill out the form under "contact us" on the website.

GRANBURY CULTURAL ARTS

Use your voice

BY STACEY WATKINS-MARTIN AND CORA WERLEY

Stacey Watkins-Martin and Cora Werley are local artists and members with several others of the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission. Both work diligently with many other people and organizations to promote Granbury as the exciting arts destination it has become.

We are blessed here in our community with several opportunities to speak out on what kind of public art we'd like to see. A few years ago, a large number of our citizens spoke by answering an extensive survey on these issues, which the Cultural Arts Commission (GCAC) has relied upon in preparing its Master Plan for Public Art in Granbury, as accepted by our city council.

Because first impressions can be critical to tourism. What do we want our public art to say to people coming to see us? People come to Granbury for what they've read, their memories of past visits, and what people have said about us - this reputation has taken years to build up but can be lost if we don't follow our own guidelines. It's the GCAC's job to advise the city in making decisions about public art, to let it be a sounding board for our citizens to define what they want to see. Citizens want to inhabit their community with the art that helps them to thrive. The GCAC wants to help the city to establish a curated, intentional art scene.

It's a lot like historical commissions - we have them at multiple levels: city, county, state and federal. Why is that important? To preserve the footprint of our forefathers that is important to us. If we don't, we desecrate the work done in the past, including what has made us celebrate year after year in this community. Most of us know that we were voted the #1 Historical Small Town in America three years in a row - that title alone brought us city pride plus numerous tourists.

Imagine a place where you want to live, for your children to flourish, and the kind of art you want to experience in our beautiful historical city. And the voice that art has not only to convey surroundings that are peaceful and soul-filling, making tourists want to visit - relax, unwind and be fulfilled. That means that we have to be intentional about where we place art, what art we encourage and how we keep it accessible. We have to respect the artist - giving them the best placement for appreciation of their art and how the artist intends for it to speak to us. Art viewed appropriately can deeply affect the viewers, impressing itself on our minds and opening us up to new ideas. Of course, the city of Granbury and Hood County have separate leadership, so it might be necessary to approach both to be fully heard. It's worth the effort. Google the historic commissions, attend county commissioners and city council meetings and share your voice.

Remember - you have an opportunity coming up to get together with others interested in art for the GCAC's first Art Talk - highlighting local business owner Daniel Aston and both his extensive Texas art collection and his own poetry. Join us at the Langdon Center on Sept. 15. Tickets are required; seating is limited. See the GCAC website for further information.

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NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL



NCTA Varsity Lady Pioneers played against Glen Rose on Aug. 17-19, placing 3rd in the Silver Brackets.

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team matters. Runners 4 and 5 are just as critical as 1 and 2, and we saw that last year.

"I am excited to see what these kids do this year."

Tolar opens the season on Wednesday, Aug. 30 at the Keene Invitational.

LIPAN

The Lady Indians are looking for another strong sea-

son with the return of three varsity runners, seniors Taylor Branson, Ashlyn Clark and Harley Glover. Branson and Clark were members of the Lady Indians team that finished third in the state in Class 2A in 2020, with Clark returning as an individual in 2021.

Clark and Branson also competed at regionals in 2022.

Lipani has a total of 13 girls running cross country this year. Coach Misty Little

said they will be able to field a varsity and junior varsity squad.

Little noted that three incoming freshmen could make an impact, Jacy Bolton, Annslee Tarpley and Kinsley Robinson.

"There is so much potential for this group of young ladies to do great things," Little said. "They are working very hard in practice to push each other to meet their individual goals and team goals." The Indians return three

varsity runners, including regional qualifier Colby Scott, along with Cash Bolenbarker and Carter Patton. All three are juniors.

They will be joined by five freshmen, Michael Bolfin, W.K. Seymour, Court Gaylor, Tucker Tims and Wyatt Yates.

"We are very excited for the season and the boys have been running and working out really hard the past few weeks. I think that we will be very competitive in district.

I've got a lot of boys that really want it and are willing to put in the work," Indians coach Ty Johnston said.

Concerning their district (11-2A), Little said, "Our district is tough! Hico, Santo and DeLeon have great programs with great coaches. It is going to be very competitive to make it out of district this year and someone will be left heartbroken with an exceptional team."

Little noted that the boys and girls have something

special added to this year's schedule.

"We have a trip planned to Port Aransas to run on the beach with our boys and girls teams. We will be able to get in a tough run and have a little fun at the beach," she said. "Our teams are looking forward to that trip."

That meet is scheduled for Sept. 9. Lipan was opening the season at Nocona at press time and travels to Keene on Wednesday, Aug. 30.

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HOOD OUTDOORS

Dove populations look outstanding



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.

Despite the terribly hot/dry summer, the cool and rainy spring earlier in the year yielded increased dove populations. The 2023 dove season opens Sept. 1.

Spring surveys conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff found an estimated 28.3 million mourning doves in Texas, a 44% increase from 2022. White-wing dove populations have increased 20%, tying the record high with an estimated 11.7 million this year.

As daily temperatures top 100 degrees with no relief in sight, hunters will likely find larger concentrations of birds at watering holes, and doves may be feeding earlier and later than normal to avoid the mid-day heat. In areas where agriculture has suffered from the heat-wave, look for stands of common sunflower, croton and other native annual forbs and grasses.

Texas is home to seven species of native doves and pigeons, including the three legal game species- mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves. Texas accounts for 30% of the total mourning doves and 85% of the total white-winged doves harvested in the U.S. each year, far more than any other state.

The regular dove seasons:

North Zone: Sept. 1-Nov. 12, resuming Dec. 15-Dec. 31, 2023

Central Zone: Sept. 1-Oct. 29, resuming Dec. 15, 2023-Jan. 14, 2024

South Zone: Sept. 14-Oct. 29, resuming Dec. 15, 2023 -Jan. 21, 2024

For the third straight year, there will be six Special White-Winged Dove Days, Sept. 1-3 and 8-10.

The aggregated bag limit in South Zone's regular season is 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves. During the Special White-winged Dove Days in the South Zone, hunting is allowed only from noon to sunset and the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves.

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course to hunt legally in Texas. The TPWD Hunter Education certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces. Hunters can find more information or print a replacement at no cost online.

A Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (Stamp) and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures continue to be in the upper 80s to low 90s. Pray for some relief. Lake levels are about 1.5 feet low. Thermocline is generally in the 20-foot range. Despite the soaring heat, big striped bass to 12 lbs are possible on live bait and down-rigging jigs. Best striped bass action is from Decordova to Blue Water Shores. Look for some top water action early for striped bass and largemouth bass. Catfish are best at night on cut and prepared baits. Crappies are good to excellent on structure on small minnows and jigs. Largemouth bass are good on crankbaits and soft plastics near main lake points. Whitebass are schooling in open water near Decordova subdivision and near the Pecan launch early and late.

On other reservoirs, Whitney continues to boast of easy limits of striped bass from Mccown to the island. Possum Kingdom is boasting on big striped bass as well from Hells Gate to the dam. Whitney largemouth bass are also excellent near drop offs from bluffs near major creek entrances.

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LEFT: James Schultz is pictured with his limit of striped bass to 10 pounds.

LOWER LEFT: Pictured from left are Scott Cruz, Lavell Davis, and Harold Carter with their limit of big striped bass.

LOWER RIGHT: The Bell family (from left) is Donna, Betty, George and Josh. They were celebrating Grandpa's birthday (George) on the lake catching big striped bass.

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SPORTS Roundup

Pirates, Rattlers get football seasons underway

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Pirates were hosting Carrollton Creekview at press time and will hit the road for the first time this season on Friday, Sept. 1 when they travel to Lake Worth to face the Bullfrogs at Kittrell Stadium at 7 p.m.

Lake Worth, which is coming off a 10-3 Class 4A Division I regional semifinals season, returns five offensive and five defensive players. The Bullfrogs shared the District 6-4A Division I championship with perennial power Kennedale last season. However, by virtue of a 10-3 victory against the Wildcats, Lake Worth was the top seed from the district for the playoffs.

One of the Bullfrogs' losses came at the hands of the Pirates. Granbury won at home, 17-16, on a late 34-yard field goal by now graduated kicker Drew Henderson.

The Bullfrogs are led by new coach Jerry Prieto, who took Class 5A Crosby to a state final in 2020.

Lake Worth found itself looking for a quarterback this season as senior Donte Reese transferred to Boswell. However, the offense and defense still feature the high-powered running of Damion Moore (1,434 yards, 18 TD), who was also the team's leading receiver (24 catches, 319 yards, 1 TD).

The defense is highlighted by senior linebackers Marcus Bryan (101 tackles, 9 for loss) and Damion Hopkins (84 tackles, 5 for loss). Granbury senior running back Jadon Rogers, who rushed for 695 yards last season, gained 122 of those against the Bullfrogs. Also, senior receiver Halston Main caught two of his three touchdowns on the season in that victory.

The Pirates wrapped up scrimmage play at home on Aug. 18 against Everman, a

9-3 Class 5A Division II area finalist last season. Granbury coach Sonny Galindo had these thoughts on the scrimmage against a formidable foe.

"I was pleased with what we've been preaching. I felt we were the strongest team, I felt we were the most prepared team and I felt we were the toughest throughout the scrimmage," Pirates coach Sonny Galindo said. "If you take away two penalties and the three turnovers, we were the dominant team from start to finish.

"Everman is a playoff team and probably better than last year, but we were confident going in and more confident leaving the field. We just need to clean up small mistakes. I look forward to better days ahead."

Following the trip to Lake Worth, the Pirates begin District 4-5A Division I play at home against Waco.

TOLAR FOOTBALL

The Rattlers were hosting Peaster in their season opener at press time. In fact, they won't be packing any bags anytime soon as it is the first of three consecutive games at home to start the season - a rarity in football.

"It is pretty odd to start the year with three straight home games, that's just the way it worked out this year," Tolar coach Jeremy Mullins said. "I think there's a level of comfort in playing at home, being in your locker room, knowing the field etc.

"There's also an added level of needing to maintain your focus, though, some-

times when being at home. One of the biggest positives will be having that shade on our back these next three weeks."

Next up on Friday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. is Early. The Longhorns return six offensive and five defensive starters from last season's 7-5 Class 3A Division II area finalist.

One of those losses was 51-14 at home to Tolar as Rattlers junior running back Peyton Brown rushed for 154 yards and three touchdowns on his way to 2,777 and 49 TD on the season. Also in that victory, senior Clayton Stemberidge returned a punt 60 yards for a score and the defense held the Longhorns to 6 yards rushing on 18 attempts.

The Longhorns are led by three-year starting senior Kaleb Ozuna at running back and linebacker. He rushed for 512 yards and seven TD and caught nine passes for another 53 yards.

Following the game against Early, the Rattlers host Dallas Christian on Sept. 8, First Responders Night. The Chargers are coming off a 13-1 season in which they won the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division III state championship. They return seven offensive and five defensive starters from that team.

The Rattlers' pre-district slate of four games features three Class 3A teams, two of which advanced two rounds into the playoffs (Early and Comanche), along with Dallas Christian. The three opponents combined for a 30-8 record in 2022.

Prior to the Peaster contest, Tolar wrapped up pre-season play with a home scrimmage against Cisco.

"I thought we did a good job across the board in improving from our first scrimmage to our second one. We really took a good step forward," Mullins said. "We

have to continue to clean up some execution things on both sides of the ball, but overall, I was pleased with our effort.

"We pride ourselves in playing with elite effort every play and I felt like we were much closer to that standard than the week prior."

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates hosted their own Granbury Classic tournament this past weekend, facing a strong field of competitors. Their record over the weekend was 3-5.

Blakely Bleeker was named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Pirates posted victories against Tyler Legacy (2-0), Eastland (2-0) and Saginaw Chisholm Trail (2-1). They dropped matches to Fort Worth Paschal (2-0), Birdville (2-0), Stephenville (2-0), Denton Ryan (2-1) and Abilene Wylie (2-0).

"We played real well and competed with every team we played," coach Desiree Shahan said.

The match against Stephenville was among the most exciting in the tournament as the Honeybees won 28-26 and 25-23.

Tuesday, Aug. 22, Granbury defeated Euleus Trinity at home 3-0. Standouts were Rachael Poirer (16 kills, 15 digs), Sienna Watts (14 kills) and Lily McCall (24 digs).

The Lady Pirates (7-13) are competing in the Arlington Showcase this weekend. They return home to host Glen Rose Tuesday, Aug. 29, travel to Cleburne Friday, Sept. 1. Both matches begin at 6 p.m.

TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers competed in the Glen Rose Tournament this past weekend. And while they dropped four of their six matches, they posted a 2-1 victory

against perennial Class 3A power Brock.

"We played lights out against Brock. We implemented all that we have been working on and talking about," Tolar coach Misty Rhodes said. "Serve-receive and defense were stellar, allowing us to run a true offense."

It's only the second time in Tolar's history that the Lady Rattlers have defeated the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Rattlers also defeated Class 5A Saginaw 2-0. Their losses were to Glen Rose (2-0), Cleburne (2-0), North Central Texas Academy (2-1) and Millsap (2-1).

Senne Imel, Ally Dobbs and Lily Dewitt were named standouts.

The Lady Rattlers lost 3-0 to Grandview at home Tuesday. Standouts noted by Rhodes included Ally Terrell for her play at the net, along with defense by Senne Imel and Trinity Rousseau. Abby Soileau for setting and defense and Maddi Rue for overall court awareness were also praised.

The Lady Rattlers (5-8) are playing in the Rio Vista Tournament this weekend. They are on the road at Poolville Tuesday, Aug. 29 and go to Mineral Wells Friday, Sept. 1. Both are 6 p.m. matches.

GRANBURY TENNIS

The Pirates/Lady Pirates got their first victory of the season Friday, Aug. 18, when they defeated visiting Glen Rose 13-6.

The Pirates swept boys singles and doubles.

Boys singles - Roland Krause, 8-5; Colten Whitefield, 8-3; Kaden Bohny, 8-3; Justin Rios, 8-4; Tyler St. Don, 8-6; Oakley Boyd, 8-2.

Boys doubles - Krause/Whitefield, 6-2, 4-6, 12-10; K. Bohny/Boyd, 6-4, 6-1; Chase Bohny/Braxton Bailey, 6-1,

6-2.

The mixed doubles duo of Tyler St. Don and Katie Childs won 6-2, 6-2.

Girls singles winners - Childs, 8-6; McKenna Moreno, 8-3; Paloma Sandoval, 8-6.

Also getting victories in matches that weren't included in the team score were: Mixed doubles - Sandoval/Rios 8-3; Nolan Whitlock/Miranda Munoz.

Boys singles - Bailey, 6-1; C. Bohny, 8-5; Whitlock, 6-1.

Girls singles - Shelby Beech, 6-2; Munoz, 6-2.

"Overall, I am very proud of this group. We were down in many matches, but stayed focused and found a way to come out on top," coach Athan Laskaris said.

The Pirates/Lady Pirates dropped a home match to Peaster on Aug. 15 by a 15-4 tally. Highlights for Granbury included:

Mixed doubles - Childs and St. Don won, 6-2, 7-5.

Boys doubles - Krause and Whitefield won 3-6, 7-6, 12-10.

Boys singles - Krause won, 6-4, 7-6; Whitefield rallied to win a thriller, 6-3, 4-6, 12-10.

"We are getting better by the day," Laskaris said. "Players are very coachable and want to compete. Peaster is a very tough team and will make a pretty good run in the playoffs this year."

Granbury dropped its District 5-5A opener at home to Aledo Tuesday, Aug. 22, 19-0. Highlights were Rios going to a third set in boys singles before falling 6-7, 7-5, 10-4, and Childs and St. Don doing the same in mixed doubles, 6-0, 6-7, 10-7.

"It was great for us to see this kind of competition. Even though it is frustrating, lots of learning opportunities. Looking forward to getting back to work and improving," Laskaris said.

Granbury travels to play Saginaw on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

American Heritage Girls looking for a home

BY EDEN DUNCAN

GILBREATH

Special to the Hood County News

Entering their tenth year in Granbury, the local American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop finds themselves at a crossroads. They need a home.

The AHG organization is over thirty years old nationally. AHG describes itself on its website as "a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5-18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country."

AHG is structured to exist under another 501(c)(3), this can be a church or a private school or any 501(c)(3) with a similar vision.

Locally AHG has had a very amicable relationship with Our Savior Lutheran Church (OSLC) where they existed under their banner for nine years. The troop leadership felt a change might be in order to encourage more growth. AHG leadership spoke to OSLC this past spring, they asked for the blessing of the church to find another 501(c)(3). AHG left with the blessing of the congregation of OSLC after another church was secured.

Late this summer, the new church that agreed to sponsor AHG then said they were not able to do so. This left AHG without a home and without a charter and without enough time to secure a new one.

The members will continue in what the organization calls the "Trailblazer Program" where mothers lead their girls on their own. The group will gather for some activities with the goal being to stay together and find another 501(c)(3) to sponsor them. This will allow them to recharter for the 2024-2025 program year.

AHG differs from other service organizations in structure and purpose. The model of AHG is for the young ladies to grow in Godly leadership by increasing in knowledge at each age level while growing their leadership strengths by leading younger girls.

"AHG gave me an opportunity to lead and helped me to expand my planning skills," said Hannah Grote, age 19. Grote was a member of AHG for eight years and was a junior leader after graduating from the program.

"AHG gave my daughter a place to grow in her faith and a place for her to learn important life skills not taught in the classroom, as well as develop a love for serving in our community," said Shirley Grote former troop coordinator and mother of Hannah Grote.

AHG's family-friendly, multi-level Troop structure is specifically created with the physical, mental, social, spiritual, and emotional needs of today's girls aged 5 to 18, according to americanheritagegirls.org.

AHG has a robust curriculum and badge program. Outdoor skills are encouraged along with car care, home care, science, art and

more. Camping and hiking is central to the AHG experience, the group camps both spring and fall semesters. The older girls get the opportunity to attend invitational camps where pioneering skills, knife throwing, archery, fire building and more are offered.

"For our family, American Heritage Girls has provided an encouraging, Christian environment in which our girls can develop character and confidence, while also learning skills and making friends that will stay with them for a lifetime," said Sonya Mathews, AHG member and mother of two AHG girls - Kaitlyn and Emily.

Heavily involved in service AHG girls have participated in diaper drives for Brazos Pregnancy Center, many hours volunteering for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Constitution Camp and other DAR events, served yearly for "Wreaths Across America," assisted Our Savior Lutheran Church with "Respect for Life" crosses event, held dinner for veterans, made blankets for Friends for Animals, hosted food and money drives for Mission Granbury, caroled for and created crafts with seniors and more.

"We love American Heritage Girls because it instills a love for God, country, and family - all three of which are under attack in America. My daughter especially loved learning flag etiquette and participating in the annual wreath ceremony, where she laid wreaths on the graves of veterans to



COURTESY PHOTO BY CAMILLE HOLCOMB

Violet Holcomb a member of American Heritage Girls, poses in front of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Granbury High School Marine Corps JROTC after she and other American Heritage Girls placed wreaths on graves for the National "Wreaths Across America" program at the Acton Cemetery December 17, 2022.

honor them," said Camille Holcomb, AHG member and mother of Violet, AHG girl.

If you are interested in joining the local ladies of AHG or if you are a member of a 501(c)(3) that would consider hosting the troop, please contact ahggranburytx@gmail.com.

For questions about the national organizations of American Heritage Girls go to americanheritagegirls.org.

Lily Wuensche participates in an American Heritage Girl "Leveling Up" ceremony where she is graduating from one age level to the next.

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The Tarleton State University Women's Soccer team powered past Texas A&M-Commerce for a 2-0 victory Sunday, Aug. 20.

Tarleton Women's Soccer secures first win of the season against Texas A&M-Commerce

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - The Tarleton State University Women's Soccer team powered past Texas A&M-Commerce for a 2-0 victory Sunday, Aug. 20 at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.

With the win, the Texans (1-0-1) remain unbeaten thus far in the 2023 campaign. The Lions (0-1-1) suffered their first loss of the season courtesy of Tarleton State.

Sydney Rouillard scored her first goal of the season in the 25th minute off a corner kick from Adriana Alonso-Gomez via a header from Avery Harr, both of whom were credited with

assists.

Jenaya Brown notched her first goal knocking in a deflection off a goalkeeper save in the 57th minute.

For the second straight game, Mikayla Kendall was very impressive in between the posts with four saves and recorded her first shut-out of the young season.

After a quiet first 20 minutes of action with the Lions tallying the only shot on goal, the Texans broke through to give Tarleton the

lead. The Texans got on the board at nearly the same against the Lions as in the previous match against the Warhawks.

In the 25th minute, Alonso-Gomez took a corner kick from the top left of the goal. After a header from Harr, Rouillard was able to fire a strike off the pass into the middle of the goal just above the goalkeeper to give the Texans a 1-0 advantage.

In the second half,

Tarleton State held TAMUC to just one shot in goal. Tarleton added an insurance goal in the 57th minute of play. After Harr fired a shot that deflected off the goal to the top of the box, Brown was there to put it in the back of the net for the Texans' second goal of the afternoon.

Trailing 2-0, a Lions assistant coach was issued a yellow card, taking the wind out the team's sails as the Texans coasted to the 2-0

victory.

Tarleton led Texas A&M-Commerce in all statistical categories. The Texans held a 12-10 advantage in shots, 5-4 in shots on goal, 4-3 in saves and 11-2 in corner kicks.

Tarleton's first road match of the year will be the Sunday, Aug. 27 match against the Cougars in Houston. The match is set for 1 p.m.

Harr scores 1st goal of Texans' season in opener draw against ULM

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, Texas - The Tarleton State University Women's Soccer team drew, 1-1, against ULM in its season opener on Thursday, Aug. 17 at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.

For the second straight season, the Texans tied in its opener to begin, 0-0-1. ULM also opens, 0-0-1.

Avery Harr knocked in the first goal of the year in the 24th minute after a deflection from an Adriana Alonso-Gomez corner kick. All five of her shots landed on goal giving her the new program record for shots on goal in a game.

Mikayla Kendall also broke her previous record of eight saves in a game notching 10 against the Warhawks.

In the first 15 minutes of the first half both teams held the other to very little offensive attacks with the ball occupying the middle of the pitch, heavily. After a Warhawks shot and Kendall save in the first minute of the contest, the next shot of the game didn't come until the 18th minute with a Warhawk shot off target. The two teams combined for just two shots in the first 22 minutes of play.

In the 23rd minute, the Texans had an incredible scoring chance. Jenaya



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Avery Harr, right, knocked in the first goal of the year.

Brown started the action with a shot that was blocked that deflected back out to Harr. Harr fired from five feet out to the bottom left where Mickaela Leal made a diving save but was unable to corral the ball. Jaycie Bass gathered the loose ball and rattled the post on her at-

tempt to break the tie. Macy Hellwig got the fourth shot off for the Texans in a span of 10 seconds, but it was wide right.

Just two minutes later, Alonso-Gomez started the next scoring chance for Tarleton State with a corner kick. Her ball fell into the

box where it was deflected by a Warhawk to their goalkeeper. After a ricochet off her gloves, Harr was a few feet out to hammer in the first goal of the Texans' second season.

ULM controlled the ball in their offensive attacking zone for three consecu-

tive minutes starting in the 38th. The Warhawks tried to punch through with a responding goal, but Kendall was there to make three impressive saves and keep the Texans in front heading into the half.

Tarleton State came out of the half on a mission for

an insurance goal. In the first four minutes after the break, Harr and Rylee Low recorded a shot within 40 seconds of one another. Goalie substitute Alexa Castro made two goal-saving saves to keep the Tarleton lead at 1-0.

The Warhawks attack in the 57th minute was fought off by the Texan defense on four shots, three corner kicks and a save by Kendall. Kendall sent the ball of the ULM attack zone after the save to end the threat.

Neither team was able to get any threatening attacks with just four shots on goal in the next 30 minutes of action.

In the 89th minute, ULM broke the tie with a goal off a free kick from the left corner of the box. Lucia Lubato scored the tying goal assisted by Mara Grutkamp.

In the final five seconds of the match, Tarleton's freshman speedster and Stephenville native, Victoria Cameron, streaked down the crowd-side of the field in a one-one breakaway. With a second on the clock she fired a shot from the right-side about 18 feet out just over the crossbar as the horn sounded.

The Warhawks outshot the Texans 23-12 with an 11-6 advantage in shots on goal. Tarleton State notched 10 saves to ULM's five.

A pregnancy mystery to unfold

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You're carrying high. Or low, which means it's a boy, or so they say. Show your hands, dangle a wedding ring over your pregnant belly, do the Comet test, or wait for an ultrasound to know what you're having. It's an age-old question: do you hope for a boy or a girl or, as in the new novel "Delicate Condition" by Danielle Valentine, do you just hope it's human?

Up for an Academy Award at not quite 40 years old, Anna Alcott seemed to have it all: handsome husband, successful acting career, money, and a nice home. She had everything, except what she desired most of all. Anna wanted a baby.

Alas, that wouldn't happen without a doctor's help. Anna and her husband, Dex, had tried and tried to get pregnant themselves before calling on one of New York's best IVF experts. Then there were months of shots, retrievals, surgeries, and surging hormones, sigh.

Seeing two lines on the pregnancy test was better than any award, any day.

She wasn't sure what she'd have done without Dex, and her best friend, Siobhan. They were both super-supportive, soothing Anna's pregnancy fears and frustrations.

They were both super-supportive when she lost her baby in the second trimester.

Nobody told her that it would hurt so much, physically, to have a miscarriage. She already knew the emotional toll it would take, and she blamed herself at first. She blamed stress, and the adrenaline of dealing with a tech-savvy stalker. And she blamed a mysterious woman named Meg, who came in to take an ultrasound just before the baby died.

This "Meg" wasn't a hospital employee. What had she done to Anna's baby?

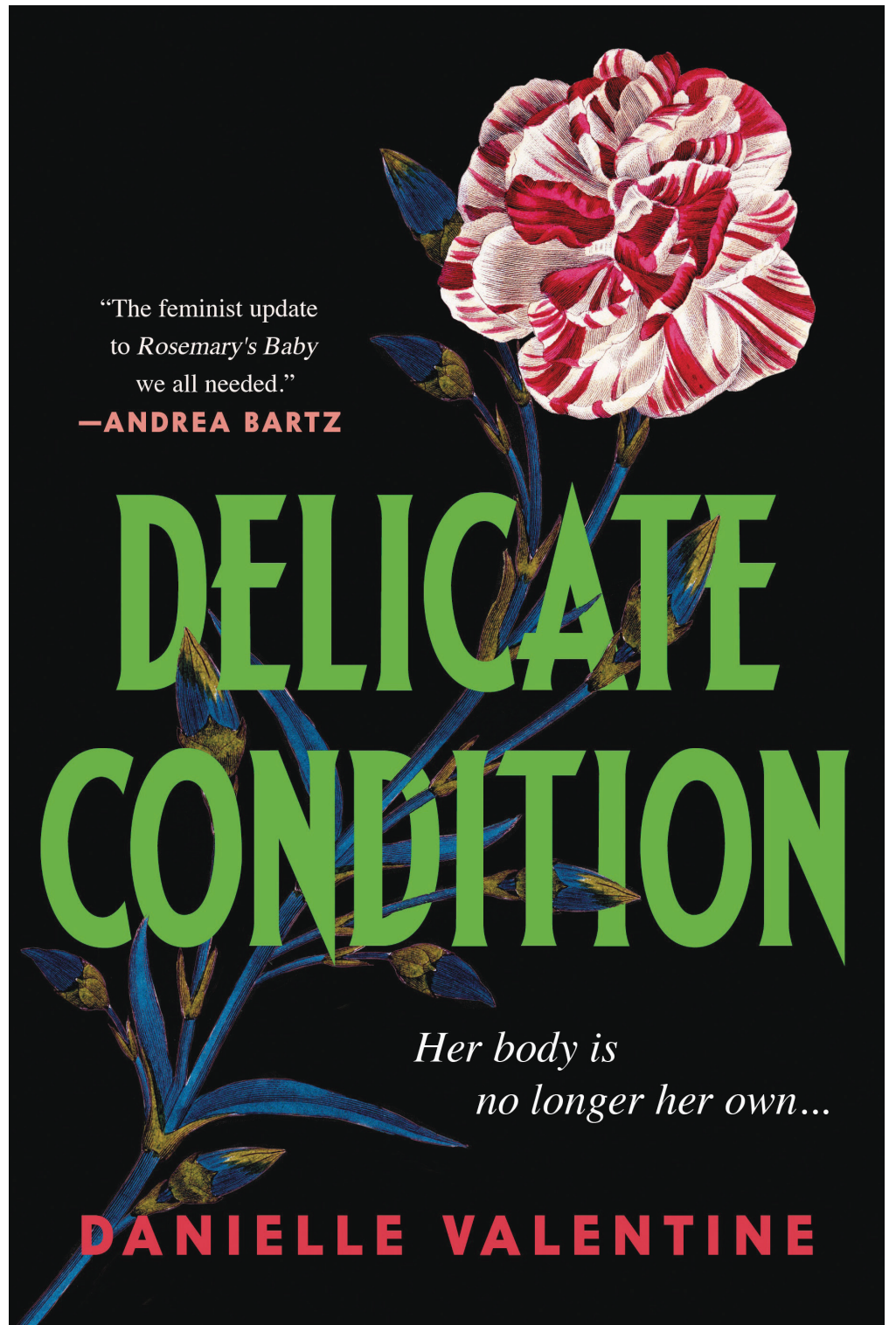
Resting at a friend's beach house, away from prying eyes, Anna could do nothing but think. Could she try again? She wanted to. Who was hacking into her online calendar, trying to scare her? And if everyone was right when they said that

she'd lost her baby, why did she feel movement - an exquisite flip-flop of life - from deep inside her belly?

Creepy? Yes. Unsettling? Oh, yes, "Delicate Condition" is one of those books that's very good... but would've been better with 50 fewer pages.

Just a little tighter is all it needs, and less of the main character spinning and spinning inside her own imagination, making a weary reader wish Anna would just take a breath and rein it in. That spinning, that blah-blah-blah, gets out of hand so reader beware, and don't let it make you miss the scary stuff. Stick around and let author Danielle Valentine unfold the shuddersome reasons for the brief back-through-history chapters, sharp talons in a belly, demons-not-demons in the bedroom, and the presence of defaced action-figure dolls.

You can expect decent frights inside this tale, and they're worth the work it'll take to keep focused. If you can skim the slow parts of this book, you'll be rewarded by exciting and menacing pages. Overall, patience is what to remember when you carry "Delicate Condition" to your easy chair.



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Dogs have been our furry friends for a very long time! Thousands of years ago, when people were living in caves, they started noticing that wild wolves were coming closer to their homes. These wolves were smart and helpful, so people started to befriend them. Gradually, through a process called domestication, wolves became more like the dogs we know today. People trained them to help with hunting, guarding, and even pulling sleds!

As time went on, people realized that dogs could also be great companions. They became part of families, and different breeds were developed for different jobs and purposes. Nowadays, dogs are loved all around the world. They come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. Some dogs help the police, others assist people with disabilities, and many are simply beloved pets. Dogs are loyal, playful, and loving. They bring so much joy to our lives, and we're lucky to have them as our best friends!

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I'VE BEEN THINKING

Once in a blue moon



CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER

Carol Goodman Heizer is an author who recently moved to Hood County from Louisville, Kentucky. She has had short stories published in eight editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her column for the Hood County News will appear every two weeks.

Most of us have heard that familiar phrase and many of us have used it when referring to something extremely rare in occurrence. We often greet a person we have not seen in a while with, "Well, I haven't seen you in a blue moon. How are you?" We frequently follow that greeting with either casual chitchat or more serious matters. Unfortunately, the same greeting can also be used in sarcasm like "You appear once in a blue moon." But do we know the origin of this phrase? And what else do we know about the moon and its various names?

This calendar year has been a treat for sky-watchers. By Dec. 31, there will have been 13 full moons, four of which will be supermoons (when the moon's orbit is closest to Earth at the same time it is also a full moon). The last two supermoons were on July 3 and Aug. 1. We will also enjoy a Blue Moon on Aug. 30 (the second full moon within the same calendar month). Its predecessor appeared on Aug. 1. This Blue Moon will appear near Jupiter and Saturn!

Check the list of appearing Blue Moons in recent years: In August 2021; in October 2020

(Halloween night). Let's pause here for a moment to appreciate the full impact of this Blue Moon. Mars was red and very large since it was closer to Earth ... and it was seen in the sky near the Blue Moon.

Additional Blue Moons also appeared in January and March 2018; in July 2015; in August 2012; in December 2009; in May 2007; in July 2004; in October and November 2001; and in January and March, 1999.

You will see that three years passed before a Blue Moon appeared between 2012 and 2015. But 1999, 2001, 2018, and our current year have seen multiple Blue Moons. Did you notice that February has never had a full moon? That's because the month has only 28 or 29 days (in Leap Year) - not enough time for complete moon phases.

Tradition says that Blue Moons are said to be full of luck and magic, and their appearances are perfect times for making a wish, performing rituals, and connecting with your intuition.

In 1961, The Marcells (doo-wop group) recorded and released their version of "Blue Moon," which went to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Later that same year, an

instrumental version by the Ventures charted at number 54. Over the decades, "Blue Moon" has been covered by everyone from Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Bob Dylan, Cyndi Lauper, Rod Stewart, and many more.

The song has been a popular tune in movies such as the 1939 Marx Brothers comedy "At the Circus"; 1952's "With a Song in My Heart"; 1978's "Grease"; 1981's "An American Werewolf in London"; 1988's "Biloxi Blues"; 1997's "Selena"; 1999's "Notting Hill"; and 2009's "A Single Man."

There are historical examples of the Moon actually turning blue. When the Indonesian volcano Krakatoa exploded in 1883, its dust turned sunsets green and the moon blue all around the world for the better part of two years. All vegetation on the island was destroyed and buildings were completely shattered. Thousands of people in Java and Sumatra died when they were swept out to sea. Of the 36,000 people who perished, it is estimated that more than 34,000 died as a result of resulting tsunamis. It is believed that the term Blue Moon originated after this event.

In 1927, the Indian monsoons were late arriving, and the extra-long dry season blew up enough dust for a blue moon. And moons in northeastern North America turned blue in 1951 when huge forest fires in western



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We will enjoy a Blue Moon on Aug. 30 (the second full moon within the same calendar month).

Canada threw smoke particles up into the sky.

Other less potent volcanoes have also turned the moon blue. People saw blue moons in 1983 after the eruption of the El Chichón

volcano in Mexico.

Since all months in 2024 will have one full moon, there will be no Blue Moon in 2024.

The first full moon in January is referred to as a "Wolf Moon." Wonder why?

Check it out.

So ... how about becoming a sky-watcher on Aug. 30 and enjoying your very own personal Blue Moon?

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Enriching Granbury

The immeasurable value of arts, entertainment, and culture in our community

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

In the tapestry that is any vibrant community, the threads of art, culture, and entertainment weave together to create an intricate and alluring narrative. Beyond their obvious cultural and creative significance, these elements wield a profound economic impact that often goes overlooked. The fusion of artistic expression and entertainment enriches the soul and fuels the local economic engine, fostering job creation, tourism, and a dynamic ecosystem that drives growth.

Granbury is a testament to the thriving synergy between arts, culture, entertainment, and community development. The city's commitment to nurturing a vibrant arts scene, encompassing the iconic Granbury Opera House, The New Granbury Live, local art galleries, and numerous live music venues, not only enriches Granbury's cultural fabric but also generates substantial economic benefits.

PERFORMING ARTS

At the heart of Granbury's cultural renaissance stands the Granbury Opera House, a historic gem meticulously preserved by the city of Granbury and operated by the Granbury Theatre Company (GTC). This dynamic company has breathed life into the Opera House since 2013, reviving its legacy as a thriving center for performing arts. With a lineup of Broadway-style musicals, plays, and tribute concerts on stage fifty-one week-



Granbury Opera House.

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ends a year, the GTC pays homage to the town's history and drives its economy. According to recent studies, GTC productions have attracted nearly 50,000 annual visitors, injecting millions into the local economy annually. This economic infusion ripples through various sectors, benefiting hospitality, retail, dining, and other ancillary services.

In addition to the Granbury

Opera House, The New Granbury Live has emerged as a dynamic entertainment venue that celebrates the region's musical heritage. This vibrant venue regularly hosts live music performances, drawing visitors from across the region while showcasing everything from country classics to rock 'n' roll hits.

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An odyssey of faith and perseverance

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church welcomes Rev. Bonnie McCrickard



COURTESY PHOTO

Rev. Bonnie McCrickard, the new Priest at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Granbury.

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

Gazing out over Granbury's rolling hills and vibrant blue skies, Rev. Bonnie McCrickard can hardly believe she's already been in Texas for two months. Coming to Granbury from the bustling streets of inner-city Philadelphia, this spirited minister has brought her passion for faith and community to the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, but she is also capturing hearts with her Southern charm and hospitality.

"I'm a recent transplant to Granbury, moving here from the vibrant city of Philadelphia, PA," Rev. McCrickard chuckles. "But my roots trace back to the sweet city of Huntsville, Alabama, where I spent my formative years."

As an only child, Rev. McCrickard's bond with her parents was the foundation of her upbringing. "I have fond memories of spending summers at the library, where my mom volunteered, and at the neighborhood pool," she shares. "And yes, I was very much a 'church kid,' attending parochial school, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School—you name it!"

From an early age, her parents instilled in her a deep connection to the church.

"Both my parents were deeply involved in their respective churches, so I spent lots of time helping the church secretary fold bulletins or tagging along for visits to parishioners who were homebound," she recalls. "I knew I'd always be involved in the church, but it wasn't until my 30s that I realized I'd be 'IN' the church as an ordained person."

When asked about her family, her eyes light up. "I met my husband in high school, and we were great friends for many years," she said. "When we decided to try dating each other, we realized we were well matched and married in 2000."

Her husband's unwavering support has been a cornerstone of her journey from being a licensed social worker to embracing her ordained ministry.

Rev. McCrickard's parents also played a significant role in shaping her values.

"My dad, who passed away in 2020, was a NASA engineer, a Naval Reserve Captain, and had an enormous capacity for compassion," she fondly recalls. "My mom, a church musician, is smart, creative, and hilarious. They both taught me how much God loves the whole world and encouraged me to care for others out of gratitude for that love."

Her educational journey has been just as dynamic as her personal experiences. She earned her bachelor's degree from Trinity University in San Antonio. She obtained a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis. Her passion for both faith and service later led her to pursue a bachelor's degree from Belmont University in Nashville and a Master of Divinity from The School of Theology of the University of the South: Sewanee. She culminated her academic pursuits with a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in Madison, NJ.

Before gracing Good Shepherd with her presence, Rev. McCrickard served in various ministerial capacities.

"My first call after seminary and ordination was to be Associate Rector at Church of the Nativity, Episcopal, in Huntsville, Alabama," she explains. "In 2018, I took the call to become the first female Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, PA."

Rev. McCrickard comes to Good Shepherd as the church's first full-time priest since 2009, when the congregation experienced a bitter split over the ordination of women and other social issues.

"A group from the Fort Worth Diocese decided to

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Labor Day weekend set to be filled with fun and festivities

BY EMILY NAVA

Staff Writer

With Labor Day weekend just around the corner, there are plenty of fun activities happening around town to celebrate the holiday weekend.

Labor Day is the annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. Labor Day takes place on Sept. 4.

This year's festival theme is "Sun sand and a drink in my hand" and will feature events every day of the four-day weekend put on by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association.

The festival will include sales all over the square, street vendors, karaoke, street dancing, a lighted boat parade, kids' activities, live music and much more.

The lighted boat parade will start at Stumpy's Lakeside Grill and go down the lake to the Mesquite Pit and turn around with the judging of the boats taking place at Rockin' S Bar & Grill. The boats will be judged in three different categories. The City Beach will also have kayaks, tubes, stand up waterboards and more.

The HGMA is seeking more boaters to participate in the boat parade and for



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Labor Day is the annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. Labor Day takes place on Sept. 4.

those who wish to participate please call the HGMA at 682-936-4550.

For more information on the event visit granburysquare.com/labor-day-weekend-festival or contact the HGMA at granburyhgma@gmail.com or by the phone number above.

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENTS

Friday
Street vendors around the

square - beginning at 4 p.m.
Bridge Steet Karaoke 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the main stage on Bridge Street

Saturday
Street Vendors 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the square
Street Dance 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday
Street Vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the square
Lighted Boat Parade 8 p.m.

at Lake Granbury
Boat parade after party - 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Rockin's Bar & Grill

Monday
Bobbys on the beach kids' event 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Kids' activities will be at the Plaza under the pavilion all weekend long including face painting, tattoos and more.

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The venue's dedication to providing a platform for local and visiting musicians has revitalized the music scene and created opportunities for budding artists to shine.

Beyond these landmark establishments, the Granbury and Hood County area is peppered with an array of live music venues that create an undeniable sense of community connection. From cozy cafes and bistros such as Farina's and Brew Drinkery to spacious outdoor venues such as Warren's Backyard and Silver Saddle Saloon, these venues offer a space for residents to come together, tap their feet to the rhythm, and immerse themselves in the joy of shared music.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

On any given weekend of the year, the Granbury Opera House and the New Granbury Live together bring close to 2,000 people to Granbury Square for their respective shows. That's well over 100,000 visitors annually just between the two venues. Coupled with the myriad live music venues that operate year-round, you start to understand the economic impact of the performing arts and live entertainment. Venues like these create a multiplier effect within the local economy. A single event can spur spending on transportation, accommodation, dining, and more, thus bolstering the economic ecosystem.

ART GALLERIES AND EXHIBITS

Granbury's commitment to the arts extends beyond the performing arts to the visual realm. Granbury's art galleries play a crucial role in nurturing local talent and allowing residents to explore various forms of artistic expression. These galleries frequently curate exhibitions that showcase a diverse array of artworks, ranging from traditional paintings to contemporary sculptures and everything in between. Art galleries provide platforms for artists and attract art enthusiasts who contribute to local commerce.

The rotating art exhibits add excitement to the town's cultural landscape and allow residents and visitors alike to engage with different perspectives and creative journeys. Moreover, these exhibits often provide a platform for emerging artists, encouraging a thriving local art scene that contributes to the town's cultural legacy.

The arts in Granbury are not just a form of entertainment; they shape the town's very identity and facilitate meaningful community engagement. Festivals and cultural events celebrate the arts in all forms, bringing residents together to celebrate shared passions and forge lasting memories. For instance, annual events such as The Granbury JazzFest, the Granbury Wine Walk, and the Harvest Moon Arts Festival seamlessly integrate local art, music, and culinary delights, highlighting the interplay between different art forms and enhancing the overall experience.

To its great credit, Granbury has harnessed the intrinsic power of the performing and visual arts to sculpt an identity that seamlessly intertwines culture and commerce. From the storied Granbury Opera House and the dynamic New Granbury Live to the captivating art galleries, exciting live music venues, and cultural festivals, the town's commitment to the arts is unequivocally tied to economic growth. As Granbury continues to leverage its cultural heritage as a catalyst for economic prosperity, it exemplifies how an enriched arts ecosystem can be the bedrock of a thriving community.



Martha's Ranch at Twin Canyons is a ranch retreat for autistic children and their families located at 7631 Hayworth Highway.

COURTESY OF KENNADY WAGNER

Granbury ranch retreat serves as sanctuary for autistic children, families

BY ASHLEY INGE
Staff Writer

Since 2020, Matt and Kim Bays have worked tirelessly to create a safe space for families impacted by autism.

But now, after years of dedication and devotion to a cause they feel deeply about, their dream is about to become reality.

The Bays are the owners of Twin Canyons Ranch, a family ranch and river resort located between Granbury and Glen Rose at 7631 Hayworth Highway. But the 850-acre working cattle ranch also has another purpose — to serve as both a getaway and sanctuary for autistic children and their families.

"We wanted to have an autistic family retreat," Matt said. "There's a lot of camps for kids, but not necessarily families — and the families struggle with it."

With the couple also being the parents of twin autistic sons, James and Nathan, they realized that a lack of local resources made a huge difference to their family, and they knew how much they wanted to make a difference. "We have a bunch of cattle, Longhorn and Hereford, so the idea was that we would have families and kids out here to see how the animals work," Matt said.

Twin Canyons Ranch is also sponsored by the nonprofit charity organization Martha's Ranch Foundation.

According to marthasranch.org, the organization's goal is to create a community to support par-

ents of children with autism by providing resources for research, financial support where needed, a place to experience a bit of normal and participate in activities in a supportive environment and connect parents with other parents to build and enhance their support structure.

"Martha's Ranch is a public charity," Matt explained. "We've done a land lease. Twin Canyons Ranch is our piece and Martha's Ranch Foundation has a land lease here to put their cabins on, so a lot of the amenities and stuff are ours, but they're able to use them, and they have space to build their cabins and operate there. We share our space."

Matt's big goal for the ranch is to offer fun for the whole family in a judgement-free zone, while also providing families with help from trained professionals.

"We'll bring in experts on treatments and social services, so as kids get older, their parents will understand," he said. "A lot of these kids end up being lifetime children in the home, so how do you get the services and the support that you need for them? What treatments are available? Dietary needs? Just anything under the sun that might help or educate them."

Although the ranch is still



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Christy Radaker, left, is the director of Martha's Ranch at Twin Canyons, while Kim Bays, middle, and Matt Bays, right, are the owners. Their shared goal is to create a safe space for all autistic children and their families.

mostly under construction, Matt already has a vision for all the amenities he wants to build, plus the events he wants to host for autistic families.

"One of the events that we have is a Spartan Race," Matt said. "We had 47,000 people out here in one weekend last year. Next year, we'll have Spartan Race, Tough Mudder, and the World's Toughest Mudder, so we'll have three of them."

As for things to do, Martha's Ranch at Twin Canyons will offer a wide range of outdoor activities, with everything from hiking and biking to kayaking and horseback riding.

The Martha's Ranch Event Barn will be used to hold corporate events, guest speakers, and family reunions. The upstairs portion of the barn will house full bathrooms, private rooms, laundry, and a game room.

"This is our bunkhouse, which is available for rentals like for family events, brides, and bachelor parties," Matt said. "Most of this should be finished out and ready to go live by the end of October."

A separate activity barn will also

feature bounce houses, climbing walls, pool tables, and video games.

"There's a lot of space for them to play," Matt said. "Where they can just relax, and with having all of our events here, we always have autistic families out, so everybody's kind of aware, and (there's no surprises)."

The livestock barn will be used for educational purposes, to teach the kids how to make cheese or milk a cow.

"It'll be a little bit of an evolving process," Matt said. "A lot of it's going to be on demand with what our people want."

Seven lake front family cabins are also in the process of being built where families can experience a home away from home.

"We're excited just about serving," Matt said. "We've been very fortunate in our professional career to be able to have something like this, and to be able to share it with others. We watch our boys run around and have fun, and then they'll sit there and ride in the (golf) cart with us all over; they like that, so to be able to get them out to do something active and fun and see something different, is great. It's allowing people who would otherwise not have access to something like that, and whether they can't afford it, or

Seven lake front family cabins will soon be available for families to experience a home away from home.

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MEREDITH WILSON'S the Music Man

Acton Methodist Church welcomes new pastor

Submitted item

Acton Methodist Church will welcome their new senior Pastor, the Rev. Barry Robinson, on Sunday, Sept. 3, at their traditional worship service at 9 a.m. and their contemporary service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Barry has been in ministry for 25 years, recently serving at Greenville United Methodist Church in Greenville, Kentucky. He graduated from Southern Mississippi University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and received his master's in divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary. He also served four years in the Navy prior to entering the ministry. Barry will be joined by his wife of 28 years, Denise, and daughter, Savannah.

Pastor Barry was selected after a nationwide search for a senior Pastor for Acton Methodist church. His qualifications, experience, calm spirit, and love of God made him shine above all other candidates. The church invites the community to join them during September 3rd worship services as they celebrate moving into their future. The church is located at 3433 Fall Creek Highway in Acton. Visit our website at www.actonmethodist.com.

BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER

When rock church was the frontier



JAKE CARAWAY

Jake Caraway, vice chairman of the board and senior vice president of First National Bank in Granbury, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bridge Street History Center Museum and great-great-grandson of Jesse and Elizabeth Caraway

These days if you head south out of Tolar on FM 2475 and drive a few miles, you will first see an old cemetery and then a white wooden church. This is what remains of the old Rock Church Community. You will also find the old rock building and a deteriorating suspension bridge built in 1917. The area has started to come alive in recent years. Families are buying farms and starting to move back in. Among them is a descendant of Jesse and Elizabeth Caraway.

Before there was a Hood County and Texas was a new

state settlers came to the area because of what they thought could be good farmland. Some of those settlers were Jesse and Elizabeth Caraway. Jesse was originally from North Carolina, as was Elizabeth, but he grew up in Tennessee. Jesse and Elizabeth were married in 1838. In 1859 Jesse, Elizabeth and their 10 children loaded up their wagons and headed west to Texas, a journey of four weeks. According to the Texas State Historical Marker, other families in the area were Cowan, Jackson, Jones, Pate, Baker

and Wood. Most of these families lived in two room log cabins.

Jesse bought land in the Paluxy Valley (Rock Church Community) and cleared it for raising stock and farming. In those days, there were still Comanche in the area and Rock Church was in the path the Comanche had used to get to their ceremonial site, Comanche Peak. The valley was also their hunting grounds and teepees were often found along the banks of the rivers in Hood County. This was sometimes a problem for the settlers as the Indians stole livestock, especially horses. One story goes that Jesse had a fine horse. Since he heard Indians were in the area, one night he tied a rope to the horse, fed it between a crack in the logs and tied it to his foot. Jesse was

sure if his horse was being stolen, he would feel a tug on the rope and wake him up. After a good night's sleep, he found the horse was gone.

The Civil War began in 1861 interrupting life in Rock Church as well as in the rest of the country. Since many of the younger men had left, Jesse joined a Minute Company to defend the frontier from Indians. The Governor of Texas, Edward Clark, organized Minute Companies. In one of the chases, Jesse was wounded in the shoulder by an arrow.

A descendant of Jesse, Bruce Caraway, possessed a letter written by Elizabeth Caraway in 1865 to her son Lewis and son in law John Jones who were fighting in

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CINERGY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 25 August 2023 - Thursday, 31 August 2023

Blue Beetle (PG13)
Fri: 2:00PM, 4:55PM, 7:50PM, 11:15PM.
Sat: 10:15AM, 1:10PM, 4:05PM, 7:00PM, 9:55PM.
Sun: 10:15AM, 1:10PM, 4:05PM, 7:00PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:55PM, 8:10PM.
Thurs: 3:20PM, 6:30PM, 9:40PM

Gran Turismo: Based On A True Story (PG13)
Fri: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 8:10PM, 10:45PM.
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:05PM, 4:10PM, 7:15PM, 10:20PM.
Sun: 10:00AM, 1:05PM, 4:10PM, 7:15PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 7:50PM.
Thurs: 3:10PM, 6:25PM, 9:40PM

Meg 2: The Trench (PG13)
Fri: 2:15PM, 5:00PM, 7:45PM, 10:30PM.
Sat: 10:10AM, 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM, 10:15PM.
Sun: 11:15AM, 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM

Oppenheimer (R)
Fri: 2:45PM, 6:35PM, 10:25PM.
Sat: 11:15AM, 2:00PM, 5:50PM, 9:40PM.
Sun: 11:00AM, 2:50PM, 6:40PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:45PM, 6:35PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 8:10PM

Strays (R)
Fri: 2:00PM, 4:20PM, 6:40PM, 9:00PM, 11:20PM.
Sat: 10:40AM, 1:00PM, 3:20PM, 5:40PM, 8:00PM, 10:20PM.
Sun: 10:40AM, 1:00PM, 3:20PM, 5:40PM, 8:00PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:10PM, 5:30PM, 7:50PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 5:50PM, 10:15PM

The Equalizer 3 (R)
Thurs: 4:20PM, 7:00PM, 9:40PM

TMNT: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
Fri: 2:30PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM, 10:00PM.
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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.

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.

THURSDAYS

MELODY BELLES sing-

ers, 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.

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.

THIRD THURSDAYS

THE HOOD Somerville

A&M Club Club meets the 3rd Thursday (except June, July & August) at Spring Creek BBQ located at 317 W Hwy 376 Granbury at 6 p.m., dining/social, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Other activities, fundraisers and meeting changes can be found at hscaggies.org

SECOND SATURDAYS

2ND SATURDAY Showoff

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

THIRD MONDAYS

GRANBURY QUILTERS

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

LOVE KNOTS Prayer Shawl

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

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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Steve Jackson Games

How an indie game publisher got raided by the US Secret Service



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.

The year was 1988, and my friends had convinced me to go to a comic book convention in Austin, Texas. This was back before comic book conventions became a big deal. At the time it was just a bunch of comic book dealers with folding tables in a big room. The reason my friends wanted to go was that Steve Jackson would be there to introduce some smaller Dungeons and Dragons-style playable modules. I don't think these were official D&D releases, these were produced by Steve Jackson Games.

At the time I had no idea who Steve Jackson was or what he looked like. This guy showed up in the event room, the game module in hand, wearing a long-sleeved flannel shirt (in summer) with the sleeves rolled down and buttoned, and it looked as if the elbows had been torn out by weasels. He had thick glasses, wild eyes, and tousled hair, and was probably the best DM I had ever heard. We sat in a room while he led us through the campaign, which took about an hour to complete.

This was only two years before his BBS company was raided by the US Secret Service. Jackson got his start selling tabletop games he invented. One of his earliest games was called "Raid on Iran," undoubtedly inspired by the Iran hostage situation in 1979. He rented a storefront in Austin in 1980 and sold books, magazines, role playing games and materials, box games, and card games. By the time he showed up at the Austin comic book convention in 1988, he had made his first million dollars.

Back in those days, we only had dial up connections, so we used something called a BBS, which is short for bulletin board service. It was basically a server that you could access online. There were lots of BBSes with different special-

izations. Each BBS had various forums, online chat rooms, and downloadable files with dubious origins. It was up to the users to follow the law and only upload files that they had the rights to, but of course with no real oversight it was often a lawless situation. It was up to the people who ran the BBS to mod the boards and monitor any suspicious uploads.

Steve Jackson started the *Illuminati* BBS, and it was extremely active in the area. It specialized in tabletop RPG and board games. One of his most popular games was called *Illuminati*, which he created in 1982. Because the *Illuminati* BBS was getting so much traffic, Jackson had to hire some people to run it, and that's where the trouble began.

One of the people he hired to moderate the site was Loyd Blankenship. Blankenship was a member of the Legion of Doom, a notorious group of hackers. Blankenship wasn't a hacker, but he did have confidential documents from the Bell South 911 system, which had ended up on his own personal BBS, not Steve Jackson's. They had been widely distributed by the Legion of Doom and ended up on his server, along with many others.

The US Secret Service was investigating a digital break-in with the Bell South 911 system, and because of their inexperience decided that the *Illuminati* BBS and Steve Jackson Games was involved. They seized a large amount of equipment from the offices as well as important files necessary for running the *Illuminati* BBS.

Most of the *Illuminati* BBS equipment was eventually returned, but many of the files were missing.

The raid nearly put SJGames out of business. In 1990, they finally received a copy of the

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Lowe's and Home Depot Kid Projects

EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH
Special to the Hood County News

Granbury home improvement stores, Home Depot and Lowe's host monthly workshops for children that are free to all. These kids workshops provide an opportunity to assemble wood project to take home. There is no age limit, though the attendants are primarily elementary school aged children.

"These projects speak to our core values of doing the right thing and giving back. These projects give the kids a sense of accomplishment, they build confidence. Even from my own experience, these create core memories. Home Depot has been doing this since 2002, I myself did these as a kid," said Danny Moore. Moore is a Home Depot garden associate who helps with the monthly in-store kids workshops.

All the necessary materials are provided in the Home Depot kit including instructions, stickers, apron pin and certificate of achievement.

"The Home Depot apron has the pie chart with our values on it. They can pick out an apron if they want. The families don't have to buy anything. We give them the hammers and glue and everything they need to build the project," said Moore.

Lowe's kits also provide all the materials a little craftsman needs to complete a project and they too make tools available for

use. Assistant manager Ronnie Graves of Lowe's appreciates the bonding that their projects create, "It's a great thing that gets parents and kids to work together. It gets them out of the house. They get to work on a project together, just a fun thing to bring kids and parents together. It also offers us the opportunity to teach some basic safety skills."

Both Home Depot and Lowe's saw a dramatic drop off in attendance in the months since COVID-19. "We are starting to really pick back up in terms of attendance," said Graves.

Parents love the skills that are taught at these workshops and the interactive nature of the events where families, siblings and friends work side by side.

"William (Bartula) and Cooper (Gimore-Castro) had a great time not only building their corn hole game but hanging out together. I love that Home Depot offers a program that allows kids access to tools that help them unlock their creati-



COURTESY PHOTOS BY ANDREA BARTULA

William Bartula works steadily on his project at Home Depot kids workshop on July 4.

ity and use their minds. We have been attending these workshops for nine years," said local mom Andrea Bartula.

Even when families miss the appointed time for the workshops they don't have to miss out on the fun. Both Home Depot and Lowe's offer the kits to families in the community if any kits are left unused after the event. Occasionally there are a few kits left over from ear-

lier weeks as well that are available.

"It's a great program. My mom worked at Home Depot (so did my brother) and I remember coming up here 10 years ago and completing some projects. Now we were able to introduce my nephew and niece to the kid crafts. I got my nephew and niece little Home Depot aprons. This is something you remember," said Moore.

The Home Depot kid project is the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon. The Sept. 2 project will be a microscope, the Oct. 7 project will be a rescue floatplane. You can register your child for the workshops at homedepot.com/c/kids.

The Lowe's kid project is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., typically the second Saturday of the month, except for holiday months. Sept. 16 will be a home team football card holder, Oct. 14 a firetruck and Nov. 18 a Thanksgiving turkey photo holder. You can register your child for the workshops at lowes.com/events.

Cooper Gilmore-Castro, William Bartula and Drew Dvorak pal around at the Home Depot kids workshop July 4, 2023.



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they just don't have access to it, they can come out and enjoy that for a weekend."

In the future, Matt said he hopes to branch out and host bigger events, like carnivals, fairs, and "farmer's market-type activities."

"Really, our original purpose is to support the families and then (host) other events too, like family events or corporate events,

which can help keep things at a much more reasonable cost for the nonprofit," Kim said. "It's really close now. It's taken a long time to get together, but we're excited."

A soft opening will be held the weekend before Labor Day, Sept. 2 and 3, for families to stay in the cabins and see what the experience will be like.

"We do have people that have been kind of on a waiting list for a while, so we'll do a soft launch," Matt said. "We're also going to have

them experience where we get other autistic families (together to see what we need to improve on). We know how our kids interact and behave, so there's a little bit of a bias on what we need to set out, but it's a big scope of what kids do. Getting other people in here to say, 'Hey, if this was a little bit bigger, if this was better,' we can kind of tweak everything and get that feedback in quickly."

Once Martha's Ranch at Twin Canyons opens, the

ranch will be open year-long, with events planned throughout the year.

"The autistic families when they come out here, we would like to talk with them and understand what their needs are before they get here, so we can possibly set up," Matt said. "If there's accommodations that need to be made, we'd like to talk to them beforehand to see what's important for them."

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the war. She related how times were hard at home; hogs hunted for food, lumber cut for building, reports of large numbers of Indians and even a widow got married. The letter mentioned that Luke's brothers, Bryant and Adam, had not written lately. Elizabeth was worried about her boys and missed them greatly. The boys survived the war and returned home to continue life at Rock Church.

In 1871, Jesse donated land to build a community center and an area for a cemetery. In the deed, Jesse stated that the building could be used for Baptist, Christian and Methodist congregations. Jesse, a long time Methodist Episcopal, stated that after five years the building was to be taken over by that church. The new rock building was two stories tall and made of cut limestone from a local quarry. Local men donated time, money and labor to construct the building. It was completed in 1873. The walls were a foot thick and could serve as protection in case of attacks. The first floor housed the church and a school. The upstairs housed the newly formed Paluxy Masonic Lodge number 393. The first burial in the cemetery was Sarah Brooks who died May 30, 1873. Her stone says, "1st one put here".

There is an interesting story behind the donation of the land. There was a nearby community called Bethel, on what is now Bakers Crossing. Residents had built a dogtrot log cabin for church and a school. Circuit riding preachers would stop by from time to time to spread the gospel. The story goes that an itinerant dance teacher visited the settlement and gave dance lessons to some of the young people. Eager to show off their new skills, the young people held a dance in the log building. On Sunday morning, there was evidence of a dance occurring. This caused a serious dispute among the church members. I was told that one member wanted to remove the floorboards and flip them over so that the desecrated board side would be facing Satan. In order to settle the dispute between his friends and avoid tearing down the cabin, Jesse donated the land for a new Rock Church. Bethel was later called Vinegar Hill because the dispute was so bitter.

In 1917, a new wooden Methodist Episcopal Church was built. The church held services there until the 1970s when very few people remained. This building was donated back to the community by the Methodist Church and is still in use. It has undergone an extensive renovation recently and services are held there to this day.

Information comes from; Rock Church Cemetery by Janet Saltgiver, Rock Church Community by Martha Watson, Texas state Historical Association, History of Texas 1896 and my own memory.



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GARDEN PATCH

Coping with drought damage

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.

Having experienced near record-breaking drought and heat this summer, Texas homeowners are trying to ascertain the extent of damage to landscapes. With water restrictions in place, many plants have little to no irrigation. Grass is brown, flowering plants are shriveling and trees are dropping leaves. Given these harsh conditions, how much should landscapes be expected to recover?

Unfortunately, the answer is 'it depends.' If fall brings cooler weather and rain aplenty, you might be pleased at how your trees, shrubs and perennials bounce back. If moisture continues to prove inadequate, the outlook could be bleak. However, much of a plant's recovery depends on its health prior to the drought/heat and its ability to tolerate these conditions. A native plant-filled landscape is naturally better equipped to endure.

The type of plants growing in your landscape offer a key to its survival. For instance, if a large percentage of the plants are thirsty tropical annuals, don't

expect these plants to rebound; they're gone forever once they fade away. If your yard has numerous perennial bulbous plants, such as iris or day lilies, expect the foliage to brown and the plants to go dormant. But since bulbs require minimal moisture when dormant, they are likely to return as usual next year.

Many annuals and perennials stop blooming in high heat. With little to no moisture, these plants also fade and go to seed earlier than usual. To better ensure that these plants exist in next year's garden, collect the seeds for later planting. Purple coneflower is one perennial that is easy



COURTESY PHOTO BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

To inexpensively help your landscape recover from summer heat and drought, try starting plants from seeds.

to start from last year's collected seeds. Cosmos and other reseeding annuals also produce copious seed. Harvest their seeds or allow them to fall to the ground where they are likely to germinate next year.

Deciduous trees and shrubs drop their leaves to

protect themselves during drought. Without foliage, they direct their energy to root survival rather than holding on to leaves. This gives them an advantage over evergreens, which rarely recover from complete leaf loss. Before removing or replacing trees

or shrubs, be sure that they are dead. Since you can't be sure until next spring, you can do a scratch test. Scratch away the plant's bark in a small area. If you don't see green underneath, that could be a sign that the plant or plant part is dead or dying.

What positive actions should you take now? If outdoor irrigation is banned, use buckets or like containers to recover excess water from showers and sinks. Offer this water to the most threatened plants. To minimize the wildfire threat posed by sparks igniting dried debris, trim spent annuals, perennials and ornamental grasses. Compost or remove the debris. Add organic mulch to landscape beds to insulate plant roots.

In fall, replace weak plants with heat/drought tolerant natives. To minimize expense, start plants from seeds and bulbs, giving thought to seasonal interest. Flowers easily grown from seed include cosmos, zinnias, sunflowers and wildflowers such as Mexican hat.

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.

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GAME

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Secret Service affidavit stating the reason for the raid - because Blankenship was writing about hacking, he had become a target and everything he had been involved in was suspect.

This violation of civil liberties led to the creation of the Electronic Frontier Foundation; a non-profit digital rights group founded to protect Internet civil rights. In 1991, Steve Jackson, SJGames, and three users of the Illuminati BBS, with the help of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, filed a civil suit to recover damages. They were awarded more than \$50,000 in damages, citing lost profits and violations of the Privacy Protection Act. Each BBS user was awarded \$1,000 under the Electronic Communications Privacy Act for the seizure of their stored electronic mail.

Fortunately, Steve Jackson Games did not go out of business. Today they publish over 100 different titles, along with merchandise, plushies, magazines, T-shirts and more. Here's



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just a couple of his games that I've played recently and really enjoyed.

ZOMBIE DICE

This is a deceptively simple dice game. The base set comes with 13 custom dice, each representing a victim. It also comes with two expansion packs, including a School Bus, a Hero and a Hottie die. You're the zombie. On your turn, you will draw three dice at random. Roll the dice and count the symbols. A brain means that you got your victim's brain. Set those dice to the side. A pair of footprints

means that your victim got away. A shotgun blast means that your victim fought back. Set those dice to the other side. Keep the footprint dice and draw more dice at random until you have three dice again. You can keep playing and try to get more brains or stop and end your turn. If you get three blasts, your turn is over, and you lose any brains that you collected. So, the trick in this game is to stop when you're ahead. The probability of brains to blasts change with the dice. Green printing means that this

is an easy victim, yellow is medium difficulty, and red is difficult. Expert players look at the dice that are left and evaluate the chances of getting more brains, or more blasts, depending on the difficulty. This is a quick game that can be played with two or more people. All you need is a pencil and a piece of paper. MSRP \$24.99, available in stores for as low as \$18.99.

ILLUMINATI: THE GAME OF CONSPIRACY

I've played Illuminati: The Card Game. It's not easy.

There's a complex set of rules including when you can play certain cards, how you take over groups, how to build power for the society you're playing as, and much more. If you're not an experienced player, you'll quit in frustration. It helps to have a group of nerdy, patient friends to play it with. The SteamOS version of Illuminati takes away a lot of confusion. Much easier to understand, and if you do something wrong, helpful popups explain why you can't actually play the card you're trying to play. "Join the conspiracy of global domination and dark satire in this classic from Steve Jackson Games. As one of the Illuminati, you are driven by power, money, mayhem—and more. Grow stronger as you plot to destroy your rivals. How will you take over the world?" The Steam version gives you the option of using the original card art, or the more modern version. It's still in Early Access, so not all the game is available. They finally got the player-to-player interface finished last month, and I'm enjoying playing that with the hubby. Illuminati, Jan 2023 on SteamOS \$24.99

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Guitar lessons part of fall programming at Pecan Activities Center

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.

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. The 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.

GROWING GREEN

The Green Thumb Garden Club has a workday for the back circle scheduled for Monday, Aug. 29 from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are welcome.

POOL HOURS

The clubhouse pool is open today, Saturday, Aug. 26, and tomorrow, Sunday, Aug. 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and next Friday, Sept. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. From Sept. 2 through Sept. 4, hours are also 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. with Labor Day Monday being the final swim day of the season. Lifeguards are on duty during pool operating hours.

The PAC pool is open daily (except Wednesday) from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. Lifeguards are not on duty, and “swim at your own risk” is in effect.

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.

LABOR DAY

Summer might be coming to an end, but another neighborhood party is on Pecan’s agenda. Labor Day will hold a two-day celebration with a street dance and activities happening Sunday evening, Sept. 3, followed by a pool party with a disk jockey playing music on Monday, Sept. 4.

ROAD WORK

Several streets in Pecan are getting a makeover, and currently work is happening on Brierfield Road and Bellechase Road (from Bontura to Burn Court). Also on the list for resurfacing are Prospect Hill and a portion of Monticello. Crews will be working Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Tuesday trash pickup will run as scheduled. Pecan’s Operations Manager Daniel Van Patten thanks residents for their patience during this time of road improvement.

NEW NEWS

Fall junior tennis has a start date of Wednesday, Sept. 6 with ages six to nine playing at 4:30 p.m. and ages 10-12 at 5:30. Sign up in the pro shop: 817-579-9412.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The board members of the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service will be hosting town hall meetings to discuss the proposed assessment increase for 2024. Gatherings will be held at

the Charlie Lee Building at the emergency compound on Monticello Drive on Saturday, Sept. 9 and Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.

WOMAN'S CLUB

During its summer recess from regular meetings, the Pecan Plantation Woman’s Club enjoyed three Chit Chat luncheons consisting of delicious food and fun fellowship. Many thanks go to Shelly Brandenberger, Betty Milburn, and Cherry Redwine for making these happy days come together. At the final Chit Chat, ladies heard from Sheri Robken, manager of Arts and Letters Bookstore on the Granbury square. Ladies described Sheri as a “delight” when discussing great book options for children. A crowd of 45 ladies attended, and three residents joined the PPWC.

The PPWC will begin its 45th year in Pecan on Thursday, Sept. 21, and the year’s schedule holds numerous celebratory elements for this sapphire anniversary. The PPWC invites all ladies in Pecan to join, and its website holds registration information: www.mypwpc.com.

GOLF NEWS

The Ladies’ Golf Association enjoyed a terrific Member-Member Tournament, and much gratitude goes to Michelle Mills for making the event go so well. LGA President Carol Bishop sends thanks to everyone who has a hand in facilitating golfing events, particularly Brenda Palmer who makes sure everything needed is on hand looks lovely too. The “Let Freedom Ring” Member-Guest Tournament is on the calendar for Sept. 18-20, and deadline for sign up is Friday, Sept. 8.

LGA memberships for the rest of the year are still available, and dues for the remainder of 2023 are only \$22.50. Visit the pro shop for complete member registration information.

The Men’s Golf Association has “Whiner” on the calendar for Thursday, Aug. 31 with low gross/low net individual play including “pick your own foursome and throw out worst three scores.” Sign up in the golf pro shop: 817-573-2645.

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break away, and through a series of legal maneuvers, they ended up taking ownership of our property on Acton Hwy next to Acton Methodist Church,” said Gary Millhollon, Junior Warden of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. “After the breakaway, the fifty or so remaining members of Good Shepherd met at various other places, including the Granbury Seventh Day Adventist Church, who welcomed us. We rented their building every Sunday for several years since they worship on Saturdays.” Nearly half of those 50

remaining members who remained after the split had passed away by the time Good Shepherd was able to secure land and build a new church building, which opened off Acton Hwy in 2019, just five months prior to the global pandemic.

Millhollon recalled, “During the Covid Pandemic, we worshiped in the parking lot, transmitting the service on the radio. Meeting in the parking lot was challenging, but the parking lot was always full.”

Today, Good Shepherd has grown from that handful of twenty-five people to a congregation of over 220, with new families being added every week. The church

provides both financial and hands-on support to eleven different charities and social service organizations in Hood County.

For McCrickard, she considers Granbury to be a “dream job.”

“I’m a little like Minnie Pearl, I guess! I’m just so happy to be here!” said McCrickard enthusiastically. “What I loved about Good Shepherd is that even when they were down to fifty members and didn’t have a place of their own to meet, they never missed a Sunday of worship, and they never stopped their outreach. That speaks volumes about their commitment to their faith and loving people.”

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