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## LABOR DAY



Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Hood County celebrated with a lighted boat parade, a street dance, karaoke, and more! See more photos pages C4 and C5.

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### Granbury ISD bus students brace for heat *Air conditioning systems on some buses not working*

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Granbury ISD students who use the bus as transportation have been feeling the heat as some buses have been running without air conditioning.

With temperatures in the upper hundreds at the start of school and temperatures still being high, students are facing a tough ride to and from school.

Ryan Cox, Director of Communications for GISD said, "GISD only has one bus that is not equipped with A/C. All SpEd buses currently have working A/C. We have 22 buses with A/C write-ups that are constantly being worked on by maintenance. Techs are working overtime to keep the buses fixed and running. Transportation is having \$1,000 worth of freon delivered this week to help with A/C on the buses. We are also continuing to provide water, ice, and cooling rags for students that need them on the bus."

In the regularly sched-

uled Aug. 21 GISD school board meeting, new Cresson resident Travis Weatherhead brought direct attention to the board regarding the ac issue. Weatherhead's daughter attends Acton Elementary and claims other parents have said this has been an ongoing issue.

"I have been made aware that to combat the heat this year, the district is having kids roll down the windows once they get on the bus. That clearly doesn't solve issues whenever a friend of my daughter comes off the bus complaining their having trouble breathing, sweat is pouring off of them, and their faces are blood red saying it was so hot she fell asleep," Weatherhead said. "This sounds much more like passing out to me. Most children don't fully comprehend the signs and dangers of heat exhaustion. All they really understand is that it's too hot. However, when you have your own bus drivers begging parents like myself and my wife to speak on

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The gymnasium of North Texas Central Academy is packed in celebration of Ed Shipman Tribute Day on Sept. 2.

### Ed Shiman Tribute Day brings in large crowd and

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

The six-mile stretch of highway in front of Happy Hill Farm on State Highway 144 was celebrated after being named in honor of Ed Shipman as part of Ed Shipman Tribute Day.

The event brought in 300 people to the luncheon where supporters of Shipman, friends and family came together for this momentous renaming of Highway 144.

Ed Shipman was the founder of Happy Hill Farm located at 3846 State Hwy 144, Granbury, TX 76048. The farm now serves as North Central Texas Academy, a Christian Academy boarding school for stu-

dents all over the world.

Hood County News recently featured the academy in the Aug. 19 edition of the Hood County News. Two of Ed's grandchildren work full time at the academy keeping their grandfather's creation going by serving education through God's work. Amanda Schwausch and Lucas Shipman were both in attendance at the event.

"It was a wonderful celebration of my grandfather's life and ministry. It means so much to my family. We are so thankful for the two great communities we border, Granbury and Glen Rose. We are dedicated to continuing the work my grandfather started and are thankful for his legacy," Lucas said.



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Ed Shipman Tribute Day was named recently on Aug. 8 at the Hood County Commissioner's Court regular scheduled meeting.

The official proclamation designated Sept. 1 as Ed Shipman Tribute Day in recognition of House Bill 2835.



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CHAMBER NEWS

## Advocacy makes us a stronger organization

Chamber message

As you are reading this, the chamber has wrapped up our inaugural Small Business Round Table with House Committee on Small Business Chair, Representative Roger Williams. With 25 different businesses and businesspeople in the room, we heard firsthand about the challenges facing small business. From lack of skilled labor to taxation and everything in between, our members echo what thousands of small businesses are dealing with all over the country.

Last month, we heard about several of the laws passed in the recently completed 88th Legislative Session from State Representative Shelby Slawson...and while 20-25 minutes isn't enough time to completely recap a full regular session and multiple special sessions, it was an excellent opportunity for chamber members to be in on what's going on.

So, these two examples help us partially answer the age-old question, 'what does the chamber do for my business?' Government impacts your business every single day. From taxes and employee regulations to safety, training, health insurance and more, the government is in your business. When the chamber sets up breakfasts or luncheons with your elected officials, we are providing you with the opportunity to talk with them about their decisions impacting business.

We call it advocacy, and it's impactful for every chamber member in Granbury and Hood County. The chamber is your conduit to these leaders, and in almost 30 years in the chamber business, I can tell you that elected leaders listen to us. Whether it's a specific bill that needs our attention or an issue where they need to hear from us, chambers of commerce provide their members with those opportunities to sound off. In larger communities, business delegations descend on Washington, DC, and Austin to make sure that elected officials know their business priorities. These visits are great ways to build relationships with staff members, other legislators and like-minded business groups. But, it all starts at the chamber level.

But the other value in advocacy is learning about the candidates for public office. Yes, we are very much a pro-business organization, and to that end, we want our members to know as much about who is running for office as possible. And, whether it's city council, county commissioners, school board, or any other elected office that impacts businesses, it's our job to help our members learn about the candidates...not tell them who to vote for.

Once again, this fall, the chamber will host two separate candidate forums at the Lake Granbury Conference Center: on Monday, Oct. 2, we'll showcase the candidates for Granbury City Council and on Monday, Oct. 9, we'll host the candidates for Granbury Independent School District Board of Trustees. Both forums will be moderated and start at 6 p.m.; we'll also be streaming them live on the chamber's Facebook page.

One of our core values of membership investment is advocacy, we want our members to be in on what's up!

## New Granbury resident becomes part of the community through Leadership Granbury

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Originally from Odessa, Lindsay Williams recently became a Granbury resident. Within only a few years of living here, Williams has already become an integral part of the community as well as a member of Leadership Granbury.

Williams made the move after visiting some family in Granbury. The COVID-19 shut down hit during William's visit and it was then she and her husband decided to stay.

"I was blessed enough to have visited several times before we moved here and who wouldn't want to stick around. The people here have been so welcoming, and the town is just beautiful. It is a perfect place to raise a family and plug into the community," Williams said.

Williams is a nurse and works for Concho Hearts Hospice as a Clinical Liaison/Elder Care Expert. She has been with Concho Hearts for about a year.

Williams decided to become even more involved with the community and learn about the area. She then decided to join Leadership Granbury.

"I think Leadership Granbury has been a very important part

of integrating into the community for me. Learning about everything that goes on behind the scenes was so much fun. Networking and getting to know the amazing group that was in my class have given me the gift of lifelong friends," Williams said.

Williams enjoyed getting to work with people of all diverse backgrounds as part of leadership.

"We honestly get set in our ways and sometimes get the 'my way is the best' mindset. This past year has helped me to view things through a different lens at times. It either humbled me or completely challenged me to step up and make sure my voice was heard when needed. I would 100% recommend Leadership Granbury," Williams said.

Williams is looking forward to the future and making an impact.

"I look forward to plugging into the community, stepping up where I am needed and truly just knowing that I have places to turn when I need help to figure something out. Also being a resource for someone else too. It is great to feel like a true part of the community of Granbury," Williams said.



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## RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Star AC Supply: Grand Opening, located at 125 M & M Ranch Rd. Suite 4; Picture with owners Zach and Shannon Johnson, General Manager Sherwood Gemeny and team, Granbury Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and community members.

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## BUSES

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these matters and to speak against unsafe working conditions something needs to be done. Not in November once the heat has dissipated."

"If anyone here thinks this is unreasonable to take care of our children... I

suggest that you yourselves conduct ride alongs on the buses with no air conditioning for a week to see how long you can last with the children and drivers dealing with this on a daily basis," Weatherhead added.

After Weatherhead's speech, Superintendent Dr. Glenn noted that "The district ordered four new

school buses this past December and they have not come in yet."

"In the 2013 bond, GISD used designated money to purchase 16 new buses. 5 in 2013-14, 7 in 2014-15, and 4 in 2015-16. Since then, GISD has purchased 19 new buses with local and federal funds," Cox said.

Granbury ISD put out a statement on social media regarding the issue on Aug. 18 on behalf of the transportation department.

"Granbury ISD Transportation is having technicians work overtime daily to repair A/C systems on our buses as fast as possible to ensure the health and safety of everyone on

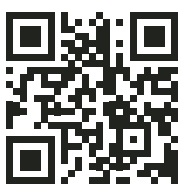
board during this extreme heat. Every bus will have bottled water and cooling rags available. Students can ask their driver if they need either one to cool off at any time. Parents are encouraged to send your student to school with an insulated water bottle. We understand it is hot outside and we are doing everything we

can to provide a safe environment for every student. Thank you for your understanding."

The \$151,725,000 bond set to be voted on in November would include the purchase of 30 new buses.

For questions or concerns regarding bus transportation contact GISD Transportation at 817-408-4150.

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# It has to be five o'clock somewhere!



**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.

Over the past weekend a music icon left this world. There is little doubt he is wearing angel wings, but I picture he is also donning a Hawaiian shirt and flip flops as he passes through the gates of heaven.

Jimmy Buffet was more than a musician or an entertainer. He was a lifestyle.

He is being lauded by the press as an extraordinary businessman who from very humble beginnings created hotels, restaurants, and a musical entertainment empire. His net worth at the

time of his death exceeds \$600 million; a far cry from the first time he went to Key West. Traveling with Texas music legend Jerry Jeff Walker, the friends spent the better part of two weeks fixing up Jeff Jeff's 47 Packard so they could make the trip from Miami. It was the

very start of Jimmy Buffets' life journey to Margaritaville and what a wild ride it was.

Presidents, captains of industry, and everyday folks from all walks of life stopped when they learned of his death. They took a moment to pause and relive the memories of his music and the experiences they associated with hearing his songs.

Elton John, Willie Nelson and no less that Sir Paul McCartney took the time to post a special tribute to the man they called a close personal friend and a musical genius.

Jimmy Buffet was more than an entertainer. He was an escape artist. No, not another Houdini who could free himself from being

handcuffed and locked in a straight jacket. Rather, Buffet was a transformer who through his music would allow people to escape from the stress and burdens of everyday existence. His melodies could unlock the heavy chains of life and allow people to smile and rejoice. In the Church of Margaritaville, Reverend Buffet preached that having harmless fun was ok. He showed people it was alright to stop and take a breath, enjoy their friends and the world around them, and relish the beauty and pleasures which life provides us.

Fans who went to his concerts, became known as "Parrotheads" and though his most successful music was created nearly 50 years

ago, it is hard to find someone who does not know the words to at least some of his songs.

When Buffet and Alan Jackson created, "Its Five O'clock Somewhere", a tribute to having a drink to relax and enjoy the day, it became a mantra for a wide segment of the population. It allowed them to demonstrate that while they did not mind working hard, they wanted to step back for just a second, relax, and have peace of mind.

Yes, I was a fan. While I enjoyed the music, I think what I enjoyed most was seeing the reaction of others to the songs and the aura. Jimmy Buffet made "fun" cool. He made casualness acceptable; He impacted

people through his music like few the world has ever seen.

It will be a lesser world without him, but he will rest in peace knowing that somewhere in the world, someone will be having a drink and toasting him and giving thanks for his amazing gifts. After all, it is 5 o'clock somewhere, isn't it? It does not get better than that.

Thought for the day: "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination". Jimmy Buffet Until next time...I will keep ridin' the storm out...

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## Folks around town



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Janice Cone

### Say hello to our neighbor, Janice Cone!

Janice Cone and her family have enjoyed life here Hood County for 17 years. The Cone's traded their life in South Fort Worth for a slower-paced place to raise their five-year-old son Ian. Janice truly loves the people that make up our community, she says they are just friendlier here. She also enjoys her sales job working with Vicki Young at interacting Red on the Square. She loves that she can interact with locals and visitors on the Granbury Square, a place very close to her heart. "My main goal is to make people feel good about themselves." Janice often goes to the Hood County News Facebook page for the latest information on happenings and upcoming events.

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## Contest aims to promote conservation in students

Staff Reports

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) invites Texas students enrolled in grades 6-12 to participate in the Take Care of Texas Video Contest. The contest runs from September through December. To enter, students must create a 30-second video that portrays positive ways Texans can help keep our air clean, keep our water clean, conserve water, save energy, or reduce waste.

There will be a total of six big winners! Waste Management of Texas Inc. (WMTX) will provide the prizes to the top three videos from middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12) students. TCEQ Commissioners and representatives from Waste Management of Texas, Inc. will recognize and honor the first prize winners at the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Banquet in May.

Contest rules and dates may be changed at TCEQ's sole discretion.

Participating students

must upload their entry before 5 p.m. CST Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, with the required documents. Students are encouraged to submit their videos early to avoid being disqualified due to uploading errors. Late entries will not be accepted. Videos submitted with incomplete information may be disqualified.

The video must portray positive ways Texans can protect the environment, including keeping the air clean, keeping the water clean, conserving water, saving energy, or reducing waste. Students are encouraged to explore just one of these topics.

All Texas middle- and high-school students—whether from public, charter, or private schools or homeschooled—are eligible to participate. Applicants must be current residents of Texas, must be enrolled in grades 6-12 as of December 2023 and must comply with these Official Rules. Employees and their immediate families (spouses, parents, siblings, children,

and each of the respective spouses or other people living in the same household of each) of TCEQ or WMTX are not eligible to participate.

The entries will be divided into two age groups, middle school and high school. TCEQ staff, the public, TCEQ executive staff and commissioners, and WMTX representatives will judge the videos to determine the winners. Entries will be evaluated based on:

Ability to gain the viewer's attention and make a lasting impression.

Inclusion of the slogan "Take Care of Texas. It's the only one we've got.", either expressed verbally or with the logos provided on the Video Tips page,

Quality including characteristics such as accuracy, creativity, persuasiveness, clarity, and overall visual and audio production quality, and

How well it conveys positive ways to take care of Texas.

All judgments are final. There will be six big win-

ners and WMTX will provide the prizes.

Winners will be announced in February 2024. Specific date to be announced.

Prizes for high school students (grades 9-12) will include scholarships funds awarded as follows:

- 1st place: \$2,500
- 2nd place: \$1,500
- 3rd place: \$500

Prizes for middle school students (grades 6-8) will include gift cards awarded as follows:

- 1st Place: \$800
- 2nd Place: \$600
- 3rd Place: \$400

TCEQ Commissioners and representatives from Waste Management of Texas, Inc. will recognize and honor the first prize winners at the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Banquet in May 2024. All winning videos will be showcased on the Take Care of Texas website, on social media, and in media announcements.

For detailed rules and instructions please go to [takecareof texas.org/education/take-care-texas-video-contest](http://takecareof texas.org/education/take-care-texas-video-contest).

## Judge Walton to be honored with portrait



Staff Reports

A portrait of retired Judge Ralph Walton will be unveiled at the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

Walton served on the bench for 27 years, retiring in 2021. Before serving as Judge, Walton was in private practice.

The portrait was executed by local artist James Spurlock. Spurlock is well known, an accomplished painter and dedicated teacher.

The public is invited to attend the event at 1200 W. Pearl Street, Granbury.

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## CALENDAR

## MONDAY, SEPT. 11

**LAKE GRANBURY** Art Association invites the public for a free demo by renowned watercolor artist, David Tripp, Monday, Sept. 11 at 6:00. 224 N Travis St. He will offer a Workshop the following Friday and Saturday. Contact: LGAAworkshops.com

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC** Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Program: Political Discussion & Scholarship Luncheon Planning. 11:00 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Hwy 377. For details, call 254-716-5195.

**THE NORTH** Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. Hwy 377. The program will be presented by Dr. Rick McCaslin, Professor of History at the University of North Texas. Dr. McCaslin will speak on the cotton trade in Texas during the Civil War. Visitors are welcome, and there is no charge for first-time attendees. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

**SALVATION ARMY** Women's Auxiliary monthly meeting. Program: Ellen Tennison, SAWA President Topic: Kick-off events for 2023-2024. Another fabulous year of doing the most good! DeCordova Country Club Mingle 10 a.m. and meeting 10:30 a.m. Lunch following: Chicken Piccata & fixings, \$20.00 cash preferred or check.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

**A PORTRAIT** of Judge Walton will be unveiled at 5pm at the Ralph Walton Justice Center and the appropriate addresses by county officials will take place, honoring Ralph Walton.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST** church is hosting The Judge and Jury quartet. Entry is free. The program will start at 5 p.m. at 910 Paluxy Rd., Granbury. For more information please call 817-573-1463.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

**SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST** church is having a Family Fun Day for children and youth. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 910 Paluxy Rd., Granbury. For more information please call 817-573-1463.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

**MID CITIES** Stamp Club annual auction of collections, stamps, and supplies will be held at Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court, at 7 p.m. For more information, please call 817-910-8174.

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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](mailto:calendar@hcnews.com). Calendar information runs in chronological order as space is available.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LISTEN UP TEACHERS:  
YOU ARE SPECIAL

I was dismayed to read the Letter to the Editor last weekend from Shirley Stowe. Her verbal barrage toward the teachers, administrators, and staff of Granbury ISD, she systematically denigrates ALL of these amazing individuals. Ms. Stowe, I don't know who you are yet, I can guarantee, that your life has been positively impacted at some point by a teacher.

As a former high school Biology teacher, I can attest to the long hours, constant preparation, the personal money I spent in order to create a lesson or lab so my students could learn tough concepts. All of my teacher colleagues did the same. They cared, and they poured into their students both academically and personally.

You see, teaching is one of those professions that everyone believes THEY know more about than those of us who have trained, educated, and put in the time and effort. Ms. Stowe, I challenge you this minute to spend some time with a teacher so you can fully understand the immensity of their jobs. You simply have NO idea!

To the teachers, administrators, and staff of GISD, thank YOU all for all you do for our students and this community. YOU MATTER! YOU ARE LOVED! YOU ARE HONORED.

Pay no attention to the true agenda at play here and that is to destroy public education from the inside out. VOTE for MOORE-ALANA to protect our school district from the predatory groups who wish to destroy and defund our educational system. VOTE a resounding YES to the upcoming Bond Proposal and VATRE that will provide our teachers and staff with a much-needed raise. VOTE YES TO THE STUDENTS OF GISD.

Paula L. McDonald  
Proud, Former Teacher

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE

I spent countless hours asking my parents questions about the Bible's teachings as a child because I found it fascinating. When I was around seven, I mentioned John 3:16. I then began bombarding my dad with questions, such as, "What about the Jews? Do they go to heaven? They don't think Jesus is God's Son? What about people who haven't heard about God? What about newborns who don't know about Jesus yet?" When Dad was finally able to speak, he responded, "Honey, sometimes you're glad you're not God." He then cited Matthew 7:5-7, the "judge not, or you will be judged" scripture.

This verse, like others in the Bible, reads like a rule, and it is. It is also a gift. Not judging others frees us to follow Christ's instruction to love one another as he loves us (John 13:34). This commandment encourages us to treat others with compassion and empathy. It encourages us to focus on our own behaviors and aspire to be better people. By accepting this gift, we create a society in which love triumphs over judgment and criticism.

The political culture in Granbury has always been toxic and cruel. However, what I have seen recently frightens me on a spiritual level. There is a dangerous trend of daring to judge a person's intimate relationship with God and labeling others as evil because of differing opinions and political beliefs. The song The Day the Music

Died paints a horrifying picture of "Satan laughing with delight." We are playing directly into the devil's hands, perpetuating a cycle of animosity and discord. Certainly, we can disagree with one another and hold each other accountable. However, rage, disrespect, and hatred must stop; otherwise, we find ourselves in spiritual warfare against children of God rather than fighting the true enemy, Satan.

Allison Southern Ullom  
Granbury

## "LISTEN UP, YOU ARE SPECIAL!"

Yes, YOU. The educator reading this letter to the editor; YOU are SPECIAL. You help raise up the next generation of leaders in this community. You help the child who struggles to read, become successful. You help the child who wonders if they can ever do anything right, believe in themselves. You model kindness and compassion and for some, the time they spend in your classroom is the only place they see this. You make sure our children are fed, happy and safe. You help instill a love of learning in our children that they carry with them for life. You dedicate yourselves to not only ensuring our children's academic success but helping them grow socially and emotionally as well.

Teaching goes beyond the three "R's" and incorporates a true partnership with families to address the whole child. So many needs exist in our community, but YOU make one of, if not the most significant difference in the lives of this community. You are an extension of our family, and WE LOVE YOU. More importantly, though, we know you love our children and for that we are forever grateful. Thank you for loving on our babies all throughout the year and preparing them for success in life.

Courtney Gore  
Proud parent of three Granbury ISD students and one Graduate

## NARROW VISION

The latest attack on teachers expressed in the HCN demonstrates the narrow vision of those who do not have kids in our school district.

Passing knowledge from one generation to the next is known worldwide as the most noble profession. In most of Asia, teachers are treated like nobility because of the honor in what they do. In ancient countries, teachers were immortalized in stone with names like Socrates and Plato. The author of the letter cited generations of Americans winning both world wars. Did she think the atomic bomb, which ended those wars was invented without the input of teachers in the lives of Oppenheimer and other scientists? This narrow mindedness truly astounds me.

I suppose the author of the letter has no education, or she would have a better appreciation for the teaching profession. I am 46 years old, and I remember the names of the many teachers who educated and inspired me. It is sad to think that some people lack that in their lives, and they now regurgitate their own self-hate. It does not surprise me that such a feeble mindset belongs to a group who desire to dumb down our children by dictating what they cannot read regardless of parental wishes.

What the author would think if the tables were turned? What if

she had law enforcement called on her by a person with positional power who later denied calling law enforcement? What if she had her office and desk invaded by that same person, working under cover of dark, attempting to uncover evidence against her? How can the author know the story and not comprehend that teachers are scared of a certain trustee because of the war being waged on our librarians? Perhaps she never had a teacher who taught her the valuable lesson of empathy.

Zeb Ullom  
Granbury

## "YOU IS SMART, YOU IS KIND, YOU IS IMPORTANT"

I felt that borrowing this line from a great movie was an appropriate response to the letter to the editor in last week's edition referencing educators in Granbury ISD. Every person, from the janitors to the superintendent, who serve our children, are a blessing and should be thanked at every opportunity.

As a 20 plus year veteran police officer, I have seen things that are unimaginable, that have given me nightmares and challenged my hope and faith in the human race. In 2022 I took a job in a school district police department, wanting to have the honor and privilege of making a difference for the next generation. I lasted six months. This tough, seasoned veteran police officer wasn't made for being around 900-1000 middle school students five days a week.

I tell every teacher I meet thank you and assure them that they are uniquely made by their creator as a "special" person who was called to shape and mold the future generations of leaders and all people. If some of them were offended or felt threatened by the actions of an individual, it is nobody's place to invalidate their feelings by chastising them and belittling them. To all of the teachers, administrators, janitors, maintenance workers, school bus drivers, paraprofessionals, office aids and anyone else whose paycheck reads "Granbury ISD", you are SPECIAL! You are also smart, you are kind, and you are important!

James Luckie,  
Parent of former  
GISD student  
Burleson, Tx

A RESPONSE TO  
SHIRLEY STOWE

It was obvious to me, from her letter, that Shirley Stowe has never taught in a classroom.

Teachers are special people. They have the often-thankless task of preparing the next generation to face an ever-changing world. They deal with behavior problems, learning disabilities and criticism every day. Yet they show up because they care about their students. They want their students to succeed and, yes, get stressed if they do not.

If you have a problem with a superintendent, please do not tarnish all educators with your vitriol.

Pat Rosetti  
Granbury

## "YOU ARE NOT SPECIAL"

I had to set the paper down after reading the rant by Shirley Stowe. It seemed to me she spent three long paragraphs berating educators as revenge for something the

superintendent said. She started by saying we are a nation of survivors. This is true, but sadly, teachers and children are survivors in the worst sense. Whether they have been confronted by an active shooter or threat in school, they are survivors of them and are shell shocked.

Consider this: Texas has had seven mass shootings since 2016, a mass shooting is counted as more than four dead. There are countless shootings every day that don't count as a mass shooting. Gun death is the number one cause of child mortality in the United States. In July 2016, five Dallas Police officers were killed and nine people injured. In November 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, 26 people were killed and 20 injured. In May 2018 at Santa Fe High School, 10 kids were killed and 13 injured by a 17-year-old. In August 2019 at the El Paso Walmart a 21-year-old racist hunted Hispanic Americans, killing 23 and leaving 26 injured. In August 2019 in Midland-Odessa, a gunman killed seven and injured 25, including three police. In May 2022 at Ross Elementary School, an 18-year-old killed 17 children, two teachers and left 17 injured. In May 2023 at the Allen Outlet Mall a gunman killed eight and injured seven.

Ms. Stowe ridicules the school staff for their concern for their students when two people are found in an unlit library sneaking around using their cell phone flashlight. The school staff did the right thing reporting it. The school board member did the wrong thing sneaking around a school with a flashlight. We are in an age where we must be vigilant, indeed, over-vigilant. Err on the side of caution.

Just this year, House Bill 3 passed requiring schools must have armed guards. Senate Bill 838 requires school districts to install silent panic alarms in every classroom. Senate Bill 763 allows unlicensed chaplains to work in mental health roles in schools. And no bill was passed making it more difficult to purchase semi-automatic rifles.

Our educators are doing their best. They are underpaid for all that they do. It is not in their or our children's best interest for us to attack them on another front when they already feel like they are targeted. They need our support. Insulting them, saying they can't deal with real problems? Saying they do not walk on water (it is unlikely they have Jesus complexes) and telling them they have "a job just like every other employee in every other business". They are trying to help us shape the future. Ms Stowe's letter is a prime example of why 44% of new teachers quit within five years.

I am weary of people who attack rather than help. If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Victoria Kemp  
Granbury

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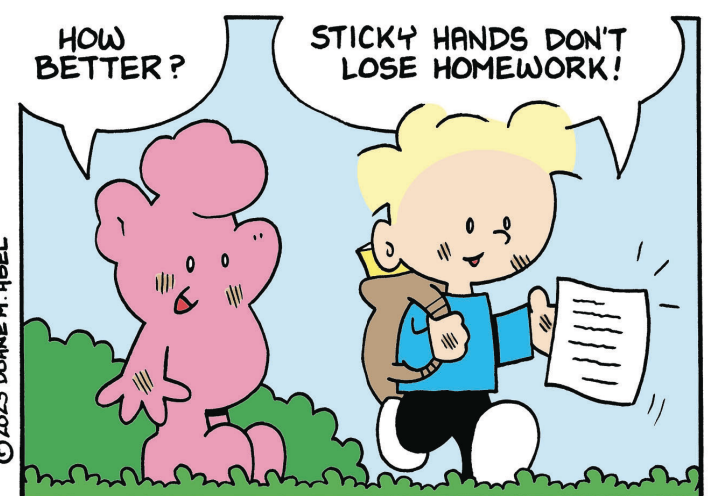
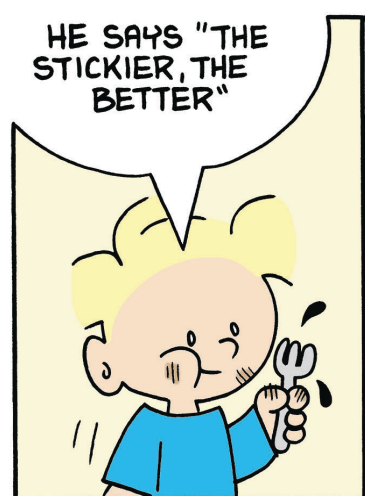
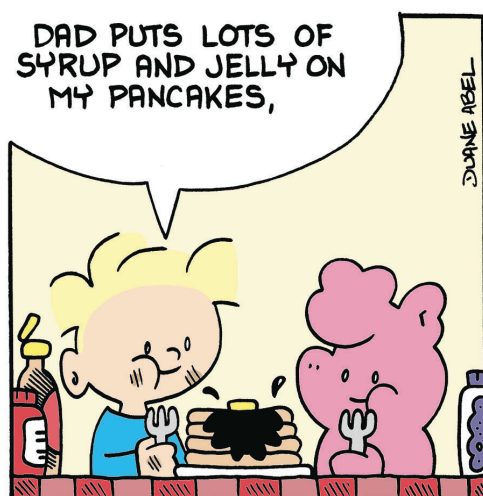
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# RISE AND GRIND

During the Aug. 25 Rise & Grind event in Granbury, The Promise of Glen Rose was the day's sponsor who provided breakfast for a wide array of guests, which included a group of surprise characters from Granbury's past to keep an eye out for around Granbury Square in the fall. Visit Granbury's Rise & Grind, a weekly event presented by Visit Granbury, provides a great chance to share what exciting events and business news are brewing in and around town. It so is worth the trip just to hear Linda Husong's infamous "Cockle Doodle Do" ring out to kick off the gathering every Friday at 9 a.m., either at the Langdon Concert Hall or as weather permits outdoors under the sanctuary at Granbury Square Plaza.



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 6-8 Oktoberfest  
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A young patriot celebrates in Granbury with the Elizabeth Crockett Daughters of the American Revolution member and Sons of the American Revolution.

# Let Freedom Ring

Residents and churches invited to ring bells for Constitution Day

EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH

Special to the Hood County News

On "Constitution Day," Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2:45 p.m. members of the Elizabeth Crockett Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will gather at the flagpoles in front of the Hood County Courthouse on Granbury's square to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

On Sept. 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the document they had created.

The celebration will include a brief ceremony of prayer, a few words of inspiration and music. Local community leaders will be in attendance as well as other patriotic groups from the area, some in historic attire. The Sons of the American Revolution as well as children from "Constitution Camp" will be supporting the event.

As the clock strikes 3 p.m., residents will ring hand-held bells to recognize the historic moment as bells are rung across the nation.

"We encourage members of the community to participate in any way they can. Come to the courthouse and ring a bell with us. Go outside and ring a bell at 3 p.m. if you can't attend the event," offered Peggy Freeman, "Constitution Day" event coordinator for the Elizabeth Crockett DAR. Freeman went on to

share, "It would be wonderful if local churches with bells would ring their bells with us at 3 p.m."

Though the ceremony is brief, bringing a folding chair is recommended for someone that standing may be difficult as no seating is provided.

Constitution Day, which is a federal observance day, begins the start of Constitution Week. Local members of the DAR will be sharing about the constitution at local schools during the week of Sept. 17 -Sept. 23.

The DAR national group petitioned congress to set aside this week and it was signed into law on Aug. 2, 1956. The purpose of the week is to commemorate the history and importance of the constitution and to bring attention to how it still serves us today.

More information on Constitution Day and week can be found at dar.org and constitutionday.com.

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# OBITUARIES

## Raymond Thomas Williams

April 22, 1927 - August 30, 2023

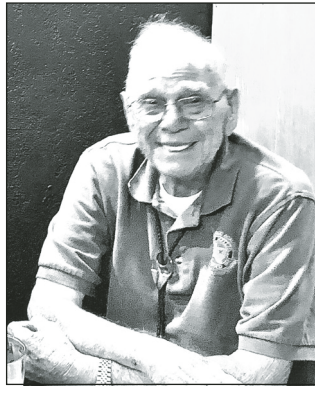
Raymond Thomas Williams, 96, of Granbury, Texas, passed away on August 30, 2023. He was born on April 22, 1927, in Electra, Texas, to Raymond Lee Williams and Mary Elizabeth Ryon.

Tom, known to his loved ones, was a beloved son, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, had a heart that welcomed everyone he met. His sense of humor was contagious, and he had a remarkable ability to make friends with ease. He held a deep love for God, his family, and his country. Raymond's knowledge of American history was extensive, and he would captivate his audience with stories dating back to the early 1900s. In fact, he took the time to write his entire life history before his passing, ensuring that his legacy would be cherished by his family and friends.

Raymond is survived by his son, Joseph J. Williams, and wife Barbara Williams of Granbury; his grandson, Jason Williams, and Megan Burleson of Denton; his granddaughter, Danielle Williams Fitzgerald, and Thomas Fitzgerald of Lewisville; his grandson, Josh Williams, and wife Rachel of Saint Helena, California; as well as great-grandchildren Logan and Eric Fitzgerald, Ryland Williams, and Penelope, Ezra, and Eva Williams. He also leaves behind numerous cousins and friends who will deeply miss him.

Raymond was preceded in death by his wife and best friend, Delores Marion Williams, his brother, his sister, and his son, Mark Thomas Williams. In addition to his wonderful family life, Raymond had a strong educational background. He attended the University of Houston, where he undoubtedly gained valuable knowledge and experiences.

Raymond proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was stationed on the USS Swearer DDE 186, where



he excelled as a gunner. His military service was a testament to his dedication and bravery. He was a World War II Veteran.

Raymond also was a Life Mason, recipient of the Golden Trial Award from the Wimberley Mason Lodge in 2005, which is the highest award a Masonic Lodge can bestow.

Beyond his military service, Raymond was a bronze sculptor and wood carving sculptor. He had a deep passion for the outdoors. Camping, hunting, and fishing were activities that brought him immense joy. He shared these hobbies with his two sons, creating lasting memories and instilling a love for nature in them.

A celebration of Raymond's life will be held on Saturday, September 23, at StoneWater Church, located at 911 E. Highway 377, Granbury. The service will begin at 1:00 p.m., offering an opportunity for family and friends to come together and honor his memory.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, a cause that held a special place in Raymond's heart. By donating to Shriners Hospital, you can help support their mission of providing life-changing medical care to children in need.

Raymond Thomas Williams will be remembered for his warm personality, his love for his family, his service to his country, and his passion for the great outdoors. May his legacy live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

## Colleen McLemore Bradley

September 10, 1962 - August 31, 2023

Colleen McLemore Bradley was born September 10, 1962 in Grand Saline, Texas, to Linda B. McCord and Tommy C. McLemore. Colleen was reunited with her sister and best friend, Brenda McLemore, on August 31, 2023.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 9, 2:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Granbury.

Colleen went to school in Boles Home, Quinlan, Texas; Canton, Texas; Amorita, Oklahoma; and Arlington, Texas.

Colleen married Keith Bradley in 1980 and had three daughters - Sandra, Leslie, and Cindy.

Colleen lived most of her life in Texas and Oklahoma and always considered herself a true Texan.

Colleen was genuinely kind, had a huge heart, was selfless, a devoted

mother who would do anything for her girls, a huge music lover, especially rock, independent, fiercely loyal to and protective of those she loved. She gave of herself immeasurably and never asked for anything in return.

Colleen is survived by her three daughters and their spouses: Sandra and Eric Rowland, in South Korea; Leslie and Corey McCubbins, White Settlement, Texas; and Cindy and John Barnett, Indianola, Oklahoma; and the girls' father, Keith Bradley. Also her mother, Linda Wiley; sister Tammy McLemore; brother Robert Manley; step-sister Lorraine Clukey; step-brother Mark Wiley; and many friends.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to Alpha Omega Hospice, 941 Hilltop Dr, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

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## Terry Lynn White

June 19, 1948 - September 3, 2023

Terry Lynn White of Granbury, Texas, went to her heavenly home while surrounded by family on September 3, 2023 after sustaining a head injury from a fall. She was 75.

Terry was born on June 19, 1948 in Carlsbad, New Mexico to Roy and Claudia Adkins. She married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Charlie "Butch" White on March 8, 1969, and they remained committed to each other for 54 years. After raising their family in Carlsbad, they spent a few years each in Ruidoso, Lubbock, and Phoenix before retiring to Granbury in 2009.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, Granny, and friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her faith in God, love for her family, and desire to help those in need were what fulfilled her life. She was a member of the Granbury Church of Christ. Throughout her life, she was a homemaker, color consultant and make-up artist, speaker for Christian women's events, hairdresser, and custom jewelry designer. She cherished time spent with family, and devoted countless hours supporting her children and grandchildren in their various activities.

Her warm smile and kind demeanor drew people to her, and she had a special gift for making others feel valued. People knew that they could confide in her and that she would listen attentively



without judgment and offer advice when appropriate.

Terry is survived by her husband Charlie; daughter Ginger McCall and her husband Scott; son Randy White and his wife Lyndsi. Grandchildren are Bailey McCall, Avery McCall, Luke White, Jude White, Jake White, and Samantha White. Sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law include Phil and Ginny Gregory, John and Connie White, and Ron and Diana Clem. She also leaves behind several nieces and nephews and other special family members.

She lost both of her parents to cancer at a young age, and her in-laws, Richard and Bertha White treated her like she was their own until their passing.

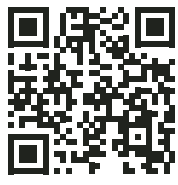
A memorial service honoring her life is planned for Saturday, September 9, at 2 p.m., at the Granbury Church of Christ. A reception will follow. Arrangements are being coordinated by Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

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- dog tail movements
- TXism: "tame as \_\_\_ dog"
- TXism: "he's a little shy in the hat \_\_\_" (mentally ill)
- \_\_\_ Campo, Texas
- enjoyed chicken fried steak
- \_\_\_ Falls, Texas
- UT grad Marcia Gay Harden film: "\_\_\_ the Wild" (2007)
- braided hair
- TV ratings company
- an unusual animal raised in Texas
- changes political districts
- TX Jordan Spieth won 2015 U.S. \_\_\_
- assigned fault
- Tritt hit: "\_\_\_ Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)"
- Laredo is known as the "\_\_\_ a Cowboy" to Mexico"
- Farm-to-Market passage (abbr.)
- TXism: "he'll be \_\_\_ own funeral" (unreliable)
- \_\_\_ Ward, Texas
- TX-born Birmingham of TV series "Yellowstone"
- related to heredity
- Texas redback currency, today
- Gov. Ross (init.)
- A&M's "Corps of \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

- late Texas actor, Rip (init.)
- hyped, promoted
- this Cockrell was San Antonio mayor twice
- this Jack was "Tex" in "Vera Cruz" film
- TXism: "natural as a duck \_\_\_"
- Amanda of "2012" with TX Harrelson
- woman who retired from TWU, e.g.: professor \_\_\_
- TXism: "skee \_\_\_ out of here" (flee)
- pamperin' places
- Ron, producer of "The Alamo" (init.)
- skinny Gulf fish
- car track in Lamar County: "Paris \_\_\_ Strip"
- repeat a story
- \_\_\_ of direction"
- Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge is a hangout for these
- spider creations
- first half of the bible (abbr.)
- "he got the \_\_\_ cups"
- "\_\_\_ grip" (gain your self-control"
- lamp containing a colored waxy goo
- "go off the \_\_\_ end" (outburst)
- Mexican novel: "\_\_\_ Texas"
- "\_\_\_ a beef"
- state where Jerry Jones came from (abbr.)

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will be tax free, provided you meet certain conditions. And a 401(k) offers a variety of investment options. If you have workers, you'll need to consider whether to offer matching contributions, which are tax deductible to you, up to the limit of 25% of compensation paid to eligible employees.

But even if you're self-employed, with no employees other than your spouse, you can establish what's known as a "solo" or "owner-only" 401(k). In 2023, you can put in up to \$22,500 as an employee, plus a catch-up contribution of \$7,500 if you're 50 or older, for a total of \$30,000. Plus, you can contribute an additional 25% of earned income as an employee, up to an overall employee and employer maximum of \$66,000 (or \$73,500 if you're 50 or older).

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**WOMEN'S WAY** Out AA-Alcoholics Anonymous. Closed discussion for women only. Meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 301 W. Bridge St. For more information call 317-772-8124

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

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

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

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

**GRIEF SHARE 14-WEEK** seminar Sept 13. - Dec. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Presented by StoneWater Church, Granbury, this program is a support group designed to help rebuild lives. Book for course, \$20, "Finding hope after the loss of a loved one." Register: GriefShare.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175.

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**GRIEF SHARE RECOVERY** seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Grief-

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

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

**FIRST TUESDAY**  
**ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS** support group, 10:30

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

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

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

**WAMS (WESTERN Area Modeling Society)** radio control club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek BBQ, 317 W US Hwy 377. R/C aircraft, cars, boats, gliders, helicopters, etc. Details: 817-475-2194

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

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

**FOURTH SATURDAY**  
**GRIEF SUPPORT** group for anyone grieving a loss in their life. This is an informal gathering over breakfast. Please join us for conversation and community. Location varies. Call for info: Amy Dwight 817-894-2449, or Danny Dwight 817-219-9833

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

## OBIT

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### Sandra Lee Miller

September 10, 1941 - September 3, 2023

Sandra Lee Hall Miller, fondly known as Sandi, peacefully departed this world on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at the age of 81. Surrounded by her loving family, she passed away in her sleep. Sandi has now reunited with her beloved husband of 55 years, Bob Miller, who preceded her in death in August 2021.

Born on September 10, 1941, in Delaware, Ohio, Sandi graduated from Willis High School in 1959 and later attended Kent State University. In 1966, she married Robert E. Miller, Jr., affectionately known as "Bob," embarking on a journey filled with love, family, and joy. Their union brought forth two wonderful children: Robert E. Miller, III, born in 1971 in New Jersey, and Kimberly Miller Siegenthaler, born in 1972 while they resided in Scottsdale, Arizona. After their travels, Sandi and her family eventually settled in Granbury, Texas, where they called home for the past 25 years.

Sandi began her career as a flight attendant with TWA in the early 1960s, a chapter she cherished deeply. It marked the beginning of her lifelong commitment to serving and caring for others. Upon marriage, she shifted her focus to nurturing her family, dedicating her time to raising her children, volunteering in schools, and prioritizing family above all else. In Granbury, Sandi and Bob became actively involved in the Special Olympics, sharing their boundless joy and passion with the local community. Sandi possessed a heart overflowing with love and a genuine desire to help people, and her infectious joy touched the lives of countless individuals. In recent years, she cherished her time with close friends at Pecan Plantation, indulging in golf, games, and precious moments with



her family. Sandi dedicated her entire life to loving and caring for others, and the love she received in return was immeasurable. She will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate to know her.

Sandi was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Doris Hall, as well as her beloved husband of 55 years, Robert Miller, Jr. She leaves behind her cherished legacy through her two children, Robert E. Miller, III, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Kimberly Siegenthaler of Arlington, Texas, along with her seven adored grandchildren: Christine Leaderer, Alyssa Leaderer, Rylan Siegenthaler, Madison Siegenthaler, Molly Siegenthaler, Clementine Miller, and Jaxon Siegenthaler. She is also survived by her dearest companion, Lucy, her beloved pet.

A visitation to honor Sandi's memory will take place on Monday, September 11, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home, located at 400 Highway 377 in Granbury, Texas, where close family and friends will come together to pay their respects.

A heartfelt funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Acton United Methodist Church, situated at 3433 Fall Creek Highway in Granbury, Texas, as we bid farewell to a remarkable woman whose legacy of love and service will forever inspire us.



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Brookshire Grocery Co. (BGC) celebrated its 95th anniversary Sept. 1.

# Brookshire Grocery Co. celebrates 95th anniversary

### Staff Reports

Brookshire Grocery Co. (BGC) celebrated its 95th anniversary Sept. 1, with special events and offers planned for customers and employee-partners throughout September.

At Brookshire's stores, this will include featured products with a special .95 cents price and additional "YourPoints" for customers each ad week.

For 95 years, the family-owned and led company has strived to remain true to the strong values of its founder. These include remarkable customer service, clean stores, fresh products, and strong community support. Through the years, BGC has grown

to become a leading regional grocery retailer with 17,500 employees and more than 205 store locations in four states. Stores operate under the banners of Brookshire's, Super 1 Foods, Spring Market, FRESH by Brookshire's and Reasor's.

BGC was founded by Wood T. Brookshire, along with his wife, Louise, in 1928 with the opening of their first small, 25 x 100-foot store in downtown Tyler, Texas.

"My grandparents were committed to serving their neighbors and community through the grocery business," said Brad Brookshire, Chairman and CEO. "All these years later, this is still at the core of who

we are and how we operate as a company. We are excited to be celebrating our 95th anniversary and look forward to serving customers and communities for many years to come."

The company will also celebrate and promote National Family Meals Month™, an industry-wide initiative each September to help raise awareness of the benefits of family

meals. BGC will also recognize National Truck Drivers Appreciation Week Sept. 10-16, celebrating its professional truck drivers for their vital role and commitment to safety.

The company is also commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

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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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**Invitation for Bids**  
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A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Granbury or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.  
Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.  
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**CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS**  
The City of Granbury (City) will receive Competitive Sealed Proposals for the East Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements **REBID** Project, until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Thursday, September 28, 2023**, at the City Service Center, 401 N Park Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, at which time the Proposals received will be publically opened and the Proposal Price Form read aloud.  
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The estimated project budget for this scope of work is \$30,000,000. The estimated calendar days for completion of this scope of work is 730 days.  
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**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](http://www.Storagetreasures.com). The auction will end on or around 11:00 A.M. on September 18, 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: Dustin Kilpatrick- decor, refrigerators, furniture  
Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patricia Anne Dean Larsen, Deceased, were issued on June 20, 2023, in Cause No. P10044, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Robert Larsen.  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
 Robert Larsen  
 709 Aqua Vista Dr.  
 Granbury, Texas 76049

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 Cause No. C08872  
 TO: Unknown Heirs of E.G Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Lizzie Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Vera Brooks, Unknown Heirs of J.M. Brooks, Unknown Heirs of H.J. Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Ruth Edgin, and Unknown Heirs of Billie Edgin  
 YOU are commanded to appear and to answer before the County Court at Law of Hood County, Texas, 1200 W. Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, at or before 10 A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 A.M. on Monday, 16th day of October 2023, then and there to answer the Petition Adverse Possession: 10 Year Limitations Period and 25 year limitations period, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code 16.026 and 16.027, in the County Court at Law, Hood County, Texas, in which the plaintiff is STORMY INVESTMENTS, LLC. The defendants are Unknown Heirs of E.G Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Lizzie Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Vera Brooks, Unknown Heirs of J.M. Brooks, Unknown Heirs of H.I. Edgin, Unknown Heirs of Ruth Edgin, and Unknown Heirs of Billie Edgin. The Petition, filed on July 14, 2023, discloses the nature of this suit to be as follows: Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to Section 16.026 and 16.027 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, entitled Adverse Possession: 10-Year Limitations Period and 25-year limitations period. Plaintiff is the adverse possessory owner of a parcel of real property and all the improvements on that property, commonly known as 8607 W. Hwy. 377, Granbury, Hood County, Texas 76048, and more particularly described as follows (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"): Lots 5, and 6, Block 2 of the town of Tolar, according to the Plat recorded in Volume 87, Page 378, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas  
 Plaintiff also seeks a declaratory judgment from this Court declaring that Plaintiff own full title to the Property pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §§ 16.026, 16.027 and 16.030, and the doctrine of presumed lost deed.  
 NOTICE  
 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 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you.  
 Name and address of attorneys for Plaintiff:  
 Cheyenne A. Haddad  
 State Bar No. 24096912  
 500 W. 7th Street  
 Suite 600  
 Fort Worth, TX 76102  
 Telephone: (817) 332-3245  
 Facsimile: (817) 877-4781  
 E-mail: chaddad@popehardwicke.com  
 If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
 ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on the 11th day of August 2023, at Granbury, Hood County, Texas.  
 KATIE LANG, Clerk of the County Court at Law of Hood County, Texas  
 By: /s/Christine Ledermann, Deputy Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
 The Board of Aldermen of the City of Stockton Bend, Texas (formerly Brazos Bend, Texas) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at 1901 Canaveral Ct., Stockton Bend, Texas for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget. The meeting is open to the public and all persons in attendance will be given an opportunity to make comments on the proposed budget. Written comments on the proposed budget should be addressed to:  
 City Secretary  
 City of Stockton Bend  
 PO Box 1119  
 Granbury, Texas 76048  
 817-403-0053  
 The proposed budget is on file in the office of the City Secretary and is available for inspection by the public.

**Small Taxing Unit Notice**  
 The City of Tolar will hold a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 18, 2023, at City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2023. The proposed tax rate is \$0.460000 per \$100 of value.  
 The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Tolar by 55.09%.  
 Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.  
 The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
 THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the ESTATES of RICKY LEE NEWTON, Cause No. P10169, County Court of Hood County, Texas.  
 RHIANNON LEE EASTES in the above numbered and entitled Estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of RICKY LEE NEWTON, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.  
 Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas.  
 All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.  
 Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this 5th day of September 2023.  
 KATIE LANG  
 Hood County Clerk  
 P.O. Box 339  
 Hood County, Texas 76048  
 By/s/CHRISTINE LEDERMANN, Deputy Clerk

**LEGAL AD**  
**Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by Farina's Granbury, LLC dba Farina's Winery & Cafe, to be located at 202 N. Houston St., Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Gary Farina and Jean Willie Hood, Manager.**

**LEGAL AD**  
 Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, until 10:00 a.m., October 6, 2023. Proposals will be opened in a public meeting at that time and place.

Request for Proposal  
 Fire Truck Maintenance  
 RFP2023-07  
 Proposals may be submitted through Hood County's page on the Bon Fire website at <http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com>. It is free to register and to bid. Proposal documents may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing website <http://www.co.hood.tx.us/purchasing.htm>.

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

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

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Granbury 76049  
**Garage Sales 76049**

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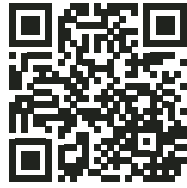


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# Texas Water: Present and Future Needs 2023

*Submitted item*

With Texas voters preparing to weigh in on a proposed constitutional amendment to help finance water projects, Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced the publication of his agency's report, Texas Water: Present and Future Needs 2023, which echoes critical water issues highlighted in the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) latest plan.

"This summer's record-breaking heat has been absolutely brutal on all Texans and has clearly reinforced that our state must ensure we have adequate and reliable water supplies for the Texas economy to prosper and to guarantee economic opportunities for future generations," said Hegar, a member of the board of advisers for the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas, a financial assistance program for water projects designed to conserve existing water supplies and create additional water supplies.

The 88th Legislature this year worked to support state and local stakeholders to ensure water needs are met. Senate Bill 28,

the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, was passed to provide financial assistance to TWDB to fund water supply projects that create new water sources for the state, including desalination projects, produced water treatment projects, aquifer storage and recovery projects and the development of infrastructure to transport water that is made available by the new water supply projects. This fund will only be established if Texas voters approve Proposition 6 on Nov. 7.

"Extreme weather patterns, aging infrastructure and Texas' daily net migration of 1,000 people necessitate increased attention to the state's water supply," Hegar said. "The Statewide Water Plan and this report set forth actionable strategies and projects that clearly demonstrate how Texas will withstand future droughts, and the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, if implemented, will help ensure a more secure water future for Texas."

If you would like to access the plan in PDF format go to: <https://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/SWIFT/index.asp>

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## TLM agencies encourage Texans to prevent wildfires during Dove Hunting Season

*Submitted item*

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges Texans to help protect the lands and natural resources we all love during the upcoming dove hunting season by being mindful of activities that may cause a wildfire.

Persistent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires. Any outdoor activities that create heat or sparks can ignite dry vegetation and wildfire.

"Since mid-June, Texas has been marked by devastating wildfires that have burned more than 75,000 acres," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "As Texans recreate this hunting season, it is important to remember that your actions can leave a lasting impact, and everyone has a role to play when preventing wildfires."

Every year, hunters take to Texas lands for the start of dove hunting season. Wildfires caused by vehicles, trailers, all-terrain vehicles/utility-terrain vehicles and other equipment frequently used while hunting and camping are common during the season, which occurs each year from September to January.

This year, conditions are favorable for wildfire ignitions and Texas land management agencies urge everyone to be cautious on hunts, whether it takes place on public or private land.

"We are excited to welcome hunters back to the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas for another successful season," said Kimpton Cooper, National Forest and Grasslands in Texas Forest Supervisor. "Hunting season is one of the busiest times on the forests and grasslands, and safety is always our primary concern. Combining efforts with our state partners to spread awareness, while encouraging our visitors to follow guidelines can significantly reduce the risk of wildfires during hunting season. Remember, practicing responsible behavior and being vigilant

can help preserve the natural environment and ensure everyone's safety."

As the upper-level ridge continues over Texas, widespread temperatures will remain in the triple-digits with lower relative humidity values. With little to no improvement in fuel dryness, fire potential is expected to persist for North, Central and East Texas.

"As Texans venture outdoors, it's important to remember just how dry the vegetation is," said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Statewide Fire Program Leader "It doesn't take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire. The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for firefighters to work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with fire."

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human-caused and everyone can make a difference by taking personal responsibility for their actions. Remain vigilant as drought conditions continue to expand and intensify and be cautious with any activity that may cause a spark.

To avoid accidentally starting a wildfire while dove hunting:

- Avoid driving over and parking on dry grass - the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.
- Always check with local officials for burn bans or other outdoor burning restrictions. Each county in Texas sets and lifts its own burn bans. View the latest burn ban map at: [tfsweb.tamu.edu/burnbans/](https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/burnbans/).
- If you are taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure tires are properly inflated, chains don't contact the road and loose metal doesn't repetitively hit anything else, all of which can cause sparks.
- Always be ready to put out a fire should one start. Have a shovel and water with you in camp and always have a fire extinguisher with you.

For more information on preventing wildfires this hunting season, please visit [tfsweb.tamu.edu/HuntingFireSafety/](https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/HuntingFireSafety/).

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# More jobs and better pay leads to more housing demand



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.

There's been talk about a recession for quite a while now. But the economy continues to be remarkably resilient. Why? One reason is employment and wages have stayed strong. Let's look at the latest information on each one and why both are good news if you have been considering the sale of your home.

More jobs are being created every day, so instead of facing the job losses typical of any recession, the economy has been growing and adding jobs. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 187,000 jobs were created in July, which is up from the 185,000 created in June. That means more people are finding work. In fact, so many jobs are being added that the unemployment rate is far lower than the long-term average of 5.7% and a low unemployment rate means that most people who want to work are finding jobs. When people have jobs, they have steady incomes – and that can help set them up to consider homeownership.

When wages rise, people have more money that they could save or use toward buying a home. and data

also shows hourly earnings have been going up steadily over the past few years. This increase in income helps offset some of the affordability challenges in the housing market today. Affordability depends on three main factors: wages, home prices, and mortgage rates. With higher home prices and mortgage rates right now, Builder Online summarizes how growing wages can help:

"The housing market has been a beneficiary of the strong economy and labor market. Many of those employed have saved money over the past few years and used those funds toward a down payment on a home."

If you're thinking about selling your house, a strong job market, growing wages, and the resulting buyer demand is fantastic news. It means there's a larger



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When people have jobs, they have steady incomes – and that can help set them up to consider homeownership.

pool of potential buyers out there who are in a position to pursue their dreams of homeownership.

Even taking into consideration the substantial increase in housing inventory, we are still well below historical rates for what is considered a stable real estate market. So yes, if

you go on the market now you will face more competition than you did during the "feeding frenzy" we experienced a couple of years ago. But we are still seeing growth, steady sales, and the days on market are still well below the average 4-6 months we were living with just 5-6 years ago.

With more jobs and rising wages creating eager buyers, there's a lot going in your favor. Let's connect so you have someone who can guide you through the process of selling your house, from setting the right price to getting your home ready to show.

As always thank you for

taking the time to read this article. Please know we love your input and your questions. Please feel free to call us at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at [www.WeSellGranbury.com](http://www.WeSellGranbury.com).

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## 'ROCKS ALIVE!'

Educational event to be held Sept. 30

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

The Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is doing its part to invigorate young minds with a passion for science and nature.

"Rocks Alive!" — an interactive science exhibit for children and their families — will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smoky Hill Ct.

The free family-friendly event will provide children and adults alike with an educational experience about the natural resources that make up our world.

Melody Holm, organizer for the event, explained that the event used to be held under a different name: "Discover Earth Science." However, she said that the name was "dry" and added how she believed that the word "science" has a negative connotation for some people.

"The vast majority of people don't really know technical details about science as a field of study, so we just changed the name, and we came up with 'Rocks Alive!' and it kind of fits with our mission a little more," she said. "As a geologist, for many years, my longtime interest has been in the role that geology plays in ecosystems, and as I've worked with



the Master Naturalists, and how our sights are on the ecosystem as a whole, I realized that it's the physical aspects of the ecosystems that people don't see so much and don't think about. But I would argue, they're the most important parts of the ecosystems, because without any single one of those, whether it's rocks, soil, water, air, and even the sun, the ecosystem wouldn't exist."

Holm explained that she wanted to revamp this event to help people recognize that there are parts of ecosystems that most individuals don't see, and yet they are critically important to life.

"I tried to put this together and get exhibitors



Melody Holm, organizer of the "Rocks Alive!" interactive exhibit at Acton Nature Center, educates a young boy about rocks during last year's "Discover Earth Science" event.

and the people who would lead the children's activities, to start seeing the

whole picture and to help people realize that what you don't see counts, and

sometimes the rocks have everything to do with what

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## Grace Classical Christian Academy

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Grace Classical Christian Academy is a private school located in Granbury and has been operating since 2012.

The school is run by a board of directors made up of three members. Ryan Moore serves as the Director of Administration; Anne Thomas serves as the Director of Logic and Rhetoric Schools and Ashely Keith is the Director of Grammar School.

"The purpose of the academy is to provide an excellent classical education founded upon a biblical worldview which instills a love of learning, the ability for children to know how to think, not what to think, and in all things, to honor and glorify Jesus Christ," Keith said. "The undergirding philosophy of the GCCA is a complete belief in and adherence to the Bible as God's word, applicable to all areas of life. While we hold to rigorous academic standards, our primary aim is biblical wisdom and sanctification. GCCA provides a well-balanced, rigorous learning program in an environment of high standards, love and self-discipline. Students learn how to think well, write concisely and communicate persuasively. They graduate with a love for learning, an understanding of how to think and a desire to honor and glorify God. GCCA is also accredited by the Association of Classical & Christian School (ACCS)."

The school's curriculum focuses on all subjects as part of an integrated whole with the scriptures at the center. Some of the curriculum includes Veritas History and Bible, Singapore math, spell to write and read, Lingua Latina, and Institute for Excelling in Writing.

"All subjects are taught with the scriptures at the center using the classical teaching model of the Trivium. Biblical truth and historical emphasis are critical components of a GCCA education," Keith said.

According to the ACCS a school is accredited by, "successfully completed a thorough process involving both a self-study examination of all standards and requirements for ACCS accreditation followed by an on-site visit by a qualified and experienced accreditation committee. This committee examines the entire school organization from school board oversight to classroom pedagogy, including student participation, conduct, and development, staff training, parent-teacher relations, operational and financial policies, community support, and the overall spiritual demeanor in the school classrooms. All accredited schools undergo regular accreditation renewals typically at five-year intervals."

Aside from its curriculum, the school offers extracurricular activities including athletics, theatre, and mock trials. In addition, students take Music and Fine Arts classes throughout their school week.

"Our high school students receive etiquette training that culminates in a semi-formal night out, giving them real-world opportunities to practice these valuable skills," Keith noted.

The school has experienced much growth since the start in 2012 and is looking forward to continuing to build their academics and success of students.

The academy recently launched a building campaign with the goal of having new school facilities built in the next few years. The academy is also excited to be taking their senior students on their first ever senior trip in the spring of next year.

For more information on the academy call 817-771-4951 or visit their website at [www.graceclassical.com](http://www.graceclassical.com) to look at tuition costs or schedule a tour.

## Southern New Hampshire University Summer 2023 Dean's and President's List

Staff Reports

Brittney Cray of Granbury has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2023 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

SNHU also congratulates the following students from Granbury on being named to the Summer 2023 President's List. The sum-

mer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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## Granbury High School Coming Home King and Queen 2023

Staff Reports

Friday Sept. 8, 2023, the Coming Home King and Queen were presented at Granbury High School's Homecoming game during halftime. Coming Home Queen and King for 2023 Mendy Ables Neighbors and Lendon Dale Head were given this year's honor.

Mendy Ables Neighbors is a GHS graduate of 1973, she is a life-long resident of Granbury. Neighbors was a GHS cheerleader and has remained a loyal "cheerleader" for decades, cheering on her children, grandchildren and other Granbury students. Neighbors married her high school sweet-



Coming Home Queen, Mendy Ables.

heart Billy Neighbors. The Neighbors have two daughters Trisha Bagby and Katrina Shankles both also Granbury alumni, and four (three grown) grandchildren. Neighbors worked for years in health care before now



working as Plant Office Administrator for Vulcan Materials formerly Ingram Concrete. Caring for her family is her greatest joy, she keeps busy attending Pirate sporting events especially the basketball games of her grandson



Coming Home King, Lendon Dale.

who attends Granbury High School. Lendon Dale Head is a GHS graduate of 1973, he is a life-long resident of Granbury. Head was awarded the "Most Dedicated" while on the Granbury Pirate football

team as well as receiving "All-District" his senior year and honorable mention "All-District" his junior year. He lettered as a sophomore. Head also received awards in track and field as well as serving as the basketball manager. Additionally, Head received the "Star Farmer" award at GHS graduation. Head attended Texas State Technical Institute in Waco for Livestock and Ranch Operations. He began a trucking company in Fort Worth and is now retired. Head enjoys traveling, fishing, walking, watching football, volunteering, gardening and socializing with friends.

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# Governor Abbott announces Purple Star Campus Designations for 150 Texas schools

## Nine Granbury schools on the list

### Staff Reports

Austin, Texas. Governor Greg Abbott announced on Aug. 24 that 150 Texas public schools have been awarded the Purple Star Campus Designation for the 2023-2024 school year. The list includes Acton Elementary School, Granbury Middle School, Nettie Bacus Elementary School, Mambrino School, Emma Roberson Elementary School, Oak Woods School, Stars Accelerated High School, John and Lynn Brawner Elementary School and Granbury High School. Established by Governor

Abbott in 2019, the Purple Star Campus includes the nearly 200,000 military-connected students attending public schools across our state," said Governor Abbott. "I signed a law in 2019 establishing the Purple Star Campus Designation program to encourage Texas public schools to expand resources and tools available on their campuses to help them meet the unique educational needs of military-connected students and their families. Together, we are giving back to our brave military families and paving the way for a brighter future for all Texas students."

"We recognize the challenges military-connected students often face when transitioning schools, and by fostering an environment that embraces their unique experiences, these schools are creating a nurturing atmosphere where every individual student can thrive," Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath said. "Campuses with a Purple Star Designation let military families know that they are dedicated to providing the best quality educational experience for their children while in Texas public schools." To receive the Purple

Star Campus Designation, schools must designate a campus-based military liaison, create and maintain an easily accessible webpage that includes information for military-connected students and their families, institute a campus transition program for military-connected students, and support a military family assistance initiative. All Texas public schools are eligible to receive a Purple Star Campus Designation, regardless of their military-connected student population size. Applications for the designation are accepted annually.



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## ROCKS

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you see," she said.

Throughout the interactive and hands-on event, children will learn about the rocks that shape Texas landscapes, as well as the contents of soil.

Featured exhibits will include weather, geology, groundwater, and a special preview of the 2023 Annular Eclipse (set for Oct. 14) and the 2024 Total Eclipse (set for April 8, 2024).

"We have a telescope and solar filters, and some of our chapter members are going to work with a local amateur astronomer to provide information about the upcoming eclipses," Holm explained. "They'll give a little information about what to expect and some safety information and handouts, as well as the little glasses that people have to use to look at the eclipse, so it won't damage their eyes."

Kids' activities for the event will include recovering fossils, making and eating a rock, making a mini ecosystem, face painting, and creating pebble pictures.

"We have a chapter member who travels a lot, and she's an artist," Holm said. "I talked to her one day about using pebbles to make pictures, and having the kids think up something from nature to make a picture out of pebbles, like a lizard for instance. You can put little stones and have different sizes, so there's some for the heads, some for the tail, and the ones in the middle. They sometimes use sticks for their legs. She has a collection of pebbles that she's gotten at different places, and so she'll talk about pebbles and how they're formed."

Holm said last year's attendance at the Discover

Earth Science event was low, as it was held at the same time as the Harvest Moon Festival in October. She said she hopes that by moving the event to the end of September, it will draw more interest from the community.

"I'm excited about the eclipse preview to see how that goes because there'll be another exhibit about planetary geology in our solar system," Holm said. "The person who does that is a chapter member, and he makes it really fun for kids to get this concept of how big our solar system was, and the relative sizes of planets. The soil scientist is really good too. He digs a soil pit and people can get down there and actually look at it with their hands and see what kind of organisms live in the soil."

Aside from the events, Holm is looking forward to seeing the excitement on kids' — and adults' — faces as they learn something new.

"I love seeing expressions of wonder when children and adults learn that plant communities differ across a landscape — even the Acton Nature Center landscape — because the underlying rocks, soils, and subsurface water change across the landscape," she said. "I love sharing little examples of those relationships and the unique characteristics of each component that influence the shape and appearance of 'what we see out there.' What we don't see counts. Upon learning that, many start looking at, enjoying, and using our native landscapes differently. Sparking interest in young minds is often the initial step of developing leaders, experts, and scientists of the future — and that's what excites me about offering this event to our community."



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A young girl learns about the solar system during last year's "Discover Earth Science" event at Acton Nature Center.

The event is free and open to families and children of any age. Dogs are also allowed if they are on a leash.

"Our chapter enjoys doing these events," Holm added. "We think people get a lot

out of them. It's very informal, and it doesn't have severe time restrictions. You don't have to sit and listen to lectures. So, bring your dog, bring your kids, bring your grandpas, and

grandpas. It's going to be a fun time."

For more information on the Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program, visit [txmn.org/rbc](http://txmn.org/rbc) online. For more informa-

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# Add-Ran College: Hood County's connection to TCU

BY MICKY SHEARON  
Special to the Hood County News

Most everyone knows that the Hood County area is woven tightly into the tapestry of Texas history. However, some – even those who have lived here for many years – might not know the direct connection that Hood County, specifically the Thorp Spring area, has to the current-day Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth.

In the quaint Hood County town of Thorp Spring, a pioneering journey began in 1873 that would lay the foundation for one of the leading institutions of higher learning in the entire country, indeed, the whole world. The story begins with two visionary brothers, Addison and Randolph Clark. Together, they embarked on a mission to create the region's first institution of higher learning. Their brainchild, Add-Ran College, emerged as a bastion of education and a symbol of resilience and adaptability in the face of changing times.

Nestled amidst the open prairie southwest of Fort Worth, the Clark brothers' journey to Thorp Spring began as an escape from the bustling culture of Fort Worth's "Hell's Half Acre." The Clarks had initially established their school in Fort Worth. However, the burgeoning cattle industry, driven mainly by the now famous Chisolm Trail, brought with it an element of hard living, drinking, gambling, nightlife, and crime that the Clark brothers wanted to escape.

With a determination to create an environment conducive to learning, the brothers seized the opportunity offered by Mr. Pleasant Thorp. His elegant stone building, erected in 1871 or 1872, became the canvas on which Add-Ran College would be painted.

In the autumn of 1873, with just 13 eager minds, Add-Ran Male and Female College opened its doors, becoming a beacon of co-education, a pioneering concept in its time. By the end of that school year, the student count had grown to 75, a testament to the allure of education offered by the Clarks.

Amidst financial challenges and a changing landscape, the college's journey endured. Student enrollment surpassed 200 in 1876-77, reflecting its growing impact beyond Hood County. By 1890, the college reached its zenith with an enrollment of 425, becoming a symbol of educational excellence in Thorp Spring.

As the college evolved, so did its infrastructure and facilities. From students being taken into citizens' homes as boarders to the establishment of dedicated housing, including the memorable "Sheep Shed," the institution adapted to accommodate its flourishing student body. Beyond academics, Add-Ran College fostered a vibrant social and



In the autumn of 1873, with just 13 eager minds, Add-Ran Male and Female College opened its doors, becoming a beacon of co-education, a pioneering concept in its time. COURTESY PHOTO

recreational culture, embracing sports like baseball, townball, tennis, and croquet. Roaming expeditions, swimming in picturesque creek pools, and foraging for nature's bounty provided students with a holistic experience.

Despite its initial success, Add-Ran College faced its share of challenges. Limited resources and funding constraints often posed obstacles to the college's growth. However, the founders' determination and dedication to providing quality education kept the institution afloat. The college's close-knit community and strong camaraderie among students and faculty also played a significant role in its continued existence. Yet, with all these challenges,

the Clark brothers contemplated relocation. Offers to provide facilities from various towns, including Granbury and Fort Worth, were declined, signifying the strong ties between the institution and the Thorp Spring community.

Throughout its tenure in Thorp Springs, the college's commitment to providing a well-rounded education remained unwavering, ensuring that students received intellectual and spiritual guidance.

In 1889, a pivotal moment arrived when Add-Ran College aligned itself with the Brotherhood of the Christian Churches of Texas. Its name transformed to Add-Ran Christian University, and a new chapter began. This

evolution paved the way for the college's move to Waco in 1895, eventually leading to its iconic identity as Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1902.

However, the journey was far from over. A destructive fire in 1910 destroyed the main building, setting the stage for a fortunate turn of events. Fort Worth extended a generous offer—a 50-acre campus and \$200,000—to TCU, a proposal that was eagerly embraced. In 1911, TCU found its permanent home in southwest Fort Worth, where it still stands tall.

Today, the legacy of Add-Ran College lives on through Texas Christian University, an institution that weathered adversity and embraced change while

staying true to its educational mission. From its humble beginnings with 13 students to becoming a world-renowned hub of learning with an average attendance of more than 12,000 students, TCU's journey is one of perseverance, adaptability, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

Addison and Randolph Clark sowed the seeds of education in a small Texas town and set in motion a legacy that continues to shape lives, inspire generations, and impact lives. The story of Add-Ran College reminds us that amidst life's challenges and uncertainties, the pursuit of knowledge remains a beacon of hope and a testament to human determination.

## 77 groups come together in effort to educate Texans about Proposition 14 The billion-dollar fund will be on the Nov. 7 Constitutional Amendment Ballot

From Staff Reports

On Nov. 7, Texans will have the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment — Proposition 14 — that will create the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund. The fund will help secure new parks for future generations of Texans to explore without increasing taxes. The Texas Coalition for State Parks — containing over 75 member organizations — has come

together to support and educate Texans about the amendment.

State Senator Tan Parker filed the Senate bill that paved the way for the fund to make it on the November ballot. "The Centennial Parks Conservation Fund would provide dependable, long-term funding for new park acquisition that will protect the unique natural and cultural treasures of Texas, creating the opportunity to

ensure our state parks thrive for generations to come," he said.

"The fund would be an essential tool in ensuring Texans have access to public park lands for generations to come," said State Rep. Armando Walle, who sponsored the bill in the Texas House. "This effort is a transformational effort, a Teddy Roosevelt kind of initiative."

Earlier this year, 77% of voters said they would

support the constitutional amendment in a poll conducted this summer. Legislation to place the fund on the ballot passed both chambers of the Texas Legislature with bipartisan support.

Texas State Parks attract nearly 10 million visitors annually. The current supply of state parks cannot keep up with the demand of our growing population.

"Open spaces are criti-

cal to our quality of life," Joseph Fitzsimons, former Chairman of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission and Co-Founder of the Texas Coalition for State Parks said. "The Centennial Parks Conservation Fund would help protect the places we love to hike, bike, fish, picnic, view wildlife, and spend time with family. I encourage all Texans to vote yes on Proposition 14 so more Texans will have the oppor-

tunity to enjoy and appreciate the great outdoors."

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# How often should I get my well water tested?



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A West Texas water well.

**BY CAMERON CASTILAW**  
*Texas Water Resources Institute*

Properly functioning private water wells are essential to quality of life for many rural Texans. Private wells ensure that residents' home and agricultural water needs are met, and proper maintenance and upkeep are essential for long-term safe water use.

But learning the ins and outs of well maintenance and water quality can be daunting.

How do I test my well water? Why should I test my well water? How do I protect my well water quality in the future?

These questions are just

a few of the many that Joel Pigg and his colleagues operating the Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) hear often.

"TWON is a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension educational program; we go around the state and screen water wells and then pro-

vide an educational component with it," said Pigg, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist. "We screen for coliform bacteria, E. Coli bacteria, nitrates, salinity or total dissolved solids (TDS), pH and arsenic as needed based on the area."

Typical TWON events are two parts: well-owners bring in samples of their well water to be tested, and then they return at a later time to receive results and attend an educational workshop for well owners. TWON provides two different types

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HOOD OUTDOORS

# Is it live or is it artificial?



**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.

Choosing artificial baits for catching striped or hybrid striped bass is not difficult. The harder choice is choosing when to use them. If they don't work, you may lose confidence in the bait. The best advice is to learn certain feeding patterns different times of the year and put your best foot forward. Many times, the finicky bite of the striped bass can best be satisfied with live bait. Other times live bait may slow you down.

I generally will have live bait on board my boat most of the year. Once the water temperatures fall below 60 degrees, the artificial presentations generally out fish live bait on most days.

Selection of baits depends on the size of the fish and the size of the baitfish and the time of the year. You may have to downsize in the winter or during a finicky bite. Remember to use light colors on sunny days and darker colors on overcast days. Chartreuse is probably the favorite color used in soft plastics, hard baits and on jigging spoons/slabs on our local reservoirs.

So when can you use artificials and when are they the most effective? The easiest choice is probably when the fish are feeding on top. Tossing a spook, redfin, chug-bug, pop-rs, sassy shad or a bucktail jig through the feeding fish can bring some exciting strikes. Spinner type baits can be deadly as well. You might have to experiment with size and color at times. Shad or chartreuse colors as I mentioned early are good choices. Striped

bass top water action is generally best known as a fall and spring type event, but it can happen any time of the year.

If you locate a school of fish feeding on the bottom with your electronics, a heavy jig or slab may be a good choice. I like to use heavy slabs jigged vertically off the bottom. In the warmer months, violent jigging may entice the bite, in the winter a small bounce off the bottom with a smaller slab is deadly. My favorite colors for slabs or spoons are chrome, white, chartreuse or the combination of the three. If you find this bottom feeding scenario in the winter, which is common, use a soft plastic jerk bait on a heavy jig and hold it at the desired depth. Experiment with movement depending on the water temperature. At real cold temperatures (around 50 degrees) don't move the bait at all. This is called "dead sticking" and it is an extremely effective method for catching striped bass, sandbass and crappie.

Deep diving potbellied crankbaits can be an excel-

lent choice for black bass or striped bass. In summer, an effective pattern is to drag these baits allowing them to bump bottom or structure on or near a feeding area. The bottom bumping draws the active fish in. My favorite crankbaits include the Fat Free Shad, Norman DD22s, Rapalas and Long As. I like a shad or chartreuse color again on these baits as well, with a little red on the belly.

Downrigging bucktail jigs with worm trailers in the summer are an effective way to cover a lot of water to find active fish. Umbrella rigs with many different jigs are another effective way to mimic a school of bait. A Hellbender with a petspoon trailer is also effective for sandbass and striped bass suspended in the summer.

The best advice for using artificial baits is to try to find active fish. The birds will be returning this fall to our area lakes and should help you locate active fish. Don't forget that live bait is a proven choice among striped bass anglers across the nation and can be hard to beat when the artificial patterns seem a little slow.

**HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT**

Water temperatures are in the middle to upper 80s. Granbury water levels continue to fall slowly and are about 2 feet down. Thermocline is still present and is around 20 feet down. Granbury striped bass fishing continues to be good to excellent to 10 lbs. on live shad and downrigged jigs and crankbaits. The best striped bass action is near Decordova subdivision to Blue Water Shores. Crappie action on brush piles and submerged timber are good on small minnows and jigs



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Pictured from left to right is Jim Rowland, Issac Rodriquez, Jonathan Hoogendoorn and John Hoogendoorn. Mr. Hoogendoorn is a Pecan Plantation resident and these folks enjoyed catching some big Granbury Striped bass this last weekend.

worked about 15 feet down. Sandbass action near the Shores and Indian Harbor are good on spinners and slabs. Look for surface schooling activity. Largemouth bass continues to be good on crankbaits early and soft plastics later on. Best largemouth action is near creek entrances and near deeper docks. Catfish action contin-

ues to be good as well with the best action in the evening on cut bait. Some large blue cats to 15 lbs. are being taken.

On other reservoirs, Whitney striped bass limits continue on live bait fished in 30 feet of water from Mccown Valley to the Island. Striped bass are schooling on top near the Whitney State

Park on occasion. Possum Kingdom striped bass to 13 lbs. are excellent on live bait and downrigged presentations from Hells Gate to the dam. Benbrook big crappie limits are common on small minnows and jigs.

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# HCN Junior

# Teddy Bear Day

Sept. 9, 2023



The teddy bear's story is as sweet as honey! Back in 1902, there was a big event in the United States called a "bear hunt," led by President Theodore Roosevelt, often called

Teddy for short. But the President didn't want to hurt any bears, so when his friends finally found a bear cub, he refused to shoot it. A cartoonist named Clifford

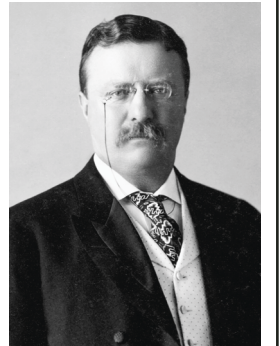
Berryman drew a cute cartoon of this moment, and it caught people's hearts. A shopkeeper named Morris Michtom saw the cartoon and got a brilliant idea. He and his wife, Rose, sewed a soft bear-shaped toy and put it in their store's window. They called it "Teddy's Bear."

The bear became super popular! Other people, like a German toy maker named Richard Steiff, also started making stuffed bears. Soon, teddy bears were all the rage around the world. Kids and grown-ups fell in love with these cuddly creatures.

The teddy bear's history shows how one act of kindness could lead to something wonderful. These soft bears have been cherished by generations, becoming a symbol of comfort and love. And it all started with a little bear cub that President Teddy Roosevelt decided not to hunt.

Theodore Roosevelt, often called Teddy, was the 26th President of the United States from 1901 to 1909. He was known for his energetic and progressive leadership. Roosevelt worked to protect the environment by creating national parks and forests, and he also pushed for laws to regulate businesses and make sure they treated workers and customers fairly.

Roosevelt was a tough and adventurous person. He led the Rough Riders, a group of soldiers, during the Spanish-American War and even explored the Amazon rainforest. He was also famous for his big glasses and strong personality. His efforts helped shape modern America, leaving a legacy of conservation and social progress. The teddy bear is named after him because of a story where he refused to shoot a bear cub during a hunting trip, inspiring a popular toy.



Theodore Roosevelt



# Did You Know?

The world's smallest teddy bear, named "Micro Ted," was created by the artist Cheryl Moss. It measured only about 5 millimeters (0.2 inches) tall and was made with a lot of care and precision. Micro Ted holds the Guinness World Record for being the tiniest teddy bear ever made.

On the other end of the size spectrum, the largest teddy bear ever made is named "C.T. Dreams." It was created by Teddy Bears of Witney, a company in the United Kingdom. This massive bear stood at a towering 71 feet and 2 inches (21.64 meters) tall. It was as tall as a seven-story building! C.T. Dreams was created to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the teddy bear and was displayed in a shopping center.

Both of these teddy bears, one incredibly tiny and the other unbelievably large, showcase the creativity and imagination of people who love these cuddly toys. They remind us that teddy bears can come in all shapes and sizes, bringing joy to people of all ages

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# SPORTS Roundup



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## With star RB sidelined, Rattlers still winning *Tolar Rattler Peyton Brown's return for playoffs hopeful*

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Tolar Rattlers will be without running back Peyton Brown for most of the regular season following an ankle injury, coach Jeremy Mullins confirmed. Brown had surgery on Aug. 31.

However, as the Rattlers proved against Early with a 48-14 victory on Sept. 1, great teams are great because, well, they are a team.

Mullins said the hope is for Brown to be back in action by the end of district and in time for the postseason.

In his only action so far this season, Brown rushed for 121 yards and four touchdowns on 21 carries against Peaster in a season-opening 49-9 win. He also caught an 8-yard touchdown pass.

"Obviously not having Peyton is not ideal. Anyone who has watched us knows he's a big part of our offense. You hope you go each year without any injuries, but in any sport there's always the possibility," Mullins said. "Great teams will find a way to rally and have the next guy ready to step up, and I thought we did a good job of that."

"Ty McClure is another guy that's been out, our line-backers have done a great job stepping up in his absence. We're excited to get him back soon."

"Our coaching staff has done a great job of having all our kids ready to go!"

In the meantime, the Rattlers were hosting Dallas Christian at press time. The Chargers are the two-time defending TAPPS Division III state champions.

This week the Rattlers, ranked No. 3 in the state in Class 2A Division I, hit the road for the first time

after opening with three straight home games when they travel to Comanche on Friday, Sept. 15 for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. The Indians were playing at Early at press time and won 70-0 against Bangs at home on Sept. 1.

Comanche returns seven offensive and seven defensive starters from a 10-2 Class 3A Division II area finalist. One of those losses was 45-14 at Tolar.

Comanche running back Sawyer Wilkerson had rushed for 428 yards and six TD in the first two games. Defensive back Diego Gutierrez posted 20 tackles.

Speaking of defensive backs, Tolar's Clayton Stembidge posted three interceptions in the win over Early, along with leading the team with nine tackles. The Rattlers had five interceptions in all against Early as Garrison Nation and Braylen Rice also picked off a pass. Rice also recovered a fumble.

Rattlers QB Isaac Blessing passed for one TD to Drake Owens and ran for two more. Kelvin Murray rushed for 97 yards and a score and Nation ran for one.

Through two games, Blessing led the team in rushing with 173 yards and three TD, along with passing for two more. Matthew Behrens caught seven passes for 73 yards.

Nation was pacing the defense with 16 tackles, with Owens and Jaxon Riddle

close behind at 15 each. Stembidge posted four interceptions.

"The main takeaway was that we did some things better than we had the week prior. We took care of the football better and played much more sound on special teams," Mullins said. "Defensively we took advantage of some big turnovers, which led to short field and points for our offense."

Brown, a junior, ranked 10th nationally last season in touchdowns (49), 11th in points scored (296) and 21st in rushing yards (2,777).

### GRANBURY FOOTBALL

The latest chapter in the Pirates-Cleburne rivalry will take place Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at Pirate Stadium.

The game is also the second District 4-5A Division I for both teams. The Pirates were hosting Waco at press time while the Yellow Jackets were playing at Killeen.

The week before, on Sept. 1, Granbury won at Lake Worth as Jadon Rogers rushed for 155 yards and four TD on just 15 carries and QB Hayden Meyer was 3-for-3 passing for 130 yards with a 50-yard TD to Hunter Burns. Tyler Rodgers gained 99 yards and had a pair of scores on only nine carries.

Caden Crouch also scored on a 49-yard run and Weston Cantrell kicked a 29-yard field goal.

Defensively, Chase Cantrell had a dozen tackles, with Augie Zapata registering eight with a sack and tackle for loss and Joshua Roath had eight with one for a loss. Christian Paddock and Burns each had an interception.

"I feel we moved forward in confidence in our system and are continuing to

embrace our 'old school' culture of hard-nosed, disciplined, physical football," Pirates coach Sonny Galindo said. "Lake Worth had a lot of talent and were coached well. We just controlled what we could do and tried to execute X's and O's and eliminate mistakes."

"As for district, we all know the talent level will ramp up. There are some really good teams ahead of us. They are well-coached and are all intent on being a playoff team. What we can be sure of is we will continue to stress strength, physicality, and preparedness."

Meanwhile, Cleburne fell 63-7 at Midlothian Heritage on Sept. 1.

Through two games, Rodgers (260 yards, 5 Td) and Rogers (215 yards, 5 TD) had combined for 475 yards and 10 scores. Cantrell and Rylan Brenish each had 14 tackles.

Cleburne's loss was its 14th straight, including 29-26 at Granbury last season in the Pirates' homecoming. This season the game is the Yellow Jackets' homecoming.

The Yellow Jackets returned six offensive and seven defensive starters. They are led by running back Jaygen Wells with 102 yards rushing and 28 receiving yards through two games. Receiver CJ Kensley had seven catches for 177 yards and a TD. Cordae Simmons was leading the defense with 14 tackles.

### GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates (9-19) are coming off losses of 3-0 and 3-1 in a tri-match against Abilene Wylie and San Angelo Central in Abilene to wrap up pre district play on Tuesday, Sept. 5. Previously, they won 3-0 at Cleburne on Friday, Sept. 1.

Standout in the tri-match was Sienna Watts. Leading the way against Cleburne were Watts (16 kills), Rachel Poirer (15 kills) and Allyson McCabe (40 assists).

They were hosting Saginaw in the District 5-5A opener at press time. Tuesday, Sept. 12 they travel to Aledo for a 6 p.m. varsity start.

### TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers (11-11) were finally back home at press time for the first time in more than two weeks, hosting Grafard. They will also host Bosqueville on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Rattlers lost 3-1 at Mineral Wells on Friday, Sept. 1 and won 3-0 at Bryson on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Standouts against the Lady Rams were Kamryn Kolb for what coach Misty Rhodes called her best defensive game of the season, along with Trinity Rousseau for serving four aces and Allyson Dobbs at the net. Maddie Rue stood out against the Cowgirls with 10 aces, as did Lily DeWitt with five aces.

### GRANBURY CROSS COUNTRY

The Pirates finished fifth and the Lady Pirates sixth in the 5A/6A Division at the Burleson Elk Run on Sept. 1.

Jaxon Glenn of the Pirates placed fifth over the 5,000-meter course with a time of 16 minutes, 31.9 seconds. Alec Wilkinson was 12th in 17:06.9

The Lady Pirates were led by Kambry Zschiesche in 11th, posting a 20:49.4.

Also running for the Pirates were Aiden Lemens, 27th; Bryce Young, 53rd; Aiden Turpin, 71st; Jacob Wolfe, 86th; and Kolden

Rand, 109th.

Also running for the Lady Pirates were Emery Kirby, 36th; Aubrey Ward, 49th; Zaeda Sedgwick, 47th; Alexie Patrick, 51st; Josefina Berry, 56th; and Karolina Berry, 58th.

Samuel Valdez placed 21st for the Granbury JV boys and Presley Davila was 23rd for the JV girls.

Granbury will run in the Paschal Invitational on Saturday, March 16.

### LIPAN/TOLAR CROSS COUNTRY

Lipan and Tolar competed in the Keene Invitational on Wednesday, Aug. 30 to open the season. The Lipan varsity girls placed fifth as the Lady Indians had five runners place in the top 30. The varsity boys were ninth.

Tolar's Rattlers and Lady Rattlers were both 12th in the varsity standings. Also, the Lipan JV girls were fifth.

Jacy Bolton led the Lady Indians over the 3,200-meter course, clocking a time of 13:08.80. Annslee Tarpley was just outside the top 10 in 11th in 13:13.50. Also, Taylor Branson was 27th and Ashlyn Clark was 29th.

For Tolar, Bailey Gammons placed 47th and Olivia McClain was 48th.

Court Gaylor topped the Lipan boys over the 5,000-meter course with a time of 18:25.10. Colby Scott finished 36th and Wyatt Yates was 38th.

Tolar was led by Ernesto Ramirez in 46th place.

The Lady Indians JV was paced by a runner-up finish by Addiline Lawrence with a time of 14:19.50 over 3,200 meters.

Both teams will run in the Lipan Invitational on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

## WATER

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of educational programs: Well Educated and Well Informed.

Well Educated workshops are usually half-day trainings where well-owners learn about water well specifications, aquifers, septic systems and water quality and treatment options. Well Informed trainings are one-hour meetings that cover proper well protection and water quality issues that would affect local residents.

Pigg encourages all well-owners to get their wells

tested annually if possible.

"For general purposes, we suggest that you test for bacteria on an annual basis, for the rest of general the chemistry we say as needed," Pigg said. "If you see a change in color, odor or taste of your well water, then we recommend that you get it tested to see what's going on."

Generally, Pigg said, out of 100 well samples TWON receives, on average about 15-20% test positive for coliform bacteria, 3-5% test positive for E. coli, and 5-8% test above drinking water standards for nitrates.

"People don't think about

there being bad things in their well water," Pigg said. "It tastes good. It looks good. It's like everything's fine. We just don't think about water until something happens."

TWON is not the only program available to well-owners to get their water tested. Many counties have county health departments or groundwater conservation districts that offer testing services.

How Do I Take Care of My Well?

To prevent possible contaminants and keep wells safe, Pigg had a few tips for well owners:

Have your well house or well location winterized in September or October. Texas weather can be unpredictable, and no one wants to have to go work on water when a cold front comes and lines freeze. "There's nothing worse than being cold and wet," he said.

Keep your well house clean. Get debris off the floor. It's not the location to store fertilizer bags or pesticide containers; old paint cans, all trash and other things need to be in another barn, not by your well. "A gallon of gas will kill a million gallons of drinking water," Pigg said.

Water issues are a case-by-case scenario. Neighbors can have different issues, even if they pull water from the same source. Issues like casing cracking within a system or even how far down a well is pulling water from can cause issues for one well owner that their neighbor does not have. "It's really not a one-size-fits-all, because every aquifer is a little different," he said.

Check your filtration system and read up on your system's service directions. Some well owners put in filtration systems due to water taste but forget to change the filter or service it properly, Pigg explains.

"You can grow bad bacteria while meaning to do a good thing, you can accidentally do something bad."

While sometimes issues outside of human control can cause issues for well health, getting the water regularly tested and general awareness can play a large factor in keeping both the water and consumers healthy.

"Wells are a \$30,000-40,000 investment," Pigg said. "Testing it now can potentially save you money later."

To learn more about the Tolar Well Owner Network, visit twon.tamu.edu.

# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

## Texans score most points in a season opener in 21 years

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Tarleton State University

**L**AKE CHARLES, LA. — What a start to the 2023 Tarleton State Football campaign the Texans had on Saturday, Sept. 2. The Texans exploded for their most points in a season opener in 21 years, scoring 35 unanswered in the second half to roll McNeese on the road 52-34. Tarleton (1-0, 0-0 UAC) beat McNeese (0-1, 0-0 SLC) on their home field, Cowboy Stadium in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in front of 12,074 fans on Saturday night.

Although the game was tight through the first three quarters, Tarleton State dominated in nearly every area of the game. The Texans outgained McNeese 554-278 in total yardage, averaging 7.5 yards per play to the Cowboys' 3.6. Tarleton passed for 344 yards and rushed for 210, earning 30 first downs to McNeese's 18. The Texans scored seven touchdowns total, six on offense and a late Patrick Jones pick-six to seal the deal.

New Tarleton running back Kayvon Britten had a hat trick, scoring three touchdowns on the night, two on the ground (19 carries for 82 yards) and one receiving (two catches for 25 yards). Derrel Kelley III carried over his elite play from last season, rushing for 136 yards on 18 carries (7.6 yards per rush) and a touchdown.

New Tarleton quarterback Victor Gabalis completed 20-of-34 (.588) passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns, shaking off two interceptions and a lost fumble. He found three different receivers for scores; Britten, Dejuan Miller (two receptions, 81 yards) and Jaden Smith (two receptions, 37 yards). Darius Cooper led the receiving group with 96 yards on six catches, while

Benjamin Omayebu recorded six catches for 54 yards and Keylan Johnson netted a 36-yard reception.

Defensively, six different Texans recorded a sack; Kyle Taylor, Devin Sterling, Brandon Tolvert, O'tay Baker, Caimyn Layne, and Bryson Collins. Jones had a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown to go with a team-high seven tackles. Collins had six tackles with his sack, and Tolvert had two tackles for loss. Tarleton forced eight McNeese plays for a loss.

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Saturday's contest began with an hour-delay due to lightning in the area, prolonging kick off to 8 p.m. CT.

After three-and-outs by both teams to start, Kelley burst for a 40-yard run on the second drive to put the Texans in business early. Tarleton drove to the McNeese 9-yard line, but the Cowboys ended the threat with an interception to keep the game scoreless.

With about nine minutes to go in the opening frame, Jalen Carr returned a punt 35 yards to put Tarleton just outside of the red zone. It



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took just two plays for the Texans to score their first touchdown of the season from there, two rushes by Britten, capped off by his first touchdown for the Purple and White, a 9-yard scamper.

The Tarleton lead didn't last long though, as the Cowboys answered with a 91-yard kickoff return for a touchdown by Cam Thomas to tie the game 7-7.

The Texans answered right back, although methodically this time, using a 12-play, 73-yard drive to take the lead once again. Gabalis threw his first touchdown as a Texan, tossing a high ball to Smith from five yards out that the human highlight reel came down with. The Texans led 14-7 after the opening frame.

On the Cowboys' first drive of the second quarter, they put together a 10-play

scoring drive, punched in by D'Angelo Durham on a six-yard rush to tie the game 14-14. The teams traded field goals the rest of the half, with Tarleton's Adrian Guzman booting a 41-yarder as time expired to put the game 17-17 at the break.

McNeese opened the second half with their best drive of the night, a 12-play, 75-yard touchdown march, scored by quarterback Nate Glantz from a yard out to put the Cowboys ahead 21-14.

Midway through the third quarter, the game turned on its head and went fully Tarleton's way.

At their own 38-yard line with about seven minutes to go in the third, Gabalis found a streaking Miller for a 62-yard touchdown to tie the game at 24-24.

On Tarleton's next drive,

they marched 64 yards down the field to take the lead 31-24, as Kelley ran in from nine yards out for his first touchdown of the year.

On the Texans' first drive of the fourth quarter, they scored once again to make it 38-21, this time a Gabalis to Britten 16-yard connection.

The Texans forced a quick three-and-out, then achieved their fourth straight touchdown scoring drive, as Britten made it back-to-back and completed his hat trick with a three-yard TD to make it 45-21.

Adding insult to injury, the Texans made it 35 unanswered points on McNeese's next drive, with Jones cutting a Tre Simmons' pass for a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown to make it 52-24.

The Cowboys scored a touchdown late, recovered

an onside kick and added a field goal as time expired to make it a 52-34 final.

This makes back-to-back seasons for the Texans to start 1-0. Their 52 points mark their most in a season-opener since 2002, when they blanked Southwest Assemblies of God 62-0. Their 52 points are their most scored overall since Nov. 9, 2019, a 58-3 win at William Jewell.

Next up, the Texans will hold their home opener on Saturday, Sept. 9 against North Alabama at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Texas, at 6 p.m. It will be a Purple Out game, with the first 1,000 fans in the gates receiving a free Purple Out shirt, courtesy of Tarleton Athletics.

## Tarleton State University defeats UTSA at Roadrunner Classic

Tarleton State University

SAN ANTONIO — On Saturday, Sept. 2 Tarleton State Volleyball came into day two of the Roadrunner Classic hungry for another win after a 3-0 victory over Lamar to end day one of the tournament. The Texans came out on top in the fifth set against the host, the Roadrunners of UTSA, to finish off the tournament in San Antonio.

### TARLETON 3 UTSA 2

After finishing off the first day of tournament play with a win over the Cardinals, the Texans were set on adding another victory to their record for the season.

To kickstart the match, Tarleton State claimed the first point on the board after a kill from Allison Bryant. In what quickly became a back and forth set, the Roadrunners took the reins and turned up the heat, leading the Texans for the majority of the match. As UTSA put up their 24th point of the set, the Purple and White answered the Roadrunners with a kill from Grayson Schirpik immediately followed by a kill from Madison Frank. While the Roadrunners tried to regain their composure, two errors from UTSA and another kill from Bryant added the 24th point to the board for Tarleton State. UTSA was first to point 25 with a kill from Cansu Gunaydin. Emma Burke quickly returned the favor as she put



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down another kill for the Texans. Burke blocked two attack attempts to rack up the final points for Tarleton State, taking set one 27-25.

In similar fashion to the first set, Bryant laid down another kill putting the Texans on the board first. The Roadrunners turned up the heat offensively leading the Texans 10 at one point during the match. Tarleton State closed the gap after several errors from UTSA and another kill from Burke, leaving the set final at 25-20 with the Roadrunners on

top.

Set three began with two on the board for the Texans before UTSA found their way. With both teams taking turns controlling the court, the Roadrunners broke out and adding 10 consecutive points to the board to take the set 25-18.

The fourth set found the Purple and White looking for redemption. With two errors from the Roadrunners, the Texans took first two points of the set. Three consecutive kills from Tarleton State tallied the fifth point of the

set. As the Texans remained in the lead throughout the duration of the set, the Roadrunners fought to catch up but match the energy of the Purple and White. As UTSA put up their 19th point of the set with a kill from Faye Wilbricht, Tarleton State answered with three more kills to end the fourth set 25-19, forcing a set five.

For the first time throughout the match, UTSA found their way to the board first in set five after an error from the Texans. With a kill from Rajini Fitzmaurice fol-

lowed by a service ace from the Florida, native, Tarleton State added two points to the board. The Roadrunners got to work as they led the Texans by five at one point in the set. However, that didn't last for long. Tarleton State caught up quickly after a kill from Schirpik and another from Burke followed by three blocked attack attempts from Burke. A kill from Breanna McDonough kept the set alive as she tallied the 13th point for the Texans. Fitzmaurice claimed point 14 for the Texans

with a service ace. After a blocked attack attempt from McDonough, UTSA saw the 15th point of the set. Two consecutive kills from Bryant and a kill from McDonough saw the Texans seal the deal on an exhilarating fifth set ending 17-15.

The Texans leave the Roadrunner Classic 2-1 after a heartbreaking loss to Delaware in the fifth set, a 3-0 match against Lamar and a five-set match against UTSA that left everyone on the edge of their seat.

Fitzmaurice saw her best match of the season so far, leading the team with 15 kills for the match, her new season-high, also led the team with 17 digs, three service aces, three block assists and 19.5 points. Bryant and Schirpik tied for second in kills for the match with 14 each. Schirpik also totaled 14.0 points for the match. Alongside Bryant's 14 kills are eight digs, 16.0 points, two block assists and a service ace. McDonough tallied 12 kills for the match with 12.5 points.

Burke compiled eight kills, 12.5 points and led the team with five block assists and the only two solo blocks for the Texans. Hodges led the Texans in assists once again with 29, 12 digs, 3.0 points and two digs. Freshman Charlyze Ching holds second place in assists for the Purple and White with 16 and 10 digs.

# NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ACADEMY LADY PIONEER VOLLEYBALL



The Lady Pioneers defeated Brownwood 3-0 on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023

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# Small Town Sins: What would you do?

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

**C**arpe diem. That's good advice: grab an opportunity immediately when you spot it. Don't wait, make it happen. Even the Romans knew that embracing the moment, wringing everything out of this time, not fretting about the future was the way to live now. Seize the day, as in the new book "Small Town Sins" by Ken Jaworowski, before the opportunity is gone.

Nathan Stoltz was the kind of guy that other people rarely noticed.

An only child, he'd always lived on the edge of life: though people in Locksburg, Pennsylvania knew him, they didn't see him, and that was fine. It gave Nathan a lot of leeway, and he got away with things like stealing his mother's wedding ring and hocking it to pay for an abortion for a girl he slept with exactly once.

He lived with guilt for that for a long time. When he met and married Paula, he still felt bad, but he never told her about it because they had enough problems. When he found a bag of money in a burning house while he was saving a man's life, he wanted to keep that quiet, too. He just figured the cosmos had finally forgiven him.

Callie, a co-worker of Paula's at the local hospital, knew Paula had something on her mind but then, so did Callie. A teenage girl came to the hospital one evening with advanced cancer and her fundamentalist parents were ignoring what their daughter wanted. The girl told Callie that she hoped to see the ocean before she died.

Callie had many medical issues as a child, and it literally scarred her. She knew what it was like to have dreams unfulfilled. And so, she devised an audacious scheme...

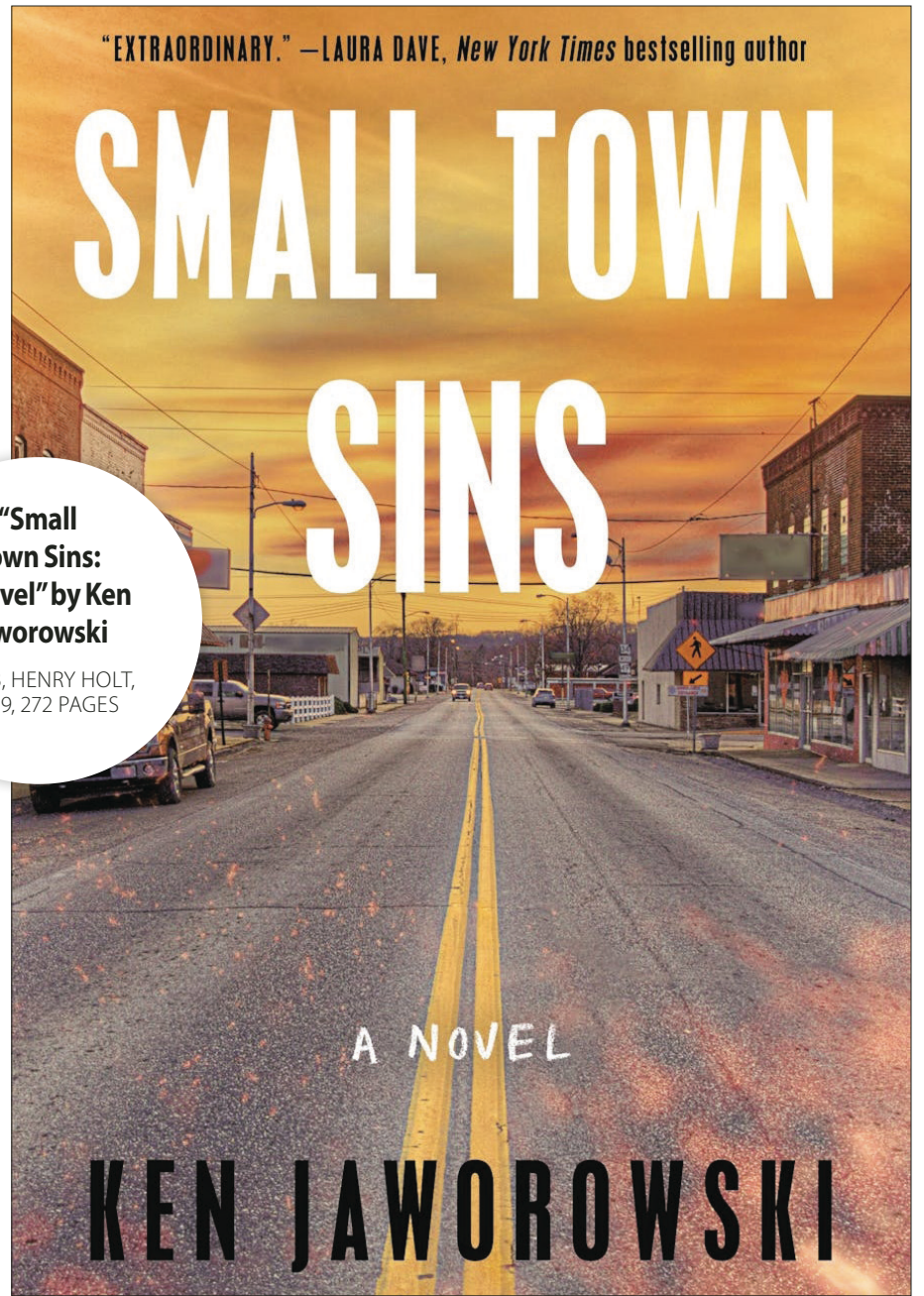
Not long before the teenager was admitted, around the time a badly burned man came to the hospital, Andy lost his daughter to Down's syndrome-related disease, and his wife to an overdose. Everything he ever loved was gone, and he wanted to join them in death -

until he found a purpose that almost killed him.

How would your life change if a couple million bucks landed in your lap? That's the stuff of dreams - or nightmares, or stories like "Small Town Sins."

You can just imagine a tiny community like Locksburg; you might even know one, although author Ken Jaworowski doesn't dwell on the town itself. Just know it's the dying kind of place people move, not to but from: it's the kind of a place where dreams go to lie down before they die - which might sound dreadfully depressing, but it's really not. Happily, Jaworowski's characters keep this tale from becoming a drudge; they're genuinely likable people who do surprising, sometimes funny, sometimes stupid, sometimes heartbreaking things, and your emotions will get a workout. You won't be able to get enough of them.

If your book club can handle a bit of profanity, this is a novel that will really spark discussion. Find "Small Town Sins" and settle in. Let this fine novel seize your attention.



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## Tribute to legendary band started from father's love



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Pictured from left are Terry Harp, Derrick Harper, JD Dickinson, Kenny Shane and Nathan Allumbaugh. They are the members of Texas Clearwater Revival, a tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival.

BY RICK MAUCH  
Special to the  
Hood County  
News

**P**aul Harper loved the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival, also known as CCR. He just couldn't sit still when one of their songs was playing, no matter his stage in life.

So, being a loving son and musician, Derrick Harper honored his father by starting a band that pays tribute to his dad's favorite musicians - well, ones who weren't related to him. Once Texas Clearwater Revival was started, Paul was there for every show.

"The last four years of his life he did not miss one

show," Derrick said. "It was great seeing him letting go of his walker to dance to the music with a big smile on his face."

Paul passed away almost five years ago, but Derrick and his bandmates in TCR continue to play in his honor. They will be at Granbury Live for two shows on Sept. 15 and 16. It will be their third time

playing at Granbury Live. The first two appearances sold out, Derrick said, calling it a "home base venue."

TCR was formed in January of 2015 and is based out of Fort Worth. It consists of Derrick on bass and vocals, JD Dickinson as the lead singer, Terry Harp (guitar, keyboards, harmonica, vocals), Kenny Shane (drums, clapper) and Nathan Allumbaugh (guitar, vocals).

Dickinson is noted for being a dead ringer for former CCR lead singer John Fogerty, whose voice was

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Texas Clearwater Revival will be playing at Granbury Live Friday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 16.

GRAPHIC COURTESY OF TEXAS CLEARWATER REVIVAL



COURTESY PHOTO

The Granbury Theatre Company (GTC) will continue its Broadway on the Brazos season with "9 to 5" Sept. 22 to Oct. 15, 2023, at the historic Granbury Opera House in Downtown Granbury.

## "9 To 5" up next for Broadway on the Brazos

### Staff Reports

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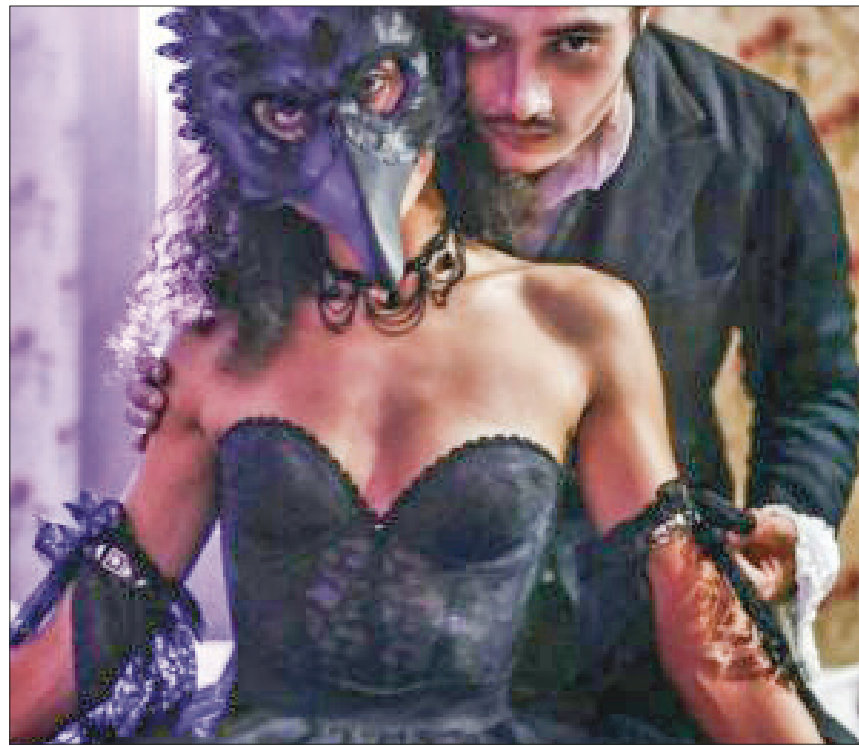
According to Music Theatre International, "Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy - giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains 'otherwise engaged,' the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she?" Credits include music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick. The musical is based on the 1980 film starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Parton.

Leading the cast are Kim Harris, Audrey Randall and Haley Nettleton Twaddell as Violet, Doralee and Judy with Jarrett Self as Franklin Hart Jr.

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## A dream within a dream

Brian Clowdus Experiences brings Edgar Allen Poe story to Granbury



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"Edgar Allen Poe" will be at The Langdon House, 308 E. Bridge Street, opening on Thursday, Sept. 21 and running through Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31,

### Staff Reports

Brian Clowdus Experiences returns to Granbury this month with the national premier of a brand-new show. The much-heralded theater program will bring "Edgar Allen Poe" to The Langdon House at 308 E. Bridge Street. Opening on Thursday, Sept. 21, the show runs through Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The Edgar Allen Poe experience follows the grandfather of the thriller as he is admitted to the hospital asylum for his final days. As the doctors and nurses try to subdue Edgar, he sees them transformed before his very eyes into his most iconic characters.

Hailing from Alabama, Clowdus redefines what a theatre experience can be. He and his actors bring a site-

specific, immersive production that makes theatre attendants feel they are a part of the story. This allows the viewer to see a classic story afresh, as new vision is shared.

Clowdus brings ideas to life on a large scale, using the surroundings as part of the story. He merges the perfect locale with expressive theatre techniques, making Granbury an ideal setting.

Clowdus shares, "Granbury is so incredibly near and dear to my heart. It has become my favorite home away from home! I am in love with the town's history, architecture and incredible residents. 'Visit Granbury' has been a dream partner to work with, giving us the opportunity to cre-

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## INSIDE LABOR DAY

From Bobbers on the Beach to street dances and a lighted boat parade, Hood County celebrated Labor Day this past weekend. Please see page C4 and C5 for more photos.



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PHOTOS COURTESY OF TEXAS CLEARWATER REVIVAL

**Texas Clearwater Revival is (clockwise) JD Dickinson (seated), Derrick Harper, Nathan Allumbaugh, Kenny Shane and Terry Harp. They will be playing at Granbury Live Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16.**

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described by the New York Times as “a throwback because it has the hysterical edge of the old rockabilles and their blues and country mentors.”

Not only was Paul a huge CCR fan, so was each member of TCR.

“We were all around in the late ‘60s and early ‘70s when CCR was on top. We all played in different classic rock bands for many years, and with the tribute band scene going crazy in the DFW area we decided CCR was the perfect band for us,” Derrick said.

CCR was popular in a time when the country featured much turmoil and they tapped into the frustration of America, particularly with songs such as the protest anthem “Fortunate Son.” Derrick believes the current strife throughout the country has folks today continuing to lose themselves in the band’s music.

“We feel the music is still relevant today because people relate to the lyrics, especially some of the songs about the Vietnam War and Woodstock,” he said. “When you add the swampy rock sounds, which is found on a lot of their songs, it’s hard not to tap your feet and sing along.”

“We do see a lot of the younger generation singing along to the songs, so we feel the music has stood the test of time, partly because the songs are heard

on tv commercials, baseball games, on many different radio stations and even grocery stores. I rarely go a day without hearing a CCR/Fogerty song when it wasn’t expected.”

TCR has opened for musical greats such as Blue Oyster Cult in Weatherford in 2020 and Diamond Rio this year in Celina for their Cajonfest. Some other notable venues where they have performed include Rockbox Theatre in Fredericksburg, Dallas Arboretum, Taste of Addison, Wilbarger Auditorium in Vernon, and Arlington Music Hall.

Along with the aforementioned “Fortunate Son,” other popular songs heavily requested are “Proud Mary” and “Bad Moon Rising.”

“Our favorites are ‘Hot Rod Heart,’ ‘Have You Ever Seen the Rain,’ ‘Looking Out My Back Door’ and ‘Down on the Corner,’” Derrick said.

JD is the only member of the group who has met Fogerty. He also met Stu Cook and Doug Clifford of CCR years ago.

Paul would be jealous. He’d be in Granbury next weekend, though, Derrick said.

Texas Clearwater Revival, The Sounds of Fogerty and CCR will be showing at Granbury Live located at 110 N. Crockett St., Granbury on Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 16, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40-\$50. For more information call 800-340-9703 or visit their website at granburylive.com

# When art transcends distance

## LGAA Fall Art Show grows in local, national entry numbers

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Lake Granbury Art Association welcomed both local and out-of-state entries for its Juried Fall Art Show.

But in just one year, word has gotten out about the new inclusive entry guidelines, resulting in a 20% increase in submissions compared to the 2022 Juried Fall Art Show.

A total of 273 entries were received from artists who reside all over the nation, with nine states to be represented in the art show: Texas, Washington, New Mexico, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nevada, Minnesota, and Florida.

“It’s a good number of entries and of course, there’s a lot of things that make those numbers go up or down, but we were very pleased with the amount of entries and the quality of the entries this year,” Vickie Guthrie, show coordinator told the HCN on Aug. 28.

Open now through Oct. 29, at the Shanley House Gallery located at 224 N. Travis St., the Juried Fall Art Show will feature 58 pieces of artwork in a variety of mediums — paintings, drawings, dimensional, graphics, and mixed media.

“There’s sculptures, landscapes, portraits ... just a wide variety of art-



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**Vickie Guthrie, left, coordinator for the Lake Granbury Art Association Juried Fall Art Show, and Dawn Milson, right, published author and speaker, view some of the art pieces on display for the fall show at the Shanley House Gallery. The gallery will be open for guests to view the artwork through Oct. 29, on Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.**

work that will appeal to any art lovers,” Guthrie said.

Teal Blake will serve as the show judge. Blake is a member of the Cowboys of America Association, and his work is frequently featured in magazines and displayed in national galleries.

The reception/awards ceremony is open to the public and will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Awards will include an Award of Excellence (\$500), Award of Achievement (\$350), Award of Merit (\$300), Painting Category (\$300), Drawing Category (\$300), Dimensional Category (\$300), Graphics Category (\$300), Mixed Media Category (\$300), and the People’s Choice (\$100).

The individual who receives the Best of Show Award will also be gifted a \$1,000 prize that was contributed by the Charles Inge Memorial Foundation.

The gallery will be open for guests to view the art display Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

“I’m excited about reconnecting with artists that I haven’t been able to see throughout the year, meeting new artists, and making new friends,” Guthrie added.

For more information, on the Lake Granbury Art Association’s Juried Fall Art Show, visit lakegranburyart.blogspot.com online.

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ter. Be prepared to be chilled to the bone as you journey through the house... enjoy music in the lounge with a Poe cocktail, dance with The Raven in the study or attend a dinner party in the dining room with the Mysterious masked man. But don’t get lost in the mind of Poe... I

hear it’s crazy when you do!” Previously, Brian Clowdus Experiences performed “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” “Christmas Carol,” “Charlotte’s Web,” in Granbury to the delight of patrons.

Tickets are available at visitgranbury.com/BCE

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Also in the cast are Griffin Bruce, Makenna Clark, Carson Clay, Brooke Goodson, Dawn Hitt, Garrett Hollowell, Hannah Horton, Rodney Hudson, Cora Lewis, Colton Lively, Renee Maynard, Nate Milson, Lena Moralez, Jacob Myers, Dan Powderly, Thomas Powderly, Kate Rongey, Jackson Scheer, Hayley Vantine, Mia Cree Washington, Xander Wooten and Tiffany Wynne.

Lively, Rongey and Vantine are also understudies for the leading characters along with Emily Potter.

The musical is under the direction of Bentleigh Nesbit assisted by Austin Bender. Music direction is by Ashley Green with choreography by Nolan Moralez. Designers for the production are Cameron Barrus, lights; William Byrum, set; Colton Lively, hair and makeup; Eme Looney, costumes; Bentleigh Nesbit, props; Joseph Pilgrim, props. Whitney Shearon is the stage

manager assisted by Tabitha Stanford.

Regular performance times are 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are available now through the GTC box office at (817) 579-0952 or online at granburytheatrecompany.org. Tickets are \$35 for the floor and \$30 for the balcony. Discounts are available for seniors aged 65 and older, active-duty military service members, veterans, children, and students.

Online and box office processing fees apply.

Granbury Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that manages the Granbury Opera House, produces critically acclaimed plays and musicals, and hosts concerts and other special events. The company also includes the Granbury Theatre Academy, which offers after-school and summer programs to provide acting, dance, and singing instruction for children and youth.

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# Hood County Livestock Raisers Association to host buyers' celebration bash Sept. 16

**BY EMILY NAVA**  
Staff Writer

The Hood County Livestock Raisers Association (HCLRA) is hosting an event to celebrate and thank the buyers of the Hood County Junior Stock Show. The event will feature live music from Randy Brown and his band, along with acoustic performances from the HCLRA President Bobby Davis as well as Josh Kennedy and Ryan Payne. There will also be a cash bar by Warren's Backyard.

"This is a great event to celebrate

our buyers and to give back to them for doing so much for the FFA and 4-H kids of Hood County. We hope some new buyers will come and learn about what is done for our youth through the stock show," President of HCLRA Roy Madearis said. "Our buyers raised over \$600,000 last year and it all goes back to the kids that work on their projects all year. If it weren't for our buyers, these kids would not be able to put money back towards these projects like purchasing more animals, putting money towards college, etc. It's important to celebrate every one of

our buyers for helping keep the kids in our community working towards their goals."

The event will also include a presentation of a top buyer buckle for the highest buyer of the HCLRA.

There is no cost of admission, but donations will be accepted at the door.

This event is open to the public, with all ages welcome.

The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 16 from 7-10 p.m. at Reunion Grounds located at 641 Reunion Ct. in Granbury.



## LEARN ABOUT NATIVE PRAIRIE GRASSES

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Lake Granbury Master Gardener will present the program "Saving Native Prairie Grasses" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the LGMG monthly meeting.

**Submitted item**

Glynnia Torres, Lake Granbury Master Gardener (LGMG), will present the program "Saving Native Prairie Grasses" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the LGMG monthly meeting, which will be held at the Hood County Annex I, 1410 W. Pearl St. The public is

invited to attend free of charge.

Following the one-hour presentation, attendees are invited to tour the native grass landscape bed at the LGMG Demonstration Garden at the rear of the Annex I parking lot. The plants in the bed are examples of those that were prevalent in the tall grass prairies of Texas prior to settlement and devel-

opment. Torres will present information on the state of Texas rangelands, then and now. She will explain why Texas prairies are important, and why native grasses should be preserved as part of the overall prairie ecosystem.

For more information, call the Texas AgriLife Extension in Hood County at 817-579-3280.

### PECAN PLANTATION BITS

## Fire and emergency board members to host town hall meetings

**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 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 with the first date happening today, Saturday, Sept. 9, and the second on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.

**MARINA MUSIC**

The Marina Music Trio plays every second and fourth Saturday evening from 4 to 7 p.m. at the marina, which means that today folks may enjoy live music from Eric, Jim, and Bruce with outdoor dining and activities.

**PICKLEBALL PLAY**

An indoor beginner pickleball clinic is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to noon at the PAC. No reservation is necessary, and everyone is welcome. Paddles will be available to borrow, and comfortable clothing and court shoes are recommended.

**DANCE TIME**

Instructors from Dance Dreams will be at the PAC giving dance lessons for participants ages two and over beginning Monday, Sept. 11. Offerings include ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop.

**AUXILIARY MEETING**

The next meeting of the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary will happen Monday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Folks desiring to enjoy a light meal and fellowship before the official gathering may arrive at 6. All Pecan residents are invited to attend.

**AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER**

At the Auxiliary's meeting on Sept. 11, members will be discussing fall fundraisers, the next of which is the Fall Bazaar, formerly known as the Arts and Crafts Fair, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the PAC grounds. Gates will be open that day for the public to attend this event, which always provides an exciting opportunity for shoppers to find unique, handcrafted home décor, apparel, artwork, and

food and gift items.

Spaces for vendors both outside and in the activity room may be requested by calling 615-394-5058. Food will be available for purchase in the PAC kitchen.

In addition, Cowtown Gold and Silver will be on hand to purchase scrap gold, silver, and other precious metals with the VFD/EMS receiving a portion of the day's profits.

Every cent raised at the Auxiliary's fundraisers supports Pecan's emergency personnel.

**BATTER UP**

Senior softball for players ages 55 and older began last week at the PAC softball field, and the first game happens on Monday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Participants and spectators are welcome to join, and players should bring a glove. For complete information, send email to jvgazda@yahoo.com or contact the PAC front desk: 817-573-7952.

**GAME NIGHT**

Pecan's clubhouse will be the place for dinner and bingo on Tuesday, Sept. 12. A meal consisting of hamburgers and hotdogs with sides and trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m. with bingo beginning at 7 p.m. Call the clubhouse front desk for a reservation: 817-573-2641.

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Pecan's Breakfast Club will meet again on Wednesday, Sept. 13 with breakfast service beginning at 8 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m. Attendees will hear from General Manager Rick Lantgen on the occasion of his first anniversary in our community when he shares his reflections and vision for Pecan as well as holding a question/answer session. Reservations are due by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 12: 817-573-2641.

**ART EVENT**

A two-day mixed media workshop is on the PAC's calendar for Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 17 from noon to 6 p.m. Instructor Deanna Thibault will lead the event. Sign up at the PAC: 817-573-7952.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The "Let Freedom Ring" Pecan Belles Member-Guest Tournament for the Ladies' Golf Association is on the calendar for Sept. 18-20. Sign up in the golf pro shop.

**WOMAN'S CLUB**

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will begin its 45th year in Pecan on Thursday, Sept. 21, and the year's schedule holds numerous celebratory elements for this sapphire anniversary. Reservations are due by noon on Thursday,

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**LABOR DAY**

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. Hood County celebrated with a lighted boat parade, a street dance, karaoke, and more!

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LABOR DAY

Scores of kids were treated to a fun, safe, and free Bobbers on the Granbury City Beach event on Labor Day. At 10a.m., 2p.m., and 4p.m., hundreds of fishing bobbers were dropped into the shallow waters for kids to race to grab one. Each marked bobber could be redeemed for a prize! The event was sponsored by The Historic Granbury Merchants Assoc., Pug on a Pontoon, Tri-Lakes, Visit Granbury, Cool Junk, and St. Helens.

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# AMS to host grief support event for kids, families Sept. 23

BY ASHLEY INGE  
Staff Writer

Within the past year, Granbury Independent School District has experienced several tragic losses from both students and teachers.

More recently, the loss of beloved fourth grade Acton Elementary School teacher Susan Moore affected the community greatly, as she had been an integral part of the district since she joined Granbury ISD in 2021.

As the community has continued to be affected by loss, Granbury resident and Reliant at Home Hospice Executive Director Gina Forrest has created a free event specifically to help those affected by grief.

The event, Camp Bluebird, is for kids ages six to 18, who have experienced a loss from a loved one. The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Acton Middle School, 1300 James Road.

"My vision is to go into some of these communities and offer a family grief camp, so it's a one-day event," Forrest said. "I just want families and their kids

who've experienced a loss to come out and have a fun time, but a time where they can meet other people who are grieving. It's really an idea for all of us to come together as a community."

The event will include arts and crafts, a bounce house, snow cones, fun games, meals and snacks, and grief sessions to allow the families to cope with other families who have been through similar situations.

Forrest explained that registration for the event will take place from 9 to 9:30 a.m., followed by breakfast.

"That first session, they'll be with their families, and then we'll separate them," she said. "We'll have the different age groups, and they'll have their leaders. There's a separate speaker for the adults, then they'll have two sessions. The kids will have two sessions, but they'll rotate through activities."

One activity that will be impactful, Forrest said, is to have kids write on — and beat up — an old truck.

"What you do is you have the families write on the side of the truck what makes them angry, and

what they're feeling, and then they take mallets and they hit the car and beat it up," she explained. "I went to camp in Louisiana back in June, and they did it for the first time and it was powerful. They do a week-long camp, but by the end of the week, (the kids opened up). (You would read what they wrote and at) first it was like, 'I'm angry, because of something,' and then by the end of camp it's, 'I'm angry because I didn't get to say goodbye. I'm angry, because I didn't get to say, 'I love you.' I'm angry because I wasn't there,' so it's powerful."

A bereavement coordinator for the Reliant at Home Health Dallas/Fort Worth location will also put together take-home activities for the children and their families.

"It's fun, it's all intermingled, but it all focuses around grief and how you go through those stages," Forrest said. "And I think it's a time to where they're not alone — especially adults."

Instead of advertising the camp, Forrest wanted to try a different approach: allowing individuals to

identify families who could really benefit from Camp Bluebird.

She called every Granbury ISD counselor and dropped off a basket of goodies, along with the event information.

"I called Kim Spencer at the high school, and she said, 'Absolutely nobody is doing anything like this,'" Forrest said. "I told them, 'Hey, y'all are on the frontlines, identify these families and identify these kids that could benefit,' and I had one counselor in tears, just because it's such a big need."

Forrest also put together Hope Kits for the counselors that included journals, fidget toys, pencils, and pens.

"I went to Operation School Supplies because I wanted to see what kind of response I would get," she explained. "So, I had these comment cards if you wanted to know more and 33 families signed the card, which represented 58 kids. And I thought, 'Yeah, there's a need.' But just that response was encouraging to me because I don't have any expectations. I don't know

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## THE IDLE AMERICAN



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Ray Hildebrand, "Hey, Paula" composer, dead at 82.

## Augusts with tears...



BY DON NEWBURY

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

Usual readers-- both of you, and a few relatives who sometimes read to see if I "got it right" --may remember that a month ago, I decided to put my "quill back in the goose" until September.

A few cool days in New Mexico beckoned, and off we drove to the Land of Enchantment, neither footloose nor even close to fancy free, as it turned out.

Brenda, my wife of 57 years joined me, along with Sailor, our beloved rescue dachshund who was also invited by our longtime friend--retired educator Delnor Poss. Delnor masqueraded as a basketball official for colleges and universities throughout the land for several decades.

A widower for more than a year, he welcomed us to his inviting three-story home that he largely constructed himself over a couple of decades, starting with a modest A-frame structure.

At age 88, he's still doggedly determined to "get it right," just as he did as a game official. Long-time golf coach and athletic director at Midland College, he can't abandon the work ethic he learned early in his hard-scrabble life. Now, he's a consultant at Eastern New Mexico's Ruidoso campus, down the mountain from his Alto, NM, home that features breathtaking balcony views in all directions.

We "yakked" for two nights, recalling specific hills and valleys of our lives. The short time there was golden, and then.

The second night, a phone call at an unseemly hour bore sad news. Gone from this life was a close friend of some 30 years. Caleb Pirtle, 82, who wrote more than 90 books, was the best author I've ever known.

Vacation thoughts dissipated. We began the 550-mile drive home the next day, my mind whirling with brief stories I might share a few days later at his memorial service. He always wrote "just right." Compared to his writing, my words--written or spoken--didn't have a chance.

Ever modest, Caleb called himself a "used word salesman."

Then, another call was equally unwelcome. A friend from college years, Ray Hildebrand, also 82, had passed in Kansas City.

He was to music what Caleb was to journalism. Ray, too, was in a league by himself.

Though best known for writing and singing "Hey, Paula", a #1 song on secu-



Caleb Pirtle noted author, also 82.

lar charts in 1963, he was a consummate composer of contemporary Christian songs. He was a forerunner of this genre, differing from most composers today who are given to repetition(s). Of the some 500 songs he composed, more than half have been published, many of which even old-timers sing, not knowing they sprang from his creative mind.

As sportswriter Blackie Sherrod once said of daily columnist George Dolan, before God made George, he broke the mold.

Friends joke that fun-loving Ray, too, may have been made in a broken mold.

Due to an earlier commitment to speak at the Brownwood Kiwanis Club's 100th anniversary dinner, I was unable to attend his Kansas City funeral the same day. Three hundred others did, though. They "open-miked" through a memorial service of more than two hours. Everyone loved Ray; many spoke.

We watched the streamed service, awash in tears interspersed with laughter of bygone days.

One friend told of Ray's erratic driving habits, explaining that his speed was determined by the tempo of music from his car radio.

He said that if "Old Man River" were playing, Ray might be driving 30 MPH on a freeway, backing up traffic for miles. "Shake, Rattle and Roll," however, might mean he was pegging 95 MPH on a country road, passing all vehicles with abandon.

Rare talents both, they were model Christians, and memories of them are cherished.

The month of "column silence" is one of two such respites in two decades, both in August.

The other was in 2020. A few days into "vacation," Julie Choate, our oldest daughter, died suddenly at age 50 of a pulmonary embolism. Perhaps future column lapses won't be announced or won't be in August.

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## I'VE BEEN THINKING

# September 10 is National Grandparents Day



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On National Grandparents Day we honor the impact grandparents often have on their grandchildren.



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.

This special day always falls on the first Sunday after Labor Day, and we recognize it to honor the impact grandparents often have on their grandchildren. I do not recall the source of the following information, but I thought it was worth sharing. Sit back and enjoy how children perceive their grandparents.

I was in the bathroom, putting on my make-up, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. As I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But, Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye."

"My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him 68. He was quiet for a moment and then asked, "Did you start at one?"

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old

slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back into bed with stern warnings. She heard the three-year-old say, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony, and we picked wild raspberries in the woods." The wide-eyed child took all this in and, at last, she said, "I wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and said, "No. How are we alike?" "You're both old," he



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replied.

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor and told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know. I can't read."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would always

tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I decided to continue. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep

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GAME ON



COURTESY PHOTO

**Timberborn (2021 from Mechanistry) is available on the SteamOS platform for Windows and Macintosh.**

# This game keeps you busy... as a beaver



**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.

If you're a fan of resource games and city builder games, you'll love Timberborn. Sentient beavers are trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic world. It's a mostly peaceful existence, but there are droughts that can last several days, so it's important for the beavers to have plenty of water to drink and food to eat while the drought continues.

Of course, they're building dams, that's what beavers do, but they're also chopping down trees, harvesting food, and farming. They're building water pumps, farms, lodges, and more. Wood makes their world go round, so they need plenty of it.

The first goal is to provide the beavers with water, and then start harvesting available foods. They'll need lumberjack stands to chop down wood, and gatherer huts to gather berries. They need a farmer to grow food, and a forester to plant more trees.

They don't need an axe, but they will need a grinding wheel in case a tooth gets broken.

The hardest part for me in any resource city builder game is not to build too quickly, and Timberborn is no exception. You can easily forget about making sure your beavers have plenty of water and food when you're trying to get them to build a printing press.

Beavers need about 2 units of water and 2-3 units of food per day. Make sure you have plenty of stored water and food for every beaver to make it through the droughts. Build plenty of lodges for those beavers, and they'll get busy and make more beavers for you to feed and water.

Once you have your beavers stabilized and producing plenty of food, you can begin exploring other things

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GARDEN PATCH

# Goldenrod signals Fall

**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.

Texas has the opportunity for a "second spring" in years when fall brings cooler temperatures and rain. Roses, salvias and other perennials bloom, ornamental grasses flaunt their seedheads and newly planted annuals flourish. When drought and high heat persists well into September, the chance of a second spring diminishes.

In this scenario, many summer-blooming plants will likely remain dormant. However, shorter autumn days will trigger the growth and bloom of fall ornamentals, such as chrysanthemum, aster, goldenrod, Mexican bush sage and Mexican mint marigold. Their ability to develop to their full potential likely depends upon available moisture.

Texas native plants have a better potential to thrive during drought and heat, particularly those that naturally grow along roadsides, in pastures and in other undeveloped areas. Goldenrod, for instance, is a perennial wildflower that reliably produces bright yellow flower clusters atop tall stems from late summer until frost. It is so prolific that it's often thought of as a weed. And because it appears at the same time as ragweed, it is mistakenly thought to cause allergies.

In North America, more than 100 goldenrod species exist as well as numerous cultivars. They thrive in myriad environments, including meadows, woodlands, and swamps. Goldenrod is a forgiving plant that adapts well to cultivation in Zones 2-8. It blooms best in full sun to mostly sunny conditions. Goldenrod also tolerates poor, rocky soils and drought.

When flowering, goldenrods produce nectar for bees, butterflies, and wasps. As blooms fade and seed develops, birds enjoy the feast. Likely because of its spicy fragrance, goldenrod is deer resistant. Goldenrod naturalizes easily



COURTESY PHOTO

"When it blooms in gardens and natural areas, goldenrod signals fall."

in gardens, so give it room to spread. It propagates by wind-driven seeds and multiplies by underground rhizomes. If space is limited, contain the plant's spread either by dividing it every two to three years, removing spent blooms before they go to seed, surrounding the plant with edging placed deep enough to limit root spread or by growing it in pots. Containerized plants may be sunk into the ground in garden beds, assuming the pots have adequate drain holes.

When planting, site goldenrods in well-drained soil where it receives very little supplemental water. Do not fertilize. Giving the plant fertilizer, too much shade or too much water will re-

sult in tall, floppy foliage and fewer blooms. Taller varieties grown in rich soils may require staking. Mulch around plant roots annually to conserve water and reduce weeds.

Goldenrod species vary in size and appearance. Cultivars are less aggressive spreaders than their native counterparts. In late winter, cut plant stalks to within a few inches of the ground.

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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the beavers can make. The maps are dotted with ruins of ancient cities, which provide metal as a resource. Metal gives you more things you can build, like a printing press, or a windmill to get power from the wind. There are crops that require cooking (and makes the beavers much happier, because they're probably sick of carrots) like potatoes and wheat.

That's just the beginning of the game. I've looked at what other players have done, and they're damming rivers to make giant lakes that can last through a seven-day drought or building aqueducts to get water to various communities. If you like planning water systems and hydraulics, this is a great game for that.

You can also create your own maps for your beavers, and download maps made by other players. The map creator is easy to use and pretty intuitive.

Even though the rest of the game uses nicely rendered 3-D objects, the land itself is composed of cubes. I thought this was odd at first, but after thinking about it, it makes sense. What the cubes represent is a unit. Each cube is a piece of land that is either touching water, in shallow water, in deep water, or completely dry. Just like the beavers, the cube has an amount of water it requires to keep the plants alive. If there's too much water only aquatic plants will grow. Essentially this is how the game computes the drought/hydration cycle.

This game is in early development, and they're still getting input from gamers to make it better. This is a great example of why you should release games in early development. Essentially players are play testers, testing the game to its limits. "Beaver city-builders aren't exactly an established genre, and your voice helps us decide what works and what doesn't. Thanks to that feedback, the core of the game is here, it's fun to play, and we want to make it available for everyone."

## CIVIL WAR ROUNDTABLE

# Civil War Roundtable talks resume in September



BY BILL DYESS

Bill Dyess, a retired attorney, has lived in Granbury since 2007, and has had an interest in the American Civil War since childhood. He is a member of the steering committee of the North Central Texas Civil War Round Table.

The North Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 Hwy 377E, in Granbury.

Our program will be presented by Dr. Rick McCaslin, Professor of History at the University of North Texas. Dr. McCaslin has written or edited nineteen books, mainly on Texas and Civil War military subjects. His 2004 biography of Robert E. Lee was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He will speak to us about the cotton trade in Texas during the Civil War.

Although we do not meet during the months of June, July and August, several members and guests enjoyed a late July tour of the Civil War Museum in Fort Worth. The museum is closing in December of this year. Those of you who have not seen the displays there should make every effort to do so before it closes.

### SEPTEMBER IN THE CIVIL WAR

Although small battles and skirmishes occurred almost daily in all three theatres of the war, no major battles took place in September 1861. Two general officers, at the time not greatly acclaimed but who ultimately became military leaders in the war, made their first notable appearances in the hostilities.



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A picture of the CSS Hunley.

In the western theatre, Union General Ulysses S. Grant established headquarters at Cairo Illinois, and immediately moved to oust the Confederate forces from Paducah and Smithfield, Kentucky. By doing so, he prevented the Confederacy from claiming the entire state of Kentucky and foreshadowed his future campaigns utilizing

the Ohio and Cumberland rivers. In the eastern theatre, a Confederate force, led by General Robert E. Lee, was defeated in its Cheat Mountain campaign, in what is now West Virginia. This was a major setback to the Confederacy's attempt to regain what was then western Virginia.

### DID YOU KNOW

The first instance of underwater warfare occurred on Feb. 17, 1864, when the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley attacked and sank the Union Navy ship Housatonic, in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina. The Hunley, however, failed to return to its dock in Charleston, and was lost, along with its eight-man crew, until 1995, when its wreck was located on the bottom of the harbor. It was

raised in 2000, and is on display in North Charleston, South Carolina, at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center on the Cooper River. It is believed that the explosive charge which the submarine used to destroy the Housatonic also resulted in the sinking of the Hunley.

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table meets on the second Monday of each month, except June, July, and August, at 6:30 p.m., at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 Hwy 377 E in Granbury, and guests are always welcome. There is no charge for first time attendees. For more information, please refer to our website: ncentexwrt.com, or call either David Wells, at 817-579-5769, or Bill Dyess, at 817-326-8216.

Civil War Round Tables exist in cities and communities worldwide. All are independent, and share a common objective in promoting and expanding interest in the study of the American Civil War.



A picture of the USS Housatonic, a war ship sunk by the Confederate submarine CSS Hunley, as mentioned in the column.

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