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Granbury ISD Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Glenn gives a thumbs up with staff after an interview.

## 'This is a court, not our living room'

### County discusses possibility of adopting new parliamentary procedure

BY ASHLEY TERRY  
Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court discussed the advantages and disadvantages in potentially adopting a new parliamentary procedure during its regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 26.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle began the discussion-only agenda item by explaining how the procedure in question, Robert's Rules of Order, is conducted.

"This comes out of the treatise called The Basics," he said. "The benefits of parliamentary procedure include the following: justice and courtesy for all, maintenance of order, consideration of one item at a time, all sides get heard, majority rule, and protection of rights of all members, including the minority," he said. "And sometimes we have differences of opinion up here, which is fine... but I'm throwing it on the table as a point of discussion, because we need some sort of consideration for staying with our rules of decorum."

Eagle continued by saying that the Hood County Commissioners Rules of Order and Decorum does not "prohibit criticism of the commissioners court," but how every comment needs to relate to county business.

"I'm throwing this on the table because I would like to see what we can do to make this more of a business experience between all of us," he concluded.

According to Slack.com, in essence, Robert's Rules of Order boils down to three guiding principles:

Everyone should be allowed to speak once before anyone speaks again.

Everyone has the right to know what is happening, and speakers should only be interrupted in urgent situations.

Consider only one motion at a time.

Hood County resident Elizabeth Mercer stated that she wasn't for sure that conducting meetings under Robert's Rules is "really necessary," but that the commissioners should define certain rules under the current parliamentary procedure.

"We should all be behaving, and I get that; it's all PLEASE SEE **COURT** | A3

## Granbury ISD Bond Issue

### An interview with Dr. Jeremy Glenn

BY SAM HOUSTON  
Publisher

The Granbury ISD School Board has placed on the November ballot two separate propositions; a \$151 million dollar bond election and a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE). If passed, funds generated by the bond would go toward building a new elementary school, updating, and refurbishing the existing grade and middle schools, purchasing 30 new school buses, a new bus barn on the north side of town, and security improvements for all campuses. Advocates for the bond believe the new elementary

school and renovations are necessary to address school overcrowding and to eliminate students from being housed in temporary buildings, as well as provide for the future as the community continues to grow. They assert the additional buses will allow for earlier start and dismissal times, as well as making student pickup and delivery more efficient. Opponents of the bond assert that with the present economy and recent increases in accessed values of real estate, taxpayers simply cannot afford a bond issue package. They argue the state legislature has recently provided tax relief to homeowners, and the bond issue would eliminate a portion of those tax reduc-

tions unnecessarily. Proponents of the VATRE election advocate that passage will provide an additional 8.2 million dollars in state revenue to provide pay increases to teachers and bring their salary up to the level of other districts in the area. It will also allow the district to hire additional staff to keep student/teacher ratios low. Pay increases will diminish the transfer of teachers to other higher-paying districts and ensure a high quality, stable staff. Opponents of the VATRE do not believe a pay increase is affordable for the taxpayers. They assert a teacher pay increase is not necessary and question the financial judgment of GISD

leadership. Knowing the importance and the impact of these two elections on our community, I sat down with Superintendent of GISD, Dr. Jeremy Glenn, to discuss the propositions. Because of the length of the interview, this report is limited to the bond issue. In next week's edition, we will continue the interview with Dr. Glenn focusing on the VATRE. Publisher: Why is a new grade school needed? Dr. Glenn: We have not built a new elementary school in our community since 1996, and a lot has changed in our community since that time. This district has grown and

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## Granbury Communications Manager graduates from Certified Public Communicator Program

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

During a regularly scheduled city council meeting on Sept. 19, City Manager Chirs Coffman announced that Jeff Newpher, City Communications Manager, graduated from an extensive program at Texas Christian University.

The Certified Public Communicator program is a 95-hour program that offers leadership training and rigorous post-baccalaureate education for public information managers and communication professionals working for cities, counties, school districts, and other public and public-private agencies and organizations. With the Texas Association of Municipal Information Officers as a partner, the program encompasses the complexities, challenges, and importance of public communication to citizens and stakeholders.

Students graduate from the program with three-year communication plans and policies



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Jeff Newpher who is the communications manager for the City of Granbury, graduated from the Certified Public Communicator Program at Texas Chirstian University in July.

for their organizations, which are put into action during the year with time for testing and revisions before graduation. In addition, students work

with their professional cohort of colleagues, attend keynote presentations with other communication professionals, and engage in a year-long process

of professional growth and goal setting. Organizations that send their managers and communicators to the program receive tested communication plans, including social media policies, research-based strategies and tactics, crisis communication plans, and more.

Newpher has been working in municipal governments for the last nine years and has been with Granbury since 2021.

"When I came to Granbury, city leadership already knew the high value of the program, supported my application and participation. With the evolving communication efforts of the city and the years since a communications plan was last completed, a new, updated plan was needed. This program creates the time, space, resources, guidance, and maybe most importantly, the motivation to write a comprehensive communications plan," Newpher said. "In 2022, the City Council and City Staff went through a multi-day process of evaluation and future planning to

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## Granbury Lieutenant finishes new command officer program

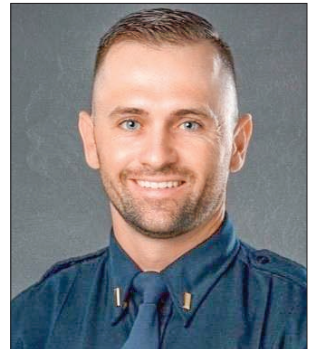
BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

Garrett Wiginton received certification from the Law Enforcement Command Officer Program in August, becoming the 52nd officer in the state to receive this certification.

Wiginton was recognized for this certification during a city council meeting on Sept. 19.

"I know we don't get to say thank you enough. We appreciate you, and I hope that you're feeling the joy of being completed with that program," City Manager Chris Coffman said during the meeting.

Wiginton has been with the Granbury Police Department for 15 years and has served as a Patrol Officer, Sergeant, SWAT Operator, SWAT Commander, and is currently a Patrol Lieutenant. Wiginton also holds a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Master Peace Officer Certificate and is a 10-year U.S. Army Reserves Veteran and a firearms and Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training instructor. He is now certified under the LECOP



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Garrett Wiginton

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# COMMUNITY BUSINESS

## CHAMBER NEWS



## Second annual Women in Business Summit inspiring the champion in you: Rising up!

### Chamber Message

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce's Second Annual Women in Business Summit held this past Tuesday was a resounding sellout and success! More than 250 women from various industries and backgrounds gathered at the Lake Granbury Conference Center to celebrate the strength, resilience, and achievements of women in our community. Attendees experienced a magical day of empowerment, enlightenment, and networking opportunities! None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our sponsors, enlightening speakers, passionate volunteers and the enthusiastic participation of our attendees. The Granbury Chamber of Commerce extends its heartfelt gratitude to all who played a pivotal role in making this event a success.

This year's featured keynote speaker, Teresa LaBarbera, a top music executive known for her remarkable achievements, addressed the summit attendees with a captivating talk titled, "Plate Spinning for the Modern Woman: My Journey Balancing Success, Work and Family." She shared personal stories of her world in the music industry while working side by side with artists like Beyonce, Destiny's Child, and Jessica Simpson and their discovery as superstars. Teresa offered invaluable guidance on achieving a harmonious balance between professional accomplishments and personal fulfillment.

The Summit also included a lineup of passionate speakers that inspired attendees to reach new heights in their professional and personal journeys. Holly Martin, General Manager of the Granbury Chamber, kicked off the event with an energizing session on "Unlocking the Power of Connections." Next, dedicated community leaders Tammy Dooley, Director of the City of Granbury Convention and Visitors Bureau, Crystal Moore, Executive Director of United Way of Hood County, and Jan Caldwell Hulett, retiree of Luminant Power as the Community Affairs Manager, followed with an enlightening panel discussion on "Rising Together Through Collaboration." Following the panel, Kelsey Wallen, President/COO of VYBE Marketing, presented a stimulating session on how to "Make Your Mark." And lastly, Deborah McKinnon, a renowned Life Coach, took the stage to guide attendees on a journey to "Find Your Path", encouraging self-discovery and personal growth.

The Women in Business Summit would not have been possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors and the enlightening speakers. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to women in business.

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- Carrie Spivey with CFX Creative Concepts, LLC for capturing all the excitement
- Staged by Jessica for her amazing stage and photo booth décor
- Granbury High School Stowaways for their lunchtime entertainment
- Keynote Speaker: Teresa LaBarbera
- Rising Up Collaboration Panel: Tammy Dooley, Jan Caldwell Hulett, and Crystal Moore
- Session Speakers: Kelsey Wallen, Deborah McKinnon, and Holly Martin

We also want to extend a special thank you to the Women In Business Summit Committee for their unwavering support and commitment in organizing this incredible summit. Without these amazing volunteers, this event would not be possible. We truly appreciate their dedication to empowering women in the business community!

As we look forward to future events, we remain committed to supporting and celebrating the achievements of women in our community and beyond. Together, we rise, inspire, and make our mark in the world of business!

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

# Penthouse to outhouse? Really?



**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.

For any NFL football fan of the Dallas Cowboys, the past three weeks have been quite a roller coaster ride. In week one, while playing on the road for the big season opening Sunday Night prime time broadcast, the Cowboys completely decimated the New York Giants 40 to nothing! Even the vast difference in the score does not truly reveal the complete dominance of the Cowboys. The defense, while shutting out New York, also managed to secure four turnovers. While the offense was not spectacular, it was efficient and complimentary. It was one of the most lopsided, overwhelming victories in Cowboy

opening day history.

A week later, the Cowboys played what most experts would call a better team than the Giants and won 30-10. Once again, the defense played wonderfully, causing 3 turnovers and for the most part, shutting the Jets down. The offense held off the Jets' potent defense and was able to coast to victory.

After two weeks the fans, the media, and it would seem the world itself, was ready to proclaim the Cowboys Super Bowl Champions to be. There were statements that this year's Cowboy defense might be one of the most dominant in a generation. Fans of the team were giddy with excitement for the next game, and detractors of the Cowboys had to bite their lips, because there was really no criticism to render. Then came the third week,

and the mighty Cowboys fell to Arizona 28 to 16. The celebrated defense of the Cowboys looked less than ordinary, and while there were numerous injuries on the offensive line, which could explain a portion of the malaise, the Texas coast offense looked terribly pedestrian.

In response to the loss, some fans immediately threw up their hands and expressed bewilderment. What they thought was a championship team, was clearly a pretender and would only serve to be another mediocre Cowboys team; the season lost, and we fans are left to spend the next four months enduring another unsatisfying season.

Did the Cowboys really fall from the "penthouse to the outhouse" because of one game? Were the first two games of the season

only a mirage? Is the season doomed?

Between the salary cap, which determines how much money each team can spend on talent, and the limited number of spots for players on a team, the NFL has done its best to ensure competitive balance. The difference between winning and losing is often a single play, a dropped pass, a fumble, or a penalty. The margin of difference, even between the best team and the worst team, is very small.

Even though the Cowboys played very, very well in the first two games, there is a lot of "proving" to be done before they can be considered to be a championship team. On the other hand, because they lost on the road and played poorly, does not mean the season is over, and they are trash. There is a rea-

son why they play seventeen games in the NFL, and how a team performs over the long haul is what will determine the success or failure of the season.

Seldom is life as good as we imagine it to be, nor is it as bad as we make it out to be after suffering a few misfortunes. Life is like the football season, there are a lot of challenges, and the competition can be tough. If it weren't tough, what would be the joy in winning?

Cowboy fans, keep your chin up. All is not lost. Let's see what happens.

Thought for the day: Success is not necessarily defined by what you achieve, but by what you overcome.

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

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## Folks around town



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Monty Lewis

### Say hello to our neighbor, Monty Lewis!

Monty and Claudette Lewis have lived in Granbury since April 2001. They were living Westchester Pennsylvania when they had the opportunity to move back to Texas. What Monty and Claudette loved most when they first came to Granbury was the quaintness of the town and the Square and, of course, the Lake. Monty says what is so very special about Granbury are the people and the Community spirit to help others in need. "Claudette and I have lived in 7 different areas in the US and never have we seen the overwhelming positive Community spirit like it is in Granbury. There are just really, really good people here." Come 5:00 Monty and Claudette love to retire to the back porch, enjoy the lake view, and discuss the day's activities. "We are blessed in so many ways." The Lewis family are long-time and love to sit down and read the Hood County News, as it is the local connection of all things about Granbury. It's a great read and I especially like the expanded sections about our GISD kids and the tributes to our senior citizens.

## COURT

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of us," Mercer said. "It's not just the people who come up here and speak; it's all of us. So, if we're going to declare that we're going to be more civil and we're going to be more respectful, then okay, let's, but let it be all of us."

Mercer concluded by saying that everyone needs to develop a sense of humor and develop some respect for each other.

"If you're going to ask me to do that — and you have every right to, and I should be respectful — then I'm going to ask it of all of you, and I'm going to ask you to not be so sensitive," she said. "If you haven't done your job properly, according to someone who pays your salary, you don't get to cry. What is that line in that movie? There's no crying in baseball? Well, there's no crying in commissioners court either."

Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews then stated that he believed Mercer was "100% correct."

"I don't think anybody out here is advocating to remove any criticism," he said. "If we do something wrong, come up here and get them to tell us. If you feel that we've done something wrong, it is absolutely how this system should work.

We have absolutely lost the civility in this thing."

Speaker Harold Granek quoted from the current rules and procedures of the Hood County Commissioner's Court, explaining that the county judge is the presiding officer and is responsible for conducting all meetings and members of the public.

Additionally, Granek quoted that these rules "do not prohibit public criticism of the commissioner's court, including criticism of any policy procedures and programs or services."

Granek then brought up an incident that occurred earlier that morning during open mic and explained how those rules were violated.

"For decades, I've dealt with meetings with Robert's Rules of Order," he said. "But I'm more concerned about the quagmire error. I don't know if the United States Congress is under Robert's Rules of Order, but I certainly know the quagmire that exists there and how little gets done. I don't want these meetings to be stretched out any more than they are already. I think the way we have it is good, and I think it's just everybody needs to follow the rules."

Hood County resident Tina Brown was the next speaker, who began by explaining how she didn't know what Robert's Rules of

Order was because the book is "400 pages," in length.

She stated that the Hood County Commissioners Court is the "only court that does seem to get out of order," but that it's also the "only one that allows" the public to freely talk and give their opinions.

"The problem seems to be transparency and division in this county; it's bad," she said, adding that the commissioners court needs to "set an example" while conducting public meetings instead of only criticizing the speakers.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson said that she agreed with Brown and explained how there are courses and books specifically on Robert's Rules, but that there are also cheat sheets available for the court to use if they adopt the parliamentary procedure in the future.

"It goes through the different actions," Samuelson explained. "(It tells you) what to say. Can this action interrupt a speaker? Is a second needed? Can it be debated? Can it be amended? What vote is needed, either majority or chair decision? There's different things for different actions."

She added that she is in favor of having an open mic, as she was the one who made the motion to include it during every meeting instead of only once a month.

"I really want to allow people to redress their grievances with their government," Samuelson said. "And as a couple of people have said, it's our job to stay up here and listen, learn from it, and take action if necessary at a later court date, so I'm very in favor of that."

She also pointed out how people speak out of turn — both commissioners and the public — and how by doing that, the court isn't following its own rules.

"I mean, just today during open mic, the judge even said, 'I'm not supposed to say this, but,' and then he began a conversation," Samuelson said. "Well, he knew that he was not following his own rules, but he felt compelled, and I get this too. I feel compelled to answer because I want to provide information, and it's kind of hard sometimes to hold back, but we need to do a better job of following our rules."

She concluded by saying that the commissioners need to set an example and make sure that they're upholding that standard for every future meeting.

Samuelson added, "This is a court, not our living room."

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## PROGRAM

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create 'Focus Elements.' Council officially approved the document."

For Newpher's three-year communication plan, Newpher added that, "Granbury's plan is based on not only the broad Focus Elements but the communications-specific ones, as well. It has goals, objectives and tactics that are divided in calendar quarters. On any given day, in addition to the pressing tasks that need to be completed, the Communications Team of Broadcast Specialists, Chuck Licata, and me can

also review and measure progress on quarterly goals and keep the bigger three-year goals in view. The plan was designed to be flexible and frequently amended."

Newpher noted that many skills he learned from the program have already been applied when working with the city.

"The city is in the process of building new, inbound communication channels as we try to increase our listening to residents. It was through the Certified Public Communicator program that I became better educated and then convinced of the value of those listening channels. Through the com-

munications plan process, I was able to research, select what partners are best for Granbury, create a strategy and a timetable. Upon presentation to city council, the program was endorsed and funded," Newpher said. He also noted that principles he learned were used regarding communication during the Stage Two Water Conservation in August.

"The decision to give residents a telephone connection to a person who could answer questions about the plan not only benefited the residents but also helped us modify and improve our electronic communication," Newpher added.

Coffman was proud to recognize Newpher for the completion of this program.

"We've already seen some of the benefits of the program with new listening and surveying programs being developed, so decisions are made with the benefit of a broader range of valid community input. It's also become a valuable resource for our city to have Jeff be part of a close network of public communicators - to give and get feedback on new ideas on how better to serve our residents," Coffman said during the meeting.

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# BOND

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continues to grow. More and more developers are buying up property and platting homes, which we know means more students.

I think there are two primary reasons. One, it takes care of the overcrowding at our current facilities. We currently have students in temporary buildings at three of our elementary schools. Secondly, to make sure we are proactive to the families that are moving into the district, and we have a place for those future kids who will be attending GISD.

**Publisher:** If the bond issue passes, where will the new elementary school be built?

**Dr. Glenn:** The district purchased property in the early 2000's at the corner of Peck Road and the Old Granbury Road. The property was bought in anticipation of our district's growth and is fully paid for. Part of the bond will go to construct the school, but a portion will also go to improve the roadways that lead to the school, putting in deceleration and acceleration lanes and building an interior loop so the school does not cause a traffic problem like we have on some of our other campuses. We want to be good stewards to the homeowners who live in that area, so we do not affect their traffic. We will be working with the city and county to make the roadways as efficient as possible.

**Publisher:** If passed, will some of the bond money be used for improvements for existing elementary and middle schools? What type of work needs to be done on those existing schools?

**Dr. Glenn:** We have six schools that need life cycle replacements. We have pipelines that are so deteriorated we are having to close bathroom wings at some of the campuses. There are HVAC units which have surpassed their life expectancy and struggle to keep up with the outside heat. Then there is simple wear and tear on the buildings. When we build a school, we want it to last 50, 60, 70 years, but there does have to be an investment, like what you would do with your house. There is upkeep, and we are looking at doing those life cycle types of renovations on the other six grade school and middle school campuses. We are also looking at trying to solve some of the traffic problems at AMS and at Oakwood Elementary. This would also get kids out of portable buildings at AES, Brawner and Oakwood.

**Publisher:** If the bond issue is passed, you would purchase 30 new buses. Is there a problem with your current bus fleet?

**Dr. Glenn:** As a fleet, our school buses drive nearly 5,500 miles a day That is like driving across the United States and back every school day. We have a geographically large district. We would like to place a bus barn on the north side of town. This new bus barn would be near Lions Park on property already owned by GISD. This will allow shorter routes and get us off the road quicker, and hopefully solve some of the traffic problems in town. Right now, we must make all the elementary school pickups and drop-offs, and then do the secondary school pickup and drop-offs, which results in some crazy start times. We have elementary schools starting at 7:25 am, and secondary schools who do not get out of school until around 4:30. Driving more routes can push elementary school starts back and



Dr. Jeremy Glenn helping staff.

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**DR. JEREMY GLENN**  
Granbury TSD Superintendent

allow secondary students to get out of school earlier. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from parents about the possibility of later start times for elementary schools.

**Publisher:** You have previously indicated that a portion of the bond would be for increased security at our school campuses. How so?

**Dr. Glenn:** We are looking at more cameras and more computer servers to store the data the cameras produce. Keyless entry points where people would have to use their badge to get in and out of buildings. We are also looking at newer technology, which includes metal detectors. I am not talking about metal detectors like you would see at the airport, but rather machines that are similar to anti-theft machines at a department store. They can detect metal objects, and the kids do not even know they are being scanned. In today's world, the security of our students must be a top priority.

**Publisher:** I have read comments on social media where people question the way GISD has managed their finances. When was the last time a bond passed, and what is the status of that bond?

**Dr. Glenn:** 2013 was the last time a bond was passed at GISD. It was for renovation of the administration building and the high school. Since 2005, the district has refunded or redeemed debt, saving the taxpayers over \$26 million in interest payments. This would be for the bonds prior to 2013 and the 2013 bond. The district has also approved the prepayment of a little

over \$6 million in debt for August of 2024, saving the taxpayers an additional \$938,000 in interest payments. Currently, all bonds are on pace to be paid off early.

**Publisher:** Does the state have a system where they evaluate how a school system is managing their finances and safeguarding the taxpayers' dollars?

**Dr. Glenn:** Yes, the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas is a rating system put in place by the state. This year the GISD received a Superior rating and a perfect score of 100. This is the 8th consecutive year we have received such a Superior designation.

**Publisher:** Over the past ten years, how has the GISD tax rate changed?

**Dr. Glenn:** Taxes went up when voters approved the 2013 bond, but in the last 8 years the rate has declined every year. The district has nothing to do with home valuations, but the district does control the school tax rate and we maintain the lowest rate in Hood County and one of the lowest tax rates in the metroplex for schools of our size.

**Publisher:** How does the GISD tax rate compare to Aledo, Cleburne, Burleson, or some of our other neighbors?

**Dr. Glenn:** Many of the districts have a tax rate over \$1.00 and some as high as \$1.20. If both issues being placed on the ballot pass, our rate would be .9342, which is less than the prior year's rate of .9996.

**Publisher:** The current GISD taxable rate is .9996. The legislature has taken some action which will

offer tax relief to property owners and compress the rate to a lower rate. How will the bond issue effect affect this tax relief?

**Dr. Glenn:** This is where it gets confusing for people. Because of steps taken by the legislature to offer tax relief, the school tax rate for the upcoming year will be automatically reduced (compressed). If the bond issue is not passed, taxpayers will receive the full amount of the compression. If the bond issue is approved, taxpayers will still receive tax savings of approximately .06 cents per \$100 of assessed value, from what they paid this year. In short, we can pass the bond, and the tax rate from last year to this upcoming year will still decrease. It will not decrease as much as it will without the bond issue, but it will decrease. People can go to the GISD website and click on the Election 2023 tab, and then go to the GISD tax rate calculator and insert their accessed value of their property in 2022 and in 2023 and see how much their taxes would change if the bond would be approved. We want people to understand exactly what they are voting for and what it will cost.

Next week: the Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE). What are the arguments for increasing teacher salaries? What is affordable? What do other schools in our area pay? What are the potential consequences of not increasing teachers' salaries? How will the passage or the failure of the VATRE proposition affect individual homeowner's taxes?

# CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

**ROCKS ALIVE!** Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smoky Hill Court, Granbury, TX. Educational and fun interactive exhibits on rocks, soil, water (on and below the surface), air/weather, and the sun. Special exhibit previewing the upcoming eclipses. Presented by Texas Master Naturalist, Rio Brazos Chapter. Sponsors and Partners: Acton Nature Center, Hood County Development District #1, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and Texas AgriLife. Event information contact is Melody Holm mholm@riobrazosmn.org, 303-349-5531

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SUNDAY, OCT. 1

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH** of the Good Shepherd Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. at 4530 Acton Hwy. Donations for area animal shelters will be accepted.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

**COME & Learn** Social Square Dancing at the YMCA Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This 14 week class is a family-friendly class for 7th graders thru adults. For more information, text Sandi at 682-248-9292 or send an email to sandiknoyes@gmail.com

**OPERA GUILD** of Granbury monthly meeting/luncheon Oct. 3 held at DeCordova Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive. Come join us: 10:00 a.m. Social/Check-in -11:00 a.m. Entertainment/ For His Glory-Ray Scott & Lois Akers -Showtunes & Gospel Music, Short Business meeting - 11:30 a.m. Optional Lunch (\$18) - noon - House Salad, House made Lasagna, Broccoli, Breadsticks & Butter, Assorted Cookies, Coffee/Tea/Water Reservations required no later than Friday, Sept. 29. Contact granburyog@gmail.com or 817-776-2898. General Membership, single \$25.00, join \$35.00, Business Membership \$35.00. The Guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN** Church of Granbury is having their fall rummage sale at 300 W Bridge St. from 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be lots of items at very low prices.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

**TEXAS DEMOCRATIC** Women of Hood County Annual Scholarship Lun-

## TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

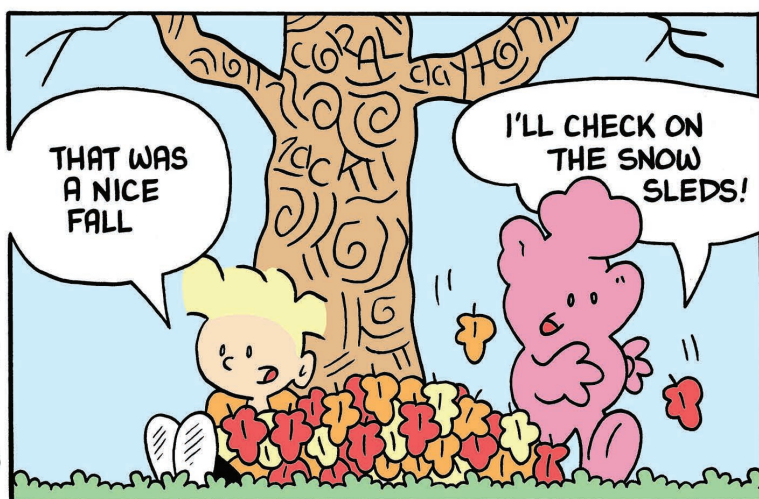
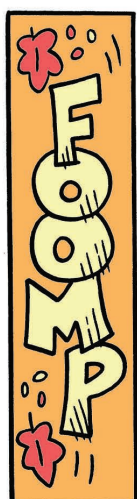
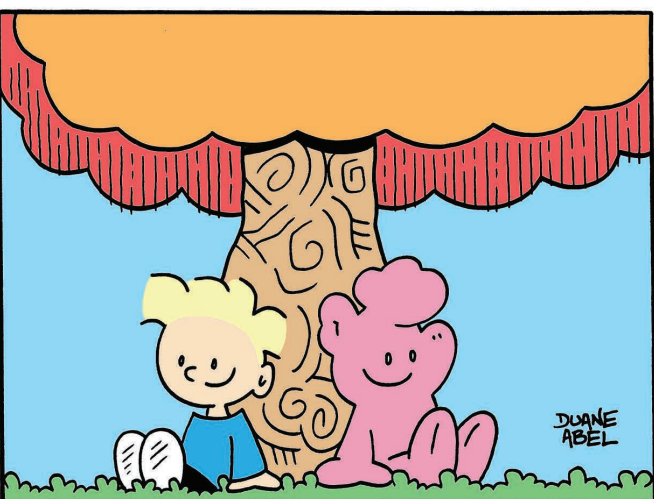


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# “Everyone knows someone” Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

In 1981, the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline was established. Two years later, Congress passed Law 101-112, which officially designated October as domestic violence awareness month according to the Texas Council on Family Violence.

“An average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually. One in three women and one in four men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and one in five women and one in seven men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner,” according to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

On Sept. 19, during the regularly scheduled city council meeting, Mayor Jim Jarratt announced a proclamation declaring the month as domestic violence awareness month and presented it to some staff members of Mission Granbury.

“Domestic violence is a serious crime that touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender indemnity, or socioeconomic status. Domestic Violence Awareness month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn about pre-

venting domestic violence and how to show support for the organization and individuals who provide critical advocacy services and assistance to victims,” Mayor Jarratt said during the meeting.

Mission Granbury is a non-profit organization that provides nine human services programs and resources for those in need or in crisis.

“The best thing we can do is to arm the community with knowledge. We want the community to know that these situations do happen here, and they are life or death situations,” Rossner, Director of Programs at Mission Granbury said.

In the fiscal year of 2023, Mission Granbury’s Family Violence Program provided services to 139 women, 11 men and 109 children.

The organization also has a women and children shelter in Fort Worth known as the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children, that provides 24/7 care to an average of 12 people



Mayor Jim Jarratt presents a declaration from the City of Granbury declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month to some employees of Mission Granbury.

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per night. The shelter also provides individual and group therapy with licensed counselors.

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, common signs of abusive behavior can include:

- Telling you that you never do anything right.

- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.

- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with others, particularly friends, family members, or peers.

- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in

front of other people.

- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.

- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, such as taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.

- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you’re not comfortable with.
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.

- Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.

- Insulting your parenting or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.

- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- Destroying your belongings or your home.

The Texas Council on Family Violence recognizes a couple of specific days of October for those wanting to show support and awareness for domestic violence victims.

“The Day of Unity, now recognized on the first Monday in October, celebrates the origin of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is a perfect time to reflect on where we’ve been and where we’re going in the

movement to end intimate partner violence. Purple Thursday, or “Go Purple Day,” is a National Day of Action each October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Everyone is encouraged to wear all things purple as a symbol of peace, courage, survival, honor, and personal dedication to domestic violence awareness. On Oct. 19 put on your purple and stand up against family violence,” the TCFA website reads.

A 1K and 5K will be held with proceeds benefiting Mission Granbury. The runs will take place on Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. at Hewlett Park. To register visit [www.runraceday.com/registraion](http://www.runraceday.com/registraion).

Mission Granbury will also host an event “Light the night” that will celebrate survivors of domestic violence and honor and remember those who have lost their lives. The event will also feature a speaker who has survived domestic violence, and they will share their journey.

The event will take place on at the Granbury Courthouse lawn on the side of the gazebo on Oct. 21 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information on Mission Granbury and their services, visit their website at [www.missiongranbury.org](http://www.missiongranbury.org).



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Members of the Leadership Team at Mission Granbury, Shelter Program Director Rebecca Freeman, Shelter Advocate Nadine Sheeley, and Board of Director President Marilyn Luton, posed with the Hood County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Sept. 26, in recognition of the proclamation declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

## COMMAND FROM PAGE A1

The program is put on by the Texas Police Chief’s Association that has been out for a little over a year where an officer goes through an extensive pro-

gram. The officer has a choice between two different tracks through the program, with one focusing on personal development leadership and the other on organizational health and integrity.

“This is the first program that was set up for command officers. It’s a

certification that helps the up-and-coming leaders in the department to help get a better training and understanding of an organizational type setting,” Mitch Galvan, Granbury Chief of Police said. “The minute it came out I wanted my people to go through it.”

Wiginton chose to take

the personal development leadership program and is the first of the three total lieutenants at the Granbury Police Department to finish the program after putting in over a year of time.

The program requires an officer to take 10 courses, six of which are required and four that are electives.

Some of the courses include managing patrol operations, managing criminal investigations, managing special operations, managing traffic operations, and more. There is no time requirement on these courses as it goes based off an officer’s availability to participate in the courses.

“It’s a great program for building command staff and preparing them for the next level. I’ll be really pleased when our complete staff has gone through it. We just really push training our people to better prepare them down the line for future law enforcement,” Chief Galvan said.

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# 'Cancer doesn't stop — and neither do we'

## Granbury resident fights to end cancer in late husband's honor

BY ASHLEY TERRY  
Staff Writer

Granbury resident Carrie Peters recently returned from one of the biggest trips of her life. Peters, a well-known cancer advocate in Hood County, traveled to Washington D.C. earlier this week for Lobby Day, where she met with members of the U.S. Congress about increasing funding for cancer research.

"This year is my second year being in Washington D.C. for Lobby Day," she said. "Six hundred of us went up on Capitol Hill and spoke with their staff. With the issues that we have, we need an increase in cancer research funding. We have a couple of bills out that we'd like to see passed. One is the Medicare Multi Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act, and we're hoping that they're going to pass it. We have scientists out there waiting to develop a blood test that will hopefully test for all cancers."

The PSA Screening for HIM Act, Peters said, is also one that they are hoping to get passed, which would require insurance companies to cover prostate cancer screenings for those at high risk for the disease without out-of-pocket costs.

For the past few years, Peters has worked diligently with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), known as the nation's cancer advocacy organization that works every day to make cancer issues a national priority.

According to the ACS CAN website, for the organization to succeed in its



Granbury resident Carrie Peters, second from left, poses with advocates for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and Samuel Luna, second from right, who serves as Congressman Roger Williams' legislative assistant.

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mission to end suffering and death from cancer, the movement must start at the statehouse and in Congress. The movement is led by volunteers whose lives have been impacted by cancer, and they rally together to demand change from their elected officials.

"It's a great organization," Peters said. "We just stay in touch with our lawmakers, bring our issues to them and see what they can do to help us out. Right now, we're just waiting to see if they'll co-sponsor the bills."

Although not every bill that they advocate for gets sponsored, Peters said they don't always get a "No" right away.

"We just had a bill passed in Texas before they quit the

end of their session," she said. "They passed biomarker testing. It tests samples, blood tissue, and it's a more accurate way to determine the best form of treatment for that disease and type of cancer, so that was a big victory for us in Texas."

For the past four years, Peters has also been involved with ACS CAN's signature fundraising event called Lights of Hope that honors those who have been touched by cancer and those who have been lost.

People around the world can each host their own Lights of Hope event in their community and create paper bags in honor of a loved one lost from cancer.

"Everybody can do their own in their com-

munity, which is always in September, but some are doing it in October," Peters said, adding that a local event was just held in Granbury on Sept. 9. "We take bags. Bags are like \$10 apiece, so I fundraise to raise money for the bags because a lot of people want to do a bag, but they don't actually have that spare \$10 for one, so we host fundraisers to raise the money."

Peters said on Lobby Day every year, her team also lights up bags and places them around the Constitution Gardens in Washington D.C.

"I think they said this year there was close to — and I'm not positive — around 77,000 bags put out around the communities and in

D.C.," she said. "It's a beautiful and amazing sight."

Peters has worked at Walmart in Granbury for almost 40 years, and in that time, she said she has managed to get her coworkers to join her in the Lights of Hope event every year.

"I get tickled at work. They say, 'Don't you ever stop? I say, 'Cancer doesn't stop — and neither do we,'" she said. "It's a 365 day (job), and it's something I work on year-round to help and make a nice thing for our community. My associates at Walmart, they are on my team, and we all work together just to make it happen here."

Although Peters is a big cancer research advocate in Hood County, her late

husband, Rex, is the main reason why she continues to fight.

"Back in 2012, my husband was diagnosed with leukemia, and he died on March 10, 2013," she said. "Before he died, he asked me if I would keep up the fight to end cancer. I did Relay for Life for a couple more years, and somebody said, 'Maybe you ought to get involved with American Cancer Society's Lights of Hope event,' and so that's what I've been doing for the last four years."

She said she encourages everyone around her to join the ACS CAN Lights of Hope campaign to honor those affected by cancer, including the estimated 139,000 Texans who will receive a cancer diagnosis this year.

"I try to talk to them and explain to them that this is what we do," Peters said. "We're out there to make sure that the patients are getting what they need to survive and make their lives better. It's like \$10 a year for a membership, so just come and be a part of something that's amazing, because we've all been touched by cancer. Everybody's life has been touched by it."

She said it feels amazing to continue in her fight against cancer, but that it's also a way to keep her husband's memory alive.

"Even after 10 years it's still hard," Peters said, choking back tears. "I made a promise to him and that's a promise I'm gonna keep."

For more information on Lights of Hope, email Peters at [rexandcarriepeters@yahoo.com](mailto:rexandcarriepeters@yahoo.com), or visit [fightcancer.org](http://fightcancer.org).

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## Voter registration deadline Tuesday, Oct. 10

Voter Registration Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 10. Texas law requires eligible voters to register by the 30th before Election Day. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail for this election is Friday, Oct. 27. Applications must be received by Oct. 27 (not postmarked by that date). To qualify for ballot by mail, you must be 65 years of age or older or have a disability or be confined in jail or

expected to be absent from Hood County during Early Voting or Election Day.

Early voting begins on Monday, Oct. 23 and goes through Friday, Nov. 3. Early voting takes place at the Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury.

For questions, go to [vote.texas.gov/register-to-vote/](http://vote.texas.gov/register-to-vote/) or call Hood County Elections Administrator Stephanie Cooper at 817-408-2525.

### HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING

Oct. 23-27	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
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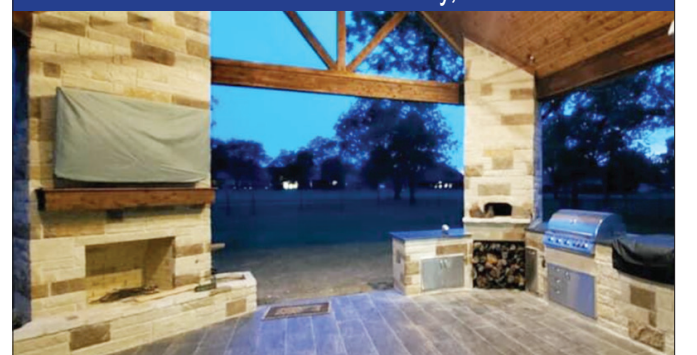
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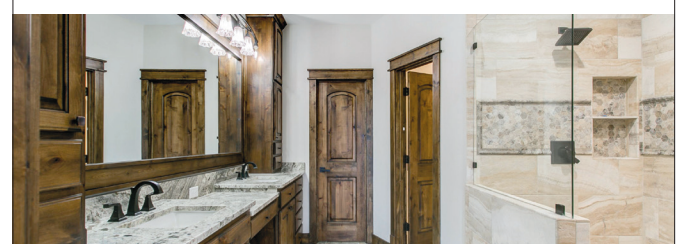
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## THE IDLE AMERICAN

# The shape we're in



BY DON NEWBURY

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

Uncle Mort, my aged uncle down in The Thicket, has heard the expression since childhood. He's used it repeatedly since about the time he thinks he became an adult.

"We're in pretty good shape for the shape we're in."

The rancid saying--when fresh and generally applicable--may have warranted a grin or two back when. Nowadays, there's little evidence that our world is in "pretty good shape," even if viewed from various angles through lenses of rosiest tint. "Anything goes" seems to prevail in the overall scheme of things, and there are far too many schemes. There's little to smile about in a world whose axis grows evermore wobbly.

Thankfully, Mort still tries to find reasons to smile. He pretty much relies on "horse sense" (he calls it "stable thinking") and visits to the general store nearby to eavesdrop and/or take his seat at the domino table. "Flatland tourists" stop by for gas and snacks or to ask directions. They are amused that Mort and his friends have a lively "42" game underway next to the day-old bread rack.

"We have friendly arguments that usually lead to laughter. None of us would make it with computers. I'm afraid we'd jump right into the pool of the opinionated, so we simply quibble among ourselves."

Anyway, Mort and his bunch cringe at the general state of anger and frustra-

tion that permeates our culture.

"Yeah, I overhear enough conversations at the general store to develop strong opinions without ever turning on the television."

Concerning governmental quagmires in both Washington, DC, and Austin, he is flummoxed by the "flailing away" of political figures that resembles participants in "Whack-a-mole" games. (When one mole is "whacked" down, another one appears.)

"Truth, ethics, courage, conviction, and statesmanship historically marked our government leaders," Mort claims. Today, not so true.

He says a recent general store visitor brought "news" of a new health issue purported to be raging in D.C. and Austin.

It was passed along to him by a guy at a gasoline pump who heard it from the second cousin of a man who married the daughter of his junior high school baseball coach.

The affliction seems to be limited to index fingers of governmental leaders of both parties, and, so far, it is nameless.

Symptoms in Austin and Washington include reddened, chafed index fingers.

"One doctor claims the condition is inevitable when too many moistened index fingers are hoisted skyward to determine which way the wind blows," the visitor said.

Mort wonders what

they'll wind up naming this ailment, but he figures it will include broad-brush descriptions of "good government, patriotism, motherhood and/or apple pie." It seems probable that this condition should be named "get-re-elected-itis," or something closely akin thereto.

"Wet fingers lifted to see which way the wind blows are nothing new," Mort opined. "But this practice shouldn't carry the day."

Long a man of prayer, he remembers the country church of his youth. It was comprised largely of farmers who saved money by pooling their orders for new overalls. They always requested double-layered denim in the knees, with quadruple layers in the seat. "We are a praying bunch, so we need double strength fabric for our knees," a deacon explained. "Unfortunately, we do twice as much back-sliding as we do praying, thus the need for four-layered seat fabric."

Rank and file Americans need to "think denim," at least the two-layered kind.

As Mort motored toward home on his golf cart, he was refreshed by cool air accompanying the recently-arrived fall season. Reflective and prayerful, remembrance of Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous quote came to mind: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Mort prayed that the love of money--the root of all evil--might lose its stranglehold on the world.

"We maintained for years that money talks," he thinks. "That's no longer true. Today, it screams."

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Individuals who participated in chemical or biological testing through Project 112 or Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD) during the period from 1962 to 1974 who suffer from conditions recognized as presumptive due to exposure may also be eligible for disability compensation through the VA.

## VETERANS VOICE

## Claims considered for project 112 or SHAD participants

BY LINDA MALLON



Linda Mallon, a retired Army master sergeant, found her niche working with veterans and their families in Granbury. She is a former claims administrator for Blue Shield of New Jersey and later senior personnel sergeant, taking care of soldiers' careers for more than 20 years.

Since the PACT Act was enacted, veterans have been filing claims for disabilities found to be presumptive due to their exposure to Agent Orange, burn pits, radiation, and other hazardous environmental conditions associated with their service. Individuals who participated in chemical or biological testing through Project 112 or Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense (SHAD) during the period from 1962 to 1974 who suffer from conditions recognized as presumptive due to exposure may also be eligible for disability compensation through the VA.

If you were part of these programs and are interested in test sites, unit participants, or ships involved, you can find this information on the declassified Defense Department Fact Sheets on the Health.mil website <https://www.health.mil/Military-Health-Topics/Health-Readiness/Environmental-Exposures/Project-112-SHAD/Fact-Sheets> or contact the Defense Health Agency exposure information hotline at 1-800-497-6261. A VA Special Issue hotline has also been established for veterans with questions about a claim for disability due to exposure during these tests at 1-800-749-8387.

Not all veterans who participated in these programs will have disabilities,

however ALL veterans who suspect exposure to environmental hazards should contact Ernestine Anthony, the VA Environmental Health Coordinator at the Dallas VA Medical Center at 214-857-2562 or email [Ernestine.Anthony@va.gov](mailto:Ernestine.Anthony@va.gov) to schedule an exam. The purpose of these exams is to document your exposure and look for potential conditions you may have as a result. It also provides you with valuable information that your primary care physician can use to better anticipate potential health conditions down the road for early detection and treatment.

Enrolling in the Environmental Health Registry allows you to receive email updates and newsletters with informa-

tion beneficial to you. More information on the list of Toxic Exposure registries can be found on the VA Public Health page <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/benefits/registry-evaluation.asp>. In a previous article, we addressed hazards associated with aqueous film forming foam AFFF used in fire control on airfields.

Texas Veterans Commission published a memo regarding potential AFFF exposure, and we are prepared to file claims for individuals who may have suffered illnesses associated with that. If you suspect you have a condition associated with hazardous exposure that is not on the presumptive list, our office will file that claim regardless. If the claim is denied, and later the condition is recognized by the VA as presumptive or caused by exposure, we can reopen the claim with new evidence so long as we have a current diagnosis for the condition and we have demonstrated that you were exposed during service. This information is important to surviving spouses who suspect their husband's cause of death may have been associated with toxic exposure, and we can review those claims also. Our office will be closed Oct. 9, 12 and 13. We will be back in the office on Monday, Oct. 16, but feel free to email us with questions.

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-56  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL AND UTILITY FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-57  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-50 WHICH ADOPTED THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS; BY AMENDING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN (FLUP), CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-58  
 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1.  
 Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property and area; described as property as a 0.86 acre tract of land described as part Lots 2 and 4, Block 167 Thrash Addition, addressed as 1001 W. Pearl St., in City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas: From Residential 10,000 [R-10] to Light Commercial [LC]

SECTION 6.  
 Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-59  
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-50 WHICH ADOPTED THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS; BY AMENDING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN (FLUP), CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-60  
 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1.  
 Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property and area; described a 2.17-acre tract of the W.G. Terrell Survey, Abstract 5562, addressed as 4226 E US Hwy 377 in City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas: From Light Commercial [LC] to Heavy Commercial [HC]

SECTION 6.  
 Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). Each day that a violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-61  
 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024; PROVIDING FOR POSTING AND FILING OF BUDGET; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-62  
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, LEVYING TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023-2024; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 5.  
 If the tax is unpaid after January 31, 2024, such tax will become delinquent and penalty and interest will attach and accrue as provided by Texas Tax Code, Section 33.01.

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SECTION 6.  
 As provided by Texas Tax Code, Section 33.07, in the event the taxes become delinquent and remain delinquent on July 1, 2024 and in the event, such delinquent taxes are referred to an attorney for collection, an additional penalty in the amount of compensation to be paid in connection with the collection of the delinquent taxes as specified in the contract with the attorney shall be added as collection costs to be paid by the taxpayer.

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

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 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 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:  
 Chyenne 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@poppehardwicke.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 TO CREDITORS**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DAVID JOSEPH LONGENBERGER, Deceased, were issued on August 23, 2023, in Cause No. P10098, pending in the County Court of HOOD County, Texas, to: SANDRA JUNE LONGENBERGER STEWARD.  
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
 c/o: Representative, Estate of DAVID JOSEPH LONGENBERGER  
 The Hyde Law Firm  
 827 West Pearl St.  
 Granbury, Texas 76048  
 DATED August 25, 2023  
 /s/Ashley Gale Vaughan  
 Ashley Gale Vaughan  
 Attorney for SANDRA JUNE LONGENBERGER STEWARD  
 State Bar No.: 24115896  
 827 West Pearl Street  
 Granbury, Texas 76048  
 Telephone: (817) 579-5997  
 Facsimile: (817) 573-4933  
 E-mail: ashleygale@hydefirm.com

**LEGAL AD**  
 A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023, at 9 a.m. during the Hood County Commissioners' Court in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas. The Commissioners' Court will meet to discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the concept plan for SANCTUARY OAKS RANCH, located at 3820 Coleman Ranch Rd, Tolar, TX

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**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION**

BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Justice of The Peace Court of Hood County on a judgement rendered in said county on the 16th day of July 2013 in Cause No. CV130067.

Eliodoro Garza  
VS  
Edward Trammell Individually & D/B/A

I did on the 27TH day of July 2023 at 11:20 A.M. levy upon the following property of: TRAMMELL, EDMOND R III

Lot No 90, Block I, Section A, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision as shown by the plat thereof recorded in Volume 3. Plat 59, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas

Address: 5721 Texas Trail -Granbury, Texas 76048

On the 3rd day of October 2023, between the hours of ten o'clock A.M. and four o'clock P.M., at the South door of the Courthouse of Hood County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the rights, title and interest of the property of the said defendants name by selling the lots separately or until judgement is fulfilled.

Dated at Granbury, Texas this 6th day of September AD, 2023

John D. Shirley  
Constable Precinct 2  
Hood County, Texas

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doris Sue Bentley, Deceased, were issued on September 13, 2023, in Cause No. P10132, pending in the County Court-at-Law of Hood County, Texas, to: Lisa Dawn Cooper.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Representative, Estate of Doris Sue Bentley  
500 W. Sunchase Dr.  
Granbury, Texas 76049  
DATED the 20th day of September, 2023.

Landon Northcutt  
Attorney for Lisa Dawn Cooper  
State Bar No.: 24014544  
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STEPHENVILLE, TX 76401  
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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: JOSH E. WILLIAM MCGEE, Respondent;

**GREETINGS:**  
**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after the date you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of CHARLOTTE MILLS Petitioner, was filed in the COUNTY COURT AT LAW, Court of Hood County, Texas on the 14th of JULY, 2023, against JOSH E. WILLIAM MCGEE, Respondent, numbered CL2023087 and entitled "In the Interest of RAYDEN ALEXANDER MCGEE."

The suit requests: ORIGINAL PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit is RAYDEN ALEXANDER MCGEE AUGUST 21, 2012 FORT WORTH, TEXAS "The court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you including but not limited to the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption."

Issued and Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Granbury, Texas, this the 11th day of September A.D. 2023.

Attorney for Petitioner  
MARJOE BARNHART  
922 WEST PEARL ST.  
GRANBURY, TX 76048

TONNA NEWMAN  
CLERK OF THE  
COUNTY COURT AT LAW  
Hood County, Texas  
By: Susan Ashmore, Deputy

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were issued on September 13, 2023 to Sharron E. Rowe f/k/a Sharron Dunn, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Richard Thomas Nelson, Deceased, in Cause No. P10141, in the County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Each person who has a claim against this estate is required to present the claim within the period prescribed by law.  
The address to which a claim may be presented, in care of the Independent Executrix's attorney, is: Representative, Estate of Richard Thomas Nelson c/o James B. Ravsten, Sawyer Law Firm, PLLC, 500 W. 7th St. Suite 750, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2023, letters testamentary were issued to CHRISTOPHER LEE CRIDER by the County Court of Hood County, Texas, in the case styled Estate of Richard William Crider under Cause No. P10136, pending on the probate docket of the Court.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: September 21, 2023  
Christopher Lee Crider  
Executor of the Estate of Richard William Crider  
c/o Law Firm of William A. Walsh  
922 W. Pearl St.  
Granbury, TX 76048  
/S/ MarJoe D. Barnhart  
State Bar No. 24045498  
Email:  
marjoe.billwalshlaw@yahoo.com  
922 W. Pearl St.  
Granbury, TX 76048  
(682) 936-4090  
Attorney for Christopher Lee Crider

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of DAKODAH HORTON, Deceased, were issued on September 13, 2023, in Cause No. P10038, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: CYNTHIA JAN HORTON.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney at Law  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 20th day of September, 2023.

Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Cynthia Jan Horton  
State Bar No.: 24078807  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
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Facsimile: (817) 579-1651  
E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of CAESAR GREGORY HERNANDEZ, Deceased, were issued on September 13, 2023, in Cause No. P10100, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: GASPARD L. HERNANDEZ.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney at Law  
107 E. Pearl St.  
Granbury, Texas 76048  
DATED the 20th day of September, 2023.

Steven G. Kuban  
Attorney for Gaspar L. Hernandez  
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**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TX**

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ NO. 23001**

Architectural/Engineering Services  
  
AGENCY CONTACT PERSON  
Julia Richardson, Executive Director  
Telephone: (817) 573-1107  
E-Mail: julia@granburyhousing.org  
TDD/TTY: 800-735-2989(800-RELAYTX)

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, 3:00 PM CST**

**PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL RETURN Attn: J. Richardson, Executive Director 503 N. Crockett Street, Granbury, Texas 76048**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. PL-2022-16, Request of Joe Faust on behalf of QT South, LLC to Replat Lot 4, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition as Lot 4R, Block 2 of the Luton Ranch Addition. The property is located east of the intersection of Meander Rd. and E. Hwy. 377.

2. PL-2022-23, Request of Jason Britt to Final Plat, a 59.801 acre tract of the Joshua Minett Survey, Abs. #351, B.W. Perkins Survey, Abs. #445 as Lots 1-6, Block 15, Lots 1-30, Block 16, Lots 1-32, Block 17, Lots 1-16, Block 18, Lots 1-10, Block 19, Lots 1-7 & Common Area I, Block 20, Lots 1-16, Block 21, Lots 1-3 & Common Area H, Block 22, Lots 1-31, Block 23, Lots 1-12, Block 24 Lots 1-34, Block 25, and Lots 1-32, Block 26 of the Saratoga Phase 3 & 4 Addition. The property is located approximately 3000 feet south of the intersection of Saratoga Blvd. and E. Hwy 377.

3. PL-2022-29, Request of CRB Asset Management to Replat Lot 1 Block 1 of Enterprise Addition as Lot 1R, Block 1 Enterprise Addition. The property is located south of Old Granbury Road, approximately 135 feet east of Opal Ct.

4. SUP-2021-12, Request of Mary Ann Williamson for a Specific Use Permit to allow Single Family, Attached in a Central Business District (CBD) zoning district. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.

5. PL-2021-10, Request of Mary Ann Williamson to Replat a 0.549-acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abs. #903, known as a part of Block 8 of the Barton Addn. as Lots 6R-11R, Block 8 of the Barton Addition. The property is addressed as 210 E. Ewell St.

6. PL-2023-15, Request of Jim Tate to Replat Lot 37 of the Woodcreek Subdivision, Section 4 as Lots 37-R1 and 37-R2 of the Woodcreek Subdivision, Section 4. The property is addressed as 612 W. Woodcreek Ct.

7. PL-2023-16, Request of Jim Martin to Final Plat A 121.224 acre tract of the Robert Alway Survey, Abstract # 4 and the Martin County School Land Survey, Abstract # 348 as Lot 1 (Park Dedication), Lots 1-45, Block 1: Lots 1-11, Block 2; Lots 1-11, Block 3; Lots 1-16, Block 4; Lots 1-31, Block 5; Lots 1-24, Block 6; Lots 1-23, Block 7; Lots 1-18 and Common Area 3, Block 8; Lots 1-7 and Common Area 4, Block 9; Lots 1-18, Block 10; Lots 1-17, Block 11; Lots 1-17, Block 12; Lots 1-14, Block 13; Lots 1-8 and Common Area 2, Block 14; Lots 1-26, Block 15; Lots 1-30, Block 16 and Lot 1 and Common Area 1, Block 17 of the Crucis Creek Addition. The property is located west of the intersection of Loop 567 and Camp Crucis Ct.

8. PL-2023-18, Request of Vanish Hospitality, LLC to Replat part of Lot 7 and Lot 8 of the Aiken Subdivision No. One as Lot 8R of the Aiken Subdivision No. One. The property is addressed as 2440 E. Hwy 377.

9. PL-2023-20, Request of George Schade to Minor Plat a 1.913 acre tract of the M. Oldham Survey, Abstract #431 as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Schade Point Addition. The property is addressed as 2770 Andrews Cir.

10. Z-2023-12, Request of Granbury 491, LLC to amend the Planned Development/Heavy Commercial (PD/HC) district adopted Ordinance #20-01. The property is addressed as 1380 E. Hwy 377.

11. SUP-2023-20, Request of Progressive Powersports Properties to amend the Specific Use Permit adopted Ordinance #21-45 to allow for the operation of sales and service of new and used ATV's, Motorcycles, and Boats or similar craft. The property is addressed as 4332 E Hwy 377.

12. CP-2023-07 Request of Tyron Development Corp. to amend the future land use map contained within the 2016 comprehensive plan on a 15.147 acre tract of the Milam County School Land Survey Abst # 348 from Retail/Office to Low Density Residential. The property is located at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Nettie Bacus Rd. and Loop 567.

13. SUP-2023-23, Request of Glenn Kruger for a Specific Use Permit for a "Bed and Breakfast Hosted". The property is addressed as 321 W. Doyle St.

14. PL-2023-22 Request of Ron and Tatiana Schwerdt to preliminary plat a 41.1279 acre tract of the George W. Mead Survey Abst. # 350 as lots 1-6 of Schwerdt's Addition the property is located at 3713 Bob White Ct.

15. SUP-2023-26, Request of Four Shelby Inc. for a Specific Use Permit for a "Short Term Rental, unhosted 3 Bedroom". The property is addressed as 522 Mill St.

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

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## Granbury Chick-Fil-A in for significant renovation

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

The Chick-Fil-A of Granbury is soon to be under a big \$2.2 million dollar renovation project. The project will include the removal of the play area to compensate for the seating changes as preliminary plans show an enlarged and more complex kitchen extend-

ing to the doorway of the restrooms.

The renovation will also include a second drive-through lane installed to help alleviate the drive-through times for customers and provide more efficient service. "This renovation is very needed. Mainly for our kitchen. We currently are just stepping on each other's toes, and we are just out of

room," Owner and operator Aaron Grant said. "We just want to serve our community as best as we can and uphold the values of Chick-Fil-A." The building will be torn down to the shell resulting in a closure of 12 weeks and is set to start in January of 2024 with the completion of the renovation expected in April.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**GROWING PAINS**

So, with all the growing pains Granbury is experiencing, such as traffic, inadequate sewage services, and overcrowding in schools, why has the city decided to grant another large apartment complex a permit to build? This one in particular is going to use the last remaining space along the lake-front for what I call "Future Slums of America." After living in Houston for forty years, I have watched these developments built and then slide into decay in the inevitable aftermath of the City's wide-eyed anticipation of more tax revenue. I have watched as developers eagerly build these complexes and strive to fill them up as quickly as possible, not just to fulfill their investors' demands but to make the property more attractive to other potential buyers. Once the projects are 80+% full, they become marketable to companies whose only purpose is providing profits. These companies are not the civic-minded entities the original builders were supposedly representing to City Hall. Eventually, these second owners will suck off their profits and let the apartments decay into their ultimate, inevitable demise. This is when less-than-desirable transient tenants move in to become the new norm. You can imagine the situation that follows.

Granbury which could be used for the public good, done their due diligence in discussing the future of this project with developers? Did they require the developers for any set term in order to assure the future of this complex would be maintained in a pristine manner? Somehow, I doubt this became an important consideration for those who issue these permits. Why wasn't this property earmarked for something that could have been beneficial to everyone in the county? We are supposed to be a getaway destination for visitors. This was an opportunity to increase our tourism revenue by building an entertainment complex on this land, perhaps an outdoor concert arena or other similar venue. After all, did we not just become the celebration capitol of Texas? But sadly, the short-sighted approach of commissioners and the city hierarchy saw tax revenue dollar signs and ignored the potential that could have made this location another jewel in our now somewhat tarnished crown.

we were leaving Garcia's, my friend's knees began to buckle. Three cowboys, with white hats and cowboy spurs, immediately grabbed him so he did not fall. They helped him to a bench and then waited patiently for his wife to bring their car around. They then proceeded to assist him to the car and helped him get in. Thanks cowboys ... you are in the tradition of the finest of American cowboys who lend a hand to a stranger. God bless you.

Norm Albertson  
Granbury

**BIGGERS V. MASSINGILL**

I must respond to the recent letter to the editor about "Biggers v. Massingill." The writer hopes the dismissal of the lawsuit will "remind folks to behave with decorum" when speaking at government meetings, because speaking is a "privilege...If abused, the privilege may be taken away." That is fundamentally incorrect. Free speech is not a privilege, it is a RIGHT. "Privilege" is what we give our elected officials to place limits on our speech during meetings, and only because it is necessary to maintain enough decorum to hold a meeting. That privilege is limited and is subject to continuing scrutiny and review. Our elected officials are our employees. When you

Ken Lobo  
Granbury

**THANKS COWBOYS!**

On Thursday, Oct. 21, my wife and I had lunch at Garcia's restaurant along with some friends (a very delicious meal I might add). One of our friends uses a walker to get around. As

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# Granbury trees gets recognized by Texas Historic Tree Coalition

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Reporter

A grove of live oaks located in Granbury were recognized by the Texas Historic Tree Coalition on September 23. The live oaks, owned by Steve and Karen Adams, are the first trees in Granbury to be recognized by the coalition.

The Adams have been living at their property located off Paluxy Highway for around 18 years now. The trees are a part of the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove that sits on the Adams' property. "This started out as an attempt to save our trees from the United Co-Operative from creating a line that would trim and kill our trees," Steve Adams said. "We have trees from 50-300 years old with 51 total on the property." The Adams had an investigation done by the North Texas Archeological Society in January of last year where they found artifacts much older than trees and had the property declared as an archaeological site. "It is wonderful. Everybody has their own castle and do things to landscape and upkeep their property, but we're the opposite. We want to leave it like it should be and preserve it. I feel it's a duty to take care of the property for future generations to come," Adams added. The Adams were presented with an official proclamation from the Texas Historic Tree Coalition stating that "Whereas Comanche Creek Live Oak

Grove is located among natural seeps at the headwaters of Comanche Creek and is likely descended from generations of escarpment live oak on this site; and whereas the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove witnessed periods of habitation for thousands of years that made the grove attractive to hunters and farmers for several thousand years based on archeological findings; and whereas the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove sits at the intersection of 1800s trails leading west from Comanche Peak and southwest from Granbury, making a natural meeting point for native tribes and then early settlers; and whereas in the early 1900s, the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove was home to a ranch site supporting a farrier, smokehouse, agricultural repair, and ceramicist; and whereas the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove holds and makes living witness to quintessential Texas history, from the artifacts buried within its roots to the ranching site built beneath its shade; now therefore, the Texas Historic Tree Coalition does hereby proclaim the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove to be official Historic Trees, which will be



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From artifacts buried within its roots to the ranching site built beneath its shade, Hood County's own Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove has drawn hunters and farmers for several thousand years. At a special gathering under that very shade, members of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition were welcomed on Saturday, Sept. 9th, to deliver the proclamation, taking our place in quintessential Texas history.

listed in our Historic Tree Registry as living legends and testament to our history as a state on this day September 23, 2023." For a tree to become recognized, a nomination must be sent in, and the proper documentation is required to show that the tree is historic or has some cultural significance. The coalition is run by volunteer members, including a couple of arborists and a board of trustees who work to research, recognize, and preserve historic trees throughout the state of Texas and started back in 1995 originally just serving Dallas. The coalition became the Texas Historic Tree Coalition in 2014.



Texas Historic Tree Coalition president Marion Lineberry stands under the Comanche Creek Live Oak Grove with Property owners Steve and Karen Adams to deliver an official proclamation.

There have been around 80 trees recognized since the start with an average of about three to four trees a year over a 25-year period according to Lineberry. The coalition also works in part with Texas A&M Forrest Service where they

focus more on famous trees. Adams had contacted the Texas A&M Forrest service to which one of their arborists went out to look at the

tree to which they deemed it historic based on the size of the tree and the diameter of the trunk. There was also an archaeological site inspection done on the Adams' property and dig tests. "The current goal of the coalition is to recognize a historic tree in every county in Texas," President of the TCHTC Marion Lineberry said. This is a part of the new

Texas County Historic Tree Initiative. According to the coalition website, the coalition is asking every County Historic Commission to join them in this project by nominating as many as three trees for consideration. The timeline for this project is currently open-ended. The focus is to find trees that haven't had their stories told yet.



The Grove sits at the intersection of 1800s trails leading west from Comanche Peak and southwest from Granbury, making a natural meeting point for native tribes, then early settlers. A sampling of the artefacts and remnants from early 1900s when it was home to a ranch site supporting a farrier, smokehouse, agricultural repair, and ceramicist were available for viewing.

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## Robert Glasgow

February 28, 1942 - September 22, 2023

Senator Bob Glasgow passed away on September 22, 2023 following a long, courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at First Baptist Church, Stephenville, Texas. He was laid to rest at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin, Texas on Friday, September 29.

Senator Glasgow was born on February 28, 1942 to Wenona and Weldon Glasgow. In 1965 Bob married his college sweetheart, Deanna Carr, and together they had four children, Delaina Taylor, Holli Isham, Jody Glasgow, and Heather Glasgow.

Following graduation from high school in 1960, Bob felt a calling to serve his country and joined the United States Army. Following his service overseas in France and other parts of Europe, Bob was honorably discharged in 1963. Bob's service to his country was just the beginning of what would become a lifetime of dedicated service to his community, state, country, and family.

Following his military service, Bob obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Government from Tarleton State University in 1967. Throughout his tenure at Tarleton, Bob was involved in every facet of student government. He was elected Class President, to the Student Senate, and ultimately Student Body President. Bob's commitment to Tarleton did not end with his graduation. He was later recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus, served as Vice President of the Texan Club, and served as Chairman of the Texan Club Finance Committee for over 25 years.

Upon graduation from Tarleton, Bob attended The University of Texas School of Law in Austin. While in law school, he worked as an Administrative Assistant to Texas Governor Preston Smith. Upon graduation in 1970 with a Doctor of Jurisprudence, Bob embarked on a 53-year career as a distinguished trial lawyer. He began by opening a law office in Stephenville with his cousin and best friend, Don Jones. In 1972 he was elected as the District Attorney for the 29th Judicial District of Texas and quickly earned the reputation as one of the top prosecutors in the state. Bob continued to serve the citizens of Erath, Hood, and Palo Pinto Counties as their District Attorney until 1980 when he was elected to the Texas Senate. He continued to practice law in Stephenville until 2023.

Senator Glasgow continued to pursue his sense of duty to public service by running for and being elected to the Texas Senate in 1980. In his 13-year distinguished career in the Texas Senate, Senator Glasgow dedicated himself to fighting for the citizens of the 22 counties he represented in his Senate District. Senator Glasgow was widely recognized as one of the hardest working, most effective members of the Senate.

Over the course of his esteemed Senate career, he served on over 50 committees, boards, and task forces. Senator Glasgow served as Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, and Chairman of the powerful State Affairs Committee. In 1991, Senator Glasgow served as President Pro Tem of the Senate and as Governor of the State of Texas on May 11, 1991.

Senator Glasgow received numerous awards and honors for his service in the Texas Senate. Notably, he was recognized as one of the Ten Best Legislators by Texas Monthly; Instant Superstar by the Houston Chronicle; Friend of Education by the Texas State Teacher's Assoc.; Humanitarian of the Year by the NAACP; and numerous



other Legislator of the Year awards.

Senator Glasgow's lifetime of service was also embodied in his commitment to Freemasonry and The Scottish Rite. He was first initiated into Stephenville Masonic Lodge No. 267 in 1967. Over the course of his lifetime, he was a member in good standing of the following lodges: Stephenville 267, Hannibal 564, Tranquility 2000, Bluff Dale 724, Tabernacle 1195, and Sweet Home 476. From 2002 until his passing, Bob was an Honorary member of the Glasgow Lodge No. 441 in Glasgow, Scotland. Senator Glasgow received the 32nd Degree in Scottish Rite in 1971. Bob's dedication to Freemasonry was recognized in 1983 when the 33rd Degree of Scottish Rite Masons was conferred upon him by the Supreme Council. The 33rd degree is sparingly conferred on members who have made major contributions to humanity, society, and Masonry in general. Bob received many Masonic honors including the Sam Houston Award by the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2003 and the prestigious Anson Jones Award by the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Bodies in 2006.

Senator Glasgow's legacy is from a lifetime dedicated to public service, but to the family, Bob will be remembered most as the caring, generous, and loving patriarch of his family. He will forever be affectionately remembered by the entire family as "Big Bob" - the name given to him by his grandchildren as toddlers more than 30 years ago. There was never a problem that was too big or too small to seek Big Bob's guidance. And he was always there to help. Bob loved to play golf, dominos, snow ski, trips to the beach, and to hunt. But he mainly loved those activities because it was time spent with family and friends. Bob loved traditions. He cherished each holiday but none more than Christmas where all of Bob's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren spent the night at his house.

Senator Glasgow is survived by his wife, Deanna, and their children, Delaina Taylor and husband Sam, Holli Isham and husband Shay, and Robert J. Glasgow, Jr. (Jody) and wife Shawna. He is survived by his grandchildren Mikah Taylor and husband Justin, Trey Taylor and wife Shelby, Madison Taylor (wife of grandson Austin Taylor), Tyler Isham, Grant Isham, Maren Isham, Chandler Glasgow, and Gray Glasgow. He is survived by great-grandchildren Boston Taylor, Lennux Haschke, Emmerson Haschke, Dru Taylor, Peyton Taylor, Jase Taylor, Nora Jane Taylor, and Delia Rae Taylor. He is survived by one sister, Nancy Golightly and husband Paul. He is survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Senator Glasgow was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Heather Glasgow, grandson Austin Taylor, brother Tommy Glasgow and his wife Katy.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the charity of your choice, or:

The Scottish Rite for Children Hospital, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219

Hannibal Lodge #564, 26275 Highway 108, Stephenville, Texas 76401

# OBITUARIES

## Jennifer Lynn (Tandy) Jimenez

April 18, 1969 - September 20, 2023

Jennifer Lynn (Tandy) Jimenez, age 54, passed away quietly at her home in Glen Rose, Texas, on September 20, 2023.

A memorial gathering will be held from 3 until 4 p.m., on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at the Wiley Glen Rose Funeral Home, 504 Holden St., in Glen Rose. A memorial service celebrating her life will follow at 4 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Jennifer was born on April 18, 1969, to Michael and the late Nelda Tandy in Fort Worth, Texas. She was the middle child of her family and was full of life and love.

Jennifer graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Science and taught in the public school system for many years. She accepted Christ as her Savior at age eight in Sweetwater, Texas. Jennifer had a great sense



of humor and a wonderful concern for others. She was especially caring for most four-footed creatures. Her greatest love was for her granddaughter, Kinsley, 6.

Jennifer is survived by her daughter, Hailey L. Mendez, granddaughter, Kinsley C. Mendez and son-in-law, Fernando Mendez Rangel, her father, Michael J. Tandy, and brother, Jon A. Tandy, and sister-in-law, Samantha Tandy.

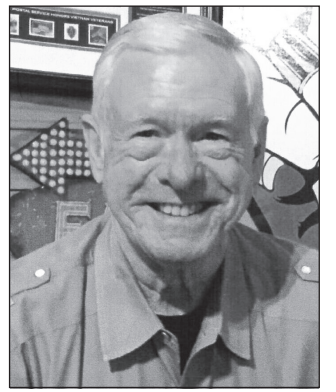
## George Ronald Singleton

August 2, 1952 - July 27, 2023

George Ronald Singleton, 70, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023, at his home in Granbury, Texas. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on August 2, 1952, to George M. and Jackie Singleton, and the oldest of five children.

George married his soulmate, love and best friend, Sherry, April 12, 2000, in Maui, Hawaii. He knew his Bible, loved God, and was baptized. He graduated Paschal High School in 1966, attended Texas Military Institute in San Antonio in 1970, and North Texas University in 1971.

George enjoyed swimming, eating, and drinking beer. He loved movies and music, which Sherry had to tell him to turn down... a lot. He worked at Durant Classic Chevrolet for 30



years, where he treated his customers like family and was Hood County's favorite car salesman for many years. He always had a great attitude, contagious smile and definitely one of a kind!!!

Services were provided by Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury and interment at Holly Hills Memorial Park.

## Melissa Ann Porter

December 21, 1968 - September 22, 2023

Melissa Ann Porter, 54, of Granbury, passed away on September 22, 2023 after nearly a year of fighting cancer.

Melissa was predeceased by her parents, Sherry Johnston and William Arnold, mother and father-in-law Patsy and Marvin (Hoss) Porter. Melissa is survived by husband Dale Porter, children Joshua Porter, Ariel Copeland (husband Scott Copeland), Felicia Porter; sister Tracy Brown Stamp, brother William Arnold, and their families; grandmother Geardean Duke.

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6 \_\_\_ in the storm  
7 Uvalde-born Evans  
8 these can't be used to buy TX lottery tickets (2 wds.)  
16 commercials  
17 Texas danger sign: a \_\_\_ an empty saddle  
20 TXism: "fair \_\_\_ middlin"  
21 TXism: "\_\_\_ kisser" (politician)  
22 TXism: "put on \_\_\_" (gain weight)  
24 Tex-Mex appetizers  
29 TX McMurry book: "Lonesome \_\_\_"  
30 TX Jenkins' "You Gotta Play \_\_\_"  
31 TX Orbison hit: "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"  
32 TXism: "racked my \_\_\_" (thought)  
33 "baling" or "barbed"  
34 it's natural at Astros' Minute Maid Park  
35 TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley \_\_\_"  
36 "C" in "CPA"  
38 TX Debbie Reynolds book: "If I Knew \_\_\_"  
39 Dallas-based film: "The \_\_\_ Blue Line"  
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11 TXism: "catterwall"  
12 TXism: "sure \_\_\_ shooting" (certain)  
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14 Fort Worth zoo was 2nd to hatch \_\_\_ crocodiles  
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19 TXism: "\_\_\_ and hollering"  
21 Red River is the TX-OK \_\_\_  
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25 TXism: "his facts \_\_\_ elastic" (liar)

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35 bogus  
37 Rockport is "where the \_\_\_ never sets"  
38 TXism: "nail his hide \_\_\_ \_\_\_ door"  
39 stale expression  
41 school subject  
42 this Keenan played Digger on "Dallas"  
45 TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ a pinch"  
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**TY ANDREW**  
Edward Jones

Financial Adviser

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Ty Andrew

consider:

- Have you worked with people like me? All of us are unique individuals. Yet, you do share certain characteristics with others — age, income, family situation and so on. And you might

feel comfortable knowing that a financial advisor has worked with people like you and can readily understand and appreciate your needs and specific goals: college for your children, a certain type of retirement lifestyle, the kind of legacy you'd like to leave and others. The more information you can provide about yourself up-front, the better your chances of finding a good match.

- Do you have a particular investment philosophy?

Some financial advisors follow a particular investment style, while others might focus on specific investments or categories. There's nothing inherently wrong with these types of approaches, but you might be better served by working with someone who takes a broader view — one that emphasizes helping clients meet their goals over any particular philosophy or strategy.

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**LETTERS**

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believe that one of your employees is doing his job improperly, you have the responsibility to correct that employee. You also have the responsibility to let that employee explain his actions. Seems to me that is exactly what happened in "Biggers v. Massingill," which, incidentally, was dismissed on the doctrine of "qualified immunity," meaning that Judge Massingill could have reasonably believed his restrictions on speech were constitutional, even if they were not.

I hope "Biggers v. Massingill" will not only remind me to behave with decorum, but will also remind our elected officials that their position is a "privilege...If abused, the privilege may be taken away."

**Lew James  
Granbury**

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**Main Street Medical hosts blood drive**

**BY EDEN DUNCAN  
GILBREATH**  
*Special to the  
Hood County News*

Monday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Main Street Medical Supply will host a Carter BloodCare Drive.

Main Street Medical, which strives to "bring health and wellness home," began in Belton and now offers a second location in Granbury. Their newly-opened Granbury store offers a complete line of items in stock. They offer hospital beds, wheelchairs, transport chairs, knee walkers, portable oxygen concentrators, nebulizers, and their very popular lift chairs, all available for

sale or rent, and delivery is available. Beyond these items are isles of every small item imaginable to make life easier for the aging or anyone with physical challenges.

During Main Street Medical's Grand Opening a local name was drawn for the prize of an Elara luxury lift chair made by Golden Technologies. According to Main Street Medical, a lift chair offers the style and comfort of a recliner and not only assists the person to sit and stand but also supports the spine to reduce pressure points.

The winner of the Elara chair desired that the chair be re-awarded to a local veteran or family of a vet-

eran instead. The staff of Main Street made sure to make that happen by contacting the Riley Stephens Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7835 to secure the perfect recipient.

Michelle Grothouse of Main Street Medical said, "We enjoy getting to know our customers, assisting them with identifying their needs, and delivering and demonstrating products in their home." The staff at Main Street Medical thought partnering with Carter BloodCare seemed like a good opportunity to serve the community.

Blood donation is a quick and easy way to help others. The Carter BloodCare website offers tips for

blood donors. Drinking plenty of water is recommended leading up to blood donation, as well as eating a good meal two hours before donating.

Be sure and bring your photo identification to the event where you will be asked to complete the on-line registration.

A trained Carter BloodCare staff member will go over your health history with you when you arrive to donate blood. This health history will include checking your temperature, blood pressure, pulse, hemoglobin, and that you weigh the minimum requirement of 110 pounds.

According to their website, Carter BloodCare

provides lifesaving transfusion resources to more than 200 medical facilities in over 50 counties throughout North, Central and East Texas. Each year, Carter BloodCare provides more than 440,000 units of blood products to meet patients' treatment requirements. Their services include collection, processing, specialized laboratory testing, storage, and distribution of blood and blood components.

Main Street Medical is located at 1333 N. Plaza Drive #102, facing Aldi's. For questions they can be reached at 817-736-2373. Carter BloodCare can be reached at carterbloodcare.org

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TYLER SOFTWARE SYSTEM**



**Hood County Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson, far right, recognized county employees for their "outstanding dedication, teamwork, and commitment" in the implementation of the Tyler Software System during the regularly scheduled Hood County Commissioners Court meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26.**

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# Tolar to add second volunteer fire station to serve more of the community

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

The Tolar Volunteer Fire Department is working on building a second fire station serving as Station 91.

The plan for another station has been underway for several years now and is finally in the works. The new station is located about six miles south of the Tolar Fire station at 7712 Paluxy Highway. It is built where an old school named Prairie Creek used to be, so it will be named Prairie Creek Station.

According to Fire Chief and Tolar Mayor Matt Russell, the department put up a sign two years ago noting that the department was wanting to create another station and was looking for donations and land for sale.

Russel added that a gentleman who wished to remain anonymous is going to move down to Tolar and wants to build a house and be close to a fire station. The gentleman donated \$250,000 to go toward building a second station. This donation occurred at the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic when costs of everything were much lower.

After this donation, the station is still short of funds for a septic system and a well, but Russel noted that the station will still run even without those needs.

"It will decrease response times to that area significantly," Russel said. "Once everything is in service, we're going to try to re-score our fire insurance ratings, which will mean a reduction in insurance cost to homeowners and a significant reduction to those that live within five miles of the station."

Several volunteers from the Tolar station live around the Prairie Creek station and will begin working for that station once finished. Russel added that several people have reached out and expressed interest in volunteering for the new station.

"Hopefully, within the next 45 to 60 days, we're hoping to be running apparatus out of it. We already have all the equipment. We have a 1000-gallon pumper that's going to go down there. We're going to have at least one brush truck there at all times, sometimes two. We also have an EMS vehicle that we'll be running out of there," Russel said.

The current Tolar VFD station has around 35 volunteers with seven bays, and the new station will have



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Progress continues to be made on Tolar's second volunteer fire department station. The new station is located at 7712 Paluxy Highway in Tolar.

three. Russel noted that the department did build with expansion in mind that way, if needed in the future, it would be possible to add on.

The station is always open to donations as well as volunteers. Donations can be made to the department's

Cash App under the tag \$tolarfire or by mail at the address P.O. Box 234, Tolar, TX 76476.

For those interested in becoming a volunteer, applications are available at any time at the Tolar Station and can be turned in at the station's business meet-

ings that take place every second Tuesday of the month at the Tolar station. No requirements are necessary to become part of the department.

The station will be holding "OCTOLARFEST" which is a fundraiser that will benefit the Tolar VFD. The

event will feature live music, food trucks, vendor shopping, bounce houses, a silent auction, cornhole, and more.

The event will take place on Oct. 21 at the feed lot located at 8308 W. HWY 377 in Tolar.

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Sadie Owens enjoys the "Romancing the Butterfly" event in 2022 at the Hood County Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden. Sadie attended the event with her aunt Sheri Jones.

**BY EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH**  
*Special to the Hood County News*

There is nothing quite like Texas when the weather cools just a bit and the entire state breathes a collective sigh of relief that the hottest days are behind us. Something else magical happens in the part of Texas that Hood County inhabits, the migration of the eastern monarch butterfly travels across the county.

Monarch butterflies are unusual in that they migrate. The eastern monarch butterfly exclusively winters in a specific region in Mexico.

The eastern monarch travels through Texas to get to the mountains of Michoacan, Mexico. An area less than six acres is all that remains of the land where the monarch winters. Though there are laws now in place to protect the area from logging, poaching remains. Once the butterflies arrive, they go through a period that is similar to hibernating called diapause. This state allows the monarch to wait until the temperature is above 50 degrees in the

spring when they will become active again and reproduce.

Hood County is fortunate to be in the smaller part of the visual "funnel" when looking on the map of the eastern monarch migration path. As the monarch travels to overwinter in Mexico, sightings increase.

Though the chances of seeing a monarch in Hood County increases this time of year, the number of monarchs has been decreasing for some time according to enthusiasts. In 2022, the Monarch appeared on the red list of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

There is a flurry of activity among local conservationists to prepare for the migration, and for the programs that they bring to not only enlighten the public, but also to enlist help in conservation efforts.

Both the Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists and the Hood County Master Gardeners are presenting programs in October that are free to the public. Both programs are designed to both educate and entertain all ages.

Hood County Master Gardeners invites the public to help make Granbury the "Monarch Capital of Texas" with their "Romancing the Monarch: A Butterfly Festival" on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the groups Demonstration Garden at 1410 W. Pearl St. behind Hood County Annex 1, Granbury. If the event is rained, the alternative date is Sunday, Oct. 8 at the same time.

The "Romancing the Monarch" program highlights include learning how to create a butterfly garden,

learning the how and why they "tag" monarchs as they head through Hood County, tours of the Demonstration Garden, face painting and crafts, as well as photo opportunities and more.

Attendees are encouraged to come early and register to release a monarch butterfly, and to dress like a butterfly.

The Lake Granbury Master Gardeners also sponsored an art contest for local elementary aged students in the weeks leading up to the "Romancing the Monarch" event. Children were given the opportunity to either color and or decorate a template provided or create their own colorful species. The winners of the contest will be announced during the "Romancing the Monarch" event and all the students' work will be displayed.

Sheri Jones who attended with her great-niece last year shared, "The volunteers with the Master Garden center in Granbury put on an impressive event in early fall. Releasing butterflies is a fun

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## Inspired by his dad, Pirates QB a leader



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREG MEYER

Granbury quarterback Hayden Meyer with his parents Kelly and Greg Meyer. Hayden said he is inspired by his father's journey from Canada to Tulsa to play football in America.

**BY RICK MAUCH**  
*Special to the Hood County News*

When Hayden Meyer looks for inspiration, he doesn't have to go far.

"My dad's story has always been inspiring to me," said Hayden, a junior at Granbury High School and the starting quarterback for the Pirates football team this season. "My dad's my role model."

Greg Meyer was a linebacker and was named All-Canada four years in high school before coming to America to play for the University of Tulsa Golden Hurricanes from 1991-95.

"He's an example of where the sport can take you," Hayden said. "I believe in God. I'm a Christian. You've got to take those chances and believe he's got your back."

Which was proven when Greg also survived cancer in his neck, also while at Tulsa.

"Tulsa stuck with him. He got through that and that was really inspiring to me," Hayden said.

Now, it is Hayden's turn to inspire as he tries to lead the Pirates to success on the football field. And he's doing so in a brand-new offense under first-year/interim head coach Sonny Galindo, a triple option.

"It was a little weird and caught me off guard at first, but I trust the coaches, and now that I've settled into it, I like it," Hayden said. "It's fun. I like how the defense can come to me and I can pitch it (the football), or I have other options."

Hence, the name of the offense, three options, in fact. Based on the style made legendary by coaches such as Darrell Royal at Texas, Bear Bryant at Alabama, and Barry Switzer at Oklahoma - all of who won college national championships with it - the triple option offense allows the quarterback three choices on each play. He can keep the ball and run, pitch out to a running back alongside him, or throw downfield.

"I like the selflessness of it," Hayden said.

Being 6-foot-5 and 200 pounds, Hayden has the build to be a good runner - and he is.

"I like keeping the ball, but I also have two good running backs to pitch to, and I know they can always get good yardage," he said.

Tyler Rodgers, Jadon Rogers, and Hayden have been the mainstays in a rushing attack that was averaging over 250 yards per game at press time.

The season began well enough, with a 3-0 start. Then, they stumbled in an upset at Cleburne and dropped a home contest to Killeen. Next, after having an off week, the Pirates return to play Oct. 6 at Midlothian.

**CONFIDENCE BUILDER**

Hayden was named the starting quarterback for the

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*"The point of the tagging is to be able to see where the monarch came from before getting to Mexico. I believe that three Acton monarchs have been found."*

**VALERIE TABER**

Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist chapter member

## Granbury ISD named as an outstanding school district

**BY EMILY NAVA**  
*Staff Writer*

Granbury ISD was recently named as an Outstanding School District, as well as nominated for the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.

According to H-E-B's website, "The H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor

outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same. Since the program's inception in 2002, H-E-B

has awarded more than \$13 million in funding to outstanding Texas teachers, principals, public schools and districts, school boards, and early childhood facilities."

H-E-B awards cash prizes to educators in multiple categories, including teacher, principal, school counselor, school, principal, school board and early childhood center.

"Granbury ISD continues to be recognized across the state for its exceptional accomplishments in the district. From being the largest school district in Texas that received Purple Star Campus Designations at every campus, to an A rating and a superior achievement score in financial integrity - both honors coming

from the Texas Education Agency - to now being identified as an Outstanding School District by H-E-B's Excellence in Education Awards. Our wonderful teachers, staff, and students are what make Granbury ISD special, and these awards are a dedication to their hard work and dedication." GISD School Board President Barbara Herrington said.

# MONARCH

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time for the entire family!"

The Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists will be presenting their monarch event on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Acton Nature Center, 6900 Smoky Hill Ct. Granbury.

Besides monarch tagging, The Texas Master Naturalists will have various stations offering the life cycle of the monarch, creating a monarch habitat or waystation, paint a "puddler" (a device to provide water to both butterflies and plants), and a station on the Monarch Watch hosted by special guest Carol Clark, considered the "Queen of the Monarch" and more.

Valerie Taber, a chapter member of Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist and an organizer for the event in Acton shares that it's a benefit to the community to have two events. "Both groups have the same goal in mind - the conservation of the monarch butterfly. We just each have a different outlook. Having two events gives the public a better chance of seeing the monarchs in the habitat as we don't know exactly when they will be passing through. We did start seeing some monarchs around Sept. 12 and 13."

"The point of the tagging is to be able to see where the



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Attendants enjoy the festivities at the Hood County Master Gardeners "Romancing the Butterfly" event at their Demonstration Garden in 2022.

monarch came from before getting to Mexico. I believe that three Acton monarchs have been found," said Taber.

Key information at the events includes how to create a waystation. These are places along the monarch's path that provide a place for

monarchs to refuel, as migration takes a lot of energy. Milkweeds are needed when the monarch travels back up from Mexico in the spring, as the monarch only lay their eggs on the milkweed plant. Milkweed not only provides food for the caterpillar, but the substance in milk-

weed also makes the caterpillar and monarch butterfly poisonous to mammals if eaten, causing the animal to be ill. Pesticides and genetically modified crops have substantially reduced the amount of milkweed available to the monarch, making it more critical to provide

the plant and other chemical free plants.

"The GMO's, the destruction of their habitat. This is why creating a monarch habitat is so critical. It can be as simple as a single potted plant or a handful of sunflowers, any native plant you can grow in your yard," of-

fers Taber.

Sara Paulsen, also a chapter member of the Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists, fell in love with the monarch in her decades teaching special needs children. "I used the monarch to help teach language and sequencing. I started bringing eggs in, I let the children see the lifespan. I have been doing this for 35 years now. I just love them. I want everyone to learn about the monarch and learn how to preserve their habitat." Paulsen created an alter-ego named Monica Monarch, a persona Paulsen developed a few years ago in order to teach school children about the Monarch through the eyes of the butterfly.

Citizens can be part of research as well. "There is a lot of science for participants of all ages. We educate the public about citizen science. They can be citizen scientists as well. They can track the monarch and submit their research to different organizations. It expands the knowledge of the scientific community, and their research will be included in the scientific journals," shares Taber.

For more information on monarchs, attend one of the local monarch events and additionally see monarchwatch.org, journeynorth.org/monarchs

# LEADER

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final game of the 2022 season. Though the Pirates lost to Killeen Shoemaker, who went on to the playoffs, he made his presence known by going 17-of-28 passing for 227 yards and three touchdowns.

"I think that last game helped me a lot. I was nervous going into it and going into this season I was not nervous," Hayden said.

"Habits I developed that week have helped me this season."

Galindo believes Hayden's ability to adapt from the spread offense that allowed him to throw more passes in a single game than he did in this season's first four games is proof of the leader he is.

"He was looking forward to playing in the spread and showing off his arm, but he's a natural fit (in the option)," Galindo said. "Everything

came together for a reason. "He really is calm. When he feels like he needs to speak up, he will. He'll pat you on the back and encourage and when words are needed, that's who he turns into. "He's a junior, but he has the ears of the seniors."

**LEARNING FROM HISTORY**

To better understand their new offense, Hayden and his teammates watched film and studied how it was implemented by successful college

programs.

"We looked at a lot of Air Force film," he said. "And I remember watching Navy and Notre Dame (earlier this season). Navy runs it. "When you run it right it can be a very successful offense."

It is also an offense in which the quarterback can get hit more often by a defender, which is no problem for Hayden. He played defensive end through his freshman year.

"I like hitting somebody sometimes," he said with a chuckle.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

"I wanna play in college. Whatever presents itself I'm open to," Hayden said.

He added that he is contemplating studying business, but not sure what type. His father is in real estate, buying and selling apartments.

"I want to be an entrepreneur," Hayden said.

He also sees himself as a natural leader, always a great quality in sports and business.

"It's how my parents raised me. It's a confidence factor," he said.

"Other players, all the way down to middle school and peewee, would be wise to follow his example," Galindo said. "If I were going to build a leader from scratch, he'd be the model."

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# Let's get wise about Texas

BY CODY MARTIN

Fair warning: listening to podcasts can be habit-forming, and if you have not yet tried consuming podcasts, or aren't sure what they are, it's really pretty simple: they're talk shows similar to what you might find on broadcast radio, that have been recorded so you can download or stream them and listen whenever you want. Both Apple, Google, and many others have free mobile podcast apps, and most podcasters have websites where you can also listen.

As with any other popular media (television, internet, radio, etc.), there are a wide variety of topics and hosts, some very good and some not so good. My personal favorite podcasts are typically history-related, and several years ago I stumbled upon one called "Wise About Texas," hosted by Justice Ken Wise\*, and I was immediately hooked, both with the topics he covered and his delivery. As the title suggests, "Wise About Texas" is focused on Texas History, and he closes almost every episode with what he calls "Getting There," where he tells how to visit the sites and/or places featured in that episode.

This year, 2023, is the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Texas Rangers, and this upcoming November 9, The Bridge Street History Center's Ramay-Macatee Lecture Series will have Justice Wise as our featured speaker, and his topic will be about the origins of the Texas Rangers. There is even a local connection to an event known as The Choctaw Tom Massacre that occurred the day after Christmas in 1858 and involved Texas Ranger RIP Ford and Peter Garland, father of Sue Garland Nutt (wife of David L. Nutt), that Justice Wise will discuss, and if you're interested in this event, do a Google search for "Peter Garland and Choctaw Tom," it was even mentioned in the classic book about Texas "Goodbye To A River" by John Graves. Tickets are available on The New Granbury Live website and we're expecting a crowd, so it would be a good idea to go ahead and reserve your tickets now for what will certainly be an interesting and informative evening.

Justice Wise was appointed to the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston by Governor Rick Perry in October 2013.

Learn more about the podcast at [WiseAboutTexas.com](http://WiseAboutTexas.com) and tickets are available at [TheNewGranburyLive.com](http://TheNewGranburyLive.com).



BOOK REVIEW

# Finders, keepers

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

It was the law of playground and classroom and may still apply today: if it's lost and you find it, it's yours. Not that that's always fair, mind you, but, generally speaking, he who loses something, loses out. They say finders, keepers; losers, weepers, unless, as in the new novel "The Longmire Defense" by Craig Johnson, what you find is a murder weapon.

Absaroka County Sheriff Walt Longmire probably would have been content to sit around his cabin all summer with a book resting on his belly, listening to birds and watching leaves blow. That would've been nice, but Longmire's daughter, Cady, had other ideas, as did his partner in law enforcement and in the bedroom, Victoria Moretti.

Cady was interested in learning about her great-grandfather. Vic needed help finding a lost hiker from Minnesota. Longmire chose Vic and headed into the Wyoming wilderness; he didn't want to talk about his grandfather because he had nothing good to say about the man.

Lloyd Longmire had been a bully, plain and simple. The sheriff remembered his own father telling a story about someone who was killed more than 70 years ago while hunting, and it didn't frame Lloyd in a good light. Neither did the unique gun the sheriff found, an antique firearm from which a line could clearly and directly be drawn, implicating Lloyd Longmire of cold-blooded murder.

Because the statute of limitations never runs out on murder, and because this was personal, the sheriff knew he needed to know if his suspicions were correct. His grandfather's rambling ranch house held nothing but ghosts and unpleasant memories. World War II-era documentation was scarce and what was available was hard to pin down. One



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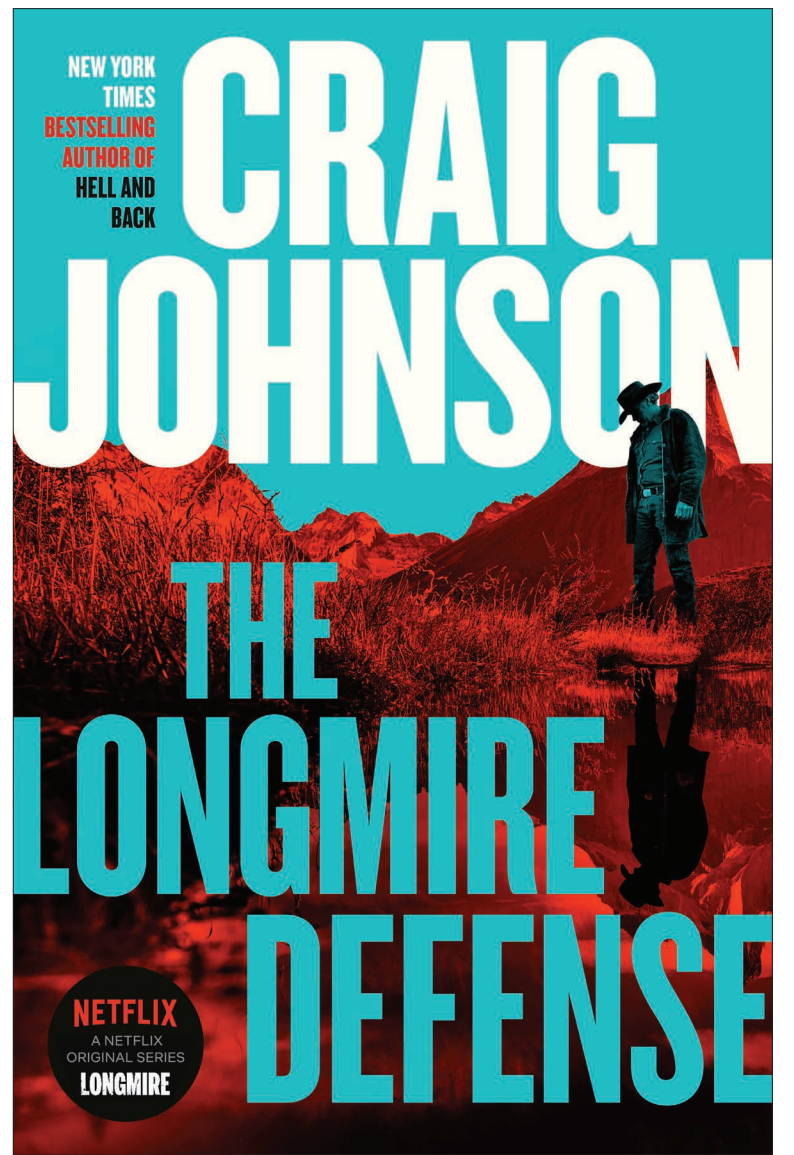
Craig Johnson

Wyoming official gave Longmire an acronym-filled possibility to follow, but the men involved were long dead and gone.

Long dead and gone. Which is exactly what somebody wanted to happen to Sheriff Longmire...

Summer's over, and it seems like your schedule is packed tight again. That's when you want a rangy novel that's layered but not too complicated. You want "The Longmire Defense."

Inside this western mystery, author Craig Johnson invites readers to straddle an era, leaving one foot in today's world and the other in a place decades ago, when there was no real technology and thus, no real chance of getting caught committing certain crimes. Johnson keeps read-



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"The Longmire Defense" by Craig Johnson

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ers' feet planted in both spots as his main character - who is as perfectly, wonderfully familiar as a flannel shirt and just as pleasant - figures out whodunit.

In that, readers can rest assured that they'll find here the usual kinds of twists and turns they expect in a story like this, but with easy humor, plenty of

action, and no profanity. Indeed, Wyoming sheriff, plus feisty, no-nonsense woman, plus gentle old dog named Dog equals a book you'll be happy you've read.

This is purely the kind of novel you want when you want something comfortable and right. Find "The Longmire Defense" and let it keep you up all night.

# Governor Abbott champions education freedom at Parents Matter Tailgate in Dallas

Submitted Item

Governor Greg Abbott championed education freedom for all Texas students at a Parents Matter Tailgate on Sept. 22 at the First Baptist Academy vs Mercy Culture Prep football game in Dallas.

"Tonight is a typical night in Texas—tonight is about football, family, fun, and freedom," said Governor Abbott. "One of the freedoms we believe in is the freedom of parents to choose what

is right for their child. We want to make sure every parent in the state of Texas has the power to choose the education that's best for their child. School choice is not only great for students, it's also great for public education. By having school choice, we will empower you all with the freedom you need to best educate your child and also put Texas on the pathway to having the best public schools in America."

The Governor was joined at the tailgate by parents and students

who expressed their support to expand school choice and empower parents across the state. The Governor also performed the coin toss before the game and after the first quarter presented First Baptist Academy head coach Jason Lovvorn a proclamation recognizing the academy's State Championship football team.

Hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, the Parents Matter Tailgate brings together parents, students, and education

leaders for high school football and parental rights to empower Texas parents and students in their education.

In his 2023 State of the State address, Governor Abbott announced education freedom for Texans as an emergency item for the 88th Legislative Session. In June, Governor Abbott signed into law four critical pieces of parent empowerment legislation passed during the 88th Regular Legislative Session.

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LIPAN SCHOOLS

# Growth and change at Lipan



BY SARAH MARCANTONIO

Sarah is a senior whose interests include journalism, playing softball, participating in National Honor Society, Student Council, and the local 4-H program.

With growth comes change, and change at Lipan ISD includes hiring experienced facility workers, adding a high school volleyball team, and increasing enrollment.

History was made last year when the school created its first volleyball team. Beginning the inaugural year, the team consisted solely of junior high girls. However, the program is set to grow as it moves up with last year's 8th graders now forming the 9th grade team. In other words, next year ninth and

10th grade girls can participate, and by 2025, Lipan will have a full varsity team. Currently, the ninth-grade team plays a junior varsity schedule, including three tournaments and weekly games versus JV and freshman teams, as well as occasional 1A varsity teams. Each of our teams are understand-

ing the game and continuing to succeed week by week and practice by practice. The first couple of years are steppingstones to what is hoped to be a great program. Head Coach, Aaron Callaway, looks forward to the program's growth and fulfilling this year's goals.

"We are just trying to learn and grow and lay the foundation for the future of Lady Indians Volleyball," Coach Callaway said.

We are continually impressed by the hard work our students do inside and outside of the classroom. This month we want to feature our goal-oriented, driven, cross-country teams. For the past two years, our teams have been unable to qualify for regionals, something our athletes see as a motivator, not a setback. With the

difficulty of the district and regional meets, our teams must put in the work each and every day. However, this is not a problem for our students, because of their push to deliver. The upperclassmen feel it is their time, and with their leadership and the eager freshman class, success seems just around the corner. Motivating teenagers to get up early every morning for long runs is not usually an easy task. However, our athletes do a great job at pushing one another, setting personal goals, and working hard to surpass their potential. An important goal for the coaches this year is the expansion of the program. As of right now, we see tremendous numbers in our high school teams but less in our junior high participation. Recently-hired boys'

head coach, Ty Johnston expressed he would like to see more involvement with the junior high. Girls Coach Misty Little agreed with Johnston about the desire for numbers to grow.

"I am hoping that the younger ones will see the success and want to be a part of it," Little said.

The work athletes put forth may be tough, but ultimately the effort produces several personal benefits, as well as experiences for team bonding.

As the semester begins, we are excited for what this year holds and look forward to seeing how the fall teams progress. In addition, there are several exciting festivities such as Fall Festival and Red Ribbon Week to anticipate in the next couple months.

LIPAN ISD NEW HIRES INCLUDE:

- Shannon Brown, Elementary SPED
- Kathryn Snow, Pre-K
- Taylor Harris, Kindergarten
- Sadie Johnson, 1st Grade
- Lexi Beam, 4th-5th Math
- Kylee Harris, 4th-5th Reading
- Kaitlyn Howard, 4th-5th Writing
- Steven Bailey, JH Science, Coach
- Brennan Harris, JH Math, Head Baseball Coach
- Jameson Ash, Band
- Ty Johnston, HS Math, Coach
- Mikella Mims, HS English, Spanish
- Bill Shaw, HS Science
- Casen Bullock, Aid
- Callie Ervin, Aid




## GHS MJROTC

Granbury High School MJROTC Rifle Team lined up during the contest Friday morning at the high school range.

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Junior



### Family Fitness

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

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**Word Bank**

1. stretch	2. gym	3. play	4. swimming
5. run	6. bicycling	7. move	8. exercise
9. jog	10. weights		

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The Granbury Stowaways during their halftime performance Friday night.

# Lady Pirates chasing volleyball title

## Pirate runners win at Birdville

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

At the midpoint of the District 5-5A volleyball race, the Granbury Lady Pirates find themselves in the thick of a battle for first place.

The Lady Pirates (13-20 overall) improved to 4-1 in district with a pair of victories at home, 3-2 against defending champion Justin Northwest on Sept. 22 and 3-0 against Azle on Sept. 26.

Against Northwest, Granbury rallied from a 2-1 deficit. The Lady Texans won the first game 25-20, Granbury took the second 25-18, and Northwest won the third 26-24. In Game 4, the Lady Pirates won a thrilling 29-27 contest before carrying that momentum to a 15-12 Game 5 win.

Aledo, Northwest, and Granbury are atop the district standings. The Ladycats defeated the Lady Pirates, while Northwest defeated Aledo.

Sienna Watts (20) and Rachel Poirer (17) combined for 37 kills. In her first match back after returning from an injury, Brooke Marak posted a dozen kills with three blocks. Allyson McCabe had 53 assists and 21 digs, and Lilyan McCall had 39 digs.

"It was such a good match, one of the best I've ever been a part of. The girls played so amazing. They were all actively engaged and working as a team," Granbury coach Desiree Shahan said. "It was so amazing and so much fun to be a part of. I am extremely proud of the girls."

McCabe was also named a standout against Azle with 29 assists, three aces, and a dozen digs. Watts added 11 kills.

The Lady Pirates are at Saginaw Tuesday, Oct. 3 and return home to face Aledo on Friday, Oct. 6. Both matches are at 6 p.m.

### GRANBURY CROSS COUNTRY

Led by another sterling performance by freshman Jaxon Glenn, the Granbury Pirates cross country team topped the field recently at the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational at The Buff course in Haltom City.

Glenn clocked a time of 16 minutes, 51.11 seconds over the 5 kilometer course to take the individual championship.

As a team, the Pirates won convincingly with 31 points to 58 for second place Keller Central. Alec Wilkinson was fifth with a time of 17:35.03, and Aiden Lemens was sixth in 17:50, with Bryce Young taking seventh in 18:00. Bryan Hailey placed 12th, posting 18:30, Jacob Wolfe finished 25th, and Aidan Turpin was 29th.

The Lady Pirates varsity finished fifth as a team and were led by freshman Kambry Zschiesche, who was seventh with a time of 21:32. Also running for the Lady

Pirates were Emery Kirby, 20th; Alexie Patrick, 22nd; Aubrey Ward, 27th; Josefina Berry, 29th; Zaeda Sedgwick, 30th; Karolina Berry, 31st; Presley Davis, 43rd.

The junior varsity Pirates placed third behind Kolden Rand's runner-up individual finish and a time of 19:45.73. Sam Valdez was with a clocking of 20:34.85; James Barber, 15th, 21:01.47; Nolan Segars, 21st; Rylan Fleming, 24th; and Pete O'Carroll, 25th.

For the JV Lady Pirates, Ziva Sedgwick placed eighth with a time of 24:45, and Kimberley Martinez was 22nd.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates travel to the Brewer Invitational at Central Park in White Settlement on Friday, Oct. 6, the same site for the District 5-5A Meet on Oct. 13.

### GRANBURY FOOTBALL

After a bye week, the Pirates (3-2 overall, 1-2 in District 4-5A Division I) travel to Midlothian (4-1, 3-0 at press time) to face the Panthers on Friday, Oct. 6 for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

In their last outing the Pirates fell to Killeen (4-0, 2-0) 26-13 at home on Sept. 22. The Kangaroos and Panthers were playing last night in Killeen.

Against Killeen, the Pirates were undone by a pair of lost fumbles and a couple of long touchdown passes by the Kangaroos.

Granbury scored on a 9-yard pass from quarterback Hayden Meyer to Halston Main, along with a 4-yard run by Jadon Rogers, who was their leading rusher with 10 carries for 47 yards.

The Granbury defense limited Killeen to 35 rushing yards.

Rylan Brenish had 10 tackles for Granbury, while Hayden Burns posted seven. Chase Cantrell had six, including a sack and one for a loss, while Augie Zapata had six with a fumble recovery, and Amelio Rodriguez had an interception.

"Having a bye week is a double-edged sword. In the one hand, we can heal physical and mental wounds, but on the other hand it interrupts any flow or momentum we might have had," Granbury coach Sonny Galindo said. "What I mean by this is our second half versus Killeen was a different story than the previ-



Pirate football players making their way to a first down.



The Pride of Granbury drumline and the cheerleaders having fun during the second half of the game.

ous game and a half. We played well in every aspect just by playing good, sound football."

Through five games the Pirates led on offense by running back Tyler Rodgers (370 yards, 5 TD rushing) and receiver Carter Wiley (6 catches, 189 yards, 1 TD). Defensively, Brenish has 44 tackles, and Cantrell has 40. Granbury is outgaining its opponents by an average of 313 yards (239 rushing, 74 passing) to 240 (121 rushing, 199 passing). The defense has forced 11 turnovers while the offense has surrendered just eight.

Through its first four games, the Midlothian offense was being led by quarterback Drew Wendel (13 TD, 1 interception) and running back Michael Garber (495 yards, 5 TD). Wendel's favorite target is wide receiver Bryant Wesco (26 catches, 389 yards, 10 TD).

The Panthers' defense is paced by linebacker Beau Wendel (21 tackles, 4 for loss, 2 sacks).

### TOLAR FOOTBALL

After a bye week, the

Rattlers (3-1 at press time) began play in District 5-2A Division I at Hamilton last night. This coming Friday, Oct. 6, they return home to face Coleman at 7:30 p.m.

The Rattlers remained No. 3 in Class 2A Division I in this week's Dave Campbell's Texas Football state rankings.

The Rattlers entered last night's game having won 14 consecutive regular-season road games. Tolar also came into last night with a 10-game district winning streak dating to 2021.

Through the first four games, quarterback Isaac Blessing (328 yards, 3 TD passing; 334 yards, 5 TD rushing) was pacing the Tolar offense. Garrison Nation has 204 yards and three touchdowns rushing in the absence of all-everything running back Peyton Brown, who is out with an ankle injury.

On defense, entering this weekend, tackle Cash Clark had posted 26 tackles, with three for a loss and two sacks.

Nation is also a threat on special teams as he was aver-

aging 36.5 yards on a pair of kick returns.

Since dropping their season opener 29-20 to 5-0 Mason, Coleman (4-1, 1-0) has won four straight, outscoring their opponents by an average of 37-17.

### TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers (15-12) defeated Clifton 3-1 on Sept. 26. They begin District 8-2A at Hamilton on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m.

The Lady Rattlers will next play at home on Tuesday, Oct. 10 against Hico at 4 p.m.

In the win over Clifton, Ally Dobbs (blocking), Allie Terrell and Maddie Rue (both hitters) and Senne Imel (served several aces) were lauded for their play.

### TOLAR CROSS COUNTRY

The Lady Rattlers finished third in the varsity girls division of the Battle of the Back 40 in Poolville on Sept. 20. Bailey Gammmons finished fifth individually with a time of 14:25.43 over the 3200-meter course, while Olivia McClain was seventh in 14:36.21.

The Rattlers were eighth,

running a 5K course. Hunter Keith led Tolar, finishing 13th individually with a 19:24.88.

In the JV girls division, Lipan placed second as Addaline Lawrence took the top individual spot overall, posting a time of 14:04.68.

### GRANBURY TENNIS

The Pirates/Lady Pirates (2-7 overall, 1-4 in District 5-5A) dropped a 14-5 match at home to Azle on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Granbury highlights included:

Boys doubles - Tyler St. Don and Colten Whitefield won 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed doubles - Chase Bohney and Shelby Beech won 8-6.

Boys singles - Roland Krause won 8-3, Braxton Bailey won 8-0 (did not count in team score).

Girls singles - Allie Kazmier won 0-6, 7-6, 10-8; Kyleigh Ledesma won 6-3, 6-4.

Granbury ends the season Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Brewer at 4:30 p.m.

### GRANBURY BOYS GOLF

The Pirates Gold Team competed in the Dinosaur Classic at Squaw Valley in Glen Rose this past weekend and finished 12th. The team shot 658 (334-324).

The Pirates were led by Caden Davis shooting 156 (78-78). Jaxson Vaughn had a 163 (85-78), Parker Jones came in at 173 (84-89), Braxton Pugh at 176 (87-89), and Andrew Haynes had a no score and 82. The four lowest scores each round comprise the team score.

Next for the Gold Team, along with the Purple Team, will be the Briggs Berry Invitational at Pecan Plantation on Monday, Oct. 2. The tournament is named in memory of the former Pirate golfer who passed away in 2014.

# TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™



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On Sept. 24, in front of the greatest crowd that Tarleton State Football has ever hosted at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Texas, the Texan defense stymied the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats all night to lift the Purple and White to victory.

## Texan defense stymies Bearcats Memorial Stadium record crowd on Family Weekend Football

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — On Sept. 24, in front of the greatest crowd that Tarleton State Football has ever hosted at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville, Texas, the Texan defense stymied the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats all night to lift the Purple and White to victory.

There were 22,251 fans at Saturday's game between Tarleton State and Southwest Baptist on Family Weekend, surpassing last year's record crowd of 20,237 at the homecoming game. Earlier this season, the Texans set a record crowd for a home opener, seeing 20,127 fans through the turnstiles just two weeks ago in the first ever United Athletic Conference game against North Alabama.

The Texans first held a moment of silence for Bob Glasgow, a distinguished former Texas Senator and Tarleton State alumnus, who passed away early Friday morning. Tarleton State

dedicated the game to him in honor of him and his amazing life achievements. After the national anthem and the first ever Sophomore Run, the Legend of the Texan Rider returned for Family Weekend. The legendary Texan Rider led the team onto the field on horseback for the first time since 2014.

The Texans (3-1, 1-0 UAC) improved to 2-0 at home this year with their 27-13 win over the Bearcats (1-3, 0-0 GLVC) on Saturday. Tarleton now leads the all-time series 3-1 and beat SBU in back-to-back years, also winning by a 14-point margin a season ago (24-10).

Tarleton allowed just 29

net rushing yards on the night on 33 attempts, forcing 0.9 yards per carry by the Bearcats. The Texans had an interception return for a touchdown, forced 10 punts, had 11 SBU plays go for negative yardage, including four sacks, and allowed just one first down conversion on third or fourth down the entire night, as SBU went 1-of-16 on third down and 0-of-2 on fourth down.

Tarleton State was missing several key starters on the night on both sides of the ball. On defense, the Texans were without their senior leader, linebacker Qua'Shawn Washington, and their top defensive back, Jalen Carr. On offense, the top two Texan receivers were both out, Darius Cooper and Jaden Smith, as well as the starting tight end Dawson Hearne.

When play kicked off, Tarleton started with the ball, but SBU stalled a promising opening Tarleton drive with an interception at the Bearcat 40-yard line. But it

was no worry for the Purple and White, who forced a punt and then scored on the following drive, a 59-yard march, capped off by a Kayvon Britten 10-yard touchdown rush. That was his fourth rushing touchdown of the year, and fifth total.

The next six drives ended in punts as the first quarter ended with Tarleton ahead 7-0.

After Southwest Baptist picked off Gabalis for a second time early in the second quarter, they got on the scoreboard with a 19-yard field goal to make it 7-3 Tarleton. The Bearcats added a field goal several minutes later, and the teams headed to the locker room with Tarleton ahead 7-6.

The Texans, notoriously a second half team this year, won the final 30 minutes 20-7. On Tarleton's first drive of the second half, the Texans drove down for a 32-yard field goal by Adrian Guzman to make it 10-6. Southwest Baptist's next drive ended in

an unusual way, with a punt seemingly giving Tarleton the ball on their side of the field, but it was ruled later that the punter had his knee down at the SBU 10-yard line trying to field a skipped snap. Tarleton took advantage with another field goal, this time Guzman from 28 yards out to make it 13-6.

The Texans then made it three straight scoring drives to start the second half, this time finishing with a touchdown, a 28-yard back shoulder fade to Keylan Johnson from Gabalis. This was Johnson's fifth receiving touchdown in two games at home this season.

Tarleton led 20-6 headed to the fourth.

Southwest Baptist cut the lead in half with their lone touchdown of the game, a one-yard rush by Abel Carter to cap off a 75-yard drive with 10 minutes to go to make it 20-13 Texans.

On the Bearcats' next possession, it was the Tarleton defense that iced the game, with Ty Rawls picking off

Collin Sutton at the 16-yard line and returning it for a touchdown to make it 27-13.

Gabalis completed 18-of-33 passes on the night for 217 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Britten led the running backs with 54 yards on 10 carries (5.4 YPC) and a score. Benjamin Omayebu had nine catches for 99 yards, and Johnson had two catches for 33 yards and a touchdown.

Sterling led the Texan defense with 2.5 tackles for loss and a team-high eight tackles, to go with a pass breakup. Four Texans had a sack; Charles Perkins, Ahmir Crowder, O'tay Baker and Keldric Williams. Rawls had three tackles and a quarterback hurry to go with his pick-six.

The Texans have started 3-1 for the second straight year. They'll now head to Southeastern Louisiana for a matchup in Hammond, Louisiana, at Strawberry Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m.

## Low's late goal gives Tarleton State first 2023 Conference victory

Tarleton State University

EDINBURG — Rylee Low found the back of the net in the 78th minute to lead Tarleton State to its first Western Athletic Conference (WAC) win of the season against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) on Sunday, Sept. 24 at UTRGV Soccer and Track and Field Complex.

With the win, the Texans improved to 1-0-1 in the WAC and 4-5-3 overall. After starting out the conference slate with a win against Abilene Christian, UTRGV (3-5-2, 1-1-0) dropped its first WAC match of the season.

Low was the difference-maker in the game, firing a free kick past the diving UTRGV keeper to net her fourth goal of the season, all coming via a free kick.

Mikayla Kendall racked up her second shutout of the season and her first in WAC play, notching a save on the only shot she faced.

About halfway through the first half of the match, Jaycie Bass fired a shot from thirty feet out that had goal written all over it, but the Vaqueros' keeper was just able to get a hand on it and tip it over the crossbar. The Texans were then granted a pair of corner kicks, but were unable to convert either into a goal.

The Texan defense was taut in the first half, not allowing the Vaqueros to get a shot or have a true scoring chance in their offensive zone.

Both teams switched sides to start the second half, giving UTRGV the wind at their back after having kicked into the wind in the first half.

The Vaqueros took six shots, with none falling on net in the first 25 minutes of the second half.

In the 69th minute of play, Avery Harr dribbled the ball to the far right sideline in the Texans' attacking third. She sent a cross to the right of the box that found Adriana Alonso-Gomez in stride. She one-touched the pass toward the goal but was off target in the Texans' first scoring chance of the second half.

Tarleton broke onto the board with a free kick goal in the 78th minute by Low, the Texans leading goal scorer. After a Vaqueros foul, Low took the free kick from the middle of the pitch just outside the 18-yard box. She snuck it past the diving keeper in the bottom right of the goal to break the scoreless tie and give Tarleton the lead



with just under 12 minutes of play remaining.

UTRGV took advantage of its last second opportunity streaking down the field with less than 20 seconds remain-

ing. The Vaqueros were able to get two inside the 18-yard box with Jeweleen Reuille firing a shot with just 13 ticks remaining. Kendall grabbed her first save of the after-

noon and secured the 1-0 Texan victory. Tarleton State will play just one game this weekend in the continuation of WAC play for the Texans. Tarleton will conclude their three-match road trip with a trip to Abilene to take on Abilene Christian at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1 at Elmer Gray Stadium. The match will be streamed on ESPN+ along with all other WAC matches this season.

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# LADY PIONEER VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pioneers defeated Hamilton 3-0 on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

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## CORRECTION

Century 21 was not added to the "Thank You" section of the Best of Hood County Special section, which ran on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. We apologize for the oversight.

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HOOD OUTDOORS

# Fall turnover time



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.

Fall turnover actually starts when the surface starts to cool. The cooler water on top is heavier (more dense) and starts to sink, causing the lake to literally turnover. The cooler weather has been a little slow to move in this year, but it is on the way.

Fishing is generally said to slow down when turnover occurs. This may be true, but when turnover occurs the fish respond to the change in their environment, and you may have to change your techniques as well.

The initial fall turnover is usually associated with the lake "stinking" due to the bottom debris being cycled to the top. You may also see slime on the water that sticks to boats during the initial turnover. Turnover continues as long as the surface is cooling. This mixes the water from top to bottom, and our shallow Texas lakes will eventually have consistent temperatures and oxygen throughout the entire water column. This is basically when the fish can spread out, making them more difficult to locate at times.

Our weather has seesawed this last week. Summer returned with really hot temperatures, which will likely

slow the turnover process, but as fall continues so will the turnover.

Not all water bodies turnover. Some small, shallower, wind-protected waters may never turnover. Granbury will turnover as it does every fall season.

So where do the fish go when the lake first starts to turnover? Most anglers will say that the fish scatter and may be more difficult to locate (as I mentioned above). This poor fishing is generally during the first stage of turnover when water conditions are changing. After the initial turnover, the fish will be able to survive at different depths and will not be congregated in or above the thermocline as they were in the summer. You will have to work different depths and use different patterns to locate fish. The good thing is that all species will go on a fall feeding frenzy that will include a top water bite, which can be some of the best fishing of the year.

The gulls and other wintering birds will return to our area shortly, and these birds can help you locate feeding fish.

Fall and winter fishing can be some of the best fishing of the year. Hopefully, the cooler weather will come sooner than later. Also, pray for more rain. Good luck on the water and out in the field.

### HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures continue to be in the lower 80s. Lake levels continue to be about two feet low. Granbury sandbass are schooling on several areas of the lake, including the Shores, Indian Harbor, and near Decordova subdivision. Largemouth bass up to six pounds are possible and are near main lake points and shallow humps/flats. Some good topwater action is reported on these feeding flats. Striped bass continue to be good up to near 10 pounds on live bait and trolled jigs/crankbaits on the lower ends. Crappies are excellent on small jigs and minnows fished on submerged structures and near bridge pilings. Catfish action continues to be best in the evening on cut shad. Some bigger yellows and blues up to 25 pounds are possible.

Comanche Creek (Squaw Creek) opens Oct. 1 on Thursdays through Sundays. The channel cat-



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured is Kyle Townsend with a big largemouth and a big striped bass caught on Lake Granbury this last weekend.

fish and largemouth bass are exceptional on this lake. There is also an abundant supply of Tilapia (Invasive species) that are great table fare. A reservation is required prior to entry.

On other reservoirs: Lake Benbrook is closed to boat traffic due to low water conditions. Lake Whitney and Possum Kingdom continue to boast good striped bass fishing on down-rigged jigs

or live shad. Some good top water action is being reported as well.

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## 'IT TAKES A VILLAGE'

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Vicki Miller, left, Tracy Miller, middle, and Austin Miller, right, are the founders of T.E.X.A.S. (Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary) Rescue, a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabs, and rehomes donkeys, horses, and mules.

### Tractor Supply lends helping 'hoof' to T.E.X.A.S. Rescue

BY ASHLEY TERRY  
Staff Writer

**T**ractor Supply in Granbury has now become an integral part in saving the lives of countless animals, following its recent partnership with T.E.X.A.S. Rescue.

Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary (T.E.X.A.S.) Rescue is a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabs, and rehomes donkeys, horses, and mules. "We got our 501(c)(3) a little over a year and a half ago, and that put us on the wall where it's officially a nonprofit business," said Tracy Miller, co-founder of T.E.X.A.S. Rescue with his wife, Vicki. "We're trying to rescue whatever horses we can — but it's not just horses; we rescue horses, donkeys and mules. There's a lot of them that need rescue, and it's an ongoing battle of trying to rescue these animals."

Currently, T.E.X.A.S. Rescue has more than 40 rescues on its prop-

erty at 950 Williamson Road, with everything from miniature donkeys and horses to draft horses.

As a nonprofit organization, T.E.X.A.S. Rescue is largely dependent on donations to help supplement the supplies and costs associated with vet bills — and sometimes it can be hard.

"Our number one need is feed," Tracy said. "There's a lot of medical care that also goes into it, so we are constantly racking up vet bills."

But three months ago, one store owner realized how much more of a difference he could make if his customers started making frequent donations to the rescue.

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As seen in this photo, DuMOR's Baker's Bites are popular horse treats and are one of the items that T.E.X.A.S. Rescue welcomes in terms of donations.

### Granbury volunteer group to bring interactive historical connectivity to community

BY EMILY NAVA  
Staff Writer

During a regularly scheduled city council meeting on Sept. 19, Tammy Dooley, Director of the Granbury Convention and Visitor Centers Bureau, announced that the VIP (Visitor Information Professional) group of Visit Granbury has created a new interactive program for the community.

The VIP group took the initiative to act as famous Granbury residents and let the community learn about those members of the town's past on Granbury's historic trolley.

The group is led by Dan Vanderberg who plays Tom Mullins, who was the Hood County Sheriff from 1914 to 1918.

"It is another way we can make Granbury truly unique," Dan Vandenberg said.

"This is something that as a visitor you will be surprised all of a sudden, you're walking around the square or riding along the trolley, and a character from the history of Granbury steps on. They have invested countless hours of training

into their character. This is something they're doing to benefit the community and the tourism efforts here in Granbury," Dooley said during the city council meeting.

Other characters include: David Lee Nutt, owner of the Nutt House Hotel, his wife, Sudie Nutt, and Lizzy Nutt, who was the wife to Jessie Nutt - a blind county clerk; Abel W. Landers, who was a judge; Nellie Robertson, who was the first judge of Hood County and created the first county government; Andy C. Aston, who was a saloon and saddlery owner; Fannie Bond Yates, whose family built the first cabin on Lamber Branch; Emma Eames, who was a professional singer with the Opera House; John St. Helen, who was a famous bartender; Martha Stingfellow, who owned and operated the first boarding house in Granbury; and Lucy Cogdell, who was the wife of the bank president, Daniel Cogdell.

"That is truly a unique experience that our folks will be able to enjoy because of these folks getting creative and practicing their art. This



EMILY NAVA | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Members of the VIP (Visitor Information Professional) group of Visit Granbury introduce their characters as part of a new program at a city council meeting on September 19.

is a form of art we really hadn't discovered," City Manager Chris Coffman said during the meeting.

Historical Ambassadors will begin making appearances on Oct. 7.

You will see them stepping on the trolley during its regular routes on Friday through Sunday and on the square. There are no scheduled times, but flexible "pop-up"

appearances and will take place on Saturday afternoons. The program is weather dependent and will be rolled out over the next few months.

# Get a 'Clue' with Sue

Unravel the mystery in live-action Spooky Clue Oct. 13-15

BY ASHLEY TERRY  
Staff Writer

Who killed Mr. Boddy? Was it Mrs. Peacock in the kitchen with a knife, or was it Colonel Mustard in the ballroom with a lead pipe?

For 80 years, people have been putting their detective skills to the test to try the solve the fictitious murder of Mr. Boddy in a murder mystery board game called Clue.

But this year, Hood County residents will now get the opportunity to play a live-action — and spooky-themed — version of the popular game from Friday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15, at The Neely House, 304 E. Rucker St.

Susan (Sue) Ooten, the creator of the live-action game, said this is only her second time hosting the game in Granbury.

"I've actually done several murder mystery types of mystery dinners. They were fundraisers for the Azle Arts Popcorn Player Theater," she said. "But I've been doing mostly mystery dinners. I've done (some) even for a church as a fundraiser."

Sponsored by Tree Top Getaway, Ooten's own bed-and-breakfast business, this year's game will be a Halloween-themed version, with many spooky changes made to the 1940s original Clue.

"These are the names of the rooms, but I added fun names to them," Ooten said.

The Hall and the Lounge are now the Haunted Hall and the Lycanthrope Lounge. Other name changes include Dracula's Dining Room, the Kauldron Kitchen, the Bloody Ballroom, the Creepy Conservatory, Lucifer's Living Room, the Lost Library, and the Skeleton Study.

The weapons are the nor-

mal choices of candlestick, dagger (or knife), lead pipe, revolver, rope, and wrench, along with Ooten's personal additions of the poison and axe.

Characters will include Miss Scarlett, Reverend Green, Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Mrs. Peacock, and Mrs. White, with Ooten's personal change of adding the butler because "the butler's gotta do it sometimes."

Additionally, when guests drive up to the Neely House, they will be met with Halloween decorations in the front yard, while the 1985 film, "Clue," starring Christopher Lloyd and Tim Curry will be playing repeatedly on a loop.

"The movie will be run a lot," Ooten said. "So, you can kind of get a glimpse of that, because that's my favorite movie of all time."

She explained that there will be clues on the walls of every room for the players to try to answer, so they can eliminate a character, object, or room from the suspect list.

The live-action portion of the game includes giant dice and board game spaces where guests can play as if they are actual characters in the game.

"They can pair up, too, if they want. And if there's a lot more people, it'd be kind of fun to pair up, because one can roll the big dice," she said. "You actually walk on the spaces into each space. They'll find these clues in all these different places. I have no idea what's in (the main envelope), because when I do it, I don't look, so every single



Susan "Sue" Ooten is hosting a live-action — and spooky-themed — version of the 1940s original Clue game from Friday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15 at The Neely House, 304 E. Rucker St.

game will have a different solution."

Ooten said every player will receive a door prize, with the prize relating to a room or a color corresponding to one of the characters. Raffles will also be held during the game, with winners receiving different gift baskets.

"I've always loved mysteries and trying to solve them," she said. "I'm just an accountant during the day, but I like solving mysteries — but most of all, I like people to have fun."

She said the idea behind the live-action game is because she's always loved Clue, and she especially loves how it's a multiplayer game.

"I bowl by myself, I play Scrabble by myself — I have one of those rotating ones — I play Solitaire by myself, but Clue is the only game that I can't play by myself," Ooten said.

She also made a prototype of her own Clue game that has the exact number of spaces as the original board game.

"I made that because I really wanted to do it — where people can come play any-

time and have any theme," she said.

The VIP Night will be held on Friday, Oct. 13, beginning at 7 p.m., and will feature appetizers related to Clue and a "Professor Plum" wine.

"It's a little different way of playing the game on Friday night," Ooten said. "It's more like a scavenger hunt kind of thing — find the clues, and whoever can solve it first wins prizes. Everybody gets a door prize Friday night, and there's raffles and drawings — that's the difference on Friday night."

The "Clue" event on Saturday, Oct. 14, and Sunday, Oct. 15, will consist of different time slots available for guests to sign up.

"It's not like an escape room where you only have 60 minutes," Ooten said. "I want people to come in and look at all the details. I'm not just decorating the inside; I'm decorating the outside, so when they drive up, I'm hoping that they say, 'Wow.'"

Granbury resident Tammy Quisenberry who participated in Ooten's Clue game last year, enjoyed "Sue's Clue"

and said it was "unlike anything she had ever seen or played."

"You are immersed in a life-size game of Clue with hints around every corner," she said. "It is a game every age can play, and one you will not forget."

Likewise, Bill Bagley, who is not a Hood County local, said he "really loved" last year's Clue game, and commented on Ooten's "incredibly creative mind."

"Everything about it was just like the game, but with a lot more layers of fun and intrigue," he said. "Everybody, including all the players really got into it by dressing up and giving it their best. I would love to see more of Clue being played just like this and really building a fun community spirit. Thank you, Sue, you did it up right."

Tickets for VIP are \$40 each, while general admission tickets are \$15 each. Tickets can be purchased on the EventBrite link that can be found via the QR code.

Time slots for general admission are available every two hours beginning at 11 a.m. through 9 p.m. on Saturday and beginning

at 12:30 p.m. through 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. An additional time slot for Sunday at 8 p.m. is listed but is not yet available to book.

Ooten said each event timeslot is limited in the number of participants. The minimum number of players is three, while the maximum is 12.

"Whatever time slot you pick, there'll be someone else there to play because I'll have some help," Ooten said. "They already know they might have to fill in and play. But I hope not. I would love to sell out."

She said she is excited to see the "thrill of the mystery," and to watch guests "figure it out."

"I just want people to come have fun," Ooten added. "I have a little bit of help, but I pretty much do it all myself. But, you know, once everything's in there, then the creation begins. It's gonna be amazing."

For more information, or assistance in purchasing tickets, text Ooten at 817-205-3251.

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## TEXAS

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"Tracy and them — ever since they moved to the area — have been a customer of mine, and I've just been getting to know them while they were in here shopping and what they do," said Bill Sims, store manager for Tractor Supply Company in Granbury. "You know, I asked (Tracy), 'How are you guys paying for all of the care and stuff that you're having to get for all these rescues?' They're like, 'Well the majority of it, (we) do. I'm like 'Oh, we got to help them,' so we decided to partner with them."

Thanks to Sim's forward thinking, a cardboard box is now set up at Tractor Supply Granbury at 2101 W. U.S. Highway 377. The box features a brochure with information about T.E.X.A.S. Rescue, along with a "Needs" list containing supplies and materials that the rescue currently needs.

"Grass hay is one of them," Tracy said. "We can use warmers, we can use DuMOR senior feed, DuMOR alfalfa pellets, DuMOR alfalfa cubes — that's one of their store brands that we really like. The other thing that goes along with that is because we have quite a few animals out here that need gentling — they just haven't been touched much, so we have to make that friendship — but they have what's called DuMOR Baker's Bites. It's like baked cookies, and they're about the size of a 50-cent piece, and the



Founders of T.E.X.A.S. Rescue, Vicki Miller, left, Austin Miller, second from left, and Tracy Miller, second from right, pose with Granbury Tractor Supply employees as they advertise their new partnership.

horses and the donkeys love them."

Other items needed include wire, white salt rocks, halters, lead ropes, and vet wrap.

"The biggest thing I would say is pick up the list," Tracy said. "Everything is on there that we need. There's probably a few specific or specialized things that we didn't put on there, but the things that are on there, we can use daily; those are things that we can use all the time."

"There are some things

that are like \$10, like the cookies, I think they're \$8.99," Vicki said. "There's something that anybody could probably afford."

Since stepping in to help T.E.X.A.S. Rescue, Sims said the donation box at Tractor Supply has received an overwhelming response.

"Usually on stuff like this, it takes a little bit for it to kind of pick up because customers gotta get used to seeing the box there and taking the information," he said. "But Tracy did a good

job of putting a Needs list up there and the brochure with general information about what they do. I told him, 'Don't be surprised if it takes a few weeks for it to really kick off,' but the response has been better than expected."

"Bill has been our number one cheerleader there," Tracy added. "He has been very excited about putting things in the store and people seeing it and helping us. And it's not only the customers that are coming

in and dropping things in the box, but the employees are too. They're buying things and they're dropping in feed or vet wrap or the horse cookies, or whatever the case may be. All of those things help because we work off donations, but it doesn't always meet the budget, so guess who's paying for it? Anything that people feel that they can afford and put into that box, we appreciate it. It's not for us — it's for the animals, but it takes a village."

Tracy added that he is extremely appreciative of Sims and the employees of Tractor Supply for stepping up when they didn't have to.

"They contacted us; we did not contact them, and it's nice to know that what we're doing was recognized by somebody outside of maybe just another horse owner," he said. "This was an important step for us to see a company like Tractor Supply step up, and we can't say enough about them. Everybody at that store has been so polite and so caring."

"I just think it opens other people's eyes too, like 'Hey, we're a legitimate rescue,' Vicki said. "We're not just trying to get money from people, but I think we're pretty known in this area, so we have some credibility."

The donation box at Tractor Supply also has a QR code for individuals who want to donate funds to the website directly.

"We appreciate it immensely," Tracy added. "Rescue is a costly venture. It's not for the faint of heart. It's not for those that think they're really tough either. Rescue is tough, and I don't care if that's a dog, cat or whatever we're talking about for a rescue — there's a lot of work involved in it."

For more information or to donate to T.E.X.A.S. Rescue, visit texasrescue.org online or call Tracy at 661-972-5492.

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Also attached are a number of production photos taken at last Thursday's final dress rehearsal.

# Clocking In for a night of fun

## '9 to 5' at the Granbury Opera House

BY MICKY SHEARON  
Special to the Hood County News

If you're yearning for a night of uproarious laughter, toe-tapping music, and a story that packs a punch, then clear your calendar! The Granbury Theatre Company presents "9 to 5" at the historic Granbury Opera House from Sept. 22 to Oct. 15, 2023.

With music and lyrics by the legendary Dolly Parton and a book by Patricia Resnick, "9 to 5" is a show that captures the spirit of the late '70s while speaking to audiences today. Inspired by the iconic 1980 film featuring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, and Dolly Parton herself, the musical is a comedic whirlwind of friendship, empowerment, and a sprinkle of romance.

When Violet, Judy, and Doralee—three fed-up

office workers—decide they've had enough of their misogynistic boss, Franklin Hart Jr., they hatch a plan to turn the tables. What unfolds is a workplace revolution that's as hilarious as it is empowering.

Leading the GTC cast are three extraordinary actresses. Kim Harris, making her Granbury Theatre Company debut as Violet, "brings a comedic timing that's about the best I've ever seen," says the show's director, Bentleigh Nesbit. "Audrey

Randall, who plays Dora Lee, captures Dolly Parton's essence while adding her unique flair. And Hayley Nettleton Twaddell, as Judy, is the kind of actress you root for from the moment she steps on stage. We could not have asked for three more powerhouse actresses to lead our show!"

Jarrett Self, who portrays the egotistical Franklin Hart Jr., is so good at being bad that you can't help but relish his eventual comeuppance. His interactions with Dora Lee are comedic gold, making the audience both cringe and chuckle. "He has no redeemable qualities. Like, absolutely none," said Nesbit, laughing. "Which is really a great acting job because, in reality, Jarrett is one of the sweetest, kindest, and respectful people you'd ever hope to meet."



Mia Washington shines as Roz, Franklin Hart's love-lorn secretary. Her rendition of "Heart to Heart" is a show-stealer, adding a quirky, burlesque flair to the first act.

The musical score, penned by the incomparable Dolly Parton, is a genre-spanning spectacle. From the hopeful "Shine Like the Sun" to the tender "I Just Might," there's something for everyone. Music Director Ashley Green once again weaves a beautiful musi-

cal tapestry for this production. Choreographers Nolan Morales and Julia Huggins have crafted dances that complement the music beautifully, ensuring that there's never a dull moment.

So why should you see "9 to 5"? Nesbit says, "Because it's more than just a musical; it's a celebration of sisterhood, a commentary on female empowerment, and a darn good time. While the story may seem over-the-top, its themes are univer-

sally relatable. You'll laugh, you'll cheer, and you'll leave the theater with a song in your heart and a smile on your face."

Don't miss out on this Broadway-caliber production right here in Granbury. With shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and matinees at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, there's no excuse not to go. Book your tickets now and experience the magic that is "9 to 5" at the Granbury Opera House!

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The Stanley Parable "secret" ending.

# The Stanley Parable

## Choose your own ending

BY JENNIFER HARRISON



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

The Stanley Parable isn't really a game, not as people normally define such things. It's more a series of endings. If you allow the narrator to guide you, you end up with a nicely packaged ending. If you're like me, you'll do the exact opposite of what the narrator tells you, while he becomes increasingly petulant, insulting and threatening. Then he gets tired of your shenanigans and resets your game.

The Stanley Parable is best described as a playable narrative - the computer equivalent of Choose Your Own Adventure. The puzzle in this game is to find all the possible endings. I've counted about twelve possible endings, and four forced endings (where you can leave and continue playing.) Fortunately, if you have no patience (like me) to try every single option, there are user-generated guides to get to some of the endings.

The game starts with Stanley, our main character, sitting in front of a dismal terminal in a room by himself. A narrator speaks.

"This is a story of a man, named Stanley. Stanley worked for a company in a big building where he was Employee 427. Employee 427's job was simple. He sat at his desk and pushed buttons on a keyboard. Orders came through a monitor on his desk, telling him which buttons to push, how long to push them, and in which order. This was what Employee 427 did every day, every month of every year, and while others would have considered it soul-rending, Stanley relished every order that came in, as if he had been made for this job. And Stanley was happy.

And then one day, something peculiar happened. Something that would forever change Stanley, something which he could never quite forget. He had been at his desk for nearly an hour before he realized that not one single order had arrived on the monitor for him to follow. No one had shown up to give him instructions, or even say "Hi." Never

in all his years at the company had this happened, this complete isolation. Something had clearly gone wrong. Shocked, frozen solid, Stanley found himself unable to move for the longest time. But he gathered his wits, regained his senses, and stepped out of his office."

This is where things get weird. You can turn around and shut the door. (The Coward ending.) The narrator responds with "Stanley simply couldn't handle the pressure." What if he had to make a decision? What if a crucial outcome fell under his responsibility? He had never been trained for that. No, the only way this could go was badly." Eventually, the narrator resets the game, and you're back in your office, at the terminal.

Or you can go out and try various doors to see if they open. Each action you take changes your ending just a bit. Go through the doors to the office, then take the stairs down, and you have an identity crisis. Or continue doing the exact opposite of what the narrator tells you, and he gets frustrated and puts you in Minecraft, instead. When you have too much fun exploring the open world of Minecraft, the narrator decides to put you in a mockup of Portal, instead. Finally, he gets disgusted and tosses you into what looks like Half-Life's sub-basement. (The Developer's ending.)

One path will take you to a museum of how they developed the game. Another (known as the Broom Closet ending) is triggered by you going into the broom closet and just standing there. The narrator gets increasingly frustrated with you continuing to stand in the broom closet, despite the fact that there's nothing to do in there, and he will eventually announce that you must have died at your keyboard, because nobody would stand in a broom closet for no reason. Some are actually depressing. In one, Stanley goes crazy and throws himself out

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# More than a stage

## How performing arts shape our kids

BY MICKY SHEARON  
Special to the Hood County News

In today's fast-paced global economy, the importance of a well-rounded education cannot be overstated. While academics are obviously crucial, extracurricular activities like the performing arts offer invaluable life skills that textbooks alone cannot provide. From boosting academic performance to enhancing emotional intelligence, the performing arts are a treasure trove of developmental benefits for children and teens. In Hood County, we're fortunate to have a vibrant arts scene that offers many opportunities for our young ones to shine.

"Performing arts is a playful application of everything students learn in core academic classes," says Robert Twaddell, Acting and Voice Instructor at Twaddell Studios and Granbury Theatre Academy. Indeed, the performing arts are a rich tapestry of disciplines that offer a well-rounded experience contributing to the overall development of children and teens. Acting, voice, and dance are all excellent ways to enrich and augment what our kids learn in the academic classroom."

### ACTING: THE GATEWAY TO EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE BUILDING EMPATHY

You might be surprised to learn that students involved in theater programs often score higher on standardized tests like the SAT. This isn't a coincidence; the skills acquired from performing arts—such as quick thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication—directly impact academic performance. "Performing artists are more likely to be recognized for academic achievement by four times," says Twaddell. Acting is not just about memorizing lines; it's a deep dive into understanding human emotions and motivations. Local programs like those at the Granbury Theatre Academy offer a variety of acting classes and workshops that focus on character development.

### BOOSTING CONFIDENCE

The performing arts are a confidence-building power-

house. Whether overcoming stage fright or learning to express oneself more clearly, the benefits are manifold. For shy or introverted children, theater can be a transformative experience. Performing arts programs teach the technical aspects of theater and focus on personal development, helping children become more assertive and self-assured.

Twaddell also notes that students involved in performing arts "don't even think about how hard they're working because they're having fun." The process of auditioning, rehearsing, and performing builds resilience and self-confidence, making acting a transformative experience for young minds.

### EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE THROUGH ROLE-PLAYING

Theater is a fantastic medium for children to explore different emotions and viewpoints, thereby developing empathy and emotional intelligence. Role-playing allows them to step into someone else's shoes, helping them understand the complexities of human emotions. This is particularly important in the formative years, as it sets the foundation for healthier relationships and social interactions in the future. "Singing, acting, playing instruments, and dancing are all ways a student can interact with the world on an emotional level," says Haley Twaddell, Voice Instructor with Twaddell Studios and Granbury Theatre Academy.



### VOICE AND MUSIC: MORE THAN JUST SINGING EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

Voice and music training is not merely about hitting or playing the right notes; it's also a form of emotional expression that can be transformative for students. "Students desperately need a way to regulate their emotions and express themselves to regain a sense of purpose in education," emphasizes Haley Twaddell. "Music is a universal language that transcends cultural and linguistic barriers."

### COGNITIVE BENEFITS

Voice training also enhances cognitive abilities, aligning with Robert Twaddell's observation that performing arts are an application of core academic subjects, including the relationship between music and math scores.

### DANCE: THE LANGUAGE OF MOVEMENT PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

"Dancing is a way a student can interact with the world on an emotional level," says Haley Twaddell. Dance is a fantastic way to improve physical health while serving as an emotional outlet, providing a comprehensive physical workout for kids and teens.

### TEAMWORK AND DISCIPLINE

Dance often involves group performances, teaching children the importance of teamwork and synchronization. The discipline required to master dance routines also instills a sense of responsibility and commitment.

### LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES IN GRANBURY

Granbury's vibrant arts scene offers many acting, voice, and dance opportunities. There's something for every interest and skill level, from summer camps to after-school programs. Local schools also offer annual productions incorporating all three disciplines, providing a holistic performing arts experience for young talent.

### CONCLUSION

"It is vital that arts education become a solution to the problems in our education system," Haley Twaddell asserts. Indeed, the performing arts offer many benefits beyond the stage, from building confidence and fostering teamwork to enhancing academic performance and emotional intelligence. In Hood County, we have the resources our children and teens need to grow artistically, academically, and personally.

# Granbury Baptist Church changes service times due to growth

### Staff Report

Granbury Baptist Church, located at 1200 Weatherford Hwy, is changing its service times to accommodate its growing congregation. Starting Sunday, Oct. 1,

there will be an 8:15 a.m. blended worship style service, with no nursery or children's programming available.

A 9:45 a.m. modern worship style service will follow, with nursery and

children's programming available.

Lastly, an 11:15 a.m. service will take place, which is also a modern worship style service, with nursery and children's programming available.

A youth class is available during the 9:45 a.m. hour and adult classes are available during both the 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. hours.

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# Capturing the essence of Hood County

## Eight tips for black and white iPhone photography

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

Hood County is an area steeped in rich history and filled with charming architecture, from the iconic Hood County Courthouse to the Granbury Opera House, which stands as a testament to the town's rich cultural heritage. But have you ever considered capturing the essence of Hood County in black and white? Here are eight tips to help you take striking black-and-white street photos using just your iPhone, all while highlighting the local landmarks and points of interest around Hood County.

### 1. EMBRACE THE NOIR: SHOOT IN BLACK AND WHITE

Most people shoot in color and convert to black and white later. But for the best results, shoot directly in black and white using your iPhone. This allows you to focus on elements like light, shadows, and patterns, which are crucial in black-and-white photography. Imagine capturing the Hood County Courthouse's intricate details without the distraction of color. To shoot in black and white on your iPhone, open the Camera app, swipe up, and select the Noir filter.

### 2. THE ART OF MINIMALISM: GRANBURY SQUARE

The Historic Granbury Square is the heart of Hood County, bustling with shops and cafes. However, for a minimalist shot, focus on capturing a single element—perhaps the historic clock on the Courthouse or a lone passerby. The key is to include lots of empty space, or “negative” space, to draw the viewer's eye directly to the subject. This technique works exceptionally well when capturing the Granbury Opera House's grandeur.

### 3. LEADING LINES: THE HISTORIC RAILROAD

Granbury's historic railroad offers an excellent opportunity for using leading lines in your photography. The tracks can guide the viewer's eye toward a subject or a point of interest, like the old Granbury Depot. Position yourself so that the railroad tracks lead from the foreground into the distance, ideally converging at your subject.

### 4. PATTERNS AND REPETITION: GRANBURY'S ARCHITECTURE

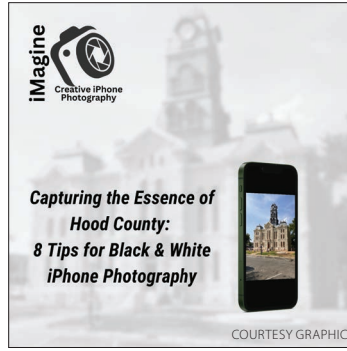
Granbury and Hood County are home to many historic buildings with fascinating architectural details. The Langdon Center, for example, offers a plethora of patterns and lines that can make your black-and-white photos pop. Capture the repetitive arches or windows to create a mesmerizing effect.

### 5. FRAME YOUR SUBJECT: THE BRIDGES OF GRANBURY

Granbury has several picturesque bridges, like the one at Lambert Branch Park. Use the bridge's structure to frame your subject, whether it's a person or a stunning lake view. This technique works exceptionally well in black and white, as the frame's shape stands out more clearly.

### 6. SILHOUETTES AT SUNSET: LAKE GRANBURY

Lake Granbury offers a perfect backdrop for silhouette photography, especially during the golden hours of sunrise and sunset. Position your subject against the bright sky and reduce the exposure to create a dark outline. The result is a mysterious and intriguing photo that captures the essence of a tranquil evening by the lake.



### 7. SHADOWS AND DRAMA: GRANBURY CITY BEACH PARK

The palm trees and unique sculptures at Granbury City Beach Park can cast interesting shadows, adding drama and mystery to your photos. Shoot during the golden hour to capture long, dramatic shadows. Don't worry about losing detail; the dark shadows can make your image even more powerful.

### 8. POST-PROCESSING: THE FINAL TOUCH

Even if you've captured your photos using the iPhone's Noir filter, a little post-processing can go a long way. Apps like Snapseed, Canva, and Lightroom offer tools to adjust brightness, contrast, and shadows. If you captured the Hood County Courthouse and feel the sky could be darker, a simple adjustment can make a world of difference.

Black and white photography offers a unique way to see and capture the world, and Hood County's rich history and beautiful landmarks provide the perfect canvas. So, the next time you're strolling through Granbury Square or enjoying a sunset at Lake Granbury, pull out your iPhone and see the town in a whole new light—or rather, in shades of gray. Happy shooting!

## THE IDLE AMERICAN

# The shape we're in



BY DON NEWBURY

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

Uncle Mort, my aged uncle down in The Thicket, has heard the expression since childhood. He's used it repeatedly since about the time he thinks he became an adult.

“We're in pretty good shape for the shape we're in.”

The rancid saying—when fresh and generally applicable—may have warranted a grin or two back when. Nowadays, there's little evidence that our world is in “pretty good shape,” even if viewed from various angles through lenses of rosier tint. “Anything goes” seems to prevail in the overall scheme of things, and there are far too many schemes. There's little to smile about in a world whose axis grows evermore wobbly.

Thankfully, Mort still tries to find reasons to smile. He pretty much relies on “horse sense” (he calls it “stable thinking”) and visits to the general store nearby to eavesdrop and/or take his seat at the domino table. “Flatland tourists” stop by for gas and snacks or to ask directions. They are amused that Mort and his friends have a lively “42” game underway next to the day-old bread rack.

“We have friendly arguments that usually lead to laughter. None of us would make it with computers. I'm afraid we'd jump right into the pool of the opinionated, so we simply quibble among ourselves.”

Anyway, Mort and his bunch cringe at the general state of anger and frustration that permeates our culture.

“Yeah, I overhear enough conversations at the general store to develop strong opinions without ever turning on the television.”

Concerning governmental quagmires in both Washington, DC, and Austin, he is flummoxed by the “flailing away” of political figures that resembles participants in “Whack-a-mole” games. (When one mole is “whacked” down, another one appears.)

“Truth, ethics, courage, conviction, and statesmanship historically marked our government leaders,” Mort claims. Today, not so true.

He says a recent general store visitor brought “news” of a new health issue purported to be raging in D.C. and Austin.

It was passed along to him by a guy at

a gasoline pump who heard it from the second cousin of a man who married the daughter of his junior high school baseball coach.

The affliction seems to be limited to index fingers of governmental leaders of both parties, and, so far, it is nameless.

Symptoms in Austin and Washington include reddened, chafed index fingers.

“One doctor claims the condition is inevitable when too many moistened index fingers are hoisted skyward to determine which way the wind blows,” the visitor said.

Mort wonders what they'll wind up naming this ailment, but he figures it will include broad-brush descriptions of “good government, patriotism, motherhood and/or apple pie.” It seems probable that this condition should be named “get-re-elected-itis,” or something closely akin thereto.

“Wet fingers lifted to see which way the wind blows are nothing new,” Mort opined. “But this practice shouldn't carry the day.”

Long a man of prayer, he remembers the country church of his youth. It was comprised largely of farmers who saved money by pooling their orders for new overalls. They always requested double-layered denim in the knees, with quadruple layers in the seat. “We are a praying bunch, so we need double strength fabric for our knees,” a deacon explained. “Unfortunately, we do twice as much back-sliding as we do praying, thus the need for four-layered seat fabric.”

Rank and file Americans need to “think denim,” at least the two-layered kind.

As Mort motored toward home on his golf cart, he was refreshed by cool air accompanying the recently-arrived fall season. Reflective and prayerful, remembrance of Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous quote came to mind: “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.”

Mort prayed that the love of money—the root of all evil—might lose its stranglehold on the world.

“We maintained for years that money talks,” he thinks. “That's no longer true. Today, it screams.”

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# CASINO NIGHT

Casino Night benefiting Ruth's Place was held on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023. The event was held at the Lake Granbury Conference Center and included a night of casino games, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a live auction.

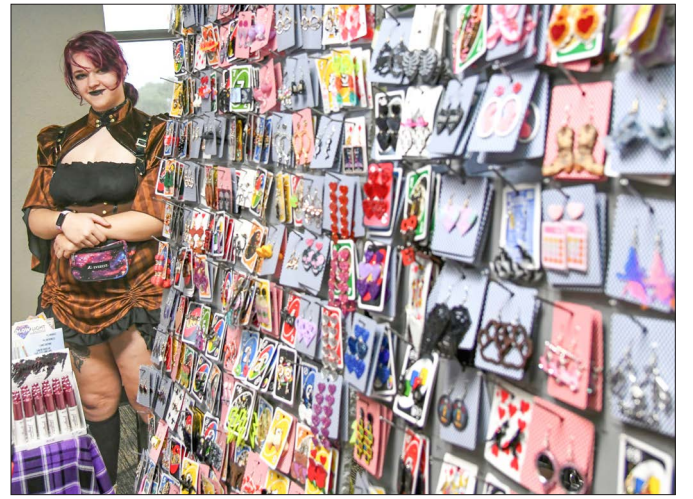
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# SPOOKY SPECTACLE

The Spooky Spectacle held on Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24 at the Lake Granbury Convention Center was jam-packed with dozens of booths and vendors specializing in the creepy and weird. For 12 years, Granbury resident Brandy Herr has been putting on the fun event, with the intention of creating a different and otherworldly event for those who enjoy everything paranormal.

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# STEP UP FOR SENIORS

Step Up for Seniors was held on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. The Hood County Senior Center/ Meals on Wheels Hood County Step Up 4 Seniors 3K aims to strengthen the impact of their efforts and rally the community around the needs of Hood County Seniors. The run or walk took participants around the beautiful, historic Granbury Square. Start and Finish lines were at the Hood County Senior Center located at 501 E Moore St., just a few blocks North of the Square.

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# Granbury Woman's Club kicks off National Day of Service

*Submitted item*

The Granbury Woman's Club, which is a part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) headquartered in Washington D.C., is pleased to announce the kickoff of the National Day of Service

on Sept. 30, spotlighting food insecurity and hunger in the United States.

Donna Engel, president of the Granbury chapter, says that over 700 clubs in 48 states are participating this year to help increase public awareness and provide food resources to residents in

their communities.

Locally, the Granbury Woman's Club has collected food items for Mission Granbury to be distributed to homebound seniors every week. Many of these seniors can't afford nutritious food or are unable to shop for and prepare their own meals.

The GFWC tagline is "Living the Volunteer Spirit" which is the essence of this national public awareness campaign about hunger and food insecurity. It takes a village of concerned community leaders, public servants, and compassionate neighbors to solve hunger.

## GAME

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of a window. Another traps you above the virtual space, forever invisible. It's a very simple game. You won't do any jumping, there's limited clicking, and the challenge in this case is just to find

all the possible endings.

Davey Wreden conceived of the game while he was in college. "The very first thing I asked with the game was 'what would happen if you could disobey the narrator?'" Wreden originally released this as a free modification for Half-Life 2, and it uses many of the same skins. After it

started to be successful, he rewrote the game using Source and released it as a standalone game. Wreden hired British actor Kevan Brighting as the voice of the narrator.

The Stanley Parable: Ultra Deluxe came out in 2022, and I've been trying very hard not to purchase it. I already have too many games that I'm not

playing right now, I don't need to add another one. But Ultra Deluxe has an "expanded reimagining" of the original story. All the original endings are there, but there are more added, and the office machines have been updated to look more modern. Maybe I'll wait until it goes on sale.

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**Friday, 29 September 2023 - Thursday, 05 October 2023**

**A Haunting in Venice - 104 min (PG13)**  
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Sat: 10:20AM, 12:50PM, 3:25PM, 7:25PM, 9:20PM.  
Sun: 10:25AM, 12:55PM, 3:25PM, 7:55PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:40PM, 5:10PM, 7:40PM.  
Thurs: 2:20PM, 4:30PM

**PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie - 95 min (PG)**  
Fri: 2:00PM, 2:35PM, 4:25PM, 6:50PM.  
Sat, Sun: 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 3:00PM, 5:30PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 2:50PM, 4:25PM.  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:25PM, 6:50PM

**Private cinema event - 120 min (NR)**  
Thurs: 2:30PM

**Saw X - 118 min (R)**  
Fri: 5:00PM, 7:45PM, 9:15PM, 10:30PM.  
Sat: 1:45PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 8:00PM, 10:00PM.  
Sun: 1:45PM, 4:30PM, 7:15PM, 7:55PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 5:15PM, 6:50PM, 8:00PM.  
Thurs: 2:05PM, 4:50PM, 7:50PM

**The Blind - 118 min (PG13)**  
Daily: 6:30PM

**The Creator - 133 min (PG13)**  
Fri: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM, 11:00PM.  
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM.  
Sun: 10:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 8:00PM.  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:35PM

**The Equalizer 3 - 109 min (R)**  
Fri: 2:05PM, 5:00PM.  
Sat: 11:25AM, 4:45PM.  
Sun: 12:05PM, 2:40PM.  
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**The Exorcist: Believer - 111 min (R)**  
Thurs: 5:00PM, 7:35PM

**The Expendables - 103 min (R)**  
Fri: 4:45PM, 7:15PM, 9:50PM.  
Sat: 11:35AM, 2:10PM, 4:40PM, 7:10PM, 9:45PM.  
Sun: 12:40PM, 3:10PM, 5:40PM, 8:10PM.  
Mon, Tues, Wed: 4:35PM, 7:10PM.  
Thurs: 2:00PM, 7:05PM

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### MONDAYS

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

**GRANBURY BRIDGE** Club will hold an ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game at noon each week at the Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek HWY, Granbury, TX 76049. Entry \$8/person. All are welcome, come with a partner and compete for ACBL masterpoints! Info & reservations: 225-933-4074.

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

**GRANBURY CIVIC** Chorus rehearsals, 7 p.m. at Acton United Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Details: granburycivicchorus2001@gmail.com. December program will feature songs of Christmas from around the world. www.granburycivicchorus.org

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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

**PEDALING FOR** Parkinson's hosted by the Hood County YMCA will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at 1475 James Road. The program is led by a certified group fitness instructor and consists of a pre- and post-

fitness evaluation, and 45 minute spin/cycling session. Program will last 12 weeks For more information call 817-624-9791 or e-mail community-health@ymcafw.org.

### WEDNESDAYS

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

**HABITAT FOR** Humanity of Hood County Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are building in the 4000 block of Sundown Trail. No experience or tools needed. Just come build with us.

### THURSDAYS

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

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

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

**THE GRANBURY** Disc Golf Club has Mini tournaments every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at 600 W. Moore St. Welcoming all levels of disc golfers. Show up at least 15 minutes early to pay the \$12 entry fee and warm up.

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### SATURDAYS

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

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### SUNDAYS

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

### FIRST MONDAYS

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

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

### FIRST TUESDAYS

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

### SECOND TUESDAYS

**GRANBURY KNITTING** Guild meets to knit, learn and share knitting tips each month at First Presbyterian Church Annex, 303 W. Bridge St. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. and meeting from 10-11:30 a.m.

### FOURTH TUESDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** Historical

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

### FIRST THURSDAYS

**BRAZOS RIVER** Corvette Club meets on the first Thursday each month for fellowship, planning events and other business. Dinner, if desired, at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs8@aol.com.

### SECOND THURSDAYS

**HOOD COUNTY** CERT meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center located at 401 Deputy Larry Miller Dr. HoodCoCert@gmail.com

### THIRD THURSDAYS

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

### SECOND SATURDAYS

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

### THIRD MONDAYS

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

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

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GRANBURY CULTURAL ARTS

# Harvest Moon Festival reaches 45 years

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

District, which is an honor in and of itself and will also open up avenues for grants and other support for our cultural community from the TCA. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at 5 p.m., at the main stage during the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts to celebrate this unique honor for our community.

As the culmination of years of work by leaders in the art community, your Granbury Cultural Arts Commission has prepared and filed an application to the Texas Commission on the Arts to be designated a TCA Cultural District. Thirteen Texas cities applied this year, and only two were accepted - including Granbury! We are very excited about this designation as the Granbury Cultural

Speaking of Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts, this is its 45th year. It's an extraordinary two-day event to be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7p.m. to 10 p.m., then again Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You're promised an enchanting experience immersed in the world of fine art and music, showcasing the incredible talents of over 100 artists from various mediums, including painting, photography, mixed media, wood, jewelry, and much

more. Prepare to be amazed by the artistic imagination and skill of renowned artists such as Elise Techtentine, Fred Tate, and Dennis Howard. In addition, the festival boasts a phenomenal music lineup (be sure to look at the website below for the line-up).

The Celebrity Moon Auction on Saturday, presented by the Granbury Art Alliance, will pair famous personalities with local artists, including Jim Jarratt with James Spurlock, Ron Massingill with Mike Tabor, and others. And the Lake Granbury Art Association will host a booth full of affordable original art which benefits local artists.

Then as the sun sets, the festival takes on a whole new rhythm with a Dancing in the Moonlight Concert that simply cannot be missed. Let the music of Presley Haile &

Nick Brumley, along with the band The Vintage Yell, sway you into the night.

In an exciting addition to this year's festival, Granbury Wine Society is offering tastings from six wineries that will elevate your experience, adding an extra layer of sophistication and pleasure to the festivities. Limited tickets (1,500) are required; available on site and in advance (see website).

On Sunday, enjoy a Bluegrass Gospel Brunch by purchasing a special boxed meal from some of our excellent Granbury restaurants.

Harvest Moon caters to the whole family, nurturing the creative gifts of children, which is why we have a special area both days called Children's Creations. This spectacular artistic playground provides a safe and engaging space for children to explore art in multiple

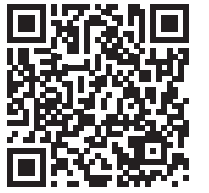


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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

# Auxiliary's Fall Bazaar Fundraiser happening at PAC today



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 Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary is presenting Pecan's Fall Bazaar today, Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the PAC grounds. Gates are open 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.

Donna Bullis, co-president of the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary and chairman of the upcoming bazaar, said the quality of merchandise and skill level of the artisans and craftsmen who offered their creations for sale at the 2022 fair was amazing, and she is delighted that many are returning this year.

In addition, food will be available for purchase in the PAC kitchen while Pecan residents Eric Rohlfling and Jim Copeland provide music.

Finally, 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.

**GOLF DAY**

The 2023 Pecan Plantation Club Championship Golf Tournament is happening today, Saturday, Sept. 30 and tomorrow, Sunday, Oct. 1 for both lady and gentleman

players in our community. Tee times begin at 7:30 a.m.

**AUXILIARY MEETING**

Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary will gather Monday evening Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the EMS building on Monticello Drive. A potluck meal and social time at 6 p.m. will precede the meeting. Residents interested in supporting this group that fundraises for Pecan's emergency service groups are invited to attend.

**FALL TIME**

The Green Thumb Garden Club members have worked their magic again and brought fall beauty to our front and back gate circles. These folks hold a love of gardening and pride in making the common areas of our community lovely. Volunteers are welcome to aid the group's work in presence on workdays, by giving a monetary donation, or by purchasing a yearly membership (\$25). GTGC representatives will be present today, Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Fall Bazaar to answer questions about the group's work or enroll new members.

**GLOBAL EATS**

"Dining around the World" will come to Pecan on Saturday, Oct. 14 when dishes representing Germany, France, Italy, New Orleans, Polynesia, and Texas will be on the menu. No passport is needed to enjoy this fare,

and complete event details are forthcoming.

**VACCINATION AVAILABLE**

Flu shots are currently available at the emergency services compound on Monticello Drive. Hours of service are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a \$20 cost per vaccination.

**GARAGE SALE**

Pecan's fall garage sale weekend is on the calendar for Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21. Friday's sale for members only will run from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with Saturday's operations happening from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open to the public. Residents desiring to be included in the garage sale master list may send details of items available to reception@ppoaweb.com from Oct. 1 to 16.

**ROAD WORK**

Several Pecan roads received their final asphalt layer last week with striping to be scheduled soon. Work continues this week on Monticello. Daniel Van Patten and the crews making the new roads happen thank residents for their patience during this process. Any inquiries on the construction process may be directed to Daniel at 817-573-2641.

**HIGH FLYING**

Even though the day's temperature was warm, this year's fly-in and car show was deemed "the biggest and best yet" by attendees. Attendance was plentiful, and pilots gave numerous rides to Young Eagles participants. Thank you to EAA Chapter 983 and event organizers for staging such a successful event.



COURTESY PHOTO BY LANA ROBINSON

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary's Fall Bazaar is happening today, Saturday, Sept. 30 at the PAC. Among the offerings will be art and handcrafted jewelry by Pecan resident and longtime vendor, Linda Christiansen. All proceeds from the day benefit Pecan's emergency service groups.

**GROWING WELL**

The Pecan Plantation Community Gardens is a busy place with its first fall crop in the ground. Some of the bounty to come includes zucchini, cucumbers, carrots, and lettuce. The next workday will happen Saturday, Oct. 14, and "Happy Hour" in the garden will occur Tuesday, Oct. 17. All Pecaners are invited to visit the garden on these dates to learn of its offerings. In addition, new members are always welcome. No previous gardening experience is necessary to join the group. Applications are available at the PAC front desk, and annual dues are \$25.

A valuable member of the Community Gardens is

treasurer Susan Harris who serves the group by planning monthly workdays, harvesting crops, acting as a community liaison, and orchestrating fundraisers. Susan enjoys playing pickleball in addition to gardening and cooking, and she also employs fresh garden basil in herbal arrangements, which she has generously donated as door prizes and gifts. Community Gardens members are grateful to Susan for her leadership and effort on behalf of the growing garden in Pecan.

**BOOKS TO GO**

The Hood County Bookmobile will be at the PAC on Wednesday, Oct. 11 and Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on

both days. Patrons may both check out and return library books at the bookmobile. In addition, library staff will be on hand to distribute free books to attendees.

**INFO MEETINGS**

The board of directors for Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service will host two town hall meetings to discuss the proposed assessment increase in 2024. Both meetings will take place on Saturday, Oct. 14 (one at 10 a.m., and the other at 2 p.m.) at the Charlie Lee EMS Building on Monticello Drive.

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