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Moratorium, tax increase among subjects discussed at city council candidate forum



The Granbury City Council Candidate Forum at the Lake Granbury Conference Center on Oct. 9, allowed a way for the public to learn more about candidates Charles Beard, Alex Wolf, Greg Corrigan, Brad Benson, and Gary "Skip" Overdier.

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

Granbury City Council candidates came together for a candidate forum on Oct. 9, with questions regarding the city's moratorium and recent tax increase serving as hot topics for the evening.

The public gathered at the Lake Granbury Conference Center to learn more about Granbury City Council Place 4 candidates Charles Beard, Brad Benson, and Gary "Skip" Overdier, and Place 6 candidates Alex Wolf and incumbent Greg Corrigan.

Eric Morrow, Tarleton State University associate professor, served as moderator for the evening as he took turns asking questions of the candidates in a two-hour long public forum.

The candidates began by issuing a three-minute opening statement to introduce themselves and give an overview of their position on certain matters.

CHARLES BEARD

Beard began his opening statement by apologizing for wearing glasses inside, as the injuries he received during combat now require him to constantly wear shaded glasses.

He said that he is a local Granbury ISD substitute teacher and is "here for the people." He said he does not approve of tax increases, but that Granbury will continue to grow.

"We all have to be together as one. That's why I'm for the people. I want to be the people's voice," he said.

ALEX WOLF

Alex Wolf is the owner of Zev Martial Arts in Granbury, where his students have earned 33 state, eight national, and three world championships.

Wolf said he believes in "standing up for what is right," even if he has to stand alone. He said he also believes in lowering taxes and "never again allowing our churches, our schools, or our businesses to be shut down."

"I believe our Granbury family values are worth fighting for," he said.

Wolf also called out incumbent Corrigan, claiming that he was at the helm during the pandemic lockdowns, "shut down the community in his handling of the wastewater treatment plant," and saying that "property taxes have risen more than doubled since he's been in office."

"I'm running for Granbury City Council to give the people a grand narrative of voice," Wolf said. "Our community pride and connectedness make Granbury special, and further excellence can only be achieved through accountability and transparency of the city's government to the people."

GREG CORRIGAN

Corrigan moved to Granbury in 2012 and served this community in a "number of different ways," like being involved with the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department, an ambassador of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, along with serving on numerous boards and nonprofits.

He explained that since being elected, he has learned more about government and politics "than he ever really cared to know."

"I met some of the greatest people on Earth and work on being a better man every day," Corrigan said. "I make decisions based on my faith, the facts that are presented in front of me, and the community. I look forward to serving you for the next three years, and I thank you for your support and ask for your vote."

BRAD BENSON

Benson is a lifelong Texan with conservative values. He is a Tarleton State University graduate and the owner of the Cinergy Cinemas movie theater in Granbury. Cinergy Cinemas now has nine locations in four states, Benson said.

He also has served as a part-time deputy fire marshal for



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Hood County. He spent several years on the board of directors on an electric power co-op overseeing a \$1.5 billion-dollar annual budget "about seven times greater than the city of Granbury."

Benson said for goals, he wants to "reduce tax bills," "get ahead" of the Highway 377 expansion project and improve the GVFD's ISO rating.

"I'm running for city council because I believe that you need a local representative, someone who knows the city inside and out and someone who's been here a long time, and not somebody with an unknown agenda," Benson concluded.

GARY "SKIP" OVERDIER

Overdier served in the Air Force for 30 years, where he was eventually promoted to chief master sergeant. After leaving the Air Force, he became a partner and managing broker for the "largest real estate franchise in eastern New Mexico."

After being in real estate for 15 years, he had the opportunity to reenlist in the Air Force, where he was involved in "every war in conflict since Vietnam."

He then moved to Florida and was eventually elected to serve on the city council

in Destin. Overdier recently moved to Granbury, where he has since served as a member of the Granbury Rotary Club and the Granbury Planning & Zoning Commission.

"You don't get to positions like that without being a leader," Overdier concluded. "So, if you agree with me that to be on the Granbury City Council, you need to be a leader, then I would ask for your vote on Nov. 7."

MOST IMPORTANT ROLE

Morrow then began the Q&A portion of the forum, asking the candidates, "What do you feel is the most important role of a Granbury City Council member?"

Beard said "making policies" is one of the greatest roles of a city council member. He said the council needs to continue to update the public on changes and motions, as well as improving the city budget.

"We need to seriously listen to the people, and we need to hear what they have to say," he said. "We need to look back, have compassion and understanding, and realize we're in a time where businesses are trying to vote."

He explained that when

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Taxpayers usually receive their tax bills in the first week of October but due to the Voter Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) being on the Nov. 7 election ballot, taxpayers will now receive their bills sometime in November.

Expect a delay in your tax bill coming in the mail

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

The Hood County Appraisal District is delaying sending out tax bills to the taxpayers in the county.

Taxpayers usually receive their tax bills in the first week of October according to Jeff Law, Hood County chief appraiser.

Granbury ISD adopted a tax rate that was higher than the calculated voter approval rate which is why the Voter Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE) will be on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

According to Granbury ISD, "if VATRE is approved the proposal will enable Granbury ISD to secure an estimated \$8.2 million in additional annual funding while simultaneously reducing the overall tax rate from last year's rate of 0.9996 cents by 0.0342 cents. This would be the lowest rate in Hood County and one of the lowest in the

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Hood County sets budget, property tax rate

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

The Hood County Commissioners Court adopted the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and adopted a property tax rate of .282622 per \$100 valuation during a special called meeting on Sept. 19.

BUDGET

The budget for next year will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$456,467 — a 1.8 percent increase.

Before the budget was passed, Hood County residents came up to the podium to express their opinion on the agenda item.

"I know that there has been a great deal of time devoted to the development of this particular budget, and I also know that there have been repeated changes that have had to be made to it because of the fact that figures coming from the state and things of that nature have necessitated repeated revisions to the budget," said Hood County resident Jerry Doherty. "I wanted to express my appreciation to the commissioner's court as a whole, for the fact that you've been willing to take the time and put in the extra effort to make sure that the numbers that we're adopting are accurate . . . so, to everybody that had anything to do with the development of this and the revision of it, and the assurance that we've gotten the numbers correct, I'm greatly appreciative of that."

Former Hood County Republican Party Chair Nate Criswell also thanked Hood County Judge Ron Massingill, Hood County Commissioners, and Kidd for performing their due diligence in "what is the most vital function in Hood County Commissioners Court," — adopting the budget and setting the property tax rate.

"I think y'all should be commended, because, for the first time in history, we are adopting a budget and a tax rate that puts us well below the no new revenue rate, and while I'm sure Commissioner Eagle's still gonna vote against it, because it's not

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Yes matters

Chamber Message

The number one question asked by companies looking to relocate into a new community is 'How good are the schools?' They aren't asking about tax breaks, special deals, preferential treatment...they want to know if they bring their company...their jobs...their people to a new town, will their employees' children get a good education. And, it also stands to reason that companies moving into new communities are looking for new talent that has been produced by those schools. Whether it's a company of 25 or 500, the question is always the same. YES Matters for current and future jobs in Granbury.

Bond elections have grown in size over the years, in part, because in many cases, the mandates pushed down from state and federal governments must be part of any new construction or remodeling of existing facilities. Keeping buildings in top working conditions that are 30, 40 even 50 years old is no small task...just like keeping your home in top conditions over the same time period requires regular updating and investment. Investing in the public school system is no different than investing in your home or for your retirement...you're building for the future. YES Matters for investing in the infrastructure of our schools.

In Granbury, we already know that student growth is taking place...and within a couple of years, several elementary campuses will be at or above capacity. We also know that teachers in GISD are significantly underpaid compared to their peers in surrounding districts, and are having to deal with overcrowding and, in some instance, a lack of classroom space. Temporary buildings aren't the answer...never have been, never will be. In fact, they cost MORE to operate over time than a well-built and maintained brick and mortar facility...and are one of the worst places to be in hail and tornado season. YES Matters for the compensation of teachers and staff, and the safety and security of students, teachers and staff.

On Nov. 7, you have a clear choice...help solidify our future workforce; invest in safety, security and infrastructure; send a message to our teachers and staff that we value the work that they do; believe in the long-term success of our schools, students and teachers. Or not. If you have students in the district, the answer should be an easy YES. If you don't have students in the district, ask yourself this question before you vote...will your home's value improve over time if the schools don't? YES Matters when you have a choice to do the right thing.

At its September meeting, the Chamber's Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution of support for both GISD ballot initiatives...the bond election and VATRE. Businesses need good schools...and good schools need businesses. The Chamber realizes that our businesses can't grow and thrive without employees. Our businesses can't grow and thrive without new customers. Our businesses can't grow and thrive without acknowledging the value of an educated workforce. On Nov. 7, YES Matters.

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Courtney Current finds 'deeper connection' in Leadership Granbury

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

Since moving to Granbury almost nine years ago, Courtney Current spent most of her time traveling for work — leading her to feel like an outsider in her own community.

But through the help of a new job and Leadership Granbury, Current now feels like she's an integral part of the Hood County family.

Current is the managing partner for Concho Hearts Hospice of Granbury. She explained how the job allows her to fulfill her passion for elder care, while also being able to stay at home following the end of her shift.

"I had traveled for work over the last probably eight years, and so to get home, I took this position," she said. "I had never really immersed myself in the community because I was traveling for work, but I got this opportunity, and I loved it."

To integrate herself in the community further, Current also joined the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, where she found Leadership Granbury.

Leadership Granbury is a program that creates an awareness of community resources and needs, enhances leadership skills, and helps identify future leaders, according to the website.

By investing in the community, the program allows Hood County business owners, gov-

ernment officials, civic leaders, healthcare providers, educators and more to participate in team-building exercises and learn more about the community they call "home."

"It was a great experience for connecting with other business owners, and other people who have moved to Granbury in the last few years, and really want to see themselves here long term and embedded in our community civically," Current said. "It was a nice transition for me to go from traveling all the time to being home to actually being a part of a group that was so close-knit."

Leadership Granbury begins with a mandatory full-day retreat that acquaints participants with each other and the program. The retreat is the first step in creating bonds and friendships that will last a lifetime, according to the website.

The course then consists of one full-day session each month — from September through May — that offers learning opportunities and challenges participants to become actively involved in building a better tomorrow for Granbury.

Current said her favorite part about Leadership Granbury was traveling to Austin for Government Day.

"It was kind of unique, because you're like, stuck on a bus for four hours with some of the people you've been with for most of the year at that point," she said. "It just



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Courtney Current, managing partner for Concho Hearts Hospice of Granbury, said she found a "deeper connection" with other professionals after joining Leadership Granbury.

strengthened our friendships and strengthened us getting on a deeper level of knowing each other. When we got there, it was really cool, just to see how our county was represented on a state level. We have some great representatives there who were actually passing a bill they had put up, so it was kind of cool to see that our congressman was so involved."

Current encourages anyone who is looking for other professionals with "like-minded entrepreneurial spirits" and who want a "deeper connection" to the community, to give Leadership Granbury a try.

She added, "Learning about our community and the way it is integrated is really part of what Leadership Granbury presents."

Although anyone is eligible to apply or make a nomination to Leadership Granbury, the board selects a maximum of 25 qualified individuals every year.

To learn more about how to become a part of Leadership Granbury, email leadership-granbury@gmail.com.

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No place I'd rather live than Texas



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.

Living in Texas is a privilege. It is exactly where I want to spend the rest of my life. I would not consider moving to another location, and in fact, if someone suggested moving somewhere else, I am certain I could not conjure up a place I would rather go.

I do enjoy traveling and love to visit places like the Monterey coast of California, feeling the energy and vibrancy of New York, and taking in the scenic beauty of the Ozarks. Those are all places to go and visit, not places I would choose to

reside.

My heart tells me if I left Texas, I would miss the unique feeling of its people, its places, and its style. I would yearn to drop into Joe T Garcia's or Mi Terra and experience some Tex-Mex cuisine. I would miss fresh

gulf shrimp, Texas smoked meats, and unique Texas-style desserts like banana pudding, pecan pie, and peach cobbler.

There would be no place like Gruene Hall to drink a Shiner nor a bar called the Frosty Armadillo to consume a freshly made margarita.

I would miss diners located in out of the way places. The ones that serve a uniquely-Texas chicken fried steak, with beans slowly simmered and laced with a hint of jalapeno. A place where the biscuits are the size of an oilfield roughnecks' fist, and where at a corner table each morning, a group of old men are slurping coffee while they gossip and discuss the news of the day.

I would disapprove of living in a place where a cowboy hat was seldom seen and where cowboy boots and rodeo were only an "attraction" which came to town once a year.

If I moved, my homesick mind would wander to images of live oak trees, the open plains, and the rolling hills. Wherever I were, the landscape would eventually grow tiresome and lose its luster because no matter its attributes, it would not be Texas.

No place else could surpass the excitement of a high school football game, Texas-sized homecoming mums, and the sense of community created by Friday night lights.

The sight of cattle grazing, an oilfield pump maintaining its never-ending rhythm, and the snow white of a cotton patch ready to be harvested, are not sights I wish to abandon.

Of all the places I have visited I have never seen women more attractive than those found in Texas, children who were more respectful to their elders, nor men who shook hands with more authority. No other location would be an improvement.

Perhaps most of all, I would miss passing people on the street, having them smile and say, "good morning" and knowing they mean it.

When the day comes and I retire, there will be

many places I wish to visit. Yellowstone and Yosemite are on the list. There will be a trip to Maine during the fall to witness firsthand a New England autumn, a visit to the Smithsonian, and maybe one last trip to Europe. But I will always come back home to Texas. I will always be proud Texas is my home. I will never wash her imprint from my soul. If you are a Texan, you feel the same way.

Thought for the day: I may live in my own little world, but it is OK. It is my home, and they know me here.

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

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Folks around town



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Tyler Keckler

Say hello to our neighbor, Tyler Keckler!

First drawn by the small-town feel and friendly atmosphere, the Keckler family has made Hood County their home since 2020. Living close to family and the love of water sports makes Hood County living even better for the Keckler family. Tyler has served as a firefighter, a law enforcement officer for The National Park Service, and is now a paramedic for Texas EMS. Tyler goes to the Hood County News online to catch up on the local news, and keep informed about local events and happenings.

GVFD hosts district training for 19 local fire departments

Staff Report

The Granbury Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) welcomed firefighters from seven counties for its district training on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the GVFD training field.

In conjunction with a North Central Texas District of the State Firefighters' and Fire Marshal's (SFFMA) meeting, a total of 75 firefighters representing 19 fire departments attended the hands-on training, which focused on flashover evolution and vehicle extraction.

During flashover evolution, the firefighters observed how fire spreads from a small fire to an entire room. They learned the fire science of how a fire responds when it consumes the oxygen in a room and when the room is ventilated. Through this, the firefighters learned how to read a fire and safely extinguish it.

The vehicle extraction training taught firefighters how to safely remove



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injured drivers and passengers from wrecked vehicles by removing a vehicle's doors and roof.

Persons interested in becoming firefighters should contact the GVFD online at GVFD.org or by calling

GVFD's Station No. 1 at 817-579-1111.

AARP Tax-Aide program seeks volunteers for next season

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

An AARP Foundation program is seeking local volunteers to assist Hood County taxpayers with preparing and filing their taxes for the 2023 season.

Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service that provides free tax return preparation for people who want help with basic uncomplicated returns. People with low-to-moderate incomes, seniors, people with disabilities, and those with limited English

skills usually qualify for this free service.

"Basically, what Tax-Aide is, we work through the VITA, Voluntary Income Tax Assistance, which is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program," said Sharay Boynton, coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program. "All counselors are VITA-certified, and we provide tax preparation, not just to those over 65, but really anybody who needs assistance, who has a tax return within our scope of abilities. But what we're looking for at this time of year is gathering volunteers."

Tax-Aide volunteers receive specialized training and have the option of serving in a variety of roles — tax volunteers, client facilitators, technology coordinators, and leadership administrators.

Tax Volunteers: Tax volunteers receive free tax training in December and January. Once trained, they work a few hours a week from late January through mid-April, interacting with clients by filling out tax returns. Even if you don't have accounting or tax preparation experience, becoming a tax volunteer may be right for you if you

enjoy working with computers and have a knack for numbers.

Client Facilitators: Client facilitators make sure the clients have all the necessary paperwork before meeting with a tax volunteer and they also manage the flow of clients being served.

Technology Coordinators: Technology coordinators manage computer equipment, work to ensure taxpayer data security, or provide technical assistance to volunteers at multiple sites on technology issues.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAKING CARE OF OUR TEACHERS

Maybe you are wondering why a sheriff is writing letters about the school bond proposals. It is because successful schools have a direct impact on a community's crime rate. Recent studies have shown that a community's investment in public schools reduces adult crime (<https://record.umich.edu/articles/public-school-investment-reduces-adult-crime-study-shows/>).

Students in better-funded schools were 15% less likely to be arrested. Having strong, involved families raising good kids in good schools is a superb formula to prevent future crime. In Hood County, we are blessed with an active ISD with great leadership, lots of academic and career options, and a heavy emphasis on citizenship.

Our teachers and staff are critically under-compensated, resulting in a talent drain where neighboring ISDs are hiring our best and brightest away. This, along with overcrowding, is hindering our community's ability to produce capable adults who will contribute to our community in constructive ways.

After a resounding "no"

on last year's costly bond proposal, GISD listened to the community's concerns and has presented fiscally responsible proposals. This will give us many needed upgrades while keeping our tax rate the same.

Proposition A is a Voter Approved Tax Rate Election (VATRE) that will provide a 10% permanent salary increase for teachers and staff, improving our ability to attract and keep talented teachers. Smaller class sizes and skilled instructors lead to better academic outcomes and future success for our students. This benefits everyone, whether we have children in school or not.

Proposition B is a \$151.7M bond that provides for a new elementary school on the north side of Granbury behind HEB and the expansion of Acton Middle School. This reduces reliance on portable buildings, improves safety, and addresses student growth. This makes my job easier and minimizes dangerous situations in the future. The bond also includes renovation of all lower schools to enhance the learning environment, provides a new northern bus hub, and 30 new buses. This will shorten runs, improve

maintenance and safety, and reduce traffic.

Taking care of our teachers and the schools that serve our children should be at the top of our concern list. Nobody likes taxes but we must understand the balance between taxes, their direct impact on our personal budgets and the quality of life our community provides for our children. By reducing adult crime, communities create social savings greater than the costs of increased school funding. That being said, our trustees are presenting a bond that not only addresses the needs of our growing community but does so with a school tax rate that actually goes down 6 cents per \$100 of valuation. This makes good common sense and is a concept we all should embrace. Please do your own research and I am confident you will all see why propositions A and B are necessary.

Remember, better schools produce better citizens and better citizens avoid criminal situations. Join me in voting YES to Propositions A and B!

Roger Deeds
Hood County Sheriff

IN FAVOR OF VATRE

After 22 years of Naval service and 25 years of executive retailing (Costco, AutoZone, Estee Lauder), my wife and I have lived all over our country. When it came time to retire, we wanted to select a location with a wonderful community, close to our granddaughter, a lake for me to fish in, and great neighbors. Granbury was the perfect choice, and our 10 years here have been superb.

Giving back to my community is an important family value, and I am fortunate to be able to have the time and the opportunity to do so. Helping the children in our community is the best way to invest in the future of our town, as well as our state and our nation, so I joined the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center (PRCAC) Board as my first step. From there I began assisting GISD with volunteer needs, from scholarships to solutions for growth issues.

There are two propositions up for a vote this year. Prop A, the VATRE, (Voter Approved Tax Rate Election) is for staff salaries, and Prop B is for facilities. Both are critical to meeting our kids' needs as our com-

munity grows. The VATRE brings our teacher and staff salaries to competitive levels with a 10% permanent wage increase, a major step in hiring and retaining the best staff in GISD. Prop B is a \$151.7M bond that adds a new elementary school, the first since 1996. It also adds classroom space to Acton Middle School, addressing overcrowding caused by increased enrollment numbers. It improves elementary and middle schools with increased security and much-needed repair and renovation, enhancing the academic environment. Further, it will put a new bus barn in the north section of the district plus 30 new buses to improve and shorten the travel experiences for our young children.

Unfortunately, there is quite a small, but vocal segment of our community that votes negatively on everything that requires money or updating. They are lining up against these two common-sense bonds, even though the propositions will lower the school taxes (6 cents per \$100) and provide more classrooms for GISD's rapidly increasing numbers of students. Please, research

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BUDGET

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low enough, I think it's a good thing the way this all works out and I just wanted to give you my sincere, "thank you," Criswell said.

Richard Hoefs, a member of Granbury's Planning and Zoning Commission, cited inconsistencies in the budget on the "subtotal" and "total" lines.

"The dollar numbers are right in the budget — it's just the percentages that are incorrect in just the total and subtotal lines, so I would encourage you to continue to move forward with the great work you've done, and vote to approve the budget with the proviso that either that percentage column be deleted, or that

it be validated as correct before published to the public so there's no concern or miscommunication," Hoefs said.

Kidd explained to Hoefs that the errors are due to exporting the Excel spreadsheet.

Granbury resident Tina Brown questioned why the budget showed the district attorney was given an incentive pay and salary supplement totaling \$23,200.

Kidd then explained that the extra funds were due to three investigators completing their master certificate pay program and that the extra funds are not going to the district attorney.

Doherty also recommended that the Hood County Commissioners Court go into recess to make sure the numbers in the budget were

correct before taking a final vote, which spurred Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson to make a motion for a 15-minute recess.

"This is the most important thing that we do as commissioners is to ensure that the accuracy and the budget is correct," she said.

Following the recess, the commissioners approved the budget as presented with a 4:1 vote, as Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle voted "Nay."

TAX RATE

The tax rate, as recommended by Hood County Auditor Becky Kidd is a .048 (or 15%) decrease from the 2022 tax rate of .331129 and is a "nickel less" than the no-new revenue rate of .287622.

With the new tax rate, the average homeowner

would pay \$73 less, and the total tax levy on all properties increased by 1.8% or \$456,467.

"If you compare the No New Revenue Rate with the one Commissioners Court approved, the difference is only \$17 more, and the homeowner is still paying less than last year," Kidd said, in an email to the HCN. "But the difference in revenue of \$450,872 would buy 9-12 new vehicles or cover a good portion of the raises/benefits given for fiscal year 2024."

"I appreciate all the efforts that have been put forth in this budget cycle, and I certainly appreciate Commissioner (Kevin) Andrews cutting down a little bit more from what was proposed in the beginning," Eagle said, during the

meeting. "I had proposed a rate that was another .58 cents lower than this one, and I feel like that was a doable rate. It didn't get any marinated discussion, and it didn't get much traction, which is fine. We're not the school board up here. We don't have to all agree, so nothing personal. No emotional charge to this, but I think we could go lower, but that's my comment."

Samuelson asked what the rate was that Eagle had previously proposed, which he replied as being .276800.

The property tax rate of .282622 was then voted on, with Eagle voting "Nay," in a 4:1 vote. The motion carried.

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metropolx."

Due to the VATRE election happening next month, the HCAD decided to delay sending out the tax bills; it will determine the actual tax rate that will calculate tax bills after the election takes

place.

"If I were to mail out tax bills today, I would have to use the rate the GISD has adopted, which is the rate of 93 cents, and some people would start paying as soon as they get the bill," Law said. "The risk of mailing tax bills in October, rather than waiting, could poten-

tially double the cost of sending tax bills this year and creates some unneeded taxpayer confusion. It would be more prudent just to wait and see what the voters say and mail a correct tax bill one time."

Mailing tax bills later than normal will not change any of the payment options for

taxpayers or the delinquency dates, penalties, or interest. Property taxes for 2023 will still be due upon receipt of the tax bill, and property taxes will not be delinquent if they are paid by January 31, 2024.

"Once the appraisal district gets the official tax rate that's been set, then we can

calculate those bills and mail those out to everyone," Law said. "After that vote takes place on Nov. 7, we will move forward immediately, get the tax roll calculated and tax bills printed, and get them in the mail as soon as possible. I believe that we can have the tax bills mailed around Nov. 17."

AARP

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Leadership Administrators: Leadership and administrative positions at the local and district levels manage volunteers, make sure program operations run smoothly, track volunteer assignments and site activities, along with ensuring adherence to the program's processes.

Volunteers will be pro-

vided with free tax law training and materials to prepare basic individual income tax returns. Volunteers learn many aspects of tax return preparation and the hours are flexible. Volunteers generally serve an average of eight hours per week from mid-January through April 15.

"We just need people who would like to work," Boynton said. "We typically work starting the first week in February, through the

middle of April, and we prepare tax returns on Mondays through Thursdays at the Hood County Library from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so it's not a real long-term commitment. We do some Saturday appointments, and we work around volunteer schedules."

Volunteer positions are open to anyone local and are not limited to Hood County residents. Volunteers do not have to be AARP members or have any kind of tax

experience.

"We actually start training in the middle of November with Zoom or online meetings because VITA requires tests to be taken," Boynton said. "So, we do have a week-long in-person training session, but we do it about six weeks prior to that with just those of us that can pop on whenever we can pop on once a week. We're just looking for people who want to help and want to work in their community."

Boynton said last year, the Tax-Aide program had about 17 volunteers for the Hood County area.

"I don't think we can have too many," she added.

For more information, contact Boynton at sharay-boynton@gmail.com. If you are interested in volunteering, fill out an application online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaidevolunteer.

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

BENTWATER CRAFT Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1800 West Emerald Bend Court with an onsite food truck from the Local Cafe.

EMMANUEL LUTHER-AN Church Blessing of the Animals (Pet Blessing) on Sat. Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Bring your humans for a celebration of God's creation, creatures, and companionship that bless us daily. Donations of Pet Food will be accepted and delivered to Mission Granbury's Food Bank. 2301 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury 76049 At the Pavilion

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

AFTER OPERATING for 17 years, the Bridge Street History Center, 319 E. Bridge St., will celebrate their ongoing educational programs with a ribbon cutting event. The museum doors will open at 3 p.m. with the ribbon cutting commencing at 4 p.m.

HOOD COUNTY Democrat Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 19, at Panchito Mexican Restaurant, 506 Weatherford Highway, Granbury 76049. Dinner at 6 pm, meeting begins at 7 pm.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS Automotive, 3809 E. Hwy 377, will be partnering with several local churches to offer free oil changes to single moms and widows in need on Saturday, Oct. 21st from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, please call 817-573-3911.

FIRST CHRISTIAN Church invites the community to celebrate their 150th anniversary during a two-day celebration beginning at 10 a.m. to approximately 12:15 p.m. at the Langdon Center Concert Hall, 308 E Bridge St. — the original location of First Christian Church. The service will feature former ministers, and a barbecue luncheon with speakers will follow. Saturday's program features Dan Vanderburg speaking on the early history of Hood County and the city of Granbury. The founding families of the church in 1873 will be highlighted. Marc Istook, a direct descendant of Randolph Clark, will speak on the history of the Clark family and AddRan College. The Music Ministry will be leading the attendees with hymn singing. Pastor Justin will conclude with a "High noon communion." For more information, call 817-573-5431.



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SONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS HONOR GOLD STAR FAMILY AND VETERAN



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The Sons of the Republic of Texas honored the Gold Star Family of Michael (Mic) and JoAnne Stephens whose son SFC Riley Stephens died in combat in 2012 in Afghanistan.



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Veteran Ronald Kenneth Horton was honored during the October meeting by the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

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making policies, it's best to talk to the public first before making any decisions.

"I've dealt with leadership my whole life," he said. "I've done two tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. I've been the leader. My soldiers don't follow me because of the fact that I've given them an order; they follow me, because they trust my judgment."

Wolf said the most important role for a city council member is to "accurately represent the community that they serve."

"This includes being transparent, this includes being accountable, and this includes being accessible," he said.

Corrigan said that the most important role of a city council member is to make the best decisions possible.

"The only way to make appropriate decisions is by being available, being involved, and being engaged on a regular basis, which I have had the pleasure of doing for the last 12 years," Corrigan said.

For Benson, solving problems is the most important role of a council member.

"The ability to evaluate, analyze, and make ethical decisions, and viewing the outcome through the lens of the citizen is the most important role of an elected representative," Benson said.

Overdier said he believes the most important job of a Granbury City Councilman is to provide for the health, safety, and security of the residents of Granbury.

"You do that through approving a reasonable budget that covers all the needs of the Granbury city staff," Overdier said.

BUSINESS-FRIENDLY TOWN

Morrow then posed the next question of, "Do you believe that Granbury is a business-friendly town?"

Wolf responded by saying both "yes" and "no." He explained that it makes him proud when he drives through the square and sees how many people are visiting the Granbury shops and businesses.

However, he said that between the moratorium and the upcoming Highway 377 expansion, many businesses are "afraid to bring their business to Granbury." He made the comment of how many business owners think there's "a lot of red tape" when it comes to opening a



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Place 4 candidate Brad Benson, left, speaks during the Granbury City Council Candidate Forum on Oct. 9, while Place 4 candidate Greg "Skip" Overdier, right, listens on.

business here in town.

"I think we need to resolve the moratorium, and then I'd like to take a look at some of that red tape when elected," Wolf said.

Corrigan said he believes that Granbury is business-friendly, adding that he doesn't mean that the town is perfect. He pointed out that other cities always pose the question, "Why is your city the hardest to deal with?"

"That is why we are actually in the process now and have been for over the last few years of reviewing all of our ordinances, making appropriate changes, and making sure that we are only regulating the things that we need to be regulated and not causing people any undue hardship within their business," he said.

Benson said, as he is the only candidate vying for Place 4 who has owned a business in Granbury, he is able to "shed some light on this topic."

"Over the last 25 years, I've owned and operated 26 movie theaters across eight states," he said. "This gives me a pretty wide view of many cities and regulations and burdens that affect businesses in various places all over the country. That said, yes, Granbury is one of the most business-friendly places we've operated."

Overdier also agreed that Granbury is business-friendly, adding that Lance LaCour was hired as the city's new director of economic development.

"Lance had used chapter 38 of the government code," he explained. "It allows us to get loans and grants to help new businesses. It helps us to use city staff, to use city facilities, we can use them at a minimal or no charge. I think we do a great job of trying to attract new businesses, and I think that the Economic Development Department is doing a great job."

Beard, like Wolf, said both "yes" and "no" in regard to Granbury being a business-friendly town, adding that "we can do more."

"I know that this square has different events, but we need to promote our local families," Beard said. "We need to keep the big businesses at a standstill, get our environments together, and continue to support and champion, because without the small businesses, what are we going to have? I hope that together as a team, we can be unified, and we can think about that and be as one family and talk in peace."

MORATORIUM

Morrow's next question referred to the moratorium. "Tell us your thoughts about the moratorium on new developments in Granbury. Do you think it is keeping Granbury from growing? Yes or no, and why?"

Corrigan said the moratorium is "exactly where it needs to be for the time being," and that he doesn't think it's causing a lack of growth within the city. He said that Granbury cannot take on any new developments that would cause additional infrastructure issues or additional use of the wastewater treatment plant.

"The moratorium has caused roughly 100,000-plus in businesses that have loved to come here, but they can't at the moment," he said. "It doesn't mean they're not still going to, it doesn't mean that they don't still have plans to, but until the moratorium is lifted, it's not currently causing issues with business growth — but it will be very soon."

Benson also said he believes the moratorium has not stopped Granbury from growing, but that it has slowed growth to some degree. He said it has kept out some businesses that would be advantageous to Granbury.

"I think the wastewater treatment



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Place 4 candidate Charles Beard, left, and Place 6 candidate Greg Corrigan, right, listen as Place 6 candidate Alex Wolf, middle, responds to a question from moderator Eric Morrow.

plant needs to get completed ASAP so the moratorium can be lifted, and city strategic plans can be properly utilized going forward," he said.

Overdier said the moratorium has stopped any new development from being approved due to the wastewater treatment plant being at maximum capacity.

"Right now, there are already plans and developments that have been approved before the moratorium was put in place, so those plans and those developments can continue before the moratorium is lifted," he explained. "In addition to that, we've had some people that have come and spent their own money to start new developments, and they've been very creative by using what's called an onsite sanitation facility, basically a septic tank. If a development uses an onsite sewage facility that's approved, they can go ahead and do their development. They actually had the caveat that when the moratorium is lifted and a new Granbury water treatment plant is built, they will then hook up to the current sewer system."

Overdier said at the end of the day, the moratorium has stopped more new construction, but hasn't totally stopped development in Granbury.

Beard said he believes that the city needs to put "the brakes" on new development. He said the city needs to first address traffic, water, sewage, trash, city employees, and competitive salaries to retain qualified individuals.

"We are arguing over putting in a water sewage plant, and we want to entertain additional developments," he said. "Fast expansion suppresses the economy income and causes even more taxes that will be difficult to maintain."

Wolf said an "indefinite moratorium is absolutely throttling the development of Granbury." He said the

city should look at any means necessary to fix this crisis.

"Our leadership hasn't been properly planning ahead," he said. "We need to create a true five-year and 10-year plan and we need to look at the direction that Granbury is going in."

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The next question asked the candidates their thoughts on the wastewater treatment plant.

Benson said no one wants a sewer plant in their backyard, but that he lives a few doors down from the current wastewater treatment plant and "they're really not a bad neighbor."

He explained how he would take his Labrador Brody on walks through the Harbor Lakes Golf Course near the waterfall where treated wastewater is released.

"I think we should stop being scared of the wastewater treatment plant and embrace the fact that we need a new one and the new one is going to be even better in the long run," he said.

Overdier explained how in 2016, the wastewater treatment plant exceeded capacity, and therefore, a new plant was needed.

"I will say there is nothing wrong with that plant, and the new plant is going to be just as efficient, just as clean, and there'll be no pollution on Lake Granbury," he said.

Beard said he does approve of the plant but is confident that "no real location in the city wastewater treatment plant will satisfy all citizens or communities."

"Common knowledge, there are odors, and if Granbury wants to increase population, they have to make tough decisions," he said.

Wolf said that if the city broke ground on the new wastewater treatment plant tomorrow, Granbury

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Respiratory virus season is among us: Becoming aware and informed

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

With October here and temperatures dropping, flu season has arrived, new COVID-19 vaccines are here, and it's time to get prepared and informed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Fall and winter are a time when viruses that cause respiratory disease usually circulate more heavily in the community."

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases held its annual conference on preventing disease during the fall and winter on Sept. 28.

"This season is more complex than ever as in addition to flu and COVID-19, we also have respiratory syncytial virus," Patsy Stinchfield, pediatric nurse practitioner and president of the NFID said during the conference. "The good news is that for the first time we also have vaccines available to help protect against these three viruses responsible for the most hospitalizations in the United States."

THE FLU

According to the CDC, "The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and sometimes lead to death."

During the 2022-2023 season, the CDC reported the peak of flu season was in early December, where for the entire season there were 31 million people who got sick with the flu, 14 million who visited a health care provider, 360,000 were hospitalized with flu, and 21,000 people died due to flu illness or related complications.

There were also 176 flu-related deaths among children reported, which is the third largest number of deaths in children reported during flu season since reporting began in 2004.

Everyone is at risk of getting the flu but some at



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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Fall and winter are a time when viruses that cause respiratory disease usually circulate more heavily in the community."

higher risk include those 65 years and older, and anyone with certain chronic medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease. Some at risk also include women who are pregnant and children younger than 5 years old and especially those two and younger.

Flu symptoms can include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue.

Most people who get the flu will recover in a few days to less than two weeks, but some will develop complications such as pneumonia, sinus or ear infections, inflammation of the heart, brain, or muscle tissues, and multi-organ failure according to the CDC.

Children need to get medical attention immediately if they have trouble breathing, bluish lips or face, ribs pulling in with each breath, chest pain, severe muscle pain, dehydration, seizures or are not alert.

Adults need to seek medical care immediately if they experience difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, persistent pain or pressure

in chest or abdomen, persistent dizziness, confusion, inability to arouse, seizures, not urinating, severe muscle pain, severe weakness or unsteadiness, fever or cough that improves but then worsens upon return and worsening of chronic medical conditions.

Some steps that can help relieve flu symptoms include drinking fluids like water, warm soup, and drinks that contain minerals. It's also important to rest at home and take pain medicine, according to the Mayo Clinic.

The CDC says that the best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine every year. During the 2022-2023 flu season, 49 percent of the overall U.S. population six months and older received a flu vaccine. This is a two percent decrease from the previous season.

"Flu vaccination reduces the burden of flu illness, hospitalization, and death and getting vaccinated could also help protect others who are at higher risk of serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions," accord-

ing to the CDC.

Flu shots are available at your local pharmacies or local health care provider.

COVID-19

According to the CDC, "COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) is a disease caused by a virus named SARS-CoV-2."

According to the most recent update on trends from the CDC in March, a total of 14,842 cases have been reported in Hood County with a total of 302 reported deaths.

Last year, the highest number of cases came from the month of January with the highest daily average at 94. January also had the highest number of patients that were hospitalized with 1,017 being the peak, compared to 2021 when the peak reached 1,055 people.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus. Some symptoms can include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches,

headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Symptoms can differ depending on one's vaccination status.

It is important to seek medical attention if someone is experiencing trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, pale, gray, or blue-colored skin or nail beds, depending on skin tone.

Some ways to relieve symptoms include drinking fluids, getting plenty of rest and taking pain medicine.

The CDC recommends everyone six months and older to get an updated COVID-19 vaccine this season. The vaccines are from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

"The virus that causes COVID-19 is always changing, and protection from COVID-19 vaccines declines over time. Receiving an updated vaccine can restore protection and provide enhanced protection against the variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the U.S. Last season, those who received a 2022-2023 vaccine saw greater protection against illness and hospitalization compared to those who did not receive an updated vaccine," according to the CDC.

To receive an updated COVID-19 vaccine, visit your local pharmacy or local health provider.

RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS

RSV is a common respiratory virus that causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but it can become serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization.

According to the CDC, each year in the United States, RSV leads to approximately 2.1 million outpatient

(non-hospitalization) visits among children younger than 5 years old, 58,000-80,000 hospitalizations among children younger than 5 years old, 60,000-160,000 hospitalizations among adults 65 years and older, 6,000-10,000 deaths among adults 65 years and older and 100 to 300 deaths in children younger than 5 years old.

Symptoms usually appear within four to six days after getting infected. Symptoms usually include a runny nose, decrease in appetite, coughing, sneezing, fever and wheezing. Vaccines are available to protect older adults from severe RSV.

Symptoms typically appear in stages and not all at once.

RSV can also cause more severe infections such as bronchiolitis, an inflammation of the small airways in the lung, and pneumonia, an infection of the lungs. It is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children younger than one year of age.

Healthy adults and infants infected with RSV do not usually need to be hospitalized. But some people with RSV infection, especially older adults and infants younger than six months of age, may need to be hospitalized if they are having trouble breathing or are dehydrated. In the most severe cases, a person may require additional oxygen, or IV fluids (if they can't eat or drink enough), or intubation (have a breathing tube inserted through the mouth and down to the airway) with mechanical ventilation (a machine to help a person breathe). In most of these cases, hospitalization only lasts a few days.

Some ways to relieve symptoms include drinking fluids, getting plenty of rest and taking pain medicine.

For more information on the flu, COVID-19 or RSV, speak with your local health care provider or visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

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would still be two years away from the facility getting completed. He said the city council needs actual plans with deadlines.

"I think a lot of people are frustrated because this has not been communicated properly," he said. "I think the council needs to have a leadership role and say 'We're doing this by this day. Here's how it's being solved.'"

Corrigan said the planning of the wastewater treatment plant started in 2016 and he reiterated that the plant is "exactly where it should be."

"People say that it could have been done sooner, which is not exactly accurate," he said. "The state has certain guidelines on when cities are to start building to start planning sewer plants. They say that we don't communicate. I can get that. The difference is that if there's nothing to communicate, then there's nothing to say. I do believe that we will be under construction soon, and then we can get this moratorium moving."

INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT

Morrow then asked the candidates their thoughts

about adding debt in the future to pay for infrastructure projects.

Overdier explained that infrastructure projects are "definitely multimillion dollar projects," and that the city typically tries to get a bond to take care of those projects. He said Granbury actually has a "double A" bond rating, which works similar in how a good credit rating lowers interest rates on mortgages.

"The city of Granbury has an extremely low rate on their bonds, which literally saves us millions of dollars every time we do that," he explained. "We just completed a new set of plans to do some infrastructure along Pearl Street that's going to alleviate some of the flooding that goes on down there, and that's all done with grants that we use for infrastructure. All those things are things that could save the people of Granbury money, and it's all because of the things that we've done in the past that has gotten us that double A bond rating."

Beard said he doesn't believe in any debt but that he is "fully for anything that the public wants."

"I want to be the voice

between you and special agendas and that's what it comes down to," he said. "If I get elected, we will work together as a team. We need to make sure that the public knows every aspect of these bonds, every little thing that can possibly come up, because the public's not getting the full picture."

Wolf said debt is not uncommon in cities and that in his opinion, Granbury is doing "reasonably well."

"Myself, I don't actually like to have debt, but it's understandable with the city," Wolf said.

With his remaining time, Wolf then posted a question to Corrigan on his previous response regarding how there was "nothing to communicate" on the wastewater treatment plant.

"You thinking that there's nothing to communicate is actually part of the problem, and I'd like to ask when soon is," Wolf asked Corrigan.

Corrigan said infrastructure projects are necessary, especially over time as everything ages.

"We are fortunate to have such a great bond rating that has allowed us the last two bonds to be purchased at a premium," he said. "Our

finance department that gets debt paid off as quickly as possible allows us to not only service those bonds, but to service them sooner than we may have otherwise been able to do, so yes, if it's needed, I would be for additional future debt for infrastructure projects."

Benson said he hates debt in his personal life and that he believes in fiscal responsibility.

"I believe debt financing should be kept to a minimum and used only when the annual budget just can't accommodate a genuine need," he said.

TAX INCREASE

Morrow then mentioned the recent tax increase that was approved by the Granbury City Council and asked the candidates for their thoughts on the decision.

"I'm not raising taxes. Simple as that," Beard said. "I don't believe the community needs to put up with it. The property taxes are already ridiculous."

He said the city council needs to get together as a team to find out ways that they can help everyday

citizens.

"There's other ways of common solving problems without raising taxes," Beard said.

Wolf explained that gas and groceries are expensive due to inflation. He said that the council could've kept the exact same rate, but everyone's property taxes still would've been raised.

"If you wanted no new taxes, my opponent would have had to lower your tax to .361. Instead, they raised it by half a cent which in my opinion is beyond tone deaf, I would have voted 'no,'" he said.

Corrigan explained that he voted 'yes,' but explained that during the budget meeting, the council requested staff to figure out a way to include two of the three fire trucks that have become necessary over the last year.

"Staff met with all departments and were able to cut an additional \$246,400 — not that it wasn't needed — but that could be waited on leaving \$103,600 of the \$350,000 needed to purchase those trucks, and that is exactly what the half cent rates covered and that is why I voted 'yes' for public safety," he said.

Benson said he would have

"absolutely voted 'no' for the half cent tax increase," and that it was "absolutely unnecessary."

"I'm a big believer in keeping government small," he said. "Once taxes go up, they almost never go back down. We should accept that tax increases are OK when a city is growing sufficiently to cover its budget without rate increases."

Overdier explained that the city had a \$69 million budget for this year, but upon approving the budget, it was revealed that the city was roughly \$100,000 short of having a balanced budget. He said the Hood County Appraisal District had given the city a check a few weeks before that for \$100,000.

"Instead of putting it in reserve, we could have just put it in the budget, and that would have balanced the budget, and we would not have had to have a tax increase, so I would have voted 'no' for the tax increase," he said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Guardbox Storage in Granbury, which is located at 1400 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, TX 76048, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www.StorageTreasures.com. The auction will end on or around 11:00 A.M. on October 23, 2023. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 cash deposit for removal and cleanup will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants: Allen Strickland- boxes, toybox

Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury
817-573-2416

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jerry A. Goin, Deceased, were issued on September 27, 2023, in Cause No. P10140, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Barbara Jean Williams-Goin. 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: Daren R. Van Slyke
Cuccia Wilson, PLLC
108 E. Chambers Street
Cleburne, Texas 76031

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration for the ESTATE OF RICKY LEE NEWTON, DECEASED, were issued on September 27, 2023, in Cause No. P10169, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to RHIANNON LEE EASTES, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, who resides in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims should be addressed in care of the representative's attorney, Deborah G. Cleveland, 4200 S. Hulén Street, Suite 506, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.
DATED this day of October, 2023.
Deborah G. Cleveland
State Bar No. 04378000
4200 S. Hulén, Suite 506
Fort Worth, Texas 76109
Telephone: (817) 737-4688
Telecopier: (817) 377-4262
Email: deb.cleveland@sbcglobal.net

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Hood County Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing to discuss the adoption of the 2023/2024 budget for the Hood County Hospital District on Friday October 27, 2023. This public hearing will be held at the Hood County Courthouse, 100 East Pearl Street, Granbury, TX in the second-floor courtroom at 12:00 noon. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to be heard, all persons desiring to address the Hood County Hospital District Board of Directors regarding this proposed budget will be permitted to so at that time.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of BRIAN TODD BRAUNER, Cause No.P10091, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

MELISSA ALICE BRAUNER in the above numbered and entitled Estate filed an Amended Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Independent Administration of said Estate of BRIAN TODD BRAUNER, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this on this the 5th day of October 2023
KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Christine Lederemann, Deputy

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Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, DONE Storage, located at 4508 Old Granbury Road, Granbury, TX 76049 will begin an online auction at www.LockerFox.com of contents to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will begin online on October 28, 2023.

Unit contents will be sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash only. Cleanup deposit is required. Contents must be removed from the property within 72 hours of the winning bid. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw the property at any time before the sale. All units contain household items unless additional items are noted. Contents from the following tenants will be sold: Steven Jackson, Marco Cabrera.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the City of Granbury, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Ciudad de Granbury, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 7, 2023, for voting in a general election to elect a Councilperson Place Four (4) and Councilperson Place Six (6).
(Notifíquese, por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de Noviembre de 2023 para votar en la elección general para elegir un Concejal Lugar Cuatro (4) y Concejal Lugar Seis (6))

LOCATION OF ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Acton Methodist Church 3433 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, Texas 76049	Calvary Church 4800 Glen Rose Highway, Granbury, Texas 76048
First Baptist Church 1851 Weatherford Highway, Granbury, Texas 76048	Generations Church 5718 E. Highway 377, Granbury, Texas 76049
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church 4530 Acton Highway, Granbury, Texas 76049	Hood County Annex 1 1410 W. Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048
Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall 119 N. Caddo Street, Lipan, Texas 76462	Pecan Activity Center (PAC) 9145 Plantation Drive, Granbury, Texas 76048
St. Frances Cabrini 2301 Acton Highway, Granbury, Texas 76048	Tolar Community Center 120 Tolar Cemetery Road, Tolar, Texas 76476

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at Hood County Annex 1, 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, during the following hours:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de Lunes a Viernes en el Hood County Annex 1, localizado en 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, durante las siguientes horas:)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	October 23 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 24 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 25 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 26 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 27 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	October 28 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 29 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	October 30 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	October 31 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	November 1 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	November 2 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	November 3 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) and Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2023. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo y La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el viernes, 27 de Octubre de 2023. Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Stephanie Cooper, Hood County Elections Administrator, 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048
Telephone Number (Número de teléfono): (817) 408-2525
Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico): SCooper@co.hood.tx.us
Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada): http://co.hood.tx.us

Posted this 16th day of August 2023 (Publicado este día 16 de Agosto 2023)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to LGI Homes – Texas, LLC for Cresson MUD No. 1 of Hood County, will be received physically at the office of the Engineer, Pape-Dawson Engineers, 6105 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024, Phone 214-420-8494 until 2:00 PM, local time, **Thursday, November 9th, 2023**, and then publicly opened and read at the office of the Engineer, and also read via the telephone number **210-926-0892** with Conference ID **159 020 571** for the construction of the following project:

**“Construction of Brookside Phase 1 Utilities and Paving for Cresson MUD No. 1”
Project No. 70193-01**

- Scope of Work of the Contract includes:**
- WSD&D:**
1. Approximately 17,000 LF of 3-inch through 12-inch water main and appurtenances.
 2. Approximately 2,741 LF of 6-inch raw water line and appurtenances.
 3. Approximately 13,100 LF of 6-inch through 18-inch sanitary sewer main and appurtenances.
 4. Approximately 4,050 LF of 18-inch through 42-inch storm sewer and appurtenances.

- Paving:**
1. Approximately 3,400 SY of 4-inch reinforced concrete pavement
 2. Approximately 44,800 SY of 6-inch and 8-inch reinforced concrete pavement
 3. Approximately 1,950 SY of 2-inch and 6-inch asphalt pavement

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 PM, local time, **Wednesday, October 25th, 2023**, physically at the office of the Engineer, Pape-Dawson Engineers, 6105 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024, and by calling in the telephone number **210-926-0892** with **Conference ID 102 648 360**. Electronic access information to be provided prior to the meeting. Please contact Ted Nelson via email at tnelson@pape-dawson.com to obtain Microsoft Teams access information.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in said District as provided in an ORDER CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said District, which Order is substantially as follows:

ORDER CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Granbury Independent School District (the “District”) deems it advisable to call the bond election hereinafter ordered (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Proposition B may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition pursuant to Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes, none of which are the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1) – (6) of the Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Election is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Hood County, Texas (the “County”) for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with the County (the “Election Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the County, acting through its Elections Administrator (the “Elections Administrator”) in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Polling Places. The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2023 (“Election Day”). The Election is to be conducted by Hood County, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the “Code”) at the polling places designated by the Hood, Johnson, Parker and Somervell County Elections Administrators (collectively, the “Elections Administrators”) in accordance with the provisions of one or more joint election agreements and contracts for election services with each of such Elections Administrators (collectively, the “Contracts”) in the name of said District, as determined by the Hood County Elections Administrator. The locations of such polling places are set forth in [Exhibit A](#) attached hereto. [Exhibit A](#) shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the Elections Administrators and to conform to the Contracts.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by the County. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the locations and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being October 23, 2023 through November 3, 2023, on the dates and at the times set forth in [Exhibit B](#) attached hereto. [Exhibit B](#) shall be modified to include additional or different early voting locations designated by the Elections Administrators and to conform to the Contract.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judge, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Contract and the Code. The Elections Administrators may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Contract with each County, as necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the Election.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall submitted by personal delivery not later than October 27, 2023, or shall be mailed to the address below and received (not postmarked) by October 27, 2023:

Voters in Hood County
Hood County Annex 1
1410 W. Pearl Street
Granbury, Texas 76048

Voters in Parker County
Jenise “Crickett” Miller, Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 639
Weatherford, Texas 76086

Voters in Johnson County
Patty Bourgeois, Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 895
Cleburne, Texas 76033

Voters in Somervell County
Somervell County Elections Administration
P.O. Box 1355
Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Propositions. At the Election the following PROPOSITIONS shall be submitted in accordance with law:

GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B

Shall the Board of Trustees of the Granbury Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$151,725,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating and equipping school facilities and the purchase of necessary sites for school facilities, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of issuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION B
FOR _____) THE ISSUANCE OF \$151,725,000 OF BONDS BY THE GRANBURY INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES AND THE PURCHASE OF LAND,
AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND
AGAINST _____) INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COST OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS
) EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX
) INCREASE.

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”) and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting systems to be used by the Elections Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. Debt Obligations. The following information is provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.009(b), Texas Election Code.

- (a) The proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (b) The purpose for which the bonds are to be authorized is set forth in Section 8 hereof.
- (c) The principal amount of the debt obligations to be authorized is \$151,725,000.
- (d) If the bonds are approved by the voters, the Board of Trustees will be authorized to levy annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.
- (e) Based upon the bond market conditions at the date of adoption of this Order, the maximum interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.25%. Such estimate takes into account a number of factors, including the issuance schedule, maturity schedule and the expected bond ratings of the proposed bonds and notes. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information, but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds or notes, or any series thereof, may be sold.
- (f) If the bonds are approved, they may be issued in one or more series, to mature serially, over a period not to exceed 40 years from the date of issuance of each series of bonds.
- (g) The aggregate amount of the outstanding principal of the District’s debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$76,845,000.00.
- (h) The aggregate amount of the outstanding interest of the District’s debt obligations as of the date of this Order is \$29,553,374.50.
- (i) The ad valorem debt service tax rate for the District as of the date of this Order is \$0.1450 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation.

EXHIBIT A
ELECTION DAY VOTING

Voters residing in Hood County:

On Election Day, Voters in Hood County may vote at ANY location listed below:

Acton Methodist Church Youth Building 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury	First Baptist Church 1851 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury
Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room 1410 W Pearl St, Granbury	Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall 119 N Caddo St, Lipan
Calvary Church 4800 Glen Rose Highway	Tolar Community Center 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd, Tolar
Pecan Activity Center (PAC) 9145 Plantation Dr, Granbury	St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church 2301 Acton Hwy, Granbury
Generations Church 5718 E. Hwy 377, Granbury	Good Shepherd Episcopal Church 4530 Acton Highway

Voters residing in Johnson County:

On Election Day, Voters in Johnson County may vote at the locations listed below:

Voters residing in Johnson County Election Precinct No. 1:	Chisholm Summit Community Church 9705 CR 1016 Burlleson, Texas 76028
Voters residing in Johnson County Election Precinct No. 15:	Bono Baptist Church 6349 Bono Rd. Godley, Texas 76044
Voters residing in Johnson County Election Precinct No. 30:	City Park Pavilion of Godley 104 E. Allen Ave. Godley, Texas 76044

Voters residing in Parker County:

Residents of Parker County may vote at any of the following Vote Centers on Election Day:

Silver Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 2200 Church Rd, Azle	Azle City Hall Community Room 505 W Main St, Azle	Reno City Hall Community Center 195 W Reno Rd, Azle
Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N Main St, Springtown	Legacy Church Lobby 3591 E Hwy 199, Springtown	Parker County North East Annex Court Room 1020 E Hwy 199, Springtown
Friendship Baptist Church Gym 801 Friendship Rd, Weatherford	Agnes Baptist Church Foyer 350 Agnes North, Springtown	Harberger Hill Community Large Room 701 Narrow St, Weatherford
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 1500 Ball St, Weatherford	Poolville Global Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 230 North Church, Poolville	Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room 8512 FM 920, Peaster
Whitt Fire Department Training Room 4312 N FM 52, Whitt	Bethesda United Methodist Church Johnson Room 6657 FM 113 N, Weatherford	Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 1900 N Main St, Weatherford
Shady Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 2470 W Lambert Rd, Weatherford	Union Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 3451 Sarra Ln, Springtown	Victory Baptist Church Youth Building 1304 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford
Cherry Park Community Center Main Room 300 S Alamo St, Weatherford, TX	Grace First Presbyterian Church Great Hall 606 Mockingbird Ln, Weatherford	Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church Family Life Center 1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford
Weatherford College 1 st Floor Community Room 225 College Park Dr, Weatherford	Millsap Community Center Community Room 102 Fannin St, Millsap	Harmony Baptist Church Gym 242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford
Tin Top Community Center Community Room 101 Old Tin Top Rd, Weatherford	Parker County Precinct Barn #3 Break Room 1111 FM 1189, Brock	First Baptist Church Dennis Old Fellowship Hall 7600 FM RD 1189, Dennis
Spring Creek Baptist Church Gym 100 Spring Creek Rd, Weatherford	Greenwood Fire Department Training Room 1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Rd, 128 Heather Wind Ln, Alledo Weatherford	Morningstar Amenity Center Main Room 128 Heather Wind Ln, Alledo
Hudson Oaks Public Safety Bldg. Council Chambers 150 Oak Ridge Dr, Hudson Oaks	Cross Timbers Church Welcome Center 601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park	Bear Creek Community Church Lobby 18600 Hwy 377, Cresson
City of Alledo Community Center Main Room 104 Robinson Ct, Alledo	Alledo ISD Admin Building Louden Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Alledo	New Faith Baptist Fellowship Hall 3303 West FM RD 5, Annetta
Parker County PCT Barn # 4 Conference Room 1320 Airport Rd, Alledo	Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church Sanctuary 200 S Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks	

Voters residing in Somervell County:

Somervell County Expo
Main Entrance
202 Gibbs Boulevard

EXHIBIT B
EARLY VOTING

Voters residing in Hood County:

Hood County Annex 1 1410 W. Pearl St, Granbury	Monday	October 23, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday	October 24, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday	October 25, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Thursday	October 26, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Friday	October 27, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Saturday	October 28, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Sunday	October 29, 2023	12pm – 6pm
	Monday	October 30, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Tuesday	October 31, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Wednesday	November 1, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Thursday	November 2, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Friday	November 3, 2023	7am – 7pm

Voters residing in Johnson County:

Johnson County Elections 103 S. Walnut St, Cleburne	Monday	October 23, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday	October 24, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday	October 25, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Thursday	October 26, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Friday	October 27, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Saturday	October 28, 2023	CLOSED
	Sunday	October 29, 2023	CLOSED
	Monday	October 30, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Tuesday	October 31, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Wednesday	November 1, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Thursday	November 2, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Friday	November 3, 2023	7am – 7pm

Voters residing in Parker County:

Parker County Courthouse Annex, Annex Kitchen 1112 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford	Monday	October 23, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday	October 24, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday	October 25, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Thursday	October 26, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Friday	October 27, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Saturday	October 28, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Sunday	October 29, 2023	CLOSED
	Monday	October 30, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday	October 31, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday	November 1, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Thursday	November 2, 2023	7am – 7pm
	Friday	November 3, 2023	7am – 7pm

Voters residing in Somervell County:

Somervell County Annex Conference Room 206 Elm St, Glen Rose	Monday	October 23, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday	October 24, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday	October 25, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Thursday	October 26, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Friday	October 27, 2023	8am – 5pm
	Saturday	October 28, 2023	8am – 5pm
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	Tuesday	October 31, 2023	8am – 5pm
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- Defining Characteristics of a Public Notice -

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AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

PARA LOS ELECTORES HABILITADOS QUE RESIDEN EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY:

TOME CONOCIMIENTO de que se celebrará una elección en dicho Distrito como se dispone en una ORDEN QUE CONVOCA UNA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY debidamente aprobada por la Junta de Regentes de tal Distrito; dicha Orden expresa sustancialmente lo siguiente:

ORDEN QUE CONVOCA UNA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY

VISTO que la Junta de Regentes (la “Junta”) del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Granbury (el “Distrito”) considera aconsejable convocar la elección de bonos que se ordena a continuación (la “Elección”); y

VISTO que, por el presente, la Junta determina y declara que las mejoras estructurales anticipadas identificadas en la Proposición B pueden presentarse a los votantes habilitados del Distrito como una proposición única de conformidad con la Sección 45.003(g) del Código de Educación de Texas, debido a que estas mejoras estructurales serán predominantemente utilizadas con fines educativos y administrativos, ninguna de las cuales es el tipo de instalación descrito en la Sección 45.003(g)(1)-(6) del Código de Educación de Texas; y

VISTO que la Elección está sujeta a las disposiciones de la Sección 45.003 del Código de Educación de Texas, y que el Distrito contratará con el Condado de Hood, Texas (el “Condado”) para la administración de la Elección conforme a un acuerdo interlocal con el Condado (el “Contrato Electoral”); y

VISTO que el Condado, por medio de su Administrador de Elecciones (el “Administrador de Elecciones”) de acuerdo con el Contrato Electoral, proveerá para la administración de la Elección; y

VISTO que por este medio se determina y declara oficialmente que la sesión en la cual esta Orden fue aprobada estaba abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público acerca del horario, el lugar y el propósito de la sesión, todo como se requiere en el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas.

POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE REGENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY ORDENA:

Sección 1. Determinaciones. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden son fidedignas y correctas y se adoptaron como determinaciones de hechos y disposiciones operativas en este caso.

Sección 2. Elección ordenada; sitios de votación. La Elección se celebrará en el Distrito entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. del 7 de noviembre de 2023 (“Día de las Elecciones”). La Elección se realizará por el Condado de Hood, según lo dispuesto en el Capítulo 271 del Código Electoral de Texas (el “Código”) en los sitios de votación designados por los Administradores de Elecciones de los Condados de Hood, Johnson, Parker y Somervell (colectivamente, los “Administradores de Elecciones”) de acuerdo con las disposiciones de uno o más acuerdos de elección conjunta y contratos de servicios electorales con cada uno de dichos Administradores de Elecciones (colectivamente, los “Contratos”) en nombre de dicho Distrito, según lo determine el Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Hood. La ubicación de dichos sitios de votación se establece en el Anexo A adjunto. El

Anexo A será modificado para incluir sitios de votación adicionales o diferentes para el Día de las Elecciones designados por los Administradores de Elecciones y para cumplir los Contratos.

Sección 3. Votación adelantada. La votación adelantada será administrada por el Condado. La votación adelantada se llevará a cabo personalmente en los sitios y durante el periodo de votación adelantada requerido o permitido por la ley, que se extiende desde el 23 de octubre de 2023 hasta el 3 de noviembre de 2023, en las fechas y los horarios establecidos en el Anexo B adjunto. El Anexo B será modificado para incluir sitios de votación adicionales o diferentes para la votación adelantada designados por los Administradores de Elecciones y para cumplir el Contrato.

Sección 4. Funcionarios electorales. La designación del Juez Presidente de la Elección, los Jueces Suplentes, los Secretarios de Votación Adelantada, el Juez Presidente de la junta de votación adelantada y otros funcionarios electorales para la Elección la realizará el Administrador de Elecciones de acuerdo con el Contrato y el Código. Los Administradores de Elecciones podrán emplear todo otro personal necesario para la administración apropiada de la Elección, incluyendo toda ayuda a tiempo parcial como sea necesaria para preparar la Elección, asegurar la entrega oportuna de suministros durante la votación adelantada y el Día de las Elecciones, y para la tabulación eficiente de las boletas en la estación central de recuento de votos. Por el presente, la Junta de Regentes autoriza al Superintendente, al Presidente, al Vicepresidente o al Secretario de la Junta de Regentes a celebrar o certificar en nombre del Distrito el Contrato con cada Condado, según sea necesario o conveniente para la administración apropiada de la Elección.

Sección 5. Votación por correo. Las solicitudes para votar por correo para todos los residentes del Distrito deberán entregarse personalmente a más tardar el 27 de octubre de 2023, o pueden enviarse por correo a la dirección citada a continuación y recibirse a más tardar el 27 de octubre de 2023 (la fecha del sello postal no se considerará como la fecha de recepción):

Votantes en el Condado de Hood
Hood County Annex 1
1410 W. Pearl Street
Granbury, Texas 76048

Votantes en el Condado de Parker
Jenise “Crickett” Miller, Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 639
Weatherford, Texas 76086

Votantes en el Condado de Johnson
Patty Bourgeois, Early Voting Clerk
P.O. Box 895
Cleburne, Texas 76033

Votantes en el Condado de Somervell
Somervell County Elections Administration
P.O. Box 1355
Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Sección 6. Boletas de votación adelantada. Se creará una Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada para procesar los resultados de la votación adelantada de la Elección, y el Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada deberá ser designado por el Administrador de Elecciones. El Juez Presidente de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada deberá designar dos o más miembros adicionales para constituir la membresía de la Junta de Boletas de Votación Adelantada y, de ser necesario, los miembros del Comité de Verificación de Firmas requeridos para procesar de manera eficiente las boletas de la votación adelantada.

Sección 7. Votantes habilitados. Todos los electores habilitados que residen en el Distrito tendrán derecho a votar en la elección.

Sección 8. Proposiciones. En la Elección se someterán las siguientes PROPOSICIONES de acuerdo con la ley:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY
PROPOSICIÓN B DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY

¿Se autorizará a la Junta de Regentes del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Granbury a emitir bonos del Distrito, en una o más series, por un importe total de capital de \$151,725,000 para la adquisición, la construcción, la renovación y el equipamiento de instalaciones escolares, y para la compra de los lugares necesarios para instalaciones escolares, y los bonos vencerán, devengarán interés y se emitirán y venderán de acuerdo con la ley vigente al momento de la emisión; y se autorizará a la Junta de Regentes a imponer y preñar, y a hacer que se evalúen y recauden, impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito, sin límites en cuanto a la tasa o el importe, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés sobre los bonos y el costo de todo arreglo crediticio ejecutado en relación con los bonos?

Sección 9. Boletas. Las boletas oficiales para la Elección se prepararán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas a fin de permitir que los electores voten “A FAVOR” o “EN CONTRA” de la PROPOSICIÓN anteriormente mencionada, y las boletas contendrán dichas disposiciones, marcas y lenguaje exigidos por la ley, y dicha PROPOSICIÓN deberá expresarse sustancialmente como sigue:

ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY
PROPOSICIÓN B DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY
)LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS POR EL IMPORTE DE \$151,725,000 POR EL DISTRITO A FAVOR _____)ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRANBURY PARA INSTALACIONES ESCOLARES)Y LA COMPRA DE TERRENO, Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES)PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE EN CONTRA _____)CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO EJECUTADO EN CONEXIÓN CON LOS)BONOS. ESTO REPRESENTA UN INCREMENTO EN EL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

Sección 10. Cumplimiento con la ley federal. En todos los aspectos, la Elección se administrará de acuerdo con el Código. De acuerdo con la Ley Ayude a América a Votar (“HAVA”, por sus siglas en inglés) federal y el Código, en cada sitio de votación deberá haber por lo menos un sistema de votación dotado para personas discapacitadas, y cada uno de dichos sistemas de votación deberá haber sido certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas como un sistema que cumple con la ley HAVA y el Código. El Distrito por el presente determina que los sistemas de votación a ser usados por el Administrador de Elecciones para administrar la Elección es tal sistema, y ordena que el Distrito deberá usar en sus elecciones dicho equipo de votación u otro equipo certificado por el Secretario de Estado de Texas.

Sección 11. Obligaciones de deuda. La siguiente información se provee de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Sección 3.009(b) del Código Electoral de Texas.

- (a) El lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta se establece en la Sección 9 del presente.
- (b) El propósito para el cual se autorizarán los bonos se establece en la Sección 8 del presente.
- (c) El importe de capital de las obligaciones de deuda a autorizarse es de \$151,725,000.
- (d) De ser aprobados los bonos por los votantes, se autorizará a la Junta de Regentes a imponer impuestos ad valorem anuales sobre todas las propiedades gravables en el Distrito, sin límites en cuanto

a la tasa o el importe, suficientes para pagar el capital y el interés sobre los bonos y el costo de todo arreglo crediticio ejecutado en relación con los bonos.

(e) Dada la condición del mercado de bonos prevalente a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden, la tasa de interés máxima para cualquier serie de los bonos se estima que será del 5.25%. Dicho estimado considera varios factores, incluyendo el calendario de emisión, el calendario de vencimientos y la calificación prevista de los bonos y las obligaciones propuestos. Dicha tasa de interés máxima estimada se provee con fines informativos, y no representa un límite en cuanto a la tasa de interés a la que se venderán los bonos o las obligaciones, o cualquier serie de los mismos.

(f) De ser aprobados los bonos, dichos bonos podrán emitirse en una o más series, y vencer igualmente en serie, durante un periodo que no sobrepasará los 40 años a partir de la fecha de emisión de cada serie de bonos.

(g) El importe total del capital a pagar con respecto a las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$76,845,000.00.

(h) El importe total del interés a pagar con respecto a las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$29,553,374.50.

(i) La tasa de impuesto ad valorem para servicio de deuda del Distrito a la fecha de esta Orden es de \$0.1450 por \$100 de valoración catastral gravable.

ANEXO A
VOTACIÓN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Hood:

El Día de las Elecciones, los votantes en el Condado de Hood pueden votar en CUALQUIERA de los sitios que se listan a continuación:

Acton Methodist Church Youth Building 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury	First Baptist Church 1851 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury
Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room 1410 W Pearl St, Granbury	Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall 119 N Caddo St, Lipan
Calvary Church 4800 Glen Rose Highway	Tolar Community Center 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd, Tolar
Pecan Activity Center (PAC) 9145 Plantation Dr, Granbury	St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church 2301 Acton Hwy, Granbury
Generations Church 5718 E. Hwy 377, Granbury	Good Shepherd Episcopal Church 4530 Acton Highway

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Johnson:

El Día de las Elecciones, los votantes en el Condado de Johnson pueden votar en los sitios que se listan a continuación:

Votantes que residen en precinto electoral N.º 1 del Condado de Johnson:	Iglesia Comunitaria Chisholm Summit 9705 CR 1016 Burlison, Texas 76028
Votantes que residen en precinto electoral N.º 15 del Condado de Johnson:	Iglesia Bautista Bono 6349 Bono Rd. Godley, Texas 76044
Votantes que residen en precinto electoral N.º 30 del Condado de Johnson:	Pabellón del parque de la ciudad de Godley 104 E. Allen Ave. Godley, Texas 76044

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Parker:

Los residentes en el Condado de Parker pueden votar en cualquiera de los siguientes Centros de Votación el Día de las Elecciones:

Silver Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 2200 Church Rd, Azle	Azle City Hall Community Room 505 W Main St, Azle	Reno City Hall Community Center 195 W Reno Rd, Azle
Springtown Senior Center Community Room 1070 N Main St, Springtown	Legacy Church Lobby 3591 E Hwy 199, Springtown	Parker County North East Annex Court Room 1020 E Hwy 199, Springtown
Friendship Baptist Church Gym 801 Friendship Rd, Weatherford	Agnes Baptist Church Foyer 350 Agnes North, Springtown	Harberger Hill Community Large Room 701 Narrow St, Weatherford
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 1500 Ball St, Weatherford	Poolville Global Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 230 North Church, Poolville	Peaster ISD Rock Gym Back Room 8512 FM 920, Peaster
Whitt Fire Department Training Room 4312 N FM 52, Whitt	Bethesda United Methodist Church Johnson Room 6657 FM 113 N, Weatherford	Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 1900 N Main St, Weatherford
Shady Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 2470 W Lambert Rd, Weatherford	Union Baptist Church Fellowship Hall 3451 Sarra Ln, Springtown	Victory Baptist Church Youth Building 1304 Fort Worth Hwy, Weatherford
Cherry Park Community Center Main Room 300 S Alamo St, Weatherford, TX	Grace First Presbyterian Church Great Hall 606 Mockingbird Ln, Weatherford	Santa Fe Drive Baptist Church Family Life Center 1502 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford
Weatherford College 1 st Floor Community Room 225 College Park Dr, Weatherford	Millsap Community Center Community Room 102 Fannin St, Millsap	Harmony Baptist Church Gym 242 Harmony Rd, Weatherford
Tin Top Community Center Community Room 101 Old Tin Top Rd, Weatherford	Parker County Precinct Barn #3 Break Room 1111 FM 1189, Brock	First Baptist Church Dennis Old Fellowship Hall 7600 FM RD 1189, Dennis
Spring Creek Baptist Church Gym 100 Spring Creek Rd, Weatherford	Greenwood Fire Department Training Room 1418 Greenwood Cut-Off Weatherford	Morningstar Amenity Center Main Room Rd, 128 Heather Wind Ln, Aledo
Hudson Oaks Public Safety Bldg. Council Chambers 150 Oak Ridge Dr, Hudson Oaks	Cross Timbers Church Welcome Center 601 Ranch House Rd, Willow Park	Bear Creek Community Church Lobby 18600 Hwy 377, Cresson
City of Aledo Community Center Main Room 104 Robinson Ct, Aledo	Aledo ISD Admin Building Louden Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo	New Faith Baptist Fellowship Hall 3303 West FM RD 5, Annetta
Parker County PCT Barn # 4 Conference Room 1320 Airport Rd, Aledo	Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church Sanctuary 200 S Lakeshore Dr, Hudson Oaks	

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Somervell:

Somervell County Expo
Main Entrance
202 Gibbs Boulevard

ANEXO B
VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Hood:

Hood County Annex 1 1410 W. Pearl St, Granbury	Lunes	23 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Martes	24 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Miércoles	25 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Jueves	26 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Viernes	27 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Sábado	28 de oct. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
	Domingo	29 de oct. de 2023	De 12 p.m. a 6 p.m.
	Lunes	30 de oct. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
	Martes	31 de oct. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
	Miércoles	1 de nov. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
	Jueves	2 de nov. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.
	Viernes	3 de nov. de 2023	De 7 a.m. a 7 p.m.

Votantes que residen en el Condado de Johnson:

Johnson County Elections 103 S. Walnut St, Cleburne	Lunes	23 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Martes	24 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
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Votantes que residen en el Condado de Parker:

Parker County Courthouse Annex, Annex Kitchen 1112 Santa Fe Dr, Weatherford Springtown Senior Center, Community Room 1070 N Main St, Springtown Peaster ISD Rock Gym, Back Room of Gym 8512 FM 920, Peaster Aledo ISD Admin Building, Louden Room 1008 Bailey Ranch Rd, Aledo Hudson Oaks City Hall, Council Chambers 210 Hudson Oaks Dr, Hudson Oaks Azle City Hall, Community Room 505 W Main St, Azle PCT 3 County Barn, Break Room 1111 FM 1189, Brock Springtown ISD Elementary School, Auditorium 416 E 3rd St, Springtown Poolville ISD Technology Building, Main Room 16025 FM 920, Poolville	Lunes	23 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
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Votantes que residen en el Condado de Somervell:

Somervell County Annex Conference Room 206 Elm St, Glen Rose	Lunes	23 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Martes	24 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
	Miércoles	25 de oct. de 2023	De 8 a.m. a 5 p.m.
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



COMBINED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT (NORI)

AND

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0013590001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Lipan, P.O. Box 129 Lipan, Texas 76462, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013590001 which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 99,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on April 24, 2023.

This combined notice is being issued to update the discharge route that was included in the original NORI.

The facility is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 4 and Farm-to-Market Road 1189, in Hood County, Texas 76462. The treated effluent is discharged via pipe to Kickapoo Creek, thence to Brazos River Below Possum Kingdom Lake in Segment No. 1206 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is intermediate aquatic life use for Kickapoo Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1206 are primary contact recreation and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-98.04132,53332&level=18>

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Lipan City Hall, 105 East Lipan Drive, Lipan, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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Further information may also be obtained from City of Lipan at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mike Stowe, Mayor, at 817-408-7732.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL**

To the registered voters of the County of Hood _____, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Hood _____, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 7, 2023, for voting in a general election to elect _____ (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.
(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de noviembre de 2023 para votar en la Elección General para elegir _____ (electores presidenciales, si es aplicable), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election. (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar, a menos que el programa de sitios de votación del condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitios de votación el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
Acton Methodist Church - 3433 Fall Creek Hwy	All
First Baptist Church - 1851 Weatherford Hwy	All
Generations Church - 5718 E Hwy 377	All
Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room - 1410 West Pearl St	All
Calvary Church - 4800 Glen Rose Highway	All
Lipan church of Christ Fellowship Hall - 119 N Caddo St	All
Pecan Activity Center (PAC) - 9145 Plantation Dr	All
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church - 2301 Acton Hwy	All
Tolar Community Center - 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd	All
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church - 4530 Acton Highway	All

During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombrados abajo.)

Location of Main Early Voting Polling Place Include Name of Building and Address (Sitio principal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles
Hood County Annex 1 - 1410 West Pearl St	10/24 - 10/28 8am - 5pm, 10/29 7am - 7pm 10/30 12pm - 6pm 10/31 - 11/04 7am - 7pm

Locations for Branch Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitios sucursal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Granbury 76048
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Signature of County Judge *(Firma del Juez del Condado)*

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GARAGE SALE: GRANBURY 200 Donna Cir- Ashley Oaks community garage sale. Oct. 13th & 14th. 8am-5pm.

GARAGE SALE: GRANBURY Fountain Village- Saturday October 14th
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C.J. Prater. We are very thankful for our amazing Ambassador, C.J. Prater. C.J. has served as a Chamber Ambassador for one year. When asked what he loves about being an ambassador, he said, "I love being able to meet new people and businesses along with having the ability to tell people about the new businesses that I have been to. I also love being able to help the community grow!" Fun Fact about C.J.: "I was the 2006 World Champion Jump Roper!" Thank you C.J. for being an ambassador of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Lee Carlisle

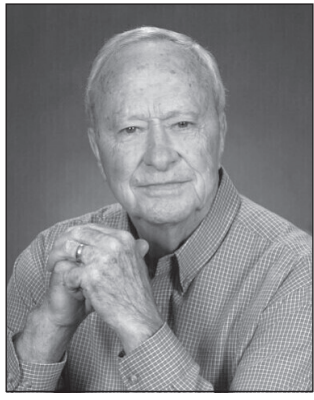
January 3, 1939 - October 7, 2023

Jerry Lee Carlisle was born January 3, 1939, in Meridian, Mississippi to parents Pinkie Lorenzo and Naomi (Riley) Carlisle.

Jerry grew up in Enterprise, Mississippi with his brothers and sister in the home his mother shared with her sister and brother-in-law, Bertha and Calvin Dearman. He enjoyed a boyhood filled with chores, fishing, hunting, Boy Scout hikes and camping trips. In high school he played clarinet in the band and was a member of FFA and the Science Club. He played baseball, boxed Golden Gloves, and was fullback on the undefeated Enterprise High Bulldogs football team. He also found time to work at the nearby Johnson Chevrolet dealership. Graduating in 1956, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. On December 23 of that year, he married Eloise Overby in the Pine Hill Baptist Church. From 1957 to 1964, his USAF assignments were as a radar specialist in remote Alaska; Syracuse, New York; Denver, Colorado; Key West, Florida; and Crystal Springs, Mississippi. Jerry worked for 37 years as an adjuster in the insurance industry in Louisiana, Alabama, and Texas. He completed his work with eight years of catastrophe duty with the Small Business Administration helping restore communities following devastating hurricanes.

Jerry trusted Christ as a boy and was baptized in the Enterprise Baptist Church. Ordained as a deacon in his twenties by the Florida Boulevard Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he taught Fourth Grade Sunday School for more than 25 years. He also led Royal Ambassadors, a missions education ministry for boys and young men, for more than 10 years. A member of Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury for the past 29 years, he was a key leader in the church's relocation, which resulted in exponential growth by the congregation. He loved his Pecan Plantation golf buddies very much.

Jerry Carlisle loved his wife and his children, caring for them and supporting them in every endeavor. He was the favorite uncle of every niece and nephew. He adored his grandchildren and doted on his great-grandchildren.



His ready smile and consistent kindness invited friendships and earned trust in every part of his life.

The family is grateful for the hospitality of First Baptist Church of Burleson and Pastor Ronny Marriott in hosting the funeral service.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife Eloise Carlisle, children Dr. Jerry Carlisle and his wife Dedi and Amy Carlisle Harvison and her husband Mark; grandchildren Randal (Bo) Ketchum and his wife Tiffany, Laura Harvison, Dr., Elyse Griffin and her husband Jeffrey, Collin Carlisle and his wife Dr. Kerrie Carlisle, Caleb Carlisle and his wife Jessica; great grandchildren Trey Ketchum, Tucker Simms, Sydney Forosisky, Elliott Griffin, Troy Griffin, Cavin Carlisle, Colter Carlisle, Brenley Griffin, Cooley Carlisle, Rowan Carlisle and Caden Carlisle. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Lamar, P.L. and Wayne Carlisle; sister Doris Little and great granddaughter Emma Kate Griffin.

Pallbearers were Collin Carlisle, Caleb Carlisle, Jeffrey Griffin, Bo Ketchum, Jim Moss and Tom Taylor.

A funeral service was held Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Burleson, 317 W Ellison St., Burleson, Texas 76028. A visitation directly followed the funeral service. Dr. Jerry Carlisle officiated.

Jerry will be laid to rest with military honors at 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at the DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Those wishing to make Memorial Gifts can direct them to the Texas Baptist Missions Foundation (missionsfoundation.org), 7557 Rambler Road, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75231-2388. Please designate your gift "Carlisle Memorial."

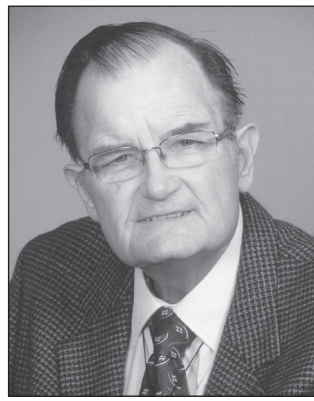
William Prater, Jr.

January 10, 1956 - October 4, 2023

William Floyd Prater, Jr., 67, passed away October 4, 2023 in Weatherford, Texas. A service will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. The interment will follow at Holly Hills Memorial Park.

Bill was born January 10, 1956 in Fort Worth, Texas to William Floyd Prater, Sr., and Margaret Ann Boyle. Bill attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where he received a bachelor's degree in teaching. Bill was a member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church of Granbury.

Bill is survived by his dad, William Prater Sr.; sis-



ter: Beth Martin; brothers: Tim Prater and Tom Prater; and numerous loving family members.

In lieu of flowers, make a memorial donation in Bill's name to the American Diabetes Association.

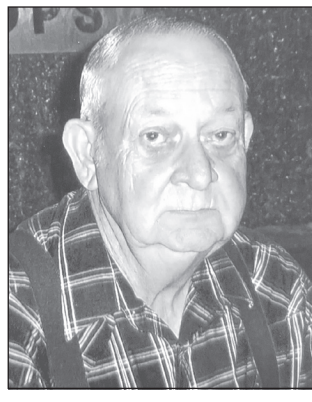
James Alvin Weaver

January 21, 1936 - October 3, 2023

James Alvin Weaver, 87, of Comanche and formerly of De Leon, passed from this life October 3, 2023, with his loving family at his side. He was born January 21, 1936, in Gorman, Texas to Estel Weaver and Lois Mauney Weaver. James married his loving wife of 68 years on August 8, 1955.

James was raised in De Leon and attended De Leon schools. James was baptized in Johnson Baptist Church (now Liberty Baptist Church in the Rucker community) as a young boy and later attended Duster Baptist Church. In his later years he attended St. Joe Baptist Church. After he and Mary married, they moved to Fort Worth where James was employed with General Dynamics for several years. He later worked for Bell Helicopter where he retired after decades of service and commitment. After living in Fort Worth for many years, James and Mary returned home to DeLeon to be near family and to help out with the family farm. They eventually moved to Lake Granbury.

He loved his retirement time there where he was able to boat and fish every day with Mary at his side. He also loved to hunt deer, dove, and quail. Another favorite activity was gardening and he loved spending time outdoors as much as possible. They once again returned home to De Leon to live on the farm and then eventually made one last move to Comanche to reside near their only daughter. He was always a devoted husband, father, and grandfa-



ther who worked tirelessly to make sure his family had the best life possible. He was a special friend to many and will be missed beyond measure.

James is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Mary Lou Johnson Weaver; daughter, Christy Leigh Chester and husband, Jimmy Don Chester; granddaughter, Alex Peyton Chester; and other extended family. He has been reunited with his parents, and sister, Johnnie Lois Weaver.

The Weaver family received friends for visitation Friday, October 6, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Chapel. Funeral services began at 2 p.m. with Brother Jim Farley officiating. Interment followed in De Leon Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Teddy Bridier, Sam Robinett, Jimmy Mahan, John Hodges, Randy Barnes, and George Froneberger. Jackie Pounds was an honorary pallbearer.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of James. Condolences may be offered online at www.nowlinandersfh.com.

Charles Kelly Harding

April 14, 1948 - October 1, 2023

Charles Kelly Harding, who was known by his middle name, passed into the hands of his Lord and savior on October 1, 2023 in Granbury, Texas. A private service will be planned at a later date.

Kelly was born on April 14, 1948 in Pikeville, Kentucky. His parents were Aaron Goss Harding and Ruby Sterling Harding and they instilled in him his love of God, Country, animals and family and the importance of a strong work ethic. His friends knew him as a man who could be counted on to help at any time. He graduated from Hellier High School in Hellier, Kentucky and then enlisted in the Air Force in 1968. He was stationed in Thailand during the Viet Nam War and had obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant when he was honorably discharged in 1973.

He completed two years of college and worked several jobs in California before making his way to Texas. In 1980, he was hired by Brown and Root as a welder to begin construction on Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant. In 1983, he was hired by TXU as a mechanic and in 1986, he applied for the position of a mechanical maintenance planner. He held this position until he retired in 2006 after a 23-year career.

Kelly was a proficient and avid bird hunter, skeet shooter, wood crafter and jack of all trades. There did not seem to be anything that he could not fix. In his free time, he enjoyed playing tennis with his wife and friends. He willingly donated his time as a volunteer for several



years to the Memory Walk for the North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the Pecan Plantation Owners' Association and the Pecan Plantation Tennis Association. He attended First Presbyterian Church in Granbury, Texas.

He was predeceased in death by his parents Aaron Goss Harding and Ruby Sterling Harding his sister Eva Harding Belcher and his brother Aaron G. Harding.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years Susan Spurck Harding his daughter Suzanne Harding Mendoza (Leon), his sister Ellen Harding Gentry (John), granddaughters Cheyenna Mendoza, Sierra Mendoza Kirk (Jessy) and Mollie Mendoza, and great-grandson Eliot Kirk. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Should contributions in his memory be desired, suggested charities are The North Central Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-7117 or The Friends for Animals, 2885 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, Texas 76049.

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- 8 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ___"
- 9 TXism: "happy as a ___ in mud"
- 12 TXism: "sharp as ___"
- 17 Taylor County seat
- 19 TXism: "hair trigger ___" (quick to anger)
- 21 old road in Nacogdoches: "___ del Norte"
- 22 increase the size
- 23 TXism: "___ driller" (dentist)
- 28 TV award given to TX Carol Burnett
- 29 Dan Quinn to Mike McCarthy (abbr.)
- 30 Texas Tech grad Lakas was president of this Central American country
- 31 ___ of beef
- 35 unarmed (2 wds.)
- 36 city dump: "___ eyes?"
- 42 song written in 1941: "___ You"
- 44 on I-20, 23 miles west of 17-across
- 46 TXism: "a legend in his own mind"
- 48 1980 song "Raisin' ___ Texas"

- 49 American multinational conglomerate
- 50 sheriff's huntin' party
- 51 Texas "Chicks" 3rd album: "Shouldn't ___ You That"
- 52 TXism: "___ hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 53 TXism: "a squeaky wheel ___ the grease"
- 54 TXism for "disrespectful"
- 56 George W. party (abbr.)
- 57 TXism: "spread like gossip ___ church meeting"
- 58 TX George W. to George H. W.

DOWN

- 1 UT has the desk of this 3-name poet
- 2 a Texas city, county, and river (2 wds.)
- 3 Cowboy & Texan preparation
- 4 shrimp catchers
- 9 ship steering wheel
- 10 TX Pride's "My Eyes Can ___ You"
- 11 tell a horse to "giddy" up
- 12 TXism: "table grazed"
- 13 fall event in Dallas: "___ Fair"
- 14 music boosters
- 15 TXism: "tax wranglers"
- 16 Jayton is seat of this county
- 18 "Gone to Texas" came to mean "on the ___"
- 20 car path (abbr.)
- 23 "The Pelvis" (init.)
- 24 noted female south Texas rancher: Mary ___ West
- 25 cattle auction indication (2 wds.)
- 26 PGA golfer Andrew who grew up in Dallas
- 27 shell of a flightless bird (2 wds.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Start moving toward retirement security

CHAD CARROLL Edward Jones Financial Adviser

It's not as well-known as Halloween, but National Retirement Security week happens every October - the third week, to be precise - and while it doesn't involve ghosts and goblins, it does deal with something even more frightening: the risk of not being able to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Through various events, this occasion highlights ideas about building retirement security. What steps can you take?

Here are some suggestions:



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- Don't underestimate your longevity. Consider this: 65-year-old men can expect to live another 20 years, while 65-year-old women can anticipate almost 22 more years, according to the Society of Actuaries. And these figures are just averages, meaning you could well exceed these ages, perhaps by many years. So, in thinking about how much money you'll need as a retiree, be aware that you could spend two, or even three, decades in retirement.
- Don't underestimate

health care costs. When you retire, some of your expenses - such as transportation, wardrobe and other costs associated with your career - will drop. Others will not and may even increase. Health care is a prime example: Many people assume that Medicare or their Medicare Advantage plan will take care of virtually all their health care costs in retirement, but that's not the case. Generally speaking, you could plan on spending \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year on health care costs during retirement, excluding the large expenses connected with long-term care. Your actual costs could be higher

or lower, depending on your health, prescription drugs and supplemental insurance coverage, but make sure you plan for sizable health care costs in your projected retirement budget.

- Contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement plans. Try to put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan and try to increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You may also be eligible to contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA, which offers tax

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'Community-driven,' customer-focused Independent Financial celebrates fifth anniversary at Acton location

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

Independent Financial reached an important milestone earlier this week, as employees and community leaders gathered on Oct. 5 to celebrate the bank's five-year anniversary with a ribbon cutting at its Acton location, 3301 Fall Creek Highway.

Although Independent Financial hasn't been in Hood County long, the company itself has quite an interesting history.

According to its website, Independent Financial started 35 years ago in Farmersville and has since expanded to more than 90 financial centers across both Texas and Colorado.

Independent Financial is described as being "one of the strongest and most respected banks in the region," according to its website, with "community and company culture" remaining at the forefront of its business standard.

The website also states that through its growth over the years, Independent Financial has continued to "emphasize the importance of building meaningful connections with every customer."

"We're truly community-driven," Michelle Smith, regional manager for Independent Financial, said during the ribbon cutting celebration. "We're about community. We're a community bank. We do everything on the commercial side, and we do everything on the consumer side. If there's anything we can do to be a positive resource for your business, or anyone you



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know, or here in the community, that's what we're all about — and that's what I love about this company."

Ann Towles, financial center manager for the Acton location, started her position at Independent Financial in July 2022 and said it's an "amazing company to work for."

"It's very much a community bank," she said. "We thrive on relationships." Employee relationships

are also important to the team, as a prior employee of Northstar Bank remained with the company after the business was acquired by Independent Bank in 2018.

"Although we've been around for, like Michelle said, 35 years, we've been here in Acton for the past five years," Towles explained. "We have Nancy, our teller. She's been here for 40 years this year." What sets Independent

Financial apart from other banks, Towles said, is the company's business model of building partnerships and friendships with customers.

"We're all about relationships, and we're all about the community," she said. "We're not going to give you a 1-800 number to call whenever you have an issue with your debit card. We're going to dive in and say, 'You know what? Here's my card. You call me personally, and I'm going to

help you fix whatever issue you're having.' Even though we've been Independent Financial for five years here, we have kept those relationships from Northstar Bank, because we have the same caring people who work here, who have been here for years, who have taken that standard and brought it to Independent Financial."

Towles added the team is happy to be a part of the community and looks

forward to the company's growth in Hood County.

"We hope to see everybody here for our 10-year ribbon cutting," she added.

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Lake Granbury Medical Center and Lakeside Physicians welcome Kathryn Kline, M.D., and Casey Dean, D.O.

Lake Granbury Medical Center and Lakeside Physicians welcome two new physicians to Granbury

GRANBURY, TX — Lake Granbury Medical Center and Lakeside Physicians are pleased to welcome Kathryn Kline, M.D., and Casey Dean, D.O., to Granbury.

Dr. Kline and Dr. Dean practice family medicine at Fall Creek Medical, located at 601 Fall Creek Highway.

Dr. Kline received her medical education at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, and she completed her residency at the Waco Family Medicine

Institute in Waco, Texas.

Dr. Dean received his medical education at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas, and he completed his residency at the Waco Family Medicine Institute in Waco, Texas.

Both care for patients of all ages, as well as helping them improve their health and wellness, both physical and mental.

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Becoming more aware this month of pregnancy and infant loss

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

In 1998, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. This month is meant to raise awareness and honor and mourn those babies who lost their lives.

Part of Reagan's proclamation from 1988 read, "National observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, 1988, offers us the opportunity to increase our understanding of the great tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies. It also enables us to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can meet the needs of bereaved parents and family members and work to prevent causes of these problems."

Later in 2002, Robyn Bear, Lisa Brown, and Tammy Novak, who lost their own babies, wanted to create an entire day of remembrance. Through bipartisan congressional resolutions, Oct. 15 since then has marked a day of remembrance.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 100 pregnancies will end in stillbirth in the United States, which is equivalent to 24,000 babies every year.

A stillbirth is the loss of a baby before or during delivery. Both miscarriage and

stillbirth fall under pregnancy loss but differ based on when the loss occurs.

According to the Mayo Clinic, most miscarriages happen during the first trimester of pregnancy, which is the first 13 weeks. Non-Hispanic Black women and American Indian/Alaska Native women are twice as likely to experience stillbirth in comparison to Non-Hispanic Whites, Asian or Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics.

"Miscarriages are very common and it's not uncommon for a woman to even have two miscarriages in her reproductive life and rarely does it have anything to do with women but rather the genetic makeup of the baby at the time. These women need to know it's not their fault but lots of women do. It is never a punishment, it's just life," Kim Irwin, who serves as the executive director at the Brazos Pregnancy Center in Granbury said. "We deal with this quite often. It seems to be that all the pregnancy centers are seeing a lot of miscarriages and this



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last year we saw more than the average we usually see. Hopefully some studies will be done about it. This is a traumatic time for a woman, and we always want to be there for them."

The center offers information on dealing with loss, comfort, gifts to help with grieving, prayer and referrals for counseling services.

Some ways to get involved include lighting a candle at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 as part of the International Wave of Light, participating in moments of silence, sharing stories if you have experienced loss and offering compassion or a listening ear for those who have undergone a loss.

For those who have suffered a loss it is important to reach out to those closest to you for support, seek coun-

seling, and allow plenty of time to grieve and remember according to the American Pregnancy Association. They also note that men and women grieve differently.

Parents or other family members who have experienced the loss of a baby between conception and the first month of life can receive a free March of Dimes bereavement kit by contacting the Fulfillment Center at 1-800-367-6630 or at bkit@marchofdimes.org

For more information on the Brazos Pregnancy Center, call or text 817-579-1233, visit the website at brazospregnancycenter.org or email bpc@brazospregnancycenter.com.

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Volleyball led Lady Pirate to several positives

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

For Brooke Marak, volleyball has been a constant in her life ever since she was little. It has led her to some exciting experiences — including a quest to help get the Granbury Lady Pirates back to the playoffs.

“I first started playing volleyball when I was in third grade and honestly, I don’t remember what drew me to the sport,” Marak said with a smile. “I used to cheer as a little elementary kid and maybe because all of my friends were doing it I decided to give it a chance. I picked up volleyball and never looked back.”

“Volleyball was the only constant in my life as my family and I moved from Austin to Granbury during the middle of my sixth-grade school year. It was a way for me to meet new people, make new friends, and to just be on a team.”

GOOD TIMING

Marak, a right-side hitter/middle blocker, joined the varsity squad for the first time this season, and the timing couldn’t have been better for her. The Lady Pirates look good for a return to the playoffs and Marak’s play is one of the reasons.



Brooke Marak shaking hands with Azle High School volleyball players after the game on Sept. 26, 2023

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“Brooke is a smart player. She is really good with placement, and that is definitely an asset to the team,” Lady Pirates coach Desiree Shahan said.

After a slow start, Granbury went on a win streak in District 5-5A that included a victory over defending league champion and state-ranked Northwest.

“We really showed up and showed out for that game. Playing that game was one

of the most exciting games I think I’ve ever played in,” she said “Our season did start out a little rough; with tough preseason games it makes for a difficult time.

“Ever since district has started we have really got our minds right and we are determined to make it into playoffs and hopefully far in.”

Marak made her return from an injury in that match. It was a triumphant return

as she posted a dozen kills and three blocks in the come-from-behind victory.

She had a collateral ligament tear in her left ring finger. She was out almost three weeks.

“I was playing defense and I didn’t get my hands up fast enough and got my fingers jammed by the ball,” she said.

But even being injured didn’t stop Marak from helping the team win.

“Even when she was out, she was still able to push our team by challenging her teammates with her aggressive serves in practice to help push our team in serve-receive,” Shahan said. “She also had a vital role in the squad talking to her hitters about what was open.”

Before joining the varsity, Marak received Offensive and Co-Offensive Player of the Year awards on the junior varsity.

OTHER SPORTS

While volleyball is her first love, Marak has played other sports. Last season she threw the discus and lettered on the varsity track team.

“I have thrown since my sophomore year and I plan to throw again this year,” she said.

Then, she added with a laugh, “I played softball my freshman year but it’s best left forgotten.”

CLUB AND COLLEGE

Marak also plays for the Fort Worth Fire volleyball club. Last season they advanced to regional competition.

“I grew a lot in my mental game and my court awareness. That is a huge success to me. I am excited to finish off my club years with 212 volleyball club (in Fort Worth),” she said.

She’s not finished playing volleyball after her days as a Lady Pirate are over. She will attend Brevard College in North Carolina where she will major in biology.

“I have always had a passion for science and I love learning the inner workings of things,” she said. “While I attend college I will also continue my volleyball career there as well. I love the coaches and I can’t wait to be a Tornado!”

Lipan, Tolar runners advance to regionals

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Lipan boys were second and the girls third at the District 11-2A Meet in Lipan Monday. Tolar’s boys were fourth and the girls were fifth.

Both Lipan teams now advance to the Class 2A Region II Meet at Lynn Creek Park in Grand Prairie on Oct. 24. They will be joined by Tolar’s Hunter Keith, who qualified individually. The top three teams and top 10 individuals (some on qualifying teams) advanced to regionals.

From regionals, the top four teams and the top 10 individuals not on those teams will advance to state at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Nov. 4.

The Indians scored 54 points to trail only Poolville with 31.

“I believe we ran very well at our district meet. All the teams in our district showed up ready to run and made it a very competitive day,” Indians coach Ty Johnston said. “We were lucky enough to make it out for regionals and are very excited to keep working hard and are hoping to extend this season for as long as possible.”

The Lady Indians scored 56 points, trailing champion DeLeon with 44 and runner-up Santo with 51.

“Our district is very tough and our girls competed well to survive and advance,” Lady Indians coach Misty Little said. “We are very excited to get the opportunity to compete as a team at regionals.”

The Lipan boys were led by Court Gaylor, who finished second individually with a time of 17:53.48 over the 5K course. Wyatt

Yates was fifth (18:15.42), and Colby Scott was 10th (19:13.92). Rounding out the Lipan contingent were Tucker Tims, 17th; Michael Bolfling, 20th; and Cash Bokenbarker, 28th.

The Lipan girls were paced by Annslee Tarpley, who was third over the 3.2K course with a 12:58.22 clocking. Jacy Bolton (13:14.30) was sixth. Also, Kinsley Robinson was 14th, Taylor Branson 15th, Ashlyn Clark 18th and Harley Glover 26th.

The top five finishers comprise the team score. For Tolar, Keith clocked a time of 18:07.58.

Bailey Gammons led the Tolar girls, finishing 12th in 13:51.45. Olivia McClain was 20th, Shadi Gammons 32nd, Kylie Carter 33rd, Mykah Kirbie 34th and Brittain Taylor 35th.

Also for the Rattlers, Ernesto Ramirez was 13th,



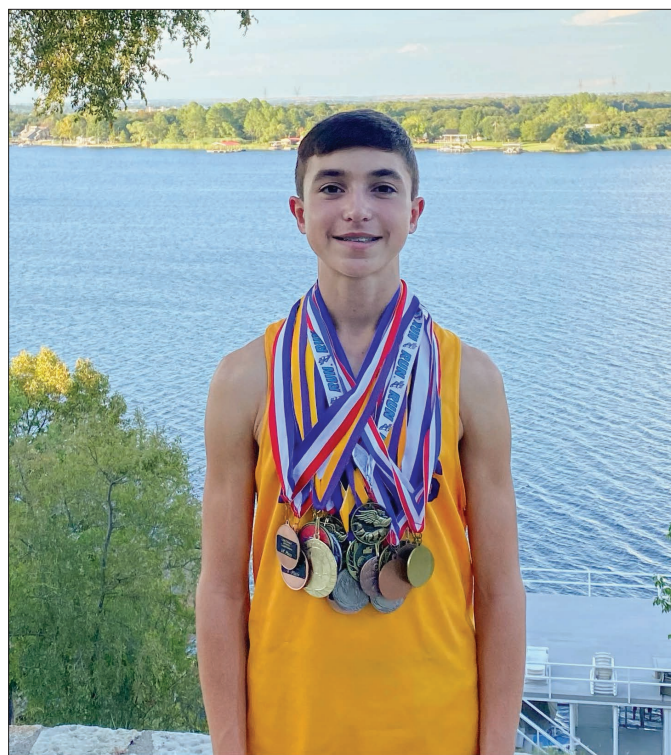
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The Lipan boys cross country team qualified for regionals after finishing second in the District 11-2A Meet Monday in Lipan. Pictured are (from left) Cash Bolenbarker, Wyatt Yates, Court Gaylor, Michael Bolfling, Colby Scott, and Carter Patton. Not pictured is Tucker Tims.

Christian Noyola 19th, Andrew Wolf 22nd, Jaxon Boisjolie 26th, Connor England 29th and Relic Buckley 30th.

The Lipan JV girls won district as Addiline Lawrence posted a time of 13:37.97 over 3.2K. Also, Zoe Bolfling was fifth, Jesse

Yates sixth, Robinson Paisley eighth and Vegas Colas ninth.



COURTESY OF KARISA GLENN

Granbury freshman Jaxon Glenn is enjoying great success in his first varsity season on the Pirates cross country team. He comes from a family of successful runners.

Glenn carrying on family (running) tradition

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

With all due respect to Bruce Springsteen, Jaxon Glenn was born to run.

And since he started doing so, he’s been the boss at the majority of meets in which he’s entered.

Glenn, a freshman runner for Granbury High School, comes from a family of runners from his parents to his siblings. Once he entered the competitive realm of the sport, he’s been winning with more frequency than Taylor Swift turns out boyfriend songs.

“My older brother ran in high school, and I went to his races and thought it was awesome,” Jaxon recalled. “I really wanted to follow in his footsteps, so I started running in seventh grade and have been running since then in cross country and track.

“Once I started, I realized I loved it, and I was good at it because I worked hard. My

goal is to run at the collegiate level one day.”

In the meantime, most of his competition probably wish he was already in college.

He holds the Acton Middle School record for the fastest 2-mile run at 11 minutes, 54 seconds. In the fall of eighth grade, he played football, which he said kept him from competing at his best in cross country.

But he trained hard, and in the spring he was unstoppable. He went undefeated the entire eighth-grade track season, winning every race he entered in the 800, 1600 and 2400 meters.

That springboarded him to the sensational freshman season he is currently having as a Pirate. As of press time, Jaxon had competed in six meets with five top-five finishes this season. He won the Birdville Flyin’ Hawk Invitational, along with two silver medals, one bronze medal and a fifth-place finish. His lowest finish of the

season was eighth at the Paschal meet out of 211 runners.

“Jaxon has a very high ceiling. He’s very driven, has an extreme work ethic, and does all the little things right - diet, rest, stretching, taking care of his body,” Granbury coach Jody Brown said. “All those factors add up to and contribute to his success. “Most importantly, he’s strong academically. Glad we have him for four years.”

INSPIRATION

Jaxon said his inspiration is Roger Bannister, the first human to run a sub-four-minute mile. He did so in 1954.

“My dad told me about him as I started getting serious about running. I’ve done a lot of research on him. He inspires me to want to break the four-minute mile as well one day,” Jaxon said. “Right now, I am running about a 4:42 mile, and I want to continue to get stronger and faster for

track season.”

He also gets inspiration from his family. His older brother, Jayce, advanced to regionals in cross country as a Pirate, and his other older brother, Jayton, got there in track.

His mother, Karisa, advanced to regionals and state when she was a runner in high school.

“A new coach moved in during her junior year and started a cross country program. That year, she and her team went to state to compete. I thought that was pretty cool,” Jaxon said.

BEST ABOUT SPORT Jaxon said the thing he likes most about running cross country is no matter a person’s size or grade they are in, they can compete if they work hard enough and strive to be the best - two things he does consistently.

“I am the youngest on my team, but my entire team is encouraging, and they don’t

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Finding Hope

Heather Cleveland shares diagnosis; Granbury ALS walk and hope for a cure

BY EDEN DUNCAN

GILBREATH

special to the Hood County News

Heather Cleveland has been a staple of the Granbury scene for decades both as a businesswoman, and as an involved participant in the local art scene. Cleveland was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in May 2021. On Saturday, Oct. 21, she will host an ALS walk in Granbury to support and provide funding for the ALS community, after hosting a walk last year in Weatherford — Weatherford and Granbury being her two “hometowns.” Here she shares with Hood County News readers the story of her diagnosis, struggles and words of hope in her own words. Cleveland is able to type her story by using technology that allows her to type using her eyes: “You have ALS.”

“Nothing can prepare you to hear those words or for the overwhelming sense of fear of the known and the unknown. You know what’s coming, but not exactly how or when. Every person’s experience with ALS is different.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) — better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease in the U.S. and Motor Neuron Disease in the rest of the world — causes the upper (brain) and lower (spinal cord) motor neurons to die. These are the neurons that signal voluntary muscle movement.

Without those signals, your muscles begin to atrophy and cease to function.

You lose the ability to walk, talk, swallow, and eventually breathe. There is no cure — yet.

Unless you opt for invasive procedures like a feeding tube or a tracheostomy, you are likely to only live an average of two to five years. It’s as if you’re in an increasingly constrictive straight jacket while your mind remains intact, unless you have ALS with FTD — frontotemporal dementia — a not uncommon combination.

When my local neurologist delivered my diagnosis, based on my symptoms and a brain MRI, she readily admitted ALS was not her specialty. Within the week she had me scheduled for a confirmation diagnosis with a doctor she considered the top ALS neurologist in North Texas — Dr. Daragh Heitzman. He heads a multidisciplinary ALS clinic at Texas Neurology in Dallas.

Diagnosing ALS is a process of elimination because so many of the symptoms mimic other diseases. It takes a battery of tests, bloodwork, and scans to rule out everything else but ALS.

One of the tests is an EMG where needle electrodes are inserted into your muscles to measure electrical activity. A spinal tap is another diagnostic tool. It’s all as much fun as it sounds. From the onset of symptoms, the average time it takes to get a definitive diagnosis is 18 months. For me it was about four months — only because I delayed seeing a doctor.

Sure enough, on May 3, 2021, it was indeed confirmed I had ALS. At both neurologists’ offices, I felt like I had out-of-body experiences. A preternaturally

calm, detached me absorbed the information.

It was a full week before the reality, tears, rage, and “why me?” finally hit, especially as I contemplated how I was going to let family and friends know. It wasn’t just my life that had been turned upside down and inside out. It felt as if the universe had just landed on me with both feet.

I suppose at this point I should explain the relevance of my experience to this article. But first a little background...

I was born in Hico and raised in Parker County on my family’s (maternal side) cattle ranch just south of Weatherford near the community of Tin Top and the Brazos River.

Growing up a “4-H kid” — when I wasn’t on horseback, fishing, or looking after the cattle with my grandfather — I spent my formative years raising and showing rabbits, sheep and Dobermans while also developing a lifelong interest in the arts, specifically photography.

After studying communications at Trinity University in San Antonio and photography and art history at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, I got the idea of having a retail kitchenware shop and began working on a business plan while still in New Mexico.

It wasn’t that big a leap considering I’d spent most of my college years working retail jobs and had grown up learning a love of all things culinary from a particularly adventurous cook — my mother, Helen Cleveland.

My fondness for Granbury stemmed from my family’s (paternal side) connection to the town and many memories of times spent on the lake or the square as a kid and it never occurred to me to consider anywhere else to start a business.

So, in 1993 I founded and was the sole proprietor of The Pan Handle on the Granbury Square until 2016 when I sold the shop. During those 23 years, I enjoyed prolific partnerships with Tarleton State University’s Dora Lee Langdon Cultural Center, and various chefs and sommeliers, to produce a series of popular culinary and wine appreciation classes, tours, and trips. I also was an active member of the Historic Granbury Merchants’ Association and the Granbury Chamber of Commerce.

As a result of the classes, I developed a deep interest in the burgeoning Texas wine industry and in 2005, began studying viticulture through

programs developed by Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and the Texas Wine Grape Growers Association.

The Pan Handle is still a fixture on the square with its third set of brand-new owners and is celebrating its 30th “Panniversary” this year.

I am very fortunate to have worked with so many wonderful people who contributed to the success of the business. There are countless employees, customers, artisans, producers, and collaborators to whom I owe a massive debt of gratitude for their support and passion.

In 2011, I started Sanchez Creek South Vineyard in partnership with my mother, on the family’s cattle ranch and became a full-time “grape rancher” in addition to running the shop.

I was also a founding member of the Granbury Wine Walk Committee, coordinating wineries and vendors as well as co-chairing the Sip & Savor event over the course of six years.

In 2013, I joined the Granbury Arts Alliance (GAA) and was involved with the formation and acceptance by the city council of a public arts policy. This led to the successful petitioning of the city council for the creation of the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission, on which I served as chairperson for its first two years.

I was so thrilled and proud when the current commission members were able to complete the five-year plan begun by the inaugural commission and achieve the recent designation as a cultural district by the Texas Commission on the Arts. That was huge and a long time coming.

Also, as part of GAA, I was involved with the Moon Auction fundraiser created by Elise Techentine in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts (HMFA) during her tenure as chair of the annual event.

When she stepped down as chair of the HMFA, I happily took over the Moon Auction as a continuing fundraiser for GAA. It sort of became my pet project and every year I was overwhelmed by

the generosity, talent, and ingenuity of our local artists in contributing moon-themed artwork for the auction.

It continues to be an even bigger success under the current direction of Teresa Houston.

What does all this have to do with ALS? When I got my diagnosis in May 2021, I was fully ambulatory, albeit with balance issues and a pronounced limp. By November of that year, I was wheelchair dependent, only able to walk short distances with a walker.

By the following March I had lost the use of my hands, and at the one-year mark in May 2022, very few people could understand my speech. I had what’s known as a limb-onset with fast progression.

Some people experience the opposite, their symptoms might start with their speech slurring — bulbar onset — and they may have slower progression. Everyone has a different journey, but in the end, ALS is 100% fatal.

In my case, I felt like I had been robbed of everything that had defined me as a person. That was a dark place to be and wasn’t going to be sustainable if I were going to make the most of the time I have left.

Dr. Heitzman had several pieces of advice for increasing both longevity and quality of life: a proactive and positive attitude, seizing every opportunity to do things while you’re still able to, belief in a higher power/purpose, and not thinking in terms of having an “expiration date” being key among them.

While I was figuring out how I was going to adjust to my new reality of being completely dependent on others for all my physical needs, a cousin happened to mention a young woman with ALS living in Hico.

Her name is Sunny Brous and she writes an award-winning blog about life with ALS (SunnyStrong.com). She was diagnosed at the age of 27, and in the past 7 years has made it her mission to embrace everyone in the ALS community to let them know they are not alone.

She also has a social media presence — Talk ALS To Me — where she educates and talks about her efforts to spread awareness and advocate for a cure. She has been all over the world and to Capitol Hill to testify about the need for more funding and faster access to finding a cure.

I reached out to her and after attending my first Walk to Defeat ALS hosted by Sunny in Hico in 2021, I was inspired to host a Walk the following year.

With two lifelong friends as co-captains, we formed the team “Heather’s Heroes,” and had our first Walk to Defeat ALS in our hometown of Weatherford, raising over \$18,000. All proceeds went to the ALS Association whose mission it is to help discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower those affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity and show of support from the community. And since I feel equally connected to both towns, I thought I’d try hosting in Granbury this year along with my co-captains — long-time friends — Cindy Peters and Teri Ewing. I could not do this without them and so appreciate their willingness to dive in to help.

We would love to see everyone who wants to join our walk of hope, awareness,

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From left to right: Clint Calhoun, Heather Cleveland, Lauren Calhoun, Cooper Calhoun, and Carson Calhoun at the 2022 Weatherford Walk to Defeat ALS

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Heather Cleveland views artist Anila Agha’s work titled “A Beautiful Despair” at the Amon Carter Museum in 2022.



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Myers of Granbury awarded scholarship at University of Arkansas

Submitted item

Hannah Myers of Granbury was awarded the University of Arkansas Band Scholarship this fall from the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

This award was one of 960 scholarships totaling \$1.6 million given to Fulbright College undergraduate and graduate students across four academic disciplines: arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

"We want to celebrate Hannah for their incredible achievement and reward their hard work," said Kathryn Sloan, interim dean of Fulbright College. "Hannah is an invaluable member of the Fulbright College family and the entire University of Arkansas community. We're so proud to support their learning and research successes."

This fall's scholarships are made possible from the support of donors, who include

alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Fulbright College, and aid students as part of the college's commitment to student success.

"Supporting our students requires a holistic approach: academically, emotionally, mentally and financially," said Sloan. "The generous support of these friends of Fulbright College allows us to give our students those tools and resources for success, and we're so grateful for that opportunity."

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Constitution Week commemoration

Submitted item

Members of Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), were joined by members of Brazos Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), along with neighbors, family and friends, adults and children alike, from across Hood County to commemorate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, 2023. The week-long tribute consisted of visits to three local elementary schools, along with a program and bell-ringing ceremony held at the Granbury courthouse on Constitution Day, Sept. 17. All festivities were arranged by Peggy Purser Freeman, chair of the chapter's Constitution Week Committee.

In addition to speeches, Constitution Week events featured reenactments of vari-

ous historical figures in costume and character. Among the portrayals were: Sybil Ludington, a sixteen-year-old who, like Paul Revere, rode on horseback to warn the militia of the approaching British troops, by Kathryn McGlathery; Ben Franklin by Robert Hollis; George Washington by Jim Hanlon; Elizabeth Bergin, a female spy, by Joan Bonneau; James Madison by Judge Earl "Dub" Gillum; King George by Steven Garrett; Thomas Jefferson by Ron Bonneau; and a minuteman militia soldier characterized by Phil Harris. Gary and Laurie Foreman presented Thomas Jefferson and Donna Thompson shared her family's involvement with the creation of the Articles of Confederation. Speakers at the Constitution Day program included Mike McAhon

and Mark Forrest, with patriotic music provided by fiddler Ridge Roberts and vocalists Steve Teel and the Brown family.

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the country and is the most important document in American history and government. Constitution Day was enacted by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956, from a congressional resolution petitioned by the Daughters of the American Revolution. President George W. Bush established Constitution Week in 2002. The annual commemoration encourages citizens to reflect on our rights and freedoms afforded to us by the Constitution and our civic duties and responsibilities as citizens.

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Members of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), at the Constitution Day program, September 17.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with more than

185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and

patriotism. More than one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890.

For more information about DAR membership, visit www.texasdar.org/chapters/ElizabethCrockett/.

ALS

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fellowship, and fundraising. There is a common saying among ALS advocacy groups, "ALS is not an incurable disease. It is an underfunded one." Please join us in creating a world where no one ever has to fear the words "you have ALS" again.

As I learned to navigate my condition, my outlook has changed significantly from, "I'm dying of this disease" to "I'm living with this disease." For all ALS takes away, it gives you clarity about what truly matters.

I have a lot to be grateful for: the love and support of friends and family and the

constant and complete care by my mother; the drugs I take to slow the progression of the disease, which allows me more time with loved ones; and the possibility of a cure within my lifetime. I'm thankful for the technology that allows me to type with my eyes, allowing them to "speak" for me. And finally, I'm grateful for the recent, tremendous strides scientific research has made in understanding the underlying causes of ALS, and the potential impact of gene-editing and AI driven treatments. I remind myself of these blessings every day."

From Heather's team: Most people only know of ALS because of the Ice Bucket Challenge and the

names Lou Gehrig and Stephen Hawking. The Ice Bucket Challenge is an example of advocacy and funding that had a positive outcome. The Food and Drug Administration approved the first new drug in five years that significantly slows ALS disease progression and prolongs life. The drug development was partially funded by the Ice Bucket Challenge.

Every 90 minutes a person in this country is diagnosed with ALS and every 90 minutes another person will lose their battle against this disease. ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries. The purpose of the Walk to Defeat ALS is to bring hope, to raise aware-

ness, to provide resources and services to families free of charge, and to unlock the mystery of ALS. Families pay an average of \$250,000 a year to support their loved one suffering with ALS.

Heather and her supporters would love you to join the Heathers Heroes Facebook page where you can find up-to-date information. They ask that you please consider joining the team and "Walk to Defeat ALS." The team is committed to raising funds and supporting those in the ALS community as well as spreading awareness of the urgency to find a cure.

Anyone who joins the team and donates \$100 will get an ALS "Unlock the Cure"

T-shirt that can be worn at the event.

GRANBURY WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Granbury Square Pavilion
201 E. Pearl, Granbury

9:30-10:30 am: Check-in, Visit with Heather, Live Music with Joseph Nevelle.
10:30 a.m. Opening remarks
10:50 a.m. Group photo
11:00 a.m. Walk

Begin at Granbury Square Plaza, then walk past The Pan Handle on Crockett Street, left on Bridge Street

to Houston Street, turning toward Shanley Park, continue on the walking trail to Memorial Lane/Firefighters Park and back. You may walk as much or as little as you like. The team is delighted to see a show of support for ALS and Heather Cleveland in whatever capacity. All proceeds go to the ALS Association to help discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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Tolar Friday Nights

Tolar High School Rattlers were victorious on Friday, October 6, 2023, during the Pink Out game against the Coleman High School Bluecats.

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Tolar Football player on the sidelines looking on ready to go Friday night



Issac Blessing with the quarterback keep Friday night against the Coleman Bluecats



Student section during the game Friday night for the pink out game



Tolar High School Cheerleaders during the game Friday night



Student section congratulating the Rattlers after the game



Rattler Saxophone player during halftime



Rattler Band Colorgaurd during halftime



Cheerleaders doing a stunt during the game

GLENN

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treat me differently even though I'm a freshman and most of them are juniors and seniors," he said. "I also love that it is a team sport as well as an individual sport. Your team can do well, and you can do well as an individual also."
Jaxon is the second fresh-

man in as many years to be a standout runner for the Pirates. His teammate, Bryan Hailey, who is battling back from an injury, reached state and finished 20th in Class 5A last season as a freshman.

Of course, Jaxon is hoping to duplicate that accomplishment and be running in Round Rock at state come the first weekend of

November.

COMPETITIVE NATURE

Ever the competitor, Jaxon isn't thinking of the wind blowing through his hair or the freedom of being alone in his own space when he's running. He likes to win, and to do so, he likes to be aware of his surroundings at all times.
"When I'm running, I am

always thinking about who is in front of me or behind me and how I'm going to stay in the lead or pass them on the course to advance in the race," Jaxon said. "My mind is always focused on staying in the lead and finishing strong."

It's a strategy that has paid off.
Jaxon said he's given some thought to competing

outside of school, but other than training himself and running some 5K events during the summer months, he hasn't done so - yet.

"Starting this next year, I will begin attending college camps to help me achieve success at the next level," he said.

He's even competitive with himself when he trains. He runs at least twice a day

- and he rarely takes a day off.

"Some days are long runs, some are for speed, and some are for strength training. They're all very important in order to get better each time," he said. "Although I'm only a freshman, I know if I continue to put in the work, I can achieve success."

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The Tolar High School Rattlers coming out after halftime during Friday's shutout game against the Coleman Bluecats.

SPORTS Roundup

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

In the world of sports, a season of absence can seem like an eternity.

So, it's no wonder coach Desiree Shahan and the Granbury Lady Pirates volleyball team are excited as they near a return to the postseason after missing out in 2022. It was the program's first time to miss the playoffs since 2008.

But now it's back to a familiar feeling for the coaches, the team, the school, and the community - and it feels great, Shahan said.

"The support and love that we feel from the school and community right now is amazing," she said. "Everyone is onboard with the goal of us playing through November, and it feels great having so much support."

"The girls are putting the work in to grow, not only as athletes, but also as young women. We love this school and this community and appreciate all the love we have received."

The Lady Pirates fell out of a share of first place in District 5-5A with a 3-1 loss to league-leading Aledo at home on Oct. 6, ending a five-match winning streak. After a bye on Oct. 10, they were looking to start a new streak last night when they hosted Brewer (16-11, 3-4).

Against Aledo (27-8, 8-1), ranked No. 19 in the state, Rachel Poirier (14 kills, 9 digs) and Sienna Watts (12 kills, 12 digs) stood out on offense and defense, while Allyson McCabe had 16 kills and 38 assists.

The Lady Pirates (15-21 overall) fell to 6-2 in district. At press time they were tied for second with Northwest (23-9, 6-2), whom they play in Justin on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

The Lady Pirates defeated Northwest, No. 25 in the state, 3-2 when the teams

met in Granbury on Sept. 22. The Lady Texans split their two matches against Aledo, and the Lady Pirates are 0-2 against the Ladycats.

However, the title chase turns out, the Lady Pirates are in a strong position to return to the playoffs after missing them last season.

The Brewer match is Granbury's last at home this season, barring hosting a postseason match. Following their trip to Northwest, they visit Azle (15-24, 3-5) on Oct. 20 and Wichita Falls Rider (10-13, 1-7) on Oct. 24, both 6 p.m. contests.

GRANBURY FOOTBALL

A pair of teams looking to keep slim playoff hopes alive will meet when the Pirates (3-3, 1-3 in District 4-5A Division I at press time) travel to Killeen to face the Ellison Eagles (1-5, 1-3 at press time) on Friday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

Granbury was hosting Lake Belton (6-1, 4-1) last night, while Ellison was playing at Killeen (4-2, 2-2).

The Pirates were coming off a 49-15 loss at district-leading Midlothian (6-1, 5-0) on Oct. 6. Running back Anthony DeBello had his best game of the season, rushing seven times for 96 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown and a 54-yard run.

Also, quarterback Hayden Meyer threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Jace Kelley.

The Granbury defense was led by Chase Cantrell with nine tackles, including one for a loss. Linebackers also stood out as Rylan Brenish had six tackles (one for a loss), while Augie Zapata and Matthew Gifford each had a sack.

On special teams, punter Christian Paddock averaged 44 yards on four kicks.

"Midlothian is a very good football team. We made mistakes that can't be made against a team like that," Pirates coach Sonny Galindo said. "Our team has enough

players that will continue to play hard and fight for each other.

Through six games the Pirates were outgaining their opponents in total yards by an average of 296-262. The offense was averaging 226 rushing yards.

Eleven different players had carried the ball this season, led by Tyler Rodgers with 369 yards and five TD, along with Jadon Rogers with 306 yards and six TD.

Meyer had 301 yards and a pair of rushing touchdowns. While the Pirates don't throw much, he had thrown for four more scores and 417 yards. His 17 completions had been spread among nine players, led by Carter Riley with six for 189 yards and a TD.

The defense had posted 23 tackles for a loss, led by Brenish with five and Zapata with four. Zapata also had four of the team's seven sacks. Brenish (50) and C. Cantrell had combined for 97 tackles.

Daryl Cannie Jr. led the Ellison running attack through six games with 239 yards and two TD. The Ellison defense has been led by Kesean Meeks (90 tackles, 14 for loss, 2 sacks).

TOLAR FOOTBALL

The Rattlers (5-1, 2-0 in district at press time), No. 3 in the state, returned home just long enough to make a statement with a 43-0 victory against Coleman (5-2, 2-1) in a key District 5-2A Division I contest on Oct. 6. Then, they were back on the road for the third time in their past four games at DeLeon (6-1, 3-0) last night.

Now, they are home again next Friday, Oct. 20, to face Bangs (1-5, 0-2) at 7 p.m. for homecoming. The Dragons were hosting San Saba (2-5, 1-2) last night.

The win over Coleman was the second consecutive shutout for the Rattlers defense.

Meanwhile, the Tolar offense got 261 yards of offense and five touchdowns from quarterback Isaac Blessing. He threw for 141 yards and three TD, along with rushing for 120 yards and two more scores.

His touchdown passes went to Brylen Feist (3 catches, 38 yards), Mattew Behrens (44 yards) and Braylen Rice (5 yards). Also, Clayton Stenbridge had four



Isaac Blessing, with the quarterback keep, scored the game-winning touchdown for Tolar.

catches for 42 yards.

Linebacker Drake Owens led the defense with a dozen tackles, while Ty McClure had eight, Jaxon Riddle had seven and Cash Clark had six. The Rattlers had seven tackles for a loss from seven different players. Also, Cutter Cain and Brooks Stone each had a sack.

Rice and Owens also had an interception each and Hunter Michels recovered a fumble.

Through six games, Blessing had eight touchdowns passing with only two interceptions, along with rushing for 624 yards and eight TD. Running back Garrison Nation had 350 yards and five TD rushing, with two receiving TD. Behrens had 14 catches for 244 yards and two TD.

Riddle's 57 tackles was leading the defense with Owens right behind with 53. Riddle also had five tackles for a loss, while Clark had 40 tackles with a team-leading two sacks. The Rattlers' pass defense has forced nine interceptions, including four by Stenbridge.

TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers (17-13 overall) began District 8-2A play with a 3-1 road loss at Hamilton on Oct. 7 before coming home for a 3-0 victory against Hico.

Standouts against Hamilton were Maddie Rue (13 kills, 12 assists), Allie Terrell (9 kills), Abbie Soileau (2 aces, 18 assists) and Senne Imel (7 kills, 14 digs). Imel was also named a standout against Hico.

As the regular season is winding down, the Lady Rattlers were playing at DeLeon last night and will host Hamilton on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

GRANBURY CROSS COUNTRY

The Granbury Pirates won a team title for a second consecutive week as they claimed first in the Brewer Invitational on Oct. 6. Meanwhile, the Lady Pirates finished third.

Jaxon Glenn and Bryan Hailey led the way for the Pirates, finishing first and third, respectively. Glenn clocked a time of 16 minutes, 54 seconds over the 5K course, while Hailey posted a 17:09.

The Lady Pirates were led by Kambry Zschiesche, who was seventh in 21:43.

Also running for the Pirates were Bryce Young, 13th; Aiden Lemens, 15th; Alec Wilkinson, 19th; Jacob Wolfe, 27th; and Aidan Turpin, 39th.

Also running for the Lady Pirates were Alexie Patrick, 13th; Zaeda Sedgwick, 18th; Emery Kirby; Josefina Berry, 26th; and Aubrey Ward, 27th.

The junior varsity Pirates had two runners finish in the top 10. Sam Valdez was runner-up in 19:41 and Kolden Rand was ninth with a time of 20:20. Nolan Segars was 12th.

Presley Davis finished 12th for the JV Lady Pirates.

The race was held at Central Park in White Settlement, the same site as the District 5-5A Meet, which was being held at press time.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals qualify for the Region I Meet in Lubbock, Oct. 23-24.

GRANBURY TENNIS

The Pirates/Lady Pirates (5-7 overall, 2-4 in District 5-5A) ended the fall team season on a high note as they defeated visiting Brewer 12-7 on Oct. 3.

"After graduating so many last year and roughly 14 players being new to varsity team tennis, we are really proud of how this season went this year," said coach Athan Laskaris. "We improved tremendously, and these kids were just a joy to be around. Coach (Debbie) Hiler and I are very thankful for the opportunity to coach them, and we really look forward to getting to work with them this offseason."

Granbury victories were: Boys doubles - Roland Krause/Oakley Boyd, 6-2, 6-2; Tyler St. Don/Colten Whitefield, 6-2, 3-6, 10-2; Justin Rios/Kaden Bohney, 6-4, 6-2.

Girls doubles - Katie Childs/Ava Hamrick, 6-4, 1-6, 10-5; McKenna Moreno/Allie Kazmier, 6-3, 6-3.

Boys singles - Krause, 6-2, 6-3; Whitefield, 6-3, 3-6, 10-3; K. Bohney, 7-5, 7-5; St. Don, 7-6 (7-5), 7-5; Boyd, 6-3, 6-1; Rios, 0-6, 6-4, 10-5; Chase Bohney, 8-1 (did not count in team score); Braxton Bailey, 8-4 (did not count in team score).

Girls singles - Hamrick, 6-3, 6-3.



Grant Sherley waiting for the snap.



Brylen Feist with a Tolar Rattler touchdown.



Isaac Blessing throwing the ball to number nine Julien Rodriguez.

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY™

Women's Golf wins Texan Match Play Championship

Tarleton State University

GLEN ROSE — Tarleton State Women's Golf won the title at Texan Match Play after a narrow 3-1-1 victory in the title bout against Stephen F. Austin after 5-0 sweep of Texas Southern in the first round at the Lakes Course of Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen Rose, Texas on Monday, Oct. 9.

The match play event featured a Ryder Cup style scoring method with the pairing competing on a per hole basis and the first to win more holes than the other with less holes remaining to play was crowned the victor.

The Texans swept Texas Southern in the first round to advance to the Championship Match against Stephen F. Austin, who was victorious in the first round against Prairie View A&M winning four of the five matches.

For the Purple and White, Mathilde Brogens won her match after just 11 holes leading her opponent by eight with just seven holes left clinching the match in favor of Brogens. Lou Deltombe was the next into the clubhouse playing in the third slot and defeating Shawnise Gregory after 12 holes, carrying a seven-hole lead with just six holes to play. Elle Fox clinched the victory for the



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Texans as she was the third to finish with a victory giving the Texans a 3-0 lead and advancing the squad into the final round. Sofia Rodriguez competed in the top slot for the Texans and needed just 14 holes to earn the victory over Ashlie Howard-Hobbs by six holes. Rebeca Fernandez was neck-and-neck for all 18 holes winning by just one af-

ter the final hole.

The Texans claimed the title after a 3-1-1 defeat of Stephen F. Austin. Rodriguez clinched her victory on the 16th hole to give Tarleton the championship.

Deltombe was the first Texan victory defeating her opponent after the 11th hole and winning by eight holes. Brogens clinched her second

victory of the day after the 16th hole taking a three-hole lead with just two to play. Rodriguez closed out the title also on the 16th hole to give the Texans the third win of the bout and clinch the title. Fox was narrowly defeated on the final hole and Fernandez tied after completing all 18 for the second time on the day.

After the conclusion of the final round, Jimenez's Texans were awarded the trophy in a mini presentation. Jimenez thanked Texan Nation for attending the match and announced that Tarleton State was victorious in the first Texan Match Play.

Tarleton State will be back in action in two weeks for the second of three October

events starting on Sunday, Oct. 22 at the Little Rock Women's Classic.

TARLETON RESULTS BOTH ROUNDS

1st Round

Tarleton def Texas Southern 5-0
Sofia Rodriguez (TSU) def. Ashlie Howard-Hobbs (TSO) Up 6 & 4 to go
Rebeca Fernandez (TSU) def. Lyla Vaughn (TSO) 1 up
Lou Deltombe (TSU) def. Shawnise Gregory (TSO) Up 7 & 6 to go
Mathilde Brogens (TSU) def. Alex Gonzalez (TSO) up 8 & 7 to go
Elle Fox (TSU) def. Phaith Harris (TSO) Up 3 & 2 to go

2nd Round

Tarleton def. Stephen F. Austin, 3-1-1
Sofia Rodriguez (TSU) def. Sloane Bennett (SFA) 4 up & 2 to go
Rebeca Fernandez (TSU) def. Sydni Leung (SFA) tied
Lou Deltombe (TSU) def. Jessica Aguirre (SFA) 8 up & 7 to go
Mathilde Brogens (TSU) def. Avree Fields (SFA) 3 up & 2 to go
Valerie Routzong (SFA) def. Elle Fox (TSU) 1 up

Texans fall to Redhawks on three-goal second half

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Women's Soccer held Seattle University scoreless on Sunday, Oct. 8 in the first half but was unable to answer three Redhawk goals in the second to fall 3-0 at the Tarleton Soccer Complex.

Seattle U (4-2-0 WAC, 6-8-1 Overall) now has totaled 12 points and holds the second spot in the WAC standings.

Tarleton State (1-3-1, 4-8-3) is still in contention for a play-off spot currently in seventh place but just two points behind Abilene Christian.

Mikayla Kendall improved her WAC-leading saves total to 98 collecting seven against the Redhawks.

Avery Harr was responsible for three of Tarleton's five shots with one of hers landing on goal, increasing her

season total to 13, just two away from tying the program record set by her last fall.

Seattle U started the second half out hot with a pair of goals in the first two minutes of the fresh half. Caroline Penner started the scoring finding the back left corner of the net from the middle of the 18-yard box to put the Redhawks ahead, 1-0.

Just 30 seconds later,

Savannah Singleton found herself in the far-right corner of the 18-yard box, heavily guarded, when she flipped the ball in the direction of the left side of the goal. It popped over Kendall for the second goal of the contest.

Trailing by two in the 70th minute, Lauren Grissom launched a shot from just outside the 18-yard box that just barely found the leaping

hand of the keeper to push it over the crossbar and save the near goal.

Seattle U tacked on an insurance goal with less than two minutes remaining when Emma de la Cruz found Kailee Wilson in space who fired in her third goal of the season.

The Redhawks prevented any Texan scoring threats in the final two minutes to pre-

serve the 3-0 shutout.

Once again, the Texans recorded more saves than their opponent (7-3) and committed less fouls (8-2). Seattle U held the advantage in shots, 20-5 and on goal, 10-3.

The Texans will stay in the Beehive State for a Sunday afternoon match against Southern Utah at 1 p.m. at Thunderbird Soccer Field in Cedar City.

Late fumble costs Texans as Southern Utah mounts second half comeback

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — After a strong first half, Tarleton State wasn't able to keep the momentum going and Southern Utah mounted a late comeback to take the United Athletic Conference matchup.

The Texans (4-2, 1-1 UAC) fell 27-26 on Saturday night at Memorial Stadium in Stephenville to the Thunderbirds (2-4, 1-1 UAC). Tarleton led 20-0 at halftime and 26-14 in the fourth quarter, but Southern Utah scored two touchdowns over the final three minutes to steal the win.

SUU QB Justin Miller found an open Targhee Lambson for a 12-yard score with 2:55 left, then safety Trevon Gola-Callard forced a Kayvon Britten fumble, which Josh Lopez returned 23 yards for the go-ahead, and eventual



COURTESY PHOTO

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game-winning, touchdown with 2:29 remaining.
Texan QB Victor Gabalis

finished 13-of-31 for 152 yards and a touchdown, tossing his score to Jaden Smith

from 14 yards out in the first quarter. Britten rushed for 93 yards on 17 carries (5.5 yards per carry) and a touchdown, scoring on an 11-yard scamper to make it 20-0 in the second quarter. Running back Caleb Lewis carried the ball 13 times for 82 yards (6.3 YPG) and his first Texan touchdown, an 8-yard run in the fourth quarter to make it 26-14. Benjamin Omayebu led the receiving group with 44 yards on six catches. Darius Cooper played his first game since the season opener, finishing with three catches and 38 yards.

Defensively, Kasyus Kurns picked off Miller on Southern Utah's first drive of the game that set up Smith's touchdown for the Texans. Kurns also added eight tackles. Patrick Jones and Devin Sterling each led the team with 10 tackles apiece. Kyle

Taylor had nine tackles and a sack.

On special teams, Adrian Guzman shined, going 4-for-4 on kicks, 2-of-2 on field goals from 40 and 35 yards out. He also averaged 42.6 yards across five punts, including a 58-yard boot that pinned the Thunderbirds inside the 5-yard line. Deangelo Rosemond had three kickoff returns cover 107 yards, peaking at 51 yards long.

Southern Utah was led by Miller's 34-of-45 passing for 314 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. Aubrey Nellems had a game-high 14 tackles, and the Thunderbirds had three sacks.

This was the third all-time meeting between Tarleton and Southern Utah, all within the last two years. All games have had chaotic endings, with each ending in a one-possession game.

Saturday marked Tarleton's Legends Game as the Texans hosted the 2002-03 men's basketball team to honor them with a special presentation in the second quarter. The coaches from that team performed the coin toss just ahead of kickoff. Also pregame, Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley and Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Lonn Reisman gave a team-autographed ball to head coach Todd Whitten for earning his 100th win with the program last week.

The Texans will play at Eastern Kentucky next, returning to Richmond, Kentucky, where they played two years ago. They'll match up with the Colonels on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at Roy Kidd Stadium, Eastern Kentucky.

Persson win over Texas Tech highlights Texans' hard fight at ACU Women's Fall Invite

Tarleton State University

ABILENE — The Texans competed in their second of four fall tournaments at Abilene Christian Friday, Sept. 29 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Emma Persson had a highlight weekend with a semifinals singles win over Texas Tech.

"I am proud of our team this weekend," said head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron. "We played a lot of

matches and competed very well. Emma beating a top Texas Tech player and getting to the finals of the A bracket is showing us why she was the WAC Player of the Year last year. She looked dangerous on court. Ximena [Morales] also competed very well and deserves a lot of credit for her strong showing this weekend.

Persson went 2-1 on the weekend advancing to the A draw singles finals. She

started the weekend off with a win over host Abilene Christian's Maria Cascos. Persson then faced off against Texas Tech for the first of two times, winning her semifinals match 6-2 and 6-4 over Jermaine Sherif.

Persson's only defeat came on the final day of play in the finals. She once again faced off against Texas Tech, this time against Andreea Lila. Persson ultimately fell just short of what would have

been a perfect singles run losing 6-3, 6-1.

"We continue to see improvements week in and week out and it's showing in our results," said head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron. "We look forward to putting in another two weeks of work before regionals."

Persson also made a run on the doubles side of things with partner Morales. The pair went 2-1 on the weekend making their way to the

finals on Saturday. The two got off to a great start in the quarterfinals winning 8-4 over host Abilene Christian's Eva Arranz and Andrea Guerrero.

Persson and Morales matched up with UTSA in the semifinals winning 8-5 to punch their ticket to the finals on Saturday. The pair for the Purple and White beat Magda Tuells and Ekua Youri of UTSA 8-5.

The dominating pair saw

things come to an end in the finals Saturday as they took their first loss of the tournament to Texas Tech's Arina Oreshchenkova and Camryn Stepp.

The Texans are competing in ITA Regionals which began on Oct. 12 and goes through Oct. 16. The regional competition is at Baylor University in Waco.

HOOD OUTDOORS

Fall boat checklist



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.

It is that time of the year. Some folks put their boats up for the season and many of us keep right on using our boats throughout the year. Either way, it is a good idea to get that maintenance done especially before it freezes. You still have a little time before our first freeze.

First thing on the list is to make sure your batteries are fully charged and the water level is normal. A fully-charged battery should not freeze. The summer sun and repetitive charging can "boil" the water out of the battery's cell. This leads to an undercharged battery and loss of life. A battery that is not fully charged can also freeze which may destroy it.

The next item on my maintenance list is the lower unit. This is a good time to change the lower unit oil and look for any water in the oil. If you have water in the oil, you may have a bad seal. You definitely don't want water in your lower unit when it gets cold enough to freeze as the chances are you will be incurring a large repair bill on the lower unit. This is also a good time to check the tilt/trim and hydraulic steering for proper fluid levels.

Periodically it is recommended that you remove your prop and see if any fishing line is wrapped

around the shaft. Fishing line can damage lower unit seals, which can lead to water in the lower unit, which we just talked about. It is also a good idea to put some grease on the shaft before you put the prop back on.

Other items that should be looked at include the "bulb" on the fuel line. This is an inexpensive item that can prevent fuel from getting to your engine. All rubber hoses should be checked periodically as well.

A fuel stabilizer is cheap insurance in the gas tank, especially if you are going to let your boat sit for a while.

One item that is not mentioned much is the tightness of all hardware. It's a good idea to check periodically. Start with the biggest hardware including those bolts holding the engine to the transom or jack plate. Over time these can loosen for a variety of reasons. The same applies to your trailer.

Check steering cables and lubricate as necessary. A previous boat of mine would get water in the

cables, and on those really cold mornings they would not move when the water froze. That's not a good thing when you are trying to get on the water.

Speaking of trailers, it is also a good time to check bearings and seals. Look for pitting in the bearings and replace seals regularly as the rubber can deteriorate with time.

These are just a few items to check. Other items such as bilge and livewell pumps and hoses including thru-hull fittings should be checked. Make sure all lights are functional on the boat and on the trailer.

My best advice is to do a little maintenance up front and hopefully you will prevent many of the breakdowns that can happen.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Lake Granbury continues to be about 2 feet low and falling slowly. We could use a lot more rain. Water temperatures are falling into the upper 70s and lake turnover is in process. Striped bass continue to be good to 10 pounds on live shad on the lower ends. Largemouth bass to 7 pounds are possible on spinner/crank baits on shallow humps and major lake points. Sandbass are fair to good from the Shores to Decordova subdivision on flats just off the channel ledges. Catfish continue to be best at night on cut bait near creek entrances. Crappie limits are



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Pictured is James Schultz with his limit of big striped bass caught the weekend of Oct. 7, 2023 on Lake Granbury.

being taken on submerged structure midlake and north of the railroad bridge.

Comanche Creek (Squaw Creek) reopened Oct. 1 and folks are catching limits of eater channel catfish on cut bait and prepared baits. Largemouth bass are also

excellent on soft plastics and crankbaits on many areas. Comanche Creek is open Thursday through Sunday.

On other reservoirs, Whitney continues to boast of easy limits of striped bass on live shad fished on

the lower ends. Some good topwater action for striped bass and largemouth bass near McCown Valley and Cedron Creek. Largemouth to 10 pounds have been reported near the Bluffs.

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National Chess Day October 14, 2023

Every year on the second Saturday of October, chess enthusiasts from all around the United States come together to celebrate National Chess Day. It's a special day dedicated to the ancient and fascinating game of chess.

Chess is often called the "Game of Kings" because it has a long and royal history. It's a game of strategy and intellect where two players face off on an 8x8 grid, each with an

army of 16 pieces, including kings, queens, knights, and pawns. The goal is to checkmate your opponent's king, which means putting their king in a position where it cannot move without being captured.

National Chess Day is a great time to learn how to play chess if you haven't already. Chess teaches important skills like critical thinking, planning ahead, and patience. It's also a fun way to make new friends and challenge your brain.

Many chess clubs and schools organize special events on this day, like chess tournaments and chess lessons for beginners. You can also play chess online or with friends and family at home.

So, whether you're a chess pro or just curious about this amazing game, National Chess Day is the perfect occasion to celebrate the world of chess and discover the joy of making strategic moves on the chessboard. Grab a chessboard, invite a friend, and let the games begin!



National Chess Day

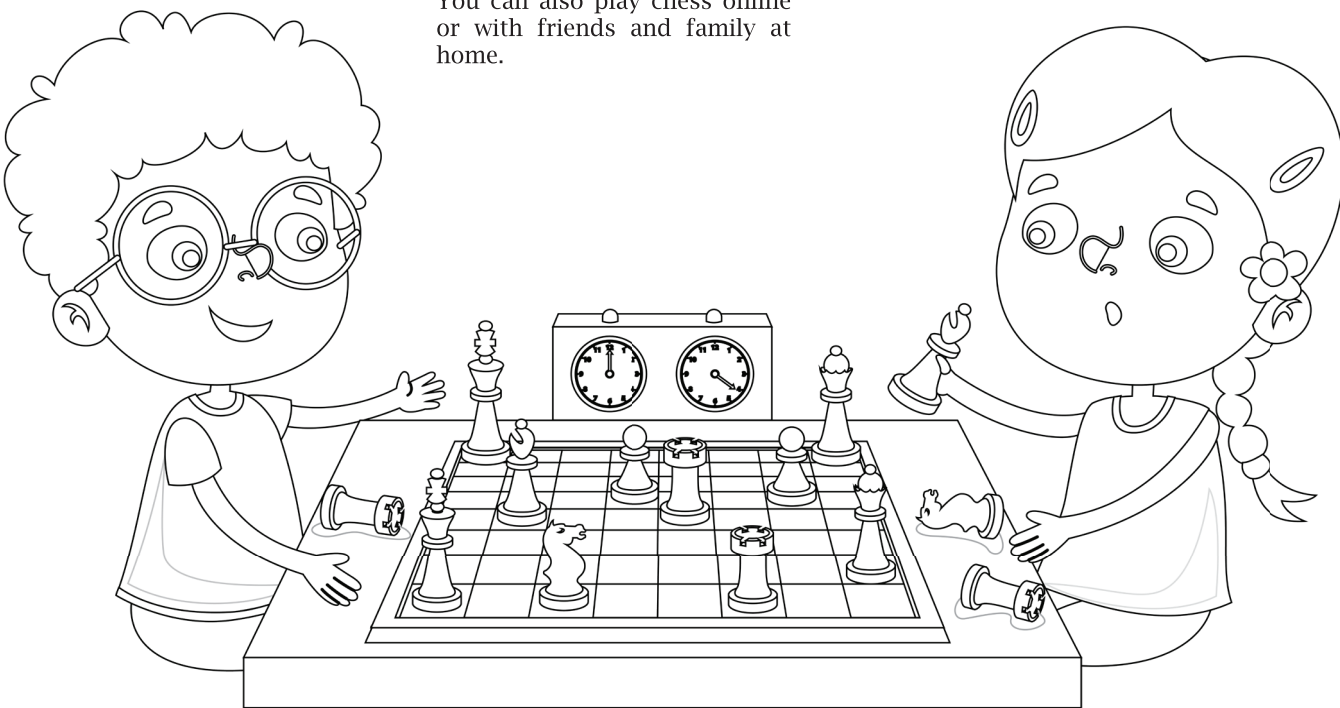
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Word Bank

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Become a volunteer at Forward Training Center

BY KATY OFFUTT



Katy Offutt is executive director of Forward Training Center of Hood County. Her community leadership roles include: Help Ministry coordinator, Stonewater Church; alumnus and past president, Leadership Granbury; vice president, Granbury Housing Authority; president, Public Facility Corporation; Nominating Committee chair, LGMA; and volunteer with Ada Carey Center.

Step into the Heart of Forward Training Center as a Volunteer for a transformational experience!

Exciting News! Meet our Volunteer Team Captain, Donna Thompson, a passionate advocate for community empowerment. Donna's mission is to help you discover the incredible journey that awaits you upon becoming a part of the Forward Training Center (FTC) family. Ready to dive in? Click here to explore volunteer opportunities in more

detail: <https://forwardtrainingcenter.org/volunteer/>
Interested in knowing exactly what our volunteers do at the Center?

HERE'S A GLIMPSE

They Are the Heart: Our volunteers are the driving force behind our mission. They not only teach classes for youth and adults,



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Donna Thompson

they also serve as mentors, conduct mock interviews, assist with resume writing, introduce career opportunities from community business leaders, and teach vital skills like finance, affordable housing, and computer proficiency. Others are behind the scenes planning our graduations, fundraisers, and future scope of

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The Power of Prayer

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ize their potential through our program is what keeps our volunteers refreshed and eager to stay involved. Any role you play in the organization directly or indirectly impacts the life of a student's success story.

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Participants climbed high during last year's Tough Mudder event in Granbury that features a 10-to-12-mile-long obstacle course.

Dirt, grime and a tough, muddy time Granbury to host World's Toughest Mudder event Nov. 4-5

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

When Hood County residents hear about Granbury's newest event, they will be as happy as a pig in the mud — literally.

For the past three years, Granbury has been the host of both the Spartan Race and the Tough Mudder Race — but now the global leaders in obstacle course racing have announced that a third event will soon be coming to Granbury.

The World's Toughest Mudder, an extreme 24-hour obstacle course challenge, will be held at True Grit Ranch, 6810 Old Granbury Road, on Nov. 4 and 5.

"Granbury was able to bring the Spartan and Tough Mudder events here three years ago, so a lot of the decision-makers and the contestants had been at previous Tough Mudder

events, and they really loved Granbury and they really loved the ranch," Tammy Dooley, executive director of Visit Granbury told the HCN. "When the World's Toughest Mudder needed a place, they just said, 'You know, Granbury would be a great place,' so we were able to secure that and bring it here."

Every year, the World's Toughest Mudder is held in a different state and town, with 800 finalists scheduled to make the trip to Granbury this November.

"Tough Mudder Dallas (Granbury) has been a staple of the season year after year, and we have made a home by hosting it in beau-

tiful Granbury to our loyal members of Texas Mudder Nation," said Tyler Bradbury, Tough Mudder's director of marketing, in the Visit Granbury news release. "We're thrilled to get World's Toughest Mudder to an easily-accessible portion of the country for thousands coming from around the globe. Granbury has the perfect dining, entertainment, and outdoor activity lineup to welcome our Mudders for a full weekend experience. The positive economic impact this event will have in the region also is something we take great pride in."

The World's Toughest Mudder is a 24-hour extreme endurance experience, where competitors battle it out overnight, running as many times as they can throughout a grueling 5-mile course. Tough Mudder puts on only one World's Toughest Mudder per year, offering contestants a gru-

eling and unique action-packed 24-hour challenge.

With the addition of the World's Toughest Mudder event, Granbury will now host a total of three endurance events this fall starting with the Dallas Spartan Ultra 50K, Beast 21K & Spring 5K at Martha's Ranch on Oct. 21 and 22, followed by the World's Toughest Mudder at True Grit Ranch on Nov. 4 and 5, and finally the Tough Mudder will take place on Nov. 11 and 12, also at True Grit Ranch.

The Spartan Race is a series of obstacle races of varying difficulty ranging from the miles to marathon distances, while the Tough Mudder is an endurance event series in which participants attempt 10-to-12-mile-long obstacle courses.

"The thing that sets them all apart is they're athletic events, and it's exciting for us," Dooley said. "We do a lot of festivals, a lot of entertainment events, seasonal events and that kind of stuff, but this is more athletic competition. I would say that of the three, the Spartan event has very, very serious competitors. They're all serious competitors, but we like to think of Spartan as the serious athletic event, and the Tough Mudder as the fun athletic event."

Both the Spartan and Tough Mudder events have been in Granbury for two of a three-year commitment in partnership with Visit Granbury.

"This is the third year of our three-year partnership, so now the plans begin to try

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Participants in last year's Tough Mudder event in Granbury posed for a muddy, celebratory shot after completing the lengthy obstacle course.



Unbe-leaf-able



MARY VINSON | HCN FILE PHOTOS

The Cresson Fall Festival is set for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic Cresson School, 9304 Pittsburg St. The event will feature face painting and lots of other fun activities for children.

Cresson Fall Festival returns

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer

As cooler weather slowly approaches, we say goodbye to the scorching summer heat and hello to the rainy days of fall.

One of the best ways to celebrate the upcoming fall season is the Cresson Fall Festival, which is set for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Historic Cresson School, 9304 Pittsburg St.

The annual Cresson Fall Festival has been held for so many years that no one seems to know the exact date that it first began. However, speculation surrounding the age of the event is around 30 years old.

Although the event serves as a kickoff to fall, the main reason for the Cresson Fall Festival is to raise money for the Historic Cresson School.

According to cressontx.org, the Cresson School was first established in 1885 and began its school programs in a one-room schoolhouse. It was torn down in 1890 to make room for a frame structure that was used until 1918.

A new school opened in Oct. 1931, complete with an auditorium and four large classrooms. The central parapet on the main façade was designed to resemble the curved parapet of the Alamo in San Antonio. Fundraisers held during subsequent years added a kitchen and indoor restroom facilities.

After Cresson consolidated with Granbury schools in 1967, the school building sat abandoned.

Today, the school continues to serve several different

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From haunted houses to pumpkin patches, Granbury offers a variety of family-friendly activities that will make this Halloween unforgettable.

10 spooktacular ways to celebrate Halloween with your kids in Granbury

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

Halloween is just around the corner, and Granbury is the perfect place to celebrate this spooktacular holiday with your little ghouls and goblins. From haunted houses to pumpkin patches, Granbury offers a variety of family-friendly activities that will make this Halloween unforgettable. Here are ten ideas to get you started:

1. Trick-or-Treat on the Historic Granbury Square
Dress up in your favorite costumes and head to the Historic Granbury Square for a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience. Local businesses often participate, handing out candy and treats to the little ones. This year's trick-or-treat event, sponsored by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association, is on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 3:30-6 p.m.

2. Visit Granbury Ghosts and Legends Tour
For older kids who love a good scare, the Granbury Ghosts and Legends Tour is a must. Spend a spooky evening with the ghost stories and legends of historic Granbury, TX! Your tour guides will tell you these stories and more as they take you around Granbury's Historic Downtown Square. Tours are given every Friday and Saturday night (weather permitting) at 7:00PM and

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Queen Nation, the #1 Queen Tribute Band in the United States, is set to perform three shows at the Granbury Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21.

Queen Nation rocks the Granbury Opera House

A Royal Tribute to the Legends of Rock

BY MICKY SHEARON
Special to the Hood County News

Get ready, Granbury! The kings of Queen tribute bands are returning to Granbury, bringing the kind of rock and roll majesty that would make Freddie Mercury proud. You heard it right—Queen Nation, the #1 Queen Tribute Band in the United States, is set to perform three shows at the Granbury Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 20-21. If you were lucky enough to catch one of their shows here last year, you know this is not just a concert; it's a full-blown royal celebration

of one of the greatest rock bands in history! "We just love Texas," says Mike McManus, lead guitarist for the band. "The hospitality is just second to none. There really is something to be said about Southern hospitality. Every time we come to Texas, everybody's just so gracious! And y'all know how to rock in Texas!"

A BAND FIT FOR A QUEEN
For those who have yet to have the pleasure, Queen Nation is not your average cover band. These guys are the real deal. Comprising Gregory Finsley as Freddie

PLEASE SEE **QUEEN** | C3

Artful Living: The Stanfield family's journey through art, theatre, and community

BY MICKY SHEARON
Special to the Hood County News

In the heart of Granbury, a family of four is redefining the meaning of artful living. Meet the Stanfields: Jason, Sally, and their two children, Blaire and Tanner. For them, art is not just a hobby or a career; it's a way of life that brings joy, purpose, and a sense of community.

A LOVE STORY PAINTED IN SHADES OF GREEN

Jason and Sally Stanfield have been married for almost 16 years. While Jason is a Granbury native and a 2001 graduate of Granbury High School, Sally moved to the area in 2007 after growing up in Austin. The couple met at a stoplight party while they were both students at Tarleton State University, where attendees wear colors to signify their relationship status. "You would wear green if you were single, yellow if you weren't looking, and red if you were in a relationship. We always say we met because of the color green," Sally recalls with a smile. Jason insists he was unaware of the event's theme, but Sally has her doubts. "He has stuck to this story since we met," she adds, laughing.

EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION

Both Jason and Sally are educators at Weatherford High School, where they teach skills that extend beyond the classroom. Jason teaches electrical, plumbing, and construction, relishing the opportunity to impart life skills to his students. "I enjoy teaching students skills they can

use throughout their lives, regardless of whether it falls in their career paths," he says.

Sally, an art teacher, finds immense joy in nurturing the creative talents of her students. "Watching their growth and success as artists and humans is enormously rewarding," she shares.

A FAMILY AFFAIR: THE STANFIELDS TAKE THE STAGE

The family's involvement in theatre began when their daughter, Blaire, attended a spring break camp at the Granbury Theatre Company (GTC). "She had seen the GTC production of 'Mary Poppins' and was simply mesmerized," Sally recounts. Soon after, Tanner joined in, and the family's love for theatre grew exponentially. Even Jason, who took a bit longer to enter the theatrical world, has been in five productions since his debut in October 2022.

Between the Granbury Theatre Company and Academy and the Plaza Theatre Company in Cleburne, the Stanfields have collectively participated in numerous shows, with Blaire leading the pack with 29 shows and four Junior Theater



Meet the Stanfields: Jason, Sally, and their two children, Blaire and Tanner.

Festival (JTF) troupes. Sally noted the entire family has performed in two shows, "Miracle on 34th Street" and "The Music Man."

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

The family's responses are heartfelt when asked about their favorite memories on stage. Sally cherishes the moments she shared with Blaire in "Matilda." "I can't imagine anything being quite as special," she says. Jason finds joy in watching his children shine, while Tanner loves the comedic aspects of the theatre. For Blaire, art means happiness and the opportunity to do what she loves.

THE HEARTBEAT OF A COMMUNITY

For the Stanfields, the arts are more than just a pastime; they are a corner-

stone of their lives and the community at large. "The arts are what connect us," Sally explains. Jason sees it as a collaborative effort to create beautiful stories. At the same time, Tanner believes that "everything in life is art in its own way."

Blaire sums it up perfectly: "For the community, it inspires them, or it brings them happiness to simply see others making art."

In a world where the hustle and bustle often drown out the finer things in life, the Stanfield family serves as a beautiful reminder of what it means to live artfully. Through their passion for education, theatre, and community, they paint a vivid picture of a life well-lived, one brushstroke and one curtain call at a time.

MUDDER

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and secure this for another three years," Dooley said. "Immediately after all these races, we will work with our partners with Spartan and Tough Mudder to hopefully secure Granbury as their site for the next three years. The two events a year for three years — which is six events — has brought in ap-

proximately \$18 million in economic impact, and that does not include the World's Toughest Mudder event, because that wasn't in our original package; that is what we call a bonus."

The tourism economic impact for both the Spartan Race and the Tough Mudder Race is estimated to be \$19 million over three years, according to the news release.

The Spartan Race usually brings in 10,000 racers

and 3,000 spectators with average hotel room nights of 5,980 per event weekend, with a total economic impact of \$3.7 million. Registration was well over the average this year with 13,376 registered plus spectators.

The Tough Mudder Race usually brings in 7,200 racers and 2,000 spectators with average hotel room nights of 3,974 per event weekend, with a total economic impact of \$2.7 million

and over \$6 million annually. Heavy rains and storms reduced numbers to 2,858 this year plus spectators for an estimate of 3,500-4,000 total in attendance.

"The addition of the World's Tough Mudder event will add an additional \$5 million dollars per year in tourism economic impact to the Hood County region," said Cherie Bortnick, senior director of business development for Spartan Race, Inc., in the

news release.

Combined, these three annual events will produce approximately \$24 million annually, according to the news release.

"It's a great feeling to secure this for our community," Dooley added. "It is a picture-perfect tourism event where they can select any city in any state to go to and they chose Granbury. We will be working immediately on trying to secure the next

three years — 2024, 2025 and 2026."

For more information about the Spartan Race, Tough Mudder Race, and World's Toughest Mudder, go to visitgranbury.com online.

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Second Annual Rancho Style Gala will fund new Douglas Long Outreach Center

Staff Reports

Thursday, Oct. 26 Rancho Brazos Community Centers 501C (3), will host its second annual Rancho Style Gala from 6-9 p.m. at Lake Granbury Conference Center. The event will include a live and silent auction, a pumpkin patch, a wine/whiskey pull and more. There will be a ca-

tered meal with a cash bar and live music. Dress is business casual.

The Gala is held to benefit construction of the Douglas Long Outreach Center as part of the "Five Acres of Impact" project which incorporates the agricultural spaces and gardens that help meet the nutritional needs of residents of Hood County.

The new Douglas Long Outreach Center will have a "free shopping pantry" called Paula's Pantry, a "Children's Closet" containing brand new clothes and shoes provided by children's charities and a larger space for the free programs provided to both children and adults in the community. The space will also have warehouse space and

a place for shelter in case of natural disasters.

"The Douglas Long Outreach Center will allow us to better serve all of Hood County, including a place to allow more collaboration throughout our local non-profit and governmental community. This will be a community education space which will allow us to devote our existing build-

ing back to our children's programming," shared Sharla Caro, executive director of the Rancho Brazos Community Centers.

Your contribution to Rancho Brazos stays in Hood County where the center's goal is to nurture healthy lifestyles, to allow every child to live in a safe environment and to ensure each at-promise fam-

ily knows they have a safe space in our community.

Tickets to the event are \$175 and packages start at \$500. If you wish to contribute, would like to buy tickers or a table or have any questions contact Jamie Franco, marketing and events director at rancho-gala1@gmail.com or call 817-910-8114

QUEEN

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Mercury, Mike McManus as Brian May, Pete Burke as Roger Taylor, and Parker Combs as John Deacon, Queen Nation delivers a pitch-perfect, note-for-note rendition of Queen's greatest hits. From "Bohemian Rhapsody" to "We Will Rock You," they've got it all, and they perform it with the kind of flair and passion that Queen themselves would applaud.

A NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA AND ROCK 'N' ROLL

What sets Queen Nation apart is its commitment to authenticity. Donning detailed 70s and 80s Queen-era costumes, the band takes you on a nostalgic journey back in time. Imagine the electrifying atmosphere as Finsley's voice soars through the Opera House, hitting those high notes in "Somebody to Love" that give you goosebumps. Picture McManus shredding his guitar in a

soul-stirring solo, Burke pounding the drums like a man possessed, and Combs laying down that groovy bassline. This is not just a concert; it's a time machine.

"We try to keep it as pure, authentic, and true to the original Queen as possible," noted McManus. "We want you to feel like you are seeing Queen as they were, say, in 1980 or 81 on 'The Game' tour. For example, there are only four of us in the band, like the original Queen lineup. Most Queen tributes will have five guys. That's be-

cause they bring in another keyboard player because their vocalist who sings those iconic Freddy Mercury vocals doesn't play the piano. Greg [Finsley], who sings the Freddy Mercury vocals for us, also plays the piano. So you get that authenticity that comes across to real Queen fans.

THE LEGACY LIVES ON

Queen Nation isn't just about the music; it's about preserving the legacy of Queen. For more than nine-

teen years, with over 125 shows annually and numerous accolades, including induction into the California Music Hall of Fame, they've earned their crown as the kings of Queen tributes. And now, they're bringing that royal treatment to Granbury, a town known for its love of music and theater.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

If you're a die-hard Queen fan or even a casual listener who appreciates good

music, this is one event you don't want to miss. Tickets are selling out fast, and given Queen Nation's track record of over 100 sold-out shows a year, it's safe to say that the Granbury Opera House will be packed to the rafters.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab your tickets, put on your best rock and roll attire, and get ready to be a part of rock history. After all, we are the champions, my friends, and Queen Nation will keep on fighting till the end!

CRESSON

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functions. The primary purpose of the building is that it houses the museum, which features many historical items and facts from the early days of the school.

The building also houses many community events like parties, reunions, wedding receptions, trainings, and corporate meetings. The cost to rent the building is \$100 a day, along with a refundable security deposit of \$100. The maximum capacity for the building is 200 people.

Last year, the Cresson Fall Festival raised a total of \$7,700.50 for the Historic Cresson School, which is above average compared to proceeds from previous years.

"I would have to say that the average amount that we raise is around \$5,000, so we were thrilled," said Norm Tindell, president of the Cresson Community Organization. "But we're always just pleased with whatever we received, because it's like a gift. That was something that was impressed upon us by one of our auctioneers. He said, 'No matter what you end up with, look at it as a gift.' The money is used to pay monthly bills like the electric bill, water bill, and to make repairs and improvements to the facility."

Tindell said recent repairs and updates to the school have included repairing the plumbing in the restrooms, wrapping an exposed pipe for the winter, and replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen.

"The two biggest repair jobs that we're currently hoping to do — which we currently can't afford yet, but we're hoping we'll be



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The Cresson Fall Festival is always jam-packed with raffles, bakery, general store, museum, cake walk, kids' activities, kids' costume contest, and more.

able to do soon — is to patch the roof and replace the wooden floor in the auditorium," he said. "It's original."

The event will kick off on Saturday, Oct. 21, with a performance from DJ Mike Reed from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by country musician Brian Kelly from 11 a.m. to noon.

"Brian has been performing live in places around Johnson County," Tindell said. "He's very popular with the local folks, so we're really excited to have him performing for us. He sings classic country. Mike Reed will be back for the third year in a row, and he's also

been very popular with the fall festival goers. He does a little bit more upbeat country mix."

A brisket lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will feature brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, and barbecue sausage. Desserts will include homemade peach cobbler, banana pudding, pecan and pumpkin pies, and cupcakes. Iced tea and water will be available for drinks, while soft drinks will be available for an additional purchase.

A brisket plate with a drink and dessert is \$8 each, while a hot dog plate with two sides, a drink, and dessert will be offered for

children at a reduced price of \$4.

"The Cresson Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is gonna be serving lunch," Tindell said. "We have a lot of volunteers coming from parts of the community to help us out, like the Cresson Fire Department."

Tindell said the two activities that raise the most funds for the event every year are the silent and live auctions.

The live auction is set from noon to 2 p.m. and will feature new merchandise from local retailers like a microwave oven, an electric toothbrush system, a turkey

fryer, children's bicycles, and furniture.

The silent auction will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with items ranging from quilts to gift certificates and gift baskets.

"It seems like the most popular gift basket in the silent auction every year is the wine basket. We have to keep an eye on it," Tindell said, chuckling.

The Cresson Fall Festival will also feature raffles, bakery, general store, museum, cake walk, kids' activities, kids' costume contest, and more.

"We currently have six people on the board of directors, and they have

worked tirelessly to prepare the building for the auction by decorating, moving things around, cleaning, and going out and getting donations," Tindell said.

He added that he would like to thank the donors for supporting the Historic Cresson School, which is a huge part of Cresson's history.

"We have donors that give every year," he said. "Most of those, of course, are retailers and then we have donors that come and go, but we're always finding new donors. We're grateful for those."

Tindell said he is also thankful for the community of Hood County, who have never wavered in their support — even during the pandemic.

"Even when the economy is not so kind to people in the community, they still support the school, and it's really heartwarming to always have a good turnout," Tindell added. "During COVID, for instance, I mentioned to the other people that work on the Cresson Fall Festival, 'This is going to be terrible, because people are going to stay home,' and they came out in even greater numbers. We had a great year, and it's been that way consistently every year, so I'm always really impressed at how people give, even when the economy is tough."

Doors to the Cresson Fall Festival will open at 9 a.m. Admission to the event itself is free. All proceeds will benefit the Historic Cresson School, a 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information, follow the Historic Cresson School on Facebook.

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HALLOWEEN

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9:15PM. Cost is \$10 per person, \$7 for children 12 and under. Reservations are recommended. Space is limited! For reservations, contact 817-559-0849

3. Pumpkin Picking at Local Farms

Take a short drive to one of the nearby pumpkin patches, where you can pick your own pumpkin. Many farms also offer hayrides, corn mazes, and petting zoos for a full day of fun.

4. DIY Halloween Crafts

Get creative at home by making your own Halloween decorations. From paper bats to pumpkin painting, the possibilities are endless. Plus, it's a great way to spend quality time with your kids. Michael's in Granbury has a literal treasure trove of Halloween craft and decoration supplies.

5. Take in a Live Spooky Show

For older teens and adults, a great way to get in a spooky Halloween mood is to attend a performance

of one of the suspenseful and eerie live shows in Granbury. First, opening at the Granbury Opera House on Friday, Oct. 27, is the Agatha Christie classic, "And Then There Were None," which promises to keep you on the edge of your seat the entire performance. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 7:30p.m. and Sunday and Saturday at 2p.m. through Nov. 12. Or, you can take in the final weekend of the Edgar Allan Poe Experience at the Langdon Center nightly, Thursday through Sunday through Oct. 29.

Just remember, these are for OLDER teens and ADULTS!

6. Spooky Movie Night

Create your own home theater experience by watching Halloween classics like "Hocus Pocus" or "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Make it extra special with popcorn and Halloween-themed snacks.

7. Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Organize a scavenger hunt around your neighborhood or even just in your backyard. Create a list of Halloween-themed items

for your kids to find, like a black cat or a witch's hat.

8. Bake Halloween Treats

Spend an afternoon baking delicious Halloween treats. Think pumpkin muffins, ghost-shaped cookies, or even a spooky cake. Let your kids take the lead and enjoy the tasty results.

9. Visit Acton Nature Center for a Nature Walk

Take a break from the scares and enjoy a peaceful walk at Acton Nature Center. Keep an eye out for wildlife and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage.

10. Host a Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

If you want to keep things low-key, host a virtual Halloween costume contest with friends and family. It's a great way to show off your costumes and celebrate together, even if you're miles apart.

So, there you have it—ten spooktacular ways to celebrate Halloween with your kids of all ages in Granbury, Texas. Whether you're looking for scares, sweets, or simple family fun, Granbury has something for everyone. Happy Haunting!

Making a difference “Little by Little”

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

A father and daughter created a non-profit to help, “Little by Little,” people living in the Tarahumara community in Chihuahua, Mexico.

“Little by Little” was created by Granbury resident Chris Holt and his daughter Kadie Hawley who lives in Argyle. Holt focuses on the business side of the nonprofit and seeking donations, where Hawley has been on the ground.

Hawley was the main creator behind Little by Little. She served as a therapy director in an assisted living facility and had one resident who inspired her. Mrs. Elaine Anderson had dementia and would pack her bag saying she needed to visit the Tarahumara people. Anderson recently passed away, so Hawley decided to donate to the kids of the community to honor Anderson.

After that donation, Hawley received receipts from Mexico showing her the real impact of her donation. After seeing with her own eyes the impact she made, she decided to make monthly donations alongside her husband Nate.

Every month she was able to see just what these donations did for the orphanage in Tarahumara.

In April, the orphanage requested Hawley and her husband make a bigger donation after one of the kids had a red, blistered face, and needed to be seen by a doctor.

“After that I was telling my husband, you and I can only do so much but if we make this into a thing and invite other people to join us, we can really do so much more than what we’re able to do just you and I,” Hawley said.

Hawley and her husband visited the orphanage, which is run by a married couple, for the first time in June.

“It was fantastic. They’re just doing such good things for these kids and are supplying basic needs. The more support and resources, the more they are going to be able to do that,” Hawley said. “We want to equip them to do more, and help them have consistent monetary resources coming in.”

Also on site of the orphanage is a school and a community center that will hopefully provide two meals a day to the community and transportation to the school in the future.

A kickoff party was held on Sept. 30 to make friends, family, and the community aware about this new nonprofit.

“It’s always so encouraging to me to talk about it to other people, and they say they want to help. It was really beautiful to see a community of people come around. It’s a bit of restoration of my faith in humanity,” Hawley said. “I do really feel like this is something I was meant to do.”

With a successful kickoff party, the couple bought 15 beds for the orphanage as they were sleeping on nap mats before.

When it comes to the future, Hawley and her entire family are looking forward to growing the nonprofit and seeing the change they are able to make happen.

“It’s crazy what change can happen because of some-



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From left, Traci Garner, Heather Bishop, Chris Holt, Kadie Hawley and Nate Hawley serve as the main operators of the nonprofit.

one else’s kindness,” Hawley said. “It’s really empowering to see the change happen right before your eyes. It’s been very humbling and fulfilling.”

The couple plans to visit again at the end of October.

For more information on the nonprofit or to donate visit <https://littlebylittlemx.org/> or scan the QR code below.



Little by Little is a nonprofit organization to help the Tarahumara kids in Chihuahua Mexico



Fun-filled fall festivities for the whole family

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

As the air gets cooler, and the month of October goes on, many fall activities are underway or upcoming for everyone to have a chance to soak up the season. From pumpkin patches to festivals and everything in between, there is something for everyone in the county.

GRANBURY

As the celebration capital of Texas, Granbury has plenty of fall-filled activities for all ages.

One of the most anticipated fall activities in Granbury is the Edgar Allen Poe experience. The Edgar Allen Poe experience follows the grandfather of the thriller as he is admitted to the hospital asylum for his final days.

As the doctors and nurses try to subdue Edgar, he sees them transformed before his very eyes into his most iconic characters. The show is a part of Brian Clowdus Experiences.

“You too will experience a maddening visit from The Raven in the night and hear the harrowing story of The Tell-Tale Heart, become a witness to The Fall of the House of Usher and attend a haunted dinner party hosted by a most mysterious Red Masked Man... are you a guest at Edgar’s final soiree or are you a fellow patient in the asylum,” the Brian Clowdus Experiences website reads.

The experience lasts until Oct. 31 and takes place Thursdays through Saturdays at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Sunday’s at 7 p.m. located at The Gordon House

at the Langdon Center at 308 E. Bridge Street in Granbury. Tickets are available at www.visitgranbury.com/bce/

Another highly-anticipated event is the annual Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts. The event is in its 45th year and celebrates art from all over the country. The festival highlights artists, makers, and craftspeople. The event also has artist gallery booths, food, entertainment, street dancing, and more.

This year’s event will feature the first ever Wine Stroll, which allows guests to try and purchase a variety of wines while enjoying the festival.

The event will take place on Oct. 28 at 10 a.m. and last until 10 p.m. It will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. on the 29. The art festival is free, but guests may pay to take part in the wine stroll.

For tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/3PZE7A6>

There will also be an event featuring a life-size version of Clue. Guests can play as if they are actual characters in the game and play with life-size board game pieces.

The fun will take place Friday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15, at The Neely House located at 304 E. Rucker St. Tickets for VIP are \$40 each, while general admission tickets are \$15 each. To purchase tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/45r1SXs>

Granbury also has a pumpkin patch for those classic photo opportunities and fun for the whole family. First Baptist Church is having their second pumpkin patch this year that will not only have plenty of pumpkins, but there will also be food trucks, kids’ activities, and a car show.

The patch is open from 11 a.m., to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. First Baptist Church is located at 1851 Weatherford Highway.

LIPAN

There will be the Lipan Kick-A-Poo Classic Car Show that will feature vendors, food, auction items, raffles and more. All the money raised will benefit the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department.

There will be 42 car awards given out and all sorts of vehicles to be seen.

The event is free to the public and will take place on Oct. 21 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 200 Caddo Street, Lipan City Park North Caddo Street & Sears Street.

There will also be a “Boo Parade” at the Lipan campus

on Oct. 27 at 9 a.m.

The school will also have a fall festival that will have games, food, barbecue, prizes, raffles, face painting, and much more. The festival will take place on Oct. 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Osage Street.

FlowerMarket4 also has pumpkins of all sizes, shapes, and colors for sale located at 102 W Lipan Drive.

TOLAR

Octolarfest is for the entire community of Tolar to come together and support the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department. The event will feature live music, food, vendors, bounce houses, corn-hole, and more.

The event will take place on Oct. 21 at The Feed Lot located at 8308 W. Hwy 377 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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GHOST RUN

The 6th Annual Misson Granbury Ghost Fun Run 5K and 1K was held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, in Granbury, Tx. The Ghost Run was chip timed by Race Day Event Services with medals for those placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division. There were special trophies for Overall 5K Male/Female 39 & under, 40 - 59 and 60 plus. All runners received a participation medal.

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OCTOBERFEST

People of all ages got in the spirit of Oktoberfest by dressing up for the festivities during the Granbury Oktoberfest last weekend. Vendors offered all sorts of shopping opportunities as well as food and beer. The Royal Klobasneks provided German music on Bridge Street while the Alraush German Dancers showcased different German dances.

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The Edgar Allan Poe Experience

Brian Clowdus Experiences opened the new "Edgar Allen Poe" on Thursday, Sept. 21 in Granbury to the delight of the community. Granbury was chosen as the site for the premier for the new experience that follows the grandfather of the thriller as he is admitted to the hospital. The event runs through Tuesday, Oct. 31. Tickets are available at visitgranbury.com/BCE

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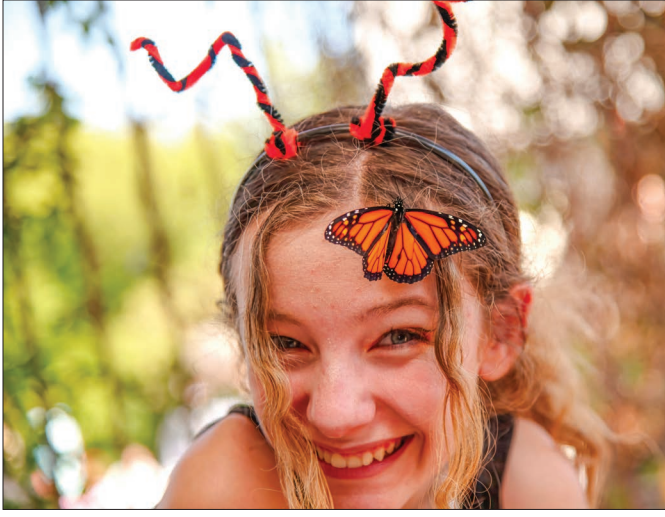
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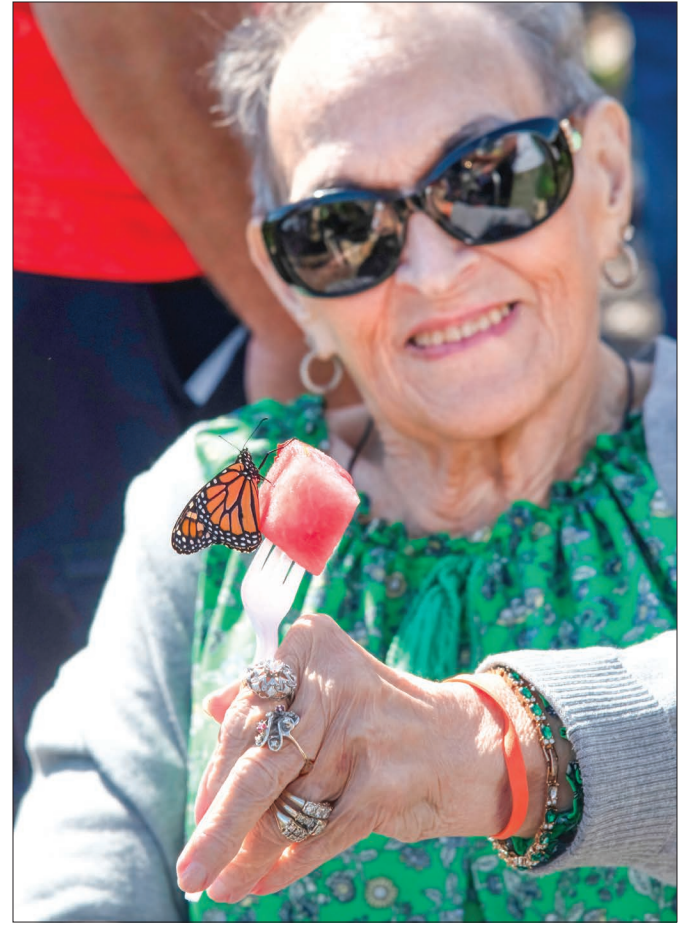
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Romancing the Monarch



The "Romancing the Monarch" event was celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 7. Sponsored by the Hood County Master Gardeners, attendees got to enjoy crafts, face painting, instructions on creating a butterfly garden and the highlight, the releasing of the monarch butterflies. Further monarch festivities take place on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Acton Nature Center.

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COMEDIAN, ACTOR AND COWBOY WILLIAM LEE MARTIN



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Comedian, Actor and Cowboy William Lee Martin brought laughs and a good time Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, for his sold out show at Granbury Live.



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THE IDLE AMERICAN

A man who got it right



BY DON NEWBURY

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

Mention the name Walter R. Chambers to families with long connections to the tiny Coleman County community of Burkett, TX, and a hush of unreal proportions is immediately evident.

Mr. Chambers' views on all issues--school, sports, community and otherwise--carried the day. Respected as much as any educator of his era, he is most remembered for the boys' basketball teams he coached during his entire career.

Oh, he was superintendent, taught three math classes, and was a community leader. He was there when the school opened in 1920 and wept with others when dwindling enrollment led to closure in 1957.

During the school's 37 years, 306 students graduated. Typically, there were about a dozen boys in high school, but they scheduled teams from Texas' largest schools, usually emerging victorious. They won three-fourths of their games.

In the early years, the school didn't even have a bus. "We were used to car rides to out-of-town games," remembers Dick Koenig, a 1954 graduate who has remained in the community as a third-generation farmer.

Pat DeBusk, now a retired industrial cleaning professional in Houston, was on the final team, finishing his last two years of high school in Coleman. He and Koenig--first cousins--are the only remaining members of Chambers-coached teams....

When the school opened, Burkett's "sports facility" was an outdoor dirt basketball court. Interest grew, and soon all boys in high school--with one or two exceptions--went out for basketball every year. Chambers also coached girls' teams when they had enough players. Soon Coach Chambers and his teams were the talk of the community.

Later, the Bluehawks played indoors, thanks to an abandoned old building in town. The owner didn't charge rent but kept the gate receipts. In 1936, voters approved a \$22,000 bond issue for classrooms--and a gymnasium seating 200 fans.

That a school bond would pass by a vote of 44-4 says all one needs to know about the respect Mr. Chambers merited and maintained.

To say that he was a disciplinarian would be a serious understatement. "We

knew he had a big board paddle, but we never saw it used," Koenig said. "All of us respected him too much to cause him disappointment."

The "survivors" don't remember any players ever getting technical fouls. And they are certain that Chambers never got one.

The discipline and hard work paid off with three trips to the state tournament, including the final year of 1957. Leader of that team was Chambers' grandson, who also was valedictorian.

Chambers' two sons also played, and all his kin were leading scorers.

Koenig and DeBusk agreed that no one ever criticized the coach for anything.

Remarkably, he was able to keep everybody happy on all matters.

"Burkett would have made it to state a few more times except for the star player over at Avoca," DeBusk remembers. The nemesis was Max Williams--later a basketball star at Southern Methodist University. He wound up his basketball association as general manager of the Dallas Chaparrals. The Chaps, members of the old American Basketball Association, moved to San Antonio, later to become the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association.

An aside: Details of Williams' fascinating life in sports and oil exploration are included in a wonderful new book, "The Last Shot," the final biography by the late and inimitable author, Caleb Pirtle III.

Small world observation: Mr. Chambers and Max Williams were cousins!...

The late Fred Sanner, Abilene Reporter-News sports editor, called Chambers "the dean of Texas High School Basketball Coaches." High praise from a sportswriter who "called 'em the way he saw 'em."

By all accounts, Chambers deserved every accolade. DeBusk summed it up well. "Players learned the game from Coach Chambers, who taught life, honor, and dignity first. To all who knew him, it was the 'gospel according to Chambers.'"

A stroke claimed the beloved educator in 1975 at age 80.

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues his regimen of writing and speaking. Contact:

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"They have the right to be here"

Granbury resident creates group for LGBTQ community

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer

Granbury resident Adrienne Martin, who serves as chair of the Democratic party of Hood County created "Granbury for All," a group that serves as a safe and supportive place for the LGBTQ community to come together.

The group was formed in August last year and continues to grow.

Martin was inspired to cre-

ate the group after she was selected to be a part of the HBO Max reality show, "We're Here" that aired last November.

Martin was featured on season three where the show focuses on three famous drag queens going around the United States and visiting small towns. In the series, the queens recruit a group of local residents to share their stories, increase awareness and

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Adrienne Martin was apart of the HBO Max show "We're Here" that aired last year where Martin got to be a drag queen and put a spotlight on the LGBTQ+ community in Granbury.

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Tips for renewing your passport

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An invalid passport is not a covered reason for cancellation under your travel insurance policy. This mistake can cost you thousands of dollars and a huge disappointment.



BY ZAC WILSON

Zac Wilson is a Certified Travel Advisor, ASTA Verified Travel Advisor, CLIA Master Cruise Counselor, and owner of Daydream Vacations Travel Agency in Granbury. www.DaydreamVacations.com

Arriving at the airport to board your flight with an expired or damaged passport will do more than ruin your vacation. An invalid passport is not a covered reason for cancellation under your travel insurance policy. This mistake can cost you thousands of dollars and a huge disappointment. Here are some true tales of travelers I have met, stories from colleagues, and even some of my own clients I have helped save from disaster.

TALES OF A TRAVEL ADVISOR

Did you know that even the slightest damage to your passport can make it invalid? Does it have a few loose threads? How about a stain? Maybe a slightly torn page or bent and crumpled? Or maybe your husband washed his passport in his pants pocket, didn't tell anyone, assumed it would be ok and

went to the airport with it tattered and torn only to be denied boarding the flight. Any damage can invalidate your passport; it's time for a renewal.

Did you know that the expiration date is actually only valid until 6 months prior to your return to the US for many countries? Many popular travel destinations have entry/exit requirements that demand your passport have at least 6 months validity from the time of your scheduled departure from their country (the end of your trip) in order to enter their country. Don't procrastinate, renew your passport early! I recommend renewing when you have 1 year left on your passport. Always check your expiration date before booking your next trip.

Did you know that the US Department of State is currently experiencing a high

volume of passport applications right now? This has increased the normal turnaround time of 7-9 weeks up to 12 weeks or longer. Be sure to file your application with plenty of time. If your passport fails to arrive in time, you forfeit the cost of your nonrefundable vacation, and travel insurance will not cover any claim for failure to have a valid passport. In current news, there is concern of a federal government shutdown. When this happens all passport applications and renewals stop until the shutdown ends. Apply now to get ahead of a potential shut down delay.

Did you know that passports for ages 16 and under are only valid for 5 years? Adult's passports are valid 10 years, and many times parents don't realize their kid's passport is only valid five years. It is a common problem when a family books a trip and assumes everyone's passport has the same expiration date. A parent looks at just their own passport (because the family got them all at the same time years ago for the previous

trip) and the adult passport is valid; however, the kid's passport is expired. Don't assume anything; check every passport.

Do you know the difference between the Passport Card and the Passport Booklet? Don't make the mistake of getting the Card to save money. The Passport Card is only good for driving across the border at Mexico and Canada. You need the Passport Booklet to fly internationally.

One final note: Make sure when booking air travel or cruise travel that you provide the full name exactly as it appears on the passport. Even a single letter or space difference, and you may not board the vessel. Fixing your name can be costly. A recent traveler had to spend \$350 on a name change fee, plus the cost difference of rebooking the air at current rates compared to the cheaper rate they paid 10 months ago. All that just for a typo.

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LGBTQ

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promote acceptance in their communities. The residents get to compete in a one-night-only drag show. "It was incredible. It was a really cool experience that was a once in a lifetime thing," Martin said. "There was so much strife in the community and I saw all this hate online. You felt the energy in the air. It was so negative, but it gave me insight into how (LGBTQ) people are every day and they're afraid." After the show aired,

many residents of Granbury reached out to Martin expressing how alone they feel in the town as part of the LGBTQ community and some even expressed feeling threatened living in the town and unsafe. "We literally had nothing that was forming a community for LGBTQ people here in Granbury. We had to change that," Martin said. Martin and her neighbor, who is a parent of a transgender child, decided to create "Granbury for all" and the group strives to be a lasting group that will continue to grow.

The group started out on Facebook and now it holds monthly get-togethers. "My fear was that it would just be me showing up, but that hasn't happened. We have anywhere from six to 20 people show up. A lot of people really look forward to it. People are meeting people they wouldn't ever have necessarily met and feeling included. I feel really proud of that," Martin said. "I want people to know and feel they're supported, especially young people that maybe aren't supported in their homes. Even if they don't feel supported, they

are. We're here. There's a lot of people who stand by them and will stand up for them," Martin said. "That's what we want to do. We want to watch this community flourish and make connections and feel safe and secure here. They have the right to be here just like anybody else, and nobody has the right to intimidate people and make them feel like they don't belong. They do belong." To get connected to the group, just search for "Granbury For All" on Facebook.

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Friday, 13 October 2023 - Thursday, 19 October 2023

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Fri: 3:00PM.
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Thurs: 2:10PM, 5:00PM, 7:30PM

Killers Of The Flower Moon (R)
Thurs: 2:30PM, 6:45PM

PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)
Fri: 2:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:25PM, 9:50PM.
Sat: 10:00AM, 1:55PM, 4:20PM, 6:45PM, 9:10PM.
Sun: 11:10AM, 1:35PM, 4:00PM, 6:25PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:30PM, 4:55PM, 7:20PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:25PM, 6:50PM

PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie Sensory Friendly (PG)
Sat: 11:30AM

Saw X (R)
Fri: 3:00PM.
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Thurs: 7:45PM

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Sun: 10:00AM, 11:20AM, 1:30PM, 2:55PM, 5:00PM, 6:30PM.
Thurs: 3:30PM, 7:00PM

The Blind (PG13)
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Sun: 10:15AM, 1:00PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM.
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The Creator (PG13)
Fri: 2:00PM, 4:25PM, 7:25PM, 10:25PM.
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The Exorcist: Believer (R)
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MONDAYS HEALTHY CONNECTIONS exercise classes: 9 a.m. exercise (strength and balance); 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise (strength and balance); 5 p.m. 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, from 5 p.m. to 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, from 7:30 p.m. to 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 1p.m. to 2 p.m. at 1475 James Road. The program is led by a certified group fitness instructor and consists of a pre- and post-fitness evaluation, and 45-minute spin/cycling session. Program will last 12 weeks. For more information, call 817-624-9791 or e-mail communityhealth@ymcafw.org.

WEDNESDAYS HAND AND Foot card game day. 10 a.m.; Dominos (Mexican Train) 11 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.

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CHESS CLUB, from 5 p.m. to 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: Hood-CountyChess.com.

GENERAL TRIVIA, from 7 p.m. to 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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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 needs 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

a.m. to 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 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs@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 Somerville A&M 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, from 8:30 a.m. to 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 needs people to crochet, knit, or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc., from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

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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.

At last week's Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary sponsored Fall Bazaar, members of Pecan's Safety and Security Committee fingerprinted children and distributed identification kits to their parents and grandparents. Residents may anticipate more such opportunities at upcoming neighborhood events.

GLOBAL EATS

"Dining Around the World" is coming to Pecan today, Saturday, Oct. 14, from 5-9 p.m., when dishes representing Germany, France, Italy, New Orleans, Polynesia, and Texas will be on the menu. No passport is needed to enjoy this four-hour dining experience and entertainment at the clubhouse. Executive Chef Jordan Ray says, "There will be five mini restaurants set up in and around the clubhouse, and members and guests will be invited to eat and drink to their heart's content." Ray also adds that the evening "will be all about fun." The "tour" will begin with a champagne start in the clubhouse lobby that will include a photo opportunity with an ice sculpture. Call the clubhouse front desk for reservations: 817-573-2641.

GROWING WELL

A workday is happening today, Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Pecan Plantation Community Gardens, and "happy hour" in the garden will occur Tuesday, Oct. 17. All Pecaners are

invited to visit the garden 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.

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 today, Saturday, Oct. 14 (one at 10 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m.), at the Charlie Lee EMS Building on Monticello Drive. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about each department, as well as visit with board members, firefighters, and EMS crews. Displays, children's activities, and demonstrations will also be a part of the day.

PAINT TIME

Tomorrow, Sunday, Oct. 15 from 1-4 p.m. brings "Pecan Paint Along" with Kathy Yoders at the PAC. The day



COURTESY OF LANA ROBINSON

Tom Mareina, a member of the Pecan Plantation Safety and Security Committee, fingerprints Saylah Sullivan at last Saturday's Fall Bazaar hosted by the PPVFD/EMS Auxiliary. For the first time at this event, the committee fingerprinted little ones and distributed identification kits to their parents and grandparents. Pecaners may watch for more opportunities at upcoming events.

will include step-by-step instruction on completing an acrylic painting. No experience necessary; sign up at the PAC: 817-573-7952.

GENEALOGY GROUP

Pecan's Genealogy Group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the EMS meeting room on Monticello Drive. Everyone is welcome to the program covering the importance of fundamentals in genealogy presented by Carol Benson.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Pecan Plantation Woman's

made their debut the same day Pecan's Executive Chef Jordan Ray revealed the new fall menu.

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 3:30-7:30 p.m. with Saturday's operations happening from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and open to the public. Residents received email with a QR code allowing folks who desire to be included in the garage sale master list to add items available for purchase.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of Pecan's Widows and Widowers Club is coming on Tuesday, Oct. 24, and reservations are due the week prior on Tuesday, Oct. 17. Secure a spot by sending email to caryl.mahaffey@charter.net.

BOOKS TO GO

The Hood County Bookmobile will return to the PAC on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 3:30-5 p.m. Patrons may both check out and return library books at the bookmobile.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Trunk or Treat is coming to the PAC on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 2-4 p.m., and volunteers are needed to distribute candy to the costumed little ones. Games, a costume contest, and loads of fun are on the menu. Call the PAC front desk to sign up: 817-573-7952.

MORE IMPROVEMENT

Road work continues this week on Monticello Drive

with the removal of the current surface followed by cement stabilization. Weather permitting, this section of work will proceed to a point just before the front traffic circle.

WELCOME ABOARD

Congratulations to Pam Kuhlman on being selected to Pecan's board of directors and best wishes for a successful tenure.

GOLF WINNERS

Pecan's Club Champion golf tournament last weekend boasted more than 100 golfers vying for titles at a most successful event.

Congratulations go to the winners for the day: Jared Harp, men's winner; Kenna Harrison, ladies' winner; Ken McCloud, men's senior title; and Jeanne Green, senior women's title. Many thanks also go to the pro shop staff and all volunteers who facilitated the day.

HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY

Reggie Hargrove, a volunteer for Pecan's Toys for Tots initiative, announces that the golf pro shop contains a bright red Toys for Tots donation box where donors may leave checks, which will in turn be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in our community. In addition to leaving a donation in the box, folks may participate in the Toys for Tots Golf Tournament scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 when all proceeds will directly benefit Granbury's local Toys for Tots group. Making this year "the biggest and best ever for as many local children as possible" is the goal for our golfing community.

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The approach to the Finches' house, showing through the trees.

What Remains of Edith Finch

A Gothic novel in an interactive graphic format



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 game starts on a ferry in Oregon. It's in first-person perspective, and we see an arm in a cast and a bouquet of lilies, so we know there's been a tragic death. In the person's lap is a diary with 'Edith Finch' written on the front. We open the diary, and Edith, the narrator, starts talking.

"A lot of this isn't going to make sense to you, and I'm sorry about that." The scene changes, and you're in the forest. Next to you is a pole with a "Missing" flyer for Edith's brother Milton, who disappeared when she was four. Edith continues to narrate as you approach the house. As you look down, you'll notice that Edith is visibly pregnant.

"The house was exactly like I remembered it. The way I'd been dreaming about it. As a child the house made me uncomfortable in a way I couldn't put into words. Now, as a 17-year-old, I knew exactly what those words were. I was afraid of the house." Edith's mother leaves her

a key in her will, and she explores the house and the surroundings, discovering the Finch family history. You're put into the first-person perspective of the family members and the stories of their deaths. Every family member in the game dies in a weird and horrible way.

The story is set in a real place - Orcas Island, in Washington State. The settings are stylized but realistic, with a soft focus and muted colors. The interface is minimalist - no jumping, no object collecting. It's an oddly large open world environment, and you can do a lot of exploring. Some of it will advance the story, but most of it is completely unnecessary. To hear all the parts of the story, you'll need to explore the entire environment, including all 13 rooms. Each one is marked with the deceased family member's name, birth year and year of death.

This game is really more of a group of loosely connected stories in the Gothic horror

tradition. The only puzzles you'll solve are how to unlock each door, and there are no alternate endings. It's a preset narrative. There are achievements within the game, based on how you play the individual minigame stories.

Is there a Finch curse? The family certainly believed it. Is it only effective if you believe it exists? I suppose the game is presenting that as a question to be answered by the player.

I did not like this game. Absolutely no replay for me on this one - I have no interest in 'reading' it again. One of the stories made me cry, and several left me feeling sad. It looks nice. They did a great job replicating the light of the Pacific Northwest and the green forest with dappled light and gray stone. The interiors look great: highly-detailed and no gaps.

It won quite a few awards when it came out in 2017, including Winner of Best Game at the 2018 BAFTA Game Awards, Best Narrative awards at the GDC 2018 Choice Awards, 2018 SXSW Gaming Awards, and The Game Awards 2017.

What Remains of Edith Finch (2017) was created by Giant Sparrow. Available on SteamOS for Mac and PC.

BOOK REVIEW

The bon-bons look yummy

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You heard there's a special creme inside them, so you'll be sure to have one or five. The pies smell delicious; sweetness and a nip of sour, your favorite. Cake, cookies, pile that plate and forget the diet. As in the new book, "The League of Lady Poisoners," written and illustrated by Lisa Perrin, some foods are simply to die for.

Poor Lucrezia Borgia. Born in 1480 and rumored to be the love child of a Pope, it's said that Lucrezia had a ring she wore everywhere. Supposedly, inside this beautiful piece of jewelry was a hidden compartment that held a Borgia specialty — a poison that, when it benefited Lucrezia or her family (or both), was dumped into her enemy's food.

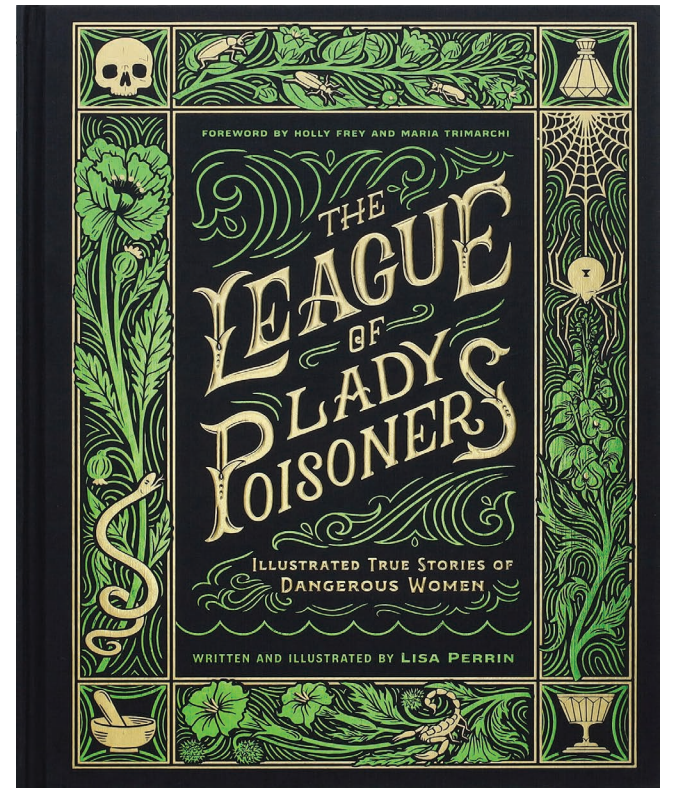
Problem is, says Perrin, there's no hard evidence that Lucrezia did what she's accused of doing.

History likes to blame women of poisoning their lovers or others, and often for good reason: "most murderers are men," says Perrin, but "when women commit homicide, they are more likely to choose poison than a man is..."

Keeping that fact in mind, says Perrin, we can't lose sight of another truism: centuries ago, when men held all the cards and women had few, if any, rights, women used poison because it was their best, most easily-obscured way out of a bad situation.

"If you can look more closely at these women poisoners," Perrin says, "you might... see their humanity as well..."

There were, for instance, "professional poisoners" like Locusta, who worked as a hired assassin in first-



COURTESY PHOTO

"The League of Lady Poisoners," written and illustrated by Lisa Perrin C.2023, CHRONICLE BOOKS, \$24.95, 208 PAGES

century Rome, and Giulia Tofana, who helped women escape "abusive relationships." Just more than a century ago, women of Nagyrev in Hungary partook in a "poisoning epidemic" to escape violent husbands. Sally Bassett provided poison to her granddaughter for use against those who enslaved her. Mary Ann Cotton may've been one of England's most prolific poisoners and in the U.S., Belle Gunness killed and killed and may have gotten away with it...

Here's something you don't see very often: a true crime book with a somewhat-lighthearted theme that begs its readers to be kind when considering its subjects. No, "The League of Lady Poisoners" isn't mawkishly sentimental, but it isn't sensational, either.

That offers readers a

chance to look at old murders in a different light.

There's no denying that author-illustrator Lisa Perrin includes some horrible killers in this book, alongside tales of women who found themselves backed into a corner and did what they had to do. Easing the mood, there's a little silliness tucked here and there, but you'll mostly see that this book leans on women's history as much as it does on true crime — and it does so with behind-the-scenes info that invites you to feel a surprising sense of compassion.

That makes "The League of Lady Poisoners" one of the most unusual, but welcome, true crime volumes you'll ever read, and one of the most thought-provoking. Look for it and you'll see that this is a tasty little book.

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