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Hood County candidates fight for votes in upcoming election



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Candidates running for Hood County Sheriff, Hood County Commissioner Precinct 1 and 3, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 and Constable all participated in a forum held on Feb. 1 at Granbury City Hall.

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Candidates from across Hood County are hoping to win over voters and have been campaigning for the upcoming election in March. On Feb. 1, a candidate debate was held at Granbury City Hall where candidates for sheriff, constable, precinct 1 commissioner and precinct 3 commissioner, as well as precinct 1 justice of the peace had a chance to let voters know what they stand for and what they would bring to the table.

Each candidate was able to provide an opening remark followed by answering several questions asked by Christine Leftwich before giving a closing remark.

The evening kicked off with candidates running for precinct 1 commissioner speaking, including incumbent Kevin Andrews and candidate Morris Duree.

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Duree has lived in Hood County for about 50 years and is running on a conservative platform. He has owned

several businesses, works as a developer and hopes to use that knowledge to earn him a spot on the commissioner's court. He believes in lowering taxes and shared that his biggest concern for the county right now is the growth coming. He's also concerned with roads and infrastructure as well as water in the county. Duree shared he is active in multiple charity groups and enjoys helping and serving the community. He wants to research and learn about is-

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Former Hood County Auditor Rebecca (Becky) Kidd, right, poses with Hood County Judge Ron Massingill following the announcement of her retirement last December.

Former Hood County auditor reflects on 25 years with county

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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For 25 years, Rebecca "Becky" Kidd served in the county auditor's office in some capacity — she served seven of those years in the office of county auditor.

But after retiring in December, Kidd is ready to close the county checkbooks and start traveling and fishing with her husband, Gary.

"My husband retired the second year I got the job (as county auditor)," Kidd told the HCN. "He worked in printing, and he was driving to Saginaw every day, and he had done that for 22 years. He was tired of the drive, and he was ready to move on to a different chapter of his life. But from that moment on, he said 'When are you gonna retire?' 'When are you gonna retire?' and finally I thought 'You know, I'll have 25 years in October of '23 — that should be the goal and just finish out the year and be done with it,' so that's what I did."

When Kidd was younger, she grew up all over Texas as her father worked for the oil company Haliburton, previously known as Brown & Root.

"My dad went where the business was and we followed him," she said. "It's funny — my husband's dad was sort of in the same field, but they had a home base so his dad would work and come home when he could. My husband had the luxury of living in the same town and going to the same school. I did not. But my mom and dad were just really wonderful, loving people and they didn't want to be apart, so I grew up all over Texas."

While Kidd didn't attend college until later in her career, she said it was not a mistake as her first marriage resulted in the birth of her two children: Justin and Heather.

"I had started taking college classes when I was an office manager at a homeowner's association, as that was extremely boring in the winter," she said. "I went back to school when I worked for Hood County and got my degree in accounting."

It was during her time as an office manager for her homeowner's association that Kidd was recruited for the auditor's office — by none other than a former Hood County auditor.

"When I was working as the office manager (for my homeowner's association) the board wanted to have an audit done of the money. I was on the board also, so they hired Larry Levine, who was the first auditor for Hood County," Kidd explained. "He came in and he was telling me some things that I needed to do to protect me, and make sure that you have

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Granbury Middle School principal announces resignation

BY EMILY NAVA
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Granbury Middle School Principal Andy Smith sent an email to GMS families Jan. 31 announcing his resignation.

Smith will finish out the school year before leaving the district. According to the email, Smith is leaving to pursue other career opportunities. He is currently serving his third school year with GMS.

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at GMS and working with our tremendous staff, students and parents," part of Smith's email to GMS parents read. "Thank you for the support you have given me over the last three years. The support for myself, the staff, and students of GMS has been unparalleled."

Smith submitted his let-

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Protestors in support of Granbury Middle School Principal Andy Smith stand outside of the Granbury ISD administration building before a school board meeting on Jan. 29.



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Leadercast spark: Igniting leadership excellence with the Granbury Chamber of Commerce

Looking for that elusive spark that ignites your passion and sets you on the path toward leadership excellence? Join us Wednesday, Feb. 14, for an empowering and inspirational leadership event — Leadercast Spark. Taking place at the picturesque Lake Granbury Conference Center from 9-11:30 a.m., this simulcast event promises to infuse attendees with a burst of inspiration and practical insights to fuel their leadership journey. This is the first of three incredible Leadercast events for 2024.

Leadercast is renowned for curating events that bring together some of the brightest minds in leadership, and Leadercast Spark is no exception. The Leadercast Spark 90-minute event experience re-ignites your leaders when they need it the most — the dog days of winter. Give your team a spark of inspiration, connection and focus to fuel their resolutions into action.

Brad Wise, CEO of Wolf House Fables, will be our guide for Spark, and he has used this framework to empower startups, nonprofits,



and Fortune 50 companies to get them unstuck and onto a successful path with new initiatives. From this amazing event, you will gain momentum for the new year, reignite the spark for collaboration, and jumpstart trust and connection.

Leadercast Spark will high-

light the five stages of transforming an idea into action, including a critical component that is the difference between failure and success on a new goal. The presentation features teaching and interactive exercises that will serve your newest goal or project.

Leadercast Spark is a 90-minute investment in your leadership journey. It's a unique opportunity for professionals in Granbury to gain valuable insights, network with fellow leaders, and reignite their passion for leadership excellence. Whether you're a busy executive, an entrepreneur on the go, or someone looking for a quick burst of inspiration, this event is tailored to meet your needs. Attendees will leave with a renewed sense of purpose and practical insights that can be immediately applied to enhance

their leadership skills. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of a transformative experience that will leave a lasting impact on your leadership journey. Tickets are \$30 for chamber members and \$40 for general admission. Table sponsorships are also available. Register today by calling 817-573-1622 or by visiting www.granburychamber.com or email Maegan Derryberry at maegan@granburychamber.com for more information. It's time to harness that spark within and lead with purpose.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Lake Pointe Resource Center and Academy had a ribbon cutting to celebrate their relocation to 1260 Weatherford Hwy.

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AUDITOR

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every invoice because the board members weren't really good about giving you invoices. I thought, 'You know, I'd like to learn more about bookkeeping,' so that started me going back to college, and then he came and audited a couple more years and he asked me to come to work for Hood County, and that's how it started."

After Levine retired in 2005, Stan McBroom became the Hood County auditor until his retirement in 2017, which is when Kidd took the helm.

Kidd said the most challenging aspect of being the auditor when she first

started her new position was learning the ropes, as McBroom was serious about retiring.

"He was done," Kidd said. "He was a very nice man. I enjoyed working for him, but he'd had enough. He said, 'I'm going to retire,' and we said, 'Can we call you?' He says, 'Well, you can call me, but my phone will be at home, and I won't be.' I didn't have anybody to train me so that was a challenging part, learning it on my own. But I guess it also made me a better auditor because nobody trained me their way either — and it didn't take me long to figure out how to do debt."

She said one of the first things she did when she became the county auditor was

cut budgets as there was still some "padding" remaining. She said during the second year, she saved the county \$700,000 in the budget.

"I like things to be balanced. I like all my ducks in a row. Everything has to match. If there's a penny, I'm going to find it," Kidd said. "I like to treat that money there like it's mine. When I started, I think we owed \$32 million bonded debt in the Cresson bypass. Everything got an early payment. I wanted to pay off the last debt early, but I got them down to one-and-a-half million (dollars)."

Kidd said when she retired, she left the county in "good financial shape," adding that employees still received free health insurance and decent raises during the time of her

departure.

"I told them, 'Don't screw it up,'" she said, chuckling.

As Kidd closes this chapter of her life, she said the one thing she will miss the most is the people she got to know over the years.

"For the most part, (I worked with some) lovely people," she said. "Hard working, honest and good people."

Kidd described the new county auditor, Stephanie Matlock, as intelligent and said she's going to do very well for Hood County.

"She texted me (a couple of weeks ago) and said she was having an issue with something, and I called her and told her where to find it," she said. "I'll help her. I know what it's like to be there

and not know what to do. Anytime she needs anything, she can call me."

Now that Kidd has retired, she plans to focus her attention on other important matters: her family and the community.

"I'm on the Republican Women board, I'm on the board where we live, I'm going to be volunteering with Rancho Brazos, so I don't miss it," she said. "Clint Head saw me at some political thing, and he said, 'I bet you watched commissioner's court today.' I said, 'I didn't even remember there was commissioner's court today.'"

All in all, Kidd said it was a wonderful experience and she was blessed to work with some amazing people. She

added she will miss the people, but not the work.

"I don't miss work," she added. "I thought I would. A year ago, I was dreading ... 'Who's going to do this?' 'Are they going to remember to do that?' because I'm vocal. But then I thought, 'Somebody will come in here and it will get done. You need to have a life. You need to stop worrying about this.' Finally, I got to a point where I thought 'Well, OK, I'm good, I'm ready to retire,' and the last six months was tough because I knew the end was in sight, but I was ready. I was ready to go, and I was happy that I was ready to go."

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

When things start downhill it is hard to right the ship



BY SAM HOUSTON

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This past week was intended to be my vacation. I had been working for quite a few months without a break and determined that some time off was well advised. Frankly, I was worn out as it had been over three years since I had taken an entire week away from work. My wife was anxious to get away so we booked a cruise out of Galveston which would take us to ports of call in Mexico. My newspaper staff was very supportive of my decision and wished me a happy week of relaxation and fun.

My wife and I enjoy cruising. It is relaxing and we both love the sound of the ocean.

Cruising seemed like the solution to all that ailed me, but little did I know what ad-

ventures I had coming.

We took off for Galveston on Friday, stopping in Houston at Captain Bennie's, one of our favorite places to eat. My wife and her family have been going to the restaurant for years, so whenever we are in Houston, we look forward to dining there. We made it to Galveston with no issues. The hotel room was fine, and next morning the breakfast at the Sunflower Café was tremendous. We parked our car and checked in at the ship about 1 p.m. and were ready for the ship to launch and start enjoying our vacation.

Unfortunately, it seems that during the previous night, while crossing the Caribbean and on its way back to Galveston, our ship had encountered tumultuous weather. Evidently the ship passed through a storm so severe and unexpected it caused the ship to list severely. The sea became so rough even the water in the swimming pool was cast out! There was hail, and high waves that crashed into the ship from multiple directions. We saw a video on YouTube showing people wearing their life jackets, with furniture and glass-

ware falling from shelves.

In conversing with some of the ship's crew, they made it clear there were some issues with the ship because of the storm.

When we arrived at our room, we found the carpet wet and some of the furniture damp. We were on the eighth floor, so the only explanation I can imagine is the wind blew so hard it forced rain under the balcony door. As we visited with other guests, it was apparent other travelers faced similar challenges with their staterooms.

At this point we received an email from the cruise line, explaining the problems they were encountering and assuring us the cruise was not canceled but making everyone aware they had options. Guests could stay on board and receive a \$1,000 onboard credit, or they could leave the boat and receive a full refund, plus receive a free trip on a future cruise. We had our hearts set on making this trip and getting away, but at the same time, tried to be practical. We talked and decided perhaps it would be best to disembark. Who knew what issues the ship might have? Who wanted to be at sea and find out

the toilets did not work, or the kitchen was shut down?

Let me be clear, I do not blame the cruise line at all. They were very kind, so much so I felt bad that an act of nature was going to cause them so much expense and trouble. This was simply bad luck all around.

We disembarked the ship and were giggling and joking about our situation, thinking about how there was no reason to be upset. It was just a little bad luck. We could get back in the car and drive over to San Antonio or Fredericksburg and spend two or three nights and have a very good time. We would get our money back from the cruise and in the future, get a free cruise to boot! We were good troopers and determined to make the best of a bad situation.

Then the other shoe dropped. The cruise line could not find our luggage. With over 8,000 pieces of luggage to sort through, they could not find our two bags prior to the ship departing. We were in Galveston with none of our belongings.

Our hearts sank. With no clothes, toiletries or my CPAP machine, we would have no choice but to drive

home. There would be no cruise, there would be no fun in San Antonio, there would be no "making the best of a bad situation." We simply got in the car and drove home.

I would like to tell you the rest of the week went well but I can't. A fraudulent bank transaction was uncovered, and I spent a portion of my time getting that issue resolved. I fell down a stairway, but fortunately was not injured other than a few bruises and a blow to my pride. We did decide to go to the stock show but got called back home because my beloved Miss Jayne had been taken to the hospital. Fortunately, she is back in her residence and doing fine. Perhaps the highlight of the week was cleaning out the garage. Now, that is some vacation!

Right now, I am thinking that going back to work seems relaxing.

Thought for the day: Write your bad luck on the sand of a beach, chisel your blessings on a piece of granite stone.

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

Folks around town



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Elizabeth Espinosa

Say hello to our neighbor, Elizabeth Espinosa!

Elizabeth and her family moved to Hood County 14 years ago when she was just eight years old. Originally from Mexico, Elizabeth's father, Herminio, often traveled to Texas for work, causing separation from his family. After growing weary of the separation, Herminio and his wife, Victoria, decided to move to Texas with their four children. After a two-year immigration process, the Espinosa family became residents of Hood County. Today, the family is blessed with six children, five daughters and one son. As Elizabeth thrived in the GUSD's bilingual program she fell in love with the friendly people of Hood County. She takes great pride in living in a giving community where no child is left without food or presents under the Christmas tree. Elizabeth's joy and love for children is on constant display while working at Merry Jayne's Sweets on Granbury Square. Her free time is mainly family time, with plenty of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins to occupy her time and satisfy her instincts to 'Mother Hen' her loved ones. "Ever since I was little I wanted to care for everyone and everything around me. I'm such a people pleaser, but I love it!" Elizabeth has always appreciated the Hood County News for excellent school coverage. "Y'all do a wonderful job highlighting students' achievements, especially at graduation time."

Sheriff, commissioner candidates discuss county concerns in candidate forum



ASHLEY TERRY | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County Sheriff candidates Johnny Rose Jr., incumbent Roger Deeds, and Scott London answer questions from moderator Eric Morrow, Tarleton State University associate professor, during the Hood County Primaries Candidate Forum on Monday, Feb. 5.

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The Granbury Chamber of Commerce held its Hood County Primaries Candidate Forum Feb. 5, featuring candidates running for sheriff and county commissioners for precincts 1 and 3.

The public gathered at the Lake Granbury Conference Center Monday night to learn more about the candidates and their stance on important county topics.

Eric Morrow, Tarleton State University associate professor, served as moderator for the evening as he took turns asking questions of the can-

didates in a two-hour long public forum.

The first half of the forum focused on the sheriff candidates: incumbent Roger Deeds, Johnny Rose Jr., and Scott London.

Each candidate was asked a question submitted by the public and was given either a 2-minute or 1-minute window to answer, as the candidates took turns answering each question.

The sheriff candidates discussed several topics, including retaining or recruiting new officers, public safety, the fentanyl epidemic, a new jail versus a remodel, sending inmates to other counties, and the growing mental

health crisis.

An open discussion also took place regarding the 911 call center, drugs, working with schools in the county, and homelessness.

Following the one-hour mark, the forum then switched over to the commissioner candidates, which featured Precinct 1 incumbent Kevin Andrews and challenger Morris Duree as well as Precinct 3 incumbent Jack Wilson and challenger Nathan Criswell.

The commissioner candidates discussed infrastructure projects, their previous experience as a commissioner, nonprofit agencies, and bringing clarity and unity to

citizens to ensure all voices are heard.

An open discussion also focused on taxes and handling growth in the county.

Early voting for the March primary will begin Tuesday, Feb. 20 and will continue through Friday, March 5 at the Annex 1 Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl St.

The early voting schedule is listed below:

- Tuesday, Feb. 20 through Friday, Feb. 23: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 24: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 26 through Friday, March 1: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Election Day is March 5.

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City of Granbury seeks residents' input through community surveys

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The city of Granbury will soon implement a way for residents to make their voices heard on important community issues. Partnering with FlashVote, a public survey research platform, the city will send a short, one-minute survey every month to engage the community and gather valuable input from residents. "FlashVote is short, automated scientific surveys,

and that's what gives officials the data they need to actually serve the public better and make people happier," Kevin Lyons, co-founder of FlashVote told the Hood County News. "Most of the time, the input officials get is an opposite representation of what the whole community actually wants, so this actually aligns the government with what the public wants, needs, prefers and so on." Jeff Newpher, communications manager for the city of Granbury, explained that

Lyons has conducted surveys all over the country and the state of Texas. "I actually heard (Lyons) when I was at TCU (Texas Christian University) as a student for the certified public communications program in one of the sessions about getting good, valid feedback to make decisions," Newpher said. "I thought, 'Well, this is great. That may work (for the city).'" The topics are currently still being developed for the surveys, as Newpher

explained it is important to have every Granbury City Council member involved in the discussion. "We're kind of in the process of asking (the council members) that now," he said. "It could be things from, 'Should we build another swimming pool?' to 'Would you like recycling if you had to pay for it?' There's a number of different questions we could ask residents. We're just trying to figure out right now in the next week or two which ones the council members

will say we need to get data on to help us make decisions on upcoming issues." One benefit of using FlashVote for the community surveys, Newpher said, is the quick turnaround time. "If Kevin put a survey in the field for us today, then by next Monday, we would have numbers — which is so much faster than a lot of other survey methods," he said. Each survey will contain

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Hood County awarded funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Program

Staff Reports

Hood County has been chosen to receive funding to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county through the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. The funding, which will come in several phases, will total \$145,883. The selection was made by a national board chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management

Agency and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. The local board is made up of representatives from

Mission Granbury, Salvation Army, the Red Cross, United Way Hood County, Granbury Independent School District, the Christian Service Center, Hood County FEMA representative Margaret Campbell and Hood County Judge Ron Massingill. The board will determine how the funds awarded to Hood County are to be distributed among local service agencies providing emergency food and shelter. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds made available under

this phase of the program. Eligible services and expenditures include food services, including food purchases and home delivery such as Meals on Wheels; shelter services, including hotel/motel and rent/mortgages; utility services for clients and supplies; personal protective equipment; and small equipment purchases. Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private, voluntary nonprofits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive

federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds should contact Dusti Scovel at 817-579-6866 or via email at dscovel@missiongranbury.org for an application.

POLICE BLOTTER

Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report

Jodi - edited
City of Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report
The following is a breakdown of activity reported through the Granbury Police Department during the period of Jan. 30 - Feb. 5. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

- JAN. 30**
 - 8:11 a.m.: suspicious person or circumstance reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 11:31 a.m.: theft of property reported on Spring Ridge Circle
 - 4:13 p.m.: public intoxication reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 8:23 p.m.: unauthorized use of a vehicle reported on Second Street
 - 9:20 p.m.: recovery of a stolen vehicle on S. Morgan Street
 - **Two major accidents, one minor accident and 21 traffic stops reported on this day**
- JAN. 31**
 - 10:52 a.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on W. Pearl Street

- 11:48 a.m.: runaway reported on W. Pearl Street
- 12:14 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on W. Pearl Street
- 12:29 p.m.: harassment reported on Crossland Road
- 1:21 p.m.: harassment reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 1:37 p.m.: theft reported on Oakwood Lake Court
- 2:04 p.m.: theft reported on N. Crockett Street
- 4:08 p.m.: public intoxication reported on Paluxy Road
- **Two minor accidents, a warrant service and 15 traffic stops reported on this day**
- FEB. 1**
 - 2:32 a.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on S. Morgan Street
 - 11:17 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 1:49 p.m.: theft over \$2,500 and under \$30,000 reported on Western Hills Trail
 - 2:01 p.m.: theft of property reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 3:24 p.m.: fraud reported on Shady Grove Drive

- 3:30 p.m.: criminal trespassing reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 5:10 p.m.: theft over \$100 and less than \$750 reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 5:49 p.m.: assault reported on Overstreet Boulevard
- **One major accident, a minor accident, and 19 traffic stops reported on this day**
- FEB. 2**
 - 12:17 a.m.: driving while intoxicated reported on S. Morgan Street
 - 11:05 a.m.: criminal trespassing reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 1:03 p.m.: criminal trespassing reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 1:59 p.m.: found property reported on N. Plaza Drive
 - 5:07 p.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 9:25 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on Doyle Springs Road
 - ** Five minor accidents, two warrant services and nine traffic stops reported on this day**
- FEB. 3**
 - 8:37 a.m.: public intoxication reported on E. Pearl Street

- 12:26 p.m.: found property reported on E. Pearl Street
- 1:31 p.m.: assault reported on E. Pearl Street
- 1:34 p.m.: theft reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 3:56 p.m.: suspicious person or activity reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 5:25 p.m.: road rage reported on E. Highway 377
- 8:13 p.m.: theft of property over \$2,500 reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- 11:33 p.m.: driving while intoxicated/open container reported on N. Houston Street
- **Three minor accidents and 31 traffic stops reported on this day**
- FEB. 4**
 - 8:28 a.m.: suspicious person or circumstances reported on Smart Strike Court
 - 11:17 a.m.: possession of marijuana reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 12:21 p.m.: theft over \$100 reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 5:11 p.m.: found property reported on N. Plaza Drive
 - 5:24 p.m.: suspicious person or activity reported on Fifth Street

- 7:32 p.m.: driving while intoxicated reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
- **One minor accident, a warrant service, and 36 traffic stops reported on this day**
- FEB. 5**
 - 1:02 a.m.: theft over \$100 reported on S. Morgan Street
 - 8:49 a.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on W. Pearl Street
 - 10:42 a.m.: theft over \$100 reported on S. Morgan Street
 - 11:07 a.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on W. Pearl Street
 - 1:59 p.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 on W. Atchley Drive
 - 2:04 p.m.: criminal trespassing reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
 - 5:08 p.m.: property damage reported on W. Pearl Street
 - 11:18 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance reported on N.E. Loop 567
 - **One major accident and 29 traffic stops reported on this day**

CALENDAR

ONGOING

FORWARD TRAINING
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MONDAY, FEB. 12

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN of Hood County monthly meeting. Guest speaker: Hannah Bohm, Democratic candidate for State Representative, District 59. 11 a.m., Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377, Granbury. Details 254-716-5195.

MONTHLY MEETING

of the Lake Granbury Art Association, 6 p.m. at the Shanley House, 224 N. Travis St., Granbury. Demonstration for the month of February is Justin Burns demonstrating new techniques in acrylic and Golden mediums. The workshop will be Feb. 16-17.

THE NORTH

Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Program by Kraig McNutt, director of the Center for the Study of the American Civil War in Franklin, Tennessee. Subject will be the Battle of Franklin. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge for first time attendees. For more information visit ncentexcwrt.com or call David Wells 817-579-5769 or Bill Dyess 817-326-8216.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

SALVATION ARMY Women's Auxiliary Meeting at its new location at the Acton Methodist Church Youth Building, 3433 Fall Creek Highway 10 a.m. mingle, 10:30 a.m. meeting and program. Guest speaker is Scott Myers, DVM and world class sculptor. Lunch is by The Local on Wheels: roast beef stuffed baked potato, salad and "I love SAWA" cupcakes with tea/coffee or water. \$15 cash preferred.

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Center "Computer Basics and Introduction to the Internet" class from 6-9 p.m. Email info@forwardtrainingcenter.org or call 817-573-6677 to sign up.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

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Center "Email 101/Intro to Windows 10/MS Office" class from 6-9 p.m. email info@forwardtrainingcenter.org or call 817-573-6677 to sign up.

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS hosts job fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1030 E. U.S. Highway 377, Suite 202, Granbury. For questions, to attend or if you are a business hiring call 817-776-8033.

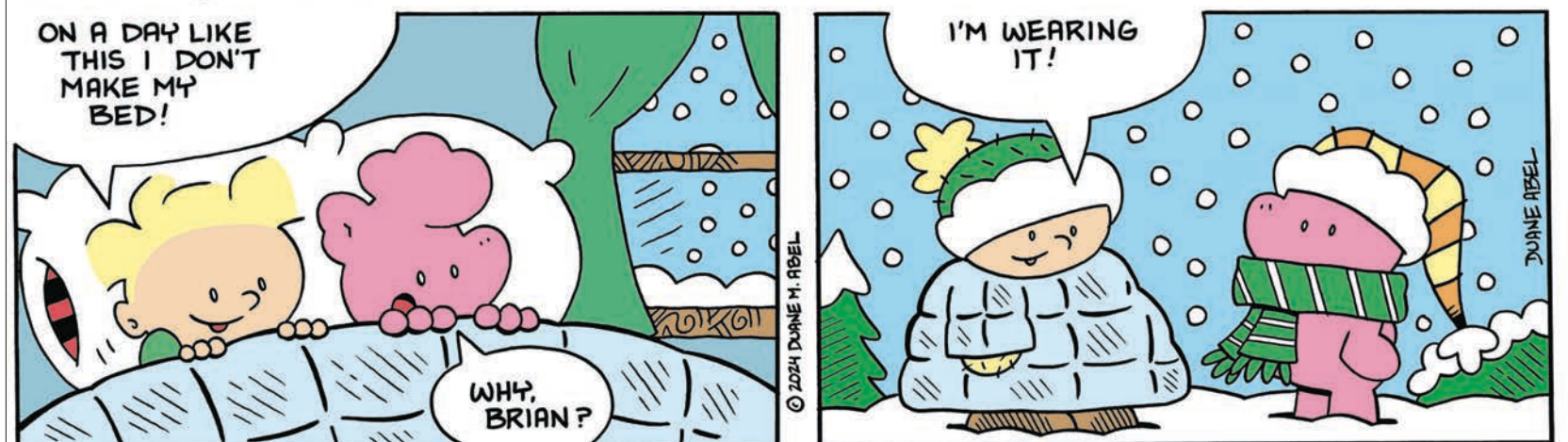
TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 3 edition of the Hood County News, an article incorrectly listed the first-place individual winner of the UIL social studies team. Quinn King was the first-place individual winner for social studies at the Joshua High School UIL Academic Invitational Meet Saturday, Jan. 20. The HCN regrets the error.

ZED by Duane M. Abel



Daughters of the American Revolution present 2023-2024 student awards

From Staff Reports

The Elizabeth Crockett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held a student awards ceremony and reception Saturday, Jan. 27, at DeCordova Bend Country Club.

Regent Robin Akin served as master of ceremonies for the event and students were recognized for their winning entries in the American History Essay Contest. The DAR Good Citizens Award winner and DAR Youth Citizenship Leadership Medal recipients were also recognized during the well-attended ceremony.

The American History Essay Contest promotes American history; honors significant historical people, places, dates and events; and provides teachers with an additional teaching opportunity beyond the existing curriculum. The contest is open to students in grades 5-8 with a bronze medal, certificate and monetary award presented to the chapter winner at each grade level. The theme for the 2023 essay contest was "Stars & Stripes Forever."

For the essay contest, students had to imagine they are a newspaper reporter for The Philadelphia Times in the year 1897. Each was asked to write an article about the new song performed that day, which later became the national march.

Students who received the American History Essay Contest Chapter Award presented by American History Committee Chair Andrea Burt were: 6th grade: Mya Vargas — Acton Middle School; 7th grade: Audrey Monroe — Grace Classical Christian Academy; and 8th grade: Kynadee Cogburn ± Acton Middle School.



American Heritage Girls DAR Youth Citizenship Leadership Medal recipients (front row, l-r): Aliyah Chavez, Amaya Chavez, Hazel Nelson, Gemma Maxwell, Phoebe Salas and Wrenley Wynn are pictured with (back row, l-r): Robin Akin, regent, Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, and Kathy Hanlon, national vice chair, DAR Good Citizens Committee. (Not pictured is Charlotte Sorrells.)

COURTESY PHOTO

Mann Vaghashia, a senior high school student, was recognized as Granbury High School's DAR Good Citizen. Selection of the school's DAR Good Citizen is based on the outstanding qualities of leadership, dependability, service and patriotism. Mann is a member of the National Honor Society, ranks in the top 5% of his class, and has studied business during all four years of his high school career. He has been a mem-

ber of the student council for three years and is currently the student council president. Vaghashia competes on the UIL Academic Team. He serves on the Student United Way of Hood County, is a member of the Superintendent's Leadership Council, competes on the highly competitive DECA Sales Team Project for Granbury High School, and he is a member

of the nationally-recognized Anchor Team which is a student-operated enterprise at Granbury High School. He has played competitive soccer for years, and during his senior year, he stepped up to be the kicker for the Granbury Pirates Football Team. He is also a volunteer at soccer camps, Toys for Tots, blood drives, highway clean-ups and canned food drives.

Seven American Heritage

Girls were awarded the DAR Youth Citizenship Leadership Medal: Aliyah Chavez, Amaya Chavez, Gemma Maxwell, Hazel Nelson, Phoebe Salas, Charlotte Sorrells and Wrenley Wynn. The medal is awarded to students who fulfill the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. Additionally, five American Heritage Girls who previously received the medal were recognized

with DAR Youth Citizenship Leadership lapel pins: Violet Holcomb, Kaydence Faulkner, Kidist Johnson, Ellinor Nelson and Sydney Spink. Each received a certificate presented by DAR Good Citizens Committee Chair Kathy Hanlon.

American Heritage Girls Troop #3129, their leadership, and parents have volunteered annually at the Wreaths Across America ceremony and wreath laying at Acton Cemetery which honors veterans, remembers active-duty personnel and their families, and teaches young Americans the value of patriotism. American Heritage Girls Troop #3129 is a local troop in Granbury. The local Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age is led by Chantel Spink, troop coordinator, and Heather Johnson, vice coordinator.

The National Society 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 texasdar.org/chapters/ElizabethCrockett/.

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sues facing the county and community with residents as best as he can.

Andrews hopes to be re-elected on his conservative, Constitutional Republican platform. Andrews previously served on the executive committee of the Republican Party and shared that his trips down to the state capitol have helped him understand the Republican platform better. Andrews served as a former fire chief, small business owner and building contractor. Andrews noted he voted and reduced taxes while serving and worked to improve the pay scale for the sheriff's office. He also highlighted his work with getting three fire stations approved along with new fire equip-

ment. Finally, he expressed how important personal property rights are to him.

When asked what the most important role is when serving as a county commissioner, Andrews said it is the budget, whereas Duree said integrity is the most important aspect. When asked about water, Duree shared that with his development work, he understands the development process and wants to keep properties protected while also encouraging developers to come to the county. Andrews noted water is something commissioners continue to look at and discuss.

Duree closed by telling attendees to speak with him further to learn more about him. Andrews ended noting he has focused on what he promised four years ago when he was running for commissioner and contin-

ues to focus on fiscal responsibility, emergency services, roads and the growth that's coming.

COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

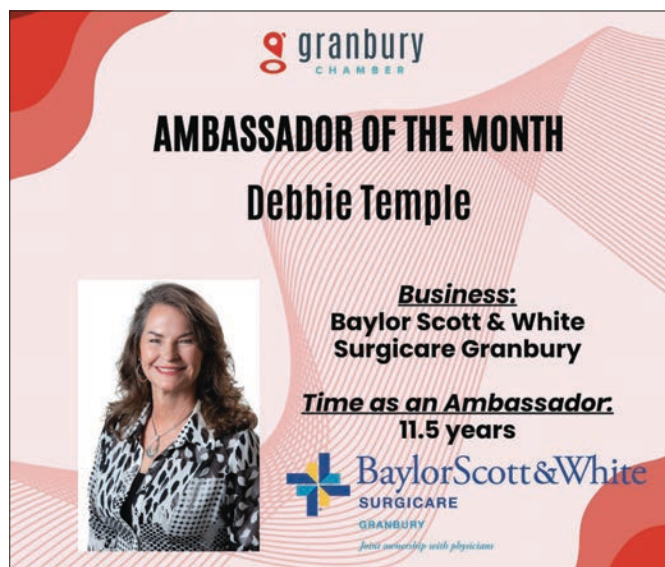
Jack Wilson is currently the commissioner for precinct 3 and is running for re-election against Nate Criswell. Wilson has lived in Hood County since 1977 and hopes to be re-elected running on a Republican platform. Most important to Wilson are second amendment rights and he noted that if they are lost, the other amendments will follow. Second to that, Wilson shared the next most important stance he holds is being pro-life. Some of Wilson's most notable achievements he shared while serving include working towards getting new electronic voting machines and going from

using multiple software systems to one. He is proud of the technological strides they have made to keep up the advancements in technology.

Criswell is a conservative Republican, Navy Veteran, former precinct chair, county chair of the Republican Party and a delegate to the state convention. Some of Criswell's main policies focus on opposing school bonds and speaking out against budgetary practices. During his time serving as a delegate, he shared that he spoke out against softening the language on marriage and school choice and stood firm on being pro-life. He added that he even helped Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds years ago with the second amendment sanctuary resolution. Criswell

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AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT



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We are so very thankful for our January Ambassador of the Month, Debbie Temple, with Baylor Scott & White Surgicare Granbury. Debbie is both a Board Member and an Ambassador for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce. We are so excited to recognize an Ambassador whose time and efforts elevate both business and community spirit!! When asked why she loves being an Ambassador she replied, "I love being an Ambassador because I enjoy being connected to the community." A fun fact about Debbie: "I'm a simple country girl!" Not to mention, Debbie's nail game is on point. She unquestionably has the most impressive and envy-inducing nails around! Thank you Debbie for being a part of the Board and an Ambassador for the Granbury Chamber. Congratulations on being chosen as Ambassador Of The Month for January 2024!

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PROPOSITION 1

Texas should eliminate all property taxes without increasing Texans' overall tax burden.

PROPOSITION 2

Texas should create a Border Protection Unit, and deploy additional state law enforcement and military forces, to seal the border, to use physical force to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.

PROPOSITION 3

The Texas Legislature should require the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas to protect jobs for legal workers by preventing the hiring of illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 4

The Texas Legislature should end all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 5

Texas urges the United States Congress not to grant any form of amnesty or a pathway to legalization for illegal aliens.

PROPOSITION 6

The Texas Legislature should prohibit the deployment of the Texas National Guard to a foreign conflict unless Congress first formally declares war.

PROPOSITION 7

The Texas Legislature should establish authority within the Texas State Comptroller's office to administer access to gold and silver through the Texas Bullion Depository for use as legal tender.

PROPOSITION 8

The State of Texas should ensure that Texans are free to give or to withhold consent for any vaccine without coercion.

PROPOSITION 9

The Republican Party of Texas should restrict voting in the Republican primary to only registered Republicans.

PROPOSITION 10

The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.

PROPOSITION 11

Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student.

PROPOSITION 12

The Texas Constitution should be amended to require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote.

PROPOSITION 13

Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, governments, and entities from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.



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BASEBALL SEASON IS GETTING CLOSE! A Fantasy Baseball League is forming in Granbury and Hood County. If you are interested in joining a fantasy baseball league for the 2024 season, please contact Mark for details: Email: GBFantasyBaseball@gmail.com

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

SOUTH OAKS ESTATES, LOTS 8R-1 & 10R-1

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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

RANCHO BRAZOS, LOTS 48R & 50R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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

ROLLING CREEK RANCH, PHASE 3, LOT 228R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Application has been made with the TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit (BQ PERMIT) by PINAK INC dba, PIRATES GRASP N PASS to be located at 1102 W PEARL ST GRANBURY (HOOD COUNTY), TX 76048. The Principals of said Company are RAJ SHRESTHA, PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR; ZACH DHUNGAN, SECRETARY/DIRECTOR.

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

THE LANDINGS EAST, LOT 4000R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine-Only Package Store Permit by Sargun Sandhu LLC, Dba Sonny's Beer N Wine to be located at 2305 Lipan Hwy, Unit A, Granbury, Hood Co., Texas. Member of said LLC is Guravtar Singh-Member

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TRC 109 & 114
STATE OF TEXAS
CAUSE NO. C2023330
MARLON RAY LANKFORD, PLAINTIFF,
VS.

BOBBIE MCGOWAN, MARTIN DOUGLAS LANKFORD, JACQUELINE BROADWAY, JODI LEIGH LANKFORD, DAWN L. SWANN, DANIEL KENNEDY, JR., AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS, DEFENDENTS, IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
TO: THE ESTATE OF DANIEL KENNEDY, SR., THE ESTATE OF BURMA DEAN BURTON, DANIEL KENNEDY, JR., ANY UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED AND IN THE ESTATE OF BURMA DEAN BURTON, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY.

DEFENDANT, Greeting: NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued, You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written response to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation the same being Monday the 4TH day of MARCH 2024, before the Honorable BRYAN T. BUFKIN, 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas, at the Hood County Justice Center of said County in Granbury, Texas. Said PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION was filed in said court, on the 27th day of SEPTEMBER, 2023, in the above entitled cause.

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

Plaintiff MARLON RAY LANKFORD, by and through its attorney of record, TRACY BUSH OF LAW OFFICE OF TRACY S. BUSH, PLLC, 6108 WEST POLY WEBB RD, ARLINGTON, TX 76016, brought suit under Cause No. C2023330 in the 355th District Court of Hood County, Texas, for PETITION FOR PARTITION on the following described real property of which Defendants, THE ESTATE OF DANIEL KENNEDY, SR., THE ESTATE OF BURMA DEAN BURTON, DANIEL KENNEDY, JR., ANY UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF DANIEL KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED AND IN THE ESTATE OF BURMA DEAN BURTON, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE PROPERTY, are potential parties in interest:

All that certain 10.001 acres, more or less in the ELL PHILLIPS SURVEY, Abstract No. 434, Hood County, Texas being a portion of the 15.01 acre tract shown on plat of COMANCHE PEAK NORTH, SECTION ONE, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, recorded in Volume 3, Page 55 of the Plat Records of Hood County, Texas and being described by metes and bounds as follows: BEING a tract of land out of the ELL PHILLIPS SURVEY, Abstract No. 434, Hood County, Texas, a portion of the tract of land described in the deed to Joe Evans Real Estate, Inc., recorded in Volume 233, Page 197 of the Deed Records of Hood County, Texas; and being described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at an iron rod in the east line of said Evans tract for the northeast corner of Tract 76 of COMANCHE PEAK NORTH, SECTION ONE, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas the plat thereof being recorded in Volume 3, Page 55 of the Plat Records of Hood County, Texas; THENCE S 60 degrees 02' W a distance of 586.02 feet to an iron rod for the northwest corner of said Tract 76, said iron rod being in the east line of Tract 75 of said subdivision; THENCE, with said east line, N 33 degrees 10' 30" W a distance of 124.00 feet to an iron rod for corner; THENCE N 35 degrees 23' W, passing at 95.75 feet an iron rod for the northeast corner of said Tract 75 and the southeast corner of a 10.04 acre tract of land out of said Evans tract, a Total distance of 187.75 feet to an iron rod for corner in said east line of said 10.04 acre tract; THENCE, with said east line of said 10.04 acre tract, N 31 degrees 13' W a distance of 397.37 feet to an iron rod for corner; THENCE N 58 degrees 47' E a distance of 624.12 feet to an iron rod for corner in said east line. Thence, with said east line of said Evans tract along a wire fence, S 29 degrees 36' E a distance of 721.63 feet to the point of beginning and containing 10.001 acres of land.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 16TH day of JANUARY 2024.
Attorney for Plaintiff(s): TRACY BUSH LAW OFFICE OF TRACY S. BUSH, PLLC. 6108 WEST POLY WEBB RD ARLINGTON, TX 76016
Telephone: 817-842-2312
Email: Tracy@BushAttorney.com
WITNESS: TONNA L. NEWMAN CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Sarah A. Roach
Deputy

Hood County Hospital District Board of Directors will meet Friday, February 23 at noon at the Hood County courthouse, second floor courtroom for regular scheduled meeting and discuss reinstate taxation.

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Public Notices

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 February 19, 2024. 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: Michael Shaw-furniture, Fairy Seay-furniture
Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of Roland Eugene Rhine, Cause No.P10294, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Kimberly Charisse Rhine in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DECLARE HEIRSHIP AND FOR AN AGREED INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR WITH POWER TO SELL PROPERTY AND SERVE WITHOUT BOND PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 401.003, 401.005 AND 401.006 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE, OR ALTERNATIVELY, FOR APPOINTMENT OF A DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR of the said Estate of Roland Eugene Rhine, 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 30th day of January 2024

KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Alicia Miller, Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of Richard Byron Schnell, Cause No. P10304, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Deborah Schnell in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 401.003 OF THE TEXAS ESTATES CODE and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of Richard Byron Schnell, 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 2nd day of February 2024

KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of CLISTA JANE HELSLEY, Deceased, were issued on January 30, 2024, in Cause No. P10205, pending in the County Court of HOOD County, Texas, to: BART EDWIN HELSLEY.

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: Ashley Gale Vaughan
Hyde Law Firm
827 West Pearl Street
Granbury, Texas 76048
DATED the 05th day of February 2024.
/s/ Ashley Gale Vaughan
Ashley Gale Vaughan
Attorney for BART EDWIN HELSLEY
Bar no: 24115896
Office Phone: (817) 579-5997
Fax: (817) 573-4933
Email: ashleygale@hydefirm.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing will be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. Annex - Ordinance to annex 0.913-acres of the Milam County School Land Survey, Abst #348, located at 3210 Loop 567 per voluntary annexation Development Agreement (LGC Chapter 43 Subchapter C-3 Sec. 43.0671) Granbury Texas.

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

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Public Notices

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO: To any and all heirs and all persons interested in the Estates of Bobby John Whitlock, Deceased.

Catherine Lingcong Hall, Applicant, has filed in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, an Application to Probate Copy of Will and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary Pursuant to Section 401.002(a) of the Texas Estates Code, being that the original of said Bobby John Whitlock cannot be produced in open court.

You are hereby notified that the Application for the probate of the copy of the Will will be heard and acted upon by said court at the session thereof, being no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of ten days from the date of publication hereof, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said 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 February 2024

KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC/ONLINE AUCTION

Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, 1st Source Storage Center now Granbury Self Storage, which is located at 212 Temple Hall Highway, Granbury, TX 76049 and 409 Western Hills Trail, Granbury, TX 76049 will begin an online auction with storageauctions.com of contents to satisfy the landlord's lien. The sale will begin online FEBRUARY 10, 2024 ending MARCH 7, 2024 as posted.

Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash only! The contents must be removed from the property within 48 hours of the winning bid. The seller reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw from the auction. Contents from the following tenants will be sold: Matthew Steitz and Brent Merriman.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of TRUDIE DELL HAMPTON, Cause No. P10307, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Kohnie Kennedy in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of TRUDIE DELL HAMPTON, 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 7th day of February 2024.

KATIE LANG
Hood County Clerk
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By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

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Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 24-04

AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE SCRIVENERS ERRORS IN ORDINANCE NO. 23-68 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THIS ORDINANCE IS PROVIDING FOR THE CORRECTION OF SCRIVENERS ERRORS IN THE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED ORDINANCE 23-68.

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 23-68 and Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property and area; described as property as 15.147-acre tract of land described in Exhibit "A", located at 1101 Loop 567, in City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas:

From R-7 Single-Family Residential [R-7] to Planned Development Single-Family Residential 7,000 [PD-R-7].

SECTION 6.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-05

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, AS AMENDED, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1.7, CREATION OF BUILDING SITE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 5.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-360, AS AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 19-54, THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1.5, JURISDICTION, SECTION 1.6, EXEMPTIONS AND SECTION 2 – PROCEDURES, SECTION 2.1, REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION, SECTION 2.2, PRE-APPLICATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE; SECTION 2.3, PLAT SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL, GENERAL; SECTION 2.4, PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 2.5, PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT; SECTION 2.6, AMENDING PLAT, SECTION 2.7, MINOR PLAT AND SECTION 2.10, REPLATTING; AND THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECTION 1.

That Ordinance No. 09-360, as amended, the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Granbury, is hereby amended to Section 1 – General Provisions, 1.5 Jurisdiction; 1.6 Exemptions; Section 2, Procedures, Section 2.2 Pre-Application and Development Review Committee; Section 2.3, Plat Submission and Approval, General; Section 2.4, Procedure for Approval of a Preliminary Plat and Submission Requirements; Section 2.5, Procedure for Approval of Final Plat; Section 2.6 Amending Plat; and Section 2.7 Minor Plat. The general purpose of the amendments are to ease the platting requirements and limitations for certain types of plats, shorten review timeframes; and offer administrative actions as shown on the attached Council agenda and incorporated as Exhibit 'A,' a copy of which is on file with the office of the City Secretary.

SECTION 5.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-50 WHICH ADOPTED THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS; BY AMENDING THE MAP OF THE THOROUGHFARE PLAN (THOROUGHFARE PLAN MAP) CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE MAP OF THE THOROUGHFARE PLAN (THOROUGHFARE PLAN MAP) IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-08

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

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by granting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) on the property located on an approximate 7.63-acre portion of land described as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Granbury City Beach Addition, within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and being more fully described as:

7.63-acre portion of land described as Lot 1, Block 1 of the Granbury City Beach Addition, within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located within the Light Commercial 'LC' zoning district. The Specific Use Permit (SUP) shall be issued to allow for the operation of a temporary outdoor amusement center with the following conditions:

- The Specific Use Permit (SUP) shall be active between the dates of March 7 - March 20, 2024;
- Event shall be done in accordance with the City's adopted event/festival ordinance.

SECTION 6.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 16-50 WHICH ADOPTED THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS; BY AMENDING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN (FLUP), CONTAINED WITHIN THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR CERTAIN AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE MAP OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-10

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

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property and area; described as a 0.52 acre tract of land described as Lot 1, Block 139 Thrash Addition, addressed as 505 S Morgan St, in the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas

From Residential 12,000 [R-12] to Light Commercial [LC]

SECTION 6.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-11

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

SECTION 1.

Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by granting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) on the property located on a 5.75-acre tract of land described more fully as:

Lot 1, Block 1 Van Griffiths Addition, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, addressed as 4301 US Hwy 377, located within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located within the Heavy Commercial [HC] zoned district with the following conditions:

- All operations and site improvements shall conform with the site plan (Exhibit A).
- This SUP is subject to all other City Code requirements, permits, periodic inspections; and an inspection fee as established in the City's Master fee schedule.
- Any violation of the terms and conditions stipulated in the SUP may be deemed in violation of the zoning ordinance and the SUP may become null and void and/or the Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked.

SECTION 6.

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

These ordinances as adopted by the Granbury City Council on February 6, 2024, are on file in the Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St. and can be seen in its entirety during normal business hours.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0013022001

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From Apple to Zillow: How Super Bowl commercials became a cultural phenomenon

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Special to the Hood County News

In Hood County, as in many other places across the nation and, indeed, around the world, the Super Bowl is not just a game; it's a cultural event. This Sunday, as the Kansas City Chiefs face off against the San Francisco 49ers, millions will tune in not only for the football but for an equally compelling spectacle: the commercials.

It's been said that the Super Bowl is the only time in a year that you tell people to be quiet because a commercial is on. Indeed, the allure of Super Bowl commercials is almost as great as the game itself, a phenomenon that has evolved into a cultural staple.

The modern practice of airing unique commercials during the Super Bowl began in the 1970s. However, it was Apple's 1984 commercial introducing the Macintosh computer that revolutionized Super Bowl advertising,

turning it into the high-stakes, creative showcase we know today. This groundbreaking ad, directed by Ridley Scott, set the stage for a new era where Super Bowl commercials became cinematic events.

The cost of these advertising slots reflects their immense popularity and impact. A typical 30-second Super Bowl commercial can cost millions, a price that has steadily climbed over the years. This hefty price tag is a testament to the Super Bowl's unparalleled reach and the significant impact these ads can have on a brand's visibility and consumer engagement.

Over the years, several Super Bowl commercials have left an indelible mark on our collective memory. For instance, the 2010 Snickers ad featuring a sassy Betty White humorously portrayed the candy bar as a solution to hunger-induced crankiness. FedEx's 2005 commercial, a clever spoof of the movie "Castaway,"

showed a marooned delivery man finally delivering a package that ironically contained survival tools such as a satellite phone, GPS locator, fishing rod, etc. Volkswagen's 2011 ad featured a young Star Wars fan trying to use the force, charming millions with its innocence and creativity.

Wendy's iconic 1984 "Where's the beef?" commercial questioned the meat content in competitors' burgers, becoming a catchphrase in the English lexicon that transcended advertising. Toyota's 2022 commercial played on the "Jones" surname, featuring celebrities like Tommy Lee Jones and Rashida Jones, showcasing the brand's blend of humor and star power. Coca-Cola's 2015 ad tackled internet bullying, showing a spill of the soft drink on data center servers, leading to a global spread of positivity.

I asked several Hood County residents about their favorite Super Bowl commercials over the years.

Local artist and veterinarian Dr. Scott Myers took no time recalling his favorite Super Bowl commercial. "I'm old school," said Myers, "I love the old Coke commercial with 'Mean' Joe Greene where he tosses his jersey to the kid after he hands him his Coke."

Local business owner Scott Young has always been fond of any of the Budweiser commercials with the Clydesdale horses. "I always like anything Clydesdale, but my favorite from the last few years is the one with the Clydesdales and the puppy," said Young. "They're just too darn cute!"

Likewise, Visit Granbury Director Tammy Dooley is a huge fan of the Budweiser Clydesdale commercials. Noted Dooley, "Budweiser knows how to touch us all. I've cried over my beer, literally. The Budweiser Clydesdales have starred in so many Super Bowl classics, including a very somber 9/11 tribute. These ads may be simple, but they are also

the best and most effective. I am not even a beer fan, but these commercials make me want a cold one. Budweiser, of course!"

Local educators Jincy and Jeremy Ross have fond memories of the E-Trade commercials with the baby talking like an adult. "The one where the baby is standing in his crib saying, 'riding the dog like it's a small horse is apparently frowned upon in this establishment!' is my absolute favorite," reflected Jincy. "Jeremy and I still say, 'frowned upon in this establishment' all the time!"

And local Zillow Realtor Devan Duree has an extra fondness for his favorite Super Bowl commercial. "My favorite is the commercial from Zillow from a few years back entitled 'Susans.' Something I love about this commercial is that while at its heart, it is a commercial, it also perfectly encapsulates what it's like to be an everyday person trying to navigate the daunting world of real estate. It's nice working for a

company that also made one of my favorite Super Bowl ads I've ever seen!"

Whatever your favorites, it's clear that these commercials are not just advertisements; they are cultural touchstones. They reflect and shape our society, using humor, pathos and creativity to create moments that are discussed and remembered long after the game is over. They are a testament to the power of great storytelling and the unique place Super Bowl commercials hold in American culture.

As we gear up for this Sunday's game, let's remember that the Super Bowl is more than just a championship battle. It's a celebration of creativity and a reflection of our culture, where the commercials are as eagerly anticipated as the action on the field. So, grab your snacks, settle in, and enjoy the spectacle — both the touchdowns and the commercials.

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added that when selecting a county commissioner, voters should select someone who doesn't vote to raise property taxes and someone with a clearly defined public policy. Criswell further shared that when he was county chair, he partnered with a local property tax expert to put on a property appraisal protest seminar to allow residents to learn how to take on the appraisal district.

When asked what the most important role is when serv-

ing as a county commissioner, Wilson and Criswell both shared they believe it is setting the budget and tax rate. When asked about large-scale developments, Wilson noted it is important to maintain control over what is being developed and that water is the main issue with these developments. Criswell said Hood County has been overdeveloped for years and is lacking infrastructure in many different areas, but he hopes to improve that if elected with planning and proactive solutions.

Wilson closed his remarks

by noting he looks forward to serving as commissioner, and Criswell shared that with his background and experience, he can better serve the community by working full time, using the Holy Bible, the United States Constitution, the Texas Constitution and the Republican Party of Texas Platform to guide his decisions. He added that Wilson voted against declaring an invasion at the southern border.

HOOD COUNTY SHERIFF
Incumbent Hood County

Sheriff Roger Deeds, Johnny Rose and Scott London are running to serve as Hood County's Sheriff.

Deeds has served as sheriff for four terms and loves to help people. Prior to this role he served as a firefighter. During his time serving as sheriff, Deeds noted he has continually focused on moving forward. He created a mental health unit after a rise in calls involving mental health crises and has worked to keep drugs out of Hood County. Some of his most notable achievements include putting mobile data

terminals into each vehicle at the sheriff's office as well as adding body cameras and continually improving the technology within the office.

Rose has been a Texas Peace Officer for 33 years and is looking to bring God back into government. He believes it is time for a change in the sheriff's office.

London formerly served as the Eddy County Sheriff in New Mexico and has 23 years of diverse police experience. He noted he is fiscally conservative and also is big on keeping the United States Constitution a forefront in

his practices.

When asked what the most important role is when serving as sheriff, Deeds shared that being able to protect and serve the citizens is the most important duty alongside following the Constitution. He also added that having someone in that role with experience, integrity and intelligence is needed.

Rose said he believes a sheriff shouldn't threaten his employees nor have deputies that fail polygraph tests, accusing Deeds of both. He also accused Deeds

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of having a deputy take a tissue with blood from a crime scene. He then shared seven policies he would enforce as sheriff including having deputies that don't violate citizens civil rights, taking a faith-based approach to mental health problems, implementing a training program for inmates to teach them a trade, having veterans protect schools, allowing for citizens to have access to more open records, instilling more Constitutional training, instilling a report card system for elected officials and term limits.

London said the main reason he is running is because he hopes to improve the services given to the community. He then shared a personal story about trying to report a crime to a deputy and being told by the deputy, they wouldn't take the report. He added it would be nice to have a sheriff that would stand up against the federal government and said he is running to bring in strong leadership. He also wants to train all sheriff's deputies about their oath to the Constitution.

The candidates were then asked what their response would be if President Joe Biden were to issue a confiscation order on any type of assault rifles.

Deeds, Rose and London each responded they would not take away anyone's guns or second amendment rights. Deeds shared he previously passed the second amendment sanctuary, thus he would never take away anyone's rights. Rose said that as the chief law enforcement officer, it is one's obligation to go by their oath to protect, preserve and defend the Constitution and he would do just that. London added he would take this a step further and would train the deputies in knowing what their rights look like and what it takes to protect those rights.

The candidates were asked about Gov. Greg Abbott's response to border security

and the issue of states' rights versus federal policy.

Deeds shared he is glad that Abbott has stepped up where the federal government has failed to do its job. He added that years ago there were only two "illegal aliens" in the jail and that now that number is up to around 15 to 20 people in the jail. Rose and London also agreed with Abbott's choice to defend our borders, both noting though they wish he had acted sooner.

Then the candidates were asked a yes or no question - whether they believe the event at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th (2021) was an insurrection against the United States. Deeds did not give a yes or no answer. He shared that he was worried about Texas and Hood County and hoped the event doesn't cause a trickle-down effect.

Rose said the event was "absolutely not an insurrection" and was set up by the Democrats, calling it a "travesty."

London also did not give a yes or no answer but instead pleaded ignorance, noting he doesn't follow national news very much and has heard arguments from both sides. He said citizens have a right to address the government and added that if police officers were holding open the doors, it would be hard for him to call the event an insurrection.

In closing remarks, Deeds reminded everyone of his long service as Hood County Sheriff and said he is willing and wants to keep doing his job. He added that he will continue working hard to keep the county safe. Rose finished by saying he knows the problems in the current sheriff's office and has solutions for them. London shared that he wants to look into cold case homicides and work toward closing more cases. He added he wants the community to be proud and confident of its sheriff.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1

Roger Howell currently

serves as Hood County's Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 but was not present for the debate. Howell faces challengers Dean Armstrong, Sissy Freeman and Clint Head; Head was not in attendance.

Armstrong has worked in the county clerk's office for 27 years and has been a chief deputy for 13 years. He has also served in the criminal, civil, juvenile, mental and probate courts. He has trained in the county government, attorney's office, district attorney's office, district clerk's office, justice of the peace, and county court offices. He served 18 years on the Hood County Bail Bond Board, 16 of those years as vice chairman. Armstrong is also a Navy veteran and conservative.

Freeman has lived in Hood County for around 40 years and shared that she is a mother as well as a widow. She lost her daughter in 2005 before losing her husband in 2012. She told this not to have voters feel pity for her, but to learn where her strength comes from. She has worked in the justice of the peace office for the past five years and has worked alongside Howell.

When asked what voters should look for in their JP, Armstrong noted that being fair and impartial is the most important part. He added you can't take sides and need to listen to the arguments made and evidence presented. He also added that the JP needs to be someone who understands the law and can research well. Freeman shared it is most important to be fair and equal to everyone by listening to each side of the case. She added it is important to be fair and treat everyone in the courtroom with respect and dignity as well as upholding the law.

The candidates were asked if elected, what type of training and continuing education they would plan to acquire to better prepare for handling disputes subject to the jurisdiction of the justice of the peace courts.

Both candidates noted that when elected, attendance at

what is called "baby judge school" is required, where there are numerous training classes. Armstrong shared that if elected, he will work to keep up with the Texas Legislature every year as well as take online courses to continue to gain insightful information. Freeman said she will continue to attend classes she can as well as take online courses to further her knowledge.

The two were then asked under what circumstances they would be compelled to recuse themselves from a case. Armstrong and Freeman both agreed they would recuse themselves from any case involving someone they have a personal relationship with. Freeman further added it is important to ask people you have a relationship with if they would be okay with them being on their case, and some may be fine with that.

In closing remarks, Armstrong shared he has been in this business a long time and has complete control of a courtroom when he is in it. He added that he took the county clerk's office into a paperless environment for efficiency and added he would like to do that for tickets. Freeman closed out by noting she has the most experience in the county clerk's office and would be honored to serve.

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 2

John Shirley currently serves as constable for precinct 2 and his opponent Steve Smith was not in attendance. Shirley has served as constable since 2018 and has been a peace officer since 1994. He proudly runs as a conservative Christian Republican and has 20 years of experience with the Houston Police Department, where he served as sergeant and then as a full-time investigator with homicide and then financial crimes. He obtained certification as a fraud examiner before retiring and becoming a fraud investigator in the insurance industry. He added that during the COVID-19 pandemic he worked to stand up for

small businesses by allowing them due process.

When asked what the most important role is as constable, Shirley shared it is all about being a public servant. He stands by the belief that God put him in that role and his goal is to touch people in the way that Christ expects him to.

When asked what Shirley is most proud of when looking at his accomplishments, he noted he was able to get his own office rather than sharing with the other precinct and is even opening a second office. He is proud of his vocal presence on social media and the information he provides regarding human trafficking and illegal dumping.

Shirley was asked about Abbott's response to border security and the issue of states' rights versus federal policy. Shirley shared he would like to see Abbott come up with a comprehensive plan to combat the federal government's failure to step up. He also wants to see constables across Texas play a bigger role in the border issue and be given more opportunity to take a look at it.

When asked what the most pressing concern is in Shirley's precinct, he quickly responded, citing the bitcoin plant. He shared that he got a certified sound meter and has begun studying the noise and is continuing to investigate the issue.

Shirley was then asked a yes or no question - was Jan. 6 an insurrection against our country - to which Shirley said no. He said 99.995% of the people there were red-blooded Americans celebrating their first amendment rights but added that those who damaged the building offended him and deserve prison time.

He closed by sharing his love for the job and his passion to serve. He added that he serves not only the people in his precinct but people all over the county.

CONSTABLE PRECINCT 3

Randy Ellis currently serves as the constable for precinct 3 but was not in attendance at the debate. Greg

Neal is his opposition. Neal is from Garland and served on the Dallas Police Department for 29-and-a-half years; he has been in law enforcement for 36 years.

When asked what the most important role is as constable, Neal shared that being a service-oriented person is most important. He said the role is for someone wanting to make more of a difference within the community. He hopes to continue to be proactive and do good for the community rather than just the basics of what are required of his job.

Neal then was asked about Abbott's response to border security and the issue of states' rights versus federal policy. Neal said the state has the right to secure the border and what is happening currently is a mess. He added that he supports Abbott's efforts but noted they are a bit late.

When asked what the most pressing concern is in Neal's precinct, he said people have raised concerns to him regarding not being able to get in touch with Ellis.

Neal was then asked a yes or no question - was Jan. 6 an insurrection against our country - to which Neal said he doesn't believe so. He added that mainstream media didn't show the whole story.

He closed by saying he is passionate about the work he does and has the background and training to show for it, adding it is about being proactive in the community and listening to concerns.

VOTING

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Betty Menefee

January 20, 1930 - February 3, 2024

Betty Menefee passed away at the age of 94 on Feb. 3, 2024. Betty was born on Jan. 20, 1930, to Melvin and Blanche (Trimier) McLarty near Hico (Hamilton County), Texas. She lived her childhood years in the Hico area and attended school there until moving with her family to Stephenville, Texas, in 1946. Following her graduation from Stephenville High School in 1947, Betty attended John Tarleton Agriculture College where she studied business administration.

On June 16, 1950, Betty married the love of her life, Gene Menefee, at the First Methodist Church in Stephenville, Texas in a unique triple wedding ceremony which included her sisters Jean Gaines and Dean Collins-Sullivan. Afterwards, Betty and Gene lived in Stephenville, Lubbock and Eastland for short stints before finally settling in Lubbock in 1954. They remained in Lubbock for the next 45 years. Betty was employed by the First National Bank of Lubbock for 30 years before her retirement in 1995. She was an active loyal member of Second Baptist Church in Lubbock for 34 years. Betty made many friends in her banking and church families and often spoke fondly of these relationships up until her passing.

Soon after Gene's retirement Betty and Gene moved to Pecan Plantation near Granbury, Texas, in 1999 to be closer to their children, grandchildren and siblings. They joined Lakeside Baptist Church in Granbury, where they remained active loyal members of the church community up until Gene's passing in May 2012. Betty and Gene had a very happy and blessed marriage for almost 62 years. Betty very much enjoyed family gatherings, frequent travel and cruises with her siblings and their spouses, and also had a great fondness for shopping, home decorating, and for working crossword and jigsaw puzzles. Betty's demonstrated love of family throughout



her life is by far the greatest legacy she has left, for which we are all very grateful.

Betty is survived by her son Mark Menefee and wife Patti of Callender Lake, Texas; sisters Jean Gaines and Joy Taylor both of Stephenville; brother Sammy McLarty of Waco; son-in-law Sam Oatman of Llano; grandchildren Jeanette Whitus of Burnet, Theron Oatman (Lauren) of Llano, Ryan Menefee of Austin and Kelley Menefee of Fort Worth; six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband Gene Menefee, daughter Diane Menefee Oatman, brother Bobby McLarty, sister Dean Collins Sullivan, sisters-in-law Lorena Sparkman and Karan McLarty, and brothers-in-law George B. Sparkman, A.J. Gaines, T.B. (Tom) Collins, Sam Taylor, and Darrell Sullivan, niece Connie Collins Harvey, nephews Tommy Collins, Michael Collins and George L. Sparkman, great grandchild Carsyn Oatman, and great-nephew Austin Taylor.

Betty's funeral was held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. at the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel, 120 West South Loop, with Alan Nix, officiating. Burial followed at West End Cemetery, Stephenville, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the care of Stephenville Funeral Home.

Donald Joe Eichler

March 1, 1934 - February 2, 2024

Donald Joe Eichler passed from this life to eternal rest on Feb. 2, 2024 in Granbury, Texas at the age of 89.

Graveside services for Don were held Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024 at 2 p.m. at Woodland Park Cemetery in Mineral Wells, Texas officiated by Rev. Dawne Phillips.

Don was born in Archer City, Texas on March 1, 1934 to Joseph Eichler and Virginia Thomas Eichler. He attended Cullen Grimes and Mineral Wells High School. His first real job was working for Green Stoker at his car dealership. After high school he worked at Mineral Wells Motor Parts for Bernie Divers. He then bought J & J Auto Supply on North Oak. They outgrew that location and moved to the location on Hubbard. While there he decided to go to night school in Fort Worth to get his real estate license and then his broker's license.

Don had a successful real estate career under many company names from 1973 to 2017. He once owned the Century 21 office on the bottom floor of the Baker Hotel. He received the Realtor Emeritus Award in 2017 for being in the real estate business for 40 years.

He was a member of the Mineral Wells Jaycees, Mineral Wells Board Of Realtors, Greater Fort Worth Board of Realtors and the Granbury Board of Realtors.

Don opened Trophy Tackle in the 1970's with his best friend Bob Murphy. He developed and built houses in the Brazos Wood Subdivision and he co-owned the local Texaco Wholesale Distributorship from 1981 to 1987.

Don was an avid hunter and fisherman. There wasn't a lake he did not want to try but his favorite watering hole was Possum Kingdom Lake. He had



many deer head and stuffed bass trophies in his home. His deer lease back in the day is now the present day Cliffs Resort at PK Lake. He loved to go boating, waterskiing, and anything else you could do on the water.

He was a former president of the Brazos River Gun Club and helped form the Mineral Wells Restoration Group. He coached his son, Jerry, for many years in little league and helped with the youth group and taught Sunday school at First Baptist in Mineral Wells.

Don was a colorful character and loved to tell a good story. He was a very knowledgeable Palo Pinto County historian. He loved the Remember When Facebook group and had a lot to add from his years of interest. One of his proudest achievements was purchasing and building a home at Inspiration Point south of Mineral Wells.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Patricia Mahan of Springtown, brother Jerry Richard Eichler of Sherman and his beloved daughter Donna Jo Eichler Daughtrey and grandson Anthony Daughtrey.

Don is survived by his son Jerry Don (Brigitte) Eichler of Granbury, daughter Debra Eichler of Benbrook. Two grandsons, Russell Eichler (Lizanne) and Coby Eichler (Kayla) and one great-granddaughter Jules Eichler of Granbury.

Matt Dudley Caldwell

November 4, 1960 - January 19, 2024

Matt Dudley Caldwell was born on Nov. 4, 1960 in Sweetwater, Texas. He went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Jan. 19, 2024.

Survivors include his parents, Bob and Juanell Caldwell, his brother Cecil and wife Carole, Jerry and wife Carol.

Matt was blessed with two children and six grandchildren: Lauren Ashley and husband Frank Cardenas. Grandchildren: Malachi, Ezekiel, Benjamin and Bethany Christopher (CJ) and wife Nicole Caldwell. Grandchildren: Gen-dolyn Marie and Philip James.

Growing up, Matt really enjoyed fishing with his dad and developed a love for cooking and cars. He was a gifted writer and poet who also had a passion for music. He enjoyed sports of all kinds and both driving and working on cars.

Matt graduated from Klein High School, Houston, Texas May 23, 1978. In a nationwide high school mechanical aptitude test, he earned second place. Following graduation, he completed training at Lincoln Technical Institute in Dallas.

Later in life, Matt said that he regretted not continuing his education and earning an engineering degree to complement his mechanical skills.

But, life goes on. Matt began his career with Conoco working in offshore operations; later managed an automotive lube facility in north Houston, and then worked many years as a service writer for a large Chevrolet dealer in Houston.

Matt was a loving father and enjoyed sharing his passions with his children.



He loved bringing his children camping and to car shows, wrestling matches and to the beach. He shared his love of cooking, particularly Cajun style cooking, with his children who both went on to have a passion for cooking.

Lauren specifically has fond memories of camping with her dad. She now loves nature and shares her love of camping with her children, always with fond memories of her dad tucked away.

CJ specifically has fond memories of the cars his dad built; he remembers a 1981 Malibu being dropped off from the junk yard and his dad turning it into a monster of a car under his capable hands.

In recent years, Matt had a host of medical issues, including severe back issues as well as heart disease.

Matt dearly loved his family and never refrained from sharing affection or words of love with them. He had a loving heart and disposition and was always looking for better and brighter days which he is now enjoying.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, Jan. 26, 2024 at 11 a.m., Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive, Granbury, TX 76048

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ACROSS

1 Fort Worth theater: _____ Manana

5 TXism: "got knocked down _____ or two"

6 XIT Ranch covered _____ counties

7 Anthony: "Leap _____ Capital of the World"

8 month of Texas Poetry Day (abbr.)

9 Halloween "treat" opposite (2 wds.)

15 TXism: "never sign anything by the glow of a _____ light"

17 TXism: "could talk _____ of a ditch"

21 Texas "Pretty Paper" singer, Orbison (init.)

22 TX George Jones' "The Race _____"

23 George H.W. illness on 1992 Tokyo trip

24 TXism: "_____ wet hen" (angry)

30 old series: "Texas John _____"

34 Davy's state (abbr.)

35 TXism: "restless as _____ church"

36 Alpine, TX is named for these mountains

37 TX comedian/actor, Foxx

39 Texas boomtown hotel: "a cross between _____ a flophouse"

43 TXism: "scared the dickens out _____"

44 "The Lone _____"

45 ex-Mav. Alex (init.)

46 greenish-blue color

48 TXism: "a legend in his own mind" (big _____)

49 TXism: "How _____ doing?"

51 state park located in Gonzales County

54 precedes Soto or Leon

55 TX Jim Reeves tune: "_____ I Losing You?"

56 yankee description of Texans?

57 TXism: "wobbles like a _____ calf"

60 "rise and _____"

61 TXism: "in a coon's _____"

62 high tech city: _____ Colinas

63 road curve

DOWN

1 Palo Duro

2 TXism: "just down the road _____"

3 Cruz & Cornyn

4 Texas sun sometimes?

9 Ozona High class

10 Cannonsnap Creek was misnamed for this in 1837 (2 wds.)

11 prickly heat

12 TXism: "_____ sheared like a spring lamb" (swindled)

13 Texas bluebonnet: "El _____"

14 ex-Cowboy LB Norton (init.)

16 Texas pitching legend (2 wds.)

18 TXism: "pick _____ the litter"

19 TX Cindy Garner book: "The _____ Jokebook About Men"

20 TX Tommy who won ten Tony Awards

24 "_____ Ferguson: first female governor

25 also known as (abbr.)

26 TXism: "shin _____ bear" (in trouble) (big event)

27 loved

28 Texas forage crop

29 TXism: "he's all show _____ go"

40 Texas singer, Gilley (init)

41 that is (abbr.)

42 female church leader

47 Yo _____ Digo Creek

50 Texas or Iowa town

52 Texas traditional knowledge

53 TX Jules Bledsoe's "Old _____ River"

58 SeaWorld San Antonio has this in its "Orca Encounter"

59 TXism: "got a heart as _____ Texas" (kind)

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Each United States president has made his own unique contribution to American history, and most Americans can recall isolated facts relating to specific presidents. But the majority of people, when asked to quickly name one U.S. President, will remember Abraham Lincoln. As President's Day approaches, Feb. 15, let us take a few moments and perhaps learn some lesser-known information about our 16th president.

Adults and children alike have the mental picture of Lincoln as the great lawyer, statesman and orator delivering the famous Gettysburg Address. But if speakers are born and not made, Abraham Lincoln was not destined to be a speaker. He did not have many of the natural graces of an orator. After hearing Lincoln speak, one reporter observed, "He never knows where to put his hands and feet. They are always in his way."

Observers said Lincoln's anatomy was composed mostly of bones and, when walking, his gangly gait resembled "the offspring of a happy marriage between a derrick and a windmill." Henry Clay and Daniel Webster, with their silver-toned voices, were considered the outstanding speakers of the day. Lincoln, on the other hand, had a high-pitched voice with a nasal quality.

Everyone is familiar with the mental picture of young Abe stretched out before the fire in his hand-hewn log cabin, reading his beloved books. Since pencil and paper were scarce then, Lincoln began his writing career by using charcoal on the back of a shovel.

Even as a youngster, Abe displayed his enjoyment of public speaking. Townspeople would gather as he delighted them with his imitations of traveling preachers and politicians who had recently visited the area.

According to his own testimony, Lincoln attended school "by littles." When once asked by reporters to estimate his total schooling, he replied that it was less than one year. The formal education he received was in "blab schools" where all writing and reading were done aloud, and he continued the habit of reading aloud until his death.

During his days as a lawyer, Lincoln impressed his colleagues with his ability to question witnesses. An associate once stated, "It is a rare gift with him. It is a power to compel a witness to disclose the whole

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BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB DONATION TO TOLAR VFD



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The Brazos River Corvette Club recently presented a \$12,750 check to Matt Hutsell and Craig Davis with the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department. The money was raised this past Oct. 14 at the BRCC yearly car show held at the Granbury town square. We donate the money raised at the yearly car show and appreciate everyone who supports this event.

GMS

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ter of resignation Dec. 7, 2023, according to Ryan Cox, Granbury ISD director of communications.

After numerous bullying incidents have been reported at the campus, some community members, including some parents and staff of the district, feel the district and frustrated parents pressured Smith to resign. These community members have spent numerous days protesting outside the GMS campus as well as the administration building with signs in support

of Smith.

"We feel like knowing Dr. Smith and knowing what goes on at the school since we're moms and teachers, we know what happens in those doors every day and it makes no sense that he would offer (his) resignation," a community member who wished to remain anonymous said. "Dr. Smith talks about bettering the school and future improvements. You're not going to plan for the future of a place that you are resigning from. We feel like there's more to it than this and nobody wants him to go. We want to know why and how we can stop this. GMS needs

him."

Another community member who also wished to remain anonymous said there is bullying happening in the school and they do not want to discount those incidents.

"Because of Dr. Smith, we love GMS. Everyone loves him, and there are things that happen unfortunately in schools and it's not just GMS. There are kids getting bullied across the country, and so we don't think it's fair for Dr. Smith to take a fall."

The protestors are hoping they will be seen by the GISD administration and want to show their love and support for Smith. The supporters

also created a Facebook page under the name "Keep Dr. Smith at GMS" that has over 230 members.

Smith's resignation letter was accepted during the previous GISD school board meeting Jan. 29. According to Cox, after the district hires a new principal, the school will release a statement regarding Smith's tenure and will thank him for his service.

The HCN asked Cox if Smith was available for an interview Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, but Cox shared that Smith was "not available for interviews at this time and is focusing on finishing out the school year."

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Expert quotes on the 2024 housing market forecast



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If you're thinking about buying or selling a home soon, you probably want to know what you can expect from the housing market in 2024. In 2023, higher mortgage rates, confusion over home price headlines, and a lack of homes for sale created some challenges for buyers and sellers looking to make a move. But what's on the horizon for the new year?

The good news is many experts are optimistic we've turned a corner and are headed in a positive direction. Recently, mortgage rates have started to come back down. This has offered hope to buyers dealing with affordability challenges. Mark Fleming, chief economist at First American, explains how they may continue to drop: "Mortgage rates have already retreated from recent peaks near 8% and may fall further..."

Jessica Lautz, deputy chief economist at the National Association of Realtors® (NAR), says: "For homebuyers who are taking on a mortgage to purchase a home and have been wary of the autumn rise in mortgage rates, the market is turning more favorable, and there should be optimism entering 2024 for a better market."

As rates ease, activity in the housing market should pick up because more buyers and sellers who had been holding off will jump back into action. If more sellers list, the supply of homes for sale will grow — a trend we've already started to see this year. Lisa Sturtevant, chief economist at Bright MLS, says: "Supply will loosen up in 2024. Even homeowners who have been characterized as being 'locked in' to low rates will increasingly find that changing family and financial circumstances will lead to more moves and more new listings over the course of the year, particularly as rates move closer to 6.5%."

To wrap it up, experts project 2024 will be a better year for the housing market. So, if you're thinking about making a move next year, know that early signs show we're turning a corner. As Mike Simonsen, president and founder of Altos Research, puts it: "We're going into 2024 with slight home-price gains, somewhat easing inventory constraints, slightly increasing transaction volume... All in all, things are looking up for the U.S. housing market in 2024."

Experts are optimistic about what 2024 holds for the housing market. If you're looking to buy or sell a home in the new year, give us a call at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at www.WeSellGranbury.com. We would love to hear from you.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

A joke from the 20th Century...



BY DON NEWBURY

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It's an old joke from the 1990s, pulled from the files each time the Super Bowl rolls around.

Late Congressman Charles Stenholm, a distinguished Christian statesman from Ericksdahl (near Stamford) popularized the yarn in Texas, claiming it originated in Washington, DC. It was during more civil times, when Republicans and Democrats not only talked to each other, but shared jokes across the aisle.

That the joke has whiskers is further linked to the "good old days" because it was shared at Super Bowls featuring the Dallas Cowboys. It was back when there was little argument but that the Cowboys were "America's team." Yes indeed, it was a LONG time ago.

Here's the joke: The youth minister of a church put up signs all over town inviting youth to attend a Super Bowl party. There'd be sandwiches and cookies for all.

Hours before the party, he grew antsy, fearing they'd run

out of food before they ran out of "takers."

As a precaution, he prepared a hasty sign for the sandwich table. It read: "Please take no more than two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you."

When he exited, a junior high kid slipped in, noticing the stark request on the sandwich table sign.

He decided to make a sign of his own for the cookie table.

It read: "Take all the cookies you want — God is watching the sandwiches."

During the recent Christmas/New Year's bowl season, James and Jeanie Williamson and their family gathered at their daughter's home in Houston. Mary and her hubby, Justin, have a spacious home, complete with all kinds of kitchen paraphernalia, the kind Justin, an accomplished cook, deems important. During the visit, Mary and her sister-in-law, Sarah, busied themselves with small talk.

Thinking it may have been

misplaced or somehow re-located by the Cornetts' five children, Mary asked, "Where is the sugar bowl?"

Pausing, Sarah answered, "I think it's in New Orleans." Justin, as well as Sarah's hubby, John Williamson, and the grandchildren made great sport about the exchange, deciding that the small talk had grown even smaller.

Their laughter perhaps lessened Sarah's shade of red, but powers that be at Texas Christian and Baylor Universities should be blushing about mystifying boo-boo's concerning their basketball playing floors.

Both are obvious to fans who have witnessed home games of both Baylor and TCU.

Let's take the two issues one at a time....

At TCU, the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is state-of-the-art after a recent multi-million-dollar facelift.

Overall, the re-do is magnificent. The floor pattern may be a work of art, but to the hordes of us who'd prefer to follow the game without risking sea sickness, it is lacking. Trying to follow the players and fast ball movement induces dizziness, the artwork appearing to be ocean waves shortly before storms brew. It may win a prize at the art

show, but it is hard on TV viewers.

Social media is buzzing with unhappiness with TV coverage at Baylor's new \$212 million Foster Pavilion, where the Bears now play basketball. Fans say no provisions were made for TV cameras' placement for horizontal shots. Cameras are decidedly directed downward, the effect somewhat lessened by "zooming in."

At a time in history when both Baylor and TCU are combatants in big-time sports with big-time budgets and the big-time glitz that goes with such emphases, changing floor designs and finding new areas dedicated to TV cameras should be "slam dunks."

Somehow, reference to colors brings to mind a tale attributed to my late Uncle John Harper, who was in law enforcement much of his life.

He often parked near a newly painted STOP sign.

The black letters shined boldly against a brilliant red background. There, he ticketed and lectured motorists failing to come to complete stops. One driver objected, maintaining that he had merely "oozed through" the intersection.

"S-T-O-P don't spell 'ooze,'" Uncle John countered, handing him a citation.

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truth." He never spoke merely to hear his own voice. A fellow lawyer once said "Lincoln never tells a joke for the joke's sake. They are like parables of old... lessons in wisdom." Yet this man of humble beginnings gained a reputation for his story-telling.

Some doctors have theorized that Lincoln suffered from Marfan Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that affects the body's connective tissue

and causes long limbs. Other doctors, however, believe Lincoln suffered from MEN 2B, a syndrome that closely resembles Marfan. It causes bumps or benign tumors on nerve growths, usually appearing on victims' lips, which many Lincoln photos reveal. This syndrome also causes cancer, and some doctors believe Lincoln was dying of the disease (having perhaps only six to 12 months to live) when he was shot in 1865.

Lincoln loved sharing his words of wisdom to anyone who was willing to listen.

Although it has been 160 years since his death, he shares some of his favorite words with us today:

- The loss of enemies does not compensate for the loss of friends.

- Take hold of an honest heart and a strong hand. Do not let any questionable man control or influence you.

- Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere.

- Be sure to put your feet in the right place, and then stand firm.

- Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be.

- Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

Upon Lincoln's death, one gentleman observed "Now he belongs to the ages."

This wise individual recognized that Abraham Lincoln, although he had physically lived during the 1800s, had transcended the time barrier with his memorable accomplishments, his intense love for his fellow man, and his deep appreciation for the human spirit.

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UIL realignment: Pirates, Indians to see new faces Rattlers moving up to 3A

BY RICK MAUCH
The Hood County News

The Granbury Pirates and Lady Pirates will once again be in Class 5A and will be paired with some new league opponents following the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment released Thursday, Feb. 1.

In football, the Pirates will be in District 3-5A Division I and will have a completely new list of district mates. They will be joined by two-time defending state champion Aledo and perennial power, Denton Ryan, along with 2023 fellow playoff qualifiers Richland and Denton, with Azle, Brewer, Keller Fossil Ridge and Birdville rounding out the league.

"Realignment is always an exciting time. There are many teams I am familiar with, coming from Northwest and being with them the last couple of years," new Pirates football coach Bobby Allison said.



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In football, the Pirates will be in District 3-5A Division I and will have a completely new list of district mates. They will be joined by two-time defending state champion Aledo

From Seussical to Success: Matt Beutner leads Granbury Theatre Academy to new heights

By: Micky Shearon

In the heart of Granbury, a small town known for its rich history and vibrant community, stands a beacon of artistic excellence and education — the Granbury Theatre Academy (GTA). At the helm of this flourishing institution is Matt Beutner, a man whose life story is as captivating as the performances his students bring to the stage.

Born and raised in Denton, Matt's early life was steeped in a rich tapestry of music and public service. His father, Michael Beutner, served as a highly-decorated police officer for 37 years, instilling a sense of dedication and community spirit in Matt. Meanwhile, his mother, Christine, filled their home with the melodies of flute, voice and piano lessons, nurturing Matt's love for music.

As Matt navigated through his formative years, his passions evolved. Still, three elements remained constant: his Christian faith, a love for singing, and a talent for writing. These interests would eventually guide him toward a career combining creativity and service.

During his high school years at Ryan High School in Denton, Matt's career aspirations oscillated between screenwriting and youth ministry — two paths that,

while seemingly divergent, reflected his desire to impact lives through storytelling and guidance.

After graduating high school in 2007, Matt attended North Central Texas College. "I didn't really know what I wanted to major in," said Beutner, "So I went to community college to take a little more time to pick a focus while paying less money for my basic classes."

During his time at NCTC, Matt discovered his future path and true calling — theater. "Before NCTC, I had been in a grand total of three theater productions in my entire life," recalled Beutner. "I was always a choir kid. But while at NCTC, I got cast as The Cat in the Hat in Seussical, and that was that. Quickly and somewhat later in life, theater became my thing."

With his newfound passion for theatre guiding him, Matt's journey then led him to Oklahoma City University, one of the top performing arts universities in the entire country, where he graduated with a BA in music in 2014. His time at OKCU was transformative, reigniting his passion for teaching and again altering his future path in ways he hadn't anticipated. "While at OKCU, I was selected as one of four camp counselors for our summer program for high school stu-

dents," noted Beutner. "Over those six weeks, I re-discovered my love of teaching. I didn't completely see it at the time, but it was what I would do with my life."

Matt's brief stint in New York City after graduation was a pivotal time, leading him to realize his heart belonged in Texas. "I visited New York and realized I would hate living there," chuckled Beutner, "It just wasn't for me."

He returned to his roots, teaching private voice lessons and acting in regional theaters in the DFW area until 2017, when a serendipitous audition for "A Few Good Men" brought him to Granbury Theatre Company. Smiling, Beutner recalled, "I honestly didn't even know where Granbury was, but 'A Few Good Men' was one of my favorite pieces of writing, and it was definitely a bucket list show for me."

What happened next was something that, to this day, some seven years later, stands as "the first of many providence-filled moments" that convinced Beutner he was right where he was supposed to be. "On the night of my audition, the first person I saw when I arrived at the Opera House was Domanick Anton Hubbard, someone I hadn't seen since doing shows together at NCTC almost ten years earlier,"

said Beutner. "Domanick had been working at GTC for a short while at this point. When he realized I was there to audition, he couldn't stop talking about what a great company GTC was and how much he loved it there."

Beutner was cast as Lt. Daniel Caffey in GTC's production of "A Few Good Men" and went on to be cast in several other GTC productions that year. He also started giving private voice lessons for the Granbury Theatre Academy. In April 2018, when the position became available, Beutner was hired as the full-time academy director.

Under Beutner's leadership, GTA has soared to new heights. The academy has expanded its repertoire from one musical a year to three musicals and a play. Each July, the theatre academy completely takes over the Granbury Opera House as they run summer theatre camps for three consecutive weeks. This past summer, nearly 150 kids ages 5-18 attended one of the camps. The academy also takes students to the prestigious Junior Theater Festivals in Atlanta, Georgia, and Sacramento, California, in January and February each year. Late last summer, GTA opened a new studio at 400 S. Morgan St.

"At GTA, I've found a



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Picture of Matt Beutner

happy mix of my passions. I am not a youth minister or a screenwriter like young me wanted. But I get to teach and mentor hundreds of students. I have written shows performed on the Opera House stage and at Brew Drinkery, and I get to act. I'm blessed enough to chase all my passions at one job," he reflects.

Beutner's philosophy transcends the traditional boundaries of performing arts education. One thing that stands out about his

style is that he is not a fan of trophy cases. While he pushes his students for excellence in all areas, he intentionally downplays the importance of winning awards and trophies. Whenever one of his academy groups wins a group trophy at one of the Junior Theatre Festivals, Beutner has the trophy cut up and put into small individual display cases that are given to each cast member. "I understand that, particularly for sports,

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Lake Pointe Resource Center and Academy celebrates relocation



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Lake Pointe Resource Center and Academy held a ribbon cutting on Feb. 1 to celebrate the relocation of the center.

BY EMILY NAVA
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Lake Pointe Resource Center and Academy welcomed community members to celebrate the official opening of its relocated center Feb. 1.

Lake Pointe Resource Center and Academy was founded in 2012 by Madalyn and Steve Cano. Lake Pointe specializes in guiding students on the Autism spectrum and related neurodevelopmental abilities through therapy and school. Lake Pointe serves its students through both its academy and resource center.

The academy allows students to be taught in a school-like setting with a more specialized approach to each student's learning ability by providing individualized instruction. Instruction began in a borrowed classroom at Lakeside Baptist Academy before the opening of a new building at 1921 Acton Highway in 2013. The school served just three students and grew to an average of 26 before closing in 2019.

"We strive to teach missing skills so our students learn first to trust and work hard integrating principles for academic remediation, and from disciplines such

as ABA, cognitive behavior therapy and social emotional development," Madalyn said. "We build relationships with our students and their families so we can all work together in unison for the child's benefit and growth."

The school focuses on explicit skills in executive function, social interactions, character building, and practical life skills through project-based lessons. LPA also provides a built-in occupational/speech therapy related program called NeuroNet. NeuroNet is a movement-based program that builds and strengthens

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Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

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Local Hood County athletes competed at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo on Feb. 3 for a chance to win scholarships. The event featured walk-up goat tying, chute dogging, saddle bronc riding, breakaway and team roping, bull riding, and barrel racing. Hood County was well represented with athletes from Granbury, Tolar and Lipan. These athletes included Grace Burdick, Cara Crider, Levi Johnson, Kylee Kenley and Takota Kenley, and Rylee and Joseph Rickabaugh.



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Pictured is Takota Kenley and Cara Crider from Tolar High School and Gordon High School.



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Pictured is Grace Burdick from Granbury High School.



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Pictured is Rylee Rickabaugh from Tolar High School.



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Pictured is Levi Johnson from Granbury High School.



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Pictured is Kylee Kenley from Tolar High School.

Granbury Trail Blazers

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A local horseriding club rode in the grand entry at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Granbury Trail Blazers has been selected as the Best Dressed Riding Club for the 2024 FWSSR.



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The Granbury Trail Blazers in the Arena at the FWSSR



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Andrea Thomas-Barresi and Pam Kniepe in the Dickies warm up arena.

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Lipan student captures win at Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo

From Staff Reports

Breck Boyce of Lipan captured Grand Champion and Division IV Champion with LJRJ MS Kadabra in the Junior Limousin Heifer Show at the 2024 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Jan. 21. The 2024 show is hosting junior exhibitors from across Texas competing for awards and more than \$34,350 in junior breeding heifer show premiums.

Hosting 4-H and FFA members from 243 of Texas' 254 counties, the FWSSR takes pride in providing agriculture and livestock production learning opportunities to students competing in livestock shows, judging contests and other competitions. Students have the opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills gained through raising livestock and preparing for other competitions while competing for premium awards, scholarships and the chance to sell their animals in the Junior Sale of Champions. Their experiences not only enlighten them on the importance of stewardship and helping feed the world, but also helps provide the resources to attend college and enter exciting career paths.



COURTESY FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO

Breck Boyce of Lipan captured Grand Champion and Division IV Champion with LJRJ MS Kadabra in the Junior Limousin Heifer Show at the 2024 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo (FWSSR) on Jan. 21.

"Generations of families have competed in the Fort Worth Stock Show, and it remains a cherished rite of

passage for many who plan to make agriculture a career or who want to be a part of a school's team program,"

said Stock Show President Brad Barnes. "Even after decades of being involved in this show, I remain in awe

of these young people and am more convinced than ever that the agriculture and food production is truly

the lifeblood of this great nation."

BEUTNER

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trophies are a tactile representation of achievement," said Beutner. "However, when it comes to art and the fact that reviewing art is inherently based on subjective opinion, I'm not a big fan of awards. I believe artistic awards should be celebrated but should not be the goal." His approach to teaching

is grounded in a belief that goes beyond artistic skill. "To a point, I don't really care if my students become better actors, dancers, singers, etc. I care that they become better people. I care that they gain that healthy mix of self-confidence, selflessness and empathy. I know, it sounds like a Hallmark card," Matt shares. It's crystal clear that his students and their parents alike have bought into Beutner's philosophy. "Matt

is a wonderful academy director and really cares about all his students," said Rachel Mastick, one of Beutner's very first students at GTA. "He cares that we are good performers, but it is more important to him that we are good people first." Academy parent Vallarie Nuttall added, "Matt is an exceptional director, teacher and mentor. Matt has helped my children improve their acting skills and stage presence. He has been

a wonderful role model as he genuinely encourages others, shows respect and is kind to everyone." But make no mistake, Beutner still sets high expectations for his students and his program, and his students are well prepared to pursue careers in the performing arts. "As a parent of a young performer pursuing musical theatre as a career, I look at Matt's influence on a whole different level," said acade-

my parent Elizabeth Baker. "I can't put into words how impactful it was for my daughter to have a place to grow and learn as a young performer under leadership that I trust. He has quite literally been a key figure in preparing her for her college and career paths, all the while remaining focused on the character, leadership and community aspects of theatre." Matt Beutner's journey is more than a story of personal

achievement; it's a narrative of how passion, when coupled with dedication and a willingness to inspire others, can create a lasting impact on a community. As the Granbury Theatre Academy continues to thrive under his guidance, Beutner's story serves as a beacon of inspiration, not just for aspiring performers but for anyone daring to dream big and make a difference.

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neural networks by integrating vision, hearing, talking and motor skills.

The academy is funded primarily through private tuition and fundraising is necessary to offer scholarship assistance and continued program expansion opportunities.

The resource center was started in 2021 with an office for meeting with parents at 5420 E. U.S. Highway 377. The resource center allows students to have therapy that meets their needs in whatever capacity that looks like. The center

uses different goals to help its students and focuses on social skills, language and communicating.

The school eventually acquired 3,000 additional square feet at the office space and opened a summer program before reopening the school in 2022. It was last year that the need for space became more pertinent.

"The Lord opened doors and we were able to relocate both programs into two separate buildings," Madalyn said. The buildings are located at 1260 and 1270 Weatherford Highway. "This is a great location for the children and families we serve. In addition, this was a

Godsend because it provided for true separation of the two companies/programs."

The school currently serves six students and hopes to grow that number and fill the building. Students currently range in age from 9 to 17.

"It's constructed to be a therapeutic school. It's not just another private school. It's very uniquely constructed to include all sorts of strategies to serve the students," Madalyn said. "It's specially designed to meet all those different areas of the brain that are responsible for growing and developing. We utilize the neuroscience of neuroplasticity."

The academy not only

takes commercial insurance but is also an ABA (applied behavior analysis) Medicaid provider. The closest ABA Medicaid provider is in southwest Fort Worth, so Lake Pointe receives calls from all over the area including Stephenville, Glen Rose, Hico, Hamilton and much more.

"They can't get their kids into therapy because the distance is too far, so they can bring them to Granbury. It's really pivotal and monumental that we're able to get our Medicaid status here," Madalyn said. "Many families cannot afford their copays or deductibles, so we fundraise to ensure all families can receive services regardless of

their ability to pay."

The plan of the center is to expand the therapy programs to provide non-ABA mental and behavioral health care uniquely to individuals and their families affected by neurodevelopmental challenges. It also plans to bring back parent support groups, respite services and game nights for teens and young adults on the spectrum who deal with social anxiety.

"Our passion is to serve every single one of our families that we work with, and there is a growing need," Jayden Conte, clinical director of the resource center said.

Lake Pointe is also available for community presentations, supportive educa-

tion and consultations.

"We could not do what we do without the support of our community. It takes a great deal of effort and funds to run our programs with excellence," Madalyn shared.

For more information about Lake Pointe visit its website at lakepointegrabury.org. To contact the center, call 682-333-1555 or reach out via email at boom@lakepointegrabury.org. For information about applied behavior analysis, contact Jayden Conte at 682-333-1555.

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North Central Texas Academy is undefeated this season with a 14-0 record.

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“Every realignment brings its own challenges, and this one is no different: A lot of great teams and a district you better come ready to play every week. We are excited about it and already off to a great start in the offseason.”

Along with Aledo, which has a dozen state championships in its history — in fact, the most in Texas history — Ryan has several state championships as well. Richland advanced to the third round of the playoffs last season with a 12-1 record.

The Pirates lose rival Cleburne from their league. Allison announced the

Pirates will scrimmage Saginaw before the start of the coming season. Their two predistrict contests will be against Waco High and Waco University.

In other sports, Granbury will again be in 5-5A, competing against returning foes Aledo, Azle, Saginaw and Brewer. Joining them will be Chisholm Trail and Fossil Ridge.

“The main thing for us is the travel will be much less for our programs in both districts we are involved in. Being in a nine-team district in football actually helps in having to find only two non-district games. The competition will be tough but, in this part of Texas it always is,” Athletic Director Dwight Butler said. “Our volleyball/

basketball district is more like a traditional six-team district, and the travel will be much less, but again, as in this part of Texas, is extremely competitive.

“I feel we have great coaches and extremely hard-working athletes that will compete at a high level.”

All the new alignments begin play in the fall of the 2024-25 season and are in place for two years. Other sports alignments will be announced at a later date.

TOLAR

The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers are moving back up to Class 3A. In football, the Rattlers will share 3-5A Division II with Brady, Clifton, Dublin, Early and Eastland.

The district will feature five playoff teams, headlined by the Rattlers, who are coming off a 14-2 season in which they finished as state runner-up in 2A Division I. Early reached the second round of the playoffs and one of its regular-season losses was 48-14 to Tolar. Also, Brady, Clifton and Eastland advanced to the playoffs.

The Rattlers, who were previously in Class 3A, reached the playoffs three times during four years in that classification (2016-19). They have consistently played higher-level teams in predistrict.

In basketball and volleyball, Tolar will be in the same league as Breckenridge, Comanche, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Millsap and Peaster. Comanche and Eastland are both girls basketball powers, and Peaster is a perennial state contender in volleyball.

LIPAN

The Indians and Lady Indians are still in Class 2A. In basketball, they will remain in District 11 with returning league mates DeLeon, Hico, Poolville and Santo, along with newcomers Grafard and Hamilton.

“We assumed we would gain Grafard. Hamilton was a little of a surprise,” Lady Indians basketball coach Amber Branson said. “We



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lost Tolar, who is always a tough opponent, but feel like we gained two very competitive ones in their place. It will be an adjustment, as always, but we welcome the change and challenges it brings.”

Both the Indians and Lady Indians are defending 2A state champions. Grafard, who is moving up from Class

A, is a two-time defending state champion among the boys and is No. 1 this season.

“Us and Grafard have a lot of history over the years, especially back from when we used to be 1A,” Indians coach Brent Gaylor said. “It should be fun battling it out with them twice a year now in district.”



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The Indians and Lady Indians are still in Class 2A. In basketball, they will remain in District 11.



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Lipan defends its Hood County title

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The Lipan Indians and the Tolar Rattlers battled it out one last time, in girls and boys basketball. The Lady Indians finished their season with a 49-32 victory over the Lady Rattlers. The Indians took the victory over the Rattlers.





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Crowded Lipan High School Gym Tuesday, Feb. 6

SPORTS Roundup

Softball teams set to start season

Girls basketball wraps up regular season with playoffs next

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Softball season is set to get underway in Hood County. The Granbury Lady Pirates will take the field for their first official game of 2024 Tuesday, Feb. 13 at home against Decatur at 6:30 p.m. The Tolar Lady Rattlers will begin their season that same day at home against Paradise and Lipan is set to host Gorman Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Tournament play will begin next weekend, with Granbury playing at the Forney Tournament, Tolar is in the Rio Vista Tournament and Lipan is in the Jacksboro Tournament.

GRANBURY SOFTBALL

Lady Pirates coach Katie Lefler is excited to begin the season with eight starters returning from last season's 10-15-2 team that was 4-8 in District 5-5A. Back are: Senior Abby Stone, first base.

Senior Allison Dafeo, pitcher/outfield (108 strikeouts in 78 innings pitched, second-team All-5-5A).

Senior Brenna Haynes, outfield (.321 batting average, honorable mention All-5-5A).

Junior Karmyn Williams, catcher (.385 average, first-team All-5-5A).

Sophomore Hannah Dafeo, pitcher/outfield (.381 average, 5-5A Freshman of the Year).

Sophomore Amanda Permian, second base/outfield.

Sophomore Carli Carlton, shortstop/second base (second-team All-5-5A).

Sophomore Meredith Jones, second base.

"I am very excited for this upcoming season. I have a great group of returners who have been leaders all off-season and a great group of new kids on varsity," Lefler said. "My girls are not only putting in work during the athletic period and after-school practices, but they are going to the cages and weight room before school on their own. "Many are seeing pitching/hitting coaches late at night. They really want to be successful this year and are putting in the amount of hours that you would see a college athlete put in. I believe this year will be an exciting one."

TOLAR SOFTBALL

With nine starters returning from a 19-3-1 team that was state-ranked most of the season and reached the second round of the playoffs, Lady Rattlers coach Christie Collie and her team are looking for more in 2024. Returning are:

Senior Reese Tryon, pitcher (.478 batting average, .821 slugging percentage, 112 innings pitched, 16-0 record, 0.75 ERA, .929 WHIP, 207 strikeouts, District 11-2A MVP).

Senior Ava LeCluyse, third base (.403 average, .472 slugging, 11-2A Defensive Player of the Year).

Junior Allyson Dobbs, catcher (.517 average, .845 slugging, 113.1 innings caught, 11-2A Catcher of the Year).

Junior Senne Imel, shortstop (.455 average, .803 slugging, 11-2A Utility Player of the Year).

Junior Kaira Krause, infield (.255 average, .277 slugging, All-11-2A honorable mention).

Sophomore Kanyn Deaver, outfield (.293 average, .328 slugging, second-team All-11-2A).

Sophomore Ava Massey, utility.

Sophomore Lane Gardner (.315 average, .315 slugging, All-11-2A honorable mention).

Sophomore Rylee Hambry, outfield (All-11-2A honorable mention).

"We have nine returning players who all together structure a solid foundation to build upon this season," Collie said. "Our motto this year is to outplay, outwork, outlast our opponents, picking up where we left off last season. "Our team goal is to make it past four rounds this season in the playoffs which will make history in the softball program. This is the time and the team to accomplish our goal!"

LIPAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Indians (29-3, 12-0 in 11-2A), the state's No. 1 team in Class 2A, completed an undefeated run through district with a 44-16 win at Hico Feb. 2 and their subsequent 47-32 home win over Tolar Feb. 6. Hanna Gaylor led the scoring against Hico with 13 points and followed with 21 points against Tolar.

Senior Taylor Branson surpassed the 1,000-point mark in her high school career, which was celebrated in her final home game. She and fellow seniors Harley Glover, Ashlyn Clark, Madison Cornelius and Olivia Benitez were honored in a ceremony.

The Lady Indians now move on to the playoffs and will begin their quest for a second straight state cham-

pionship. They will face either Valley Mills, Itasca or Trinity in bidistrict early next week. Those teams were settling a three-way tie for third place in 12-2A at press time, so details of the bidistrict contest were still being worked out as well.

GRANBURY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Pirates (20-9, 7-3 in District 5-5A) moved into second place in district with a key 56-44 win at home against Saginaw Feb. 2. However, that was followed with a 46-44 upset loss on a shot at the buzzer in Aledo Feb. 6.

Pirates coach David Breazeale called the win over Saginaw, which is third in district, "The most complete game in all details we've played. Long way to go, though."

Leading Granbury were: Vs. Saginaw — Kensington Colston 18 points, Jenaro Reyes 11 points, Daylon Webb 10 points.

Vs. Aledo — Isaiah Trejo 11 points, Webb eight points, Colston seven points.

Colston, too, surpassed the 1,000-point barrier in his high school career recently.

The Pirates were playing at district-leading Brewer at press time. Granbury has already clinched a playoff berth, but still has an outside chance of sharing the league championship should they defeat Brewer and the Bears lose their regular-season final against Wichita Falls Rider (3-7 in district).

The Pirates finish the regular season by hosting last-place Azle Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. After that, the playoffs await.

GRANBURY GIRLS BASKETBALL

With Ella Garner matching her career high of 34 points, the Lady Pirates (20-12, 8-4 in District 5-5A) made short work of visiting Saginaw, winning 50-25 in the final home game of the season Feb. 2. Brionna Johnson added eight points.

The Lady Pirates ended the regular season with a 52-35 loss at Aledo Feb. 6. Garner paced Granbury with 18 points and Kate Hamlin scored nine.

In subvarsity action the Granbury JV defeated Saginaw 47-23 and the freshmen won 54-12.

The Lady Pirates finished third in district and will open



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Taylor Branson surpassed the 1,000-point mark in her high school career, which was celebrated in her final home game.

the playoffs early next week against the runner-up from District 6-5A, either Everman or Fort Worth Wyatt. Details were still being worked out at press time.

LIPAN BOYS BASKETBALL

The Indians (26-4, 10-0 in 11-2A), No. 1 in the state in 2A, wrapped up the district championship with their 51-45 win over Tolar at home Feb. 6. That was preceded by a 53-33 win at Hico Feb. 2. Pacing the Lipan victories were:

Vs. Hico — Court Gaylor 14 points, Alberto Andreatta 12 points, Payton Cornelius 10 points, Tyson Tarpley eight points.

Vs. Tolar — Gaylor 32 points, including four 3-point baskets and a 10-of-11 performance at the free-throw line.

The Indians were hosting Ranger at press time and will finish the regular season at DeLeon Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. They will then begin defense of their state championship in the postseason.

TOLAR BOYS BASKETBALL

The Rattlers (14-16, 6-4 in 11-2A) had a rough week with a 30-28 loss at district runner-up Poolville Feb. 2, followed by the loss at league champion Lipan. Tolar was led by:

Vs. Poolville — Matthew Behrens 13 points, Merritt Imel eight points.

Vs. Lipan — Imel 14 points, Cayden Abrego 11 points, Isaac Blessing 10 points.

The Rattlers, ranked 23rd

in the state in Class 2A, are third in district and were playing at Santo at press time, with a victory securing third in the league. They will host Hico Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. to end the regular season, followed by the playoffs.

TOLAR GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Lady Rattlers (21-12, 10-2 in 11-2A) finished second in district after defeating visiting Poolville 76-9 Feb. 2 and falling at district champion Lipan. Tolar was led by:

Vs. Poolville — Trinity Rousseau 24 points, 10 steals; Senne Imel 19 points; Jaycee Jones 11 points.

Vs. Lipan — Imel 17 points, Rousseau nine points.

The Lady Rattlers, like Lipan, now await the outcome of the three-way tie in 12-2A to see who they will play in bidistrict early next week.

GRANBURY BOYS SOCCER

The Pirates (8-4, 1-2 in 5-5A) hit the road to Wichita Falls Rider Feb. 5 and fell 3-0.

The Pirates and Lady Pirates were hosting Northwest at press time and have back-to-back road games at Saginaw and Aledo Feb. 13 and 16. The girls start at 5:30 p.m. each game and the boys at 7:30 p.m.

GRANBURY GIRLS SOCCER

The Lady Pirates (5-6, 0-3 in 5-5A) continued their rough start in league play, falling 5-1 at Wichita Falls Rider Feb. 5.



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Senior Taylor Branson and fellow seniors Harley Glover, Ashlyn Clark, Madison Cornelius and Olivia Benitez were honored in a ceremony.



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Hood County 4H Food and Fashion Club baked "sweet treats" for community healthcare workers for its February meeting service project. Food and Fashion meets the first Sunday of every month at the Reunion Grounds from 4-6 p.m. and is open to students in grades 3-12.

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Williams 27-spot leads Texans to season sweep of Lumberjacks

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STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Men's Basketball notched its second season series sweep on the week with a dominating victory against Stephen F. Austin Saturday, Feb. 3, in Wisdom Gym.

With the win, the Texans (15-7 overall, 8-3 WAC) solidify sole possession of second place in the WAC after six weeks of play. The Lumberjacks (13-9, 6-5) fall into the middle of the pack in the league with a trio of teams that have five losses.

Lue Williams broke out in the second half exploding for 27, just a point shy of the Texans' WAC record he shares with Jakorie Smith. Williams also tied his career-high with five steals, a team-high.

Devon Barnes joined Williams scoring 20 for the third time this season. Barnes was a perfect eight-for-eight from the charity stripe. The duo of Williams and Barnes became the second Texan pair to both score at least 20 in the same game this season. Smith was the third Texan to score in double digits, posting 17 in addition to four steals and two assists. KiAndre Gaddy pulled down six boards and a game-high three blocks.

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run to regain the advantage. A triple by Devon Barnes on his first shot of the game followed by a Williams layup accounted for five consecutive Texan points.

After a Lumberjack bucket, Tarleton broke it open early exploding on an 13-0 run. Barnes sunk a corner three and drew the foul for the four-point play. Back-to-back buckets of a layup and a triple by Smith forced Kyle Keller to burn his first

timeout of the game just five minutes in. The Texan defense was too hot for them to handle, forcing eight turnovers in just 5:11 of play.

Tarleton led by as many as 14 in the first 20, taking a 22-8 lead with 10:38 remaining. The Jacks turned it around in the latter part of the second half, erupting on a 13-2 run in 3:22 of play to cut the gap to 24-21. A triple by Williams got Wisdom

Gym on its feet with the six-point lead.

SFA took its second lead of the game at the 4:52 mark with a layup in the paint. Trailing 32-27 with 2:13 remaining, TSU closed the half on a 6-0 run. Smith accounted for a pair of layups while Williams was aided by an Innocenti steal and found himself with a fast break layup to take the lead, 33-32.

The Texans started the

second half hot with a Williams triple followed by a Gaddy block on the other end. Williams brought the ball up himself after the block and pulled up for his sixth point in 47 seconds.

Tarleton controlled the second half with Williams leading the offensive charge, posting a game-high 14 in the second half alone. Williams connected on five of his six shots from the floor including a perfect

four-for-four from deep.

The Jacks never led in the second half, but showed they wouldn't go home easy in the final minutes. Trailing by 10 with a minute and a half to go, Kansas transfer Latrell Jossell drained a triple. The final 75 seconds resulted in the Texans shooting 10-for-10 at the line while the Jacks made a triple and a layup.

Gaddy put the exclamation mark on the end of the game with a wide open dunk, to seal the 75-64 Tarleton State victory.

The Texans improved their impressive streak to 30-0 when the squad shoots over 50% in the D1 era. The Purple and White shot 22-for-43 from the floor, 51.2%. Tarleton almost tied its WAC record for three pointers made in a single game but fell one short shooting 11-for-20, 55%. Tarleton won the turnover battle 20-16 but fell in the battle of the boards, 36-23.

Tarleton will hit the road for three consecutive games starting with a pair of games at Utah Valley and Seattle U. The western road trip will start in Orem, Utah as the Texans take on the Wolverines of Utah Valley Thursday night at 7 p.m. CT. The Texans will close the trip with the WAC's northernmost member, Seattle U, Saturday evening at 5 p.m.

Texans play Ladyjacks tough, run out of gas in Nacogdoches

Tarleton State University

NACOGDOCHES -- The Texans held strong against a tough Ladyjacks squad in Nacogdoches Saturday, Feb. 3, but ran out of gas in the second half to fall on the road 73-62.

Tarleton State (6-14, 3-8 WAC) led by seven after the first quarter and one at halftime, but Stephen F. Austin (15-7, 9-2 WAC) outscored the Texans 37-25 in the second half to win by 11. SFA swept the season series, both in similar fashion, with a neck-and-neck game through the first three quarters and using a fourth quarter push to win. This was SFA's eighth straight win at William R. Johnson Coliseum, now 9-2 at home, while the Texans dropped to 4-8 on the road.

Like the first meeting, Faith Acker paced the

Texans with 15 points on 5-of-8 shooting, adding five rebounds, but was plagued by six turnovers. Elise Turrubiates led the bench with 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting, seven rebounds and four assists.

SFA pulled away by outshooting Tarleton State 28-of-57 (.491) to 23-of-63 (.365). Both teams combined for just five three-pointers and each shot an identical 14-of-19 (.737) from the free throw line.

After an 11-11 start halfway through the opening quarter, the Texans used a 6-0 spurt to lead by seven, the same lead they held after one, 21-14. Tarleton was hot in the first quarter, shooting 8-of-14 (.571) in the opening frame to SFA's 6-of-19 (.316) clip.

The Ladyjacks returned the favor in the second

quarter, making 8-of-12 (.667) to Tarleton's 4-of-12 (.333). The Ladyjacks used an 8-1 run over the first 90 seconds to get within one, then took a 27-25 lead at the 5:54 mark, their first lead since it was 11-9. Neither team led by more than three the rest of the half, with the Texans heading into the locker room with a 37-36 lead.

SFA opened with the first five points in the third quarter, not allowing the Texans on the board until over four minutes in. Tarleton responded and tied it back at 43-43 just over halfway through the third. Again it was a close rest of the frame, this time the Ladyjacks leading 49-45 entering the fourth.

The Jacks led 51-49, then went on a 7-0 run, which bled into a 12-2 run to take



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a 12-point lead with over four minutes left. SFA maintained the lead the rest of the way and won by 11.

The Ladyjacks were led by

Kurstyn Harden's 22 points on 9-of-14 shooting, adding eight rebounds and two blocks. Destini Lombard tallied 16 points on 7-of-10

shooting, seven assists, six rebounds and two steals. Kyla Deck put up eight points (3-6 FG) and seven rebounds off the bench.

Tarleton State Child Development Program granted CFLE certification

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University's Child Development and Family Studies program has been approved as a Certification in Family Life Education program by the National Council on Family Relations, the country's oldest nonprofit, nonpartisan, multidisciplinary professional association focused solely on family research, practice and education.

"The National Council

on Family Relations has an esteemed 86-year history of supporting and promoting the discipline of family science across the nation by holding academic programs to rigorous standards to continually improve the field," said Dr. Kristina Higgins, division director and associate professor for Child Development and Family Studies.

"Program approval from NCFER will help Tarleton's Family Life Education program gain national recogni-

tion within the discipline of family science as well as allow our students to graduate with the opportunity to apply for their certification in Family Life Education."

Tarleton launched the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in child development and family studies in fall 2018. The BS program is designed for students who want to work with children and families outside the public school setting and offers three concentra-

tions: Family Life Education, Early Childhood Education and Child Life.

They will be added to the BAAS in fall 2024. One hundred sixty-nine undergraduates are enrolled in the program this spring, with 24 in the Family Life Education concentration.

The program is fully online. To learn more, visit <https://www.tarleton.edu/degrees-and-family-studies-bs/>. Founded in 1938, the NCFER includes members

from more than 35 countries and all 50 U.S. states who work in research, college teaching and pedagogy, program development, family life education, counseling and human services. Approximately 125 college and university family science degree programs in the U.S. and Canada use NCFER Family Life Education curriculum standards as guidelines for their undergraduate and graduate students.

A founding member of The Texas A&M System,

Tarleton State is breaking records — in enrollment, research, scholarship, athletics, philanthropy and engagement — while transforming the lives of nearly 17,000 students in Stephenville, Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and online. True to Tarleton's values of excellence, integrity and respect, academic programs emphasize real world learning and address regional, state and national needs.

CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Civil War Round Table meets Feb. 12

BY BILL DYESS



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

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 W. U.S. Highway 377 in Granbury. The program will be presented by Kraig McNutt of Franklin, Tennessee. McNutt holds degrees from Indiana University and The University of Kentucky,

and is the director of the Center for the Study of the American Civil War. His Civil War library houses over 10,000 volumes, and he has amassed an amazing collection of Civil War memorabilia. He will speak on the Battle of Franklin, with special attention to the actions of General Hiram Granbury, for whom the city of Granbury is

named. Dr. Leah Tarwater, a professor at Liberty University, presented a very interesting program at our Jan. 8 meeting. She spoke on the impact and influence of the Civil War on the residents of the border state of Kentucky, and the reasons many of the Kentucky men gave for choosing to fight for either the Union or the Confederacy. It was not unusual for members of the same family to find themselves on opposite sides of the war.

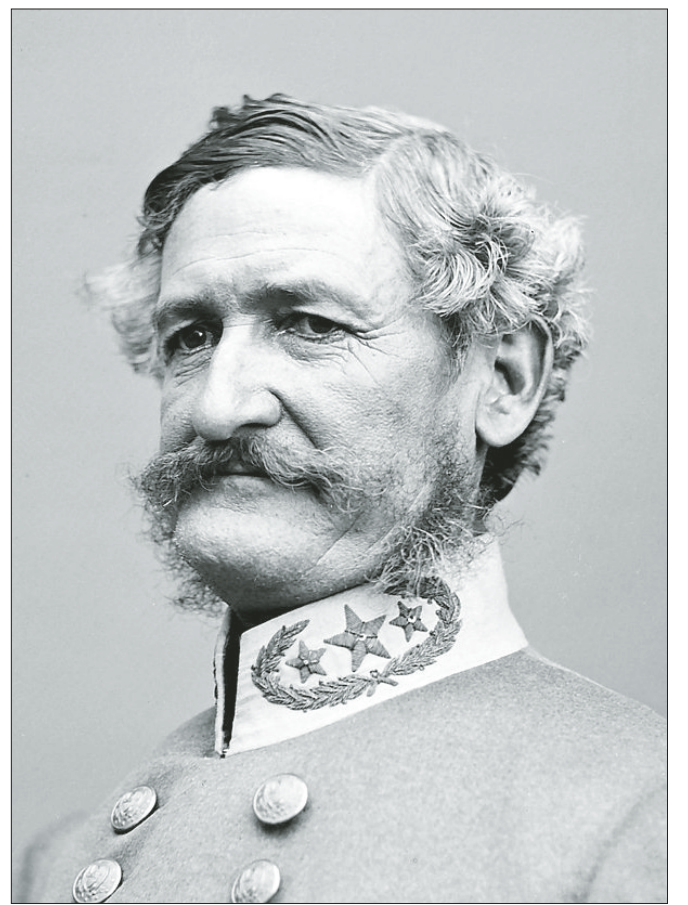
FEBRUARY IN THE CIVIL WAR

February 1862 went well for the Union. On Feb. 8, a Union force under General Ambrose E. Burnside captured Roanoke Island, North Carolina, giving the Union an excellent base on the Atlantic coast. The next week Fort Henry, on the Tennessee River, and Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River — two forts in northern Tennessee vital to the Confederate defense in the Western Theater — fell to a combined infantry and naval campaign under Union General U. S. Grant. This was not only another step in Grant's eventual conquest of Memphis and Vicksburg, important cities on the Mississippi River, but also resulted in the Union occupation of Nashville, at that time the capitol of the Confederate State of Tennessee. The loss of the

forts also resulted in the Confederate abandonment of Columbus, Kentucky — the South's last foothold in that state. The South could take some comfort in the Trans-Mississippi Theater, where a force of some 2,600 Confederates under General H.H. Sibley, defeated a Union force commanded by Col. E.R.S. Canby at Valverde, on the Rio Grande River in what is now New Mexico. The Confederates moved on to occupy Sante Fe, and began preparations for an operation against Fort Union, a major Northern base in New Mexico.

DID YOU KNOW

Elephants in the Civil War? There is a somewhat common belief that the King of Siam offered U.S. President Abraham Lincoln several "war elephants" for use in the Civil War, and that President Lincoln declined the offer. What appears to have actually happened is that in 1861, in a letter mistakenly addressed to President Buchanan, Lincoln's predecessor, King Mongkut of Siam offered to send several pair of elephants to be released on the United States' frontier, where they could reproduce and become beasts of burden. No mention was made of "war elephants," which, with the advent of gun powder, were no longer of great value. By a letter in 1862, Lincoln



Confederate General H.H. Sibley

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Union Col. E.R.S. Canby

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declined the offer, for the reason that the climate in the United States was not conducive to elephant survival in the wild.

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table meets the second Monday of each month, except June, July and August, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 W. U.S. Highway 377 in Granbury. Guests are always welcome. There is no charge for first time attendees. For more information,

please refer to the website: WWW.ncentexcwr.com, or call David Wells at 817-579-5769, or Bill Dyess at 817-326-8216.

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

HOOD OUTDOORS

Spring action is upon us?



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.

Water temperatures on our North Texas lakes have been rising due to the warming spells over the last couple of weeks. Winter is most certainly not over, but the weather forecast that they can predict looks pretty good. This warmer water will most certainly bring on the spawn earlier. Water temperatures this last weekend on Granbury were from the low 50s on the main lake to the mid-50s upstream.

We all know the biggest factor affecting the fish's life cycle is the temperature of its surroundings. When I was searching for fish to catch in this past weekend, it was not surprising to find the majority of the fish still relatively deep (between 30 and 45 feet). With the colder water, the majority of baitfish and predators continue to hold in deeper water early and they tend to move up during the warmer afternoons/days. There were some baitfish shallow in the backs of

the creeks and there were predators moving up as well.

The warmer weather can bring on some good surface/top water action. I did not see any of that last weekend on Granbury, but it is sure to come. Other lakes like Lake Whitney are reporting surfacing action under the birds.

As I have alluded to herein, the predators and baitfish will move back and forth from deeper water to shallower water depending on the weather (water temperature). I usually try to work different depths until I can mark fish and then the real test is getting bit. Find that key depth where the fish will bite and you're in business.

Most Granbury sand bass and striped bass continue to stage in deeper water, however there are fish in the river near Tin Top. On Lake Whitney, sand bass and striped bass are starting to be caught in the river above Whitney all the way

to upstream of Hamm's Creek. The same is happening on most bodies of water in North Texas. This action will only improve through this month of February. Afternoon bite has been better for sand bass lately and some crappies are also being caught on those warm afternoons in the back of the creeks/sloughs.

The next few weeks are sure to bring some great action for the sand bass spawning season and the striped bass as they move to the upper ends. The dark moon this week will have the fish feeding during the day. Don't miss out.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures are in the lower to mid-50s. Lake level is normal. There is some floating debris due to the recent rains so be careful navigating. There have been some folks reporting some dead or dying fish in the canals (possible golden algae?). If you see any dead or dying fish, please report to the Brazos River Authority or the Texas Parks and Wildlife department. I personally have not seen any dead or dying fish.



Pictured is John Caldwell with a nice striped bass caught on Lake Granbury recently.

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The majority of Granbury striped bass and sand bass continue to stage in deeper water on the main lake. Striped bass are slow to fair to 12 pounds on jerk baits and swim baits worked on the upper ends. Some sand bass catches have been reported in the river near Tin Top. Largemouth bass to 5 pounds are possible on spinner baits and soft plastic worked near deeper docks and main lake points. Best

largemouth action is reported mid-lake and in the river near Tin Top on the warmest part of the day. Big blue and yellow catfish to 30 pounds continue to be caught on the upper ends fishing with cut shad. Some good crappie action on submerged structure mid-lake on jigs. On those warmer days, some crappie can be caught in the back of the sloughs on small jigs and minnows.

Comanche Creek (for-

merly Squaw Creek) continues to draw wintertime bass anglers. The warm power plant lake action is good for numbers of black bass on soft plastics and minnows. Numerous 3- to 5-pound fish are being taken with an occasional bigger fish to 7 pounds. Eater-sized channel catfish continue to be in numbers on prepared baits. I do not have a Tilapia report this week.

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Puzzle by websudoku.com

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The Pirates And Lady Pirates took on the Azle Hornets Tuesday, Jan. 30 at pirate stadium.



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February 10, 2024

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is eagerly awaited by families around the world, and in 2024, the festivities kick off on February 10th. This vibrant celebration marks the beginning of the lunar new year and is a time filled with joy, tradition, and hope for the future.

The Chinese zodiac operates on a twelve-year cycle, each year associated with an animal sign, and 2024 welcomes the Year of the Wood Dragon. Dragons are

considered powerful and auspicious creatures, and the element of wood adds a touch of flexibility and growth to the year.

Kids can anticipate exciting dragon and lion dances during parades, where colorful and intricate costumes come to life. Families gather for feasts featuring delicious dishes like dumplings and noodles, symbolizing longevity and prosperity.

One of the highlights for children during Chinese New Year is receiving red

envelopes, known as "hongbao," containing money for good luck and blessings. The bright red color represents good fortune and happiness.

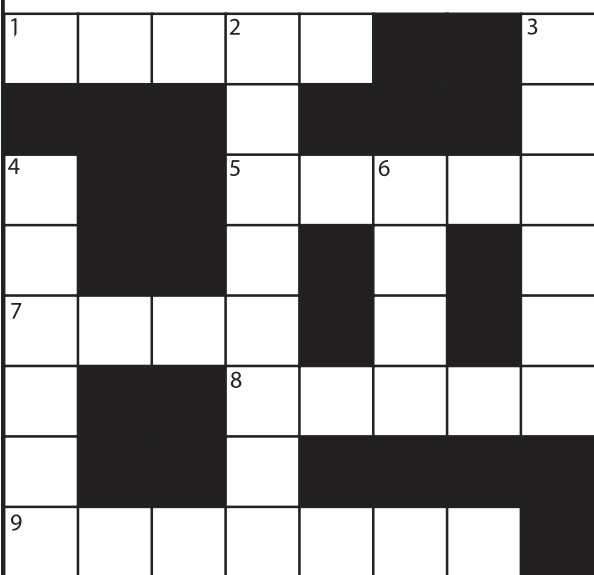
Participating in traditions like making paper lanterns, crafting dragon masks, or even trying their hand at cooking traditional dishes can make the celebration even more special for kids. Learning about different customs and cultural practices during Chinese New Year fosters an appreciation for diversity and glob-

al celebrations.

The Spring Festival lasts for fifteen days, culminating in the Lantern Festival. On this day, families light and release lanterns into the night sky, creating a beautiful display of wishes and dreams for the upcoming year.

So, on February 10th, get ready to join in the festivities, celebrate the Year of the Wood Dragon, and embrace the joyous spirit of Chinese New Year with your family and friends!

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Related to the moon
- 5. Muddy color
- 7. Slight hollow in surface
- 8. Most suitable
- 9. Hailing from China

DOWN

- 2. Desire to achieve
- 3. Happening each year
- 4. Astrological system
- 6. Instrument

Answers:
Across
1. Lunar 5. Brown 7. Dent 8. Ideal 9. Chinese
Down
2. Ambition 3. Annual 4. Zodiac 6. Oboe



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH
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Instrument: **Voice**
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SKY HIGH

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Retired World War II pilot Charles Baldwin takes to the skies again for a surprise birthday present on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Vintage Flying Museum in Fort Worth. His son, Rick, is pictured flying in another plane to the right.

Retired WWII pilot flies again for 102nd birthday

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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For most people, the sky is the limit. But for retired Air Force pilot Charles Baldwin, the sky is the destination.

The 102-year-old AVIVA Granbury resident got the birthday present of a lifetime Feb. 3, when he got the opportunity to fly a plane again at the Vintage Flying Museum in Fort Worth.

"My first thought was, 'Wow, let's go!'" Baldwin told the HCN. "That (thought) was very appealing to me to say the least."

The idea originated from Nicole Wells, AVIVA Granbury's sales director, who made a post on social media asking for help in locating someone who could take Baldwin up in an airplane.

"His one bucket list item was to sky dive, so I am trying to meet him halfway," Wells' post reads.

Within hours, Wells' post took off and she was eventually contacted by Robert Johnson, a volunteer with the Vintage Flying Museum.

"Everyone at the museum is a volunteer," Wells told the HCN. "No one is paid staff, which speaks volumes for their passion for aviation and veterans. (Robert) works for Lockheed (Martin) but spends most weekends with the museum as a volunteer."

Everything was quickly arranged, and the date was officially set, with Baldwin anxious to get up in the air again.

"The anticipation of it was exciting," he said. "I flew in private for several years, but I guess the last time I actually flew was about 25 years. It's been quite a while."

While the first scheduled flight resulted in a cancellation due to weather, Baldwin was able to reschedule for the very next day.

He said when he first arrived at the Vintage Flying Museum, his thoughts weren't on flying the plane,



Charles Baldwin is pictured in front of an airplane in Germany in 1945.

but rather getting into it.

"It was not easy for me to just hop up on the wing and climb up in the cockpit," he said. "We had a stepladder and guys helping me and I just thought, 'Holy cow, I used to just jump in this thing with this parachute on!'"

After he successfully managed to get in the airplane, Baldwin said he started looking at the instrument panel to get himself oriented in the

cockpit.

"It was familiar," he said. "But I had to kind of think about it a little bit to really get well-oriented because that's the first thing you do when you fly on airplanes is locate all the instruments and the controls and it took a little while to do that. I'll tell ya, it was mighty exciting."

To make the situation even more thrilling, Baldwin also had the opportunity to fly

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Pictured is Jacob and Laurie Biggs who met in fifth grade later leading to a lifetime of love.

FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU

Hood County residents share tales of how they met the one

BY EMILY NAVA
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With Valentine's Day around the corner, many reminisce on how they first met and celebrate their love. Numerous residents within Hood County found their forever love and wanted to share their story.

LOVE COMES FROM UNEXPECTED PLACES

Many find love through mutual friends, online dating, and much more but some stories of love began in a classroom. Jacob and Laurie Biggs first met in fifth grade at Granbury Intermediate School in 1996 in their homeroom. The two also lived about five miles from each other and eventually became best friends. Laurie later transitioned to homeschooling but the two still stayed connected. The two dated on and off through the years before getting married when they were 17. The two will celebrate 20 years together this coming March.

Another story of love blooming in school was shared by Kaitlyn Laura, who is soon to be married to Dustin Herring. The two knew each other in high school and had mutual friends, so they were around each other often but never directly talked. Years after high school, Dustin's brother was getting married, and Kaitlyn met Dustin again, this time at a margarita machine.

"I thought right then maybe this is my chance to finally be with my high school sweetheart," Kaitlyn told the HCN. "You know that feeling you get in your gut when you are just speechless. That's what happened to me." No words were exchanged then and there but three weeks later she worked up the courage to message him via Facebook.

"Not even five minutes later he messaged me and told me to meet him for lunch. I said 'OK,' hurried and got dressed and did my hair and makeup," Kaitlyn shared. "We instantly fell in love, laughing at each other's jokes and stories we shared with each other."

The now-engaged couple is planning a wedding and looking forward to a lifetime of love with their three boys.

Brian and Caitlin Bedwell met through the Hood County Buy Sell and Trade Facebook page in 2013. Caitlin, a single mom, was in search of someone to come take a look at her Jeep when she thought the heater core was out. Brian offered to help, but needed his tools, so Caitlin agreed to follow him to his house. They made it to a gas station before the jeep wouldn't drive anymore because of a blown engine. Caitlin offered Brian money for his time but since it was close to Christmas, he told her to spend it on her kids and herself. So she asked him to get drinks and ended up with his daughter, her kids and nieces at the local bowling alley. The two got engaged and married the following year and also have a son together.

"You can buy a washer, a dryer, and a husband all off Hood County Buy Sell and Trade," Caitlin told the HCN.

Brittani Yates met her husband Troy in Hood County back in 2018. She and Troy had previously gone through divorces before they met each other. Brittani had taken her little sisters and some of their friends to the roller-skating rink in town.

"I walked in at the same time as the most handsome man I had ever seen and his two kids," Brittani shared. "We both looked at each other (looking for rings) and

PLEASE SEE LOVE | C5

'Dreams are forever': Lipan author shuns retirement by writing, working full time

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Retirement may be the end goal for many of us, but for 79-year-old Elsie Harrell, it may as well be a fate worse than death.

"As far as still working at (my) job, the doctor told me, 'Don't you dare quit, keep working as long as you can, because it keeps you mentally sharp,' ... So that's where I am," Harrell told the HCN.

The Lipan resident currently works as a licensed insurance agent at Low Cost Insurance in Stephenville. For the past 12 years, Harrell has driven back and forth from Lipan to Stephenville multiple times a week.

"It's actually 28 miles from my driveway to where I park here at the office," she said. "The other gentleman who owns the office has two offices — this one and one in Mineral Wells. He lives in Mineral Wells, but he was driving back and forth to Stephenville every day, and he asked me one time at church if I would consider running the Stephenville office. I decided (it would) get me out of the house, so here I am."

Although Harrell's insurance job keeps her busy for most of the week, she always ensures she has time to do her favorite job on the week-

ends: write.

"That's my love," she said simply. "That's my big love is writing."

Harrell's love for reading began at a young age — so young in fact, that she learned how to read before she even started school.

"On my first day in the first grade, my older sister brought her geography book out at lunch and I read it to all of her friends," Harrell said. "I've just always loved (reading). You couldn't get me out of the library."

In high school, Harrell was on the yearbook staff and was editor of the school newspaper. As an adult, she had several articles published in the Southern Baptist Texan magazine and in local newspapers.

But she never thought about writing a book — until the day her granddaughter shocked her with a comment about how she hated reading.

"You can't say that and be related to me," Harrell said, chuckling. "That is not going to work. So, I said, 'Why do you not like to read?' She says, 'Well, maybe if I had something interesting, maybe if I find something I like, maybe I would read,' and I said, 'OK, let's go write something.' I grabbed her by the hand and took her back to my office where my computer was and I said, 'Let's write a story.'"



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Lipan resident Elsie Harrell is pictured with a book she wrote, "The Color of Thunder," — a Christian novel about the life story of a minister.

Harrell said as soon as she sat down at her computer, her mind was instantly flooded with many ideas, adding that she instantly knew the characters' names as they just "jumped out at her." She put her granddaughter to work and asked her to

come up with the characters' occupations and physical characteristics.

"While she was doing that, I wrote about four or five chapters," she said. "Just out of the clear blue sky, the sto-

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an AT-6 Texan — the same type of airplane that he trained in about 80 years ago.

"I had probably about 60 hours in that type of airplane in training," he said. "This was the last plane that you fly with an instructor in with you. From there, you go to a single-seat aircraft. But this is what you call an advanced trainer. It's a good airplane. Very dependable aircraft."

While the pilot took control of the plane for the majority of the flight, Baldwin was excited to take the lead for a short while.

"I didn't get to fly as much as I would like to have, but I did get to fly some, and I found out I can still fly pretty well considering," he said.

Baldwin explained that one of the instruments in the panel is a "needling ball," and how if a pilot makes a turn, the needle will point in the same direction. He said the ball stays in the center if the pilot is coordinated.

"I was able to keep the ball in the center and make a fairly decent turn," he said. "I think with just a little bit of brushing up, I can fly it again."

While he appreciated the gift of flying, Baldwin's birthday surprises didn't stop there. Another pilot volunteered to take Baldwin's son, Rick, up in another airplane at the same time, where the duo could fly in formation.

"We didn't know what was gonna happen, and then they told us, 'Well, we're waiting on another airplane.' 'What for?' 'Your son's gonna get to fly with ya.'" Baldwin said. "It was so cool."

He added that Rick "got a kick out of it," as he had never flown that type of airplane before.

Once Baldwin touched back down, however, he realized just how much he had missed flying.

"I thought, 'Oh heck, I'm not ready to go back,'" he said. "But that aviation gas is not cheap. I don't know who footed the bill, but it cost somebody some money, time and effort for me to do this. I know a lot of people to thank for it and hopefully they do realize how much I appreciate it."

Wells told the HCN that the pilots donated the fuel, and everything was coordinated free of charge for Baldwin and his family.

"It was quite an experience," Baldwin added. "That was an exciting chapter of my book. I don't guess you ever get (flying) out of your system."

When asked if he was going to skydive for his birthday next year to top this one, Baldwin immediately started chuckling.

"Sometime back they asked everybody here 'What's on your bucket list?' In jest, I said, 'Skydive.' That was strictly a joke," he said. "The old saying is: 'It doesn't make much sense to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.'"

Baldwin called the entire experience "a thrill" and added that it was



Charles Baldwin celebrates his 102nd birthday at AVIVA Granbury with his son, Rick, and his daughter, Judy.

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AVIVA Granbury residents surprise Charles Baldwin for his birthday by holding up comical cardboard images of his face.

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his "best birthday present."

"I told my daughter, 'I feel like I'm in a sideshow at a circus with people looking at me trying to get into the airplane. I think I ought to sell tickets,'" he said, with a grin. "But we had a good time."

Baldwin, who was born in Artesia, New Mexico Jan. 27, 1922, spent around 20 years — both active and reserve — in the Army Air Corps (before it was called Air Force).

As a fighter pilot, Baldwin flew P-47s Thunderbolts during World War II in Europe, serving in a total of

51 missions during his active duty.

At 102, Baldwin revealed that laughter, exercise and luck are the three secrets to living long.

"You gotta laugh a lot," he said. "You can't really live, in my opinion, unless you have a sense of humor. I think you have a lot of control over your longevity by the life you lead."

He leaves readers with this particular advice to help them live longer and retain their youth:

"Just enjoy the ride — and keep breathing."



Charles Baldwin is pictured in front of the AT-6 Texan — the same type of airplane that he trained in about 80 years ago.

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ry came, so every Sunday, I would always pick her up for church, we'd go out to eat and then we'd come home, and she'd read what I had written. She gave me ideas and stuff about things that she liked, and all of a sudden, we had a book finished and it was over 400 pages."

The book, "Dreams Never Lie," tells a story about Josh Howard, who was only 8 years old when the little girl next door, Doni, was kidnapped and killed. Years later, Josh is now an FBI agent and has vowed to catch her killers.

By the time Harrell finished writing "Dreams Never Lie," she already had ideas for another one, "Fire Light Fire Bright," in which a North Central Texas town gets destroyed by fires.

"In the book, I mentioned Mineral Wells, Weatherford, and Cleburne, but yet my town is fictitious," she said.

After writing both books, Harrell realized she needed to try to get them published, so she started looking for an agent. A year-and-a-half passed by, however, with no luck. It wasn't until a client walked into her office and showed her how he had successfully published his book that a perfect opportunity finally started to present itself.

"He says, 'Look what I've got,' and it was a little book he had pub-



Elsie Harrell is a 79-year-old Lipan resident who still works full time in Stephenville and writes books on the side. She currently has six books published and is working on a seventh.

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lished. I said, 'Oh my goodness, how did you find a publisher?' He said, 'The publisher found me,'" she said. "He told his publisher about me, we visited, and I sent him a digital copy of both of the books, and he said, 'I want to publish both of them; they're great,' and that's how it started."

Now, Harrell has six books published and she is currently working on a seventh. Her books include "Fire Light Fire Bright," the tetralogy "Dreams Never Lie" "Dreams Are Forever," "Shattered

Dreams," and "Forgotten Dreams," plus "The Color of Thunder," — a Christian novel about the life story of a minister.

"The one that I'm working on now is new people. It's a whole new series," she said. "It's still about an FBI agent, but it's new people. I kind of put Josh through the ringer."

Some might be curious how Harrell can write so many FBI-focused novels without ever being in the FBI herself. But she said it's simple — lots and lots of research.

"My husband said that if the police could read my mind, I'd be locked up with all these ideas that I get," she said, laughing. "My point is if they ever got ahold of my Google account, (I'd be in trouble) because I Google, 'In this situation, what kind of gun would be the best to use?' and 'Which one is considered a woman's gun compared to a man's gun?'"

Harrell said she's not sure when she's going to publish her next book, but she is thinking about releasing it in a different format.

"We're considering going to a subscription type deal, where you sign up and you get three or four chapters every week. A year or so down the line we will put it in hardback and go ahead and publish it. It's not definite yet, but that's kind of what we're thinking about," she said. "Stephen King did that and so did James Patterson and I think they charged \$1 a chapter or something like that. Well, I have 101 chapters, so I can't do that. We would divide it into segments to make it fair."

When she's not busy writing, Harrell enjoys reading FBI novels — of course — and spending time with her husband of 37 years, Ronnie, whom she met on a blind date in the late 1980s.

Harrell's books can be purchased online at Walmart.com, Amazon.com, or her website, elsievanharrell.com. Her "Dreams Never Lie" series can also be purchased as a bundle at a discounted price.

"We've made a package out of the 'Dreams Never Lie' series and we're calling it 'Dream Big,'" she said. "On my website, you can buy them for a special price if you buy all four. On the website also, there's T-shirts and things like that that have pictures of my books on them."

For more information about Harrell or to purchase her books, visit her website, elsievanharrell.com.

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PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Valentine's Day brings sweet festivities to Pecan Plantation



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.
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Pecan's annual "Daddy Daughter Ball" returns today, Saturday, Feb. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAC. The event promises to be a special time for fathers and daughters filled with music, ballroom dance instruction, refreshments and a photo opportunity. Formal attire is welcome but not required. RSVP to secure a spot: 817-573-7952.

PAINT TIME

Pecan's next "paint along" comes Sunday, February 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the PAC. Instructor Kathy Yoders will lead the step-by-step instruction, and no experience is

necessary. Participants are encouraged to bring their own beverage and to wear an old shirt. Registration is necessary: 817-573-7952.

ART GATHERING

The Pecan Plantation Art Association meets Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. Guests are welcome.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Pecan's Breakfast Club will gather again Wednesday, Feb. 14 with breakfast service beginning at 8 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m. Attendees are in for a real treat when

Lance Tahmahkera, the great-great-grandson of Quanah Parker, the "Last Comanche Chief," will address the crowd. Reservations are necessary and are due by noon Tuesday, Feb. 12: 817-573-2641.

GIVE LIFE

Pecaners will want to save the date: the American Red Cross will be in our community for a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 14. The PAC gym will find the Red Cross set up for the day accepting donors from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Folks may visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter "Pecanplantation" to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Donors will receive a free round of golf at the Nutcracker (with the purchase of one round) as well as a free cup of coffee at Deja Brew.

GOOD READ

The Hood County Library Bookmobile will visit the PAC parking lot again Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Patrons may both check out and return items to the bookmobile.

SWEETEST DAY

Pecaners will enjoy an evening with a Jazz Age theme and Roaring 1920s ambiance for Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14. Folks who would like to partake should make reservations as attendance is limited to 75 couples: 817-573-2641.

The night promises to be one revolving around flappers, Jay Gatsby and prohibition, but partygoers need not worry: folks who know the password to "Daisy Fay's Speakeasy" will enjoy music, dancing and of course, bathtub gin.

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GO PLAY

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); 11 a.m. Tai Chi/Pilates; 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 Highway, Granbury, 76049. Entry \$8/person. All are welcome, come with a partner and compete for ACBL masterpoints. Information and reservations: 225-933-4074.

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

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

TUESDAYS

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS classes: 8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers (join at weightwatchers.com); 9 a.m. yoga (private class, reservation only); 10:30 a.m. yoga (private class, reservation only); 1:30 p.m. line dancing; 5:15 p.m. Weight Watchers (join at weightwatchers.com); 6 p.m. Granbury clogger nights (watch or join). 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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

AMATEUR RADIO Weekly Social Hour Net. All licensed amateur radio operators welcome. 7 p.m., on the 147.240 MHz Repeater, +600 offset, PL 162.2.

WEDNESDAYS

HAND AND FOOT card game day. 10 a.m.; Dominoes (Mexican Train) 11 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS classes: 9 a.m. exercise class; 10 a.m. Mahjong; 10 a.m. cards; 11 a.m. dominoes. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

HABITAT FOR Humanity of Hood County Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are building in the 4000 block of Sundown Trail. No experience or tools needed. Just come build with us.

THURSDAYS

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS: 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m. Tai Chi/Pilates; 5 p.m. yoga (private class, reservation only). 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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

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

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

MELODY BELLES SINGERS, women's choral group, weekly rehearsals for spring concert season. New members who sing first or second soprano welcome. 10:00 a.m. - noon, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the Annex), 301 W. Bridge Street. For details, please call 817-999-1364.

FRIDAYS

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS: 9 a.m. exercise. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

SATURDAYS

HOOD COUNTY Hummers Walking Club, 8 a.m., meets every Saturday at Hilton Gar-

den Inn, 635 E. Pearl St., for 5K or 10K walk for fun, fellowship and fitness. Details: 972-567-3278.

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS: 10:30 a.m. yoga. 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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SUNDAYS

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

FIRST MONDAYS

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

LOVE KNOTS Prayer Shawl Ministry. The ministry 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 10-11:30 a.m.

FOURTH TUESDAYS

HOOD COUNTY Historical Society meets the fourth 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 the first Thursday each month for fellowship, planning events and other business. Dinner, if desired, at 6 p.m., meeting from 7-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377. Details: bskaggs8@aol.com.

SECOND THURSDAYS

HOOD COUNTY CERT meets 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 third Thursday (except June, July and August) at Spring Creek BBQ located at 317 W. U.S. Hwy 377 Granbury at 6 p.m., dining/social, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Other activities, fundraisers and meeting changes can be found at hs-caggies.org.

SECOND SATURDAYS

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

THIRD MONDAYS

GRANBURY QUILTERS Guild meets 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. 1-3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church fellowship hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

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

LAST THURSDAYS

MEETING MONTHLY the last Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall, 3409 Davis Rd. Granbury. Chow is at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m.

GO PLAY calendar will feature recurring activities that are open to the public. These items will run each week along with other activities across the area. Submit Go Play listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

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Sun: 10:05AM, 1:15PM, 4:20PM, 7:25PM.
Mon, Tues: 2:10PM, 6:45PM.
Wed: 2:10PM, 7:30PM

Bob Marley: One Love (PG13)
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Sun: 11:30AM, 2:00PM, 4:30PM, 7:00PM.
Mon, Tues: 2:05PM, 4:35PM, 7:05PM.
Wed: 2:30PM, 5:00PM

Madame Web (PG13)
Wed, Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:45PM, 7:30PM

Migration (PG)
Fri: 2:00PM, 5:05PM, 7:15PM, 9:30PM.
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Sun: 10:00AM, 12:15PM, 2:30PM, 4:45PM, 7:00PM.
Mon: 2:15PM, 4:35PM.
Tues: 2:15PM

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Fri: 2:50PM, 6:30PM, 10:25PM.
Sat: 10:20AM, 2:15PM, 4:50PM, 7:25PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 10:15AM, 2:30PM, 5:05PM, 7:40PM.
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The Chosen: Season 4 Episodes 1-3 (NR)
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Sun: 10:15AM, 1:00PM, 5:30PM.
Mon, Tues: 2:20PM, 5:30PM.
Wed: 2:00PM, 5:30PM

The Chosen: Season 4 Episodes 4-6 (NR)
Thurs: 2:35PM, 5:30PM

Valentine's Day (PG13)
Fri, Sat: 7:25PM.
Sun: 4:05PM.
Mon, Tues: 7:00PM

Wonka (PG)
Fri: 2:05PM, 4:45PM, 10:20PM.
Sat: 11:25AM, 2:05PM, 4:45PM, 10:20PM.
Sun: 10:40AM, 1:25PM, 7:00PM.
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'Under the Texas Stars': Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center to host gala

BY EMILY NAVA
Staff Writer
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The Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center will host its annual fundraising gala March 2. The event, called "Under the Texas Stars," promises an evening of dining, comedy, music, and fun with the goal of helping children who have suffered abuse.

The PRCAC was created to provide a safe environment where children who have been sexually or physically abused can tell their story just once. There are typically many interviews

by different agencies and the child has to re-endure trauma for sharing their story. The CAC has trained forensic interviewers who conduct the interviews with these children where law enforcement and Child Protective Services can observe the interview from another room. The CAC also has family advocates who coordinate care for the child and family by providing resources, referrals and continual communication before the child enters the counseling program.

"Statistics show that only one in 10 children will tell their story of abuse,"

Margaret Cohenour, executive director of the PRCAC said. "The CAC has developed a robust education program to reach the nine who don't."

The center has communication education specialists who provide prevention education in schools for children of all ages. These prevention presentations are also made available to the public with topics including grooming, sextortion, internet safety and child sex trafficking. The center also provides Recognizing and Reporting training for teachers, community members and church volunteers.

The funds raised by the gala will be used to help the center to continue to provide its many services as well as help children with basic needs when at the center. This can include emergency housing, food, gas cards, room makeovers and much more. These expenses are not funded by state or federal grants the center receives. According to Cohenour, operational expenses of maintaining a space have increased and so continued fundraising is needed.

Each year, the center has a different theme for the gala and previously has had a

Hawaiian luau, a Cinderella theme, and even an evening in Paris last year. This year the event happens to fall on Texas Independence Day, March 2, making it the perfect fit for a Texas-themed gala.

The evening will be held at La Bella Luna where guests will be served dinner, entertained by a comedian and live music from Trey and the Tritones. There will also be a silent auction and dancing to wrap up the evening. The event is open to the public with tables ranging from \$1,500 to \$7,500. Individual tickets are \$200 and can be purchased on-

line, over the phone or at the center.

"Although it is a fundraiser, we also want it to be a 'thank you; to our donors for supporting the PRCAC and our mission to promote the healing of child abuse victims — one child at a time," Cohenour said.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. and doors will open at 6 p.m. La Bella Luna is located at 7700 Glen Rose Highway in Granbury. To purchase tickets, visit the PRCAC website at paluxyrivercac.org.

HOUSE OF FLAME AND SHADOW



COURTESY OF BRANDY HERR

Arts & Letters Bookstore held a midnight release party on Monday, Jan. 29, for the new Sarah J. Maas fantasy book, "House of Flame and Shadow," — book three of the massively popular "Crescent City" series. Inventory Manager Brandy Herr said about 44 people were in attendance during the event, as avid readers excitedly waited for the book's official release.



COURTESY OF BRANDY HERR

Two "Crescent City" fans donned leather jackets for the midnight release party at Arts & Letters Bookstore on Monday, Jan. 29. The phrases "Light it up" and "Through love, all is possible," are two popular quotes in Sarah J. Maas' fantasy series.

Arts & Letters Bookstore to celebrate Galentine's Day

From Staff Reports

Arts & Letters Bookstore, located at 113 E. Bridge St., will celebrate the gals this month with a special Parks & Recreation-themed after-

hours event Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m.

Guests will enjoy activities, special discounts on romance novels, and waffle bowl sundaes. A highlight of the event will be an ap-

pearance by a Li'l Sebastian tribute artist — otherwise known as a miniature horse named Danny — courtesy of T.E.X.A.S. (Texas Equine Xperience and Sanctuary) Rescue.

"As a huge Parks & Rec fan, I am so excited for this event," said Brandy Herr, inventory manager. "I can't wait to channel my inner Leslie Knope and eat waffles with Li'l Sebastian!"

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance online or \$20 at the door.

For more information about the bookstore and its events, follow it on Facebook at facebook.com/

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Pictured is a photo of a rose taken in the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden.

Valentine's Day is closely associated with roses for a couple of reasons. First, many lucky loved ones receive rose bouquets on this occasion. And second, mid-February generally marks the best time to prune roses in North Central Texas. This year might be an exception.

In mid-January, just prior to the Arctic blast, area landscapes boasted rose plants in full bloom. During last summer's extended drought, roses struggled. In late fall, however, rain soaked the thirsty plants, giving them a boost. Rain, combined with unseasonably warm temperatures through December, caused roses to resume growth and flowering. The sudden drop in temperatures likely harmed the plants, at least damaging the fresh growth. It will take longer than usual to determine freeze damaged canes, so be patient and examine the plants closely before pruning. Another cold front could further harm freshly cut roses. When leaf buds swell, however, prune to make way for new growth. To access damage on rose plants, look for blackened or wilted canes, discolored tissues and any signs

of mushiness. Use sharp, clean (disinfected) pruning shears to carefully remove any severely damaged or dead canes. If a cane is partially damaged, prune it back to healthy wood, making diagonal (45-degree angle) cuts about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch above outward-facing healthy buds. This type of cut will direct new canes to grow outward. If you notice any diseased or damaged canes not related to the winter blast, go ahead and remove these as well, cutting them back in a similar way. If your plant has grown to look excessively tall and top heavy or if it lacks healthy branching, cut the canes to reduce height and encourage lower branch development. Healthy canes may be shortened by about one-third to one-half their original height. Also, remove any inward growing or crossing canes, keeping

the center of the plant more open for better air movement. Water plants deeply after pruning. Closely monitor the plant going forward. If no new growth appears on certain canes in spring, these canes may have suffered extensive freeze damage and they require removal. During the growing season, deadheading spent blooms will tidy roses and promote new blooms, but it is not needed for rose health. When deadheading, cut just above a five-leaflet. Do not trim roses that bloom on last year's growth, such as many climbers. Wait until after the spring bloom to prune these beauties by about half and remove all unproductive canes. Depending upon the rose variety, pruning may not be critical to the life

of the plant. Old roses live for decades at abandoned homesites. However, pruning away damaged or dead canes, crossing branches, etc., is good for the plant's overall health. Pruning improves a rose's form and overall appearance. And pruning encourages the development of new shoots that produce more blooms. Know your rose type to learn about its specific care. View roses and learn more about their care at the Lake Granbury Master Gardener Demonstration Garden, 1410 W. Pearl St., during the group's Annual Plant Sale to be held 8 a.m., April 20. For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or go online to visit lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

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then continued on with our kids." Throughout the night the two kept making eye contact and grinning at each other but no words were exchanged. Brittani eventually decided to "step up" and make some conversation. She saw him trying to take a photo of his son and asked if he would like her to take a picture of the two of them, leading him to smile ear-to-ear and say "yes." Their kids then all began to play together before they eventually had a conversation. Troy began to ask her questions and Brittani described feeling as if it was "an interrogation." She later realized the rink only took cash and asked her dad to bring up some money for snacks for the kids. Troy asked her if her dad was her husband and Brittani was humiliated. Later that evening, Troy asked her name and how he could find her on Facebook, and Brittani felt disappointed, considering they talked all evening. "At midnight I got a message on Facebook saying "I am sorry I

didn't ask for your number. I was so nervous.' We have been inseparable since then." The two have been married since 2020 and look forward to many more years to come.

FINDING THE ONE

Along with their tales of unexpected love, these spouses shared some advice on how to find your forever love. "Don't be shy and say hi. The worst that can happen is they say no," Laurie said. "Also don't move fast in a relationship. It takes time to build a good foundation." "I was scared for the longest time to find love, but I suggest working on yourself and getting stable while also loving yourself," Kaitlyn said. "Go in without expecting anything because you could get everything," Caitlin said. "I definitely didn't expect to get a husband from getting my car fixed." "Love normally finds you when you least expect it," Brittani said. "When it is meant to be, it will be." To those Hood County residents who are searching for love — you may find it in an unexpected place when you least expect it.



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Pictured is Brittani and Troy Yates who fell in love and met at the local skating rink in Granbury.

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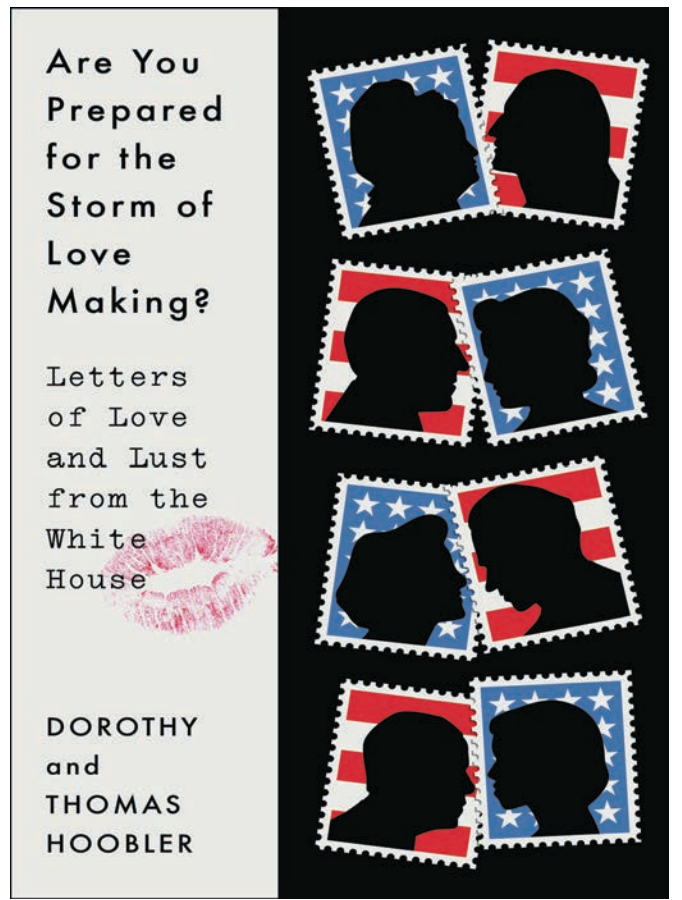
That's what came in the mail yesterday, which is about average. If you get a letter, man, that's unusual because almost nobody does that anymore. Imagine spending all that time writing, then waiting 10 days to hear back from friends and family. Imagine, as in the new book, "Are You Prepared for the Storm of Love Making?" by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler, romance in an envelope. Your phone is never too far away. It's literally your line to your loved ones, a place to catch up, pick up, or follow up on what's happening, whether by call or text. For most of our country's history, though, the only means of communication was through written letter — and that includes private, unofficial Presidential notes written to actual or potential First Ladies.

"This," say the authors, "is a book of love stories..." While John Adams was away from Abigail Smith, they obsessively wrote letters to one another, some 1,100 of them, expressing their longing. Not to be outdone, James Garfield and Lucretia together wrote more than 1,200 letters. Martha Washington tried to burn everything George ever sent her. Thomas Jefferson did the same with his letters. Grover Cleveland fretted about life after the White House, praising his wife, Frances' idea of raising chickens for income. Teddy Roosevelt worried about not making his fiancé, Alice, happy enough. Woodrow Wilson seduced his first wife through the mail. Louisa and John Quincy Adams argued through letters, and Lyndon Johnson ordered his Lady Bird to tell him she loved him with "a continuous flow of letters."

Abraham Lincoln missed his sons through the mail. Without Elizabeth Johnson's tutoring, Andrew Johnson wouldn't have been able to send her letters at all: she taught him to read and write. Franklin Roosevelt kept Eleanor apprised of his many health matters. And the most poignant love letter Thomas Jefferson ever wrote still exists on his wife, Martha's, tombstone... Admit it: it's almost impossible not to read notes and letters you find in random places. They're permissibly voyeuristic, also magnetic, and some are delightful. Others are weird, pragmatic or really kind of boring. You'll get a taste of this and more inside "Are You Prepared for the Storm of Love Making?" Acting as guides dropping little breadcrumbs of trivia along the journey, authors Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler frame dozens of Presidential letters with

historical references before they share them, which gives readers a sense of why each President was thinking what he was thinking. These men presented a public front, but your suspicions will be confirmed on both the awkward and the amorous, as Hoobler and Hoobler reveal a few surprises. Woodrow Wilson, Richard Nixon, you'll never think of them the same. Lincoln, Obama, LBJ? Yep, them, too. For the romance reader who also likes history, or the history lover who wants a hint of spice, here's your book. Read "Are You Prepared For the Storm of Love Making?" You'll love every letter of it.

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"Are You Prepared for the Storm of Love Making? Letters of Love and Lust from the White House"
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The entertainment committee and clubhouse staff are preparing a fabulous night of food and entertainment, and attendees are encouraged to don flapper dresses and fedoras for the event. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour and jazz followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m..

TOWN HALL

Pecan's board of directors and management team will host a joint town hall gathering Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the clubhouse ballroom. Topics on the agenda are ballot items for the March election.

ACTIVE AUXILIARY

The Pecan Plantation

Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary is seeking raffle prize donations for the 2024 Auxiliary Golf Tournament slated for Saturday, April 20 on Pecan's golf course. Because of the earlier tournament date this year, auxiliary members would like to have commitments from raffle prize donors by Wednesday, Feb. 28 so raffle ticket sales may commence Friday, March 1. A significant part of the funds raised in connection with the golf tournament each year comes from raffle ticket sales. Donors receive advance publicity and recognition for their contribution, as well as visibility on tournament day. Last year, several Pecan residents and organizations put together themed baskets as raffle prizes, and these items

were very popular and greatly appreciated. The Auxiliary has a full calendar for 2024 with fundraising activities galore including a volunteer brunch, boot drive, community garage sales, golf tournament, pancake breakfast, craft bazaar and first responder appreciation month. For more information about the golf tournament or donating a prize, call or text Julie Logan at 727-252-3702 or Seleta Webster at 806-646-0656, and to volunteer for any of these events, email Seleta at seleta.chere@gmail.com. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** Pecan is seeking volunteers to assist with balloting at our community's annual meeting in March. Folks who are interested in serving as an election

clerk or judge may sign up via a link mailed to membership last week or by contacting Marilyn Amos: marilynamos@ppoaweb.com. **BREAKFAST TIME** Pecan's Executive Chef Jordan Ray announces exciting new breakfast opportunities. On Sundays, an a la carte breakfast menu will be available in the Brazos Room from 7 a.m. to noon. The brunch buffet will begin at 10 a.m. and run until 2 p.m. No reservation is needed for breakfast, but securing a spot for brunch is a good idea. In addition, breakfast will no longer be served in the 19th Hole on Sunday mornings, but the spot will open for lunch at 11 a.m. Breakfast burritos and other food items will be available to golfers on the course from the beverage

cart. Breakfast hours from Tuesday through Saturday in the 19th Hole remain unchanged. **GOLF SPOT** The Pecan Plantation Ladies' Golf Association reminds members that two groups of players exist in the LGA: one group plays nine holes each week and another group plays 18 holes. In addition to the weekly games, members enjoy several tournaments throughout the year including Sadie Hawkins, Spring Ringer, Member/Member, Pecan Belles, Member/Guest, and President's Choice. For ladies who have been considering joining the LGA, now is an opportune time. Stop by the pro shop for compete information and schedule details.

MOVING ON Pecan's Recreational Vehicle group is always "on the go" and invites interested neighbors to join its ranks. For full details and a travel schedule, contact RV Club president Gene Chiappe: rv-club@ppoarv.org. **BIG WIN** Pickleball is a thriving sport in Pecan, and several members received honors in tournament play last season. Congratulations to Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association members Sandra Hately and Lisa Moore for achieving a silver medal in the USSP Senior Tournament held in Horseshoe Bay, in addition to Don Temple who won a silver medal at the competition.

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Leaping forward with exciting news

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. katy@forwardtrainingcenter.org | 817-219-5655

Forward Training Center Board Chair Jim Lilly has a newsworthy announcement. "The new year is a time of many changes and change is in the air at Forward Training Center of Hood County. We must bid farewell to an amazing woman who has worked so diligently to build the organization it has become. On behalf of the board of directors, I want to publicly thank Katy Offutt for the work she has done for more than eight years establishing what was originally a collaboration of Stonewater Church and Christian Women's Job Corps into the well-respected community resource it has become. Katy personifies the spiritual basis of our programs and outreach and has worked tirelessly on Forward's behalf. She has been the face of our organization. She assures me she will continue to be a resource and will be a welcomed con-

tributor in the future. We wish Katy and Buster nothing but good wishes as they pursue new and exciting opportunities."

FROM KATY OFFUTT:

"Let's embrace this leap year with a bold leap of faith! I am thrilled to share an announcement about the promising future of Forward Training Center, news I believe deserves a celebration with all of you. In a moment of divine inspiration, we are entering into a new era under fresh leadership that combines technological expertise with a strategic vision, poised to propel FTC's mission while steadfastly upholding its core values well into the long-term future.

"This transition has been thoughtfully orchestrated to ensure a seamless handover. Laurie Lilly's resignation has paved the way for Traci



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Jim Lilly, Chairman of the Board of Forward Training Center of Hood County, shares exciting news for 2024, as FTC enthusiastically leaps forward into the new year.

Cooper-Ives to assume the role of program director, assuring continuity as Laurie takes on a new volunteer role as student advocate.

"For the crucial role of executive director, we have found the perfect successor in Monica Hays. Her alignment with the program's principles and standards, combined with her extensive experience at JFL National, positions her as the rightful leader to guide Forward Training Center into its next chapter. I am proud to pass on the mantle of leadership to Monica, effective Feb. 29. Monica's dedication during her over five-year



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Left to right, Katy Offutt Executive Director of Forward Training Center proudly passing the mantle of leadership to Monica Hays. Pictured next to her, Monica is the current FTC Operations Director. Pictured next is Traci Cooper-Ives, Forward's new Program Director, standing next to former Program Director Lilly, who is assuming a new role as Volunteer Student Advocate.

tenure, serving both as staff and volunteer, and her close collaboration with me as operations director, uniquely qualifies her for this pivotal position. I invite you to share in the joy of this carefully prepared transition and join me in prayers for our new leaders, ensuring that Forward Training Center continues

to thrive in the years ahead. Your steadfast commitment to FTC is essential as we leap into this new chapter.

"I am grateful for the countless opportunities to witness lives transformed, partnerships forged, and the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, staff, and board of directors. Looking ahead, I am

eager to contribute as a volunteer, directing my efforts where they are most needed to continue being part of this transformative ministry, all for the glory of God."

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