Marathon Digital addresses Bitcoin noise complaints, announces plans for mitigation

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Marathon Digital Holdings has only been the owner of Granbury’s Bitcoin data center for about six weeks now, but the Florida-based company has already started to plan its mitigation efforts to address the countless noise complaints from city residents. This month and will hear the problem continues.

More than a year, several community members have voiced their concerns regarding the loud fan noise emanating near the Web Hollow Power Plant. During a community town hall hosted by Hood County Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson and Precinct 2 Commissioner John Shiranhiler Jan. 28, Granbury residents filled the Twin Canyons Ranch venue to air their grievances. A multitude of residents voiced concerns regarding migraine headaches, hearing loss, ringing in their ears, vertigo, nausea, and behavioral issues in children that they felt were all caused by the low-frequency hum coming from the Bitcoin data center.

While former owners US Bitcoin constructed a 24-foot high and almost 2,000-foot-long sound-prooﬁng wall in October 2022 to alleviate the issue, the problem continues. Marathon resident Cheryl Shadden explained during the town hall meeting that she lives across the street from the Bitcoin plant and said the noise “permeates her home” and her ears ring constantly.

“I have sleep disturbances, it impacts my livestock, I’m nauseated,” she said. “This wall isn’t helping. If you go to the other side of the wall, those poor folks, I don’t know how they live. But this can’t go on. I’m miserable. I’m absolutely miserable.”

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Celebrating milestones

The Value of ribbon cuttings for Granbury Chamber of Commerce members

Granbury Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies provide chamber members with a platform to connect with the local community in a meaningful way. By inviting all business owners, community leaders and residents to participate, these events create opportunities for networking, building relationships and increasing awareness of the business community.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Whataburger LLC

"No matter how big we grow — and we're growing — Whataburger will always be a place where goodness flows."

Member Spotlight: Whataburger. On Aug. 8, 1950, an adventurous and determined entrepreneur named Harmon Dobson opened up the world's first Whataburger on Ayers Street in Corpus Christi, Texas. He had a simple goal: to serve a burger so big it took two hands to hold and so good that both inline customers would say, "What a burger!"

RISING LEADERS

Rising Leaders of Granbury (RLG) Committee Member Spotlight Kara Dingman. We are so very thankful for our amazing Rising Leaders Granbury Committee Member, Kara Dingman with Mission Granbury!! Kara has been a part of our RLG program for eight months! When asked why she loves being on the RLG Committee, she said, "What I love most is being surrounded by so many distinct individuals. Getting together and hearing what everyone does in the community makes you expand your mind to new possibilities. It’s inspiring to be around individuals who have the passion to want to learn and grow. This group is full of ambitious, talented, innovative and smart individuals and we are so excited to see what we can accomplish as a group in 2024!"

A fun fact about Kara: "When I was born, I was not born in a normal hospital room… but in a storage closet at the hospital. So, while my mom was giving birth, people were coming in and out to get cleaning supplies! Thank you Kara for being a RLG Committee Member of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!"

RICHARD "RE-EL" PROVEN TAX CUTTER

Kevin Andrews

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 2024

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We TRUST in Faith, in God, in Country, in Family, in Self, to do the Right Thing at All Times.

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Subsequently, an ambulance was called and the man was transported to Lake Granbury Medical Center, where he later pronounced deceased.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report

**THE FOLLOWING IS A**
discretion of activity reported through the Granbury Police Department during the period of Feb. 20 — Feb. 26. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

**FEB. 20**

5:22 p.m.: theft of property reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
1:22 p.m.: credit card abuse reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:34 a.m.: assault reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
1:48 a.m.: armed home reported on Crawford Court
**FEB. 21**

6:01 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. U.S. Highway 377

*The following is a list of significant activity reported on this day.*

**FEB. 22**

3:35 a.m.: theft of property reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
12:24 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on W. Pearl Street
10:37 p.m.: trespassing reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
3:16 a.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on W. Pearl Street

**FEB. 23**

8:07 a.m.: assault reported on Loop 587
6:11 a.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
11:8 a.m.: assault reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:07 p.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on Loop 587
**FEB. 24**

12:07 a.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on U. S. Highway 377
1:03 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on N. Plaza Street
10:16 a.m.: sale of alcohol to a minor reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
8:41 p.m.: assault reported on public introduction of E. U.S. Highway 377
7:05 p.m.: harassment reported on E. Pearl Street
7:50 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. Pearl Street

**FEB. 25**

12:15 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on U. S. Highway 377
8:27 a.m.: 911 call reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
2:17 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on U. S. Highway 377
7:45 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. Pearl Street
2:03 a.m.: assault reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
11:14 p.m.: assault reported on E. U.S. Highway 377

**FEB. 26**

1:24 a.m.: abandoned vehicle reported on U. S. Highway 377
5:41 a.m.: assault reported on W. Pearl Street
10:47 a.m.: theft of property reported on E. Pearl Street
4:35 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on W. Pearl Street
9:50 p.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on E. Pearl Street
7:05 p.m.: harassment reported on E. Pearl Street
7:50 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on Loop 587
10:16 a.m.: sale of alcohol to a minor reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
11:28 a.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on S. Alexus Street
5:18 p.m.: trespassing reported on U. S. Highway 377
7:40 p.m.: found child reported on S. Harvest Street
9:21 p.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. Pearl Street

**FEB. 27**

3:17 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:03 a.m.: forgery reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:07 a.m.: hit-and-run accident reported on E. U.S. Highway 377
11:11 a.m.: suspicious persons or vehicles reported on Crawford Road

**FEB. 28**

6:34 a.m.: suspicious activity reported on E. Pearl Street
7:05 p.m.: harassment reported on N. Morgan Street
**Two minor accidents, a warrant service and 23 traffic stops were reported on this day.**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

**FORWARD TRAINING**

Granbury Chamber of Commerce is offering free training to prepare for the Texas Certification Exam. Granbury has one of the highest unemployment rates in Texas. Please call 817-573-6677 for information.

**PLEASING SEE CALENDAR A4**

**CALENDAR**

**ONGOING FORWARD TRAINING**

Count the Chances 525 Skill class. Call 817-573-6677 or email info@wardtrainingcenter.org.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Salk book sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Granbury. Proceeds support the Friends of the Hood County Library. Questions, call 817-408-2705.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

**TEXAS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION**

Climb the historic Granbury Courthouse, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see the exhibits, the celebration will begin at 3 p.m. The event will conclude at noon. Includes a presentation of the Texas State Flag. Includes a presentation of the Texas Independence. In 1845. Visit the Hood County Library for more information about the Texas History. Hope to see the library with the family.

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Greenville Community College runs through April 25 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Information is available at 817-573-6677 or call 817-573-6677 to sign up.
Second Sonic coming to Granbury

Staff Reports

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Counties approve new stop signs in Comanche Cove

By Ashley Terry

The Hood County Commissioners Court approved the installation of four new stop signs in Comanche Cove during a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The installation of the signs will be with one located at 902 E. U.S. Highway 377, and another located at 514 West Pearl St.

Marathon

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He said to help decrease the fan noise, Marathon has already started relocating mirrors away from the closest areas of the community and has started the process of immersion technology.

"We hope to continue to be a great member of the community and develop the site again, as we add capacity using immersion technology. Immersion technology minimizes noise, so that you don't have those big bangs."

That said, "Our intention is to bring even more economic value to the community by doing that because as we grow our footprint in Granbury over time, we are going to be adding jobs, we are going to be adding more potential incentives to the community, and we'll be paying more taxes, so we think that this is only good for the community — and we plan to be a great partner with Constellation Energy to do it."

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County opens courthouse office for Rep. Shelby Slawson

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The Hood County Commissioners Court unanimously voted to allow Texas State Rep. Shelby Slawson to use the office on the third floor of the Historical Courthouse without charge, during a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27.

“I think that you need to have an office here in Hood County,” Hood County Judge Ron Massingill said during the meeting. Slawson said she has the distinct pleasure of serving about 185,000 central Texans, as House District 59 covers the counties of Hood, Erath, Hamilton and Coryell — covering a little over 4,000 square miles.

“That’s a lot of territory to cover to serve our people, so unlike some of my counterparts in the city, we have a lot of asphalt that we burn up getting to our people,” she said. “We have — for the last several years — taken an approach to public meetings and mobile office hours in lieu of planning routes to any particular location.”

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“Welcome to Hood County,” Massingill said to Slawson.

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Staff Reports

The community of Granbury came together to help raise money for charity in what may have been one of the coldest meetings of the year.

The City of Granbury, Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Mission Granbury held their first ever town hall-style meeting allowing members of the public to speak on any topic of their choosing.

Town Hall Meeting

Mission Granbury held its first town hall-style meeting allowing for members of the public to speak on any topic of their choosing.

**First town hall-style school board meeting met with effective communication**

BY EMILY NAVA

Staff Writer

The Granbury ISD school board held its first town hall-style meeting, allowing members of the public to speak on any topic of their choosing. Following discussion directly with the board Feb. 26.

This style of meeting came about after a change to the procedures put into effect by the previous board Feb. 26.

The new style allowed for the trustees and GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn to sit on the same level as those who wished to comment. Members of the public were allowed to speak for three minutes followed by a board response, whereas in previous proceedings, board members could not respond.

The new style allowed for back and forth discussion where concerns and questions could be answered and input taken into account for further consideration. No action can be taken at these meetings.

The meeting took place in the GISD administration building, instead of the board room as Barbara Townsend, board president, noted one trustee had the idea of moving into a larger room.

The three-hour and a half-long meeting was met with a majority of officers, concerns about the recent ruling of a May special election to decide a $194.1 million bond proposal.

Many people had questions regarding the bond, concerns about the added debit and some praised the push for the bond to be passed.

Trustee Karen Loverty reiterated her opposing view about the bond noting that people have informed her they cannot take on more debt.

"If this bond passes, the total debt of county citizens would be $419 million," Loverty noted. "She also shared her concern that the district is looking at the same demographic study used from the previous bond rather than conducting a second study.

Loverty reiterated that 36% of families within the student population are economically disadvantaged, and that these families don't want the burden of paying for another bond for many years to come.

"There are people that are hurting. I don't think you're really mad at me. I think you're mad at all the voters that voted no, and they're voting no because one, they don't understand this bond and two, they're hurting in economic times like this." Some community members requested an itemized list about the bond be passed, and the board shared that a 13-page report regarding the bond will soon be available on the GISD website that goes into further detail about the bond.

"Some public comments stressed the importance of better communication within the board, something Glenn agreed needs to happen.

"I think I can speak for all the trustees up here that we care about kids," Glenn said during the meeting. "We do not always agree, but at the end of the day we all try and do our best to fight for our community and our kids.

"I hope this has been helpful, and I hope that you have appreciated the fact that we could talk back and forth," Townsend said before adjourning the meeting.

The next school board meeting will take place March 25, with the next special meeting scheduled for May 28. The Feb. 26 meeting is available for viewing on the Granbury ISD YouTube channel at granburyisd.com. Trustees Melanie Graff was not in attendance at the meeting.

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The Goosebump Jump is held in the fall and has been a tradition in Granbury for several years. The event aims to raise funds for local nonprofit organizations and support the community.

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NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL WATER USERS

The Hood County Commission's Water Quality Division (WQ) is currently reviewing a permit application for discharge of wastewater from Texas Water Utilities, L.P. for the facility at 1501 S. Morgan St., Granbury, Texas 76048 for the discharge into Devils River. The application will be a Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002678000 (EPA I.D. No. T-42763). The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor has a reasonable basis to believe he will be adversely affected by the permit issuance. The application is currently undergoing a pre-adjudicatory review. Thereafter, a hearing will be held to consider the application. Under the Texas Water Quality Act, an application for a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The Hood County Commission, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, will have a hearing at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2024 to consider the application of Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWP) for a permit for discharge of wastewater into Devils River. The permit application will be heard at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2024 at 1402 W Pearl St., Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048. Application materials may be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St., Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048. All invoices shall be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

How to Apply: Please send your request to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, 1815 Enforcement Drive, Suite 132, Austin, TX 78753-3998, at attention: WQ0002678000 (EPA I.D. No. T-42763). The bids are open immediately and all bids will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. The bidding deadline is 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. Bids in sealed envelopes will be opened immediately after the deadline.

To request a contested case hearing, you must include the following items in your request:

- Your name, address, phone number, social security number, and Texas driver’s license number.
- A complete list of the owners of the property/activities relative to the proposed facility.
- A specific description of how the application would affect you.
- A statement affirming you have read and understand the notice above and the applicable provisions of the notice.

Further information may also be obtained from Texas Water Utilities, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Chuck Barry, Environmental Health & Safety Manager, at 817-573-3967. Date: February 12, 2024

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 Bite into a healthy lifestyle this National Nutrition Month®

As the temperatures rise and the days start getting longer, it’s evident that spring is on the horizon—and what better way to celebrate the warmer weather than with a lifestyle check?

National Nutrition Month®—an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics where everyone is invited to learn more about making informed food choices, developing healthful eating and increasing physical activity habits.

According to the Hood County News, National Nutrition Month® started in 1973 as National Nutrition Week, and it became a month-long observance in 1980 in response to growing interest in nutrition.

While there are many ways to eat healthier this month, staying hydrated is undeniably one of the most important.

“People don’t realize that 70% plus percent of people go to the emergency room thinking they’re having a heart attack when what they’re actually experiencing is dehydration,” said Kevin Kiechler, president of the Hood County News.

Dehydration can cause various problems, including dehydration, electrolyte imbalances, and inflammation.

While drinking the recommended amount of water every day can be tough, electrolyte additives can help improve hydration.

Kiechler noted that his products, Kiechler can be reached by email at Kevin@fuelup.gg.

In addition to hydration, Kiechler’s product, Wake, focuses on cognitive function and concentration.

While staying hydrated is one of the most important things you can do, it’s equally important to eat healthy. Kiechler said, “People need to change their daily habits.”

For more information on his products, Kiechler can be reached by email at Kevin@fuelup.gg. While National Nutrition Month® is important, it’s also an excuse to reset, giving individuals an opportunity to look and feel better, if needed. Kiechler added, “The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics encourages making every meal an integral part of our lives.”

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On Saturday morning, Feb. 24, a large crowd gathered at Warren’s Backyard to enjoy a tasty Pancake Breakfast and support the North Hood County Volunteer Fire Department. The breakfast feast, which included pancakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, juice, and coffee, was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The Pancake Breakfast raises a whopping $8,000, which will go a long way in supporting the North Hood County VFD’s mission to better serve our community.
Douglas Dewain Hutto

Douglas Dewain Hutto, 86, passed away on Sat-
day, March 2, 2024, in Granbury, Texas. He was born on
December 14, 1937, in a small farming community
outside of Weatherford, Texas. He was the son of
Leonard Dewain Hutto and Mary Frances Cornett Hutto.
Douglas was preceded in death by his parents and
three siblings. He is survived by his wife, Janice
Hutto; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Douglas was a lifelong resident of Texas and
spent many years working in the oil and gas industry.
He was a dedicated family man and enjoyed spending
time with his loved ones. He will be greatly missed
and remembered for his kind heart and warm personality.

Arrangements are being handled by Tracy Wammack
Funeral Home, 2111 W. Main St., Granbury, TX 76049.

Allen Roy Wammack

Allen Roy Wammack, 67, was born on March 20,
1957, in Weatherford, Texas, to Allen Roy and Eleanor
Wammack. He passed away peacefully on Saturday
February 24, 2024, in Granbury, Texas.

Allen was a loving father, grandpa, and great
great-grandpa to his two sons, Allen and Ryan. He was
loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed
by those who loved him.

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Richard Judson Conner
May 31, 1924 - February 5, 2023

Richard Judson Conner, 78, of Granbury, passed away at his home on February 5, 2023, at the age of 78. He was born on May 31, 1924, in Mansfield, Texas, the son of Charles Franklin Conner and Pearlene (Daly) Conner. He married Greer Folsom on May 13, 1950, and they were the loving parents of four children: David, Richard, Kenna, and Adam. Richard was a graduate of Mansfield High School, class of 1942, and received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas Christian University in 1946. He was a member of the Fort Worth Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association. Richard was a member of the Salvation Army for over 80 years and served on the 11-member Tri-Ethnic Advisory Committee to oversee the desegregation of the Salvation Army School District, including serving as Salvation Army’s first black chairman. He was a devoted member of Glen Hope Church of Christ in Oak Cliff. Richard passed away after a long illness on February 5, 2023, in hospital. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Wynn Garrison Staunton
October 5, 1963 - February 15, 2023

Wynn Garrison Staunton, age 59, passed away on February 15, 2023, in Granbury, Texas. He was born in Corinth, Mississippi, on March 10, 1963, the son of Edgar Liberty Staunton and Alvella (Pendleton) Staunton. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alvella, and his stepfather, John (Jim) Head. Wynn lived in Littlefield, Texas, with his family while in high school and served as pastor of several churches in Louisiana while he was attending and then graduating from Centenary College in 1985. Wynn was a member of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He was known for his love of the outdoors, studies in history, and his love for the Louisiana State Lottery. Wynn was known for his love of the outdoors, and he enjoyed spending time at the family lake house, and hosting outdoor gatherings with family and friends. He was a member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and his love of the outdoors never wavered. 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Annual blood tests give a picture of your health

By Lake Granbury Medical Center

Blood work is a standard part of a comprehensive wellness visit because it gives a global picture of your health. The lab results help your provider check how your body is functioning, and track how medications are working.

Wagner says annual blood tests are important for the long term health and well-being of her patients, even when they seem to be in good health. “Annual blood work measures naturally occurring chemicals in the blood to screen for abnormalities that could signal an underlying disorder which may not show any other signs or symptoms,” said Wagner. “As your results are tracked over time, we can see whether the numbers are trending in the right direction or if there is a disease such as diabetes or cholesterol that could benefit from treatment to prevent bigger issues later.”

A basic metabolic blood panel measures the part of an annual primary care wellness visit that assesses the status of the blood and a transaminase and uric acid tests. The lab results give indications of the function and health of your organs, including liver and kidney, blood sugar levels, acid and base balance, blood and electrolyte balance and nutrition status.

Glycemia or blood sugar levels when elevated after fasting can be a sign of Type 2 diabetes, and very high levels whether fasting or not usually indicate Type 1 diabetes.

Creatinine is essential in your blood for proper functioning of your nerves, muscles, and heart. Elevated levels are an indication of how well your liver is removing the waste products from your red blood cells.

Total protein in your blood helps you build muscle, heal, fight infection and stay healthy. If levels are too low or too high there could be an underlying issue.

Blood sugar levels are important for those with diabetes. High levels can be a sign of Type 1 diabetes, and very high levels when elevated after fasting can be a sign of Type 2 diabetes.

A lipoprotein panel measures the part of an annual primary care wellness visit that assesses the status of the blood that controls heart and muscle function and maintain the pH balance of your blood and water balance.

Three liver enzymes — alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase and alkaline phosphatase — are enzymes that allow your liver to keep chemical balances and help the liver to maintain energy levels.

A lipoprotein panel measures the levels of cholesterol in your blood. "High" cholesterol is the main source of buildup and blockages in the arteries and HDL “good” cholesterol helps decrease cholesterol blockages in the arteries. triglycerides are a type of fat in your blood. If your cholesterol or triglyceride levels are outside the range of normal for your gender, ethnic group and age, you may be at a higher risk of heart disease.

Wagner says, “Maintaining your best health takes active work and attention as you go through life, keeping a file of regular check-ups and blood work can help identify any holes in your routine that may call for lifestyle changes, medication or both to reverse a problem or prevent it from progressing.”

Even if you have never been diagnosed with a chronic illness or experienced a major medical issue, an annual check-up with your doctor supports your current health and the healthcare action to maintain and improve your health. Family history, lifestyle, age, diet and activity level are all factors that affect your health and your provider can take all that information and be ready to help even if you don’t have an obvious problem that needs fixing.

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Dear Residents of Precinct 2 in Hood County, TX.

My name is Fred Thiel, and I am the chairman and CEO of Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc. I write to you today with a vision of progress in regard to Marathon’s recent acquisition of a data center in your community.

We approach this decision with both a strong sense of responsibility and optimism for the future.

We understand that while the site has previously been operated by US Bitcoin (aka Hut8), this data center has had unintended disturbances for nearby residents.

We acknowledge the past inconveniences as we prepare to assume full operational control by April 30. As the new owners and soon to be operators, we assure you that we are committed to being thoughtful and considerate neighbors – a commitment that we look forward to proving to you through our actions in the coming days and weeks.

The feedback we received during the town hall meeting facilitated by County Commissioner Nannette Samuelson, has been invaluable. We are grateful for the opportunity to listen and learn from you. In response to your concerns, we have initiated an independent sound study to better understand our operations and their impact on the community.

This study will help inform our efforts going forward and is an important first step in ensuring that our presence in Precinct 2 reflects the best interests of the community.

In addition, I want to reiterate the way in which we can add value to Hood County’s energy infrastructure. We reduce or power down our operations during periods of high energy grid demand, which means that we will never negatively impact the grid’s ability to provide power to the community. In this way, we aim to provide a valuable service to the local utility company.

In our efforts to maintain ongoing dialogue, we are hiring a local community member to serve as our full-time community liaison. This role is crucial to ensure that your voices are heard and that your concerns are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

We view our presence in Precinct 2 not just as a business endeavor, but as an opportunity to invest in and contribute positively to a thriving community. We currently anticipate adding 25-30 new jobs and generating approximately $2 million in annual tax contributions to fund essential services in the community.

We stand ready to listen, engage, and collaborate on solutions that benefit everyone and enrich the ongoing story of this community.

Our team has set up a dedicated email address, granbury@mara.com, where we welcome your thoughts and feedback as we embark on this journey together.

We look forward to building a long and mutually beneficial relationship with all of you.

Kind regards,

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Two of Granbury High School’s Law Enforcement and Forensics Student Association (LEFSA) students are headed to the state competition this weekend in the Dallas area.

The courses focus on planning, managing and providing legal services, public safety, protective services and homeland security. Students on this pathway are encouraged to join LEFSA to gain competitive experience and offer the students a chance to compete.

The council has five committees, including DASH, crime and investigations, TASC, forensics and LEFSA sponsorship. LEFSA has been at GISD since 2010. The students compete at Texas Public Safety Association-sponsored events, where each region within Texas has a conference comprised of different law enforcement schools from each school within that region. GISD is in Region 1, which typically has around 150 to 250 students that participate. Three of GISD’s students competed in the TSPA Region 1 and Region 7 competition, including seniors Travis Campbell and Skylar Rodriguez and junior Lilly Wong.

Within the competition, there are five different categories including law enforcement, first services, forensic science, legal studies and correctionsal services. Students are judged based on the predetermined rubrics provided by TSPA. Students are marked based on the number of points they earned out of 100 and must have one of the top three scores to advance to the state championship. To prepare for competitions, advisors will review the rules and determine the necessary materials and specifics for each event. Students have to know the highest number of points they can earn per category. Students who score the top events are introduced and are allowed to compete in more events.

The students practice frequently and often get advice from experts currently in the field. Rodriguez brought home first place in fingerprint collection and analysis, earning a spot at the state competition. In this event, the student must locate and lift a latent print from a provided object and complete a fingerprint card within five minutes. The student then has 30 minutes to match an unknown print to a known standard using the overall fingerprint pattern and minutiae.

Wong will also attend the state conference representing Region 1 as a student board member, a position to which she was elected. Student board members are expected to organize and carry out region-wide service projects, help the Executive Council carry out the duties of Region 1 LEFSA, support the regional representation of the regional and state competitions.

“LEFSA students have consistently placed in both regional and state competitions each year students have competed,” Aldea Freeman, program director of Mission Granbury shared. “We are most grateful and appreciate their support.”

According to Lauren Bednar, GISD student council advisor, as part of the TASC, the students are required to complete a certain number of projects each year following documentation and submission. They also must attend conferences through the year where they meet with other student councils to undergo leadership training and project sharing.

“Not only are they graded on their projects and services, but they also are vetted by TASC and awards are given to schools who excel in each category,” Bednar said. “GISD has won the highest award in state, Streaker Creations – Outstanding Student Council Awards for the last six years!”

The council plans to continue to focus on how to help the community and continue to serve as a positive impact.
Making music history

SATURDAY, March 2, 2024

Pictured is Lipan High School Seniors Max Robinson and Kerstin Hill

MARCH

2 Texas Independence Day Celebration
17-19 Founders Day Festival
18 Bulls on the Beach (Galveston, Galveston Expo)
7-16 2nd Annual Pub McDonald Paddy Fest & Parade
21 St. Patrick’s Day Parade
29 Natl. Vietnam Veterans Day

APRIL

5-7 Dish! Drink! Feast! Authentic German-Style Pig Roast
10 On the Edge TOTAL ECLIPSE 2024 – see website for list of events
25-27 Grandy Wine Walk
4 International Firefighters Day
11 National Police Week

Information subject to change | For more info: winetastebrew.com

The month of March is heart-health awareness month, and Hood County News, in coordination with the National Institutes of Health, offers this list of tips to help you make healthy choices that will improve your heart health.

1. Find a physical activity you enjoy and do it safely. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity each week, or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity.

2. Eat a healthy diet that is high in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, and low in saturated and trans fats, cholesterol, and sodium.

3. Keep your weight within a healthy range.

4. Limit alcohol intake.

5. Avoid smoking.

6. Take care of your mental health by managing stress and getting enough sleep.

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For more information about Special Olympics, visit specialolympics.org.

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Granbury swimmers’ looks to build on strong season
Rattlers 2023-2024 Season
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Tolar Basketball

PHOTOS BY LAYTH TAYLOR (HOOD COUNTY NEWS)
Tolar Rattlers traveled to Weatherford High School and took on the Poolville Monarchs in their third round of playoffs. Ultimately the Rattlers season came to an end with a hard fought 47-36 loss.
The Tolar Lady Rattlers celebrate pitcher Reese Tryon recording the 500th strikeout of her high school career.

The Tolar Lady Rattlers celebrate winning their area round basketball playoff game to advance to the third round.

Lady Indians’ repeat bids end in regional tournament

By Ryan Maupin

The Lady Indians (34-4) were led by Ashlyn Clark (24). Region II Tournament final to Nocona in the Class 2A state with a 50-41 loss came up short of returning to state.

“We have high expectations. We have had a great season, so far,” coach Branson said. “Unfortunately, only one team can advance, so when that team isn’t us, it’s disappointing for the current group of kids that season it was.”

Branson admitted this loss stung a little more for her, “I think the biggest factor with this being her daughter Taylor’s senior year.”

“She had an outstanding career as a Lady Indian. I’m just going to miss having her on our court, on our team, and sharing in those experiences with her,” coach Branson said. “Again, I’m incredibly proud of these girls. I’m thankful to get to play a small role in their lives, they are really easy to work with, and make another run next year.

“Thank you to our school, community and fans. We are so blessed to live in a place that supports us, travels with us and loves us like they do. We are forever grateful.”

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**Tarleton State University**

**Volleyball**

**Tarleton Beach Volleyball debuts, ends opening tournament with 1st win**

Pushed back harder each day. Our Sandy Texans were able to adjust and play tough competition and I’m extremely proud of the way the team stuck together. The Beach Bash was a great sea-level and the opportunity was just great.

Tarleton State’s program had its first win as a program. Feating Nicholls State 4-1 for Cal Poly and 4-1 to the host son with a win, finishing 1-3 overall.

Volleyball left its first tournament - Tarleton State Beach Volleyball 4-21-24.

The Texans, now 8-6 on the season, took down the Lancers of Texas A&M-Commerce (5-11) 21-19 at No. 1, falling 21-13 overall. On the weekend of Feb. 23-Feb. 24, the Texans played a double header. Texas A&M-Commerce.

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Fun games with real-world physics

**BY JENNIFER HARRISON**

My name is Jennifer Harrison and my pseudonym is [your pseudonym]. I like playing games on the computer since the days of the Tandy TRS-80. I love games, especially strategy games and puzzle games. I enjoy playing on the computer since the days of the Tandy TRS-80. I especially love games that allow me to manipulate those physical properties to manipulate the object.

**DONUT COUNTY**

Donut County is a physics-based puzzler set in a world where underground rivers and streams have been opened up for the first time. Players take control of a donut and must manipulate the physics of the environment to navigate through the underground world and reach the exit. The game features a variety of puzzles and challenges that test the player's understanding of physics concepts such as gravity, friction, and fluid dynamics.

**THE HONKING MAN GETS A DONUT**

The Honking Man is a puzzle game developed by a team of independent developers from Germany. The game is set in a world where animals have taken over and the player must navigate through various levels, solving puzzles and completing objectives to progress.

**RDS**

RDS is a game about real-world physics and how they can be manipulated to solve puzzles. The game is set in a world where the laws of physics are different, and players must use their understanding of physics to complete puzzles and progress through the levels.

**REAL WORLD PHYSICS GAMES**

In this image, there are several objects that the player can manipulate to solve puzzles, such as magnets, levers, and springs. The player's objective is to use these objects to move a donut from one place to another, overcoming obstacles along the way.

**TILAPIA**

Tilapia is a non-native species that has established itself in Texas and Florida. They are typically used to control algae growth in farm ponds. Tilapia are indigenous to Asia and Africa. They have established themselves in Texas and Florida probably as accidental releases from local landowners' ponds and farm ponds. Tilapia are typically put into farm ponds and ranches as accidental releases from local landowners' ponds and farm ponds. Tilapia are typically used to control algae growth in farm ponds.

**SPawning occurs when the water temperatures near 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Large circular nests are dug by the males in shallow water over a sandy bottom. Males lead passing females to the nest for courtship. After the eggs are laid and fertilized, the female takes the eggs in her mouth and or her mounth, over a period of three weeks or so, and the eggs release the fry occasionally to feed. When threatened, they return to her mouth. This is referred to as mouth brooding.**
Texas Independence Day, celebrated on March 2nd, is a day full of Lone Star pride and historical significance. It commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence in 1836, marking the birth of the Republic of Texas. This day is an opportunity for Texans to reflect on their unique heritage and the journey that led to their independence.

Kids can delve into the exciting history of Texas Independence Day by learning about the brave men and women who played crucial roles in the fight for freedom. From the Battle of the Alamo to the decisive victory at the Battle of San Jacinto, the story of Texas’s struggle for independence is filled with courage and determination.

Celebrations often include events like parades, festivals, and educational activities that highlight Texas’s rich cultural legacy. Kids can participate by creating Texas-themed crafts, learning traditional Texan dances, or even enjoying a slice of pecan pie—a delicious treat associated with the state.

Schools may organize special lessons, presentations, or projects to educate students about the significance of Texas Independence Day. Teachers can explore Texas history, discuss the state’s unique symbols, and encourage kids to express their pride through art and storytelling.

For families, it’s a great day to explore Texas’s natural beauty, visit historical sites, or enjoy traditional Texan cuisine. Whether it’s barbecue, Tex-Mex, or a classic bowl of chili, savoring the flavors of Texas is a tasty way to celebrate.

Texas Independence Day is more than just a historical milestone; it’s a day to honor the spirit of independence, resilience, and community that defines the Lone Star State. So, on March 2nd, let the Lone Star shine a little brighter as Texans of all ages come together to celebrate their unique history and the vibrant culture that makes Texas a truly special place.

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A poised pooch with a purpose

BY EMILY NAVA
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A local dog named Bedford is working his way to the top. Since being a part of the Granbury community one visit at a time, Bedford, the almost 3-year-old labrador, has become a registered therapy dog through the American Association of Veterinary State and Provincial Colleges. Bedford’s plan was not always to become a therapy dog. He had done a lot of obedience and education work previously, so there were a few things we needed to tweak for him to “pass the testing (to become a registered therapy dog).” Dykes added there are many specific education and a day of education. In Granbury, the celebration will take place beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 4, in the jury room on the second floor of the Granbury Courthouse on the Granbury square.

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BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Independence celebration reigns over the State of Texas

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Rise in temperatures means a rise in active snakes

The science of leap years

By MICKY SEIDAN
Special to the Hood County News

As the Hood County Snakes Facebook group is gearing up for another active season, Pyle shared that he has relocated over 100 snakes around Hood and Erath counties in one day alone.

Those who need a snake relocated can call the Hood County Snakes Facebook group; more than 190,000 people have joined the group so far, and Pyle has been a member for over 15 years.

While Taylor still has her laser engraving business, winning("Light therapy can result in a significant decrease in PMS symptoms, red light therapy can improve skin function, and blue light therapy can actually reverse the signs of aging.

"We have the opportunity to work with a lot of different businesses. It's a great way to support local businesses and help them grow. It's also a great way to learn new skills and stay up-to-date with the latest trends in the industry."
Training to save lives: Hood County CERT

Staff Report

Granbury Theatre Academy announced its 2024 Children’s Series at the historic Granbury Opera House.

The Children’s Series will include four productions:
- “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (May 3)
- “Disney’s The Little Mermaid JR” (July 15)
- “Anastasia: Youth Edition” (November 22)
- “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” is free for admission to the single evening performance, but donations are welcome.

Additional information is available on the Granbury Theatre Company’s website, granburytheatrecompany.org/childrens-series.

BY ALESA GRIEGER
Special to the Hood County News

After spending decades working, the first thing the average person wants is a break. But, the members of Hood County CERT are choosing to help new lives.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) was created in 1973 by FEMA to prepare residents and volunteers in communities for emergency situations.

Vicki DiGiovanni, training coordinator for CERT, began her community-oriented career as a Flight Attendant for Trans World Airlines, and later became an early childhood education in New Jersey. After a tornadoネットした in Florida in 1998 caused DiGiovanni and her family to lose their home, the help they received motivated her to spend her time returning to the area they love.

“This was an entirely new environment and visits, the DiGiovanni’s had no support system or family other than themselves. Then Vicki saw a newspaper ad promoting Hood County’s CERT courses and earned a position in the leadership team, where she served for ten years.

“I have that service spirit,” DiGiovanni said. “I have that service spirit, and the people I work through training with that are part of the leadership team are just really good people with really good hearts. So, it’s like a no-brainer (to join). It keeps me involved. It keeps me involved. It keeps me active,” she said.

As a trainer, DiGiovanni has taught Hood County residents how to be prepared in emergency situations, both physically and mentally.

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Cedar fever strikes again: Navigating Hood County’s pollen plague

BY MICKI SHEARD
Special to the Hood County News

If you’re anything like me and what seems like half the population of Hood County, right now, you are probably sick and tired of fighting the never-ending battle of the winter allergy season in recent memory. The runny nose, sneezing, itchy and watery eyes, and head congestion are just exhausting.

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Health experts recommend staying indoors on dry, windy days when pollen counts are high.

“Cedar fever,” a relatively new and undiagnosed condition, can be quite debilitating,” said Dr. Collins.

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**Civil War Roundtable meeting scheduled for March 11**

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377 in Granbury.

The meeting this month will feature a study of the Union fleet’s battle with the Confederate fleet at the Battle of Mobile Bay, which took place on August 5, 1864. The Union fleet, commanded by Rear Adm. David D. Porter, consisted of 11 ironclad warships and 35 wooden-hulled ships. The Confederate fleet, commanded by Rear Adm. Robert E. Lee, consisted of 9 ironclad warships and 14 wooden-hulled ships.

The battle began with the Union fleet advancing toward the Confederate fleet, which was anchored in a line. The Union fleet opened fire on the Confederate fleet, and the battle lasted for about an hour and a half.

The Union fleet emerged victorious, and the Confederate fleet sustained heavy casualties. This battle was a significant victory for the Union and helped to ensure their victory in the Civil War.

For more information, please see WWW.ncentexcwrt.com or call Bill Dyess at 817-326-8216.
Folks attending the Granbury Jazz Fest 2024 on Saturday, Feb. 24, immersed themselves in the heart-thumping world of jazz with over 15 talented bands spanning various genres. A wide array of food trucks and vendors at all three stages were on hand for the crowd of thousands here to celebrate Historic Granbury's unique music, culture, and hospitality.
Spring pickleball play is strong in Pecan Plantation

BY DIANE LONG

The Pecan Plantation Pickleball Association is an active group and recently held a beginner clinic at the Pecan Activities Center. Pickleball play happens daily on either inside or outside (and sometimes both) courts, and the next beginner clinic comes on March 18. Pictured left to right are: Pickleball Association members and clinic instructors Jana Reeves, Miles Broughton, and Diane Hutto.
Top Left: Old Butter Shop asked Granbury resident Andrea Taylor to create a semi-permanent design of a butcher chasing animals.
Top Right: From Dallas Christmas to St. Patrick’s Day, Andrea Taylor is constantly painting seasonal-themed window designs for businesses all around the area.
Left: For the past five years, Taylor has created several holiday and special-themed mosaics for businesses like Purdy Dixie & Coffee Co., The Frog Juice Co., Scents of Humor Canada Company and more.

courtesy photos

Taylor explained that her business name, Against the Grain Studio, is derived from her belief that as a Christian, she must do some things differently in the world, but that she also thinks differently in the world, but she may do some things differently — especially what comes to being creative.

"The studio was a really great thing for us to integrate into the community of arts," she added. "By far, Granbury is the best place I've ever lived. I have the best friends, the best support system and the most creative people. It's just a God-given thing to get up here and get established into this community that we love so much."

When Taylor is not busy creating art, she spends time with her husband, Dillan. She has three daughters: Olivia, 21, Aurora, 17, and Selah, 11. Taylor is the latter of whom helps Taylor with her window painting jobs.

For more information about Against the Grain Studio, visit atgangrinstudio.com or on Facebook.com/AgainstTheGrainStudios. Instagram: AgainstTheGrainStudio, or TikTok: LawtLadyATG.

COURTESY PHOTOS

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Dr. Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski.

Hi, how are you? It's polite to be respectful, too. Furthermore, it's others who made it into this book. The Influence Fungi, edited by Dr. Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski, Illustrations by Kerson Cc and you can happen to be a bit of a know-it-all. Now.

Twenty-one years ago, a group of nerds got together to offer one another short “pre- talks” on topics and eventually, “Nerd Night” was born. Chances are, “you will be able to taste it. There’s a reason why some letters get crossed out. Misophonia can’t tolerate the sound of your breathing; some people have it. People who have young with a form of “milk.”

To your body. People who have pod specialists in wasting time, especially when they find “made in China” dominate.

In the past, people had to ask to become an “age blank,” he announced. A toot to the core, he astonished shoppers by “shaping humdrum” by checking labels of non-dairy, highly delisious things “made in America” tags. Too often, the “age blank” is an “age blank.”

He stopped abruptly recently, noticing bold prints on a box: “Tastefully” or “made in Taiwan” or “made in China.”

That’s a place’s I’ve never heard,” he told the weekly. “Is Antioch?” Mort was bewildered with a city only that Antioch is a small county, not a city.

If all that big. They can’t jump super-long distances. They aren’t really even spiders. They are mostly an exaggeration. The knowledge into it rates from anthropologists to World War 2 and lots of other subjects in between. Each hand chapter comes from an expert on the topic at hand — or, at the very least, someone who has reason, for instance, to wander down a rabbit-hole of maggots, mites, venomous spiders and zombies in your laundry.

“Have to win friends and influence fungi” is perfect for fun guys and gals open 15 to 20. Expect to learn, expect to laugh, and expect to have your eyes opened, Get it and say “Hello” to a good read.

How do you do?

BOOK REVIEW

How do you win friends and influence fungi? It should be more accurately named How about a field-good scrimmage featuring the Washington Generals, the Harvard Generals?

The restaurant also had a slower, deep-slower that produced standing queues in front of their electronic end. Sometimes, he answered “how many/zaps” we heard between cone-licks. “Talk about minutes.”

Acceptable television reception was rare. Several times a week, what the nearest station about the window glass. We’d stop, pressing noses against the window glass and expect to get as close to the TV screen as possible.

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Howdy. Hey, there. Hello.

Well, some of the presenters are more interesting than others. Others made it into this book. If you ever wanted to know the doings of Kuwait, for instance, you know that my thinking about camels spiders is mostly an exaggeration.

The creatures are big, but not all that big. They can’t jump super-long distances, and aren’t really even spiders. Oh, but I think you – thought not for the reasons you’re hearing.

Or take, for instance, a glass of your local gym. You’ve been taught all your life that only mamma’s give milk, but that’s not exactly a fact. By definition, birds, bats, mice, even snails nourish their young with a form of “milk.”

Trap-jaw ants and stomp-tops can bring a world of hurt to your body. People who have pod specialists in wasting time, especially when they find “made in China” dominate.

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When soft-serve ice cream came to our town, one of our leading restaurants sold the cones at a “walk-up-window.” This was several years before drive-thru joints appeared. It was fun to watch the server’s artistry in turning out cones with curls on top. Our parasites usually sprung for its cones which we licked slowly, wading for the much bigger 10-cent cones.

But, there was something.

The sound of your breathing; some people have it. People who have young with a form of “milk.”

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In the past, people had to ask to become an “age blank,” he announced. A toot to the core, he astonished shoppers by “shaping humdrum” by checking labels of non-dairy, highly delisious things “made in America” tags. Too often, the “age blank” is an “age blank.”

He stopped abruptly recently, noticing bold prints on a box: “Tastefully” or “made in Taiwan” or “made in China.”

That’s a place’s I’ve never heard,” he told the weekly. “Is Antioch?” Mort was bewildered with a city only that Antioch is a small county, not a city.

If all that big. They can’t jump super-long distances. They aren’t really even spiders. They are mostly an exaggeration. The knowledge into it rates from anthropologists to World War 2 and lots of other subjects in between. Each hand chapter comes from an expert on the topic at hand — or, at the very least, someone who has reason, for instance, to wander down a rabbit-hole of maggots, mites, venomous spiders and zombies in your laundry.

“Have to win friends and influence fungi” is perfect for fun guys and gals open 15 to 20. Expect to learn, expect to laugh, and expect to have your eyes opened, Get it and say “Hello” to a good read.

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