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Granbury ISD bond fails; new Cresson mayor elected

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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The May 4 unofficial election results are in, with the majority of residents giving a firm thumbs down to the \$161 million Granbury Independent School District bond proposal.

The bond — which failed by approximately 398 votes in Hood County — consisted of a new elementary school off Old Granbury Road and Peck Road behind H-E-B, renovations to nine GISD campuses, a new north transportation center with the purchase of 30 new buses, additional instructional technology, and more.

Proposition A (the bond race) was neck-and-neck in Hood County, with 5,311 (51.9%) votes against and 4,913 (48%) votes for the bond.

For Parker County, results showed that 93 (82%) were against the bond and 20 (17%) voted in favor of the bond.

Shortly after results were tallied, Granbury ISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn issued a statement on the election.

“Granbury ISD would like to thank our community for a strong turnout in this year’s bond election,” the statement read. “The facility and enhancements proposed on the ballot were truly needed to accommodate future student growth and provide equity within our district. In the coming months we will take this feedback, study it, and figure out how to better address the challenges of student growth in our schools. We look forward to a continued strong partnership with all stakeholders as we work to provide all students in our schools with an exemplary educational experience. Thank you for your involvement and genuine concern for our students.”

This is the third time a GISD bond proposal has failed in the past few years. The first proposal totaling \$394 million failed in 2022, under two propositions. Proposition A, \$355 million to pay for school facilities and land, was rejected in a 68.64% to 31.36% split. Proposition B, \$39 million to pay for athletic stadiums, was snubbed by 72.75% of voters, with 27.25% voting in favor.

Last November, a \$151.7 million bond proposal failed by a mere two votes. This bond proposal included: a new elementary school off Old Granbury Rd and

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Christine C. Leftwich appointed new Hood County Clerk

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The Hood County Commissioners Court officially appointed a new Hood County Clerk during a special meeting last week.

Following a round of interviews held in executive session, the court convened into an open meeting April 29, where Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson made a motion to nominate Christine C. Leftwich to fill the vacancy in the office of County Clerk until the next general election. The motion passed in a 4:1 vote, with Hood County Judge Ron Massingill voting against the nomination.

The decision to appoint a new County Clerk was made after former clerk Katie Lang announced her resignation during a Hood County Commissioners Court meeting April 9.

“I want to personally thank all the citizens of Hood County for trusting me as your elected official,” Lang said on social media April 10. “I am honored to have served with some amazing people in the community. I will be retiring May 3. As Mike and I look forward to the next chapter in our life, I will look back proudly on what my office has accomplished during

my service. I can’t wait to see what God has planned for us next!”

Massingill previously told the Hood County News that Hood County HR Director Melissa Welborn posted the available County Clerk position on the Hood County website Wednesday, April 10.

“(Welborn) takes applications for the County Clerk of Hood County and from those applications, the majority of the commissioners court will appoint somebody to be the County Clerk until the November election, because the County Clerk has to run for reelection in November,” Massingill told the Hood County News. “Whoever we appoint will be on the November ballot and they will take office Jan. 1. That’s the procedure.”

Leftwich, who’s lived in Pecan Plantation since 2003, was originally born in Virginia and moved to Texas when she was 10 — specifically, San Antonio.

After graduating from James Madison High School, she went to work for the U.S.



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Christine C. Leftwich

Air Force in federal civil service at Kelly AFB, which she did for about eight years.

During that time, she attended college at night to earn an associate degree in paralegal studies at San Antonio College.

“When I completed that, I went to work in the legal profession. I moved to Austin and worked as a certified paralegal — mostly in Austin — but then I moved to Granbury in 2003. I worked for a firm in downtown Fort Worth, and that was about four years,” Leftwich said.

While working and living in Austin, she also earned a bachelor’s degree in applied arts and sciences at

Southwest Texas — what is now called Texas State University — in 1999.

But something else was missing.

After 15 years in the legal profession, Leftwich suddenly felt a desire to pursue a teaching career — and that’s exactly what she did.

She earned her teacher’s certification for Texas in 2007 and taught part-time in Granbury at a homeschool co-op called SHAPE Academy.

“At the time, it called to me,” Leftwich said.

She later went to work for Pearson Education, where she has taught online for about 10 years.

“While working for Pearson I earned my master’s degree, so I have a master’s in education, which I completed in 2018,” she explained. “I was in the classroom for a few years. I did my student teaching at Weatherford High School, and then when I got hired by Pearson, I went to teach online and so I’ve been teaching online for about the past 10 to 12 years now.”

As an online instructor, Leftwich is certified in about 12 different states, as she teaches all over the nation through the internet.

She teaches math-related subjects like algebra and consumer finance as well as busi-

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Brawner’s Hernandez wins state-wide award

BY ALEXA GUADIAN
Special to the Hood County News

Brawner Elementary’s fourth grade dual language teacher, Mary Hernandez, was chosen as the state-wide winner of the Rising Star Award from the Texas Education Agency for the 2024 Title III Symposium.

As a second-year teacher, Hernandez was recognized for her dedication toward advocating for bilingual students and education.

“All my kids come from many backgrounds, some of them were born in the United States and others from Mexico, Colombia, Honduras, just in general,” Hernandez said. “It’s important to advocate for them because sometimes they’re coming into a new

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CHAMBER NEWS

Granbury celebrates youth entrepreneurship with 2nd annual Lemonade Day Saturday, May 18: a sweeter view!

Granbury Chamber of Commerce

Get ready to sip some sunshine! Granbury Chamber of Commerce, partnered with Granbury ISD fifth graders, is hosting its second annual Lemonade Day next Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This vibrant event, sponsored by Constellation Energy and supported by various local businesses, is designed to teach children the ropes of entrepreneurship through the simple yet profound act of running a lemonade stand.

Lemonade Day, a national non-profit, is quickly becoming a cherished tradition here in Granbury, where the community comes together to support the entrepreneurial spirit of its youngest members. It's not just about lemonade, it's about teaching kids valuable life skills like responsibility, money manage-

ment and the basics of running a business.

Thanks to our Main Squeeze Sponsor, Constellation Energy, and all our generous sponsors, children across the city will set up their lemonade stands, hoping to charm passersby with their homemade recipes and big dreams. The event has seen enthusiastic participation, with dozens of lemonade stands popping up across town last year, and this year promises even more excitement and innovation from our young participants.

We encourage the whole community to come out and support these budding entrepreneurs. Your patronage not only helps them learn about business in a practical, hands-on way but also gives them a real-world experience that builds confidence and critical thinking skills.



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For local businesses, it's not too late to get involved. Businesses can still sign up to sponsor the event or host a stand in front of their estab-

lishments. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community and get involved in fostering the next generation of business leaders.

Visitors can plan their day and make sure they hit all the best stands by checking out a map of all lemonade stand locations, available on our event website at lemonade-day.org/granbury. Whether you're looking for a classic tangy lemonade or something more adventurous, our young entrepreneurs are sure to have something that tickles your taste buds.

So mark your calendars for a fun-filled day supporting a sweet cause. Granbury's second annual Lemonade Day is not only about enjoying a glass of lemonade but also about building a strong foundation for our future leaders. See you there! For more information about how to be a sponsor, an investor, or host a stand, please call the Granbury Chamber at 817-573-1622 or email us at info@granburychamber.com.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



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Ruth's Place: Renaming of the clinic to the Ken Hill Health Center

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Member Spotlight
Anchor Fellowship Church
"As the Body of Christ, the Mission of Anchor Fellowship is: Love God, Love People, and Make disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Member Spotlight: Anchor Fellowship Church. "As the Body of Christ, the Mission of Anchor Fellowship is: Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ." Thank you for joining the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

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MARATHON DIGITAL HOLDINGS
Marathon Digital Holdings
"We either control or influence each aspect of the Bitcoin mining technology stack, from the pool down to the ASIC. We operate our own mining pool ("MaraPool"), build custom firmware, invest in hardware, and design infrastructure (e.g., immersion cooling systems)."

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Member Spotlight: Marathon Digital Holdings. "We are committed to doing good and doing it well. We serve and support the Bitcoin ecosystem because we believe in its potential to be a force for good. By committing to operate with integrity and respecting ourselves, each other, and our environment, we strive to make the world a better place than we found it, and we aim to inspire others to do the same." Thank you for joining the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH
Taylor Hatfield
Business: The FIT Lounge
Time as an Ambassador: 1 year
the FIT Lounge

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Ambassador of the Month Spotlight: Taylor Hatfield. We are so thankful for our April Ambassador of the Month, Taylor Hatfield with The FIT Lounge!! Taylor has been an Ambassador for 1 year! When asked why she loves being an Ambassador, she said "I love being an Ambassador because I LOVE the Chamber, Granbury, and supporting the people that make it home. Community support is big on my heart and being an Ambassador gives me a place to fill that cup!" Fun Fact about Taylor: "I love Texas Tech/Kansas City Chiefs so much that I named my dog after Patrick Mahomes!" Thank you for being an Ambassador for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Graduation is right around the corner ... let the future begin!



BY SAM HOUSTON

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With May comes graduation. There are college graduations, high school graduations, and I even got an invitation to my granddaughter's kindergarten graduation. Amazingly, this year is the 50th anniversary of my high school graduation, so I have done a little reflecting on the whole graduation process.

I think each of us has a slightly different view of this celebrated May ritual. For many families it is a big event, where the whole family comes together to recognize the progress of one of its members. There is the ceremony itself, gifts,

parties and the constant questioning of the graduate about their future. Some students believe they know exactly what they want to do with their lives and are anxious to get started. Others are less certain. It is a time where many young

people, whether it be for a job or for school, will be moving away from home for the first time.

Graduation ceremonies never mattered to me. I would not have gone through my high school graduation ceremony except my mother told me she would not ever forgive me if I didn't. Now that is a pretty strong incentive to participate! I did go through college graduation to recognize the event with my fraternity brothers, but I never went to graduation when I received my post graduate degree. What mattered to me was the degree was a "ticket" to get into the "game of life." I wanted to progress and move forward. The ceremony never mattered but at the same time, I understand why the ceremony is important to others.

Parents are equally anxious this time of year. There is concern about graduation

celebrations and prayers that the graduates will use good judgment during their celebratory evening to ensure safety and that no catastrophic accidents occur. The parents may not express it out loud, but they are also uncertain of their future as their family dynamic changes seeing one of their offspring leaving the nest.

It is certainly a time of change and for the students, the world is their oyster! The possibilities are infinite and that is both exciting and terrifying. What they have been preparing for the past 18 or so years has finally arrived. The time has come where they must start making the first true significant decisions in their lives. What type of work do they want to do? Where do they want to live? How do they see their future and what sacrifices they want to make to accomplish their perceived goals?

It is perhaps the first time they must truly manage their money or even borrow money in terms of a student loan. The time has come when they cannot rely on Mom and Dad so much. As they move out of their family home, they are compelled to do their own laundry, clean up after themselves, have control over their day, and make decisions that will truly affect their own destiny. Parents can only hope they have taught their children well and they are ready for the challenge.

As I look back on my graduation 50 years ago, I cannot help but smile. Though I had plans to go to college and complete a post graduate degree, I had no idea what the future held for me. Leaving home was a culture shock and experiencing life was both rewarding and punishing. I made mistakes along the way and so will our current graduates. It is all part of the game of

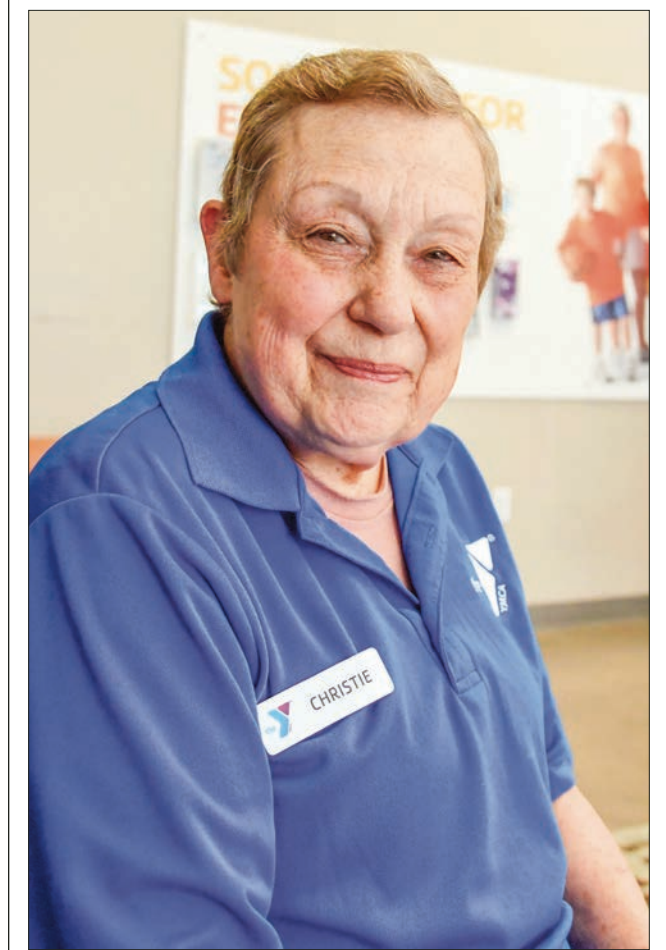
life. Nothing is set in stone, there is not an answer to every question, there are only choices and consequences. We all learn as we go. At least we hope we do. I'm not sure on graduation day I could have ever predicted how my life has played out, but I am glad I got to experience the journey. It is full of joy and pain, and most of all learning. The learning of life never stops.

Congratulations seniors! Go forward and live your lives to the fullest. Remember that no matter what your future, your education in the school of life continues. You have entered the next level, and now there are more steps to climb. Such is the joy of life.

Thought for the day: "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

Folks around town



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Christie Montgomery

Say hello to our neighbor, Christie Montgomery!

Say hello to our neighbor Christie Montgomery! Christie and her husband Steve found their happy place in Hood County 11 years ago. They moved from Joshua, so they didn't have to travel far. In Joshua, they enjoyed the country life with an array of farm animals. The Montgomery's are still enjoying plenty of elbow room (without all the critters) living on their acreage in the Tolar area, not all that far away from their two grown sons who live in the Austin area. If you frequent the Hood County YMCA, you'll probably recognize Christie in her membership role. She's always at her post on the front desk to greet people, or leading an energetic group of YMCA AOAs (Active Older Americans) in Water Aerobics or Exercise.

"I'm an Active Older American myself, and I enjoy working with the great people at the YMCA," Christie says. When asked about her interests or hobbies, she replied, "People laugh at me when I tell them about my hobby. For many years, I raised Maine Coon Cats, and I now manage a mentoring program for Maine Coon Cat lovers." Known among enthusiasts as gentle giants, Christie went on to explain that the Maine Coon is the largest domesticated cat breed in the US. It is also listed as one of the oldest natural breeds in North America.

Christie says there is always a constant stream of world, Texas, and politics when it comes to news, but the Hood County News keeps her, and for that matter, everyone else, in touch with what's important in our community.

THC vape pen leads to GHS arrest, felony charge

BY ASHLEY TERRY

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A 16-year-old Granbury High School student was found in possession of a THC vape pen Monday morning and was subsequently charged with possession of a controlled substance in penalty group 2, less than one gram — a state jail felony.

According to Lt. Patrick Wiginton with the Granbury Police Department, officers were dispatched to GHS at 10:43 a.m. May 6 for a report of a student in possession of a THC vape pen. The male student was observed smoking the vape pen by school staff, who reported the incident.

"The pen was field tested and showed a positive result

for THC over the 0.3 legal threshold," Wiginton said.

Hood County Juvenile Probation was then contacted and arranged for the student to be admitted into the Rite of Passage Juvenile Detention Facility, according to Wiginton. The student's parent was contacted and responded to the school prior to the student being transported to the juvenile

facility.

"Granbury ISD has a strict no drug and vape policy in place," Granbury Independent School District Director of Communication Ryan Cox told the HCN. "Students who violate the policy are disciplined according to the student code of conduct and we partner with local law enforcement when necessary."

CLERK

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ness electives like advertising and entrepreneurship.

"For a few years I was a math tutor at Weatherford College at the Granbury campus here, and that was a lot of fun because we had students that were coming out of high school, but also returning adult students (who needed help)," Leftwich said. "That's kind of been my involvement in education."

About five years ago, Leftwich started to attend the Hood County Republican Club meetings and eventually became the

treasurer.

"Having a math background and just wanting to get more involved in the club, I put my name in the hat, so I did that for a couple of years," she said. "When we would have these local elections, we would start having forums, so I moderated a lot of the forums."

She recently moderated the Hood County GOP forum featuring candidates for sheriff, constable, and county commissioner precincts 1 and 3.

After she left the Republican club, she formed a Political Action Committee (PAC) called the Hood County Real

Republicans PAC, where she also served as treasurer.

In 2022, Leftwich became the chair for Precinct 218 in Pecan. She currently still serves on the Hood County Republican Party executive committee but plans to step down before she swears in as County Clerk next week.

"I have enjoyed my time just being involved with the party and working on local issues," she said. "I heard about the (County Clerk) opening, and I've been teaching for a long time, and served as precinct chair. I thought this was an opportunity to become more involved. I've really enjoyed my teaching career and I just felt like this job

would bring together my experience as a paralegal and my skill sets that I've developed as a teacher. It's kind of a perfect combination to just further my career."

Leftwich will officially take the oath as the interim Hood County Clerk May 14, where she will remain until the November election.

"I know I've got some shoes to fill coming in after Katie, because she was the clerk for 10 years," she said. "I'm just really excited to get in and learn more about the position and how the county is run as far as documenting records. I'm hoping to continue the excellence in that office."

CORRECTION

When I began my role as publisher of the Hood County News nearly four years ago, I felt it was very important for the HCN to have a strong policy of being factual and objective in all its reporting. It is a philosophy which we talk about in the editorial room, and which is consistently reinforced with our staff. During those first few weeks, I remember telling several local politicians that since our staff was made up of human beings, there would come a time when we would unintentionally make a mistake. Mistakes do occasionally happen in this job just like every other job in the business world. I made it clear that when such a mistake occurred, I would stand up and take responsibility for the mistake, and "take my kicks."

That time is now.

Two weeks ago, HCN ran a story about the arrest of Steve Biggers. We stand 100% by the story as presented, apart from certain quotes which were attributed as coming from Biggers' Facebook page. Late last week, the HCN learned that the quotes used were not, in fact, attributable to Biggers but were created by an unknown party or parties, to appear to be the words of Biggers. The screenshot that circulated in local Facebook groups had been altered in such a way as to appear to be an actual Facebook post made by Biggers.

In the article on April 27, Steve Biggers' Facebook quote pertaining to the arraignment by the Justice of Peace was in error. I personally and publicly apologize to Mr. Biggers that this error occurred, and we have taken steps within the HCN to prevent such a mistake from happening in the future.

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Kay Wasielewski appointed to Historic Preservation Commission

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Granbury City Council unanimously appointed Kay Wasielewski to the Historic Preservation Commission during a regularly scheduled meeting May 7.

Wasielewski was appointed to fill a vacant seat as member Mary Hattox notified city staff that her property located within the city limits had been sold, thus

she needed to resign from the commission. Hattox's two-year term was set to expire January 2026.

According to zoning ordinance 6.2.E3, a minimum of four members of the commission must be owners of a landmark or of property in a historic district. One member may be a member of the Hood County Historical Commission. The remaining voting members of the commission must be residents of the city limits or own real

property located within the corporate limits of the City of Granbury. However, this requirement shall not apply to the member representing the Hood County Historical Commission. Three members owning a landmark or property in a historic district and one other member of the commissioner shall constitute a quorum.

Current members of the Historic Preservation Commission include Cindy Peters, Carol Walton, Perer

Garland, Mark McDonald, Kay Collierain Schwartz and Claudia Southern.

"We've got a vacancy in our Historic Preservation Commission due to a member moving out of the district and up to parts unknown in the county," City Manager Chris Coffman said during the meeting. "We do have an applicant that has qualified, Kay Wasielewski. I verified with her she's still interested in serving in this capacity and she is here tonight. I'll leave

it up to counsel for your selection process."

"I go to church with both (Kay and Stan)," Place 4 Gary "Skip" Overdier said.

"Kay is already on the Granbury Parks Board, and she's certainly done a great job. I'd like to make a motion to consider appointing her to the Historic Preservation Commission." The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE BLOTTER

Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report



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The following is a breakdown of activity reported through the Granbury Police Department during the period of April 30-May 6. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

APRIL 30

1:41 a.m.: suspicious activity on Meadows Drive
3:10 a.m.: disturbance on Panama Court
8:49 a.m.: possession of drug paraphernalia on Farm-to-Market Road 4
10:54 a.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
12:04 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on Paluxy Road
12:17 p.m.: theft over \$100, under \$750 on U.S. Highway 377
12:48 p.m.: theft less than \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
3:07 p.m.: theft on W.

Pearl Street
3:20 p.m.: suspicious activity on S. Morgan Street
4:47 p.m.: intoxicated driver on Loop 567
5:25 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on Elizabeth Boulevard
Two minor accidents and 17 traffic stops occurred on this day

MAY 1

12:14 a.m.: suspicious vehicle on Loop 567
7:56 a.m.: theft over \$750, under \$2,500 on Elizabeth Boulevard
8:47 a.m.: loose livestock on Ruth Smith Drive
4:30 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:17 p.m.: theft on Paluxy Road
**Three major accidents, three minor accidents, a warrant service and 17 traf-

fic stops occurred on this day**

MAY 2

12:34 a.m.: fraud on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:01 a.m.: criminal trespass on S. Meadows Drive
9:23 p.m.: suspicious activity on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:57 p.m.: reckless driver on Summerhill Court
There was also a minor accident, a warrant service, and 24 traffic stops occurred on this day

MAY 3

2:01 a.m.: possession of a controlled substance on Heritage Trail
10:24 a.m.: fraud on E. U.S. Highway 377
11:05 a.m.: theft on E. U.S. Highway 377
12:12 p.m.: possession of drug paraphernalia on

Parkwood Lane
1:01 p.m.: animal noise on Calinco Drive
1:32 p.m.: criminal trespass on Glen Rose Highway
3:24 p.m.: theft of property over \$2,500 on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:17 p.m.: criminal trespass on W. Pearl Street
9:47 p.m.: animal noise on Savannah Lane
11:17 p.m.: animal noise on Old Granbury Road
Fourteen traffic stops occurred on this day

MAY 4

8:31 a.m.: disturbance on W. Pearl Street
12:29 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
8:31 p.m.: disturbance on W. Pearl Street
**Four minor accidents, two warrant services and three traffic stops occurred

on this day**

MAY 5

3:57 a.m.: animal bite on E. Moore Street
4:09 p.m.: theft of property on S. Morgan Street
4:23 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
Four minor accidents, a warrant service and 17 traffic stops occurred on this day

MAY 6

9:57 a.m.: theft of property on Reunion Court
10:44 a.m.: theft under \$100 on W. Pearl Street
2:54 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
3:52 p.m.: found property on E. U.S. Highway 377
Two minor accidents, a warrant service and 29 traffic stops occurred on this day

BOND

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Peck Rd; renovations to all six elementary schools and both middle schools; Acton Middle School expansion; HVAC replacements at campuses; safety and security enhancements throughout the district; in-

structional technology; new north transportation center to alleviate traffic; address traffic flow at campuses; 30 new buses; and a central transportation center fuel tank replacement.

During the last bond election, preliminary voting totals from Hood County originally showed that Proposition B was ahead

by 74 votes. However, as results came in from the counties of Johnson, Somervell and Parker, the overall vote total shifted.

In Cresson, a new mayor was elected following former Mayor Teena Conway's resignation in February.

Cresson Volunteer Fire Department Chief Ron Becker garnered 151 votes

(74%) while Jack Farr received 53 (26%).

For Place 2 on Cresson City Council, Gary Robertson pulled ahead with 143 (70%) votes to Roy Doolin's 59 (29%).

For Place 4, final tallies showed that Corey Barker received 148 (74%) votes to Kellie Woolsey's 52 (26%).

In Lipan, Tim Dowdy won

Place 7 on the Lipan ISD board of trustees with 196 (82%) votes to Curtis Harris' 41 (17%).

Just over 20% of Hood County's 49,113 registered voters cast ballots during the May 4 election, with 10,591 ballots cast in total.

CALENDAR

ONGOING

FORWARD TRAINING Center "Beginner Typing Skills" class. Call 817-573-6677 or email info@forwardtraining-center.org

CLAY SHOOT Sign-up benefiting Forward Training Center. Participants may register until the date of the event June 7. Call 817-5730-6677 with questions.

MONDAY, MAY 13

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Guest speaker: State Rep. James Talarico, Democratic candidate for Texas House of Representatives, District 50. 11 a.m. United Co-op Services Community Room, 320 Fall Creek Highway. For information: 254-716-5195.

THE NORTH Central Texas Civil War Roundtable will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E.U.S. Highway 377. Program will be presented by Dr. Curt Fields, the nation's preeminent Ulysses S. Grant living historian. Fields will appear in uniform and speak as Gen. Grant. This will be our last meeting until September, and you do not want to miss this program. Visitors are welcome, and there is no charge for first time attendees. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.ncentexcwrt.com>, or call David Wells at 817-579-5769 or Bill Dyess at 817-326-8216.

TUESDAY, MAY 14

SALVATION ARMY Women's Auxiliary Monthly Meeting, Acton Methodist Church Youth Building. 10 a.m.: Aloha! Hula on over! 10:30 a.m.: meeting and program. Guest speaker is Investigator Thomas Bryant speaking on fraud. Lunch provided by Baked, choice of Chicken Salad or Tropical Cobb Salad includes fruit and cookie, coffee, tea or water. \$15 cash preferred. Gratuity included. RSVP to RSVP hihogram5@gmail.com Linda Silver.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

THE HOOD County Republican Women's Club will host several interesting speakers at their May 15th meeting at the Wiley Center (400 U.S. Hwy. 377 East) at 10:00 a.m. The club will hear from Sharla Caro, Executive Director of the local non-profit, Rancho Brazos, who will inform the club about the Republican National Committee (RNC) Committeewoman, Kit Whitehill, will introduce herself to the club and talk about her upcoming race. The Republican Women's Club will also introduce and recognize three scholarship recipients selected by the club's Scholarship Committee. Please join us!

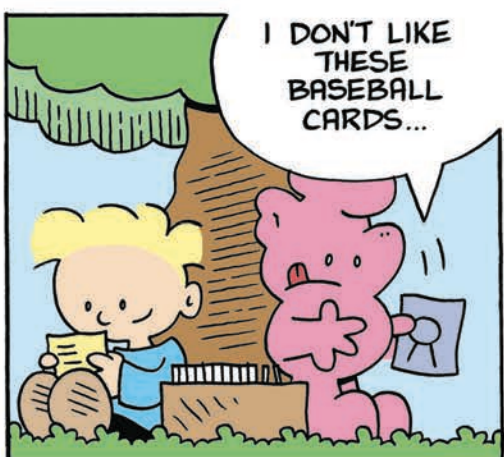
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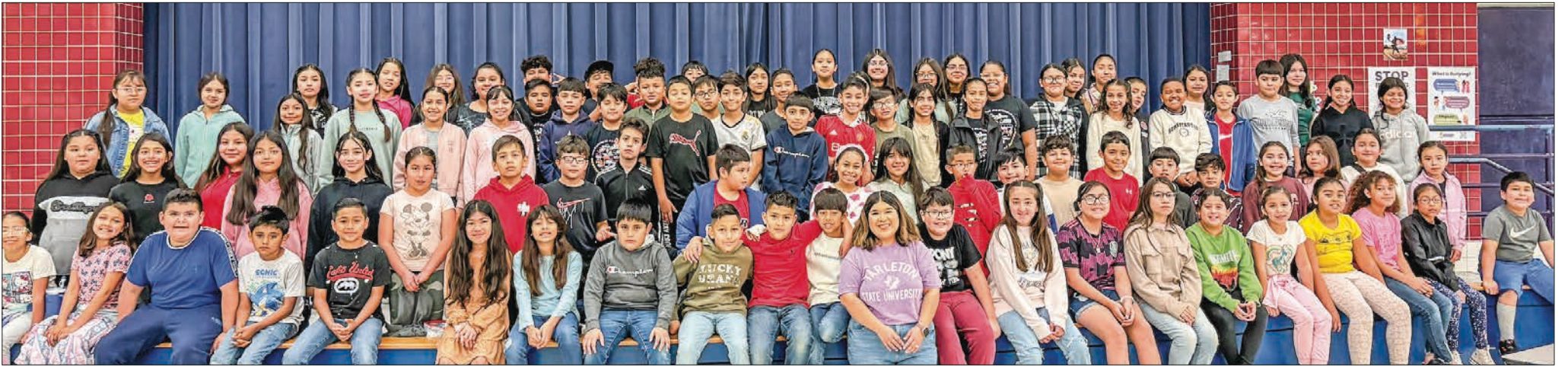
MELODY BELLES singers, women's choral group, present "Wishes & Dreams," spring concert and dinner. 6:30 p.m. at DeCordova Bend Estates Country Club. Program followed by dinner. Public invited. \$20 per person plus tax and tip. For reservations, call the club at 817-326-2381.

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 non-profit 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.

ZED by Duane M. Abel





COURTESY PHOTOS

Mary Hernandez with her students from the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years



Mary Hernandez with her parents and two of her brothers.



Mary Hernandez with her Dual Language team K-5th.

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country where education is completely different.” Hernandez is a first-generation college graduate from Tarleton State University and educator in her family. While she was born in the U.S., most of her early life was spent in Mexico until her parents became legal citizens. Like many of her students, she began her education in Granbury ISD. The lack of bilingual programs until she was in the second grade

made her realize her passion for teaching. “Learning a second language at a young age and adapting to a different environment and culture is what led me to want to become a teacher,” Hernandez said. Hernandez’ value of pouring her heart into her classroom, writing strategies and test performance has not been unnoticed her by fellow faculty and staff. In fact, many dual language representatives and administrators were surprised she had only been teaching for less than three years.

In five years, Hernandez still sees herself in education, and her advice to upcoming educators is to look at this profession as a way to make a difference in the lives of students and parents. This summer Hernandez will accept her award at the TEA’s Title III Symposium in Round Rock. She owes all her achievements to her students. “I tell my kids they’re really helping me to be an awesome teacher, not just for them, but for the future students I’ll have,” she said.

Mary Hernandez with GISD administrators, Brawner principals, and a Texas Education Agency representative.



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CELEBRATE THE HEROES

From Staff Reports

Wednesday, May 15, is National Peace Officers Day. National Peace Officers Day was signed into law in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to honor officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

The Hood County Commissioner's Court recognizes May 12-18 as National

Police Week. On May 11, county-wide "thank you"s went out to local law enforcement and EMS branches.

Gratitude and appreciation go out to the following fallen heroes of Hood County: Sgt. Lance Allen "Lou" McLean, June 29, 2013; Deputy Sheriff Larry John Miller, Jan. 27, 1992; Jailer James M. Truitt, July

20, 1886.

There are a variety of ways to celebrate the sacrifices these officers have made. You can participate in a gathering for a candlelight vigil, light a candle at home in their memory, and/or fly the flag at half-mast. Alternatively, reaching out to local officers to say "thank you" in person or by

mail is a kind gesture of appreciation.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." -Joseph Campbell, American author.

More information can be found at (Proclamation 3537—Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week | The American Presidency Project (ucsb.edu).

Friends of Memorial Lane hosts Firefighters of the Year



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Mayor Pro-Tem Steven Vale presents a firefighter flag to City Manager Chris Coffman during a regularly scheduled Granbury City Council meeting May 7. The flag was originally presented to the city by the Friends of Memorial Lane during National Firefighters Day May 4. The flag will be displayed right outside the council chambers in a display case.



PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

On National Firefighters Day, which was on Saturday, May 4, Friends of Memorial Lane honored the Firefighters of the Year from each of Hood County's nine volunteer fire departments. The ceremony was held at GVFD Station One, located at 1701 W. Pearl Street. Honorees (seated, from left) included Granbury VFD Lt. Diego Guerrero, North Hood County VFD Kenny Bell Jr., DCBE/ACTION VFD Sgt. of Arms Trevon Pool, Indian Harbor VFD Paramedic Kevin Fenner, Cresson VFD Firefighter Rita Lenig, Hood County VFD Station 70 Chase Wilson, Pecan Plantation VFD Firefighter Jeff Mastick, Lipan VFD Captain Larry Sherman. Unfortunately, Tolar VFD Firefighter Brian Rothe was unable to attend. Friends of Memorial Lane, local officials, and supporters gathered together to take the photo with the honorees.



City proclaims May 19-25 National Public Works Week



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Granbury City Council officially proclaimed the week of May 19-25 as National Public Works Week in Granbury during a regularly scheduled meeting May 7.

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Granbury City Council officially proclaimed the week of May 19-25 National Public Works Week in Granbury during a regularly scheduled meeting May 7.

National Public Works Week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure, facilities and services

collectively known as public works. These services that are provided in the city of Granbury are an integral part of the residents' everyday lives.

"This is with a tremendous sense of pride to be among these ladies and gentlemen up here tonight," Mayor Jim Jarratt said, as many public works employees came up to the front in recognition of the proclamation.

In reading the proclamation, Jarratt explained that public works and internal services professionals focus on providing the most effective and efficient operations

that are critical for the community, such as maintenance and construction of roads, water supply, water treatment and wastewater systems, engineering, electric distribution, fleet maintenance and maintenance of public buildings and parks essential for citizens.

Additionally, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of the city's profes-

sionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government.

Jarratt expressed how important it is to keep the square and streets picked up and clean. This not only provides a nice environment for the residents of Hood County but welcomes visitors to the many events in Granbury.

"You wake up in the morning, the water is hot, the water is there, the trash

is already gone and the streets are clean," Jarratt said. "I am impressed every day that I get out in the city. It's outstanding."

Following the reading of the proclamation, Jarratt proclaimed the week of May 19-25 National Public Works Week in the city of Granbury.

"I couldn't be prouder," Jarratt added. "This is what makes the city great."

Rancho Brazos cuts ribbon for Douglas Long Outreach Center

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Construction has finally started on Rancho Brazos Community Center's new Douglas Long Outreach Center for Children and Families of Hood County — and staff couldn't be happier.

Named after the late Douglas Long — one of RBCC's most dedicated volunteers — the Douglas Long Outreach Center is part of the "Five Acres of Impact" project which addresses local community needs.

In 2022, Hood County and RBCC entered into a lease agreement in which 4.5 acres were leased to RBCC at the Sundown Trail location for 99 years at a cost of \$1 per year. Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson funded the entire 99 years. "Once that happened there was a chain of events," RBCC board President Jan Neal previously told the Hood County News. "We had the opportunity to apply for a \$100,000 grant through Kubota and we won."

RBCC was chosen as one of five winners of 900 applicants for the U.S. Kubota Tractor Corporation grant. After the grant was awarded, the vision was created, and five phases were planned for the future of the center. The first phase focused on a community garden, phase two included the launch of the new Douglas Long Outreach Center, and phase three will focus on an indoor recreation center.

"The Douglas Long Outreach Center will allow us to better serve all of Hood County, including a place to allow more collaboration throughout our local nonprofit and governmental community," RBCC Executive Director Sharla Caro previously told the HCN. "This will be a community education space which will allow us to devote our existing building back to our children's programming."

Rancho Brazos held an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the center May 7, with many board members, residents and community leaders taking part in the momentous occasion.

"First and foremost, I want to thank everyone for carving out time today to come

and celebrate with us," Caro said, during the ribbon cutting. "This is a really big deal for us here at Rancho. What this building represents is the opportunity to serve more students in our free after-school program Monday through Friday. That is a 'praise God' to us."

The Douglas Long Outreach Center contains many different components to serve generations of families in the years to come, including Paula's Pantry, conference room, educational kitchen, children's closet, classroom, warehouse, Stoop and community family bathroom.

PAULA'S PANTRY

Named after Paula Long, Paula's Pantry is one of the features in the center that will provide food at no charge to families in the community. Once construction is completed, families will be allowed to "shop" Paula's Pantry.

The concept of Paula's Pantry will give families the ability to walk through a door and treat this pantry like a store, offering what's available to the community based on what RBCC has in stock. This gives families the ability to shop with their own hands for the food they know their family will need. "We use the mindset of offering a 'hand up' instead of a 'hand out,' while serving with love and grace," Caro said.

Currently, RBCC's emergency pantry is open Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Households are welcome to shop twice a month. Once Paula's Pantry is open, this will enable the "store" to be open three days a week to the public, and allow RBCC to simultaneously serve and make an impact on the community.

CONFERENCE ROOM

The center will also house a conference room, which will provide space to local community members for meetings. The conference room will allow the RBCC board of directors to have a dedicated space for its meetings and strategic planning for the future betterment of the "Five Acres of Impact."

The conference room will also double as a viewing area for all educational compo-



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Sharla Caro, executive director of the Rancho Brazos Community Centers, excitedly cuts the ribbon on the Douglas Long Outreach Center for Children and Families of Hood County during a celebration event May 7.

nents facilitated in the educational kitchen.

EDUCATIONAL KITCHEN

The vision for RBCC's educational kitchen is to foster relationships between students and 4-H. This will allow them the ability to grow, harvest and properly store their own produce, which will ensure proper nutrition is coming into their homes.

The educational kitchen will also be used for the monthly Rancho Rec Program called "Rancho Chopped." The concept of "Rancho Chopped" is the ability to use goods received from local pantries and create healthy, nutritious, tasty meals to enjoy. This allows the students to learn about nutrition, value, public speaking, team building and overall positive community engagement.

THE CHILDREN'S CLOSET

The concept of the children's closet is to provide children with new, clean clothes and shoes if they need them. Children's Charities will also help RBCC in filling up the closet.

THE STOOP

RBCC's Stoop, or porch,

is not your average porch. The large, covered porch will serve as an educational space, rain or shine, and will allow many one-on-one conversations to take place with family and community members.

"Right now, with our small 4-foot by 4-foot Stoop, we see possibilities of endless troubles solved," Caro said. "God knows we will need rain for the plants and for these children to grow, but we also see the importance and value of outdoor education from reading to team-building and just simply playing. This is the vision."

CLASSROOM

The classroom concept is designed primarily for the safety of the children and for the free programs that RBCC has to offer. Open Monday through Friday and dedicated to children in kindergarten through fifth grade, this space should adequately hold 75 to 80 students.

Currently, RBCC has a Monday through Friday free after-school program — the only free after-school program in Hood County. Unfortunately, at this time, RBCC is limited to only serving approximately 50 children, due to its lack of space.

THE WAREHOUSE

The warehouse will provide a space to ensure nutritional storage for children, students and all families in Hood County in need of assistance. This will allow RBCC to enhance its current relationship, service opportunities and partnership with Tarrant Area Food Bank as well.

"We want to ensure that all food is properly stored and safe in a healthy manner," Caro said.

Currently, 30% of RBCC's Children's Rec Program space is dedicated to pantry, hygiene products and supply storage.

COMMUNITY FAMILY BATHROOM

The concept for the community family bathroom is to have a bathroom large enough for a family to provide them with a safe space to change diapers, take a shower and get ready.

Caro explained that the center will allow Rancho to expand its footprint of impact. She said every month during Tarrant Area Food Bank's mobile pantry, many families have nowhere to go because Rancho is forced to convert its current building

to meet the need for the food bank.

"This building is going to allow us to simultaneously serve. It is also going to enable us to serve more often because Paula's Pantry will be open three days a week instead of just doing an emergency pantry on Friday," she added.

Caro said the addition of the Douglas Long Outreach Center would not be possible without RBCC's board of directors, Marketing Director Jamie Franco and "honorary volunteer" Joshua Morrison.

"At the end of the day, it's about them," Caro said. "It is about these kids and their future, and their older brothers, older sisters, parents, and generations beyond that we're serving. We have one family that we're serving with four generations currently — that's huge."

"It's been a long time in the making and a lot of people that have come donating their time, their resources or effort," Neal added. "We're excited to have the walls up and to have the building. Now we have to figure out how to raise funds to really get it functional and operational, so your kids and the community have a place to call home."

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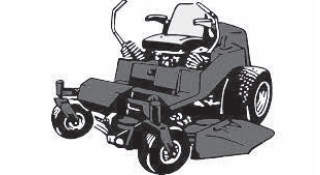
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Request for Qualifications
The City of Granbury is requesting qualifications for professional engineering services for aviation projects. Submissions are due by 2:00pm Central Standard Time on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the following address: City of Granbury Municipal Service Center
Attn: Purchasing Department/ Christy Russell

"RFQ NO. 23-24-02 Professional Engineering Services for Aviation"
401 N. Park Street
Granbury, TX 76048
Inquiries regarding this RFQ should be directed to the Purchasing Manager, at 817-570-7030 or russell@granbury.org. The documents may be obtained from the City of Granbury website or by emailing the purchasing department at purchasing@granbury.org starting on Monday May 13, 2024, at 1:00pm.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Tolar will hold a public hearing on May 20, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. to receive comments on a request for a zone change from Duplex (D) to Tiny Home (TH), subdivision, and replat for properties located on West 5th Street (Block 40). The meeting will be at Tolar City Hall, located at 8712 W US Hwy 377. For questions or clarification, contact Michelle Burdette, City Administrator, at 254-835-4390, Ext. 103.

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Notice of Public Hearing Hood County County Clerk Archival Plan
Hood County Commissioners Court is considering the acceptance of the County Clerk's Archival Plan and Report.

A public hearing concerning the proposed plan is scheduled to be held during Commissioner's Court meeting at 2:30pm on Thursday June 20th, 2024 at the Hood County Justice Center Central Jury Room, located at 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the County Clerk's Archival Plan. All citizens are encouraged to attend this hearing and present their views to the County.

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

LAGUNA TRES ESTATES, LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 5R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, May 28th, 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 for renewal of a Private Club Registration Permit by Table Run Billiards & Sports Bar located at 3605 Conway Creek Rd., Ste 104-108, Granbury (osl), Hood County, TX. Dennis H. Peel, President; Matthew A. Peel, Secretary; Theodore C. Chenault, Vice Pres/Treasurer. Said application has been made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the TABC Code.

Hood County Hospital District Board of Directors will discuss POTENTIAL TAXATION at its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, May 24, 2024 at noon. Hood County Courthouse, 2nd floor courtroom, 100 E. Pearl St. For more information, 817-579-3200.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-29
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 0.298 tract of land described more fully as:

Part of Lot 30 Block 123 Bailey Addition City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, addressed as 1020 Valley View St, located within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located within the Interim Holding [IH] 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.

This ordinance as adopted by the Granbury City Council on May 7, 2024, is 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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PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING AT WHICH THE GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 312.207 of the Texas Tax Code, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Granbury ("City") will consider approval of a tax abatement agreement at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Time and Place of the Meeting: The City Council will consider the tax abatement agreement at its regularly scheduled meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on June 18th, 2024, at the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 116 West Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas, 76048.

Tax Abatement Agreement Information Required by Texas Tax Code Section 312.207:

- Name of the Property Owner and Applicant for the Tax Abatement Agreement:** The name of the property owner and applicant for the tax abatement agreement is John E. Westhoff Trustee Durant Grantor Trust A and Durant Grantor Trust B, and Quanta Services, Inc.
- Name and Location of the Reinvestment Zone:** The name of the reinvestment zone in which the property, subject to the tax abatement, will be located in is GRANBURY REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOUR (GRZ4), a tax abatement reinvestment zone, which was created by the City Council prior to consideration of the tax abatement agreement. GRZ4 is 350.61 acres (Exhibit A) and the applicant is seeking an abatement agreement on 280.69 acres located in the Commerce Centre of Granbury at 2009 Loop 567, Granbury, Texas 76048, as depicted in Exhibit B, which is attached hereto.
- General Description of the Nature of Improvements:** The tax abatement agreement includes design and construction of a 200,000 sq. ft. industrial building, improvements, and public infrastructure to be used primarily for industrial purposes.
- Estimated Cost of the Improvements:** The estimated costs of the improvements are \$110,000,000.

The tax abatement agreement described herein will also appear on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled for June 18, 2024. This notice has been given in a manner required by the Texas Open Meetings Act at least 30 days before the scheduled time of the City Council meeting described in this notice.

EXHIBIT A

GRANBURY REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOUR (GRZ4)

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION AND SURVEY

Address: 2009 Loop 567, Granbury, Texas 76048

METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION OF GRANBURY REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER FOUR-GRANBURY, TEXAS

BEING a tract of land situated in the Milam County School Land Survey, Abstract Number 348, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, same being all of Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plats recorded in Slide P-511, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas (PRHCT), Slide C-312, PRHCT, and Slide P-447, PRHCT, and being all of Granbury Commerce Centre Phase One A an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plat recorded in Slide C-271, PRHCT, and being all of a tract of land as described by deed as a 50% interest to The Durant Management Trust as recorded in Document Number 2015-0012143, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas (DRHCT), and as described by deed as having a 50% interest to William Y. Harvey as recorded in Volume 2087, Page 833, DRHCT, and also being all of a tract of land as described by deed to John E. Westhoff, trustee of the Durant Grantor Trust A, and John E. Westhoff, Trustee of the Durant Grantor Trust B as recorded in Document Number 2011-0003793, DRHCT, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Bearings referenced to U.S. State Plane Grid 1983 - Texas North Central Zone (4202) NAD83 as established using the AllTerra RTKNet Cooperative Network. Reference frame is NAD83(2011) Epoch 2010.0000. Distances shown are U.S. Survey feet displayed in surface values.)

BEGINNING at a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible) for the southwest corner of Lot 1R, Block 1 of the said Commerce Centre, Phase One B as recorded in Slide P-511, PRHCT, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT, and being in the southeast right-of-way line of State Highway Loop 567 (a variable width right-of-way);

THENCE with the common line between said Lot 1R and the said southeast right-of-way line, and along a curve to the right having a central angle of 24°42'58", a radius of 2796.91 feet, an arc length of 1206.52 feet and a chord which bears North 46°17'11" East, a distance of 1197.19 feet to a found 5/8-inch TXDOT aluminum capped iron rod (TXDOT);

THENCE North 58°38'55" East, continuing with the said common line, passing at a distance of 179.59 feet, a point for the most westerly corner of a corner clip located at southwest corner of the intersection between the aforesaid State Highway Loop 567 and Elliseo Drive as dedicated on the plat of Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B as recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT from which a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BHB INC" (CIRF) bears South 49°28'46" West, a distance of 0.34 feet, and now continuing with the common line between the said southeast right-of-way line of said State Highway Loop 567 and said Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B as recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT passing at a distance of 1684.53 feet, a set 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BHB INC" (IRS) for the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 4 of said Granbury Commerce Centre as recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT, same being the most westerly corner of Lot 3A, Block 4 of the aforementioned Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One A, and now continuing with the common line between said Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One A and the said southeast right-of-way line in all for a total distance of 2818.77 feet to an IRS for the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block 2 of said Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One A as recorded in Slide C-271, PRHCT, same being the most westerly corner of the aforementioned Durant/Harvey tract;

THENCE North 58°38'13" East, with the common line between the said Durant/Harvey tract and the said southeast right-of-way line, passing at a distance of 5.09 feet, a TXDOT and now continuing with the said common line in all for a total distance of 879.12 feet to a found 4-inch brass TXDOT monument for the most westerly corner of a corner clip located at the southwest corner of the intersection between said State Highway Loop 567 and FM 4 (a variable width right-of-way);

THENCE South 83°25'52" East, with the common line between the said Durant/Harvey tract and said corner clip, a distance of 159.31 feet to a found 4-inch brass TXDOT monument for the most southerly corner of said corner clip;

THENCE with the common line between the said Durant/Harvey tract and the west right-of-way line of said FM 4 the following courses and distances:
along a curve to the right having a central angle of 12°26'45", a radius of 1397.39 feet, an arc length of 303.54 feet and a chord which bears South 37°14'50" East, a distance of 302.94 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BROOKES BAKER SURVEYORS" (CIRF(BB));
South 31°01'30" East, a distance 308.44 feet to a CIRF(BB) for the most easterly corner of the said Durant/Harvey tract, same being the most northerly corner of a tract of land as described by deed to Highland Rose, LLC as recorded in Document Number 2022-0000055, DRHCT;

THENCE South 60°10'38" West, with the common line between the said Durant/Harvey tract and the said Highland Rose tract, a distance of 1042.48 feet to a CIRF(BB) for the southwest corner of the said Durant/Harvey tract, same being the northwest corner of the said Highland Rose tract, and being in the east line of the aforementioned Westhoff tract;

THENCE South 30°40'51" East, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Highland Rose tract, passing at a distance of 1024.64 feet, a CIRF for an ell corner in the said Highland Rose tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 2525.63 feet to a CIRF for a re-entrant corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the southwest corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT;

THENCE North 58°45'42" East, continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, passing at a distance of 100.00 feet, a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible) for the southeast corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, same being an ell corner in the said Highland Rose tract, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Highland Rose tract in all for a total distance of 449.14 feet to a CIRF(BB) for an ell corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to David Alden Smith as recorded in Volume 1719, Page 775, DRHCT;
THENCE South 30°00'58" East, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Smith tract, passing at a distance of 1442.48 feet, a CIRF for the southwest corner of the said Smith tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 2307.96 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible);
THENCE South 08°02'14" West, continuing with the said common line, a distance of 19.22 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the most southerly corner of the said Westhoff tract, same being the southwest corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT, and being in the north right-of-way line of the Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District tract as described by deed recorded in Volume 1434, Page 769, DRHCT;

THENCE North 81°57'46" West, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District tract, a distance of 5891.51 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible) for the southwest corner of the said Westhoff tract, same being the southeast corner of the aforementioned City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT;

THENCE with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT the following courses and distances:

North 25°09'44" East, a distance of 1202.76 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the northeast corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT;
North 73°22'22" West, passing at a distance of 318.93 feet a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the most southerly corner of the aforementioned Lot 1R and now continuing with the common line between said Lot 1R and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 1170.68 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** and containing 15,272,556 square feet or 350.610 acres of land more or less.

SAVE & EXCEPT 5.613 acres of land more or less as dedicated as right-of-way in the said plat of Commerce Centre, Phase One A as recorded in Slide C-271, PRHCT and said Commerce Centre, Phase One B as recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT.

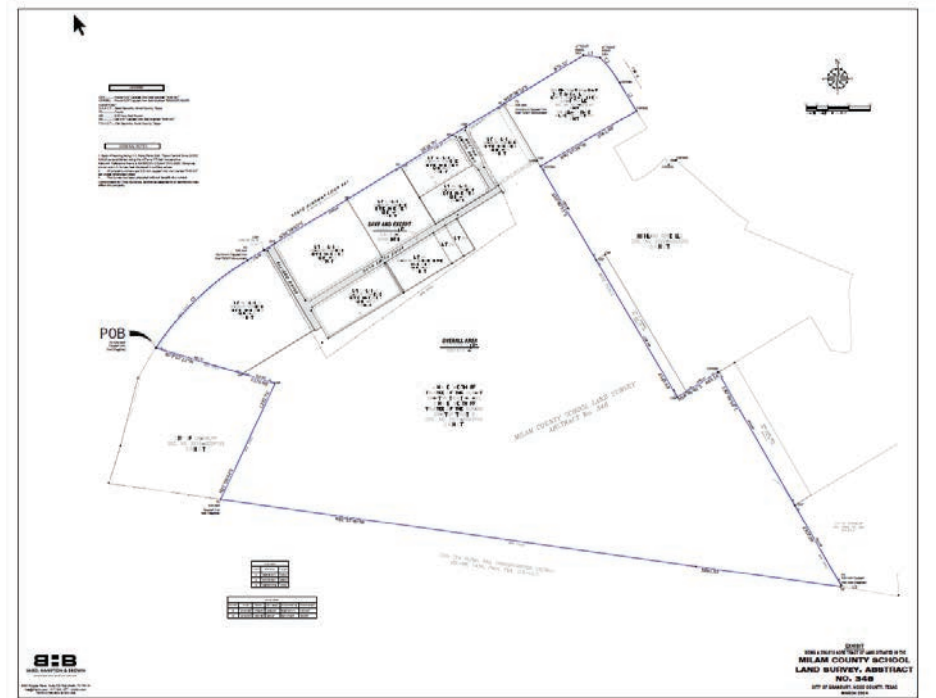


EXHIBIT B

MAP AND METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION & SURVEY FOR 280.69 ACRES FOR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

280.69 Acre Tract-Commerce Centre of Granbury

METES & BOUNDS

BEING a tract of land situated in the Milam County School Land Survey, Abstract Number 348, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, same being all of Lot 1R, Block 1, Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plats recorded in Slide P-511, Plat Records, Hood County, Texas (PRHCT), and being all of a tract of land as described by deed to John E. Westhoff, trustee of the Durant Grantor Trust A, and John E. Westhoff, Trustee of the Durant Grantor Trust B as recorded in Document Number 2011-0003793, DRHCT, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Bearings referenced to U.S. State Plane Grid 1983 - Texas North Central Zone (4202) NAD83 as established using the AllTerra RTKNet Cooperative Network. Reference frame is NAD83(2011) Epoch 2010.0000. Distances shown are U.S. Survey feet displayed in surface values.)

BEGINNING at a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible) for the southwest corner of Lot 1R, Block 1 of the said Commerce Centre, Phase One B as recorded in Slide P-511, PRHCT, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT, and being in the southeast right-of-way line of State Highway Loop 567 (a variable width right-of-way);

THENCE with the common line between said Lot 1R and the said southeast right-of-way line, and along a curve to the right having a central angle of 24°42'58", a radius of 2796.91 feet, an arc length of 1206.52 feet and a chord which bears North 46°17'11" East, a distance of 1197.19 feet to a found 5/8-inch TXDOT aluminum capped iron rod (TXDOT);

THENCE North 58°38'55" East, continuing with the said common line, a distance of 179.59 feet to a point for the most westerly corner of a corner clip located at southwest corner of the intersection between the aforesaid State Highway Loop 567 and Elliseo Drive as dedicated on the plat of Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT from which a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BHB INC" (CIRF) bears South 49°28'46" West, a distance of 0.34 feet;

THENCE South 76°01'05" East, with said corner clip, a distance of 35.15 feet to a CIRF for the most easterly corner of the said corner clip, same being in the west right-of-way line of said Elliseo Drive;
THENCE South 30°40'51" East, with the common line between the aforementioned Lot 1R and the said west right-of-way line of Elliseo Drive, passing at a distance of 864.12 feet, a point for the southeast corner of said Lot 1R, same being an ell corner in the aforementioned Westhoff tract, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and said Elliseo Drive in all for a total distance of 876.65 feet to a set 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BHB INC" for a re-entrant corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the southwest corner of said Elliseo Drive;
THENCE North 59°19'09" East, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the south right-of-way line of Elliseo Drive, a distance of 68.00 feet to an IRS for an ell corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the southeast corner of said Elliseo Drive, and being in the west line of Lot 1, Block 3, Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plat recorded in Slide C-312, PRHCT;

THENCE with the common line between said Lot 1 and the said Westhoff tract the following courses and distances south 30°40'51" East, a distance of 124.63 feet to a CIRF; North 58°38'55" East, passing at a distance of 827.26 feet, a found X-cut for the southeast corner of said Lot 1, same being the southeast corner of Lot 2R1, Block 3, Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One B, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plat recorded in Slide P-447, PRHCT and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and said Block 3, Granbury Commerce Centre as recorded in Slide P-447, PRHCT in all for a total distance of 1619.11 feet to an IRS for the southeast corner of Lot 2R3 of said Block 3, Granbury Commerce Centre as recorded in Slide P-447, PRHCT, same being a re-entrant corner in the said Westhoff tract;

THENCE North 30°40'51" West, with the common line between said Lot 2R3 and the said Westhoff tract, a distance of 335.02 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod marked "BROOKES BAKER SURVEYORS" (CIRF(BB)) for the northeast corner of said Lot 2R3, same being an ell corner in the said Westhoff tract, and being in the south right-of-way line of Ruth Smith Drive (a 60' right-of-way);

THENCE with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and said Ruth Smith Drive the following courses and distances:
North 58°38'55" East, a distance of 382.17 feet to an IRS;
North 57°54'31" East, a distance of 110.02 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod;
North 30°49'12" West, a distance of 60.04 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod for an ell corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the most southerly southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2, Granbury Commerce Centre, Phase One A, an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas as shown on the plat recorded in Slide C-271, PRHCT;

THENCE with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and said Block 2 the following courses and distances:
North 57°09'09" East, a distance of 425.43 feet to a CIRF;
North 60°10'58" East, a distance of 9.89 feet to a CIRF for the northeast corner of the said Westhoff tract, same being the southeast corner of said Lot 2, and being in the west line of a tract of land as described by deed as a 50% interest to The Durant Management Trust as recorded in Document Number 2015-0012143, Deed Records, Hood County, Texas (DRHCT), and as described by deed as having a 50% interest to William Y. Harvey as recorded in Volume 2087, Page 833, DRHCT;

THENCE South 30°40'51" East, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Durant/Harvey tract, passing at a distance of 60.00 feet, a CIRF(BB) for the southwest corner of the said Durant/Harvey tract, same being the northwest corner of the said Highland Rose tract, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Highland Rose tract, passing at a distance of 1024.64 feet, a CIRF for an ell corner in the said Highland Rose tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 2585.63 feet to a CIRF for a re-entrant corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the southwest corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT;
THENCE North 58°45'42" East, continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, passing at a distance of 100.00 feet, a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible) for the southeast corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2420, Page 445, DRHCT, same being an ell corner in the said Highland Rose tract, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Highland Rose tract in all for a total distance of 449.14 feet to a CIRF(BB) for an ell corner in the said Westhoff tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to David Alden Smith as recorded in Volume 1719, Page 775, DRHCT;

THENCE South 30°00'58" East, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Smith tract, passing at a distance of 1442.48 feet, a CIRF for the southwest corner of the said Smith tract, same being the northwest corner of a tract of land as described by deed to the City of Granbury as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT, and now continuing with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 2307.96 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (illegible);

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THENCE South 08°02'14" West, continuing with the said common line, a distance of 19.22 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the most southerly corner of the said Westhoff tract, same being the southwest corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Volume 2469, Page 342, DRHCT, and being in the north right-of-way line of the Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District tract as described by deed recorded in Volume 1434, Page 769, DRHCT;

THENCE North 81°57'46" West, with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District tract, a distance of 5891.51 feet to a found 5/8-inch capped iron rod (Illegible) for the southwest corner of the said Westhoff tract, same being the southeast corner of the aforementioned City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT;

THENCE with the common line between the said Westhoff tract and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT the following courses and distances: North 25°09'44" East, a distance of 1202.76 feet to a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the northeast corner of the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT; North 73°22'22" West, passing at a distance of 318.93 feet a found 5/8-inch iron rod for the most southerly corner of the aforementioned Lot 1R and now continuing with the common line between said Lot 1R and the said City of Granbury tract as recorded in Document Number 2015-0004155, DRHCT in all for a total distance of 1170.68 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 12,226,873 square feet or 280.690 acres of land more or less.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



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

RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0013022001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Aqua Texas, Inc., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W, Austin, Texas 78723, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0013022001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 88,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on November 27, 2024.

The facility is located at 4704 Blue Water Circle, in Hood County, Texas 76049. The treated effluent is discharged directly to Lake Granbury in Segment No. 1205 of the Brazos River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1205 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.696111,32.386111&level=18

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Hood County Public Library, 222 North Travis Street, Granbury, Texas.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

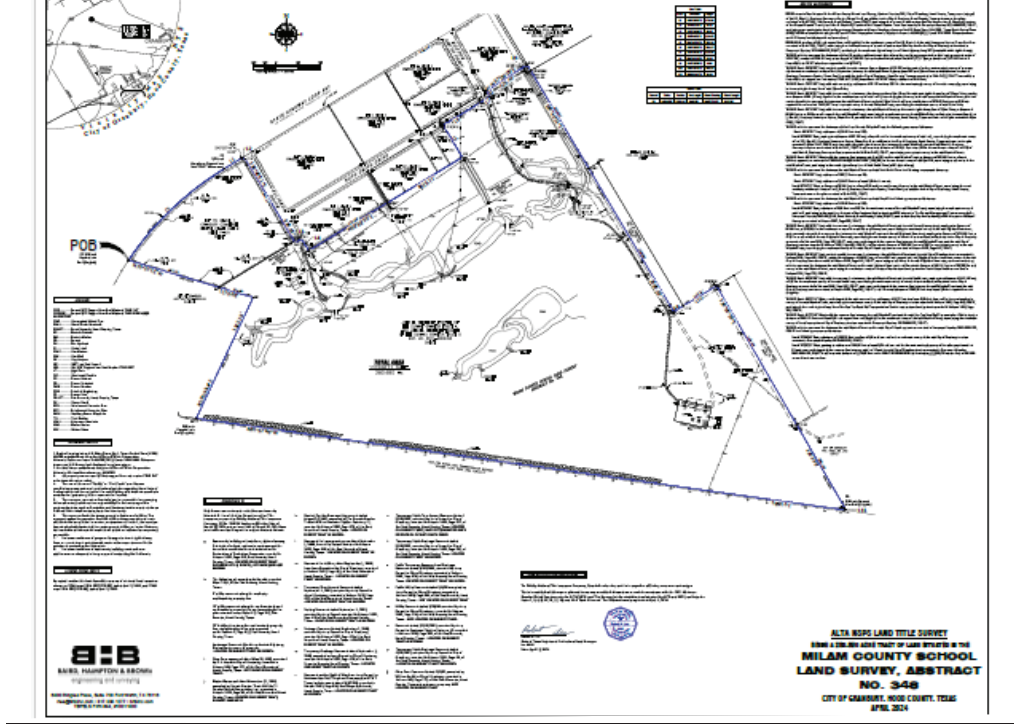
All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication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

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

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Aqua Texas, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Scot Foltz, Environmental Compliance Manager, at 512-990-4400 Ext: 56101.

Issuance Date: April 30, 2024



CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114 STATE OF TEXAS CAUSE NO. C2023443

MARCYNIAK HOLDINGS LLC VS. VELMA C. PARKER TO: VELMA C. PARKER IF LIVING, OR UNKNOWN HEIRS IF DEAD IN THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance hereof. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation, a judgement 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. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by MARCYNIAK HOLDINGS LLC as Plaintiff, against the above named person(s) as Defendant(s), by Plaintiff's original petition filed on the 16th day of October, 2023, in a certain suit styled Marcyniak Holdings LLC v. Velma C. Parker. A suit is now pending in the 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas. The cause number is: C2023443.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff MARCYNIAK HOLDINGS LLC, by and through its attorney of record, LUCAS LAWRENCE OF THE LAWRENCE FIRM, P.C., 63016 E US HWY 377, GRANBURY, TX 76049 brought suit under Cause No. C2023443 in the 355th District Court of Hood County, Texas, for PETITION FOR QUIET TITLE on the following described real property of which Defendants, VELMA C. PARKER IF LIVING, OR UNKNOWN HEIRS IF SHE BE DEAD, are potential parties of interest:

Lot: 347, Subd: CANYON CREEK V UNIT 9 at 5712 San Jacinto, Granbury, TX 76048; under a deed from James P. Parker III, one of the property owners. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this 1ST day of APRIL 2024.

Attorney for Defendant(s): LUKAS A. LAWRENCE THE LAWRENCE FIRM, PC. 3016 E US HWY 377 GRANBURY, TX 76049 Telephone: 682-231-1407 Email: ATTORNEYS@LFIRMTX.COM

WITNESS ROBERTA ZAMARRON, CLERK OF THE 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS By Sarah A Roach, Deputy

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOLA M. EHRLICH, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lola M. Ehrlich, Deceased, were issued on April 24, 2024, in Cause No. P10327, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to Henry L. Ehrlich. The address of such Independent Executor is c/o Michael Duran, Winstead PC, 300 Throckmorton Street, Suite 1700, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Winstead PC Michael D. Duran State Bar No. 24101716 300 Throckmorton Street Suite 1700 Fort Worth, Texas 76102 817-420-8283 817-420-8201 (Fax) mduran@winstead.com

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SEALED BID FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Pursuant to Section 263.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Hood County Commissioners' Court (the "County") is accepting sealed proposals for the purchase of the following real property (the "Property") described as approximately 7245 sq ft building and 1.410 Acres, Lot 3, Blk 1, Subd Hood County Hospital District, Hood County, Texas, also known as 1322 Paluxy Road, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Request for Proposal SEALED BID FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1322 PALUXY RD, GRANBURY, TX RFP2024-04

The sale of the Property shall be awarded, at the discretion of the Hood County Commissioners' Court, to the bidder submitting a proposal in accordance with the terms outlined within RFP2024-04 providing the best value to the County.

Proposals may be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com. Proposal documents may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1 Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing website: https://co.hood.tx.us/bids.aspx. The Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals on the BonFire website or at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048 until 8 am, May 28, 2024. Proposals will be opened at that time and place and will be made public after a future meeting of the Hood County Commissioners Court.

MINIMUM BID IS \$1,390,000. Proposals must be received by 8 am, central time, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, to be considered. The County reserves the right to waive, delete, or amend any of the requirements connected with this bid. A contract for the sale of the Property will be negotiated after the successful bidder is selected. The resulting contract must be approved by the Hood County Commissioners' Court. For additional Information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at gtilleman@co.hood.tx.us.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DELORIS JEAN JACKSON, DECEASED CASE NO. P10331

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Deloris Jean Jackson were issued on April 24, 2024, in Case No. P 10331, pending in the County Court, Hood County, Texas, to Nancy J. Albeck, Independent Executor.

Claims may be addressed to the Administrator in care of Harris, Finley & Bogle, P.C., 120 Palo Pinto Street, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. W. Ed Zellers State Bar No. 22258510 HARRIS, FINLEY & BOGLE, P.C. 120 Palo Pinto Street Weatherford, Texas 76086 Phone: 817.550.6294 Fax: 817.333.1167 Email: ezellers@hfbllaw.com ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR



PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Runoff Election held on May 28, 2024, will be tested on May 14, 2024, beginning at 10:00am. The test will be conducted at the Hood County Annex 1 meeting room located at 1410 West Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76049, to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. Stephanie Cooper Hood County Elections Administrator

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion general que se llevara a cabo el 28 de mayo, 2024 se probara el 14 de mayo 2024 a las 10:00 am en el Anexo 1, 1410 W. Pearl St para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley. Stephanie Cooper Firma de la Oficial

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Granbury will conduct a public hearing at its regular meeting on June 18, 2024 in the Council Chambers located at 116 West Bridge Street in Granbury, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on adoption of an ordinance electing to participate in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program nominating "Quanta Services, Inc." for Enterprise Project and Enterprise Zone Status pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2303, the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, as amended. This nomination will enable the City to pursue the creation of the proper economic and social environment to induce the investment of private resources in productive business enterprises and to economically disadvantaged individuals. Tax and other incentives may also be discussed at this hearing. The Enterprise Project is proposed to be located at 2009 Loop 567, Granbury, TX 76048 in the Commerce Centre of Granbury. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and speak at the hearing. For additional information contact Lance LaCour at 817-573-1114.

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ESTATE SALE: GRANBURY 313 S Cherry Ln 76048 - Entire contents of home must go. Furniture, household items, collectibles, board games, women's clothing 2XL, shoes 8, everyday jewelry. Everything is priced cheap. Nothing fancy but tons of stuff. Friday May 17-Sunday May 19. 8am-5pm Cash Only

Granbury 76048 Garage Sales 76048

MOVING SALE: GRANBURY 3413 Samoon ct Granbury tx 76048- Multi family sale. Furniture, clothes, tons of purses, dishes, kids toys, sewing stuff, seriously something for everyone. Everything must go! Friday May 10 Saturday May 11 8am to 3pm both days Grandkids books and toys sale. They cleaned out their closets! Sat, May 18, begins at 8am. 1100 Meadowlark Ln.

Granbury 76049 Garage Sales 76049

ESTATE SALE BY CARING TRANSITIONS: PECAN PLANTATION 6115 Prospect Hill Dr.- THIS Friday and Saturday 5/10-11. Furniture, ladies clothes, exercise equip., housewares, appliances. Photos at estatesales.net. Abbreviated hours: 9-4 FRI 9-1 SAT

Granbury 76049 Garage Sales 76049

YARD SALE: GRANBURY 300 Nichols Ct - Big yard sale Fri and Sat. (May 10 and 11) Lots of miscellaneous things! Come out and check it out!! GARAGE SALE!!! Friday & Saturday, May 10 & 11 Household, Outdoor, Clothing & Tools! GREAT ITEMS! 7301 Fall Creek Hwy

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Clothing, household goods, etc. All proceeds for kids fundraisers. 302 Yucca Ct. Sat., May 11.

Meander Estates Community Sale. 1000 Meander Rd. Fri 5/10, Sat 5/11, Sun 5/12.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



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A worship and prayer gathering and inspirational concert took place on the grounds surrounding the Historical Courthouse Square on Thursday May 7, in observance of the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day designated by the United States Congress and held on the first Thursday of May when people are asked: "to turn to God in prayer and meditation." Throughout our nation, communities honor our Lord by praying together for their community, state, nation, and the world.

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Granbury City Council officially proclaimed May 18, 2024, as Lemonade Day in Granbury, during a regularly scheduled meeting on May 7.

City council proclaims May 18 Lemonade Day in Granbury

BY ASHLEY TERRY
Staff Writer
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The Granbury City Council officially proclaimed May 18, 2024, Lemonade Day in Granbury during a regularly scheduled meeting May 7.

Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches fifth grade students how to start, own and operate their own business — a lemonade stand.

According to lemonadeday.org, the foremost objective of Lemonade Day is to empower youth to take ownership of their lives and become productive members of society — the business leaders, social

advocates, volunteers and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow.

With the main objective of empowering today's youth to be tomorrow's entrepreneurs, Lemonade Day teaches lessons to fifth graders about creating budgets, setting profit-making goals, serving customers, repaying investors and giving back to the community, according to lemonadeday.org. Along the way, the students acquire skills in goal setting and problem solving, and gain self-esteem, which is critical for future success.

During the event, students earn money and are taught to "spend a little, save a little, and share a little," as they also donate a portion

of their profits to the local charity of their choice.

By working in partnership with Constellation-Wolf Hollow II and the Granbury Independent School District, the Granbury Chamber of Commerce helps fifth grade students learn about business, financial education and being a part of the community through this free program.

Following a successful inaugural event last year, Lemonade Day is returning to Granbury for a second time Saturday, May 18.

"We'll have over 60 lemonade stands," Granbury Chamber of Commerce President Brian Bondy said during the meeting. "They're going to be all over the

square, all over the town. One hundred and fifty kids are participating through GISD."

According to the proclamation read by Mayor Jim Jarratt, the City of Granbury commends the sponsors, organizers and participants of this innovative program, and extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding event.

Jarratt then officially proclaimed May 18, 2024, Lemonade Day in Granbury and encouraged the community to purchase a cup of lemonade from one of the young entrepreneurs to demonstrate how our community cares for the future of our youth.

LAKE GRANBURY MEDICAL CENTER

What is Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine?

BY RICHARD PORTER, D.O.



Dr. Porter graduated from the Touro University of Henderson, Nevada and completed residency at the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte, West Virginia. He practices Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine at Lake Granbury Medical Center.

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) is a specialized branch of health care that uses hands-on techniques to diagnose, treat and prevent a wide array of medical conditions. It is based on the principles of osteopathic medicine, which views the body as an integrated whole where structure and function are interrelated. OMM practitioners, known as osteopathic physicians (doctor of osteopathy or DO), employ manual therapies to restore musculoskeletal balance and promote the body's innate ability to heal itself.

"I am very happy to be here in Granbury and able to offer this level of medical care to our community," says Richard Porter, D.O., Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine physician. "From chronic headaches and digestive disorders to back and joint pain, we have a wide array of treatment options that can help people get back to an active lifestyle."

Osteopathic medicine is founded on several fundamental principles:

- 1. The Body is a unit:** This principle recognizes that the body functions as a holistic entity, where all systems are interconnected and influence each other.
- 2. Structure and function are interrelated:** The relationship between anatomy and physiology is emphasized, acknowledging that abnormalities in structure can impair physiological function and vice versa.
- 3. The body has self-healing and self-regulatory mechanisms:** Osteopathic philosophy holds that the body has the innate ability to heal itself given the right conditions.
- 4. Rational treatment:** Osteopathic physicians aim to identify and address the root causes of illness, considering physical, environmental and lifestyle factors.

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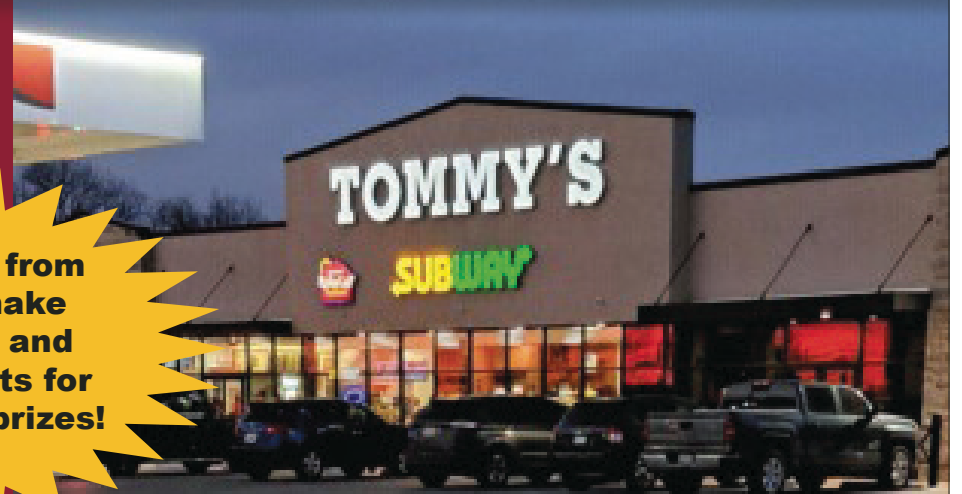
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Joe Ned Baker

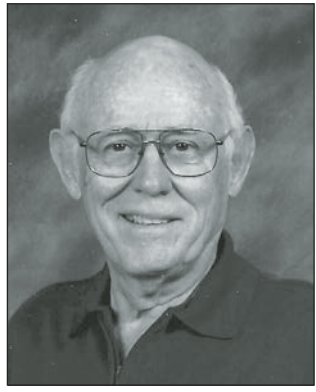
February 6, 1935 - April 13, 2024

Joe Ned Baker, 89, passed away in a Fort Worth hospital on April 13, 2024, due to complications from a series of falls in the past year. He was born in Fort Worth on Feb. 6, 1935, to F. Sloan and Claudia (Patton) Baker, living on the Jarvis Ranch (now the Houston Ranch); his father was the foreman. He began primary school in Lipan while on the ranch, and Bluff Dale after the ranch was sold. His family then moved to Breckenridge, Texas where he finished his secondary school years. Ned was an excellent student and enjoyed playing the trombone in the Breckenridge HS Buckaroo band. He received the Principal's Award at graduation in 1953 for being neither absent nor tardy during high school.

He met his beloved wife, Ruth Walker, of Moran, Texas, at Tarleton State College in Stephenville, on a blind date. He and Ruth were married Aug. 10, 1956. Ned transferred to Texas A&M University where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and a Distinguished Student, and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1957. After receiving a US Army commission as 2nd Lieutenant, he served for several years in the active-duty reserves. He worked for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pennsylvania and pursued graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He and Ruth worked identical twins, Deborah Lynn, and Theresa Gay, born in Chester, Pennsylvania.

The family relocated back to Texas, where he worked for Texas Utilities, beginning with Texas Electric Service Company in Fort Worth. After 33-plus years, he retired from Texas Utilities (now TXU) as manager of power engineering in Dallas. Ned was a man of integrity, and blessed with a strength of leadership and determination that made him a good and well-respected manager. He served in several capacities, including power engineering, finance, and power plant management.

Ned enjoyed country music, especially country gospel, and found his true church home at Triple Cross Cowboy Church in Granbury after years of searching for the perfect



fit. His church family was instrumental to his spiritual growth in his later years, and as he cared for his wife Ruth when her health declined.

Ned was a man of a variety of interests and hobbies, including many years of playing golf, running, cycling, motor home traveling with motorcycle in tow, water skiing, tennis, playing games with friends, square dancing, bowling, telling jokes, and woodworking. Ned loved dogs, and had many pets through the years. Most recently, Duke the Aussie, was a great companion for him.

Ned's friendliness and sense of humor was a light to many, as he never met a stranger.

Ned was preceded in death by his wife of 62-plus years, Ruth, his parents Frank Sloan Baker and Claudia Patton Baker, and brothers Sloan Jr., Jack, and James.

He is survived by his daughters, Theresa Mullins and husband Terry of Dallas, Debbie Benner and husband Bruce of Fort Worth, sister Judy Stroud of Granbury, sister-in-law Kathy Baker of Buffalo, sister-in-law Patsy Reid and husband Jerry of Cape Coral, Florida, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial and celebration of life was held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 10, at Triple Cross Cowboy Church, 3470 Lipan Hwy. in Granbury (casual/comfortable dress).

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Triple Cross Cowboy Church (817-279-2470; www.triplecrosscowboychurch.org) or The Texas A&M Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840 (979-845-7514; www.aggienetwork.com).

Raymond "Ray" Nasypany

March 31, 1932 - April 24, 2024

Raymond Nasypany, 92, of Granbury, Texas passed away on Wednesday, April 24 in Fort Worth. He was born in Herkimer, New York on March 31, 1932. Mr. Nasypany was the ninth of 10 children. After graduating from Herkimer High School, he attended Cornell University. Ray joined the US Air Force and was commissioned and earned his pilot's wings through the Aviation Cadet Program. During his 26-year career, he flew the F-86, F-102, T-33, T37 and F-4 (Vietnam). While stationed in Sioux City, Iowa, he met the love of his life at a YMCA dance. On Aug. 31, 1957, he married Shiuvaun O'Brien and added another seven siblings. They served in multiple locations, in the US and Europe. During that time, they raised three children and moved over 17 times. The couple retired to Wichita Falls after leaving Active Duty. Ray then worked with IDC, training and employing people with disabilities. Ray's hobbies included carpentry and aviation. The Nasypany's moved to Granbury in 1999 to be "closer to grandchildren." For his 70th birthday, Ray was surprised with an RV-8A kit that he assembled and flew by his 75th birthday. N-507RS was his pride and joy, and he spent many hours working and flying the airplane. He was a member of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, MOAA, Daedalians and EAA Chapter 983. Ray is survived by daughters, Mary (Bill Downey) of Corpus Christi, Barbara (Joe Davis) of Dallas; and son, Stephen of San Francisco; granddaughters, Katie



Downey (Tom Probert), Olivia Davis; and grandsons, Joey (Maddie) and Henry Davis; sister-in-law, Mary O'Brien; and brother, Joe Nasypany. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shiuvaun; parents, Wasyll and Eva; siblings, Michael, Mary Malinchak (Andy), Jean Mayton (Marty), Peter (Helen), John (Patricia), George (Beatrice), Paul (Frances), Phyllis and Betty Nasypany and Emily McPherson (Vaughn), and his in-laws, Michael and Myrtle O'Brien and Patricia Aiken (Albert), Don (Ruth), Michael (Glady's), John (Doris), Robert (Nella), Phillip, and Thomas. Thursday, May 9, there was a viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75225. Friday, May 10, a funeral mass was offered at 1 p.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church, 8017 Preston Rd, Dallas, Texas, 75225. Monday, May 13, burial with Military Honors will be at 1:30 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, Texas, 75211. In lieu of flowers, the family ask for donations to be made to the Boys Town Foundation for the Peg Reit Memorial Scholarship Fund.

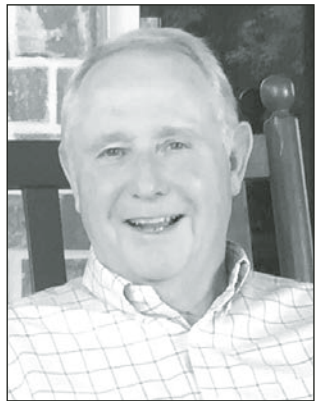
Ernest Wentland Reinke, Jr.

Ernest "Ernie" Wentland Reinke, Jr., age 79, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. He was the husband to Shirley Ann Reinke. They shared almost 58 years of marriage together.

Born in San Antonio, he was the son of Ernest Wentland Reinke and Edra Lee Reinke. He was baptized at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Cranfills Gap, Texas, and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Temple, Texas. He's currently a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Granbury, Texas.

He graduated from Belton High School in 1963 and Baylor University in 1968...Sic'Em Bears! After he graduated from Baylor, he went to work for Burroughs Corporation. In 1976, he and Shirley purchased an Exxon Fuel Distributorship, Reinke, Inc., and moved to Meridian, Texas. He served a term as Bosque County Judge from January 1991 to December 1994. He and Shirley were owners and operators of the Holiday Inn in Stephenville from 1994 to 1998. They purchased and operated the Inn on the River in Glen Rose, Texas in 1998. In 2000, they moved to Glen Rose, Texas. Ernie and Shirley sold the Inn in 2015 and began their life in retirement and moved to Granbury, Texas. He was active in numerous civic and community activities throughout his life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Reinke; son Gregory Reinke; son Stephen Reinke, and his wife Dana; Anna Whitfield and her husband Stephen; grandsons Christopher Reinke, Michael Reinke,



Carter Whitfield and William Reinke; granddaughters Sarah Reinke, Megan Reinke, Catherine Whitfield and Lillie Whitfield. He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Edra Reinke and sister Karen Reinke.

He had a great sense of humor and always wanted to know "the scoop" of what his family was up to. He enjoyed working in his shop, raising his animals, sitting on the porch looking at the birds and the fish in the pond, Shirley's cooking, and in his later years he always looked forward to his Thursday morning breakfast with "The Coots". He loved nothing more than to be with family, and he absolutely loved and adored his grandchildren, who were the pride of his life. He also had so many wonderful friends.

The memorial service will be held on May 11, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1400 Meadows Dr. in Granbury, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in Amarillo, Texas or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "changes his mind as often ___ does socks"
- 5 a star in Texas-filmed "Silkwood"
- 6 Houston has big ___ nautics industry
- 7 early slavery case plaintiff: ___ Scott
- 8 one impeachment charge against "Pa" Ferguson in 1917
- 17 Fort Worth spring festival: "___ fest"
- 18 reparations for wrongs
- 21 TXism: "big biscuit ___ the pan" (boss)
- 22 river movement
- 23 TXism: "weak ___ ___ day-old kitten"
- 24 TXism: "attracted like a ___ ___ chew toy"
- 29 car horn sound
- 30 Palestine AM radio
- 31 hosp. trauma area
- 32 TXism: "numerous ___ in Texas"
- 34 canal or great lake
- 35 TX George Jones' "___ Name Is"
- 36 caused to be loved
- 37 TXism: "___ a line" (go fish)
- 38 Lubbock has the highest crime ___ in Texas (2024)
- 39 the only NHL team in Texas (2 wds.)
- 41 belly button
- 42 TXism: "heap of"
- 43 San Antonio NBA team
- 44 "gotta ___ all my bases"
- 45 TX Betty Buckley was on the last three seasons of this HBO prison drama
- 46 pub brew
- 47 TX Zina Garrison won tennis gold in 1988 at Olympics in South ___
- 48 TV western for TX Patricia Blair: "The ___"
- 50 Travis drew ___ in the dirt at the Alamo
- 51 "___ riot, one Ranger"
- 52 peculiar
- 53 blues guitarist, TX Stevie ___ Vaughan
- 11 "I searched high and ___"
- 12 Rangers announcer, Nadel (init.)
- 13 TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't ___ can fly" (looks deceiving)
- 14 TXism: "never let '___ you sweat"
- 15 tidy
- 16 explosive letters
- 19 treble speaker
- 20 stallion base of the King Ranch quarter horses "Old ___"
- 22 rock-forming mineral
- 24 Gov. "___" Ferguson
- 25 "got no ___ for it"
- 26 TXism: "big frog in the ___" (VIP)
- 27 big ___ wave
- 28 Sam Houston's Cherokee chief: ___-te-ka
- 29 "___ you!" (said after a sneeze)
- 30 Texas singer/actor Kristofferson
- 33 historical period
- 34 TXism: "still wet behind the ___"
- 35 TXism: "does a cat ___ climbing gear?" (yes)
- 37 uncarpeted (2 wds.)
- 38 Sam Houston's Cherokee name
- 40 seat of Swisher County
- 41 singer, TX Jones (without the "h")
- 44 "y'all ___ back"
- 47 in Karnes County on highway 72
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Younger workers must balance financial priorities

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If you're a younger worker just starting out in your career, you've got tremendous personal and professional opportunities ahead of you. But this is also when you will need to make some key decisions — especially about your financial priorities.

When considering your priorities, you may find it helpful to look at these three areas:

PAYING OFF DEBTS

If you're like many young working people, one of your



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biggest debts may be your student loans — and paying these down is, by necessity, a priority, because falling behind on your

student loan payments can lead to late fees and other problems. So, if you haven't done so already, you may want to enroll in autopay, which will help you stay current on your loan and possibly earn a rate reduction.

SAVING FOR SHORT-TERM GOALS

At this stage of your life,

you may be thinking about saving for at least one or two significant short-term goals, such as a wedding or a down payment to a house — or perhaps both. Obviously, your ability to save for these goals will depend on your income, your current cost of living and your debt situation. But if a wedding or a new home is indeed a priority for you, you'll want to look at what's possible, in terms of putting money away. Since you know you'll need a certain amount of money at a given time, you may want to automatically move a set amount from your checking or savings ac-

count each month to a low-risk account whose principal is essentially protected. You might not earn a lot on such an account, but at the same time, you won't have to worry about a drop in value just when you need to take out the money.

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Even though you may just be at the beginning of your working life, it's not too soon to begin preparing for its conclusion. You could spend two, or even three, decades in an active retirement, so you will need to accumulate considerable financial resources. Fortunately, here's

an area in which you may be able to get some help, starting right away. If you work for a mid-size or large company, your employer may well offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Your pre-tax salary deferral contributions are generally not taxable, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. (If your employer offers a Roth 401(k), your contributions will be taxable, but withdrawals will be tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) These days, even many small employers often offer some type of re-

tirement plan, so it's likely to your benefit to take full advantage of it by contributing as much as you can afford.

Prioritizing these long-term savings goals, and striving to meet them with the appropriate solutions, can certainly be challenging. But as a young worker, you have the greatest — and most irreplaceable — asset on your side: time. So, make the most of it. Think carefully about your needs and options and take the steps that enable you to keep making progress toward all your objectives.

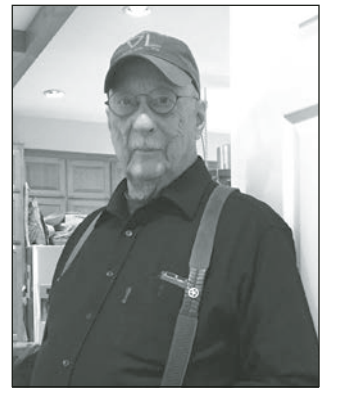
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John Russell Peckham, D.O.

March 7, 1932 - April 27, 2024



John Russell Peckham, D.O., died peacefully April 27, 2024, at the age of 92. Born in 1932 in Chicago, Dr. Peckham was the son of Russell Rice Peckham, D.O., and Alice Peterman Peckham. After his father's death due to a WWI injury, John was raised by his mother and stepfather, R. N. MacBain, D.O. John attended Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois but left college to join the U.S. Navy where he served as a naval aviator.

Dr. Peckham earned the doctor of osteopathy degree from Kirksville (MO) College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in 1965.

In 1980 he joined the faculty of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine where he served as professor of manipulative medicine and dean of clinical studies. Dr. Peckham distinguished himself as a skilled diagnostician and osteopathic manipulator as well as a teacher and mentor. He retired from the college in 2000 and moved to his ranch near Tolar, Texas, where he ran the small ranch he had always wanted.

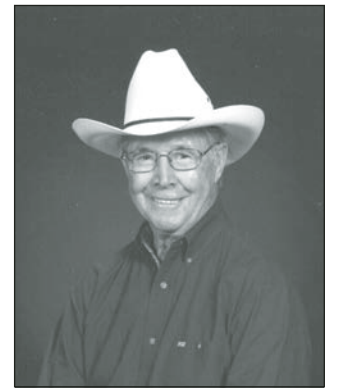
John was an avid cook, a great reader, and enjoyed traveling. He was very much a family man and, as the patriarch of the Peckham, Alter, and Azuma families, loved hosting holidays for 30 or more at the ranch. He arranged hayrides for the children, took guests on rides around the ranch pointing out everything from the cattle to the native grasses, and took pride in his beloved German shepherds.

Dr. Peckham was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Isabelle Jeanne MacBain, and twin infant daughters. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Azuma Peckham; his two children, Russell MacBain Peckham and Jennifer Peckham McLain, six grandchildren, his sister, Judy Alter, and nieces and nephews. His ashes will be spread on the ranch land he loved so much.

A celebration of life will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on May 22, 2024 at Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Clubhouse Drive, Granbury, TX 76048.

Major Wesley Lackey, Jr.

March 31, 1934 - May 4, 2024



Major Wesley Lackey Jr., of Granbury, Texas passed away on May 4, 2024, surrounded by his family after a short illness. He was born March 31, 1934, in Borger, Texas to Major W. Lackey and Ruth Lackey. He grew up in Spearman, Texas and graduated from Spearman High School in 1952. He attended West Texas State University and returned home to farm. He married Janie in Pierre, South Dakota on June 16, 1954. They set off for their adventure in life living in Spearman, Lubbock, Anson, and finally Granbury Texas. They raised three kids along with many horses, dogs, and cats. He supported his children in competing in playdays, 4H and rodeos.

Wesley worked in the oil field, feedlots and finally drove trucks for Wylie Hudman, Robert Heath and Pride Refinery. After retirement, Wesley finally was able to spend time with horses and went to many APHA horse shows with his exceptional mare Joylena.

Wesley and his wife were members of Triple Cross Cowboy Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 68 years, Janie, sis-

ter Bobbie Wilson, brother Billy Lackey and daughter Shari Lackey. He is survived by his sister Kay Orrell, and brother Doug Lackey, a son Major W. Lackey III and his partner Les Lujan, a daughter Pamela Joyce and her husband Patrick and two grandchildren Nicholas Joyce and Alyssa Joyce. The family is grateful to the doctors and nurses at Texas Health Southwest and Heart to Heart Hospice for the kind and gentle care he received.

A memorial Service will be held on May 13, 2024, at Triple Cross Cowboy Church at 2 p.m.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Triple Cross Cowboy Church Youth Group.

EVERY DAY
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. Do you or someone you know have a problem with alcohol? Meetings daily at 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. at 1205 Lipan Highway, Granbury.

ACTON 12-STEP Group. Meeting daily at 7 p.m. 3609 Acton Highway (behind Madison Park).

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

EVERY SUNDAY
STARTING A New Life is a grief support group for those who have lost a loved one through death. This includes the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or close friend. For the past 26 years, this group has helped people work through their grief process. If you, or someone you know, is suffering from the loss of a loved one, come or bring them to our next session that began March 19, 2023. We are Christian based, nondenominational, and welcome all who are suffering. We meet 3-5 p.m. on Sundays in the parish hall of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. For more information, call Ben Bradley at 575-706-5703 or Sherry Bingham at 817-657-0822.

EVERY MONDAY
PROMISES AL-ANON group meets every Monday at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian

Church, fellowship hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

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

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

PEDALING FOR Parkinson's hosted by the Hood County YMCA will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at 1475 James Road. The program is led by a certified group fitness instructor and consists of a pre- and post-fitness evaluation, and 45-minute spin/cycling session. Program will last 12 weeks. For more information call 817-624-9791 or e-mail communityhealth@ymcafw.org.

EVERY THURSDAY
TAKE OFF Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 8:45-10:45 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133C, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. Maximum weight scale: 400 pounds.

GRIEF SHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is

not provided. Fee for Grief-share workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

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

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

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

SECOND MONDAY
CHAPTER 238 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) meet at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 3601 Fall Creek Highway in Acton. Meeting is at 7 p.m., all veterans are welcome, disabled or not. Focus is on fun, education and assisting attendees.

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOND
I just want to say how disappointed I am with Granbury residents once more turning down the school bond election. Whether anybody likes it or not, our community is growing by leaps and bounds with huge new subdivisions. With this growth comes more kids and overcrowded schools. I'm a retiree but I still want what's best for the

children and our community. Just remember, when we went to school, other families and senior citizens paid for our education with their tax dollars. I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that kids in our community get a good education. The cost of uneducated citizens is far greater than the cost of the bonds.

Joni Carpenter
Granbury

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Gaylor ends season strong at state Tournament



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Lipan's Court Gaylor finished tied for 11th at the Class 2A Boys State Golf Tournament. The freshman had rounds of 78 and 74.

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

The Gaylor name should be well-known at the UIL 2A State Tournament. This is the third year the family from Lipan has been represented.

Court, a freshman, competed in the boys tournament Monday and Tuesday, April 29-30. Hanna, a junior, is set to play next Monday and Tuesday, May 6-7, in the girls tournament.

Court finished tied for 11th out of 72 players in his inaugural trip to state golf. He was the MVP of the Boys 2A State Basketball Tournament just down the road in San Antonio in March as the Indians repeated as state champs.

He put together rounds of 78 and 74 for a two-day total of 10-over-par 152 on the Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

"He did well both days. I'm very proud of how he competed, especially when putts weren't falling," said his mom and coach, Wendy Gaylor. "He continued to grind it out each day and post pretty good scores. He definitely learned a lot, which will help the next three years."

Walt Thompson of Goldthwaite won the individual title with a 144 (70-74) and Isaiah Igo of Sundown was second at 145 (74-71). Sonoro shot 626 (307-319) to win the team title ahead of runner-up New Home at 635 (314-321).

Gaylor was tied for 15th after his opening round

and moved up four positions on Day 2.

"It was a great experience getting to compete against the best golfers in 2A," he said. "I definitely learned a lot and will use it to help me in the future."

Gaylor qualified for state by finishing second in the Region II Tournament at the Old Brickyard Golf Course in Ferris, where he shot 147 (73-74). He won the District 11-2A championship played at Canyon West Golf Course in Weatherford and Squaw Valley Golf Course in Glen rose, shooting 164 (92-72).

Gaylor ended the season with five straight rounds in the 70s.

GIRLS TURN

Now comes the ladies' turn with their state tournament set for early next

week on the same course. For Hanna Gaylor, it will be her third straight trip to the tournament; she finished third last season.

The Tolar Lady Rattlers, led by sophomore Callan Nix, will be there as a complete team for the first time since 2003. They are coming off the program's first-ever regional championship, topping the field in Ferris by 60 strokes.

Nix, who finished fourth in the state last season, won the regional tournament with Gaylor taking second. At district, Gaylor was first and Nix second, while the Lady Rattlers won the team title in a runaway.

Also on Tolar's team are Elizabeth and Savannah Tuel, Maddy Moczygemba, Jaycee Jones and Abby Gannon.

Granbury's Johnston among elite runners

Medals at state track and sets another school record

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Setting another school record, Elijah Johnston of the Granbury Pirates ended his track season with a trip to the awards podium at the Class 5A State Track and Field Meet in Austin.

The junior sprinter, in his first appearance at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas, captured a bronze medal with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash May 3. His time of 21.22 seconds bested his previous school record of 21.32 that he ran to win the Area 5/6-5A Meet.

"This feels so good! I prayed to be in this position," an excited Johnston said immediately after the race. "I set a goal to get on that podium and to have it come true is such a great feeling."

Johnston has consistently set school records in the event, beginning with his time of 21.65 seconds to win the District 5-5A championship. He came close to besting his area record in inclement West Texas weather in Lubbock before winning the event with a 21.33.

"He's a district champion, area champion, regional champion and got on the podium at state," Pirates coach Jody Brown said. "He runs great races at the right time."

"He deserves everything he's got to this point. And he works at it, too. He loves it."

Kendrick Jones Jr. of Lake Belton won the race with a time of 20.83, followed by Blake Holland of Magnolia at 21.15.

"Out of the curve everybody was just lined up," Johnston said. "I said I'm going to slingshot this, then I realized I had a lot more curve to go."

So, he settled in and did what he does best, kick into another gear down the stretch.

"That's the best part of his race, the backstretch and the kick," Brown said. "I've been on him about that curve, and when he came out I knew he'd be on the podium."

"I was in tears when I hugged him after the race. I knew he wanted it badly and I'm so proud."

Johnston came into state seeded fourth.

READY FOR MORE

No sooner had he finished his top performance of the season than Johnston stated, "It's just been an amazing season, and there's more to come."

Johnston plans to compete for the elite club Athletic Performance

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A GISD STEM-inist

AMS student selected to Joint Science and Technology Institute East

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Paola Lumbreras may only be in the seventh grade, but she has already proved to be wise beyond her years with her latest accomplishments.

Lumbreras, a student at Acton Middle School, was recently selected to join the Joint Science and Technology Institute East for Middle School Students (JSTI East - MS) set to take place at Towson University in Maryland July 20-26.

The JSTI East - MS is a one-week, fully-funded, residential STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) research program that provides middle school students the opportunity to solve and complete STEM challenges and projects. Students will get the opportunity to work on a research project under the supervision of scientists and engineers. The hands-on projects provide students with opportunities to develop problem-solving and collaboration skills, according to the JSTI East website.

The purpose of the program is to provide students with an opportunity to solve STEM challenges while working as a member of a small team, to inspire them to become lifelong STEM learners and increase awareness of career opportunities in STEM-related fields. The week-long experience ends with students presenting their research findings to a panel of Department of Defense

STEM professionals.

Lumbreras was one of 32 students to be chosen nationwide for this program. Students were chosen based on their grades, essay responses, STEM research interests and letters of recommendation.

"I know that one of the main things that got her in there was that letter of recommendation," Priscilla Lumbreras, Paola's mom, told the Hood County News. "She's a little seventh grader that's already doing research and has these very specific goals. It's kind of like, 'Wow,' you know, because I taught middle school and most seventh graders are just like, 'OK, whatever.' They have other interests. But this was a pretty competitive process. We did our research, and they get like 3,000 applicants a year."

Priscilla, who is also the Department of Defense STEM ambassador at Granbury High School, credits former Acton Elementary School Principal Karla Willmeth for both Paola's STEM passion and for her acceptance into the research program.

"We moved here about seven years ago and Mrs. Willmeth was the first GISD person that our children met when we enrolled in GISD, specifically AES," Priscilla said. "When Paola realized that she needed a letter of recommendation, Mrs. Willmeth was the first person that she thought about. While this kid has some unique gifts, we

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AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Granbury's Newsom heads to Hall of Fame

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the
Hood County News

When he tried riding them, bulls got the best of a young Frank Newsom. So he turned to fighting them and found much more success.

So much so that he will be inducted into the Bull Riders Hall of Fame May 18 at Billy Bob's Texas 81 Club in the Fort Worth Stockyards. The former Granbury resident will be honored in the bullfighters category.

"I started out trying to ride them. I tried hard, but I didn't have much victory, to say the least," Newsom recalled. "However, I was good at saving everyone. I knew that was where I belonged."

Bullfighting in the rodeo world is not to be confused with the type of bullfighting that involves a matador, such as in Spain. It is also not to be confused with a rodeo clown, though many rodeo clowns began as bullfighters and made the switch because they preferred entertaining the crowd.

Newsom's objective, first and foremost, was always to make sure the rider got out of the way of the angry bull safely. This meant distracting the bull and putting his own life in danger consistently.

AMONG WORLD'S BEST

So that's what Newsom did, perhaps better and tougher than anyone else ever has. He even fought with a broken leg once at the 2021 PBR World Finals.

Newsom earned the nickname "Fearless Frank" because he would do whatever it took to protect the bull rider once the rider was off the bull.

"I always had a talent, or a want to, for saving the guys. I believe God puts that in a person," Newsom said. "I remember having some great football coaches growing up. They taught me to push myself and sacrifice my body to get the job done. They taught me that my body could take a lot more abuse than my mind thought it could."

Newsom became a legend at his craft, retiring in 2022. His career accolades include:

*He was picked to fight bulls at PBR Finals 20 times.

*He fought at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in 1997 and 1998.

*In 1998, along with fighting bulls in the NFR to keep riders safe, he finished second in the world bullfighting competition held by the NFR.

"There were so many high moments," Newsom said. "I had the opportunity to work with some great partners throughout my career, Joe Baumgardner, Jimmy Anderson, Rob Smets, Shorty Gorham, Jesse Byrne, Cody Webster, Lucas Teodoro."

"I was able to learn under Rex Dunn. He taught me so much."

GETTING STARTED

Newsom grew up working with his father on ranches, always being around cattle.

"The men I got to be around taught me a lot. I remember

the cattle that were a little wild or a little mean," he said. "They were the ones I liked the best."

Newsom impressed them with his ability, even at a young age, to handle those "mean" cattle with ease, showing no fear — though he admits the career he entered had its terrifying moments.

In high school he got a job working for professional bull rider and rancher Jay Cochrane.

"It was the summer of '92 when I started fighting bulls," Newsom said. "Jay took me down to Mac Yocham's place (in Glen Rose). He had some good bulls and that is where it started."

Wayne "Mac" Yocham, who passed away in late October 2023, was noted for holding weekend bull riding/bull fighting practice sessions for many years for anyone interested.

Newsom recalled a time when he was actually helping the bulls be meaner as a win-win for all.

"When I started there weren't as many good bucking bulls. If you could help the bulls buck better, the contractors and bull riders really liked it," he said. "It made the contractors look good and helped the bull riders make more money. And I really enjoyed doing it."

DAINGEROUS GIG

Perhaps Newsom's career was best summed up when, in May of 2022, he performed an act of heroism even though he wasn't bullfighting at the



PHOTO COURTESY OF FRANK NEWSOM

Former Granbury resident Frank Newsom, arguably the best bullfighter of all time, is being inducted into the Bull Riders Hall of Fame in the bullfighting category on March 18.

time. The Cowboy Channel reported that as he was a spectator at an event, he saw a young bullfighter go down and sprang into action.

Newsom jumped the fence and did what he does best, distract the bull while the young fighter got to safety. Both received injuries, and though Newsom was unable to participate as a fighter in that year's World Finals — his last — it was a fitting way to retire.

There was also a battle with addiction in the late 1990s that almost brought his career to a screeching halt. However, with the help of friends, Newsom fought back

from what he considered rock bottom and climbed to the top of his profession.

"It is a tough career. There was a lot of adversity, a lot of broken bones, torn muscles, torn ligaments and concussions throughout my career," he said. "My beliefs and work ethic that was built into me all along the way helped me overcome."

RETIRED LIFE

Newsom is now retired on his ranch in PaoLi, Oklahoma with his wife, Dea. They have three children.

"My wife was always my biggest support. It was not

always easy and good for her. There were a lot of scary moments for her. Our belief in Jesus Christ always gave us strength to endure."

Though he's no longer in the arena rescuing cowboys, he's still working to keep them safe. Newsom is now a bullfighting director for the PBR. He also has his own welding business, while Dea is co-owner of Branded Salon & Barber Shop.

"I'm retired and the Lord has made a way. We are doing good. We are blessed," he said. "Everything good we have comes from him. We just have to be willing to put in the work and follow him."

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(AP) Ranch in Fort Worth this summer. He has his sights on reaching national competition.

"Getting that work at AP Ranch, he'll get it all together and I can only imagine what the possibilities are for him," Brown said. "He's got college coaches looking at him. He's such a smooth runner."

"I remember when his little brother brought (Kaleb) out (in 2023) and said, 'My brother wants to run. I said okay.'

I could tell right away he had something special."

Johnston has his sights on trying out for the Olympics in 2028. Brown believes he is on a path to make that a possibility.

"That's all he talks about," Brown said. "He'll get fine-tuned in college, and it wouldn't surprise me at all if he had a chance."

In the meantime, Johnston plans to return to state with the goal of a gold medal in mind. He would also like to bring some of those close to him along to compete as well

— one person in particular. "I hope I can get my brother here with me," he said.

FEIST SIXTH FOR RATTLEERS

Tolar junior Brylen Feist placed sixth in the pole vault in Class 2A. He cleared a personal-record 14 feet, 6 inches.

Feist was seeded sixth entering state. He qualified for state by finishing second in the Region II Meet in Springtown with a vault of 14 feet.

Premier High School of Granbury achieves distinction

Submitted Item

Premier High School Granbury has received the 2023-2024 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® award for the second consecutive year (www.chk.org). This distinction directly reflects the unwavering dedication and collaborative efforts of PHS Granbury's students, staff and the entire school community. The recognition of a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® award serves as a testament to the commitment held by the campus community to foster a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Each year, National Showcase Schools undergo a meticulous selection process,

evaluating essential performance indicators, collecting campus data and seeking feedback from both staff and students. The outcomes reflect the successful integration of the Capturing Kids' Hearts® process, showcasing the unique culture and climate of each campus. Capturing Kids' Hearts® applauds PHS Granbury, where educators go above and beyond, fostering a secure, connected, enthusiastic learning environment for students.

"We work as a TEAM, including our students, their families and our staff to Capture our Kids' Hearts. We feel building these relationships with kindness and encouragement

promotes our students to work harder academically while enhancing character for a lifetime of growth. The Capturing Kids' Hearts Program will continue to be a valued cornerstone of PHS Granbury," Campus Director Marsha Grissom said.

"Thank you for contributing to the success of PHS Granbury's vibrant educational community. Our community's support of our students is one of many treasures of living in Granbury, Texas."

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Elijah Johnson pictured with Granbury's track coach.

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credit the leadership of Mrs. Willmeth and her wonderful teachers at AES for instilling the love of learning in her. Her continued growth has only been further supported by the amazing staff at AMS."

While Paola has a strong love for STEM now, it wasn't always the case. In fact, she explained how at her previous school, the teachers focused more on subjects like reading and math.

"Whenever we moved over here, I had a teacher and she started teaching us about science," Paola explained. "I was like, 'What is this?' because I was not used to it. But, you know, they started really talking me into it, and I was like, 'OK, I really, really like this.'"

As she continued to learn more throughout the years, Paola realized science had started to become her favorite subject.

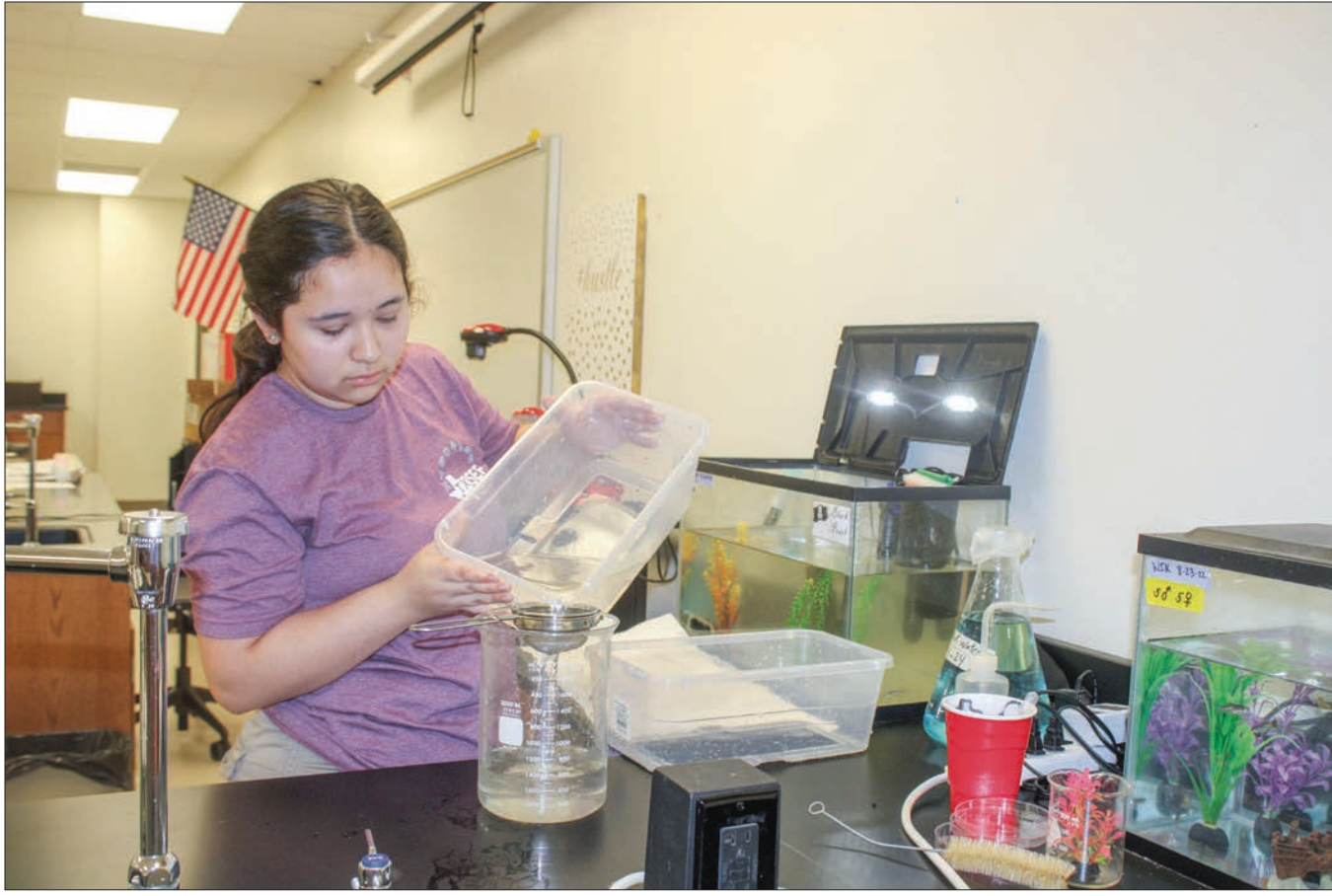
"I really enjoy just learning about all the things in our world," she said. "My mom's a biology teacher and I would come to her class sometimes after school. I really wanted to just do things with her (equipment) and learn more about science."

Paola's passion continued to grow and eventually led to her obtaining a weekend responsibility of feeding and mating zebrafish.

"We have a research partnership with UT Dallas," Priscilla said. "We house the fish at GHS and Paola is the one that has taken over the weekend responsibilities in caring for the fish."

Since zebrafish are cannibals and tend to eat their eggs, Paola and Priscilla use a mesh netting to catch the eggs and harvest them for experiments.

"Scientists have discovered that zebrafish have a lot of commonalities with human beings, so they're used a lot in like disease studies, and embryonic development, like how a fetus develops,"



Acton Middle School student Paola Lumbreras pours water into a beaker as she works on a project involving zebrafish.

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Priscilla explained. "Paola loves marine biology; that's like her passion, so she was like 'Mom, I'll be the one to take care of the fish.' She's the one that feeds them, checks the water, and does all that hard work."

"It was really cool to see her so excited about what she was doing," Ricardo Lumbreras, Paola's father and Tarleton State University professor, said. "She's been a part of this process since Priscilla went and picked up the fish last summer. This has sort of been her project, and watching her be so invested, that's cool. We need more kids to be interested in these kinds of things. We're both educators. We see it, but it has to be more than just, 'We want lifelong learners.' You can't just say it; you have to create the opportunities for the kids to become lifelong learners."

The zebrafish eggs have now been a yearlong project for Paola, but they were

also vital for her science fair project involving how vaping can impact embryonic development.

"Vaping is a huge problem, especially in the United States, and I've seen it a lot in my middle school and in schools all around the United States, too," Paola said. "And it was really, really sad, because you've known these kids all your life, and then they just lose themselves because of this stuff. So, I was like, 'I want to do something with vaping.' But I was researching, and I found that 7% of all pregnant women actually vape in their pregnancy and I really wanted to see if a pregnant woman vapes what happens to the fetus, and the things that we saw were just devastating."

Paola said in her research, she used three different vaping solutions: 1%, 0.5% and 0.25%. In the 1%, she said there were embryos that were missing half their

bodies.

"The deformities are just terrible," she said. "And being able to know there are women who vape, and this is what's happening to their babies, it's just sad because sometimes they don't even know. But we haven't really talked about it. There was very little research found on it, and I don't know how people haven't really talked about this."

Priscilla, who teaches biology, chemistry, IPC (integrated physics and chemistry) and AP research at Granbury High School, said there are several studies on fetal alcohol syndrome and what alcohol does to a developing fetus. However, there were almost no studies done on how vaping can affect a fetus.

"Vaping and smoking — they're just as bad as each other," Paola said. "Vaping is not safer. It's not healthier. It's just as bad as smoking

because of the chemicals that you find in the vapes, like, it's still going to have a toll on your body."

Paola said one of the science fair judges was a dentist who worked closely with an OBGYN. She said the fetus deformities are exactly what the OBGYN sees in women who vape and that sometimes, the pregnant women do end up losing their babies.

"I really liked doing this project because it was eye opening and if we continue to research this, we can really find a way to maybe undo these effects," Paola said. "Because with fetal alcohol syndrome, I had read an article about something called retinoic acid, and it can undo the effects that alcohol has on a fetus. I want to find something like that, but for vaping. That's really what I want to do with my project as I continue is like, find a way to undo these things and find a way to help

pregnant woman, because sometimes they're ashamed, and they don't know how to reach out and get help."

She said her main goal is to publish a research paper on the topic, so that people can learn the effects that vaping has not only on fetuses, but on themselves as well.

"There's so many things I really want to do, and like, especially with the judges too, they were like, 'This is an amazing project, and you need to continue with this. You cannot stop with this project. You have to keep going with it.' But I really just want to find a way to help people — that's really my biggest thing," Paola said. "I think if we just research it and continue to help people open their eyes, it's really going to benefit our society today."

With her science fair project, Paola placed first in the Medicine and Health category at the Fort Worth Regional Science and Engineering Fair. She was also chosen as the Best of Fair for the entire junior division.

She later advanced to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair, where she placed fourth in the state competition March 23.

Because she's only in middle school, Priscilla said Paola can only advance to the state competition. However, during regionals, Paola was invited to present her research at the Thermo Fischer Junior Innovators Challenge this summer.

"They choose the top 1% science fair projects in the whole nation," Priscilla said. "They choose the top 300, and then from the 300, they choose 30. If you're in the top 30, you go to Washington, D.C. for a week. They get the opportunity to win, I think it's like a \$75,000 prize, so it's a big deal. She's not done yet."

Priscilla said she wholeheartedly believes that Paola's science fair project is

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Lipan Softball



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The Lipan Lady Indians are area champions following an 8-4 victory over the Muenster Lady Hornets in the area playoffs Wednesday, May 1. For gallery go to hcnews.com



The Lady Indians praying before the game.



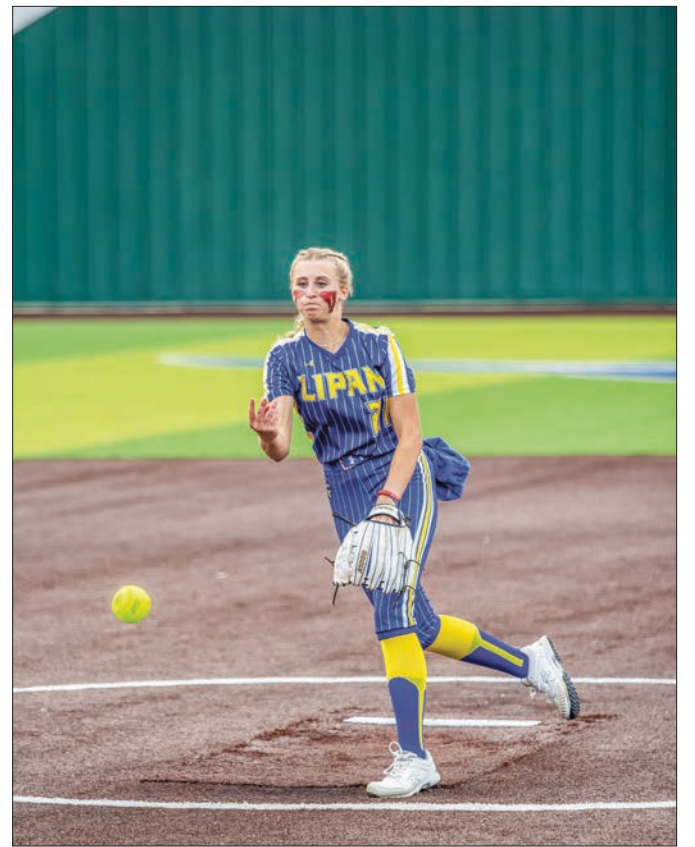
Sari Thompson getting a hit.



Finley Shockley celebrating after scoring.



The Indians infield players huddled on the mound before the inning starts.



Ella Sharp on the mound for the Lady Indians.



Lipan Baseball



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The Lipan Indians took on the Bosqueville Bulldogs at North Crowley High School Thursday, May 2. The Indians' season ultimately came to an end with a 2-0 loss in the three game series against Bosqueville. For gallery go to hcnews.com



Tyson Tarpley and Brayden Dowdy wait outside the dugout before the game begins.



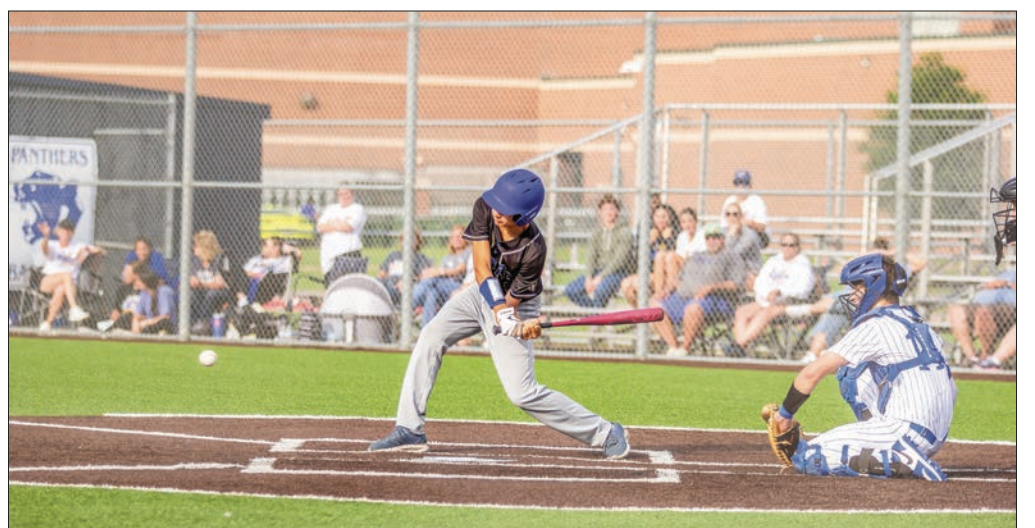
Jackson Posey runs to first.



Tyson Tarpley on the mound for the Indians.



Tyson Tarpley, Brayden Dowdy and Riggan Morris wait in the dugout during the Indians at bat.



Johnathan Pierce gets a hit.



Granbury Softball



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Granbury Lady Pirates took on the Joshua Lady Owls in the area championship Game 2 Thursday, May 2, at Cleburne High School. After a hard fought second game the Lady Pirates season ultimately came to an end. For gallery go to hcnews.com.



Hanna Dafoe getting a hit.



Kamryn Williams running to second after getting a double.



The infield players for the Pirates on the mound before the inning starts.



Allison Dafoe pitching for the Lady Pirates.



Morgan Johnson making the catch at first.



Tolar Softball



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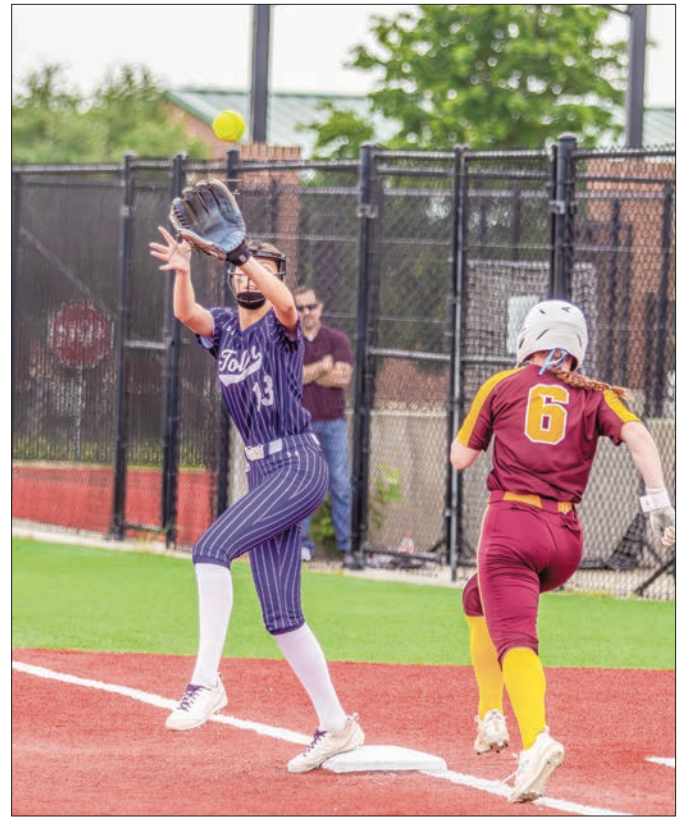
The Lady Rattlers took on the Collinsville Lady Pirates in the 2024 softball area round of the playoffs at Argyle High School softball stadium Saturday, May 4. After an 8-4 victory, the Lady Rattlers came away with the area championship trophy. For gallery go to hcnews.com.



Reese Tryon on second after hitting a double.



Kaylee Smith scoring after pinch running for Reese Tryon.



Ava Massey making the catch at first.



Kanyn Deaver hitting the ball.



The Rattlers in a group hug after winning the area championship over the Collinsville Pirates.



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Lipan Indians celebrating Ella Sharp's homerun.

Lady Indians make history, Tolar teams advance

BY RICK MAUCH
Special to the Hood County News

Behind the pitching and hitting of Ella Sharp, the Lipan Lady Indians (12-6) have advanced to the third round of the Class 2A playoffs with an 8-4 win over Muenster on May 1 in Weatherford. It matches the deepest postseason run in program history. Sharp struck out 11 and walked three, surrendering just four hits and three earned runs in seven innings. She also had two hits, including a home run, walked, drove in two runs and stole a base. The only other time Lipan advanced this far in the playoffs was when the program was in Class 1A, coach Heather Reatherford said. They reached the regional quarterfinals (third round), but had a first-round bye, so they needed one postseason win to reach that far. This season the Lady Indians have two playoff wins as they previously defeated Hamilton 24-2 in bidistrict. Lipan was going for the school record when they faced Archer City (15-13-1) at press time in Graham.

TOLAR BASEBALL
The Rattlers (14-7-2) advanced to the second round

of the 2A playoffs by sweeping Moody in bidistrict May 3-4. Tolar won the first game at Moody 4-3 in eight innings before coming home to finish the sweep 12-2. It's the fourth consecutive season the Rattlers have swept Moody in bidistrict. Last year it was en route to the regional final and the best season in Tolar baseball history. In each of the previous three seasons they advanced to the third round. In the opening game, the Rattlers won when Noah Yanish drove home the winning run on a ground out. Tolar had tied the game by overcoming a 3-0 deficit with three runs in the sixth inning. Tolar hitting in Game 1: Hunter Michels three hits, double; Cutter Cain two hits, double; Merritt Imel two hits, double, walk, stolen base; Talan Brown, one hit; Jesse Owen double, RBI; Rowdy Tryon one hit; Drake Owens walk; Clayton Stenbridge hit by pitch. Pitching in Game 1: Oakley Saffer 5.2 innings, two hits, five strikeouts, one walk, hit by pitch; Brown (win) 2.1 innings, four hits, three runs (two earned runs), four strikeouts, three walks. Hitting in Game 2: Brown two triples, walk, three RBIs, stolen base; Owen two hits, two walks, two RBIs; Stenbridge double, walk,

RBI, hit by pitch; Michels double, RBI; Imel double; Tryon one hit, hit by pitch, RBI; Yanish one hit, walk, RBI; Cain walk, RBI. Pitching in Game 2: Owen (win) five innings, four hits, two earned runs, 10 strikeouts, three walks; Owens one inning, two strikeouts, two walks. The Rattlers were playing Riesel (15-10-2) in the area round at press time in Cleburne. **TOLAR SOFTBALL** The Lady Rattlers (20-6) swept Collinsville in a pair of games at Argyle on May 3-4 to advance to the third round of the 2A playoffs, 13-3 and 8-4. Pitcher Reese Tryon struck out 13 in the opening game and helped her cause in Game 2 with three hits, including a double. Senne Imel had six hits in the two wins, including a pair of doubles and a home run. Allyson Dobbs and Ava LeCluyse also hit home runs in the opening game for Tolar. This is the fourth straight season in which the Lady Rattlers have reached the second round of the postseason. Two years ago they advanced to the third round. Hitting in Game 1: Imel three hits, double, home run, two RBIs, stolen base; Dobbs two hits, home run, three RBIs; Kany Deaver two hits,

two walks; LeCluyse two hits, home run, four RBIs; Jorgia Reed two hits, walk, RBI; Jaylyn Miller one hit, walk; Tryon one hit, two walks, RBI; Milly Taylor hit by pitch. Pitching in Game 1: Tryon six innings, two hits, three earned runs, 13 strikeouts, four walks, two hit by pitch. Hitting in Game 2: Imel three hits, double, RBI; Miller three hits, double, two RBI, stolen base; Tryon three hits, double, two RBI; LeCluyse three hits, walk, three RBIs, two stolen bases; Reed one hit; Dobbs walk, stolen base; Deaver walk. Pitching in Game 2: Tryon seven innings, seven hits, four runs (1 earned), three strikeouts, one walk. The Lady Rattlers were playing Hico (22-10) in the third round at press time in Stephenville for a chance to advance farther than any Tolar softball team ever has. The previous deepest postseason run was in 2022 when they fell to Hico in the third round. **GRANBURY SOFTBALL** The Lady Pirates (15-19) saw their season come to an end with losses of 1-0 and 5-1 to Joshua in their Class 5A area playoff series May 1-2. Game 1 was on the road and the second was at home. In a yeoman effort, Allison Dafoe struck out 13 batters and walked just a single bat-

ter in the two games. She surrendered 13 hits and six runs (three earned) in 13 innings. At the plate in the series, Karmyn Williams had two hits, including a double and RBI, and Brenna Haynes had two hits. Also, Preslee Carnes had a hit and two walks, Hannah Dafoe walked twice a and stole two bases, Montana Bowshire had a hit and walk, Allison Dafoe had a hit and Carli Carlton was hit by a pitch. **LIPAN BASEBALL** The Indians (7-11) ended their season with losses to Bosqueville in their Class 2A bidistrict series at Whitney, 7-0 and 8-0. Jackson Posey had two hits to lead Lipan in the series, while Tyson Tarpley, Matthew Tipton, Cash Bolenbarker and Jonathan Pierce each had a hit. **THSCA Accolades** Taylor Branson of Lipan and Isaac Blessing of Tolar received academic all-state honors from the Texas High School Coaches Association. Branson is first team in Class 2A girls basketball and Blessing is second team in 2A boys basketball. **Branson TGCA Legacy All-Star** Taylor Branson of the

Lipan Lady Indians basketball team has been named a Texas Girls Coaches Association Legacy All-Star. The TGCA selects a maximum of 20 all-stars from classes 1-4A and 5-6A in basketball. Athletes must be seniors. These all-stars will not participate in the summer clinic all-star activities but will receive a certificate and Legacy All-Star patch. **RODEO** Now that the regular season has come to an end, these competitors from the area will be among those at the North Texas High School Rodeo Association Finals May 17-18 in Saginaw. The top 15 in each event qualified. Barrel racing: Ainsley Reeves, Granbury Breakaway roping: Kyle Kenley, Tolar Chute dogging: Joseph Rickabaugh, Tolar (event leader); Levi Johnson, Granbury Ride-up goat tying: Rylee Rickabaugh, Tolar; Carsyn Nolen, Granbury Walk-up goat tying: Grace Burdick, Granbury; R. Rickabaugh Poles: Reeves Saddle bronc: Johnson Team roping-header: Takota Kenley, Tolar Teams: 7. Granbury, 3,269 points; 8. Tolar, 3,262



Tolar Baseball

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The Rattlers took on the Moody Bearcats in the 2024 baseball bi-district round of the playoffs at Itasca High School Baseball stadium Saturday, May 4. After an 12-2 victory, the Rattlers swept the Bearcats and came away with the bidistrict trophy.



Talon Brown making a catch.



Merritt Imel stretching out to make the catch at first.



Rattler Player getting the out at third



Rattlers celebrating with a bi district trophy.

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Texans take 4th, place 3 in top-10 at WAC Championship to conclude 2023-24 season

Tarleton State University

PAYSON, Ariz. - It was a memorable WAC Championship for Tarleton State Men's Golf to end the Texans' 2023-24 campaign April 26-28.

The Texans placed three in the top-10, including two in the top-five, plus finished fourth as a team in a highly competitive tournament and final day at Chaparral Pines in Payson, Arizona, Friday-Sunday.

The Texans led the other 10 WAC programs on the team leaderboard entering the final round Sunday. It came down to the wire between Tarleton State, Grand Canyon, California Baptist and UTRGV, all separated by four strokes when it was all said and done. The Lopes emerged victorious by a stroke (+12, 292-295-289) over CBU (+13, 300-288-289) and UTRGV (+13, 302-289-286). Tarleton was just behind them in fourth (+16, 295-291-294), six strokes ahead of fifth place Abilene Christian (+22, 301-292-293).

Tarleton's Cristobal Sepulveda and Carson Gallaher lived at the top of the leaderboard all week-

end, and they tied each other for fifth place in the 55-man field at +1. Sepulveda shot 72-71-74, and Gallaher turned in cards of 73-70-74.

Alvaro Huidobro finished tied-10th at +3 (74-74-71). Bladen Samaniego, in his final collegiate tournament, shot +13 (76-76-77) for tied-33rd. Max Bengtsson rounded out the group at +15 (77-79-75) for tied-39th.

"I'm gutted for the guys today but it will only make us stronger," head coach Chance Cain said. "It was a great learning experience for them to be in that final pairing on the last day with everything on the line. You know you're on the right track in sports when nerves kick in because it means you're close to the top and just need to close it out. We will for sure get there because of this and I'm proud of how the guys competed this week. We will be on Chaparral Pines again next year with four starters returning, so they will know what's in front of them. It was great to see Cris come back into form these last two tournaments to get some momentum back in his favor. Carson and Alvaro were

also in form this week and I'm excited to see what we can build off of starting next year."

In Tarleton's second season of their modern era, the Texans improved their positioning at the WAC Championship by six spots year-over-year, going from 10th last year among 13 teams to fourth this year among 11 teams.

Sepulveda and Gallaher just set program records in individual placements at the conference tournament in the Texans' NCAA Division I era. Sepulveda concluded his season with his best two events of the year, going tied-eighth at the North Texas Intercollegiate before a tied-fifth mark at the WAC Championship. Gallaher's top-five finish was his best of the season, better than his pair of tied-ninth results at the Ram Masters Invitational and The Big Texan.

After starting +2 with seven pars and two bogeys in his front nine of Round 1, Sepulveda went -2 on the back with seven pars and two birdies to finish even-par through the first 18. He then opened his second round with three birdies over his



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first four holes to power him to a -1 Round 2. In Round 3, a +4 three-hole stretch was the only reason Sepulveda didn't finish higher on the leaderboard, just a stroke back of fourth.

Gallaher had the opposite first round of Sepulveda. He birdied two of his first three holes to start -2 on the front nine, then had three bogeys on the back to finish the

opening round +1. Gallaher played a nearly spotless second round, starting -3 through 14 with three birdies and 11 pars, then posting just a single bogey the rest of the round. He had a back-and-forth Sunday that netted him tied-fifth.

As a group, Tarleton led the field in Par 5 scoring at -9, averaging a 4.82 gross score. The Texans had the

tied-second most birdies overall with 30.

Individually, Gallaher had the tied-most pars with 27, and was tied-third in Par 4 scoring at even-par. Huidobro had the tied-second most birdies with nine.

Seattle U's Kevin Li was the medalist at -6 (69-72-69), fending off GCU's Nicky Kling (-5, 70-72-69) by a stroke.

Tarleton State RELLIS Students Shine at NASA-TSGC Design Challenge



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Tarleton State University engineering students have earned recognition in two consecutive semesters at the NASA-TSGC Showcase. Team members are, from left, Ugochukwu Etufugh, Christian Millard, Akash Musale, Griffin DaRosa, William Bradshaw, Jayce Thedford, NASA mentor Chatwin Lansdowne, and Dr. Nourouddin Sharifi, faculty adviser and principal investigator of the project.

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University engineering students from the RELLIS campus captured awards in four categories, including first place for Best Model/Display, at the recent NASA-Texas Space Grant Consortium (TSGC) Design Challenge in League City.

The event challenges undergraduate students to propose, design and fabricate a solution toward solving the space agency's research objectives. NASA sponsors the competition, and TSGC administers it.

Dr. Nourouddin Sharifi is the faculty adviser and principal investigator for the Tarleton State team, nicknamed the RELLIS Rovers.

"I am happy that I could enhance opportunities for students to engage meaningfully in the academic experience while providing sustainable support for their academic achievement, goals and professional development," he said. "Here is what I say to them: 'Work hard, awards will come to you.'"

The Tarleton State team was led by Sharifi and Dr. Alexander Herescu. Students included Christian Millard, Ugochukwu Etufugh, Griffin DaRosa, William Bradshaw, Akash Musale and Jayce Thedford. The group also finished second in Top Design Team and third in Oral Presentation and Top Peer Review.

Their goal was to develop a breakthrough user-friendly personal electric vehicle to revolutionize lunar exploration, taking into consideration the rugged terrain, abrasive dust and size, weight and power constraints.

Each team, guided by a NASA mentor, agrees to submit five deliverables to TSGC each semester.

TSGC hosts the two-day NASA showcase each semester for teams to present their research work in poster and oral form. The winners receive a scholarship award. For their spring semester recognition, each RELLIS Rover student member is eligible to receive a \$750 scholarship.

The RELLIS team was also honored for its efforts in the

fall 2023 showcase, being named runner-up for Best Model/Display, third place in the Best Poster category and fourth in the Best Design Team competition. For their efforts last fall, team members each received a \$500 scholarship.

The consortium is comprised of 65 Texas universities, industrial organizations, nonprofit organizations and government agencies working together to ensure the benefits of space research and technology are available to all Texans.

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.



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Aaliyah Rifort-Delem was the second woman in program history to run a sub-55 second 400 meters.

Texans close regular season in Lubbock at Corky/Crofoot Shootout

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State Track and Field concluded its regular season at the Corky/Crofoot Shootout hosted by Texas Tech starting on April 26-27 in Lubbock, Texas at the Fuller Track and Field.

The Texans reached the top ten 16 times, and three individuals moved up on the program top 10 list.

Women Aaliyah Rifort-Delem was the second woman in program history to run a sub-55 second 400 meters. She joins Taylor McFarland as one of two to accomplish the feat in program history. Her mark of 54.91 seconds ranks second in program history and led her to a ninth place finish.

Hannah Cade's best vault landed her in seventh place in the pole vault. She made her first three heights with her last successful attempt at 3.95 meters. She was unable to land the next height, 4.07 meters, which would have broken her program record of 4.00 meters.

Kassidy Kirkpatrick landed a top 10 performance in the high jump hitting her first two jumps on the first try to secure ninth place. She was one of nine to have

her highest successful jump of 1.62 meters, but she was the only individual to be perfect on her first two heights.

Rese Schoonover provided the highest finish on the first day on the women's squad earning sixth in the 400-meter hurdles, crossing in 1:01.84.

Taylor McFarland climbed the program top 10 list moving up to the fifth quickest personal best in the 200. Her 24.33-seconds performance earned 12th place.

The 4x400 relay team earned a podium finish taking third in the final women's event of the first day. The squad consisting of Rifort-Delem, Amandine Estival, Alessa King and McFarland crossed in 3:44.19.

In Day 2, Yanna Frank opened the morning with a sixth-place performance in the 5000, crossing in 19:04.29.

Men Jaxson Bray climbed to third all-time in program history with a vault of 4.92 meters in the pole vault. He missed all three of his attempts at 5.07 meters, which would have set the new school record.

Three Texans earned

top-10 finishes in the 200. Noah Newman led the trio with a fourth-place finish in 54.48. Bryson Crippen and Braylon Hoffman earned seventh and eighth with times of 55.38 and 55.57, respectively.

Kyler Larson finished seventh in the javelin with his best throw of 49.90 meters coming on his third attempt.

Ricky Tolentino landed in the top 10 on the second day with a ninth place finish in the 5000. He was the only Texan in the race finishing in 16:31.64.

Diego Flores earned a fourth-place finish in the 1500 crossing in 4:03.62.

Jaden Hall's best jump of 14.43 meters garnered him a seventh-place finish in the triple jump.

Ethan Bratton finish fifth in the Discus Throw B Section with a best throw of 49.21 meters.

Both the men's and women's squads will head to their final meet of the season at the WAC Outdoor Championships in Orem, UT. Both groups are poised to make runs at multiple podium finishes with nine athletes currently occupying a top three performance among all WAC individuals in their respective events.

GHS Robotics narrowly misses finals, places third at the World/National VEX Robotics Competition

From Staff Reports

Granbury High School JROTC teams recently showcased their dedication at the prestigious VEX Robotics Worlds/National Championship. This event, held April 27-30, at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center in Dallas, marked the third consecutive year of Granbury MCJROTC's participation in VEX Worlds/Nationals.

The competition featured two teams from Granbury JROTC: Team 11775A, consisting of Zachary Layland, Marcus Hadaway, Rhyan Obina and Renee Sermarini;

and Team 11775B, consisting of Matthew Wilson, Dalton Weddle and Braden Seaborne.

After a week of intense competition, Team 11775A's undefeated streak led them to the finals, where they secured an impressive third place out of 180 teams from other services. Meanwhile, Team 11775B's outstanding performance earned them the prestigious National Inspire Award, a testament to its exceptional leadership and creativity in the robotics community.

Lt. Col. Scott Casey, the senior marine instructor, praised both teams for their

hard work and dedication, noting it was a challenging competition that required every point to be fought for. He also acknowledged the leadership of the senior members of the teams and the contributions of student ambassador Marcus Hadaway, who greeted and escorted VIP guests from Google, Space X, Northrup Grumman, Tesla and other companies.

Finally, Casey expressed his gratitude to teachers Bethany Smith and Michelle Hunsinger for mentoring the JROTC robotics teams throughout the year.



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Granbury High School students place at Academic Regional Competition

From Staff Reports

Twenty-two Granbury High School students competed in UIL Regional competition after qualify-

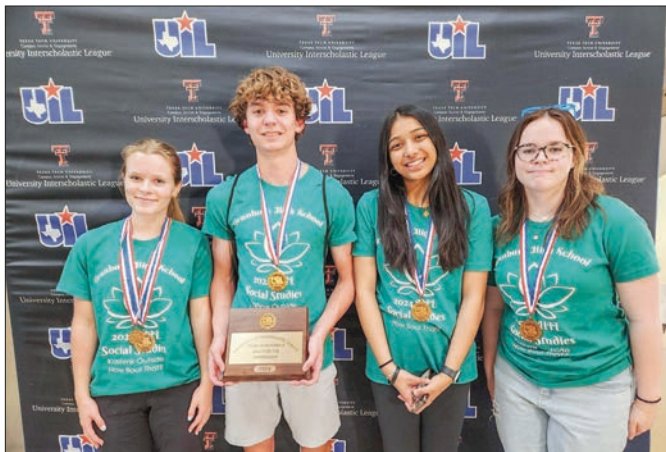
ing at the District meet. The Region 1 competition took place at Texas Tech University April 26-27. Below are the results of Granbury High School UIL

Academics at the Region 1 meet:
 Science: third place team: Konner Babiash, Lucas Hyde, Riley Morris, Nolan Porter. Konner Babiash was

Top Chemistry Student and advances to state.
 Accounting: third place team: Taylor Dawley, Cristy Torres, Jonathan Wyatt Green, Everett Brown

Social Studies: third place team: Quinn King, Cameron Ward, Alyssa Carter, Pooja Vitthalpura. Quinn King fourth place individually in Social Studies.

Spelling: fifth place team: Mann Vagashia, Jocelyn Berry, Preston Kirkland, Alejandra Landra.



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Left to right: Quinn King, Cameron Ward, Pooja Vitthalpura, Alyssa Carter.



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Left to right: Nolan Porter, Konner Babiash, Lucas Hyde, Riley Morris.

Granbury Woman's Club awards scholarships

Submitted Item

The Granbury Woman's Club awarded a total of \$5,500 in scholarships to four Granbury High School seniors April 11.

Lesly Briones is the daughter of Salvador and Evangelina Briones. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in nursing.

Natalie Cromwell is the daughter of Rania Cromwell. She will attend Texas Tech University and major in business administration.

Peyton Mitchell is the daughter of Traci Taylor.

She plans to attend Toni and Guy Cosmetology school.

Bryleigh Ortiz is the daughter of Carlos and Cassie Ortiz. She will attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University and major in pharmaceuticals.

Granbury Woman's Club recently held the Cowboy Gathering, its major fundraising event. Scholarship funds are also raised through bake sales and craft sales.

If you are interested in becoming a member contact Donna Engel at 817-573-4776.



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Natalie Cromwell, Lesly Briones, Peyton Mitchell and Bryleigh Ortiz receive scholarships from the Granbury Woman's Club.



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Breaking barriers: The ASL Honors Art Show and Book debut at Granbury High School

BY MICKY SHEARON
Special to the
Hood County News

On Wednesday, May 8, at 9:30 a.m., the American Sign Language 3 and 4 honors students from Granbury High School, in a remarkable collaboration with students from Western Hills High School Deaf Education Program of Fort Worth ISD, presented their American Sign Language Art Show and Visual Children's Book Debut Screening. This event, a testament to the power of unity and shared purpose, was a unique experience five months in the making.

"Our ASL 3 and 4 students, through the help of a grant awarded to the ASL program at Granbury High School from the Granbury Education Foundation, have focused not only on language learning this year but also on a deeper study of the Deaf community and culture," said Liz Robblee-Davis, American Sign Language 2, 3 and 4 teacher. "They have learned about language deprivation, communication repair, deaf education and barriers that deaf individuals face every day."

The GHS Honors ASL students partnered with deaf and hard-of-hearing students at Western Hills High School in Fort Worth, where they learned to work together as teams, created a theme and authored original children's books. The students then met to record videos and voiceovers for their books and were busy adding their final touches this week. On Wednesday, the students presented their original visual children's books, authored, illustrated, narrated and signed entirely by their own hands.

Students in all levels of the ASL program also worked on an ICONIC sign art project. Their final masterpieces were on display at the event on Wednesday. "I cannot imagine a better opportunity for students to put what they are learning into action," remarked Robblee-Davis. "It is humbling to watch students take what they are learning, challenge themselves, and find success through their hard work and dedication."

American Sign Language (ASL) is the official language of the deaf community in the United States and many countries where missionar-

ies have brought language and education to an underserved population.

Granbury High School offers three different languages as a part of the foreign language department: Spanish, French and American Sign Language. By state standards, students must complete two years of foreign language to meet graduation requirements. Students have opportunities to continue their language learning by taking advanced coursework in their chosen language. Currently, Granbury High School has 217 students enrolled in ASL 1 and 2, and 24 students who have continued their study of the language in ASL 3 and 4 honors classes.

As a person with hearing loss, Robblee-Davis began learning American Sign Language in college to meet her language requirement. Soon, she fell in love with the language and went on to complete an interpreter training program. She spent many years working as an educational interpreter before coming to Granbury. She now teaches ASL along with fellow educator Banita Elkins at Granbury High



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School. Students who study ASL benefit in the workforce by being able to communicate with deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. Specifically, students who wish to use ASL in the workforce or continue into college can find

careers working as interpreters, ASL teachers, teachers for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, nurses, doctors, therapists, EMT/Paramedics, police officers and the armed services. "Really, there is no limit,"

noted Robblee-Davis. "Any profession that interacts with the public can benefit from the ability to use and communicate through ASL."

STEM

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the main reason why she was selected to JSTI East - MS.

"Science fair is her life," she said. "That's all she's known, like since she was in diapers because I would have to set up projects and here comes Paola. When it's your world, and it's all you've grown up with, you kind of have an unfair advantage."

Priscilla said her next goal

is to amplify STEM opportunities to other students in GISD and recruit more students to get involved in the science fair.

"The science fair is kind of like the entryway to all these kinds of things, so when I first moved here, they were already shutting it down," Priscilla said. "But I work with an organization in Washington, D.C. that their whole goal is to advocate for this kind of stuff. And I told them, 'No, just give it to me,

I'll do it.' With COVID, we're short teachers, and so I just don't have the time to dedicate to it, but now that I finally figured everything out, my goal is to recruit more kids and get them into these kinds of opportunities, because they're out there — we just don't know about them. The science fair is more than just learning science. It helps them build a tremendous skill."

Priscilla said four of her former science fair students

are now in law school and they have told her how much the science fair has helped them in their public speaking abilities.

"You're standing in front of your board, and you get all kinds of random judges. They can ask you anything they want, and you have to be prepared," Priscilla said. "You have to think on your feet and be ready to answer anything that comes out of their mouth. The science fair, just the speaking part, is a

tremendous skill set that you learn from the experience."

"(Paola's) like, 'I'm not a public speaker,' but the positive impact on her self-efficacy is just tremendous," Ricardo said. "She's getting better and better at just expressing herself."

Priscilla added that if any GISD student is interested in pursuing a STEM-related career, or signing up for the next science fair, they can email her at priscilla.lumberras@granburysisd.org.

As for Paola's journey to Maryland, she said she is most excited about meeting new people and getting to see how their minds work as they collaborate on team projects together.

"She's the real deal — and she's only in the seventh grade," Ricardo added. "She's done amazing things, and she's just getting started. We'll see where the world takes her."

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National Windmill Day, celebrated on May 11th, is a day to honor the historical and modern significance of windmills. These iconic structures, powered by the wind, have played vital roles in grinding grains, pumping water, and generating electricity.

For kids, National Windmill Day is a chance to discover the fascinating world of wind energy. Teachers may

engage students with activities like building miniature windmills, providing hands-on experiences that blend fun and education. Visiting local windmills or wind farms offers children a firsthand look at the towering structures and their sustainable energy production.

Families can celebrate by creating windmill-themed crafts, appreciating the beauty of these structures in the

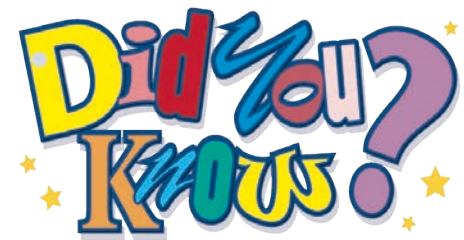
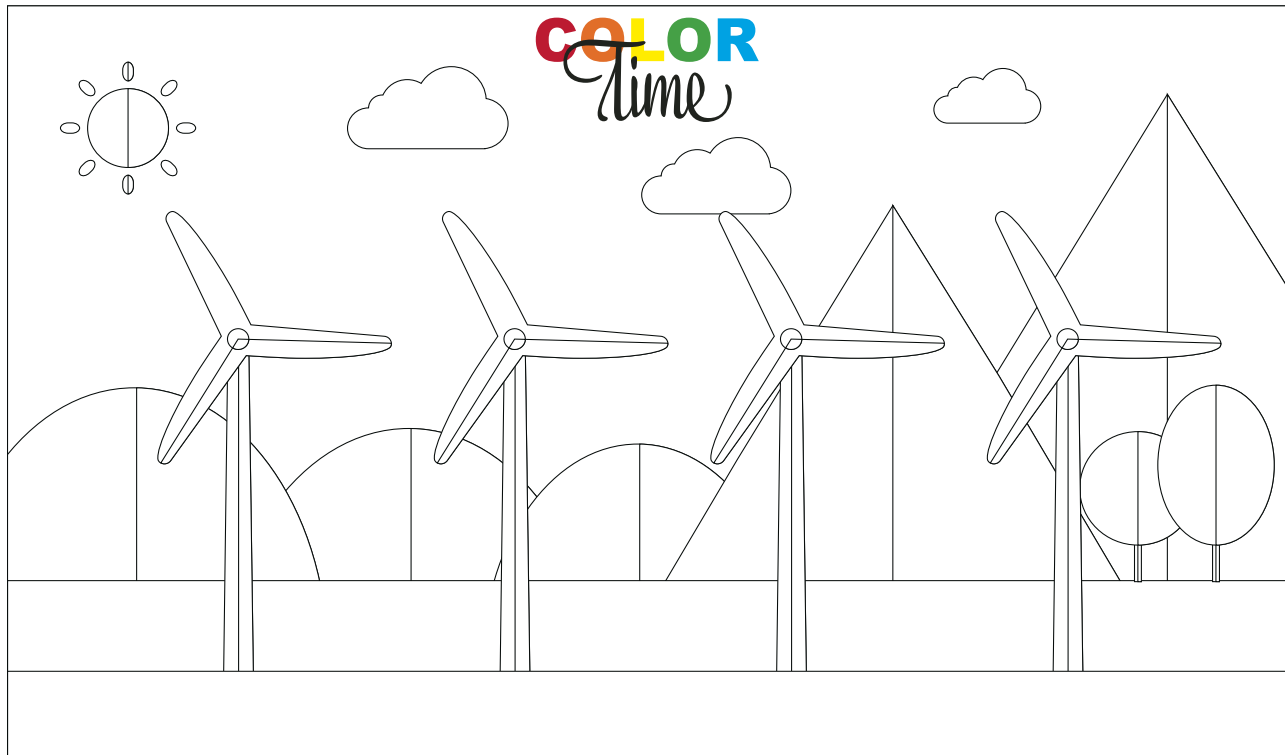
landscape. Windmill-themed storybooks add a touch of imagination, exploring the history and cultural significance of windmills.

National Windmill Day encourages kids to appreciate the harmony between technology and nature. Whether traditional windmills in rural settings or modern turbines in wind farms, these structures symbolize a timeless connection between innovation and

the environment. On May 11th, let's celebrate National Windmill Day, encouraging kids to explore the history, mechanics, and cultural importance of these majestic structures. It's a day for them to appreciate the power of the wind, the ingenuity of engineering, and the enduring charm of windmills across the ages.



Typical land-based wind turbines are about 250 feet tall and have an average capacity of 2.55 megawatts, each producing enough electricity for hundreds of homes.



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New event venue to host grand opening May 11

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Cresson resident Rosemar Colon never dreamed that she would be making the transition from decorating venues to opening one of her own.

But Saturday, May 11, her decorating "magic" will officially become a career.

"I've been in places where they have nothing, but then I decorate and it looks so good," she explained. "So, I'm just like, 'Why don't I get my own place?'"

Colon started to research for the perfect space to accommodate a small, intimate gathering, like micro weddings and quinceañeras.

"My kids go to Granbury schools, and we are close to the area, but (Hood County doesn't) have that concept," she explained. "They just have like, ranch or outdoors."

After weeks of searching, she finally found the perfect venue, located at 6141

Contrary Creek Road, Suite D.

"We just got the venue two weeks ago," she said. "I found this guy, the owner of this building. He just built this. I'm the first one in this space, and I called him. I said, 'I want to do this. I want to have my venue.' He's like 'Yeah, sure.' I'm like, 'But um, what's the catch?' I thought, 'This is just too easy but let's see,' and yeah, we clicked like, instantly. The deal is being here for my lease time, and then if we grow enough, we're going to tear this wall down and make it even bigger, so we're trying to get there."

For the past few weeks, Colon has been putting her blood, sweat and tears into her new business, trying her best to turn it into the venue of her dreams.

"When we got the building, it was just like a storage unit," she said. "Nothing was in this place."

But now, the drab, boring storage unit has since transformed into a bright, dazzling venue fit for a queen —

or even a bride.

"It's funny because I have never touched a sewing machine in my life, but I made all the drapes. I bought the rolls of fabric online, and I called my mom like, 'OK, how do I do this?' Like, I didn't even know how to use it — but I finished it all. It was just in my mind. Before I got the space, in my brain, I knew. I had everything in my mind. I was sleeping and thinking — that's why I'm exhausted," Colon said, chuckling. "But yeah, I did it all."

Featuring sparkling chandeliers, white cascading drapes, polished concrete and colorful uplighting, Colon's venue is now picturesque, with a splash of elegance.

"We're almost ready. We're just adding the finishing touches," she said.

Now for the first time, Colon — who has been decorating on the side for the past 10 years — will

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COURTESY PHOTO

Rosemar Colon is the owner of Jax2. She is pictured with her husband Maberik and her children Joymaris, Angelee and Jacob. At the time this picture was taken, she was pregnant with her youngest daughter, Alisabeth.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Moore family. Don and Cheryl Moore with their children Heather (standing), Julia and Walter.

Moore and Moore Art

BY EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH
Special to the
Hood County News

Most Monday mornings you can find Cheryl Moore and Heather Moore sitting next to one another in the front row of a drawing group with art materials in hand. The mother-daughter artist duo attends the weekly portrait session of the Lake Granbury Art Association at the Shanley House Gallery and Studio.

Their styles are significantly different, but their goal is much the same — to improve their observation skills. Known to be the hardest subject to undertake, the human form provides both challenge and variety as every week a new member of the community takes the chair to model.

The first time Cheryl joined the Monday morning artists, Geno Yoders, husband of fellow artist Kathy Yoders took the chair. "When I first sat with the portrait group drawing from a live

model, I had a spiritual connection as the face emerged as if by magic," shared Cheryl.

"Mom invited me to the portrait group," Heather offers, "I love the camaraderie of the group. I want to improve my people drawing skills for sure."

Cheryl and Heather may sit together weekly with the same goal but the path that each one took was different.

Cheryl did not consider herself an artist until around the age of 50, even though the evidence suggested otherwise. Peers had called her an artist in high school where she designed the newspaper logo. Cheryl was delighted to find at her 50th high school reunion that the logo she created is still used today. In high school she also painted the school trophy cases and drugstore windows for holidays and school spirit days, as well as providing art work for the yearbook for her high school in Venezuela.

"My great-grandmother was an admired China painter, and her grandson (her fa-

ther) was unstoppable as an artist. I was surrounded by art as a child, as my mother's mother who was a great appreciator of the arts and an artist herself," said Cheryl.

Though her dad was an accomplished painter and her great-grandmother a skilled artist who painted China, neither did so professionally so when it came time to choose a profession Cheryl didn't think art was a viable option. She chose to study political science and Spanish in college with an eye on working internationally. She used her education in the classroom and also used her artistic ability to illustrate concepts to solidify learning.

After retiring from teaching Spanish, Cheryl was able to concentrate on her personal artwork. "I started doing portraits and found out that I didn't have the skills that I thought I did. I had a lot to learn. That laid out my future path for me, to learn to do portraits that were ac-

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Ruth's Place renames clinic in honor of Ken Hill

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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A prominent Hood County leader may have left his mark on many residents he encountered over the years — but now his legacy will live on in the most honorable tribute.

Made official May 3, Ruth's Place Clinic has now been renamed the Ken Hill Health Center to honor Hill's legacy to both Granbury and Hood County.

Ruth's Place is a nonprofit organization that provides high quality health care and social services to uninsured Hood County residents.

Although Ruth's Place has been operating under its original name for more than 20 years, Executive Director Kristin Billington said the decision for the name change was largely credited to the nonprofit organization recently receiving a multiyear grant from the Kenneth Hill Foundation.

"In an effort to honor the late Kenneth Hill, and in

return of this financial support, we have decided to rename the clinic portion of Ruth's Place," Billington said. "The clinic will now be named Ken Hill Health Center."

The late Ken Hill was a 1971 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. He later opened The Drug Store on the Granbury square in 1973. Hill embraced technology and was a leader in the pharmaceutical industry. As the founder and chairman of PDX, Inc., pc 1, National Health Information Network® (NHIN®), and many other paradigm-shifting companies including most recently EHR Data, Inc., he gained industry respect and helped change patient care for future generations.

Hill also served as Granbury mayor for two years and helped to establish the Granbury Hometown 4th of July Celebration. He passed away in 2020.

Billington said while the clinic will now operate under the new name of Ken Hill Health Center, all staff and

board members will remain the same.

"We will still be Ruth's Place — that's our overarching 501(c)(3)," Billington said during the ceremony. "We still have the Ruth's Place Community Outreach Center and the Ruth's Place Food Pantry. Everything is still one cohesive unit and that's what we really want to stress to the community is that we are still Ruth's Place. We're still helping residents of Hood County receive health care. The Ken Hill Health Center will offer the same services, healthcare for uninsured residents of Hood County, just under a new name!"

During the renaming ceremony, Billington thanked Kenneth Hill Foundation CEO Jeff Farris for believing in Ruth's Place.

"He met with us and made this all happen," she said. "The Kenneth Hill Foundation has been very supportive of us."

She also took the time to thank Ruth's Place volunteers and board members for making sure patients feel welcome, that they know



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Employees of Ruth's Place — now Ken Hill Health Center — pose in front of the new sign during the ribbon cutting ceremony May 3.

they're not a burden and that they deserve healthcare too.

"I want to thank all of you that are fundraising and supporting us every single day and thank you to all the board members that are here today," Billington added. "I don't remember if I recognized you guys, but they have been super supportive of me in my first year and helping Ruth's Place grow."

STATISTICS AND OUTREACH

Using the catchy slogan, "We're changing our name; the service is still the same," Ruth's Place continues to advocate for the community's

support.

In 2023, Ruth's Place had 1,837 patient encounters — an 11% increase. The clinic also saw 242 new patients, which was a 128% increase for 2023.

Ruth's Place Food Pantry distributed food to an average of 36 families per month in 2022. In 2023, food distribution increased 69% to 61 families per month. In January 2023, Ruth's Place served 37 families, ending with 84 in December. November was the highest month, with 95 families fed.

Each year, families must fill out a new application to

receive the food distribution. Ruth's Place ended 2022 with 40 families enrolled to receive weekly distribution; it ended 2023 with 125 families enrolled.

The Ken Hill Health Center is located at 1411 Crawford Ave., while the Ruth's Place Community Outreach Center/Food Pantry is in Oak Trail Shores at 2723 Maplewood St. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 1-5 p.m.

For more information about the Ken Hill Health Center or Ruth's Place, visit ruthsplace.org online or call 817-573-6800.

PECAN BITS

Pecan woman's club to gather for final meeting of club year



The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will gather for its final meeting of the club year when ladies will conduct a business meeting, hear from writer Dave Lieber, present donations to local charities, and award scholarships. Pictured (left to right) are PPWC members Margie Johnson, Jane Morgan, and Sharon Grover.

PHOTO COURTESY OF PPWC PUBLICITY

BY DIANE LONG



A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 27 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother and English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 14 years cumulatively. She spends her time gathering neighborhood news and teaching students how to avoid passive voice.

The Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will meet for its final collective gathering of the 2023-2024 year Thursday, May 16 with social time beginning at 9:30 a.m. and President Sandy Hoelting calling the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

The ladies have a busy schedule that includes a business meeting, program by motivational speaker, author, humorist, and playwright Dave Lieber, and lunch prepared by the clubhouse staff. The table-top charity for the day is Granbury Villa Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

In addition, the ladies will present their charity donations and scholarships, and the PPWC sends a giant thank you to all the members and patrons who have supported fundraising efforts this year. Five young women will be announced as scholarship recipients at the meeting, and seven charities will receive funds from the PPWC: Ada Carey Center Women's Shelter, Mission Granbury, Hood County Senior Center, Friends for Animals, CASA, Ruth's Place and Habitat for Humanity of Hood County.

Finally, ladies are asked to wear blue to the meeting if they desire in honor of the club's 45th anniversary and then gather for a photograph on the front steps of the clubhouse following the meeting.

While the PPWC is on its summer sabbatical, fun, fellowship, food and friendship do not cease as "Chit Chat" gatherings are on the calendar. Watch for upcoming details.

STOCKING UP

Another date on the PPWC agenda is Saturday, May 18 when a "drive-thru pantry" will happen from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PAC parking lot. Folks will have the opportunity to fill the Rancho Brazos Pantry, and desired items include canned goods, hygiene products and monetary donations.

BIG WHEELS

Pecan's ninth annual Truck and Car Show is happening today, Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAC. The day is open to everyone, and events include a free, nonjudged car show, music from the 1950s and 1960s, and barbecue with sides for purchase. No registration is needed for owners with participating cars, and this family friendly event promises "the opportunity to see great machines and talk cars with folks who love them."

POOCH PARTY

In addition, Pooch Plantation (Pecan's off leash dog park) is hosting a "happy hour" event, today, Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in conjunction with the car show. At this mixer, dogs and owners will have the opportunity to socialize, have a snack, and enjoy time outdoors.

Pecan's food and beverage department will be present selling hotdogs, brats, and beverages, and Friends of Pooch Plantation (FOPP) will sell homemade dog treats.

Hood County Animal Control will hold a pet adoption day, as well as a food and supply drive for the shelter. Since the dog park will likely

be full of pooches, owners are asked to keep their furry friends leashed during the party.

GROWING GREEN

Members of Pecan Plantation's Community Gardens are out working the soil this morning, Saturday, May 11. Neighbors are welcome to stop by and see how the group works and what it produces at its spot located on Plantation Boulevard.

SING ALONG

Karaoke comes to the 19th Hole tonight, Saturday, May 11 from 8 to 11 p.m. Singers and audience members are welcome.

MOM'S DAY

A Mother's Day brunch is on the clubhouse menu for Sunday, May 12 with seatings at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Chef Jordan Ray will prepare delicious fare, and moms will receive a complimentary mimosa. The reservations line is open: 817-573-2641.

ART EVENT

For folks who have registered for the next "Pecan Paint Along," the event comes tomorrow, Sunday, May 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the PAC. "Paint your pet" is the day's theme, and moms are welcome since it is Mother's Day. Artist Kathy Yoders will lead the class.

GAME TIME

Buffet bingo returns to the clubhouse ballroom Tuesday, May 14 with a dinner buffet beginning at 5:30 p.m. and bingo from 7 to 9. Secure a spot with the clubhouse front desk: 817-573-2641.

LIFE SAVING

A final CPR class is happening this spring at the PAC Saturday, May 18, and the day's hours run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class

accommodates 20 students, and registration at the PAC is required. Pecan's EMS partners with the American Heart Association to offer both an informational class and a certification class. Call to sign up: 817-573-7952.

ART SCENE

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild will present a "pop up art show" Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the EAA hanger located next to the airport pavilion on Wedgefield Road. A variety of art from craftsmen in our community will be available to view and purchase.

PICNIC DATE

Pecan's Widows and Widowers Club will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 5 p.m. at the Shady Campground Pavilion for a covered dish picnic. An RSVP is required and due by Tuesday, May 14 to Caryl Mahaffey: 817-964-5915 or carylmahaffey@char-ter.net.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service announces its fundraising pancake breakfast Saturday, May 25 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the EAA 983 Chapter hanger and Planeview Park Pavilion on Wedgefield Road. Pancakes with all the trimmings are on the menu, and tickets may be purchased before the event as well as at the door (\$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 10). The Marina Trio will provide musical entertainment.

In addition, the auxiliary happily announces a new date for its annual golf tournament: Saturday, July 27 beginning at 8 a.m. on Pecan's course. Currently, all playing slots are filled, but in mid-June, a waiting list of players will be formed on the occasion that any registered golfers are unable to attend the new date.

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Thurs: 2:00PM, 3:40PM, 7:00PM

Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
Fri: 2:00PM, 4:30PM.
Sat: 10:10AM, 2:00PM, 4:25PM.
Sun: 10:10AM, 2:05PM, 4:30PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 2:15PM, 4:40PM

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Sun: 11:15AM, 6:55PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: 7:05PM

Unsung Hero (PG)
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BOOK REVIEW

They say you have to fight for the right to party

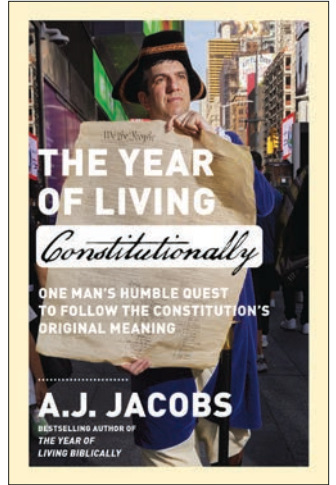
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You also have the right to rant and the right to be wrong. You can belt “All Right Now” at full-blast, if the lyrics feel right, right now. You may have the right to turn right on a red light because you’re an upright citizen. And in the new book “The Year of Living Constitutionally” by A.J. Jacobs those are just a few of the things you got right. New Yorkers aren’t used to seeing a guy in a tri-corner hat, carrying a musket, but if it meant living like our Founding Fathers, A.J. Jacobs was game. His efforts started some years ago when he wrote a book, “The Year of Living Biblically,” and he noticed that the Bible had a lot in common with America’s Constitution. He’d once lived like a Levite; why not party like it’s 1787? The first order of business was to find and actually read the entire Constitution. It

was a “revelation ... just how much our lives are affected by this 4,543-word document inscribed on calfskin ... “ We’re affected so much so, even after 200-plus years, that today’s SCOTUS wrestles with centuries-old Constitutional verbiage to make modern laws. Mostly, Jacobs says, any interpretation depends on whether you prefer “living constitutionalism” or originalism. The former argues for adaptation; the latter, for literal interpretation. Jacobs chose the latter, and living like Ben Franklin, so he learned to write with a quill pen with light from a beeswax candle. George Washington plied Virginia voters with gallons of spirits, and Jacobs appreciated the “liquid courage.” Jacobs tried to vote out loud, but though a secret ballot isn’t a Constitutional right, it’s the law today. He joined a re-enactment group and learned to shoot that musket. He took advantage of the free press and the right to assemble (in his living room). He

“quartered” a soldier and petitioned Congress. And he determined that when it comes to our Constitution, “We the People” must be vigilant ... If ever there was a right time to read “The Year of Living Constitutionally,” it’s today. Our lives, our futures are being debated and decided now, in real time. It’s serious stuff. Or not so much, with author A.J. Jacobs at the wheel. Who knew that history could be so fun? Jacobs makes it so, by bravely living like a Founding Father, even if it seemed embarrassing sometimes — and then he tells us about it. Remember that guy in high school who’d accept any dare if there was a few bucks involved? Yeah, it’s kind of like that, only better because Jacobs also teaches his readers a thing or two about the years in which our Forefathers lived, and about a document that we can’t — and perhaps shouldn’t — stop talking about. This is an enjoyable book,

maybe a slight bit irreverent for certain readers, but surely full of humor and things you didn’t know. If you think you really need to read “The Year of Living Constitutionally,” well, you’re right.



"The Year of Living Constitutionally: One Man's Humble Quest to follow the Constitution's Original Meaning" by A.J. Jacobs

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, Mondays 7-9 p.m. at Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Concerts in May and December. See www.granbury-civicchorus.org for schedule and activities. Questions: granburycivicchorus2001@gmail.com. Come join us!

FORWARD TRAINING Center “Cisco” classes from 6-8:30 p.m. To sign up email info@forwardtrainingcenter.org. or call 817-573-6677.

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, 6-9 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.

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 Garden 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 Loving Hands 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.

SECOND MONDAYS

MEETING OF THE LAKE Granbury Art Association at 224 N. Travis St. at 6 p.m. Meeting includes business and a monthly demonstration from local and visiting artists. For questions call 361-510-6820 or email simanek1@charter.net.

FIRST TUESDAYS

GRANBURY DOLL Club meeting, 2 p.m. Hood County Library, 222 N. Travis St., Granbury. 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: bskagg8@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. HoodCo-Cert@gmail.com.

THE GRANBURY EWMA, Chapter P motorcycle group meets at Spring Creek Barbeque 317 W. U.S. Highway 377. Dinner and fellowship is 6 p.m. informal meeting at 7 p.m. Group of pleasure riders who love to ride in Texas and beyond. Many Goldwing riders, also 2 and 3 wheel, any and all riders are welcome.

THIRD THURSDAYS

THE HOOD Somervell 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 hscaggies.org.

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

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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.

Fitness after 50: Five home exercises to keep you young

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the Hood County News

As we age, staying active becomes increasingly crucial for maintaining our health, flexibility and vitality. But for those of us over the age of 50, hitting the gym or attending high-intensity workout classes might not always be the best option. Fear not! There are plenty of effective exercises that can be done right from the comfort of our own home, ensuring we keep moving and grooving well into our golden years. Here's a look at the top five home exercises designed for those over 50, promising fun and fitness without stepping

out the door!

1. Chair yoga — flexibility at its finest

Don't underestimate the power of a good stretch! Chair yoga is a fantastic way for older adults to increase flexibility and decrease stress, all while providing a stable support. Poses like the seated mountain pose or chair pigeon can improve your strength and flexibility. This exercise is not only gentle on the joints but also tremendously beneficial for improving your range of motion and mental clarity. Just grab a sturdy chair without arms, clear some space, and stretch your way to better health.

2. Resistance band workouts — stretch your limits

Resistance bands are a great tool for adding resistance training to your routine without the strain of heavy weights. These versatile bands help build strength, improve balance and enhance muscle tone. Exercises like band pulls and leg presses can be performed anywhere in your home, requiring only the band and your own body. Start with lighter resistance to ensure safety and gradually increase the tension as you become more comfortable with the movements.

3. Walking — yes, inside!

Who says you need a lot of space to go for a walk? If you have a hallway or a large room, you've got a walking track. Walking is incredibly

beneficial for maintaining cardiovascular health and keeping those joints in motion. To keep it engaging, set up little "stations" along your route where you do a mini-exercise, like toe-taps or wall push-ups, before continuing your walk. Pop on your favorite music or an audiobook to keep your indoor trek entertaining!

4. Pilates — core and more

Pilates isn't just for the young and restless! It's a wonderful exercise system that focuses on core strength, flexibility and overall body awareness, which is perfect for the aging body. Exercises like the pelvic curl and the hundred play a significant role in building core strength and improving

posture. You can find plenty of beginner Pilates videos online that are tailored for older adults. All you need is a mat and comfortable clothing!

5. Light weight lifting — keep those muscles smiling

Lightweight lifting can be done with a set of dumbbells or even household items like water bottles. Incorporating some basic weight training into your routine can help combat muscle loss that accompanies aging. Focus on simple movements like bicep curls, tricep extensions and shoulder presses. These exercises help in maintaining muscle mass, which is crucial for balance and metabolism.

Aging gracefully with

exercise

Embarking on an exercise routine at home can be a joyful and fulfilling experience. These exercises are designed to keep you safe, healthy and energized, regardless of your age. Remember, it's important to consult with a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise program, especially if you have existing health concerns.

So, there you have it — five engaging, effective and enjoyable exercises you can do from the comfort and safety of your home. With these tailored workouts, you can keep fit, stay active and enjoy every moment of your 50s and beyond. Happy exercising!



FAMILY FISHING

PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBBIE SCHNEIDER

The Olsen family had fun fishing near Stumpy's Lakeside Grill Friday night. From left, in front, are Drake, 5, Aspen, 7, and Willow, 2. In back are Sarah and Erik Olsen. The family lives in Granbury.

HOOD OUTDOORS

Another big fish option — the hybrid striped bass



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.

Many Texas lakes are stocked with hybrid striped bass as they can grow big and they can and will control populations of shad in our Texas waters. In fact, over the years the hybrid, which is more tolerant of the Texas heat, has replaced the striped bass in many of our reservoirs. Pound-for-pound, the hybrid striped bass is one of the hardest fighting fish in fresh water and is great table fare.

The hybrid striped bass — technically "palmetto bass" — are produced by artificially spawning a male white bass with a female striped bass. The hybrid striped bass when young looks more like a white bass than a striped bass. A hybrid striped bass can usually be distinguished from a striped bass by its broken lateral stripes along the lower sides of the body (generally continuous on a striped bass) and a distinctively shorter, thicker and deeper body form. Hybrid striped bass and striped bass can be distinguished from white bass by its two tooth patches on the tongue as opposed to only one tooth patch on the white bass. As they grow older, hybrid bass become thicker and deeper-bodied, giving them a distinctive short and stocky appearance. In addition, the white bass usually only has one lateral line extending to the tail. The hybrid striped or striped bass usually has three lateral lines extending all the way to the tail.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife rules and regulation booklet (Outdoor Annual) has diagrams to help you tell the difference between these

species. The legal size limit for hybrid striped bass is 18 inches and you are allowed five fish per day.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has stocked hybrids in numerous area lakes to provide anglers with trophy-sized gamefish and to introduce a predator that could feed on large gizzard shad as I mentioned earlier. All Texas lakes except Lake Caddo are manmade and these fish help to control shad populations in our reservoirs.

Some of our area lakes with hybrid striped bass include Bridgeport, Proctor, Benbrook, Lewisville, Ray Hubbard, Cedar Creek, Richland-Chambers, Tawakoni and Belton. Granbury has some by accident that either are escapees from the hatchery below Possum Kingdom or were transmitted by flood waters from Lake Graham. The Brazos River lakes, namely Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Whitney, are stocked with the full blooded striped bass.

In Texas, hybrids commonly reach 7 to 10 pounds. Occasionally, an angler catches a 15- or 16-pound fish. The current world record stands at 27 pounds, 5 ounces.

During the majority of the year, hybrids can be located near main lake points or near structure. Live bait (live shad or bream) during most of the year is a good choice. In the winter, soft plastics such as jerk baits and swim baits are extremely effective.

This time of the year, late spring or early summer, is a great time to look for these

fish pushing bait fish to the surface. Action can be tremendous. As I mentioned earlier, pound-for-pound the hybrid striped bass will out fight a striped bass. A big hybrid will bend the rod over in half and strip line from your reel like no other freshwater fish. That is the main reason most anglers seek this species.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures are rising into the middle 70s. The water is stained except for the lower ends due to the heavy rains and releases from Possum Kingdom. The stained water may eventually reach the lower ends depending on how long they release water out of Granbury. White bass (sand bass) action continues to be good to excellent on slabs and small minnows in 10 to 20 feet of water near channel ledges. Best reports are coming from Indian Harbor, DeCordova and near Blue Water Shores. Striped bass are fair to good to 12 pounds on live shad and trolled Alabama rigs in clear water from DeCordova to the dam. Crappie reports are good on small jigs near structure near creek entrances. Best big blue and yellow catfish continue to come on cut shad near Hunter Park area. Channel catfish are good on cut-bait on those stained areas mid-lake. Largemouth bass are fair to good on soft plastics fished near main lake points and in the back of the creeks. Some good topwater action has been reported near creek entrances.

On other reservoirs, limits of hybrid striped bass action on Graham and Richland Chambers lakes if you are looking to chase the hybrid striped bass.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured Left to Right is Ed Boczar, David Hart, Randall Aiken and Jack Spicer with their catch of big striped bass and sandbass caught this last weekend in Granbury. Randall Aiken resides in DeCordova Bend Estates.

JAX2

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soon have the opportunity to showcase her decorating skills in her own venue: Jax2.

Named after her children Joymaris, Angelee, Jacob, and Alisabeth, Jax2 (pronounced "J" "A" times two) will allow brides and graduates to host their perfect intimate gathering with close family and friends.

"I would describe it as a small, modern, industrial-style venue for any kind of intimate events," Colon said. "You can celebrate whatever it is that you want to celebrate with us, and we're going to take care of you. (Clients are) going to be stress free, because we can do it all for them."

She classified Jax2 as affordable, while at the same time offering her guests the best hands-on service for any type of event.

"My main goal is having an all-inclusive package," Colon said. "I have partnered with a DJ, professional photographers, caterers, bakers and a small business rental that has photobooths, a mechanical bull and bounce houses. My biggest package is going to be \$10,000, but it's going to include everything — the whole setup. Bartenders, security guards, main tables, cake, food, you name it."

She said she prides herself on being affordable, but still strives to give the best service possible to her clients.

"We're not trying to be cheap, but we are affordable," she said. "We're going to (cater) to the people that don't have the money to go to this 300-people ranch and have this huge event, but they want to have something nice still. I know I can make this place look really, really good, and they can have all they want, and still be able to pay for it."

Colon said she also offers guests the choice between her copper, silver, gold or diamond package.

"I know the stress," she said. "I just had my daughter's quinceañera, so I want to take the stress off the shoulders of other people — that's my goal."

The official opening date for Jax2 is set for May 11, with Colon also hosting a grand opening celebration from noon-4 p.m. that day.

Following a ribbon cutting, Colon will offer guests free food and cake tastings, along with free coffee.

As a bonus, attendees will also get the option to enter several vendor giveaways.

"I'm going to do (a giveaway of) one of my packages, and then my photographers are going to be doing a giveaway for a free shooting. Every vendor is going to be doing a giveaway," Colon explained. "So people get to come in, eat, see what this is all about, and they can maybe have a free event in the venue. Even if it's not in the venue, they can still get some free services, so it's going to be fun."



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Jax2 (pronounced "J" "A" times two) is a new event venue located at 6141 Contrary Creek Road, Suite D.



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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Postal service rescued?...



BY DON NEWBURY

Dr. Newbury is a longtime university president who continues to write weekly and speak regularly throughout Texas.

With news of incivility, protests and disruption gobbling up radio and television air time and dominating front-page newspaper articles, many of us are in a state of perpetual tension. What will tomorrow bring?

It's tough to find even a sprig of a smile, but heaven knows my ancient Uncle Mort is trying his best to hack his way through an underbrush of chaotic unrest to find that sprig.

"About the only thing positive coming out of all of this is that the U.S. Postal Service may be able to back off on its request for a second increase this year," Mort said, noting stamps may cost 73 cents each come July ...

I couldn't immediately comprehend any connection between the cost of postage stamps and turmoil that has erupted on a hundred or so college and university campuses throughout the country.

I felt sure, though, that my uncle would 'splain it to me, and sure enough, he did.

"I figure that hundreds of thousands of prospective college graduates already have sent out invitations to their commencement exercises," he opined. "Now, many of them will be sending out second mailings, indicating that they are canceled. Surely this unexpected postal income will take at least a small bite from the \$6 billion shortfall ..."

My uncle's cut-to-the-

chase pronouncement is trivial, of course. Legions of Americans are stunned that outrages of a distinct minority are disrupting daily lives of a vast majority.

During my undergraduate days in the 1950s, my late president, a beloved Christian patriot named Dr. Guy D. Newman, reminded us regularly during chapel programs about the fragility of a democracy.

An ongoing warning was to protect the Declaration of Independence, emphasizing that democracies depend on the consent of the governed. (Benjamin Franklin once observed that a democracy has to be more than two wolves and one lamb deciding on what to have for lunch) ...

Dr. Newman often quoted Hiram Mann's short poem, this version paraphrased:

"No one escapes when freedom fails. The best folks rot in filthy jails. And those who've screamed, 'appease, appease,' are hanged by those they tried to please."

Oh, 'tis true, 'tis true ...

To end many sermons, Dr. Newman would quote Psalm 121:1-2, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." (KJV)

Let us who claim to be Christians make this central to our prayers. The prophet Isaiah offered still more advice in Chapter I, verse 18: "Come now, let us reason

together." It is never too late to be reasonable, but rules established by the will of the people must never be tossed aside. When they are, consequences are in order ...

Let us be prayerful that all graduates who cross stages to accept diplomas and degrees remember that each document includes both rights and responsibilities.

Let us seek joyous graduation moments for the honorees and give thanks for loved ones who made their educational pilgrimages possible. And for the few Americans who received graduation invitations for whom commencement exercises have been canceled, let 'em keep the presents, even if addressed to "occupant" ...

Finally, may the late Dr. Theodore Geisel, better known to the world as "Dr. Seuss," again be acknowledged for what is believed to be the shortest commencement address ever. He called it, "My Uncle Terwilliger on the Art of Eating Popovers."

My uncle ordered popovers from the restaurant's bill of fare.

When they were served he regarded them with a penetrating stare.

Then he spoke great words of wisdom as he sat there on his chair:

"To eat these things," said my uncle, "You must exercise great care.

You may swallow down what's solid ... But you must spit out the air!

And as you partake of the world's bill of fare, that's good advice to follow.

Do a lot of spitting out of hot air. And be careful what you swallow' ...



BEAU BEAR 5K

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The Beau Bear Foundation held a charity 5k race at Hewlett Park Saturday, April 27. 138 runners participated, with 98 finishing the course. The foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to reach and bless families after the tragic and sudden loss of a child. Founded by a family that has walked through their own loss, the foundation was born out of compassion and the conviction to help others that are dealing with emotional trauma. The Beau Bear Foundation provides financial aid, household essentials, and additional emotional support and resources.



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CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

Civil War Round Table to meet May 13



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, May 13, at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377, in Granbury. The program will be a return visit by one of the most popular speakers we have hosted — Dr. Curt Fields. Fields, who holds graduate degrees from Michigan State University, is the nation's preeminent Ulysses S. Grant living historian, and has portrayed the general in numerous Civil War programs and presentations. He will appear in uniform as General Grant, and will speak as the general. This is a program you will not want to miss. Visitors are welcome, and there is no charge for first time attendees.

The program at our April 8 meeting was presented by Dr. Anne J. Bailey, professor emerita, Georgia State University, who spoke on the organization and ac-

tions of Texas Cavalry units in opposing General William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea" after the fall of Atlanta. This was the first of a two-part program on the subject, and Bailey will return in September to complete the program.

MAY IN THE CIVIL WAR

In early May 1862, the Confederacy in Virginia was in deep peril. Approximately 68,000 Confederates, under General Joseph Johnston, were opposing a Union force of over 125,000, under General George McClellan south of Richmond. Further, an additional 40,000 Union troops, led by General Irvin McDowell, were about 40 miles north of Richmond, with virtually no Confederate force between them and the Confederate capitol. Fearing an advance by McDowell from the north

would be the death knell for Richmond, the Confederate command instructed General S. J. "Stonewall" Jackson, commanding approximately 20,000 men in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, to move north down the valley and attack various Union forces (totaling almost 30,000) located there. This action, it was hoped, would result in McDowell's troops being held closer to Washington, D.C., for its protection. This was a continuation of Jackson's famous Shenandoah Valley Campaign, begun in March with the First Battle of Kernstown. From May 8 through early June, Jackson's "foot cavalry" traveled over 350 miles, fought and won three major battles and numerous smaller skirmishes, and held nearly 60,000 Union troops — including McDowell's forces, who Jackson fought to a standstill at Port Republic, away from Richmond. The battle for the capitol of the Confederacy began May 31, when the Confederates forces attacked Union troops at Fair Oaks. While the attack was indecisive, Johnston was wounded,

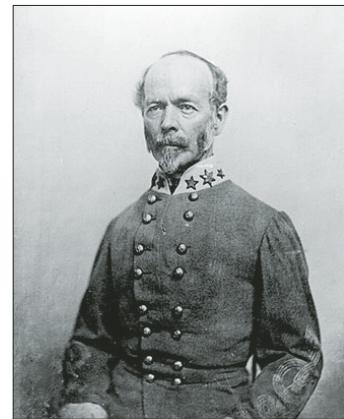
and had to give up command of the Confederate forces.

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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 E. U.S. Highway in Granbury. Guests are always welcome. There is no charge for first time attendees. For more information, please refer to our website: www.ncentexcwrt.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.



COURTESY PHOTOS
Pictured above is General "Stonewall" Jackson of the Confederacy who commanded approximately 20,000 men in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Pictured to the left is the Confederate General Joseph Johnston who commanded approximately 68,000 Confederates, to the opposing Union force of over 125,000, under General George McClellan south of Richmond.

ART

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curate in likeness as well as being decent pieces of art." This desire to increase her skills was met by the weekly meeting of the drawing group.

Heather, like her mother, was surrounded by art her entire life. "Ever since I was little, I've thought of myself as an artist and called myself an artist I think," Heather says. Cheryl adds, "Heather has always had an amazing eye for color. She did wonderful, bright drawings at age 4 of a girl named Mary dancing. Mary was perhaps an imaginary friend.

There was always drawing and painting going on around her at home growing up, and she just jumped right in."

Cheryl believes in creating a safe and accepting environment for children to develop their skills. "We would go to Swan Lake to draw the swans and the rose gardens in Tulsa when she was growing up," Cheryl said. Both women agree that all of Cheryl's children are creative.

"Julie and Walter have wonderful musical talents. Mom surrounded us with instruments and music. We were all in choir, piano, violin, guitar, etc. Walter is an

amazing self-taught acoustic guitarist and Julie is a beautiful vocalist. I can hold a tune (laughs)," Heather gushes about her siblings. Cheryl adds, "Heather is also a lovely singer and a very graceful dancer."

"My sister is a good artist also. My brother definitely thinks outside the box and is always inventing something new just like my Dad who is an engineer," Heather continues. She also mentions the art that hung in her home growing up, "My mom's dad was an incredible, accomplished artist. My mom has his paintings throughout their house."

In high school Heather won the Congressional Art District Award for St. Louis. "I was 17 years old. My mom took me to Washington, D.C. where Tom Cruise presented the award. Very memorable time. Mom and I had lots of fun. That was probably one of my first exciting experience in art," Heather explains. "Her piece hung in the Congressional Gallery for three months," said Cheryl.

Heather went on to study art and interior design in college. "She creates beautiful murals, pet and human portraits and contemporary style paintings of many other subjects. The designer's

eye that she has shows up in everything she touches. She loves doing creative projects with her nieces, painting, sculpting, molding and tie-dyeing being among the skills she shares," Cheryl says of her oldest child.

"Mom, that is so kind. The only reason I created any art was because I was always inspired by my mom's creative energy and expression," Heather offers.

Heather continues, "My mom is on the top of my favorite artist list. I remember as a child watching her draw and paint, mesmerized by her every brush or pencil stroke. When I think about it, my mom truly is

the inspiration, influence and drive with so much of my art."

The women share some of the same artistic interests. "Drawing people is my delight," says Cheryl, "Other living things as well, such as animals and flowers."

Heather agrees, "I would love to perfect the portrait and the human body."

Currently Heather is working on a painting of her niece at Big Rocks in Glen Rose, skipping from rock to rock. "It's acrylic with vibrant color ... extremely challenging."

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MOORE FAMILY

Cheryl Moore's painting and Heather Moore's drawing of the same model



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MOORE FAMILY

Heather Moore shown with one of her murals.

ART
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"I have always loved color. Color is something that might come easier for me although I am always challenging myself with use of crazy color," Heather explains. Her mom Cheryl shares this bold use of color. She brazenly swipes bold color in her watercolor portraits painted from life.

Despite their shared love of art and lifelong exposure to culture, neither woman is sure if the skills they possess are more "nature or nurture," more giftedness or hard work.

"I am not sure about talent or giftedness. I think it might be a matter of environment as much as anything," says Cheryl.

"I think hard work and interest are most important. Everyone can be an artist if they really want to. Genetics help a little," adds Heather.

Both Moores intend to keep honing their craft. Studying favorite artists, spending time at drawing group and at the easel. Heather is trying more oil painting, she mentions sculpting and welding as well. Cheryl continues to perfect her watercolor techniques. And what of a mother-daughter art show? "You will have to ask my mom," offers Heather, "Not a bad idea."

For information on modeling for portrait group call 817-579-7656 or 361-510-6820. The group meets Mondays from 9-11 a.m.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MOORE FAMILY

Cheryl and Heather Moore in the foreground draw a model from life in Portrait Group at the Shanley Gallery and Studio.



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Cheryl Moore shown in a gallery with one of her watercolors.

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