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GISD's Glenn named lone finalist for superintendent at Southlake Carroll

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Granbury Independent School District Superintendent Jeremy Glenn is poised to take on a new career move after a development earlier this week.

Following an executive session during a special board workshop Aug. 5, the Carroll Independent School District board of trustees unanimously voted to name Glenn as the lone finalist for superintendent in Southlake.

"Congratulations, Dr. Glenn," Carroll ISD Board President Cameron Bryan said during the

State law requires a 21-day waiting period before officially appointing Glenn as Carroll ISD superintendent. During that time, Glenn will remain with Granbury ISD to work with district staff and campus leaders to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

"It has truly been my honor to serve Granbury ISD for the last six years as superintendent." Glenn said in a GISD news release. "I'm grateful for the school board for the opportunity to work with some of the best students, teachers, parents and community members in Texas. Together, we have improved academic test scores, developed higher education partnerships, and lowered the tax rate every year while still maintaining a balanced budget. These accolades are a testa-

ment to our outstanding leadership team, board of trustees and the Granbury community that always puts the welfare of students first."

Glenn — who will replace retiring Superintendent Lane Ledbetter – served as GISD's superintendent for six years.

During Glenn's tenure, Granbury ISD had several notable achievements. The news release states that in addition to elevating academic achievement scores district wide and creating higher education partnerships, Glenn's accomplishments also include:

• Renovating Brawner Elementary

• Passing a VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election) to in-

crease staff raises Starting the Early Education

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The 16th annual Blazin' Saddle 75, Granbury's premier bicycling event, occurred on Saturday, August 3, starting from Granbury Middle School after a brief rain delay. The ride took cyclists on beautiful scenic 20-mile, 47-mile, 100-K, and 75-mile routes through the epic hills of Hood County, including signature climbs at Skulls Crossing, Mongo's Mountain, and The Peak. Registration included a T-shirt, but participants could opt for a discount without it. The event was also supported by local organizations such as the Hood County Amateur Radio Club, which provided rest stops every 10-12 miles stocked with ice, water, cold towels, Gatorade, pickle juice, fruit, and snacks. There was also mechanic support available along the route. After the ride, participants took advantage of the locker rooms provided for showers and then enjoyed an after-ride party lunch. Blazin' Saddle 75 Bicycle Rally was a not-for-profit event honored to benefit Texas EMS. See more photos at honews.com.

District clerk dispute continues: Zamarron files lawsuit against Republican committee

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Hood County politics has ramped up within the last couple months, as many residents have expressed frustration over the latest district clerk nomination.

With tensions on the rise, Roberta Zamarron decided to take a stand against what she calls an unjust nomination process by the Hood County Republican Party executive committee.

Zamarron, the current interim district clerk, filed a lawsuit last week against the HCRP, Republican Party Chair Greg Harrell and **Elections Administrator Stephanie** Cooper for allegedly violating the party bylaws and key election laws.

She alleges that during the HCRP executive committee meeting June 26, the committee did not adhere to proper procedures when allowing her opponent, Melanie Graft,

to participate in the voting process for the district clerk nomination.

Graft, who serves as the Precinct 408 Chair and is a member of the Granbury Independent School District board of trustees, was nominated for the position during that meeting. Zamarron was appointed to the role by Judge Bryan Bufkin following the passing of former clerk Tonna Newman in February.

Members of the Hood County Republican Party executive committee voted for the district clerk nominee by way of a secret ballot. During the voting portion of the executive session, Zamarron and Graft found themselves deadlocked in a 7:7 vote. After a revote, Graft emerged victorious with an 8:6 vote, which immediately sparked discussion on social media.

Following the result, many Hood County residents took to Facebook to complain about the transparency and fairness of the electoral

process. Some expressed concerns that the meeting was not held in open forum while others said it was unfair to allow Graft to vote as a member of the executive committee when Zamarron was not a member of the board. Some comments suggested Graft should have recused herself during the vote.

"After the vote, many people raised questions about the legality of my opponent being able to serve on the committee and vote for herself while being a candidate for district clerk," Zamarron wrote in a post on social media. "A few of us researched that issue extensively after the meeting, and I believe the committee's action was incorrect under state law."

According to the lawsuit, members of the executive committee attempted to work with Harrell to rectify the errors and illegality in the candidate nomination and voting process. Unable to obtain any response from Harrell, Precinct 409 chairman Brad Yarborough made a written request for Harrell to take action to remedy the injustice. However, the lawsuit states Harrell has not responded or taken any further action.

Spurred to address the matter themselves, Zamarron and Yarborough along with Precinct 112 Chair Robert Granger and Precinct 404 Chair Mark Jackson hired an attorney and officially filed the lawsuit Friday, Aug. 2.

Zamarron stated the HCRP violated Election Code 161.005 by allowing Graft to serve as a precinct chair while also being a candidate for nomination as district clerk.

Under Texas Election Code 161.005, to serve as an officer of a political party, a person must not be a candidate for nomination or election to an elective office of the federal, state or county government.

The lawsuit states that for purposes of that specific statute, a

person becomes a candidate if "the person is nominated by a convention or executive committee."

"Here, upon becoming a candidate, Graft became ineligible to serve as a precinct chairman and member of the executive committee," the lawsuit states. "Only the members of the executive committee are permitted to participate in the candidate nomination and voting process. Since Graft became ineligible to serve as a precinct chair and member of the executive committee, her vote during the candidate nomination process constituted as an illegal vote."

Zamarron said the HCRP also violated the self-appointment doctrine, which was first set forth by the Texas Supreme Court in 1928. The doctrine prevents a body with appointment powers from appointing one of its own members to a

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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Newspapers have an important role in maintaining America's freedom



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had an important role in our country since the very inception of our nation. One of the biggest political issues in colonial America was free speech and the right of citizens to speak against a tyrannical government. At the very heart of free speech was the role of the newspaper. It provided information and news that helped form public opinion with the understanding that in a democracy, the electorate needs to be adequately informed so it might make enlightened decisions. From our nation's infancy, newspapers provided the information that allowed the public to go to the polls, educated on the issues of the day.

When drafting the Constitution, our founding fathers felt so strongly about the free press their first action was to draft the

First Amendment to ensure the press had certain freedoms and rights which could not be impinged upon. In no small way, the freedoms recognized in the other constitutional amendments are dependent on the protections that exist in the First Amendment. Our founders understood a voter without knowledge is simply a political token making decisions with the art of a blind chess

With those constitutional rights in place, our nation's newspapers helped our society as it formed opinions on the issues of the day. Whether it be the Monroe Doctrine, slavery, tariffs, women's rights, war or economic growth, American newspapers reported on the issues throughout our history. In their constitutional role, they helped ensure that truth, justice and fairness were consistently presented to the American voter. For many, reading the newspaper has been a way of life.

With the passage of time came radio, television, internet and cell phones. Without question these technological advances have altered how people receive their news. No longer are people reviewing the daily results of the New York Stock Exchange by newsprint. They no longer grab the morning paper to see the results of last night's baseball game, nor the latenight results of the local election. Some forms of communication are now "faster" than newspapers, but are they as accurate or as complete and as balanced?

The demise of the newspaper has been predicted again and again, and yet good community newspapers are still standing at their posts, providing the public with the information it needs to know.

Technology may have provided an alternative to print, but the local community newspaper still does and will always serve a vital role. There is no more credible source of local news than the community newspaper. There is no other source who will professionally communicate the goings on at the school board, the commissioners court or the city council. The local paper is the watchdog that works



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to keep greed and political corruption from being cozy in the comfortable seats of power. It helps readership understand a bond issue, planning and zoning decisions, and other intricacies of government.

Of course, the community newspaper is also more than just governmental updates and news reports. It reveals what is happening in the community, what events are taking place and when they will occur. It contains pictures that document the flood or a tornado, as well as the peewee t-ball game. It reports on those who have passed, and those obituaries become a recorded part of history that will never be erased. A community newspaper should not only reveal public issues to its readers but celebrate the events and accomplishments that are part of every community, giving people a sense of pride and ownership in where they live.

Newspapers are the canvas of your life presented to you each week without fail.

Tragically, some local newspapers in smaller and rurai communities nave closed because of rising costs and little to no advertising base to make their operation profitable. It is a sad and serious problem; so much so that there is pending legislation in Congress to support community newspapers through tax credits and business credits for advertisers who do business with their local newspaper. Legislators fear that without community newspapers there will be no one to report on local government, and rural America could become an informational desert — a situation which would have been abhorrent to the founding fathers.

Newspapers will continue to evolve. Digital issues will have more and more growth as people wish to access the newspaper from their phone or laptop, and whether they are in the comfort of their home or on the road. Through it all, your community newspaper will be here, providing you with information you want and need to know in both digital and print forms.

Recent polling reported by the Texas Press Association shows a significant number of people still want to receive their local news from the community paper. They place more trust in the advertisements in their local paper than they do in TV, radio or social media ads and are significantly more likely to buy because of that trust. They value knowing what is going on in their neighborhoods and they like seeing pictures and reading stories about their friends and neighbors. They want a strong community newspaper to make a difference in their life in a positive way.

I am proud to be a part of the newspaper fraternity and believe we provide an essential service I hope never goes out of favor. I wish I could express to you the earnestness with which the professionals I work with go about their business and the important responsibility they willingly accept. We are not perfect but work diligently and proudly to keep you informed and to do so factually, fairly and objectively. In these days of extreme partisanship, some readers may disagree with my statement, and of course that is their right. I simply remind those critics that being objective is giving a voice to both sides and letting the readers decide which view is the best. It is not merely supporting a view because that is what many readers might like to read. Confirmation is not objectivity. Newspapers have a duty to be better than that, especially local community newspapers.

Thought for the day: "Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or news papers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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

Folks around town



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Elizabeth Wyss

Say hello to our neighbor, Elizabeth Wyss!

Elizabeth and her husband Scott, who have been married for 20 years, live in Granbury with their two sons: 18-year-old Reid and 14-year-old Rhett. They moved here from Fort Worth in May 2011 so their children could attend school and grow up in a small town. Elizabeth enjoys living in our close-knit lake community and loves embracing Granbury's small-town charm. Her favorite thing about living in Granbury is spending time on the lake with her boys and their friends, engaging in activities like wakeboarding, skiing, and surfing. Elizabeth will always cherish the memories they made on the water while watching her boys grow up. Reid recently graduated from Granbury High School and will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall. Rhett is starting his freshman year at GHS, following in his brother's footsteps to play football for the Pirates. Elizabeth and Scott have been involved with the Touchdown Club Football Booster Club Board for four years with their older son, and they look forward to doing the same for the youngest. The couple finds it a great way to give back to the community and engage with local charities. When they are not at the lake or supporting the Pirate football team, you can find them enjoying live music at their local business, Bob's Off The Square, located in Granbury. Elizabeth likes to stay updated with the Hood County News online, particularly the photo galleries, to follow anything and everything involving the kids' sports, awards, and club activities.

Granbury chamber president, CEO Brian Bondy resigns

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After three-and-a-half years serving the community as the Granbury Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, Brian Bondy has officially announced his resignation effective Friday, Sept. 13.

Bondy told the Hood County News July 30 he will transition to his new role as



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Prairie Chamber of Commerce president Monday, Sept. 16, where he will contin-

the Grand

Brian Bondy ue his commitment to community engagement

while also moving closer to "Those who know my

wife, (Jean) and I well know that family is very, very important to us," Bondy said. He explained that his

decision to resign largely stemmed from his desire to prioritize family, especially with the arrival of his granddaughter in 2021 and his grandson earlier this year.

"Part of the reason why I wanted to work here was to be closer to our daughter and son-in-law who live in Grand Prairie," Bondy said.

"When our kids were growing up, my parents lived in the Houston area. We were living in St. Louis at the time, and Jean's parents lived out in California, so they didn't have the grandparent interaction. It was the occasional visit, but it wasn't the same thing.'

Bondy explained that the couple recently made a conscious decision to be closer

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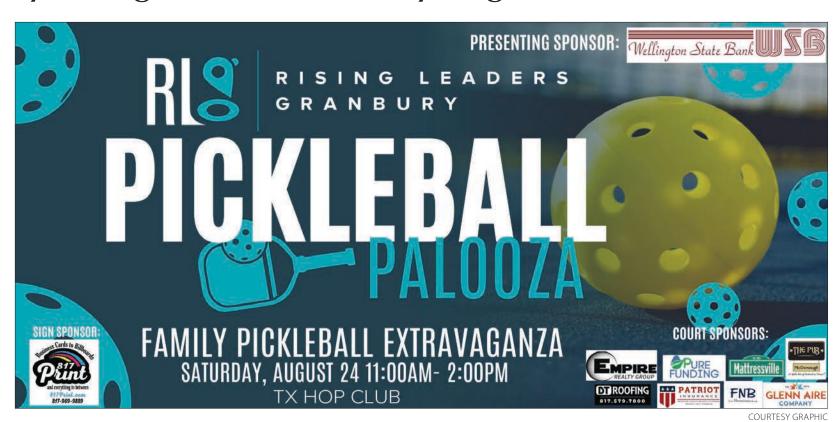
Don't get dinked in the kitchen, come on out and show us your ace.

This event is sure to be a banger. This is not your average tournament ... it's a social event! Pickleball Palooza, hosted by the Rising Leaders Club of Granbury, is just the place to jump into this growing sport, where you can burn between 350 to 475 calories per hour. Whether you are a pro or a beginner there's something for everyone. This family friendly event will have food and games for all ages and skill levels.

Pickleball is no longer for those 55 and older, it is growing rapidly among younger age groups. As of 2023, there were more than 38,000 pickleball courts in the United States, with approximately 1,200 new courts being added each year, including our new TX HOP Club in

Sponsored by Wellington State Bank, the Palooza is Aug. 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at TX HOP Club. This event will bring together people of all ages and skill levels. So grab that paddle from home or at the TX HOP Club and join us!

Registration is open to all ages:



\$10 for kids age 12 and under, \$20 for chamber members, and \$30 for general admission. Your registration not only guarantees a day filled with excitement but also supports the Rising Leaders of Granbury's initiatives in the Granbury community.

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pickleball!

Don't miss this "Erne" opportunity. Come on out to Pickleball Palooza! Let's make this event a smash hit together! For more information and to purchase tickets, check out www.granburychamber. com or call us at 817-573-1622.

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Member Spotlight: Brazos River Authority. "The Brazos River Authority exists to develop, manage and protect the water resources of the Brazos River basin. Today, the BRA's staff of more than 250 develop and distribute water supplies, provide water and wastewater treatment, monitor water quality, and pursue water conservation through public education programs." Thank you for being a member of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

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Ambassador of the Month: Erin Sanders. We are so thankful for our amazing Ambassador of the Month, Erin Sanders with Somervell Floors Inc. Erin has been an ambassador for a little over a year and when asked why she loves being an ambassador, she said "I love being an ambassador because I love giving back and being a part of an amazing community. I've worked with an awesome boss at Somervell floors for almost 10 years, Shirley Williamson, and next year it will be 30 years that she has had her business. It's because of Shirley that I became an ambassador. I want to give back in every way I can to this amazing community. My family always comes first in my life. My husband Jesse and I also take care of our Jeep Junkies off-road family and go all over the United States off-roading. Our life is always an adventure." Fun fact about Erin: "Not only am I a mom to my amazing grown girls and I have a 9-year-old son, I am also a grandma to six amazing grandkids!" Thank you, Erin, for being an Ambassador of the **Granbury Chamber of Commerce!!**



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The lawsuit states that Texas law has long prohibited self-appointment, which is one of three categories of common-law incompatibility. This doctrine stems from the Texas Supreme Court's ruling in Ehlinger v. Clark, which highlighted the inherent conflict in a member of an appointing body also serving as an appointee. The court stated that such a dual role is fundamentally incompatible, leading to a nationwide consensus that individuals with appointing power cannot appoint themselves or other members of their body to positions.

Zamarron also emphasized that the HCRP breached its own bylaws, which prohibit an individual from holding an elected public office while serving as a precinct chair. She added that these bylaws also prevent someone from acting as precinct chair while simultaneously being a candidate for a county office.

Article IV of the Hood County Republican Party bylaws expressly provides that a member of the executive committee "cannot be a holder of an elected public office or a candidate for such office at the county, state or federal level." Unlike the Texas Election Code, the bylaws do not define the terms "public office" or "candidate."

"Applying the plain and ordinary meaning of both terms, Graft is ineligible to serve as a member of the executive committee under the bylaws," the lawsuit states. "Indeed, as an elected member of the Board of Trustees of Granbury Independent School District, Graft is a 'holder of an elected public office.' Additionally, Graft being nominated made her a 'candidate' for district clerk. Accordingly, Graft's participation as a member of the executive committee in the voting process constitutes an ultravires act (any act that lies beyond the authority of a corporation to

"Because of these concerns, my sincere hope is that a visiting judge in the district court will reverse the committee's vote and allow me to be your Republican candidate for district clerk in the November election," Zamarron wrote on social media. "Many have supported through funding and encouragement. Thank you for your support."

Zamarron expressed confidence that the matter can be resolved before the election, stating that Elections Administrator Stephanie Cooper must finalize the ballot by the end of the

month.

"Since this case doesn't require a jury trial and has minimal fact issues, we should get a hearing date this month in front of a visiting judge," she told the Hood County News. "There are no consequences for the executive committee if we're successful. Nobody will be removed from office, and that's not what we're seeking to do."

The HCN sent an email to Harrell, asking for any comments regarding the recent development. He explained that since the Hood County Republican Party has not received any information about the petition — the first step in initiating the civil lawsuit — the party cannot comment on the matter.

The HCN also attempted to contact Graft and Cooper for comment but did not receive a response before press time.

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 $Granbury\ ISD\ Superintendent\ Jeremy\ Glenn\ was\ named\ the\ lone\ superintendent\ finalist\ for\ Carroll\ ISD\ in\ Southlake\ Monday,\ Aug.\ 5.$

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district — the largest district in the state of Texas to have all campuses earn the designation

• Establishing character education programs

• Numerous campus and district accolades

"Dr. Glenn has served our district well for six years," GISD Board President Barbara Townsend said in the GISD news release. "His legacy will be the strong academic and financial leadership teams that he has established at Granbury ISD.

We congratulate Carroll ISD for recognizing Dr. Glenn's leadership qualities and we wish Dr. Glenn the best as he moves forward to lead Southlake Carroll."

In a CISD statement, Bryan described Glenn as a man of integrity and character, adding that he exemplifies the values that are foundational to their community.

"With a wealth of experience in educational leadership, he brings a visionary approach and a commitment to excellence," Bryan said. "We are confident that under his guidance and leadership, our schools will continue to thrive and our students will reach new

heights."

Glenn said joining CISD as superintendent is a profound honor, and expressed his commitment to maintaining the district's tradition of excellence by working with staff, parents and the community.

"I (want) to not only ensure every Dragon reaches their full potential, but to navigate and successfully lead this district through this season of statewide public education financial challenges," he said. "My family and I look forward to making Southlake our home."

Glenn said the decision to leave Granbury did not come easy, but he and his family are excited for the opportunity to serve in Carroll ISD, as it is a "district dedicated to student success and a community with a rich tradition of excellence."

"Granbury will always hold a special place in our hearts," he said.
"And we leave knowing Granbury will continue to excel."

Townsend stated that an interim superintendent will be appointed by the school board in the coming weeks. The board will begin the search process for a new superintendent in the fall of 2024 with plans to name a finalist who can start January 2025.

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to their grandchildren and play a more active role in their lives — an experience that his own children were lacking when they were growing up.

"Any chance we could get to be closer to (our kids), to be a resource for them, and to allow us to be part of not only their lives, but their kids' lives was very, very important to us," he said. "This opportunity allows me to literally put family first, but also be in the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce."

Bondy began his journey with the Granbury Chamber of Commerce April 1, 2021, succeeding Mike Scott, who had served as president for 15 years before his retirement in 2020.

With nearly 30 years of chamber experience under his belt, Bondy said he appreciates what he has learned from each community, as they have all provided different perspectives and priorities.

For Granbury, Bondy said community involvement was the main

focus, noting the success of the rebranding initiative, which included a new logo, brand colors and a revamped website that launched in December 2021.

Notably, a membership event in 2022 also attracted 114 volunteers and resulted in 269 new and upgraded members.

Reflecting on his accomplishments, Bondy expressed pride in the strong volunteer spirit that has flourished during his leadership, with the number of active ambassadors growing to 45. He was also instrumental in fostering initiatives such as the Women in Business Committee, which successfully hosted two summits, and the transition of the Granbury Young Professionals group into the Rising Leaders of Granbury to better serve newcomers to the area.

"(We wanted to) focus on not just the younger population, but those that are new to the community, or that are new in their positions with their company, so that they have a way to build a network, grow and get better," he said. "And, you know, that's re-

ally the whole heart of what the chamber is — it's about building relationships, and helping companies and businesses grow and get stronger."

Overall, Bondy said he is proud of the work the chamber has accomplished, adding that its success is a collaborative effort involving the board of directors, staff, members and volunteers.

"The bus is driven by all of those entities," he said. "My role is to kind of be the orchestra leader, or the conductor, if you will, and to make sure that the business is solid, and can move forward — whether it's in the day-to-day operations or planning for the future. I'd say that this chamber is in excellent shape."

Bondy said the most important lesson he has learned since joining the Granbury Chamber can be summed up in one sentence: "Never underestimate the power of community."

"It's not just me sitting behind a desk," he said. "It's all of us being involved in organizations around town to not only advance our mission, but to show that we care about the community that we live in, and that there's power in community and there's power in involvement."

As Bondy prepares to leave a community that has quickly become like home, he remains dedicated to the relationships he has built during his time here. He added that he will miss "the people" more than anything.

"There are so many great people in this town that we've been able to build relationships with over the past three-and-a-half years," he said. "Just being able to celebrate that Granbury is the Celebration Capital of Texas, building partnerships with the city, with the county, with Visit Granbury, and the school district. I mean, we have a real passion for kids."

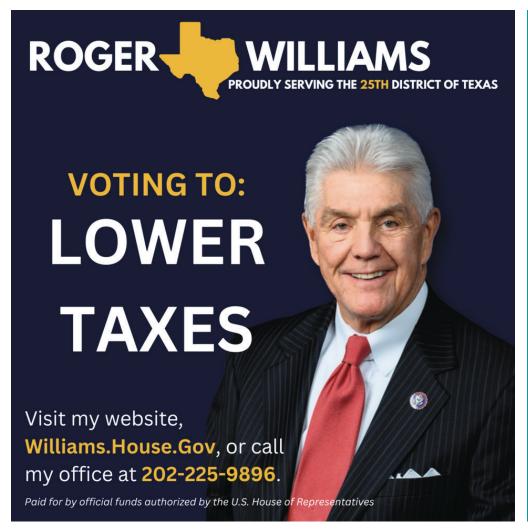
Bondy said he has enjoyed getting the chance to implement Lemonade Day in Granbury and being able to watch it grow in two short years.

Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches fifth grade students how

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CORRECTION

In the Aug. 3 edition of the Hood County News, the address for the city's free tire recycling event was listed incorrectly. The correct location is 401 N. Park Drive. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.







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Lance LaCour, Granbury's economic development director, has now officially moved down south for his new role as Galveston County's director of economic development.

BY ASHLEY TERRY

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After only a few years as Granbury's economic development director, Lance LaCour has officially relocated south—trading small-town charm for the vibrant energy of a bigger community.

LaCour, who started his new position last month, is now the director of economic development for Galveston County. In this role, he will lead, manage and coordinate Galveston County's economic development activities such as planning, proposal development, county incentives, marketing, and business retention and expansion.

While LaCour wasn't in Granbury long, he spearheaded numerous initiatives that enhanced the local economy, from attracting new businesses to promoting tourism and development projects. His strategic approach and commitment

to the community have left a lasting impact — not only on residents, but to city officials as well.

During a Granbury City Council meeting June 18, City Manager Chris Coffman expressed his gratitude for LaCour's contribution, noting his efforts have positioned Granbury for future success.

"I just want to give him (LaCour) praise for all the hard work he's done on the administrative things behind the scenes that have prepared us for the next wave of economic development," Coffman said. "We just want to thank you, Lance, for all you've done for us."

Communications Manager Jeff Newpher said the city will continue to benefit from the fruits of LaCour's labor for years to come.

"Those projects are coming to completion, even after he has left working for the city," Newpher said. "Economic development, just by its nature, there's a lag to your efforts and the time you see those projects come to fruition."

A former national racquetball champion and triathlon participant, LaCour first arrived in Granbury in June 2022.

The city hired LaCour after Coffman — with approval from the Granbury City Council — created an economic development department.

Since earlier partnerships involving the city, county, and chamber of commerce ultimately failed, Coffman previously told the Hood County News he felt an economic development department controlled and funded by the city would have greater sustainability.

LaCour was living in Humble and was president and CEO of Partnership Lake Houston, which he previously described as a combination chamber/economic development organization, when he drew the city of Granbury's attention.

By the time he joined Partnership Lake Houston, LaCour was a seasoned economic development expert. He had spent 15 years with the Katy Area Economic Development Council and before that, he worked in economic development roles in both Alabama and Mississippi.

LaCour is a certified economic developer (CEcD) and holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a master's degree in economic development from the University of Southern Mississippi, earning awards in the regions where he has worked.

A native of Chalmette, Louisiana, near New Orleans, LaCour has enjoyed hunting, sports and fishing all his life which might have also been one of the draws for LaCour's new role in Galveston County.

"As we all know, Lance is checking out and going down south to his natural habitat in Gulf Coast fishing," Coffman said, chuckling. "We're going to miss you. Glad to know you're still my friend, and maybe we can go fishing someday."

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to start, own and operate their own business — a lemonade stand. Following a successful inaugural event last year, Lemonade Day returned to Granbury for a second time May 18, with almost 100 stands participating in the second annual event.

"We thought we really hit it out of the park our first year, but then we had our second one this year, and we really did knock it out of the park — or I should say they knocked it out of the park because it's the kids and the families that participated that make Lemonade Day so special," he said. "That's one of the better takeaways from my time is being able to not only bring Lemonade Day to Granbury, but see it grow."

Reflecting on his journey as president and CEO, Bondy emphasized the importance of the relationship between a chamber of commerce and its members, adding that the relationship "can't be understated."

"It's one thing to be a chamber of commerce. It's another one to practice what you preach," he said. "I think Mike did a phenomenal job in the years leading up to his retirement, and I think that in the three-and-a-half years that I've been here, we've done some really cool and exciting things. I'm thankful for having been involved with the Rotary Club and various organizations and leaders in Granbury. It (gave me the) opportunity to be more than just sitting behind a desk — I got to become involved in the community."

In light of Bondy's resignation, the Granbury Chamber of Commerce board has initiated a search for his successor, with plans for current general manager Holly Martin to step in as interim president until a new leader is appointed.

"The position will be advertised and I think the intent is that Holly will step in as an interim president and just kind of oversee the day-to-day operations, much like she does now only as an interim, until the board gets that up and running," he said. "It's usually like a four-to-six-month process from recruiting to starting. It can be accelerated and it can also be drawn out if the candidates aren't of the quality that the board is looking for, but I don't think it's going to be a problem for this chamber to find somebody."

As Bondy embarks on his new journey, his achievements in fostering community involvement and strong connections will forever leave their mark on Granbury — leaving big shoes for his successor to fill.

"It still hasn't completely sunk in yet," Bondy said, with a chuckle. "But I think it will, as we get closer to my end date. This was just an opportunity that was tough to turn down."

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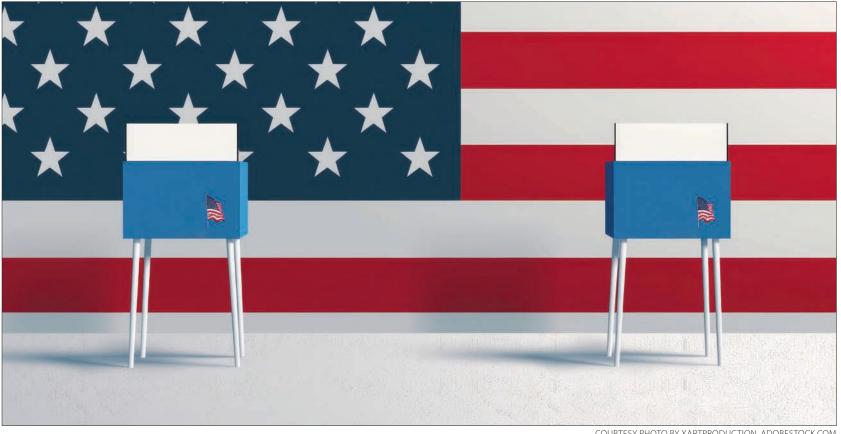
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Voting and running for office in Hood County



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• File a Campaign

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low these steps:

The filing period for anyone interested in running for office in the upcoming general election began July 20 and ends at 5 p.m. Aug. 19. Applications can be submitted in person at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048, or via email or fax.

BY LAUREN DAVIS

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ood County residents are gearing up for the 2024 General Election, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Here's what voters need to know about preparing to vote and running for office:

VOTER REGISTRATION

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 7. Registration forms can be submitted by mail, postmarked by Oct. 7, or delivered in person to the Hood County Elections Office on the same day.

EARLY VOTING AND ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Early voting will take place from Oct. 19 to Nov. 1. Absentee ballot requests must be received by Oct. 25.

Completed absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 5 and received by Nov. 6 or returned in person by 7 p.m. Election Day.

MAIL-IN BALLOT INFORMATION

Eligible voters, including those 65 years or older, disabled, absent from the county, or confined in jail, can apply for a ballot by mail. Applications must be submitted to Stephanie Cooper, Hood County Elections Administrator, by mail, fax, or email, with additional mailed confirmation required within four business days.

This means if you choose to submit it electronically (by fax or email), you must also send a physical confirmation of your submission through the mail within four business days.

CITY OF GRANBURY ELECTIONS

The City of Granbury will

hold its elections for Council member Place 3 and Council member Place 5 Nov. 5. These positions are each for a three-year term.

Residents of Granbury who are registered voters are eligible to vote in this election. The voter registration deadline is Oct. 7, and early voting will occur from Oct. 21 to Nov. 1.

Only residents of the City of Granbury can vote for council members for Place 3 and Place 5. These positions are specific to city government, so only those who live within the city limits and are registered voters in Granbury can participate in the election for these council positions. To discover city boundary lines, visit: https://www.granbury. org/827/interactive-Maps.

Residents of other areas in Hood County who do not live within the city limits of Granbury are not eligible to vote in these city council elections.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The elected council members will have significant responsibilities in shaping the city's future. Their duties include:

- Enacting local laws; · Approving the city's bud-
- get; and

 Establishing policies that guide the city's operations and long-term planning.

Council members also represent the interests and concerns of residents, attend community meetings and serve as a crucial link between the public and city government.

In addition to legislation and policymaking, council members oversee city management and departments to ensure effective service delivery and accountability.

They participate in strategic planning efforts, addressing infrastructure, economic development and environmental sustainability issues. Council members must engage with the public through meetings and forums — helping to gather input and provide information about city initiatives.

FILING PERIOD FOR ALL **INTERESTED CANDIDATES**

The filing period for these positions is from July 20, to Aug. 19, by 5 p.m. Applications can be submitted in person at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048, or via email or

HOOD COUNTY ELECTORAL **POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION**

Some Hood County positions are up for grabs in the 2024 General Election. Below are the positions available in each precinct (precinct areas noted below).

Precinct 1: Constable 1, JP 1, Commissioner 1 (includes voting precincts 101, 103, 105, 107 and 112)

Precinct 2: Constable 2, JP 2, Commissioner 2 (includes voting precincts 202, 211, 216 and 218)

Precinct 3: Constable 3, JP 3, Commissioner 3 (includes voting precincts 310, 313, 314 and 317)

Precinct 4: Constable 4, JP 4, Commissioner 4 (includes voting precincts 404, 408, 409 and 415)

POSITION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Constable: According to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE),

a constable is a law enforcement officer who serves legal documents such as subpoenas, summonses and warrants and maintains peace in their precinct. Constables also have the authority to make arrests and serve as bailiffs in the Justice of the Peace courts.

Justice of the Peace (JP): The Justice of the Peace presides over minor civil and criminal cases, including small claims, traffic offenses and landlord-tenant disputes. JPs also conduct inquests and may perform marriage ceremonies. For additional information about this position, visit https://www.tjctc.org.

County Commissioner: As defined on https://county.org, a county commissioner is a member of the Commissioners Court, the county's governing body. They are responsible for road and bridge maintenance, setting the county budget, and overseeing various county services.

For more information about Hood County elections schedules and requirements for running for public office, visit: https:// www.granbury/org/803/ Elections.

BREAKDOWN OF THE AREAS GENERALLY COVERED BY EACH PRECINCT

Precinct 1: Includes voting precincts 101, 103, 105, 107 and 112. Towns/areas covered: Parts of Granbury, DeCordova and other surrounding areas in the northeastern part of Hood County.

Precinct 2: Includes voting precincts 202, 211, 216 and 218. Towns/areas covered: Tolar, Oak Trail Shores and other areas in the northwestern part of Hood County.

Precinct 3: Includes voting precincts 310, 313,

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MONDAY, AUG. 12

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC

Women of Hood County monthly meeting. Guest speaker: John DeLorme, State Democratic executive committee member, Congressional District 25. 11: a.m. Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. U.S. Highway 377, Granbury. Details: 254-716-5195.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20 LAKE GRANBURY Minis-

terial Alliance luncheon at Forward Training Center, 600 West Pearl Street. Speakers will be Forward Training Center Executive Director Monica Hays, Program Director Laurie Lilly and a student of the training center programs. The subject is how churches can use the center's servic-

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 **LAKE GRANBURY/**

es to benefit their people.

HOOD County Master Gardeners meet at 1 p.m. at the Reunion Grounds, 641 Reunion Court, Granbury. Program by Carol Montgomery from Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells to speak about growing plants in large containers. For more information contact the Hood County Extension office, 817-579-3280.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23 **HOOD COUNTY** Hospi-

tal District Board meets at noon at the Annex 1 meeting room, 200 Deputy Larry Miller Drive, Granbury. Questions? Call 187-579-3200.

TUESDAY, AUG. 27

MID CITIES Stamp Club — Granbury Branch meets at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court. Meeting begins at / p.m. Program about the Faroe Islands presented by Ken Aldridge. Questions? Call 817-910-8174.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31 JOIN FORWARD Train-

ing Center for the August **Granbury Airport Breakfast** fundraiser from 8-10 a.m. See the runway in action with arriving and departing aircraft. Questions? Call 817-573-6677 or email info@forwardtrainingcenter.org.

SATURDAY, NOV.9

CHISHOLM TRAIL 100 Club "Honoring Our Heroes" golf tournament at 9 a.m., Squaw Valley Golf Course, Glen Rose. Benefits the mission to "Stand in the gap for our first responders and their families in times of tragedy." For more information or to donate please visit CT100.org.

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

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City plans to maintain same tax rate for another year

BY ASHLEY TERRY

Staff Writer ashley@hcnews.com

During its regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 6, the Granbury City Council unanimously voted to propose a property tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100 valuation — the same rate the city has operated with for the last couple of years.

On July 23, the city received its Certified Appraisal Roll from the Hood Central Appraisal District, revealing a certified net taxable property value of approximately \$2.78 billion — an increase of \$69.74 million, or 3%, from preliminary valuations. This growth reflects both increased property values and new development within the city.

Finance Director Eva Gregory addressed the council during the meeting Tuesday and explained the implications of several tax rates that were calculated by the Hood Central Appraisal District.

The no-new-revenue tax rate, which allows the city to collect the same amount of property tax revenue as last year, stands at \$0.393736 per \$100 valuation. The voter-approval tax rate, which

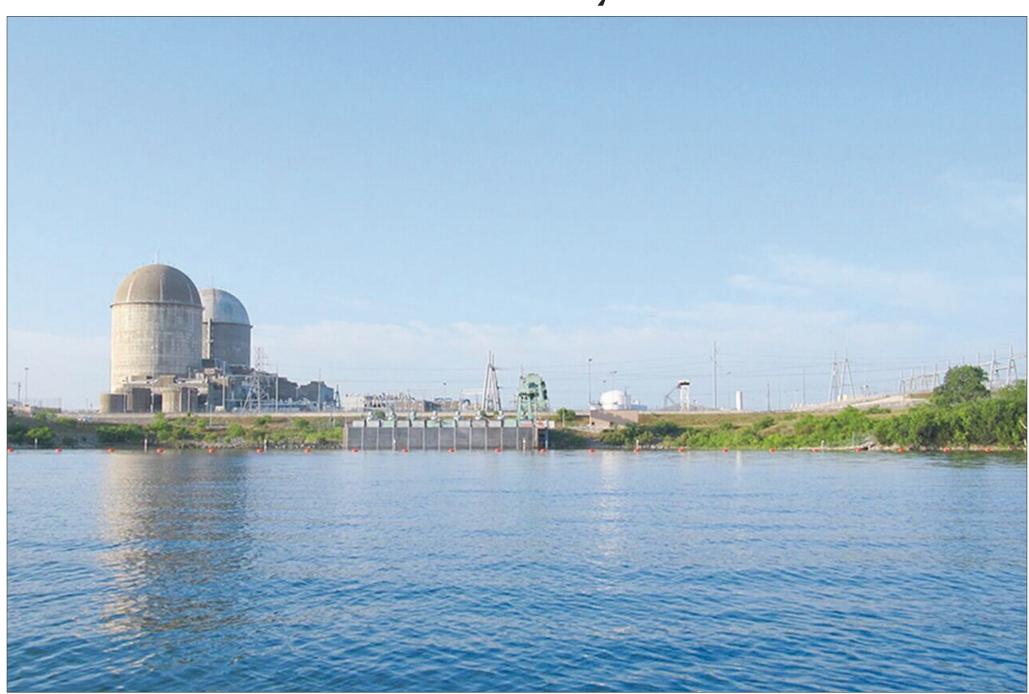
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Comanche Peak secures 20-year license renewal



Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose has renewed its operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

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BY ASHLEY TERRY

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undreds of employees at the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in Glen Rose will benefit from a recent move by the Nuclear Regulatory Commis-■ sion — a decision that will ultimately secure jobs

for the next two decades.

The NRC announced July 30 the company has renewed the operating licenses of Comanche Peak Units 1 and 2 for an additional 20 years. According to a press release from NRC, the two units at Comanche Peak are pressurizedwater reactors, with Unit 1's operating license now set to expire Feb. 8, 2050, and Unit 2's Feb. 2, 2053.

According to a news release by plant owner Vistra Energy, the company submitted a request to the NRC in October 2022, asking for an operation extension of the Comanche Peak plant through 2053 — an additional 20 years beyond its original licenses.

"With demand for electricity growing at a rapid pace, reliable sources of power, like Comanche Peak, are going to be absolutely essential to meeting that need," Jim Burke, president and CEO of Vistra, said in the company's news release. "Importantly, this demand growth is happening at the same time as the country is transitioning to cleaner energy sources and many fossil plants are retiring. Electricity is one of the most basic building blocks of the economy, and extending the operation of our nuclear fleet provides decades of

support for both existing and growing sectors."

According to the Vistra release, the NRC staff noted in an April report to NRC commissioners that Vistra's "proactive and voluntary efforts" helped improve the timeliness and efficiency of the license renewal process. The company voluntarily submitted three supplements to the applications, which the staff said contributed to a 70% reduction in its requests for information compared to previous license renewals.

"We take pride in the part we play every day in powering the grid with carbon-free energy," Vistra's Chief Nuclear Officer Ken Peters said in the news release. "Our dedicated Comanche Peak team operates the plant safely and at a high level of performance, and I'm proud that this record of excellence has paved the way to securing another 20 years of operation. I want to acknowledge the tremendous work by the team who facilitated one of

the most efficient license renewal efforts with the NRC."

A two-unit facility, Comanche Peak is the third of Vistra's four nuclear plants to receive its license extension from the NRC. Once the application was submitted, NRC conducted a two-track review, releasing a safety evaluation report in March and a final supplemental environmental impact statement in April.

"The NRC is satisfied Vistra met all of the requirements to renew the licenses," NRC Public Affairs Officer Scott Burnell told the Hood County News.

The extension of Comanche Peak's operation ensures continued economic benefits to the local area — especially since the plant is operated by more than 600 employees and more than 200 permanent contractors.

According to the Vistra press release, refueling outages for the two reactors require supplemental workers and bring in anywhere

from 800-1,200 skilled technicians from across the country. As the contractors are brought in, they bring a source of substantial additional economic activity for hotels, restaurants and related businesses in the area.

The renewal of Comanche Peak's operating licenses not only promises job security for its employees but also underscores its significant economic impact, as the plant stands as the largest taxpayer in Somervell County — contributing more than \$30 million annually in state and local taxes.

As demand for reliable and clean energy continues to rise, Comanche Peak will serve as a vital asset in both the energy sector and the local economy for many years to come.

For more information about Comanche Peak's license renewal, visit VistraCorp.com.



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During its regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 6, the Granbury City Council unanimously voted to propose a tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100 valuation — the same rate the city has operated with for the last couple of years.

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rate exceeding this figure, is set at \$0.439924. The proposed rate of \$0.3850 falls below both rates, allowing the council to proceed without a public hearing, as mandated by Senate Bill 2.

Gregory said that by adopting a rate lower than the voter-approval tax rate, the city can also bank any unused amounts below the unused increment rate for up to

three years, which will provide greater flexibility for future tax rate adjustments. The unused increment rate is the three-year rolling sum of the difference between the adopted tax rate and voterapproval rate, which is \$0.718077 for 2024.

The city also had the option to adopt the de minimis rate of \$0.448527, intended to provide smaller taxing units with relief from the 3.5% voter-approval tax rate. This rate, introduced under Senate Bill 2, allows smaller cities to adopt a tax rate that can generate an additional \$500,000 in property tax revenue compared to the previous year. However, the council chose to maintain the current rate instead of pursuing this alternative.

"I might reiterate, the \$0.3850 is below the no-new-revenue tax rate of %.03937, so we're proud," City Manager Chris Coffman said. "If you want to adopt a rate that exceeds that, now's the time to speak. There's plenty of streets to pave and infrastructure to

rebuild."

"If we do \$0.3850 it's the same as last year, and considerably lower than all these other options that we have," Place 3 council member Bruce Wadley said. "All the other options that are available to us are higher than that. If we adopt the 38-and-a-half, then we stay at the same level as last year."

"Yes, and we do not have to have a public hearing," Gregory added. The council then unanimously

voted to adopt the proposed tax rate of \$0.3850 per \$100 valua-

tion, and to place the item on the agenda for the Sept. 3 council meeting.

The notice of the 2024 property tax rate along with the notice provision for the meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate is scheduled to run in the Aug. 17 issue of the Hood County News and will be posted on the city's website.

A public hearing will also be held Sept. 3 regarding the city's proposed annual operating budget for 2024-2025.

LETTER

A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

A level playing field is the hope. One with a few divots is inevitable. Some people will do anything to win. Although, the acronym for the World Anti-Doping Agency is unfortunate, it does its best to level the playing field.

One of my goals was to coach gymnastics but if history was any indicator, I am not sure I would have been welcomed into this world of play. Winning was important but sportsmanship was more important. That was a lesson I learned from Mama. She was heavily involved with Junior Golf. I can remember riding around the course with her during the Junior Golf tournament. After shanking a shot on number four fairway, one of the golfers had some sort of meltdown and hurled his club into the adjacent trees. With his hands on his knees, wagging his head back and forth in frustration, he looked up to see Mama sitting there looking straight

He came over to the cart and apologized to Mama. I got out of the cart to give them a moment. They just talked and after a few minutes, he was back on the course in a calmer manner. The thing about Mama was that you win gracefully and you lose gracefully but you behave yourself on the course at all times. That was the bottom line.

As a child, I was pretty good at a couple of sports diving, water ballet, gymnastics, horseback riding ... I enjoyed them all but I didn't have a competitive bone in my body. I simply enjoyed the activities.

Doping seems to be a recurring theme regardless of the sport. I remember assisting my friend at horse shows — For those horses who placed first through third, I caught the tee-tee while Dr. Hoffman pulled the

Watching the Paris Olympics — witnessing how talented these athletes are and knowing how much effort they exert for their specialties ... impressive doesn't come close to the feeling. I am amazed at today's difficulty levels from years past. The world of sports seems to change with the wind.

All we ask for is a level playing field. Sportsmanship should not be a dying art.

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Questions: Call 817-573-7066 or contact Publisher Sam Houston.

Three cyclists injured at 16th Annual Blazin' Saddle 75

BY LAUREN DAVIS

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TOLAR — A hit-and-run incident during the 16th Annual Blazin' Saddle 75 cycling event left three participants injured. The event, held at Granbury Middle School, attracted more than 1,000 cyclists. The accident occurred early Saturday morning as the cyclists navigated a section of

According to the Tolar Volunteer Fire Department's

Facebook posts, Chad Hamm was on the scene and rendered aid alongside the individual, an older man, who hit the cyclists. After a few moments, the older man got back into his car and drove

The Tolar Volunteer Fire Department requested help searching for a silver Nissan Rogue (year unknown) involved in the hit-and-run on Hill City Highway just south of Tolar. The car was reported to be found shortly after

the incident.

Social media contributor Mike Donnelly posted about the incident, stating the driver later turned himself in to the police. Two injured cyclists were airlifted to the hospital, while the third was transported by ambulance. The current medical status of the injured cyclists remains unknown.

The accident has sparked discussions on social media about the safety of the intersections along the route.

Facebook user Lisa Kiechler highlighted the dangers, recounting a close call with a cyclist hidden by overhanging tree branches.

Local authorities are investigating the incident. Hood County News will report further as details become

The Blazin' Saddle 75, a well-known event in the cycling community, began at 7:30 a.m. at Granbury Middle School, located at 2000 Crossland Road in Granbury.

POLICE BLOTTER

Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report

The following is a breakdown of activity that occurred through the Granbury Police Department during the period of July 30-Aug 5. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

JULY 30

9:11 a.m.: theft on W. Pearl

1:22 p.m.: theft of property

on W. Doyle Street 1:57 p.m.: driver with invalid license on E. U.S. Highway 377

5:34 p.m.: theft under \$100 **One major accident, one minor accident, a warrant service and 26 traffic stops occurred this day**

JULY 31

8:44 a.m.: criminal trespass on E. U.S. Highway 377

12:07 p.m.: child found on N. Park Drive

12:29 p.m.: fraud on W. Moore Street

2:02 p.m.: auto accident involving pedestrian on N. Houston Street

5:05 p.m.: assault on Shady Grove Drive

5:15 p.m.: fraud on Waters **Edge Drive**

One major accident, three minor accidents, a warrant service and 14 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG 1

8:10 a.m.: criminal mischief on E. U.S. Highway 377

8:46 a.m.: reckless driver on E. Pearl Street

8:58 a.m.: criminal mischief on W. Atchley Drive 9:35 a.m.: theft over \$750

and under \$2,500 on W. Pearl Street 2:39 p.m.: fraud on Walters

4:53 p.m.: violation of pro-

tective order on W. Doyle Street

6:44 p.m.: theft on Summerhill Court

6:47 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on E. U.S. Highway 377 9:43 p.m.: criminal trespass on E. U.S. Highway 377

10:25 p.m.: noise disturbance on E. U.S. Highway 377 **One major accident, two minor accidents and six traffic stops occurred on this day*

2:49 a.m.: intoxicated driver on E. U.S. Highway 377

10:11 a.m.: reckless driver on E. U.S. Highway 377 10:49 a.m.: reckless driver

on Temple Hall Highway 11:21 a.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 on E. U.S. Highway 377

12:12 p.m.: loose livestock on S. Morgan Street 2:53 p.m.: fraud on

\$150,000 Chaparral Drive 5:38 p.m.: theft on E. U.S.

Highway 377 5:46 p.m.: noise disturbance

on E. U.S. Highway 377 8:01 p.m.: stolen vehicle recovered in Kilgore, Texas

8:23 p.m.: suspicious activity on E. Barton Street **Two major accidents, three minor accidents, two

warrant services and $18\ traffic$ stops occurred on this day*

12:09 a.m.: noise disturbance on E. U.S. Highway 377 12:36 a.m.: intoxicated person on Parkwood Lane

9:21 a.m.: hit-and-run accident on W. Bridge Street 10:36 a.m.: criminal trespass

on Waters Edge Drive 6:21 p.m.: child abuse on W. Doyle Street

6:37 p.m.: intoxicated person on W. Pearl Street 8:40 p.m.: noise disturbance

on E. U.S. Highway 377 9:24 p.m.: reckless driver on S. Morgan Street

9:29 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance on Paluxy Road

10:22 p.m.: noise disturbance on W. Pearl Street 11:32 p.m.: assault on E. U.S. Highway 377

11:48 p.m.: theft of a controlled substance under

available.

Two minor accidents, a warrant service and 21 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG 4

4:00 a.m.: assault of a family member on N. Plaza Drive 8:28 a.m.: loose livestock on Fall Creek Highway

2:25 p.m.: property damage on W. Pearl Street

5:53 p.m.: mentally ill person on Chesapeake Bay Court

6:22 p.m.: property damage on E. Pearl Street 7:44 p.m.: mentally ill per-

son on Siesta Court 9:26 p.m.: noise disturbance on E. U.S. Highway 377

9:46 p.m.: possession of drug paraphernalia on S. Morgan Street

One major accident and one minor accident, and 26 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG 5

10:12 a.m.: assault on Sardius Boulevard 10:26 a.m.: hit-and-run on E.

U.S. Highway 377 11:44 a.m.: animal cruelty on E. U.S. Highway 377

6:36 p.m.: child found on Crossland Road

Two warrants were served and 47 traffic stops occurred this day











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Lipan's Ator in fifth decade of firefighting



PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD ATOR

BY RICK MAUCH

Richard Ator was enjoying a cheese-

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burger in a cafe in downtown Lipan when something happened that changed his life July 5, 1974. "Melvin Rogers came running in and

shouted 'Fire west of town, get in the truck. J.B. Davis' place on Davis Road," he recalled. "Yep, my first run with the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department. Nice hot weather like today.

"I believe R.E. Light was cutting hay when it started. Whole lot of smoke, but we knocked it out with them old trucks and no protective equipment."

Ator is still serving the LVFD today, mostly in an auxiliary role and, in his words, "doing the tasks that an old, retired mechanic can see about."

ONLY A TEENAGER

Ator was only 17 when that incident happened in 1974. He said it never entered his mind to say no when he was asked to help, even though he nor anyone else in his family had ever done any firefighting.

"Things were different back then. They just grabbed any available bodies when a call came in," he said. "It was a holiday weekend and I guess I was the only one he could find."

While Ator's great-grandparents were some of the first settlers in the area, he didn't arrive until his junior year of high school in 1973. His father served in the Navy 23 years and retired when Ator was 16, after which they moved back to the family farm to take care of Ator's grandparents.

Ator said that, while her son had found a new, albeit dangerous, venture, his mother

PLEASE SEE ATOR | B7

Richard Ator, shown at a big fire in Hood County in 2022, has been with the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department for five decades.

C.A.S.T for Kids event — reeling in the smiles at True Grit Ranch

BY LAUREN DAVIS

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The Catch a Special Thrill Foundation (C.A.S.T.) is thrilled to announce a special event at True Grit Ranch in Granbury, scheduled for Oct.12, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event promises a memorable day of fishing, fun and celebration for chil

dren with special needs. Eric Sullivan, a Texas Farm Bureau Agent in Acton, and his wife Tracy, an administrative assistant for The Thomas Group in Granbury, have been instrumental in expanding the program locally.

"Our real goal in the foundation is maybe the kids will start pestering their parents to say, 'Can we go to the pond?" said Jim Behnken, program director for the Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. "Nothing beats family time and the out-

doors. Hopefully, we'll see these kids fishing with their families on their local pond next week."

A SIMPLE INVITATION

Behnken, a former fishing guide and tournament bass fisherman, brought Eric Sullivan into the program four years ago when the previous coordinators moved

"You're a fishing guy; you can probably help find some boaters!" Behnken remarked.

Sullivan agreed to help, initially believing his role would be limited to coordinating boaters and handling merchandise. However, he soon found himself deeply connected with the special children participating in the program, who quickly captured his heart.

FISHING FOR KIDS

Tracy Sullivan shared that in the fall of 2021, about 18 kids attended the Lake Granbury event. It was

here that Eric Sullivan met coach Deidra Zschiesche, the PE/Adapted PE teacher at STEAM Academy at Mambrino Elementary School in Granbury. She approached him and said, "We have about 50 special needs kids at our school. Would you consider making this a school field trip for them in the spring?"

He was thrilled at the idea of reaching more kids. "I was super excited but didn't believe there would be any way possible the school district would approve it," Eric Sullivan admitted. Following the mantra, "all we can do is ask," they made the request.

To their surprise, the school district approved the field trip.

In April 2022, the school showed up with 58 special needs kids, along with partner helpers, teachers and parents — close to 200 people.

"We were not prepared, but we prayed and knew God would work out the details," Eric Sullivan recalled. With only about 17 boaters signed up online, he worried they would be short-handed, not



Catch a special thrill (C.A.S.T.) for kids

to mention the weather. "I was extremely nervous as the buses arrived and the wind picked up," he said.

BOATERS TO THE RESCUE

"Granbury is an amazing place to live. It's a huge boating community," Tracy Sullivan said. "It is an extremely giving community of people who care about kids and lake life. And our

local boaters just kept coming that day. They heard the call, and it was like loaves and fishes. They just kept multiplying."

Despite being unprepared

and disorganized, the day turned out beautifully, with kids all smiles and adults in tears of joy, especially Zschiesche and Behnken. They broke the Texas record for the most kids in 30 years at a C.A.S.T. event that day.

PLANNING FOR MORE

Zschiesche informed the Sullivans before Christmas 2022 that nearly 70 kids had signed up for the 2023 event. At a cost of roughly \$150 per participant, the Sullivans realized they needed a big-

PLEASE SEE C.A.S.T. | B2



A C.A.S.T participant marvels at a fish.

Calm first-day-of-school jitters ize students with the lay of

Staff Reports

Starting school for the first time or simply returning to campus after another summer break can lead to mixed feelings. Kids may be excited to see their friends every day, but that comes at the price of the end of lazy summer days.

The first day of school is on the horizon, and parents may discover their children seem a bit despondent that vacation is coming to a close. Such feelings may stem from more than the end of summer vacation. Some students may be nervous about going to school. New faces, new experiences and new teachers can lead to a little anxiety. Here are some ways to tame the nerves.

DO A TRIAL RUN

Before school starts, do a test run to the drop-off lo-

cation, bus stop or pick up whomever will be carpooling together. Getting into that routine can help reduce nervousness.

PARTICIPATE IN MEET-AND-GREETS

Some schools offer certain events designed to introduce students even before classes begin. Schools may host ice cream socials or picnic lunches on school grounds, particularly for younger grades. These events give children an opportunity to get to know their classmates before the first school bell rings.

TAKE A SCHOOL TOUR

If a student is about to start in a new school or will be attending school for the first time, families will want to see if they can get tours of the school and facilities. Just one glance inside can be enough to familiarthe land, which might make things less scary on the first

CHECK THE CLASS LIST

Some schools do not provide a list of all students in particular classes, but increasingly those that rely on programs like Google Classroom or Canvas may enable students to see who will be in their class. Children also can use social apps like Instagram and Snapchat to locate schoolassociated groups to find other students. Parents and their children can brainstorm how to deal with other students who may have been difficult in the past, while also perusing lists for friendly faces.

PRACTICE CONVERSATION SKILLS

Many modern kids have their eyes locked on devices.

They may be a little rusty with ice breakers and initiating conversation. Role playing at home can give kids some ideas of how to forge new relationships in the classroom.

RECOGNIZE AND TAKE CONCERNS SERIOUSLY

Parents and other caregivers can be receptive to conversation with children regarding their concerns about starting school. Talking about feelings can help kids tame their nervousness, especially when adults take them seriously.

Children may be nervous about starting school. Parents, caregivers and teachers can work together to help students overcome these jitters quickly.

C.A.S.T.

ger team for fundraising and organization. Determined, they gathered key people, raised funds and sought donations from everyone they knew.

The students and teachers at Mambrino Elementary School organized a kickball tournament called "We Kick for Kids," raising \$1,700. This fundraiser was one of many efforts that contributed to their success CAST for Kids had so many sponsors for the April 2023 event that they almost didn't fit on the sponsor T-shirts.

Calls for boaters went out locally and on social media, attracting participants from surrounding counties and as far as Wichita Falls. They connected with a local boater, David Timm who spread the word on social media. The response was overwhelming, with over $50\,$ boaters and 50 volunteers showing up.

The 2023 event was record-breaking, with 65 kids, plus partner kids, teachers and parents totaling almost 400 people. The day was beyond their wildest dreams, filled with community support and joy.

THE FOUNDING

Founded in 1991 and becoming an official 501(c)(3) organization in 1994, the

C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation connects children with special needs and volunteers through fishing, fostering a sense of achievement and community.

Iav Yelas, executive director of C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, has been pivotal in the organization since 2015. Yelas, a well-known figure in professional bass fishing, retired in 2022 to dedicate himself full-time to the foundation. "My passion for people and for sharing the great sport of fishing with others, especially with children, is why I love C.A.S.T. for Kids. Amazing things happen at our events when so many good-hearted people volunteer to pour their love out on these chil-

dren," said Yelas. This year's May event at DeCordova Bend Park brought in 75 kids, breaking the C.A.S.T. record.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Sullivans are passionate about making the event accessible to more children. Recognizing the challenges and expenses volunteer boaters faced, they added a second event at True Grit Ranch. Children with special needs have the opportunity to experience the joy of fishing.

Participants age 6 and older will be paired with experienced volunteer anglers and equipped with a fishing rod. reel, tackle box, T-shirt and

hat. The local Farm Bureau agency often provides meals for the kids and volunteers, adding to the overall experience.

"This October event at True Grit Ranch will be more about catching fish rather than just fishing," Eric Sullivan explained. "The kids will be baiting hooks and catching fish all day, which will be much more engaging for them."

AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Eric and Tracy Sullivan are truly grateful for the dedication and love of a remarkable group of volunteers. Their selfless work not only creates memorable experiences for the children they serve at the Catch a Special Thrill events in Granbury, but also enriches the entire community.

M.J. and John Lamoreaux are at the heart of C.A.S.T events. Their unwavering support and willingness to tackle any task ensures everything runs smoothly. They are the unsung heroes. working behind the scenes to keep everything afloat and provide much-needed stability to the team.

Zschiesche is the heartbeat of these events. Her deep connection with every child and her visionary idea to turn the event into a field trip have made it possible for 75 kids to participate.

Behnken brings his expertise, heart and soul to every event. His commitment goes beyond his role; he is a friend and practically family to the team, infusing every event with warmth and dedication.

Jacque Gordon, a local Keller Williams Realtor, and her husband David, have been instrumental in supporting C.A.S.T. fundraising efforts. Their generous donations of time and money reflect their deep love for the community and its children.

Timm, a local fisherman, has been a game-changer in the quest to find boaters. His social media prowess has brought in over 50 local boaters and significant fundraising support. Through his connections, the team has also partnered with S.L.I.K. Bait Nation, which sends boxes of bait and gifts for the kids from fishing enthusiasts nationwide.

Deatra Harper of Promotions n' Motion has been invaluable with her promotional expertise. Her generous gift of items and discounts and her willingness to accommodate myriad needs and ideas make her a cherished partner in these efforts.

Jessica Behnken handles operations for the Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation. Her readiness to assist with any request ensures the events run seamlessly, no matter how unconventional the demands.

Lastly, Rebecca Mabe, managing director of the C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation, is the glue that holds everything together. Her meticulous financial management and organizational skills keep everything in line.

NOT JUST FOR LOCAL KIDS

The C.A.S.T. for Kids program has received overwhelming support from the community, including local businesses and organizations. Texas Farm Bureau has been a significant supporter as a title sponsor, providing funding and volunteers for the events.

One of the event's highlights is the human tunnel created by student volunteers to welcome the kids back from their fishing trip. "Seeing the kids run through that tunnel, greeted by cheers and high-fives, is the most special part for me," Tracy Sullivan shared. "It's a moment that brings tears to many eyes, including my own."

The upcoming event Oct. 12 is open to children from Hood County, Somervell County, and those from outside the area. The Sullivans hope this will encourage more families to get involved and bring their children.

"We want to make sure every child has the opportunity to participate," said Eric Sullivan. "Our goal is to create an inclusive environment where these kids can

have fun and make lasting memories."

Visit the organization's website for more information about the Catch a Special Thrill program for kids and to register for the October event. The Sullivans are looking forward to another successful event and to continuing to expand the program in the years to come.

In 2022, the foundation reached an all-time high with 79 events and over \$1 million in support. This success reflects the growing recognition and support for its mission to enrich the lives of children with special needs through fishing.

Registration is open for those interested in participating in the Granbury event for both children and volunteers.

Parents and guardians can register their children here: https://castforkids.jotform.com/ team/2024-event-forms/ lake-granbury-tgr-child-reg.

Volunteers can sign up here: https://castforkids. jotform.com/team/2024event-forms/lake-granburytgr-shore-volreg.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and promises a day filled with fun, learning and community spirit. For more information. contact event coordinators Eric Sullivan at 817-894-4115 or Tracy Sullivan at 817-219-4488.



Volunteers M.J. and John Lamoreaux.



Volunteer boaters get ready for their charges.



COURTESY PHOTO

Two event participants are amazed by their catch.







COURTESY PHOTO

Mambrino Elementary students come together to form a human tunnel for Catch a Special Thrill kids to run through.

An event participant is pleased with the day's catch.

Civil War Round Table to meet in September



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.

🕇 he North Central Texas Civil War Round Table does not meet during the months of June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Sept. 9, when Dr. Anne J. Bailey, professor emeritus, Georgia State University, will speak about the actions of the Texas cavalry in opposing Union Gen. William T. Sherman's "March to the Sea" in 1864. This will be the second half of a program that Dr. Bailey initiated in our April meeting.

AUGUST IN THE CIVIL WAR

On Aug. 3, 1862, Union Gen. George McClellan was ordered to abandon his campaign in the Virginia peninsula and return with the Army of the Potomac to the Washington, D.C. area. Upon learning this, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee began moving the remainder (Stonewall Jackson's corps had already departed) of the Army of Northern Virginia from the peninsula to northern Virginia, where Union Gen. John Pope's Army of Virginia was preparing an offensive action against Richmond. It was Lee's hope to defeat the Army of Virginia before it could be joined by the Army of the Potomac, in which event the Union numbers would be insurmountable.

Pope, awaiting reinforcement by McClellan, fell back along the Rappahannock River. On Aug. 26, the

Confederate army reached Manassas Junction, the area where the Battle of Bull Run had been fought the previous year. Over the next four davs — referred to as Second Bull Run or Second Manassas — the Confederates, outnumbered by roughly three to two, defeated the Union Army of Virginia, poorly led by Pope, and forced it to withdraw to Centreville, west of Washington, D.C. The South suffered a total of 9,297 casualties, while Union

losses numbered 16, 054. Elsewhere, small battles and skirmishes occurred across the nation, from the New Mexico Territory, where federal troops defeated the Confederate force retreating from Santa Fe to Pinckney Island, S. Carolina, where a night-time raid by Confederate troops inflicted casualties on a Union company protecting freed slaves on the island.

DID YOU KNOW?

The July 1862, Battle of Apache Pass was a harbinger of the Union's strife with Indians. On Aug. 17, 1862, the Sioux, facing semistarvation on their reservations in

Minnesota, revolted, murdering a number of settlers near Acton, Minnesota. Union troops under Col. Henry Hastings Sibley (not to be confused with Confederate Gen. Henry Hopkins Sibley) finally defeated the Indians at Wood Lake Sept. 23. It is estimated the uprising took somewhere between 450 and 600 lives. Subsequently, 38 Sioux were executed for their part in the murders.

The North Central Texas Civil War Round Table meets the second Monday of each month, except in June, July and August, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Bar-B-Que, 317 East U.S Highway 377 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.



Gen. John Pope

HOOD OUTDOORS

Some basic fishing guidelines to help out on the water



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. The Granbury resident of 30 years has been fishing all his life and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

Fishing reports, magazines,

validate our sources of infor-

mation as anglers do have a

reputation of stretching the

truth. Fishing with a guide

the quickest ways to learn

though that patterns and

a body of water. Remember

fishing are not exact scienc-

es. What worked yesterday

may not work today. This is

where experience comes into

play. Everyone can catch fish

when the fish are real active;

the real trick is to be able to

catch fish when others can't.

Here are some facts that

may help you on the water

for most of our Texas res-

ervoirs. Remember though

that each fishing trip is dif-

ferent. I like to say each trip

Fish will bite year-round,

that the best-known feeding

times of the year are when

the water is at the best tem-

perature for the species you

species you seek. You should

seek. This goes along with

knowing the habits of the

but it goes without saying

is a "new adventure," as it

really is.

on a body of water is one of

TV shows, etc., help us all.

We do have to be sure to

There are few generalities that apply to most every species of fish. Other details are specific to a certain species. What we know is that the majority of the fish caught are generally from a small percentage of the available anglers and the fish caught are generally in a relatively small portion of a body of water. Learning is good, and hopefully the guidelines I discuss herein will help. Most are obvious, but a few

of these may not be. It is generally known that most anglers can increase their success by becoming intimately familiar with the species of fish they seek. This includes how they move and feed based on tempera-

ture and season. Although there are several ways of increasing fishing knowledge, there are no substitutes for on-the-water experience. I don't know of any accomplished angler who was proficient immediately after watching a couple of fishing shows or reading a couple of magazines. Don't get me wrong, there is valuable information in books and on TV, there is just no

replacement for experience. Most every angler on the

also choose a presentation that generally matches the forage for the species you seek, and that choice should match the size and type that is available in the body of water they reside in. water will take advantage of the knowledge and experience of other anglers.

When presenting that bait make sure you position the bait for the best bite. You might ask yourself a few questions about the species you seek. For instance, is the species you seek a sight feeder? Does the species feed up or down (are their eyes on the top of their head)? Are the fish suspended or on the bottom? Getting the bait at the right depth can make all the difference.

Be persistent, work different areas and use your graph to locate fish. If they are not biting there, you should generally move on. Sometimes when fishing, you may be at the right place, but you might have to wait for them to feed. This again is where experience on the water comes into play.

Fish will eat less when the water is cold (below 65 degrees) and will obviously have to feed more with an increase in water temperature. The point here is that colder water will generally have the fish feeding less often. Less often or not, the fish will feed in the winter. From a striped bass angler's point of view, the winter is generally one of the better times of the year to catch fish. Stripers do prefer cooler water more so

than most other species in

Colors on lures can make a difference. Fish are generally more sensitive to the color red, however red can only be seen at short distances in the water. Blue or purple can be seen better down deep. The general rule among most anglers is to use light colors or actual baitfish colors on clear days and darker colors on overcast days or in stained or deeper water presentations. Adding scents can improve your bite. Fish have senses and if you can arouse those senses you will get more bites.

The warmer the water, the faster you should work your bait. This may not always be true, but generally predators will be more apt to chase bait the warmer the water gets.

Fish will generally not be as active during a weather event. Before the event, the fish may feed heavily. Rising waters will have the fish moving upstream or in the shallows. Conversely, falling water will generally have the fish moving deeper or downstream.

During spawning, feeding activity may be reduced, though some species will be more protective of an area and strike to defend it. On the other hand, spawning time can congregate fish and make them easier to catch. For instance, crappie will move into the shallows and will be easier to catch. In ad-

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dition, sand bass spawning runs are always popular as these fish tend to congregate on the upper ends of a reservoir making them even easier to catch.

Most Texas predators are sight feeders, such as bass, sunfish, hybrids and stripers. Look for clearer water when the lake muddies up, except if you are fishing for catfish. Catfish really turn on in muddy flowing water.

Cloudy nights will more than likely improve the bite during the day, especially during a full moon. Watch the moon charts as these can give you key information on the feeding times for wildlife and fish.

Falling barometric pressure can improve the bite whereas rising pressure is known to slow the bite.

Cloud cover, rain and some wind will improve fishing in the summer. All of these will cool the water a little in the summer, which is generally known to improve fishing. Wind in the summer may also improve the oxygen levels in the water and may congregate the baitfish near windblown banks.

Fishing year-round of course will allow anglers to pattern fish at any time of the year. Once patterned, your chances for a great day improve tremendously. It is a good idea to document the facts including the weather and any other important detail in a fishing log. These

log entries will be useful in future trips. There will be slow days and there will be good days. For those anglers first starting out, there will probably be more slow days, but that will change with your time and experience on the water.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures are in the upper 80s to low 90s and the water level is normal. A thermocline is present and is about 15 to 22 feet down, depending on where you are. Striped bass continue to be fair to good to 12 pounds on live bait on the lower ends. Sand bass are schooling on several areas of the lake with some good reports coming from Indian Harbor, the Shores and near DeCordova Bend Estates. Crappies are good on small jigs and minnows and are being caught midlake on submerged timber with some good reports coming from around Water's Edge. Catfish are active and best at night on cut and prepared baits. Some big blue catfish are being caught on the upper ends. Largemouth bass are reported as slow to fair on crankbaits and soft plastics fished near creek entrances and near shaded docks. Some good largemouth reports are coming from the river near Tin Top.

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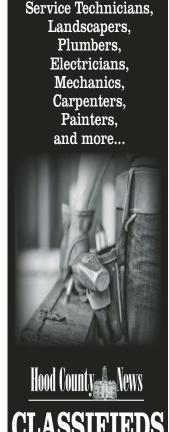
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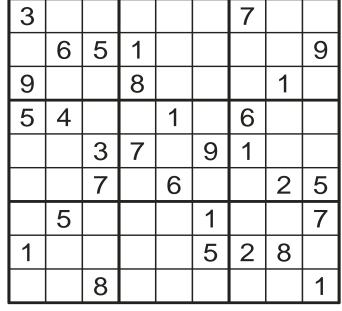
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Unique holidays to celebrate Aug. 9-11

BY LAUREN DAVIS

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As summer rolls on, Aug. 9, 10, and 11 bring a variety of quirky and delightful holidays that offer unique ways to celebrate. From indulging in sweet treats to embracing relaxation and honoring state pride, these days provide opportunities for fun and reflection.

NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY

Aug. 9 is a day rich with significance and celebration. The first notable holiday is National Book Lovers Day, a time for bibliophiles to rejoice in their love for reading. This observance doesn't have a clear origin, but it has grown in popularity as people celebrate their favorite books and authors. Calendarr.com suggests it's also the perfect time to rearrange your bookshelves if you've been meaning to do that for a while.

To celebrate National Book Lovers Day, individuals can visit local bookstores, participate in book club discussions, or simply enjoy a good read at home. This holiday

promotes literacy and encourages people to explore new authors and genres.

NATIONAL VEEP DAY

Another important holiday Aug. 9 is National Veep Day, marking the resignation of President Richard Nixon and the ascension of Gerald Ford to the presidency Aug. 9.1974.

Ford succeeded Nixon as the president of the United States after the latter's resignation amid the Watergate scandal, according to Anydayguide.com. While the day itself is solemn, it serves as a reminder of the importance of leadership transitions in American history.

NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

Aug. 10 offers a variety of celebrations. National S'mores Day, established by the National Confectioners Association in 2003, is dedicated to the iconic campfire treat of marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers. Families often gather to make s'mores, enjoying the sweet and gooey treat.

People can celebrate by hosting s'mores parties, trying different variations of

the treat, or simply enjoying the classic recipe. This holiday encourages people to take a break from their busy lives and savor simple pleasures.

NATIONAL LAZY DAY

Another Aug. 10 holiday is National Lazy Day, which encourages people to take a break and embrace relaxation. Nationaltoday.com suggests the reason there is so little information about the origin of National Lazy Day is because researchers "got lazy" and did not finish

The whole point of National Lazy day is to embrace doing nothing. Nationaltoday.com recommends playing some songs to keep you entertained, " like the 2010 song by Bruno Mars, titled 'The Lazy Song,' or grabbing a copy of 'The Myth of Laziness' by Mel Levine to better understand and debunk myths surrounding laziness and its impact on our productivity."

SPOIL YOUR DOG DAY

For pet lovers, Spoil Your Dog Day Aug. 10 is a perfect opportunity to pamper furry friends. Although the origin of this holiday is unknown, it has been embraced by dog owners across the country.

Pet enthusiast Louise Fiolek offers budget-friendly ideas in her article on Pethelpful.com. Suggestions range from taking your canine for a walk to setting up an obstacle course, going on a picnic, teaching them a new trick and reading your dog a story. Fiolek's list includes making art, videotaping your pet and a spa day ... for the dog.

NATIONAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS DAY

National Sons and Daughters Day, celebrated Aug. 11, is dedicated to spending time with children and appreciating family bonds. Although its origin is not clear, this day encourages families to create lasting memories together.

Holidaycalendar.io indicates the day was first observed in the early 2000s and has been gaining in popularity through the media ever

The site lists activities that promote family togetherness such as game night,

volunteering together, taking a cooking class together, and making a scrapbook – together.

PRESIDENTIAL JOKE DAY

Presidential Joke Day is another holiday observed Aug. 11, celebrating jokes made by or about U.S. presidents. According to Julia Davis' article on Mentalfloss.com, the holiday began with a gaff by then President Ronald Reagan.

During a sound check for a radio broadcast, he made a joke. "My fellow Americans," he said, "I'm pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

Reagan was not aware, however, that his feed was live. And unfortunately, not everyone got the joke. Soviet officials got word of the broadcast and put the military on high alert.

Once the threat of nuclear war had abated, Americans found the situation hilarious, and decided to memorialize Reagan's famous quip by instituting National Presidential Joke Day Aug.

NATIONAL RASPBERRY BOMBE DAY

The bombe, also known as "bombe glacée" in French, is a frozen dessert with a rich history. It comes from France, known for its innovative cooking. The name "bombe" refers to its round shape, similar to a cannonball, hinting at its burst of flavor.

While its creation date of Aug. 11 is not specified, Journee-mondiale.com suggests it offers a delicious way to cool off in the summer. Bakers and dessert enthusiasts use this day to create and share raspberry bombe recipes.

Aug. 9, 10, and 11 offer diverse opportunities to celebrate and reflect, each with its own unique charm. Whether indulging in s'mores, relaxing, pampering pets, honoring history or enjoying sweet desserts, these holidays remind people to cherish the small pleasures and connections in life.



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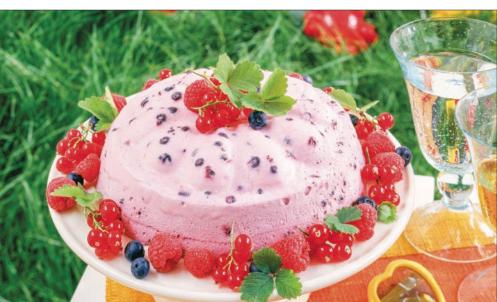
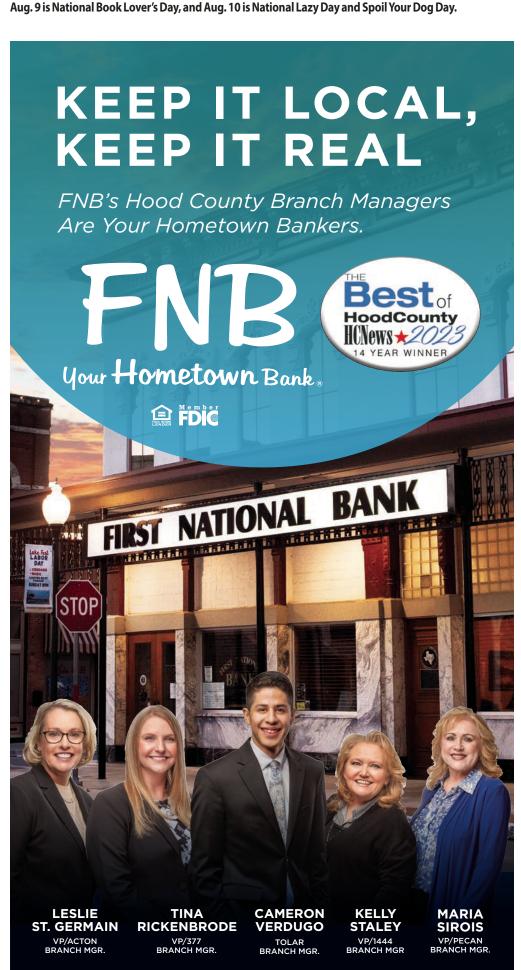


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Raspberry Bombe Day is Sunday, Aug. 11; many folks will be enjoying the delightful frozen dessert that is both beautiful and delicious.



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With the first week of practices behind them, area volleyball teams are competing in scrimmages this weekend and will start the regular season next week.

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Flyers qualify two for national event

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the **Hood County News**

wo members of the **Hood County Flyers** wrapped up their summer season by qualifying for the 2026 State Games of America. They did so with their performances at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas in Brownsville recently.

Brendan Thorne qualified in two events in the Boys 14-Under division. He placed second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 52 seconds and was also runner-up in the 3200, clocking a 10:46. Both are personal records.

Wylie Barstow qualified by placing second in the Boys 12-Under 80 hurdles, also posting a personal-record time of 13.30 seconds. He narrowly missed qualifying in a second event, placing fourth in the long jump, and was also eighth in the high jump.

The 2026 State Games of America will be held in State College, Pennsylvania July 28-Aug. 2.

Also competing for the Flyers in Brownsville were:

Ethan Garcia, ninth in Boys

16U high jump. Luis Morales, 17th in Boys 16H 800

Aubrey Ross, 14th in Girls 12U 1600.

SEALS SWIMMING

The Granbury SEALS swim team ended its summer competition in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation by competing in the Games of Texas recently in Brownsville.

Leading the SEALS was Jude Ward, who won gold medals in three events in Boys 11-12 age group. He won the 50-yard butterfly, 50 freestyle and 100 individual medley.

TAAF Games of Texas at Brownsville

Granbury SEALS results Distances in yards

MALES

Herbert Baker, 11-12: 18th in 50 Butterfly, 42.83

Noah Wagnon, 11-12: Fifth in 50 Back, 36.31; seventh in 50 Free, 29.36

Jude Ward, 11-12: First in 50 Fly, 29.98; first in 50 Free, 27.24; first in 100 IM, 1:08.77

Kyle Brawner, 13-14: Seventh in 50 Back, 32.20; 10th in 50 Breast, 36.98; ninth in 50 Fly, 31.96; fifth in 200 Free, 2:19.30

Adler Snow, 13-14: 10th in 50 Back, 33.64; 12th in 50 Fly, 32.52; ninth in 100 IM, 1:14.36

FEMALES

Eliana Sanchez, 8-Under: 10th in 50 Free, 44.03; 11th in 25 Fly, 25.72

Harper Fox, 11-12: Seventh in 100 Free, 1:07.88; third in 50 Back, 35.85; eighth in 50 Fly, 35.36; fifth in 100 IM,

1:18.84 Lilli McKelvy, 11-12: Second in 50 Back, 35.70

Annabel Ross, 11-12: Seventh in 50 Breast, 42.23; sixth in 50 Fly, 34.36

Elizabeth Zieschang, 11-12: Fourth in 100 Free, 1:05.45; fourth in 50 Breast, 40.59; second in 50 Fly, 33.48; second in 100 IM, 1:17.77

11-12 200 Medley Relay: McKelvy, Zieschang, Ross,

Fox, third, 2:23.24 11-12 200 Freestyle





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Brendan Thorne (yellow shirt) and Wylie Barstow of the Hood County Flyers track team have each qualified for the 2026 State Games of America in State College, Pennsylvania.

Relay: Fox, Ross, McKelvy, Zieschang, fourth, 2:11.71

JOHNSTON SIXTH IN USATF JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Elijah Johnston of Granbury ran the second leg of the 4x100-meter relay for Xpress Track Club out of Fort Worth in the recent USA Track and Field Junior Olympics in Bryan/College Station. Competing in the Boys 17-18 age group, the team placed fifth with a time of 40.58 in the final after clocking a 40.85 for sixth in

the preliminaries. Johnston, who will be a senior this school year, finished third in the state in the 200 dash at this past season's UIL State Meet.

Also competing at Bryan/ College Station was Malachi Dolan. He ran a personal-record time of 5:28.36 to place 26th in the Boys 9-10 1500.

JUNIOR GOLF

Quinn Bradley of Granbury continued a strong summer by finishing second in the Boys 15-18 division of the North Texas PGA Junior Golf Medalist Tour in a tournament at Fort Worth's Waterchase course. He posted nine-hole rounds of 37 and 40 for a 77 total, one stroke out of the lead.

Also, Lipan's Jack Smith tied for fifth in the Boys 13-14 division, shooting 45 and 38 for an 83 total.

VOLLEYBALL SET TO START With the first week of practices behind them, area volleyball teams are competing

in scrimmages this weekend and will start the regular season next week. Scrimmages this Saturday, Aug. 10 have Granbury at Euless Trinity and Tolar at Poolville.

To open the regular season, the Lady Pirates travel to Stephenville Monday, Aug. 12 for a 6 p.m. start. The Lady Rattlers open at home against North Central Texas Academy at 6:30 p.m. Aug.

Both Granbury and Tolar are in tournaments next weekend. The Lady Pirates are in the John Turner Classic in Pearland Aug. 15-17 and the Lady Rattlers are in the Brock Tournament Aug. 16-17.

FOOTBALL STARTING

Practices are underway for

football teams throughout the state, with scrimmages soon and regular-season openers right around the corner. Also, both Granbury and Tolar will enter the 2024 season with new head coaches.

The Pirates, led by Bobby Allison, will scrimmage at Saginaw Aug. 23. The Rattlers, with Blake Mouser at the helm, will play two scrimmages. They travel to Cisco Aug. 15 and host Jacksboro Aug. 22.

The regular season begins Aug. 30 for both Granbury and Tolar. The Rattlers open at Peaster and the Pirates host Waco High, both games kicking off at 7 p.m.



Tolar Summer Ba

Tolar High School band started its summer marching camp last week July 29 in preparation for the 2024 marching season.











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Tarleton State University senior Conner Prince wins silver at Olympics



Conner Prince becomes the first competitor in school history to earn a medal in an Olympic event, according to university archives.

Tarleton State University

CHATEAUROUX, France — Tarleton State University senior manufacturing and industrial management major Conner Prince took home silver for the USA in Olympic men's skeet shooting at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre.

He becomes the first competitor in school history to earn a medal in an Olympic event, according to

Ahead of the final, Prince registered a 124 to equal the qualifying Olympic record, joining Italy's Tammaro Cassandro and Chinese Taipei's Meng Yuan Lee atop the leaderboard.

Also joining Prince in the finals was his teammate and coach, Vincent Hancock, who won gold in 2008, 2012 and 2020. Other finalists included Sweden's Stefan Nilsson and Peru's Nicolas Espinosa Pacheco.

In the finals, the Tarleton Texan hit 42 of his first 43 targets. He would go on to connect on 48 of 50 overall, tying Hancock for first and forcing additional shots to determine a winner. The final tally would be 58 for Hancock and 57 for Prince. Lee took home bronze.

Prior to the Olympics, Prince expressed that it hadn't fully hit him yet what was about to transpire.

"It's a dream come true," he said at the time. "But to be honest, it hasn't really set in that I'm going to the Olympics."

Now the Burleson native can say that not only did he make the USA team, but he earned a medal while representing his country.

National Cowgirl Hall of Fame to induct Tarleton State Alumna Hampton

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Former Tarleton State University rodeo standout J.J. Hampton has been selected for induction into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort

Induction ceremonies are scheduled for Nov. 12 at Dickies Arena.

While it might be hard to believe after such a successful run in the sport, becoming a hall of fame rodeo star wasn't the initial plan.

After completing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice, Hampton, a 1993 graduate, held a career goal to become a lawyer.

"Right after graduation I sold my horse because I was planning on going to law school," she said. "That didn't work out, so I went into pro rodeo.

"God works in mysterious ways. If I'd gone to law school, I'd never have been an 18-time world champion."

Already featured in the Tarleton State Rodeo Hall of Fame, the Texas Rodeo Cowboys Hall of Fame, the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Cowboy Capital Walk of Fame, Hampton sees her

latest honor as a unique one. "This is the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame," she said. "There are people in there from all over the country. It's quite an honor. I don't really have the words to say how much this means

"It's a legacy for my family, my kids and grandkids, something for all of us to cherish. It's pretty special to know that people are going to walk through the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame for years to come and I'll have my own little star there."

Born and raised in Stephenville, Hampton competed in her first rodeo at 4 years old. A roper for Tarleton State's rodeo team, she was inducted to the university's Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2014. Her pro rodeo career includes 18

Women's Professional Rodeo Association world championships and 25 national

Hampton, still active in professional rodeo, owns J.J. Hampton Realty in Stephenville and produ the annual Johnny Wayne Hampton Memorial Roping in honor of her late father, benefiting a scholarship fund for Tarleton State students.

Set to be inducted with Hampton are Californian Beth Cross, Canadian Kaila Mussell and The Pack Horse Library Project, headquartered in Kentucky.



Tarleton State University alumna J.J. Hampton will be inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Nov. 12 at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth.

TSU Soccer adds Stephenville native Bayleigh Chaviers to 2024 coaching staff

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State women's soccer head coach Pete Cuadrado announced the addition of former professional and Division I women's soccer player Bayleigh Chaviers, who joins the Texans' staff ahead of the 2024-25 season.

Chaviers spent 10 seasons playing at or above the high school level including a pair of professional stops in Iceland and with the Chicago Red Stars of the

"I am super excited to add Bayleigh to our coaching staff," Cuadrado said. "Her success playing at the collegiate and professional levels will help continue to push our program forward."

Chaviers enjoyed a four-year prep career at Stephenville High School, where she was a threesport star. She helped the Honeybees to a pair of area and bidistrict championships as well as a district title. During her time, she was a two-time First Team All-District selection. She also



Former professional and Division I women's soccer player Bayleigh Chaviers joins the Texans' staff ahead of the 2024-25 season.

won District MVP and was named Academic All-State following her senior season. As an underclassman she earned Offensive MVP as a sophomore and Honorable Mention All-District as a

freshman. She was also a four-year letterwinner in track and a three-year letterwinner in basketball. Chaviers made academics a priority, earning recognition on the Academic All-District squads in each of her 11 letter-winning athletic

Following her outstanding prep career, she took her talents to Coral Gables to play in the ACC for Miami University. During her three seasons as a Hurricane, she started all 50 games she played in. During her sophomore and junior campaigns, she started every game, one of three Hurricanes to ac-

complish the feat during that span. She totaled three goals and seven assists to accumulate 13 points. She had 37 shots, with 19 on goal. Chaviers logged 4,378 minutes during her collegiate career.

"I am very thankful for the opportunity to join the staff at Tarleton," said Chaviers. "It's been awesome to see NCAA Division 1 soccer come to Stephenville. I am really excited to get started!"

Chaviers signed to play professionally in Iceland for a pair of seasons following her collegiate playing days. She played for two seasons for Fjardab Höttur Leiknir (FHL). After a pair of seasons she chose to return to the United States. She spent time with the Chicago Red Stars of the NWSL in 2023 before she suffered a career-ending injury in the preseason.

Following her professional soccer career, she has returned home before joining the staff ahead of the 2024-25 academic year at Tarleton State. She currently lives in Stephenville.

Red Cross offers back-to-school safety tips

From Staff Reports

As children return to school, safety remains a key concern for parents and caregivers. The Red Cross offers tips for both children and drivers to make this school year a safe one.

If your student is going to school for the first time, be sure they know their name, phone number address and how to get in touch with their parents, as well as how to call another trusted adult and call 911. Stress to them the importance of not talking to strangers or accepting rides from people they don't know.

Teach young children attending school for the first time to walk on the sidewalk; if no sidewalk is present, they should walk facing traffic. Show them how to look left and right to make sure no cars are coming. Crossing the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals and staying in the crosswalk are all important lessons. Stress never running out into the street or in between parked cars.

If you have a student taking the bus, they should be taught to get to the bus stop early and stand away from the curb while they wait for the bus to arrive. Boarding the bus should only be done once the bus has come to a complete stop and they have been instructed by the bus driver or attendant to board the bus. They should never board another bus, and they should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.

A student who rides their bike to school should always wear a helmet and ride on the right in the same direction the traffic is going.

A child who is driven to school should be taught that passengers wear a seat belt at all times. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lapshoulder belt fits properly, which is between the ages of 8-12 for most children with a height over 4'9." Children should ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

If you have a teenager driving to school, make sure they use seatbelts. Stress to them the importance of not using their cell phone while at the wheel and to avoid eating or drinking beverages while driving.

Parents who are considering acquiring a cell phone for their children can download the free Red Cross First Aid and Emergency Apps to give them access to first aid tips for common emergencies and real-time weather alerts. Find the apps in the smart phone app store by searching the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/ apps.

If your student is on a sports team, make sure they wear protective gear, protective pads, etc. Remind them to warm up and cool down and stress the importance of staying hydrated. Also encourage them to watch out for others. Athletes should know the location of the closest first aid kit and AED.

Drivers, too, need to freshen up on the protocol for driving during the school year. The most important thing to remember is to slow down. Yellow flashing lights



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As children return to school, safety remains a key concern for parents and caregivers. A child who is driven to school should be taught that passengers wear a seat belt at all times.

indicate the bus is getting ready to stop so slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights indicate the bus is stopped and children are boarding or exiting the bus.

Motorists must stop when they are behind the bus, meeting the bus or approaching the intersection

where the bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must stop also until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways.

Where physical barriers such as grassy medians,

guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.

As the new school year proceeds, it is prudent to remember these safety tips and remind students throughout the year.

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was pleased and proud of his

"It really did please my mother that I was involved in something that gave back to the community," he said. "I have received a lot of joy over the years knowing I was able to help others even just a little."

LOTS OF MEMORIES

Ator said he has plenty of good memories and a few things he wishes he could forget during the years that he was an emergency medical

"There was a gas well fire about 30 years ago that we put out and saved a rig from burning," he said. "The allnight Big L fire a couple years ago, I was up all night driving a tanker supplying the brush trucks. I've been to a few house fires over the years that we were able to save the structure."

But he said his biggest joy came from doing the fire prevention program for pre-K and kindergarten for 20 years. He recalled an incident involving a child several years ago that still stands out in his memory.

"We got called out to the Brazos River for a missing child. It was one of those calls that everybody from everywhere come help," he said. "About 45 minutes into the search, they found the kid asleep in the back of his dad's car. Big mix of emotions from very mad about wasting the resource to total relief that he was okay.'

Concerning other memorable moments, he said, "Most fires have been when

it is hot and dry, lots of dust. We made many calls to car wrecks at night in the cold rain, been times when roads were iced over, and we would just drive down the bar ditches to get to a scene."

STILL ACTIVE

Though he stopped doing fire calls a couple years ago, Ator said he would still if there were not enough firefighters available. He still attends meetings and does whatever is needed from him to assist with the training of new members.

Among his tasks these days is taking trucks to Granbury for the annual pump test, along with various other functions that need to be done during normal work hours. And while he hasn't said how long he'll serve, he feels honored to have helped the department grow over the



COURTESY PHOTO

Richard Ator (left) and James Ward at a fire prevention day at Lipan ISD in 2013.

years, keeping his friends and neighbors safe as best he can.

"I have been blessed to be involved in a VFD that grew from a couple worn-out county dump trucks converted to brush trucks to a fully equipped modern department with many amazing volunteers that give many hours of their time every year," he

"It's been an honor to have grown in the fire service under so many of the men of Lipan that I have known. And I have enjoyed teaching so many young men and women over the past few years while watching them learn and move up into leadership roles.'





Bowling GAME



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'ey kids! Get ready to strike up some fun because August 10th is National Bowling Day - a day dedicated to one of the coolest indoor sports around! If you're looking for a fun activity to enjoy with friends and family, then bowling might just be

the perfect game for you. Bowling is a game where players roll a heavy ball down a long lane, aiming to knock down as many pins as possible. It's like a giant game of skittles, but with a twist! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, everyone can enjoy a day at the bowling alley.

On National Bowling

Day, bowling alleys across the country celebrate by offering special deals and promotions. It's the perfect opportunity to gather your friends and family for a day of bowling fun!

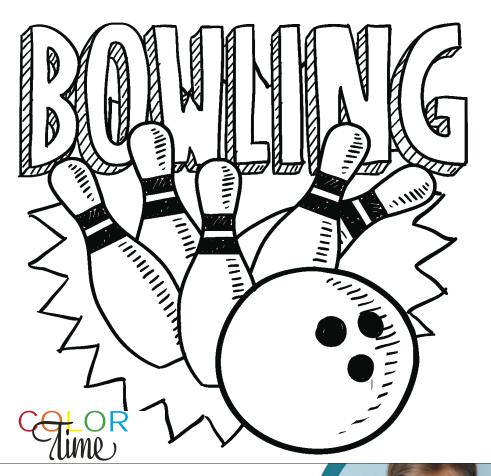
So, how can you celebrate National Bowling Day? Well, vou could start by organizing a bowling outing with your friends. Get together at your local bowling alley, pick out some cool bowling shoes, and hit the lanes for a few games. You can challenge each other to see who can knock down the most pins or even try out some fun trick shots!

If you're feeling competitive, why not join a bowling league and show off your

skills on the lanes? Bowling leagues are a great way to meet new friends, improve your game, and have a ton of fun in the process.

No matter how you choose to celebrate. National Bowling Day is all about having a great time with friends and family. So grab your bowling shoes, pick up a ball, and let's hit the lanes on August 10th for a day of bowling fun!

Remember, the most important thing is to have fun and enjoy the time spent with your loved ones. Happy National Bowling Day, everyone!





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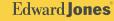




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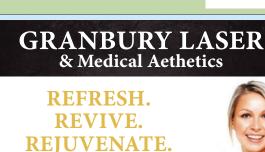
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LIFESTYLE

Local duo launches brand 'Lew' app for dementia support



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Casey Click, left, and Lacy Barton, right, are the creators of the "Lew" app, which is designed to alleviate some of the stress caregiving can cause while caring for a loved one with dementia.

BY ASHLEY TERRY

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Caring for someone with dementia can often feel like wandering through a maze of confusion and obstacles – but thanks to Casey Click and Lacy Barton, assistance is now just a "click" away!

The Bluff Dale residents recently created an innovative app designed to simplify caregiving, while also providing essential tools and support that make the journey a little less daunting and a lot more manageable.

Named after Click's dad, Lew — who had close ties to the Granbury community as an employee at Wiley Funeral Home — the app was designed to alleviate some of the stress caregiving can cause while caring for a loved one with dementia.

"Daddy had dementia for over seven years before he passed away," Click said. "I also had a grandfather on one side and a grandmother on the other side that suffered with dementia. It's been a prevalent part of my life since I was little. I took my experiences with each of my loved ones and combined them into something I hope can help caregivers and loved ones on their difficult journey through dementia."

Click said the idea for the app surfaced when she was at Barnes & Noble one day. As she was browsing the magazine section, thoughts of her parents surfaced — in particular how her father's dementia had robbed him of the ability to enjoy books due to his dwindling atten-

"There's a million different magazines in Barnes & Noble, and I thought, 'Well, I should make daddy a website where

you could read little snippets of things," Click said, "By the time I got out of there, my brain had pretty much exploded all over the place. I always carry a notebook with me, so I was just writing all kinds of things down. I thought, 'Oh no, it could be an app,' ... I was taking experiences from my grandparents, my mom and my dad on what they can use, so I thought 'OK, I'll create an app named Lew.' It just seemed kind of

After the idea took shape, Click embarked on her journey to develop the app, starting with a basic concept outlined in a PowerPoint presentation. Following a recommendation from her cousin, she connected with a developer based in New York City. However, when she received their quote, it exceeded her budget, leading her to seek out donors to help finance the project.

It wasn't until Click spoke at the Stephenville Optimist Club that her vision finally gained traction — especially from her friend, Barton, who recognized the potential in her concept.

"I heard her speak and heard her passion. She poured her heart into this," Barton said. "And I was like, 'Wow, I need to be a part of this somehow -— more than just the friend that conforms ideas,' so, I talked to my husband until we got her development to step off the ground."

'CLICK'ING INTO ACTION

With Barton completely on board, the "Lew" app officially launched in June 2023, offering assistance to not only those suffering with dementia, but for their caregivers as well.

Utilizing features like a cal-

endar, checklist, messaging, photo albums and a section titled "What is my loved one seeing?" the app serves as a tool to enhance communication between caregivers and

those with dementia. According to Click, the app is available for free in the App Store, with a subscription fee of \$1.99 per month. Caregivers can set it up on their loved one's phone, maintaining complete control. The app allows caregivers to schedule gentle reminders, set up a daily calendar, and provide essential prompts, such as reminders for their loved ones to brush their teeth, which can alleviate some of the stress on caregivers.

"We're kind of letting Lew do the reminding, so maybe there's less stress on the caregiver," she said.

Click also mentioned a feature designed for users who often express a desire to go home or easily forget names. Caregivers can upload pictures and videos of family members, homes, and familiar places — helping their loved ones recognize and remember important people and locations, like doctor's offices, churches or their own

The app also includes valuable resources for caregivers, covering topics like hospice care, scams, self-care and the stages of dementia. A list of the loved one's medications can also be easily shared as a

PDF for routine doctor visits. "If you're caregiving to anyone, then you do not have time to sit and focus and try to figure out an app," Barton said. "So, it was very important to us to have something that's simple, that's pleasing to the eye, and not something that's overwhelming. That

was kind of an important

thing for us."

"Everything just kind of clicked well," Click said. "No pun intended."

BUILDING SUPPORT

Although the app has been released for a year now, Click said it hasn't gotten as much traction as they were initially expecting.

The app currently has 67 active users and 267 users who have engaged with the app at least once in the past 30 days — although most of the users aren't local.

"A lot more people download 'Lew' in Germany than do here," Click said. "I don't know why, but they're seeing

something.' As a way to garner more visibility for their app, the pair launched the initiative, "An Evening with Lew," held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Granbury Church of Christ and broad-

casted on Facebook Live. "Anytime that we speak, what we want to do is not sell the app; we want to promote

awareness," Click said. Click also shared her personal connection to the cause, mentioning her battle with breast cancer and her father's struggle with dementia. She highlighted the stark contrast in public support between the two conditions, noting the widespread rallies and awareness campaigns for breast cancer compared to the isolation often faced by those with dementia.

"Before you get breast cancer, it feels a little celebratory, right? There's pink out pep rallies, there's pink out games, and people seem to rally around you," she said. "Get dementia, and there's not that much rally. One in

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Meaningful connections are often built through the simplest of actions.

The power of presence: Building meaningful connection through actions

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the **Hood County News**

In a world that is increasingly busy and digitized, the power of simply being present in someone's life can often be overlooked. Amid the hustle and bustle of our daily routines, it's easy to forget that the most meaningful connections are often built through the simplest of actions — like actively listening, offering a shoulder to lean on or just being there.

THE SIMPLICITY OF PRESENCE

Being present doesn't require grand gestures or elaborate plans. It's about showing up and making yourself available, both physically and emotionally, for those who matter to you. Whether it's a friend going through a tough time, a family member needing some company, or a neighbor looking for a chat, your presence can

make a world of difference. Consider this: a smile, a nod or just a few moments of undivided attention can transform someone's day. It's the small, consistent acts of kindness and engagement that forge the strongest bonds and create a sense of community and belonging.

ACTIVE LISTENING: MORE THAN JUST HEARING

One of the most powerful ways to be present is by practicing active listening. This means more than just hearing the words someone is saying — it involves engaging with the speaker, acknowledging their feelings and responding thoughtfully.

When you listen actively, you show the other person they matter and their thoughts and feelings are important. It's an affirmation of their value and can provide immense comfort and reassurance. In fact, studies have shown that active listening can strengthen relationships, reduce conflicts and increase mutual understanding.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF BEING THERE

The impact of presence extends far beyond the immediate moment. When you're consistently present for others, you help build a foundation of trust and reliability. This can lead to deeper, more meaningful test of time.

relationships that stand the Take, for example, the story of Jane and her elderly neighbor, Mr. Thompson. Jane made a habit of visiting

Mr. Thompson every week-

end, bringing him his favorite newspaper and spending time chatting about the week's events. These visits became the highlight of Mr. Thompson's week, giving him something to look forward to and a reason to smile. For Jane, it was a simple act of kindness, but for Mr. Thompson, it was a

Jane's consistent presence didn't just brighten Mr. Thompson's days; it also brought joy and fulfillment to her own life. The bond they formed became a source of strength and inspiration for both of them, illustrating how the power of presence works both ways.

MAKING PRESENCE

A PRIORITY Incorporating the power of presence into your life doesn't have to be complicated. Here are a few simple

ways to start: Make Time for Face-to-Face Interactions: Whenever possible, prioritize in-person meetings over digital communication. Whether it's a coffee date, a walk in the park or a quick visit, face-to-face interactions fos-

ter deeper connections. **Put Away Distractions:** When spending time with someone, put away your phone and other distractions. Give them your full attention to show that you

value their company. Check In Regularly: Make it a habit to check in with friends and family regularly. This is where a quick text message can be very valuable. A quick text to ask how they're doing can go a long way in showing you care.

Listen with Empathy: Practice active listening by being fully engaged in conversations. Show empathy by acknowledging the feelings of the person you are talking with and offering support without judgment.

Be Consistent: Consistency is key. Regularly showing up for others, even in small ways, builds trust and strengthens relationships over time.

THE GIFT OF PRESENCE The power of presence lies

in its simplicity. It's about being there, consistently and genuinely, for the people who matter to you. In a world that often feels chaotic and disconnected, your presence can be a beacon of stability and warmth.

So, let's make a conscious effort to be present in each other's lives. Let's cherish the moments of connection, listen with open hearts and offer our unwavering support. After all, sometimes, the greatest present we can give is simply our presence.

Twilight Tales: August's shrinking sunlight

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the **Hood County News**

As the sweltering heat of summer continues to bear down on us, there's a subtle yet significant change happening overhead that many of us might overlook: the gradual loss of daylight. August marks a transition where the days start to shorten and the nights begin to stretch their arms a little longer each day. For those in North Central Texas, this phenomenon might not be as dramatic as in the northern parts of the country, but it's still a fascinating aspect of our journey through the

THE SCIENCE **BEHIND THE SHIFT**

The Earth's tilt is responsible for the changing length of days. As we move past the summer solstice, the Northern Hemisphere starts tilting away from the sun. This shift means the sun takes a slightly shorter path across the sky each day, resulting in less daylight. By the time August rolls around, this reduction becomes more noticeable

AUGUST DAYLIGHT LOSS BY THE NUMBERS

According to the attached graphic, the amount of daylight lost in August varies across the United States. Northern states, like those in the Pacific Northwest, can lose up to 90 minutes of daylight by the end of the month. Midwestern states experience about a 70-minute reduction, while southern states like Texas see a more modest decrease, around 30 to 50 minutes.

For us here in North Central Texas, this means that while the changes are subtle, they're certainly present. Depending on exactly where you live, we will see a decrease of 40-45 minutes of sunlight. So, August mornings might feel a bit darker, and you might find yourself turning on the porch light a little earlier in the evening.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR DAILY ROUTINE?

With daylight slipping away, it's a good idea to make the most of the sunlight we do have. Early risers might notice their morning jogs starting in dimmer light, and evening activities might require a bit of adjustment. Here are a few tips to help you adapt:

Morning Routine Adjustments: If you're an early bird, consider adjusting your wake-up time slightly to catch the first light of day. This can help you maintain a consistent routine and enjoy the morning sunshine.

Outdoor Activities: Plan your outdoor activities for the late morning or early afternoon when the sun is at its peak. This ensures you get the maximum daylight for your hikes, picnics or gardening.

Lighting at Home: With evenings arriving sooner, consider upgrading your outdoor lighting. A well-lit yard can enhance safety and create a cozy atmosphere for those late summer barbecues.

Enjoy the Twilight: Use the earlier sunsets as an opportunity to enjoy the twilight hours. Whether it's a peaceful evening walk or sitting on the porch with a book,



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the cooler evenings can be a pleasant respite from the day's heat.

THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT

The gradual loss of daylight can also affect our mood. Many people find that longer days and abundant sunshine lift their spirits, while shorter days can sometimes bring a feeling of melancholy. Here are a few ways to keep your spirits high as the days shorten:

Stay Active: Physical activ-

ity is a great mood booster. Make time for walks, bike rides, or a workout routine to keep those endorphins flowing.

Stay Social: Plan social activities with friends and family. Whether it's a backyard barbecue or a game night, staying connected can ward off the blues.

Embrace the Change: Instead of dreading the loss of daylight, embrace the changing seasons. Look forward to the cozy evenings,

the upcoming fall festivities, and the unique beauty each season brings.

Data Source: NWS

LOOKING AHEAD

As August draws to a close, the pace of daylight loss will accelerate into September and October, ushering us into fall. This gradual change is a reminder of the Earth's natural rhythms and our place within them. While we say goodbye to some of the long summer days, we can look forward to

the rich tapestry of experiences the shorter days bring. So, as you go about your

daily routines this August, take a moment to appreciate the subtle shift in daylight. Whether it's the soft glow of an earlier sunset or the crisp morning air, these changes are part of the beautiful dance of nature. And remember, even as the days grow shorter, there's still plenty of sunshine to enjoy in North Central Texas!

Motorcycle Toy Run kicks off Toys for Tots Granbury

BY EDEN DUNCAN

GILBREATH

Special to the **Hood County News** eden@hcnews.com

The Granbury Toys for Tots program is getting a jump on things this year with an earlier start to its season. Typically, the charity begins its season in October, but this year the season will open Saturday, Aug. 17 with a motorcycle run.

Local coordinator Julie

Hale said. "We have a full schedule of events for the season established already." Hale heads the group that covers Hood, Somervell, Parker and Erath County. Last year the group served 1,406 children.

The Summer Santa's Ride event is sponsored by Rogue 22 Motorcycle Club and begins with brunch at Cool Junk, 1600 W. Pearl Street at

From Cool Junk, bikers will ride to Wilson's Biker Gear at 3016 Alta Mere Drive in Fort Worth where the first 90 registered riders will receive a custom poker chip.

The Bikers will carry on the ride from Wilson's to Trewink Tattoos at 5399 Glen Rose Highway, where there will be raffle items and food available for purchase. The fee is \$20 per rider

with a \$10 fee for passengers. Toy donations are appreciated. More information can be found at granbury-tx. toysfortots.org.

cancer and one in three seniors gets dementia, so the numbers are ridiculously higher, and it seems that they just fade into the background. People stop coming around and stop visiting with them."

Click said her main goal with the "Lew" app is to create an awareness. a sense of community, and to start conversations surrounding demen-

"That's kind of what our whole mission basically is — to help people," she said.

NEXT STEPS AHEAD

After a couple of years of developing their app, Click and Barton have decided to transition to a nonprofit, with the app primarily relying on donations for any changes or enhancements.

As for future plans, Click shared

Lew app as a resource for not only dementia care, but for those with autism and young adults who age out of the foster care system.

"I used to work at (STEAM Academy at) Mambrino," Click said. "And there were quite a few autistic kids who used varying skills of communication. Quite a few of them would use pictures, so that would be something we could incorporate for communication. We could also incorporate those gentle reminders and eventually get it to where, as the child grows up, maybe they could give themselves reminders in a way and kind of move to being more independent."

Barton added that the third area of focus pertaining to foster care is particularly important to her — especially since she has served more than 20 years at Foster's Home for Children, a foster care service in Stephenville that provides sanctuary and healing to children of trauma.

"Once you hit 18 in the eyes of the state, you're an adult, but they're

not because they have spent the majority of their life just focusing on survival," Barton said. "They are typically five to eight years behind developmentally, just because they've been focusing on survival their entire life. Just because they're 18 does not mean they're ready to spread their wings and fly."

Barton said she envisions adapting the "Lew" app to provide resources tailored for foster care, including guidance on setting up bank accounts, writing resumes and preparing for job interviews.

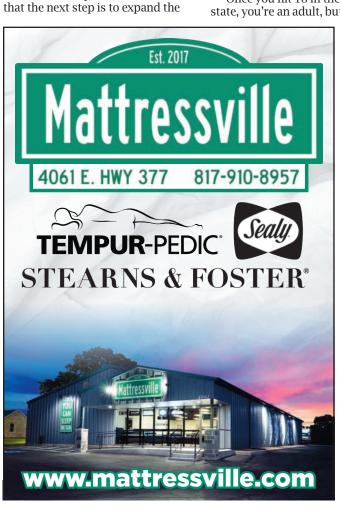
"There's so many things that because we were raised in a 'normal' childhood, you know, our parents told us about those things, or we just learned by observing them,' Barton said. "But if you spent your childhood riding in a 16-passenger van in the backseat or on foot, you don't really get to know those things ... That's just an area that I'm really passionate about too, and with go-

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The innovative dementia app "Lew" was named in honor of Casey Click's father, Lew Click. He had dementia for seven years before he passed away in 2023.







The Missoula Children's Theater visited Pecan Plantation for the 11th summer providing students the opportunity to audition, rehearse and perform. The week's work culminated in two showings of "Hercules." Many thanks go to the supporters of this annual summer event.

PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Missoula Children's Theater Week presentations of Hercules



BY DIANE LONG

A Mississippi native who has been a Texas transplant for 30 years, Diane Long is a wife, mother, and former English teacher who has written Pecan Plantation Bits for 17 years cumulatively. She spends her time both gathering neighborhood news and collecting new books to read. dianedlong@ yahoo.com | 817-579-9360

The 11th summer of the Missoula Children's Theater visiting Pecan Plantation found 28 children auditioning Monday, rehearsing for an entire week, and then presenting two performances of "Hercules" Saturday to showcase the fruits of their labor. The shows received thunderous applause for a job well done. Special thanks go to the Missoula directors, pianist Rene Garrett, the students who participated in the event, and of course the families who supported the cast and attended the performances. Pecan looks forward to seeing the theater troupe again next summer.

SING ALONG

Tonight, Saturday, Aug. 10, brings karaoke to the 19th Hole. Both participants and audience members are welcome.

ART SCENE

The Pecan Plantation Art Guild will gather Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the PAC. Pecaners interested in art are invited to join the meeting, as well as the PPAG, whose dues are \$35 per year. For complete information on the guild, folks may visit pecanplantationartguild.com.

GAME TIME

The next "buffet and bin-

go" evening comes Tuesday, Aug. 13 with food service beginning at 5:30 p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m. Make reservations at the clubhouse front desk: 817-573-2641.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Pecan's Breakfast Club will meet again Wednesday, Aug. 14 with breakfast service beginning at 9 a.m. and the program following at 9:45 a.m. Attendees will hear stories from the President's Advance Team (including details of presidential travel) presented by Ron Liddell. Reservations are due by noon Tuesday, Aug. 13: 817-573-2641.

PARTY MACHINE

The next "Mystery Bus" ramble happens Wednesday, Aug. 14 for Pecaners who have made reservations for this popular adventure. The evening begins with participants boarding the bus from the clubhouse front steps.

CHIT CHAT

The final Chit Chat luncheon for the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club will happen Thursday, Aug. 15 when ladies gather for social time at 10 a.m. followed by lunch service at 11:30 a.m. Chit Chat cochairs Shelly Brandenberger, Cherry Redwine and Vicki Winder ensure a delightful experience at each gathering.

The PPWC will begin a new club year and meet collectively again Thursday, Sept. 19, and the club, whose tenets include friendship, fellowship, philanthropy and a love of the arts, welcomes all Pecan ladies to join. A membership form is included in this month's edition of "The Columns," and ladies may also join (or renew a membership) online at www.myppwc.com.

GROUP MEETING

Pecan's Widows and Widowers Club has an exciting event on the calendar for Saturday, Aug. 24, when the group will visit Sledge Distillery where they will shop, hear live music and eat good food. The location is a family ranch approximately 10 miles outside Granbury, and the group will depart from the Pecan clubhouse at 4 p.m. and arrive back at the same spot at approximately 8 p.m. Reservations are due by Friday, Aug. 16 to Caryl Mahaffey at caryl.mahaffey@charter.net, and in the email, folks may indicate if they will tour and taste, tour only, and if they will be partaking of the burger and fries meal offered at the event. Transportation costs will be calculated based on the number of participants.

The distillery tour will replace the August monthly program at the clubhouse, but Thursday, Sept. 5 will bring the group back to the ballroom when Dewey Powers will lead a program

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I'VE BEEN THINKING It's school time again!



BY CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER

Carol Goodman Heizer is an author who recently moved to Hood County from Louisville, Kentucky. She has had short stories published in eight editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her column for the Hood County News will appear every two

Yes, it is that time of year again when many parents look forward to their kiddos being back in school and out from under their thumb all day. It is when students regret the rapid passing of their summer vacation. And it is when teachers prepare for another nine months of what was listed (a few years ago) as the third highest-stress job in America — wedged in between high-technology surgeons and air traffic controllers!

Yes, about those teachers! Many of them who entered the profession are finding their long-anticipated vocation is not at all similar to what they envisioned. Their aspiration of helping young people is hampered by numerous obstacles such as the following: more entangled family needs than anticipated, reluctance of parents to acknowledge their child's difficulties or lack of capabilities, and school-enforced restrictions on student behavior and discipline.

Many regional administrators strive to adhere to parent demands (often for job security); school administrators, therefore, strive to adhere to regional demands (often for job security); and teachers, therefore, strive to adhere to school administrator demands (often for job security).

Another major stumbling block teachers face is the combining of all academic levels into the same classroom. When students were placed according

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.020000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Hood County

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.020000 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.000000 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.000000 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Hood County Hospital District from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Hood County Hospital District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate. The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Hood County Hospital

District is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 19, 2024 AT 10:00 AM AT THE CENTRAL JURY ROOM AT THE RALPH H WALTON IR JUSTICE CENTER.

The proposed tax rate is also greater than the voter-approval tax rate. If Hood County Hospital District adopts the proposed tax rate, Hood County Hospital District is required to hold an election so that the voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. If a majority of the voters reject the proposed tax rate, the tax rate of the Hood County Hospital District will be the voter-approval tax rate. The election will be held on November 5, 2024. You may contact the Elections Administrator Stephanie Cooper for information about voting locations. The hours of voting on election day are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm -- Early Voting Begins October

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

Dr David Kuban Monty Lewis FOR the proposal: Judge Ron Massingill Christy Massey Commissioner Jack Wilson

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Commissioner Nannette Samuelson Commissioner Kevin Andrews Commissioner Dave Eagle Terry Stamper

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Hood County Hospital District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Hood County Hospital District this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.000000	\$0.020000	increase of 0.020000, or 0.00%
Average homestead taxable value	\$330,687	\$372,407	increase of 41,720, or 12.62%
Tax on average homestead	\$0.00	\$74.48	increase of 74.48, or 0.00%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$0	\$2,836,032	increase of 2,836,032, or 0.00%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Hood County Hospital District at 817-573-2471 or hoodapp@hoodcad.net, or visit www.hoodcad.net for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Tolar ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 26, 2024 in Tolar ISD Board Room 305 S. Oak St. Tolar, Tx. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adonted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised

\$0.669600/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) \$0.281620/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins

during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

3.88 % increase Debt Service 31.08 % increase Total Expenditures 6.79 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year \$1,081,917,487 \$1,358,886,985 Total appraised value* of all property Fotal appraised value* of new property** \$44,522,023 \$26,749,592 \$456,700,737 \$547,190,986 Fotal taxable value*** of new property** \$44,522,023 \$26,749,592

Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

"New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code. ** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$11,558,007

*Outstanding principal.					
	Comparison of Pr	oposed Rates wit	th Last Year's F	<u>Rates</u>	
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	<u>Total</u>	Local Revenue <u>Per Student</u>	State Revenue <u>Per Student</u>
Last Year's Rate	\$0.669600	\$0.281682	\$0.951282	\$4,092	\$7,146
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.669600	\$0.281682	\$0.951282	\$5,447	\$7,009
Proposed Rate	\$0.669600	\$0.281620	\$0.951220	\$5,447	\$7,009
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used t	o pay for bonded indeb	tedness on construction	n, equipment, or both	1.	

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year

Average Market Value of Residences \$284,580 \$296,672 Average Taxable Value of Residences \$116,466 \$158,030 Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value \$0.951282 \$0.951220 Taxes Due on Average Residence \$1.107.92 \$1,503,21 ncrease (Decrease) in Taxes

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person urned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.981337. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.981337.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$2,700,000 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying

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GARDEN PATCH

Sterilize now, plant later



BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

Phyllis Webster earned a degree in iournalism before embarking on a long career in public relations and marketing. A Granbury resident since 1998, she has been deeply involved in the community. She is an award-winning writer and photographer, as well as a Master Gardener. She has authored Garden Patch since 2001

It may sound like a medical procedure, but sterilization is a legit way for gardeners to manage soil-borne pests, pathogens and weeds. Soil sterilization can also help you to prepare for next year's gardening season by killing off pesky vegetation growing where you want to install new vegetable or herb plots, perennial or shrub beds, etc.

Solarization is a low cost, effective method to achieve sterilization. Hot summer days are the best time to begin the process because solarization utilizes the season's high temperatures to warm the soil enough to kill harmful or unwanted organisms.

First, manually clear debris

and plant material, knowing that it will be difficult to eliminate all roots. Next, water the soil deeply and then cover the area with clear plastic sheeting that is 2-4 mil thickness. The plastic captures the sun's radiant energy. Secure the edges of the plastic with rocks, bricks or soil. The cover must hug the soil to trap the heat.

Leave the plastic in place for at least six weeks, but sheeting applied in late summer may be left in place (or replaced) until late winter to ensure no new weed seeds invade the space. After plastic is installed, do not irrigate the area, which could cool the soil. Patch all tears or repeat the entire process with new plastic.

Before working in the newly created garden space, clean and sanitize your gardening tools so as not to introduce harmful pathogens. After removing the plastic in late winter/early spring, add organic matter and compost to help replenish beneficial microorganisms. Know that solarization can destroy beneficial organisms, such as earthworms. Do not perform this technique if you are not willing to "rebuild" soil health. Beneficials should colonize quickly. Water the area thoroughly and then let the soil mix settle for a few weeks before planting.

Gardeners may opt to use other sterilization methods, but solarization generally has fewer risks. Chemical sterilizers effectively remove weeds or grass, but they require careful application and handling to prevent personal injury and environmental damage. Also, chemicals can linger in the soil, which can affect what's planted and when planting may begin.

Small areas may be treated

with steam or boiling water. Using the proper equipment, apply steam to the soil at about 200 degrees for about 30-45 minutes. Or pour boiling water directly over the soil and immediately cover the area with plastic sheeting. Repeat every few days to maintain the heat. Neither of these methods are practical for larger spaces. And they also come with risk of personal injury. Always keep safety in mind.

Soil solarization is a nonchemical method of ridding the soil of pests and unwanted vegetation. When done properly, the sun heats the first 1-2 ft. of soil consistently to above 100 degrees. The water applied beneath the plastic accelerates this process. You may check the temperature with a soil thermometer. Generally, pests and pathogens found in the first 6-8 inches of soil will be destroyed. Airborne pathogens are not affected.

Some studies find that solarization speeds the breakdown of organic matter in



COURTESY PHOTO BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER

Plants benefit from soil sterilization that removes harmful pests, pathogens and nuisance vegetation.

the soil, which can release soluble nutrients such as nitrogen and potassium, making them more readily available to plants. Solarization is not effective in full shade areas.

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For answers to your horticulture questions, please call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Hood County at 817-579-3280 or online at lakegranburymastergardeners.org.

Oklahoma! takes center stage in Granbury: A must-see production

BY MICKY SHEARON

Special to the **Hood County News**

Granbury Theatre Company's latest production, the beloved musical "Oklahoma!," will light up the stage at the Historic **Granbury Opera House** from Friday, Aug. 9 through Sunday, Sept. 8. This iconic musical, known for its rich history and enduring popularity, will run for five weekends, promising audiences a nostalgic yet fresh theatrical experience.

A HISTORIC MUSICAL

"Oklahoma!" first premiered on Broadway in 1943, marking a significant shift in American musical theatre. Written by the legendary duo Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, it was the first "book musical," integrating songs, dances and

dialogue to advance the story. This innovative approach set the standard for future musicals and established the Golden Age of American musical theatre.

ACCOLADES AND LEGACY

"Oklahoma!" has earned numerous accolades over the years, solidifying its place in musical theater history. The original Broadway production won a special Pulitzer Prize in 1944 for its contributions to the American theatre. Additionally, the 1955 film adaptation won two Academy Awards and was inducted into the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress for its cultural significance. These honors underscore the musical's impact and its enduring legacy.

Director Bentleigh Nesbit, who helms the Granbury production, reflects on the musical's groundbreaking

impact: "Oklahoma was written in the early 1940s, more than 80 years ago. It was the very first 'book musical,' meaning that it was the first time using the book, music and dancing to propel the story. For a show written that long ago, the characters are all so complex and have so many layers.'

WHY 'OKLAHOMA!' ENDURES

The enduring popularity of "Oklahoma!" can be attributed to its universal themes and memorable music. The story, set in the early 1900s, centers on the romantic entanglements of Curly, a cowboy, and Laurey, a farm girl, amidst the backdrop of Oklahoma's impending statehood. The narrative intertwines humor, romance and drama, creating a timeless appeal.

is another key factor in its lasting success. Songs like "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top," and the titular "Oklahoma!" have become standards in the American musical repertoire. These songs, with their catchy melodies and heartfelt lyrics, continue to resonate with audiences of all ages.

GRANBURY THEATRE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION

Granbury Theatre Company's rendition of "Oklahoma!" promises to honor the original while bringing a fresh perspective. Nesbit, assistant director Kendrick Booth and music director Ashley Green lead a talented artistic team. Choreographer Sofi Warren, fight and intimacy choreographer Austin Bender-Davis and scenic designer Eme Looney add their expertise to create an immersive theatrical experience.

Nesbit emphasizes the balance of tradition and innovation: "My vision for the show was how I think you must approach any Golden Age show. Oklahoma is the original Golden Age musical, and it's so influential. How



The music of "Oklahoma!"

can I respect what it was and what it is but also find ways to make it relevant without changing anything?'

The lead cast features Jake Hamilton as Curly, Emily Farmer as Laurey, Thomas Powderly as Jud Fry, Jacob Myers as Will Parker, Hannah Horton as Ado Annie Carnes, Kate Rongey as Aunt Eller, and Alvaro Aguilar as Ali Hakim. These actors bring depth and vitality to their roles, capturing the complexities of their characters.

BRINGING THE SHOW TO LIFE

The scenic and artistic design play a crucial role in transporting audiences to early 20th century Oklahoma. Head scenic artist Reagan Deming, costume designer Tiffany Wynne, hair and makeup designer Colton Lively, propmaster Jarrett Self, lighting designer Whitney Shearon, and sound designer James Stack

contribute to the production's authenticity and visual appeal.

The excitement surrounding "Oklahoma!" is palpable within the Granbury community.

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The team's collaborative efforts ensure that every element, from the lush costumes to the intricate set design, enhances the storytelling. This attention to detail helps to create an engaging and believable world for the audience to step into.

ANTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY EXCITEMENT

The excitement surrounding "Oklahoma!" is palpable within the Granbury community. Local theater enthusiasts eagerly anticipate the opening night, looking forward to seeing a beloved classic brought to life on the historic stage of the Granbury Opera House.

The production not only celebrates the rich history of "Oklahoma!" but also highlights the Granbury Theatre

Company's commitment to delivering high-quality theatrical experiences. As Nesbit aptly puts it, "It's been fun working with my incredible cast and production team to bring this classic musical to life on the Opera House stage!"

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JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for a journey into the heart of musical theatre history with Granbury Theatre Company's production of "Oklahoma!" Don't miss the chance to experience the magic of this timeless musical brought to life by a passionate and talented team. Secure your tickets now and prepare for an unforgettable theatrical experience! You can get tickets online by visiting www.granburytheatrecompany.org or by calling the Opera House box office at 817-579-0952.







BOOK REVIEW

How do you draw a man?

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Take the easy route: a circle and five lines, and you have a stick figure that's recognizable to almost everyone. Scribble some squiggles on the circle, and you've depicted a woman that any preschooler could identify. Scrawl in a smiley face, voila! Count yourself an artist. Add in chalk colors, some shading, and as in the new book "Drawn Testimony" by Jane Rosenberg, you've told a story.

Like many artists, Jane Rosenberg grew up enchanted by colors. It started when her mother put crayons in Rosenberg's small hands while Jane stood in her crib. It continued when her father and grandfather let her color their documents. As a teen, Rosenberg dabbled with her mother's oil paints in their Long Island home because, of course, she planned to go to art

By graduation, though, her favorite portrait style was considered out of favor and Rosenberg was often out of work. She took any gig she could find until one day, she was introduced to a courtroom artist and her eyes were opened. Bravely, she coldcalled around for jobs and was hired almost immediately by a local television station as a sketch



Jane Rosenberg

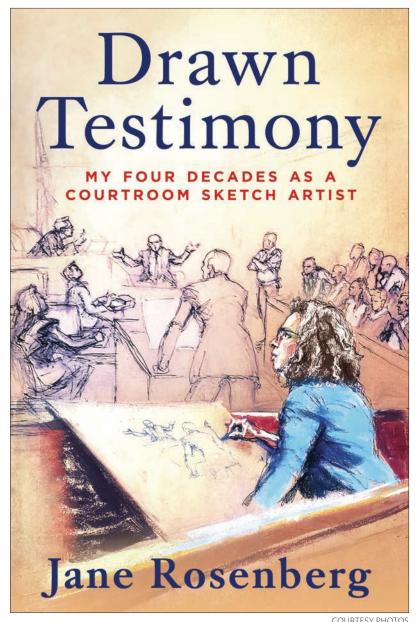
artist. Since 1946, cameras have been generally forbidden in federal courts, which means TV viewers and newspaper readers often must use their imaginations when learning about a trial. The law has been relaxed since 1981, but artists are still in high demand to illustrate the drama behind courtroom doors.

In her long career, Rosenberg has drawn Ghislaine Maxwell and Mark David Chapman. She's captured the faces of an executed man and a crime boss. She sketched Martha Stewart, Bill Cosby and Martin Shkreli; she drew portraits of a bomber, a football player, an accused child molester, a rock star, an accused rapist and a high-end scammer. She enjoyed sketching a former president, and one of his associates who, she says, was even more fun to draw ...

So here's the most interesting thing about "Drawn Testimony": it's a memoir, and a book about a highly unusual job, but you're going to forget both as you read it.

Author Jane Rosenberg pulls readers so gently and smoothly into the crimes at hand, profiling the criminals so deftly, that this feels more like a true crime book. Yes, you'll read about art and about sketching defendants — as well as the prosecutors and others in the courtroom — and you'll learn about what Rosenberg does and how, but that all falls behind the stories of the crimes she records and the outcomes of the trials. Indeed, readers are treated to breathless accounts of lies, scams, murders, theft and assault, both current and in the last century, all told with the colorful flair of a working artist just doing her job.

Despite that this is the story of a tiny slice of American life and a unique job, this memoir will have wide appeal, with artists, memoirlovers and true crime lovers atop the list. If that's you, let "Drawn Testimony" draw you in.



"Drawn Testimony: My Four Decades as a Courtroom Sketch Artist" by Jane Rosenberg, c.2024, Hanover Square Press, \$30, 256 pages

FORWARD TRAINING CENTER

Forward Training prepares for a transformative fall with new and expanded classes

BY MONICA HAYS

Monica Hays, executive director at Forward *Training Center, brings* five years of diverse experience, ranging from volunteering to operations director. Her passion for the organization's mission propels her with dedication, commitment, and a servant's heart.

As summer winds down and students across the region head back to school, Forward Training Center of Hood County is gearing up for an exciting fall season of educational opportunities. Our mission remains steadfast: to transform our community through education, collaboration and hope. We are dedicated to providing those seeking a genuine chance for change with the tools they need to succeed, whether through enhanced employment prospects or skill development.

This fall, we are proud to launch a series of impactful programs designed to empower individuals and foster meaningful change.

Starting this season, we are offering the Jobs for Life program — an eightweek job readiness training course specifically designed for adults. This comprehensive program aims to equip

participants with essential skills for both work and life. Through a combination of soft skills training, mentorship and active community involvement, Jobs for Life supports unemployed and underemployed individuals in finding and retaining meaningful employment. Our approach ensures that participants not only gain practical job skills but also develop the confidence and support network needed for long-term success.

Our computer literacy classes continue to offer valuable training for individuals at various levels of digital proficiency. This fall, our curriculum covers everything from basic computer operations to advanced software applications like OuickBooks. In response to community feedback, we are expanding our offerings to include personalized, oneon-one assistance for those needing extra help with basic computer knowledge or specific software packages. This added support aims to ensure that every participant can build the skills necessary to navigate today's digital world with confidence.

We are thrilled to introduce a new addition to our fall schedule: the IT Fundamentals course. Beginning Sept. 7, this course will provide participants

with a solid foundation in information technology, covering key topics such as computer hardware, software, networking basics and cybersecurity. This course is designed to open doors to further certifications in networking and other IT fields, offering a pathway to careers that have the potential to transform lives. With technology playing an increasingly vital role in the job market, this course represents an invaluable opportunity for those looking to enter or advance in the IT sector.

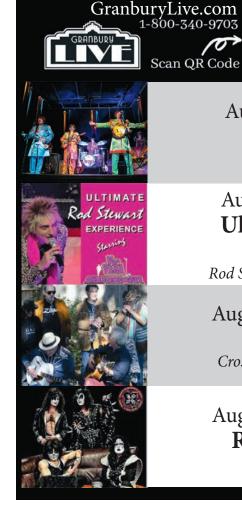
At Forward Training Center, we are committed to making all our programs accessible at no cost to participants. While our classes are free, the knowledge and skills gained are truly priceless. We believe that everyone deserves a chance to improve their life through education, and we are here to provide that opportunity.

For more information about our fall classes, to view the full schedule, or to register, please visit www. forwardtraininghoodcounty. org or contact us directly at 817-573-6677.

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Forward Training Center of Hood County is gearing up for an exciting fall season of educational opportunities.







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on birds and their migration. All widows and widowers who are Pecan residents are welcome to join the group.

PROGRESS AHEAD

Road construction and a paving project will begin Monday, Aug. 12 on Bellechase Road, running from its intersection with Burn Court to its intersection with Woodlawn Drive. Work hours run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuesday trash pick up will not be affected.

GOOD READ

The Hood County Bookmobile will be at the PAC from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14. Patrons may both check out and return library materials to the bookmobile. For more information, contact Robin Scanlon at 817-573-3569.

SWEET TIMES

The recent cupcake/cake pop camp event at the PAC brought tasty success when young chefs both had a memorable time and produced delicious goodies. Thank you to Donna from 11th Green Bakery for hosting the gathering.

SCHOOL DAYS

School begins next week for many Pecan students, which means Granbury ISD buses will be running their routes in our neighborhood. As a reminder, drivers are required to stop for buses with flashing lights during the loading and unloading of students. Morning and late afternoon commutes could take a few moments longer with bus routes resuming. May all the students and educators in our community experience a successful academic year.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

And with a new school

year beginning, Pecan would like to recognize the class of 2025. Residents with seniors in their home may contact the Pecan Plantation Communications Department as it is compiling a list for recognizing outstanding youth for their important accomplishments.

To have a Pecan senior recognized in upcoming eBlasts, please send a photo and information about them, including the name of their high school, family members who live in Pecan, and specific honors earned to jay.arrington@ppoaweb.com.

COURSE NOTE

As a reminder to residents, for safety reasons, Pecan's golf course has guidelines in place prohibiting walking, fishing and other recreational activities on the course during operating hours. Section 7 of our community's rules and regulations state the full and established guide-

priority activity on the golf course. Walking the course is restricted to occasions when the course is closed (usually, but not always if a special event is happening, Mondays) or early morning when golfers are not present. Fishing is always allowed on the number 10 pond when golfers are present, but only from the side where the fishing pier is located. Fishing on the course $\,$ during golf play is strictly prohibited. Violations for not adhering to these guidelines will result in a warning, a citation and/or a fine. Questions about golf course regulations and use may be directed to the Golf Pro Shop or the golf committee.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Altha James, who passed away July 23, and also to the family of Gary Dotter, who passed away July

GO PLAY

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.

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. at 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 Cho-

rus — rehearsals, Mondays 7-9 p.m. at Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway. Concerts in May and December. See www.granburycivicchorus.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. De-

AMATEUR RADIO Weekly Social Hour Net. All licensed amateur radio operators welcome. 7 p.m., on the 147.240

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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.

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: HoodCountyCness.com.

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

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MELODY BELLS singers of Granbury, women's choral group, seeks new members who love to sing 3-part harmony, especially first or second soprano. Also seeking experienced piano accompanist. Weekly Thursday rehearsals for Christmas concert season start Aug. 29, 10 a.m. to noon, at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the Annex), 301 W. Bridge St. Concerts performed during first two weeks of December. For more information, please call 817-999-1364.

FRIDAYS

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS:

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

SATURDAYS

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

FIRST MONDAYS

HOOD COUNTY Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the Hood County **Emergency Operations Cen**ter, 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.

THIRD MONDAYS

GRANBURY QUILTERS Guild meets the third Mon-

day each month at United Coop Electric, 320 Fall Creek Highway, 6 p.m. Details: 817-296-8186.

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.

WAMS (WESTERN Area

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

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.

THIRD TUESDAYS

THE PECAN Plantation Genealogy Group meets at the EMS Training Room, 9518 Monticello Drive behind the fire station. Everyone is welcome. You do not need to be a resident to attend. Tell gate security you are attending the genealogy meeting in the EMS Training Room. Questions? Email kcall3219@

gmail.com.

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.

MONTHLY MEETING of

the Granbury branch of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court at 7 p.m. Questions? 817-910-8174.

FIRST THURSDAYS

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

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 Barbeque317 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.

THE HOOD County Democratic Club meets each month at 1410 Pearl St., Annex #1 at 7 p.m. Questions? Call 817-233-5453.

LAST THURSDAYS

MARINE CORPS League Detachment 1297 meeting at the American Legion Hall, 3409 Davis Road, Granbury. Chow is at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

SECOND SATURDAYS

SECOND SATURDAY Showoff at Fuzzy's Taco

Shop, 115 W. Pearl St. Car show, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

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

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Olympics and a shrewd Frenchman



BY DON NEWBURY

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is Texas' longestrunning syndicated column. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

Critics swear the French successfully smeared "lipstick on a pig" for a big chunk of the 2024 Olympic Games. The French, though, are used to sloughing off jokes and insults.

Someone said if they can't find an argument to join, they'll start one. Further, on slow days, restaurant waitpersons resort to insulting each other. Even the French military is thrown under the bus. Another joke claims that when a hotel kitchen fire broke out, the French army surrendered.

Seriously, though, research reveals that many fists fiercely both pounded and shook when French notables realized the proposed Eiffel Tower was no joke ...

My initial intent today was to focus on humor related to the Olympics, where TV people have done better jobs pronouncing French
names than most Texas TV
goldy-throats still stumbling on "Uvalde." (Sheepish
admission: Until the current Olympics coverage, I'd
thought the Seine River —
winding through Paris —to

be pronounced "sane." TV

people — correctly I'm sure

— call it "sin.")

We've seen Paris from all angles, wondering if they've used all fireworks, strobe lights, baubles and beads. My "lipstick on pig" reference applies largely to the Seine River and its role in the city's sewer system. Defenders claim they'd drink from the Seine, but critics won't stick their big toes in it.

Truly, there's both humor and sadness in the TV coverage, much of which seems to be about the sizzle and not the steak. I'm reminded of the guy's first visit to a hockey game, where after several minutes of intense fighting, a game broke out ...

TV moguls are pulling out all the stops, frustrated that interest in the Olympics continues to plummet. They're scrambling to enliven coverage, hoping to win back multi-millions of viewers who are no longer watching.

While admitting that glitzy coverage has reached new heights in sight and sound, we lament the considerable evidence that it trivializes — and in some cases, tramples — traditional Christian values. Many Christians are swearing "enough already."

One wag, learning that breakdancing is now a recognized sport, said that when his granddaddy's hound dogs squirmed like that, he gave 'em worm medicine. He further predicted that before long, there may be additional obscure sports, perhaps pickleball, as well as synchronized eye-rolling and underwater ice-skating ...

OK, enough rambling. Let's switch to Gustave Eiffel. His battle to make "his" tower a reality is so riveting that I printed 26 computer pages for later perusal. Don't go there unless you really want to know more about this tourist destination that attracts some 6 million visitors annually. My cursory observations short-change you greatly, but here goes!

In the 1880s, the French wanted a signature structure befitting the World Fair. Dozens of proposals were considered, but finally, Eiffel's project was chosen, despite vehement objections voiced by numerous financiers, artists, architects and even other engineers. They claimed his "scheme" was impractical at best and cockamamie at worst.

He proved them wrong, overseeing the construction of what was — for 40 years — the tallest, free-standing, guy-wireless manmade structure in the world. At 1,083 feet, it was finally topped by New York City's Chrysler Building built in 1939 ...

When the tower opened, its elevators were not yet operative. Yet, in the first two weeks, 30,000 visitors ascended the 1,710 stair steps to the top. The Eiffel Tower

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The late Gustave Eiffel and the tower he made famous.

immediately "wowed" the world.

The biggest initial winner was Eiffel himself, an opportunist as well as an engineer. His contract called for him to pocket 100% of all admission income for the first 20 years! No doubt, he spent lots of time counting his money in his apartment at the tower's

top, where he entertained such luminaries as Thomas Edison.

Famous author Guy de Maupassant hated the tower. Yet, he is said to have eaten lunch daily in its restaurant, complaining that it was the only place in Paris where the structure was NOT visible ...

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ing to nonprofit, we will be able to offer that service for

free to any of those children."
Barton announced that they plan to brand their initiative as "Lew: Community at Your Fingertip," which will serve the autistic, foster care, and dementia communities.

"Our developers told us, 'If you can dream it, I can build it,'" Barton said.

"We have technology," Click added. "It is here, and it's here to stay, so let's use it to help. Let's use it for something good. I did a lot of research. There's nothing like this out there, so we just want to get going and get this off of the ground. We just want to help people in a meaningful way."

As the original "Lew" app continues to grow, the pair also plans to upgrade the dementia app to include games, short articles with pictures, a feature called "Find My Loved One," and a Pinterest-type board for certain interests like quilting or hunting.

Click mentioned they also plan to start using another process called APK (Android Packaging Kit) which will allow users to purchase a tablet preloaded with the "Lew" app — making it accessible even for those still using flip phones. This tablet would feature notifications and the ability for users to FaceTime their caregivers.

"If we can take the stress off of a caregiver just a little bit, then that's huge," Barton said. "Having to answer the question, 'What's for dinner?' 'What's for dinner?' — that's stressful. A caregiver may have heard that question 10 times in the last hour, but to your loved one, they've only asked that question one time, so it's natural for us to get snippy. But if 'Lew' can relieve a little bit of stress to where you can set up the app

to notify the loved one every 10 minutes that we're having spaghetti for supper, (that's huge). That's kind of our biggest thing is to just let Lew help a little bit."

"And it's the heart that we have," Click added. "We're not here to sell you anything. I'm not here to make money off of you. We're here to help."

Click also shared that her father would be extremely proud of her initiative, as he gave her permission to share his story to help others — exactly what the "Lew" app was intended to do.

"I know Daddy would be so happy to help in any way he could," she said. Click announced that T-shirts are also available for purchase during the weekly support group, featuring the hashtag "We are more than dementia" on the front. The back of the shirts displays a quote from Barton's mother, who said just before her passing, "All you need is love."

"She said, 'All You Need Is Love,' and we have that," Click added. "That's what we're really trying to run on is just love."

The "Lew" app is available for download on the Google Play Store for Androids and the App Store for iPhones.

The website, lewapp.org, is also available for users

to watch how-to videos using each of "Lew's" features. Check out their YouTube channel @Lewapp for more helpful tips.

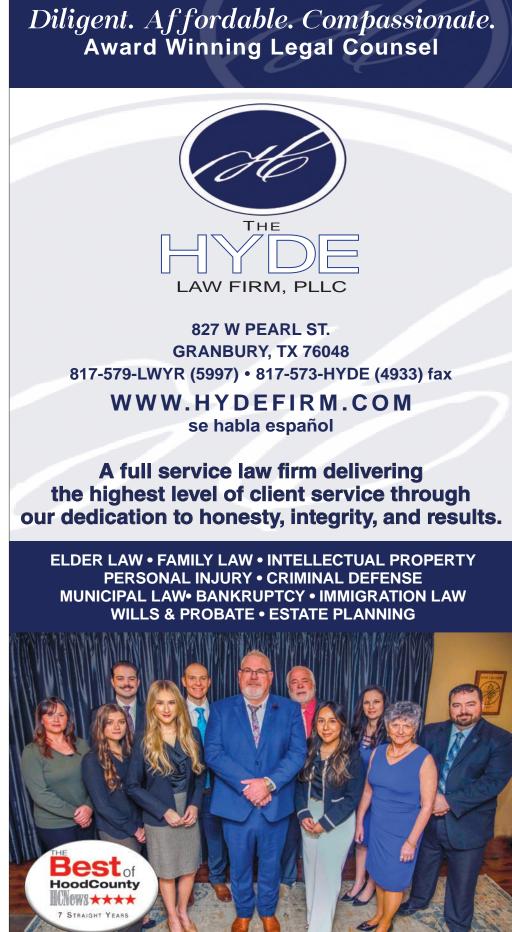
For more information about the "Lew" app, email Click at cclick@lewapp.org or Barton at lbarton@lewapp.org.

With a heartfelt mission to foster community, raise awareness, and offer support, Click and Barton are dedicated to making a lasting impact in the lives of those affected by dementia, autism, and the challenges faced by youth aging out of foster care — one app (or "Click") at a time.



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Favorite breads pass the test of time

BY NANCY PRICER

Special to the **Hood County News** classads@hcnews.com

Denise Glavin, who handles accounts receivable and numerous other duties as assigned for the Hood County News, loves old cookbooks. In fact, she said she has at least 75. She has family cookbooks, church cookbooks and cookbooks from various other organizations.

She recently shared a few recipes with me that she enjoys. The Angel Biscuits and Apple Bread are from a family cookbook and the Beefy Jalapeno Cornbread is from her Bethany Baptist Church cookbook copyrighted in 1984

While Betty's version of Angel Biscuits calls for either

butter or margarine, Denise said Austin Chaney used to make them all the time for holiday gatherings and always used butter.

Angel Biscuits are incredibly flaky and light. The use of yeast plus a commercial leavening agent (baking powder, baking soda, or, in some cases, both) gives these biscuits their high rise and airy texture.

"The first mention of angel biscuits was in 1950, although the actual creator is debated, as it is unclear which Southern flour brand first developed the recipe," according to kingarthurbaking. com. "Some claim it was an employee at White Lily, while others think it came from an employee at Martha White."

At this point it doesn't matter who created the recipe; what does matter is that you

make them for yourself.

Regarding the Apple Bread recipe, Austin does not state what kind of apple to use, but I would imagine a firm, less sweet/more tart apple like Granny Smith, Gala, Pink Lady or Cortland work best.

For the Beefy Jalapeno Cornbread, Denise said she likes to use pickled jalapenos. She likes the flavor in this better, but I'm sure fresh would be fine, too.

Angel Biscuits

By Betty Tucker

1 package dry yeast 1/4 cup warm water

2 1/2 cups flour 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt 1/8 cup sugar

1/2 cup butter or margarine

1 cup buttermilk Dissolve the yeast in warm water and put aside. Mix the

dry ingredients in the order given, cutting in the butter or margarine as you normally do for biscuits or pie dough. Stir in the buttermilk and the water-yeast mixture. Blend thoroughly and the dough is ready to be refrigerated in a large, covered bowl or made into biscuits.

When you are ready to bake, turn dough out onto a floured board and knead lightly as for regular biscuits. Roll out and cut with biscuit cutter and place in greased pan. Let biscuits rise slightly (if dough is cold it will take longer). Place in a 400-degree oven until lightly browned.

Apple Bread

By Austin Chaney

 $1 \, 3/4 \, \text{cups flour}$ 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/3 cup butter or margarine

1/2 teas \bar{p} oon salt

3 cups shredded apple 1 cup nuts 1/2 cup maraschino cherries 1 teaspoon vanilla

2/3 cup sugar 2 eggs, unbeaten

1 teaspoon cinnamon Brown sugar and butter for topping Sift first four ingredients. Cream sugar and butter. Add

eggs, apple and cherries, then add nuts. Mix thoroughly and add all dry ingredients. In small bowl, combine butter and brown sugar with fingers for topping. Topping should be crumbly. Sprinkle over top of bread. Bake in greased loaf pan for one hour at 350 degrees.

Beefy Jalapeno Cornbread By Janice Davenport 1 pound ground beef 1/4 cup chopped onion 2 tablespoons chopped

canned/jarred jalapenos

2 eggs 2/3 cup milk

1 package cornbread mix

1 can (14.75 ounce) creamstyle corn

4 slices American or Velveeta cheese (Denise said you can substitute 1 1/2 cups of shredded sharp cheddar or even pepper jack cheese)

Cook meat, onion and jalapenos together until onions are almost transparent. Mix eggs, milk, corn bread mix and half the can of corn. Pour half of cornbread mixture into greased 2-quart baking dish. After draining meat mixture, pour on top of cornbread; add rest of cream corn, then place sliced cheese on top. Pour the rest of the cornbread mixture on top of everything. Bake in a preheated oven at 425 for 40 minutes. Yields 6 to 8 servings.

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to academic level, individual needs were met more effectively. Now teachers are forced to aim their teaching strategies at the middle students, thereby being much less effective (if at all) in reaching students at the opposite polar extremes of aca-

demic achievement. The result of all these stumbling blocks? The students are running many of the classrooms in today's schools! If any reader believes this is an exaggeration, simply talk to several of today's

teachers, and you will discover the truth behind my statements.

Read any newspaper and you will find teacher shortages across the nation. Teachers are leaving their profession by the thousands, many of whom are only a few years short of total retirement or have recently begun their career (only to discover the reality of teaching). Why? It is not because they suddenly lack dedication or interest in the classroom setting. It is because their professional hands have been tied in implementing proven successful classroom strategies for learning and discipline.

Experience in many school districts has proven that lengthening the school day or increased spending is not the answer.

Where there is little discipline, there is little learning. Where there is no discipline, there is no learning.

Various reports reveal that in societies in which there are strong, stable family structure and emphasis on discipline (thereby educational achievement), students have higher academic attainment in their learning environments. Similar results are found in private schools where much lower budgets are the reality and discipline

is strongly emphasized.

So as school is about to begin again, put yourself in the teacher's place where he or she must be a daily combination of educator, nurse, counselor, confidant, mentor and spiritual advisor when requested by the student. All those roles are combined for students who come from multiple social-economic backgrounds and with "baggage" of various natures.

Teachers usually hear from parents or guardians when there is a problem. Therefore, I would offer a word of advice to anyone who has children from primary through high school — under their care.

Take a moment and encourage a teacher in his or her daily effort to change the lives of students. I can assure readers that written notes of encouragement will be kept for many years because teaching is often a very thankless job. Teachers receive very low salaries for the amount of stress and effort the majority of them put into their profession.

One final point of confusion about the teaching profession among many members of the public is that teachers get paid for not working during the summer or that they have a two-orthree-month vacation. First,

teachers who receive paychecks during the summer months do so because they have had portions of their full pay withheld during the regular school year, thus enabling them to receive income during the summer months. Second, the majority of teachers use the summer months to recoup their physical and emotional energies for the new year, along with beginning to plan for the upcoming year.

Please take a moment and remember how much better it made you feel when someone thanked you for effort you put forth.

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Attn: Purchasing Department Automated Weather Observation System [AWOS III PT] RFP No. 23-24-11 401 N. Park Street Granbury, TX 76048

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION TRC 109 & 114 CAUSE NO. C2023455 NORMA MALDONADO

EVA PEREZ TO: EVA PEREZ IN THE 355m DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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A suit is now pending dicial District Court of Hood County, Texas. The cause C2023455.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff NORMA MALDONADO, by and through its attorney of record, JEREMY SORELLE of THE HYDE LAW FIRM, PLLC, 827 W. PEARL ST, GRANBURY, TX 76048 brought suit under Cause No. C2023455 in the 355th District Court of HoodCounty, Texas, for PETITION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT TO QUIET TITLE on the following described real property of which Defendant, EVA PEREZ, is a potential party of interest for the following property: Lot 11 in Block 8 of Montego Bay Sub-

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Scope of Work

Services to be provided by Engineer: professional engineering services associated with proposed (a) planning, permitting, environmental, design and construction management phase services and other additional services associated with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants (DWSRF-EC) Water System Improvements Project; and (b) assistance in application preparation and documentation to federal, state, and other possible funding sources.

Services to be provided by Bond Counsel: assist in obtaining loan and/ or grant funding and to provide legal opinion with respect to validity of any debt obligations issued by the City for capital financing; preparation of resolution authorizing and securing the debt and/or authorizing any grant or principal forgiveness agreements, as

Services to be provided by Financial Advisor: strategic financial planning; analysis of market conditions; recommended investments of bond and grant proceeds; provide recommendations to the City for financing through programs established by the TWDB, including loan, grant, and principal forgiveness funding.

Guidelines for Content of Qualification

DO NOT INCLUDE COST INFORMA-TION with the qualification statement. Responses that include cost or pricing information will be rejected and will not be considered by the City.

Detailed instructions on preparation of the qualification statement must be obtained from the City. For more information on preparing and submitting the qualification statement, contact the Director of Public Works Chester Nolen at (817) 573-7030 ext. 1754 or CNolen@granbury.org. This information should be requested as soon as possible to allow time to prepare the document and comply with the procedures.

Submittal Deadline

One (1) copy of the qualifications statement must be received by the City by no later than 4:00 PM (Central) on August 16, 2024, at the offices of the City of Granbury, Public Works Department, 401 N. Park Street, Granbury, Texas 76048, Attn: Chester Nolen, Director of Public Works.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection

The City will evaluate the proposals to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule

Consultants for Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, Engineering services are expected to negotiate an agreement for services which is acceptable to the City. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the City may formally end negotiations and begin negotiating with the next highest qualified person or firm.

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-26

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-40

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY

OF GRANBURY OF TERRITORY MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BELOW AND

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-41

AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 01-819, THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY; REVISING THE OFFICIAL ZONING

MAP IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN

SECTION 1, Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by rezoning the hereinafter property

and area; described as a 6.184-acre tract of the Marcus Smith Survey, Abstract No. 504, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and being more fully described by Exhibit 'A' attached hereto and incorporated herein:

From Planned Development, Multiple Family [PD/MF] to Planned Development Town Home [PD/TH]

Requirements for PD/TH to allow for 58 unit, townhome development Zoning District. Standards

[TH] Town Home District and what is presented below and on the plans listed below in Exhibit B.

Height and Area Regulations

PD/TH District

20 ft.

20 ft.

1,450 sq. ft.

750 sq.ft

980 sq.ft.

Dwelling: >80% of roof area provided i

4:12 or greater pitch

Visitor parking = 34

TOTAL Parking = 150

50% 1/8:12

<20% of the roof 1/8:12

55%

Not to exceed 45 ft.

or Requirements that are not listed as follows must meet the requ

Max. Height

Side Yard

Street Side

ear Yard

Front Yard

Lot Size

Lot Depth

Welling Area 2-bedroom

Dwelling Area 3-

Building Coverage

Min. Roof Pitch

58 Units - Two (2)

er dwelling unit

ncloses spaces (garage)

exist shall constitute a separate offense

PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

required by TxDOT.

mpervious Coverage

Zoning Ordinance

Sec. 5.11 TH District

Not to exceed 35 ft.

20 ft. minimum

20 ft. minimum

20 ft. minimum

20 ft. minimum

650 sq. ft.

800 sq. ft.

4:12

55% of lot area max.

70% of lot area max

Zoning Ordinance

116 parking spaces

moved subject to City of Granbury staff Administrative Approval

Amenity area docks that require Brazos River Authority approval may be relocated or

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

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 01-819, as amended, is hereby amended by granting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) on the property located on a 4.9072-acre tract of land described more fully as:

Lot 8R Aiken Addition, City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, addressed as 2440 US Hwy 377, located within the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, and located within the Heavy Commercial [HC] zoned district with the following conditions:

The Site Plan, as shown on "Exhibit A" is the governing site plan for the property. All parking, maneuvering, display, and storage must be on an improved hard surface All fire lanes shall remain clear of all obstructions at all times.

4. This Specific Use Permit is subject to all other City Code requirements, permits, periodic inspections; and any inspection fees as established in the City's Master Fee Schedule.
5. This Specific Use Permit is subject to periodic inspections and an inspection fee as established in the City's Master fee schedule. Any violation of the supplemental land us standards

or 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.

6. Allow for the administrative approval of the driveway on E US Hwy 377 to be moved if

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

These ordinances, as adopted by the Granbury City Council on August 6, 2024, are on file in the

Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St. and can be seen in its entirety during normal but

2,500 sq. ft. minimum

Height and Area Regulations

 $\label{eq:providing} \textbf{PROVIDING} \ \textbf{A} \ \textbf{SAVINGS} \ \textbf{CLAUSE}; \\ \textbf{AND} \ \textbf{PROVIDING} \ \textbf{AN} \ \textbf{EFFECTIVE} \ \textbf{DATE}.$

Public Notices

Hood County Hospital District board of directors will hold its regularly sched- Hood County Purchasing Agent's of-

Advertisement to Bid

City of Granbury The City of Granbury is accepting sealed competitive unit bids for the following:

trifugal Booster Bump 150 HP RFP No. website

23-24-12 until August

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Center

Attn: Purchasing Department No. 23-24-12"

401 N. Park Street Granbury, TX 76048

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regarding this bid shall be requested crussell@granbury.org. Any Bids re-

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uled meeting on Friday, August 23, fice will receive sealed proposals at noon, at Hood County Annex I meet- 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX ing room, 200 Deputy Larry Miller Dr., 76048, until 10:00 am, September 12, Granbury. For more information, 817- 2024. Proposals will be opened in a

> Request for Proposal Fire Truck Maintenance RFP2024-08

public meeting at that time and place.

Proposals may be submitted through Purchase Horizontal Multistage Cen- Hood County's page on the BonFire tx.bonfirehub.com . It is free to regis-27 2024 at 2:00pm CST, at which time ter and to bid. Proposal documents they will be opened publicly at 401 N may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W TX 76048. Bids should be mailed, or Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or hand delivered in a sealed envelope through the Hood County Purchasing website

City of Granbury Municipal Service https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/bids.

Hood County reserves the right to "City of Granbury Horizontal Multi- award by best value and to waive forstage Centrifugal Booster Bump RFP malities for the best interest of Hood County. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semi Bid packet and documents will be -monthly meeting of the Hood County

ing starting August 12, 2024 at 2pm. Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817 -408-3440.

PUBLIC NOTICE from Purchasing Manager at 817-573- Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Proper-Code, Guardbox Storage in Granbury, which is located at 1400 Weatherford Hwy., Granbury, TX 76048, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien online at www. Storagetreasures.com. The auction will end on or around 11:00 A.M. on August 29, 2024. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. A \$100.00 cash deposit for removal and cleanup will be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenants: Felecia Amador-furniture, clothes Elizabeth Tustin-Tv, baseball cards

Contact Guardbox Storage-Granbury 817-573-2416

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Notice of Public Hearing on Hood County Hospital District **Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget**

The Hood County Hospital District will hold a public hearing for the proposed 2025 annual budget. The public hearing will be held on August 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ralph H. Walton, Jr. Justice Center, Central Jury Room, 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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> NOTICE OF SALE § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS HOOD COUNTY

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Hood County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on August 2, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in September, 2024, the same being the 3rd day of said month, in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Hood County Courthouse at

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	
1	C2018242 09/11/19	13469.000.0050.0(R000025219) AUGUST 02, 2024	LIPAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHARLES EDWARD FREEMAN	All that certain tract of land being Tract 50, Section "E", The Old WD Ranch Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, described as, 20.010 acres, more or less, in deed dated May 27, 2008, from The Veterans Land Board of Texas to Charles Edward Freeman, in Volume 2403, Page 695 Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 10.00 acre tract described in Volume 2403, Page 697, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 10.00 acre tract described in Volume 2403, Page 697, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 10.01 acres, more or less.	\$84,140.00	
2	C2018427 12/30/20	11121.004.0002.0(R000000421) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICK GENTRY	TRACT 1 Lot 2, Block 4, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Pages 57 and 57-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,000.00	
3	C2018427 12/30/20	81000.000.4315.0(M000100297) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICK GENTRY	TRACT 2 Personal Property consisting of a 14x56 Mobile Home, located in Hood County, Texas.	\$8,670.00	
4	C2019164 06/03/21	81000.000.4131.0(M000100112) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. THOMAS E. HARRIS, JR., ET AL	TRACT 3 Personal Property consisting of a 2009, 27 X 56, KAPA 56C3 Mobile Home, Serial #MP1515714A & #MP1515714B, Label #PFS1062293 & #PFS1062294, located at 5428 S. Oklahoma Trail, Granbury, Hood County, Texas	\$43,790.00	
5	12/06/23 R000007840) SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KATHY RENEA GAILY, ET AL ac			TRACT 1 Lots 74 and 75, Block 3, Comanche Cove, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 45, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$30,000.00	
6	C2019165 12/06/23	81000.000.2962.0(M000099010) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KATHY RENEA GAILY, ET AL	TRACT 2 Personal Property consisting of a 1998, 28 X 60, Oakwood Mobile Home, Serial #HOTX10A03283A & HOTX10A03283B, Label #NTA0794725 & #NTA0794724, located at 1005 Colorado River Drive, Granbury, Hood County, Texas	\$26,190.00	
Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acet # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	
7	C2019255 10/18/23	M7060.197.1361.2 (N000129734) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LARRY GREGORY BANDY	TRACT 1 .002500 Overriding Royalty Interest in and to the West Rim Unit 1H, Railroad Commission# 270048, XTO Energy Operator, said well being located in the J Schroeder Survey, Abstract# 505, located in Hood County, Texas.	\$2,470.00	
8	C2019255 10/18/23	M7060.197.0411.1 (N000123030) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LARRY GREGORY BANDY	TRACT 2 .012718 Royalty Interest in and to the Tomlinson 1H, Railroad Commission# 226418, Eagleridge Operating, Operator, said well being located in the J Schroeder Survey, Abstract# 505, located in Hood County, Texas.	\$2,990.00	
9	C2019255 M7060.197.0444.1 GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LARRY GREGORY BANDY 2024		SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS.	TRACT 3 .012718 Royalty Interest in and to the Tomlinson 2H, Railroad Commission# 228739, Eagleridge Operating, Operator, said well being located in the John Schroeder Survey, Abstract# 505, located in Hood County, Texas.	\$11,980.00	
10	10/18/23 (N000123712) SCHOOL DISTRICT, E		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LARRY GREGORY BANDY	L VS. the Rim Properties Unit 1H, Railroad Commission#		
11	C2019288 12964.000.0279.0(GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. AUGUST 02, 2024 JASON RENNER		SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS.	Lots 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, and 283, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$82,510.00	
12	AUGUST 02, 2024 JAMES RANDY BANDY		SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS.	TRACT 1 .012717 Royalty Interest in and to the TOMLINSON 1H, Railroad Commission #226418, EAGLERIDGE OPERA TING, operator, said well being located in the J. Schroeder Survey, Abstract #505, located in Hood County, Texas	\$4,600.00	
13	C2020032 09/20/23	11121.005.0071.0(R000000541) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN T. HOWARD, ET AL	Lot 71, Block 5, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00	
14	C2020166 10/19/21	81000.000.4601.0(M000100600) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KELVIN D. KLOEHN, ET AL	Personal property consisting of a 12 X 48, Manatee Mobile Home, Serial #2039534788, Label #DLS0088916, located at 3509 Sumac, Granbury, Hood County, Texas	\$2,770.00	
18	C2020190 06/06/23	12964.000.0099.0(R000018231) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHEILA HARRIS, ET AL	TRACT 3 Lots 99 and 100, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$19,000.00	
19	C2020190 06/06/23	82000.486.3816.0(M000001043) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHEILA HARRIS, ET AL	TRACT 2 Personal Property consisting of a 14 X 52, Melody Mobile Home, Serial #282SB456S44001, Label #TEX0197099, located at 4000 Tennessee, Granbury, Hood County, Texas	\$4,240.00	
Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	
20	C2020190 06/06/23	12964.000.0205.0(R000018336) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHEILA HARRIS, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 205, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00	
21	C2020219 08/18/22	13560.000.0012.1(R000104989) AUGUST 02, 2024	TOLAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY E. MASON, ET AL	TRACT 2 1.00 acre, more or less, being a portion of Tract 12 of Post Oak Acres, Hood County, Texas, as described in deed dated May 12, 2017, from William Lee White etal to Sheila Mendoza, in Clerk's File #2017-0006568, Real Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$38,000.00	
26	C2020268 05/23/23	12522.000.0031.0(R000013874) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GUSTAVO MARTINEZ	Lot 31, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase II, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 62A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$19,540.00	
27	C2020272 06/06/23	11280.002.0003.0(R000002656 and R002656) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD CUEVAS	Lot 3, Block 2, Briarwood, Second Filing, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 20, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$103,160.00	
28	C2020273 08/16/23	13444.000.0039.0(R000024025) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JODY LEE COST	Lots 38 and 39, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 30, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00	
29	C2020275 06/06/23	13446.002.0160.0(R000025032) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES T. SMITH, ET AL	Lot 160, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores, Section "F", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1341, Page 897, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$33,000.00	
30	C2020283 04/13/23	13445.008.0032.0(R000024617) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES M. TILLISON	Lots 9, 10, 32, and 33, Block 8, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 52, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that Southerly 5.00 feet of Lot 32, Block 8, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "E" described in Volume 2245, Page 122, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$40,000.00	
31	C2020291 09/01/23	11363.000.0226.0(R000003872) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BILLY L. MONTGOMERY	Lots 225, 226, and 237, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 174, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$50,450.00	
32	C2020293 06/23/22	11620.000.0120.1(R000097288) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CATHERINE LAINE ELLIOTT	TRACT 1 All that certain tract of land situated in the Thomas Robinson Survey, Abstract 470, Hood County, Texas, described as 3.25 acres, more or less, in deed dated July 15, 1994, from the Betty L. Luker to Stanley W. Bolden, in Volume 1434, Page 818, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 2.00 acre tract described in Clerk's	\$24,210.00	

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Sale # 33	Cause # Judgment Date C2020293 06/23/22	Acct # Order Issue Date 81000.000.3192.0(M000099242) AUGUST 02, 2024	Style of Case GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CATHERINE LAINE ELLIOTT	Legal Description TRACT 2 Personal Property consisting of a 28x52 Glenbrook Mobile Home, Label# TEX0270016/7, Serial# TXFL2AD378401847/BD378401847, located in Hood County, Texas.	Adjudged Value \$9,860.00	
34	34 C2020303 12522.000.0065 04/18/23 R000013907) AUGUST 02, 2024		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN R. EDWARDS, ET AL	Lot 65, Indian Harbor, Phase II, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 62, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$24,590.00	
35	C2020312 04/18/23	12962.000.0480.0(R000017620) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GUNARS DREIFUSS	Lot 480, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "B", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
36	C2020320 09/01/23	13442.000.0593.0(R000023704) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. L. ROSALIE SOUTH	TRACT 2 Lot 593, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
37	C2020320 09/01/23	13442.000.0592.0(R000023703) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. L. ROSALIE SOUTH	TRACT 1 Lot 592, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
38	C2020325 10/18/23	12522.000.0087.0(R000013927) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DORIS DOSS, ET AL	Lots 87 and 88, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase II, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 62A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$35,410.00	
39	C2020326 06/06/23	11369.000.0037.0(R000005450) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. VANNA G. PANTHER	TRACT 2 Lot 37, Canyon Creek IV Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 307A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
40	C2020326 06/06/23	11368.000.0001.0(R000005045) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. VANNA G. PANTHER	TRACT 1 Lot 1, Canyon Creek III Subdivision, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1141, Page 836, Real Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
41	C2020328 06/13/23	12961.003.0041.0(R000016890) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CURTIS W. JOHNSON	Lot 41, Block 3, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$15,000.00	
42	C2020337 08/16/23	12524.000.0074.0(R000014143) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. I. E. MORALES	Lot 197, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase IV, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 95, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$37,480.00	
Sale	Cause #	Acct#	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged	
43	Judgment Date C2020339 06/13/23	Order Issue Date 12967.000.0199.0(R000018651) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SUSAN REDDING	TRACT 2 Lot 199, Lakeside Hills, a subdivision of Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in at A-225 and B-225, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	Value \$15,000.00	
44	C2020339 06/13/23	12967.000.0104.0(R000018556) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SUSAN REDDING	TRACT 1 Lot 104, Lakeside Hills, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded at A-225 and B-225, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$15,000.00	
45	C2020344 09/01/23	13442.000.0561.0(R000023673) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. REBA BURTON	TRACT 2 Lot 561, Oak Trail Shores Addition, Section "B", an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1585, Page 565, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
46	C2020344 09/01/23	13442.000.0560.0(R000023672) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. REBA BURTON	TRACT 1 Lot 560, Oak Trail Shores Addition, Section "B", an addition to the City of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1885, Page 565, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
47	C2020396 10/18/23	11364.000.0130.0(R000004030) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. R. L. COX, AKA ROY LEE COX, ET AL	Lot 130, Canyon Creek II Subdivision, Unit 4, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1212, Page 855, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$18,000.00	
48	C2020398 10/18/23	13441.000.0425.0(R000022953) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARION RAY HALL, ET AL	Lot 425, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 10, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
49	C2021078 10/18/23	13600.000.0103.0(R000029147) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOLLIE E. ENIX, AKA TOLLIE EUGENE, ET AL	0.464 acre, more or less, being Tract 3, Quail Ridge Acres, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1210, Page 941, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00	
50	C2021080 10/18/23	12961.003.0008.0(R000016858) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MELODY LEWIS, ET AL	Lot 8, Block 3, Lake Granbury Harbor, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$25,000.00	
51	C2021083 12/13/23	14070.001.0009.0(R000033420 and R033420) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SUNCHASE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	Lots 9 and 25, Block 1, Sunchase Village, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Page 258-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
52	C2021093 08/11/23	13630.007.0029.0(R000029387) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA BARRON	TRACT 2 Lot 29, Block 7, Rancho Brazos, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 138, Page 431, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00	
53	C2021093 08/11/23	13630.007.0028.0(R000029386) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA BARRON	TRACT 1 Lot 28, Block 7, Rancho Brazos, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 138, Page 431, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$203,390.00	
Sale # 54	Cause # Judgment Date C2021116 10/18/23	Acct # Order Issue Date 81000.000.4316.0(M000100300) AUGUST 02,	Style of Case GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA BURROUGHS, ET AL	Legal Description TRACT 2 Personal Property consisting of a Grey and Pink 14x44 Mobile Home, located in Hood County, Texas.	Adjudged Value \$3,740.00	
55	C2021116 10/18/23	2024 12522.000.0169.0(R000013973) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICIA BURROUGHS, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 169, Indian Harbor, Phase 2, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 128, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$22,000.00	
56	C2021122 03/06/24	13443.002.0015.0(R000023816) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 6 Lot 15, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 33, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
57	C2021122 03/06/24	13442.000.0002.0(R000023140) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 5 Lot 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00	
58	C2021122 03/06/24	12962.000.0057.0(R000017202) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 4 Lot 57, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section"B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00	
59	C2021122 03/06/24	12962.000.0037.0(R000017182) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 3 Lot 37, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section"B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00	
60	C2021122 03/06/24	11483.002.0052.0(R000008892) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 1 Lot 52, Block 2, Comanche Cove Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 200, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
61	C2021122 03/06/24	12962.000.0020.0(R000017165) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT PAGAN	TRACT 2 Lot 20, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section"B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00	
62	C2021221 10/18/23	13380.007.0209.0(R000022141) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GRADY E. SMITH	Lots 209 and 210, Block 7, Oak Hills Section, in Oak Trails Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Pages 24-25, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00	
63	C2021222 06/13/23	15620.005.0002.3(R000037511) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BARTON DAVIDSON	70.00 feet by 100.00 feet, containing 0.1607 acre, more or less being the North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 5, W.A. Larned Addition, an addition to the Town of Granbury, Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1062, Page 583, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas	\$36,000.00	
		13380.007.0065.0(GRANBURY INDEPENDENT	Deed Records of Hood County, Texas. Lot 65, Block 7, Oak Hills in Oak Trail Shores	\$7,000.00	

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65	C2021269 10/18/23	13442.000.0376.0(R000023491) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CHRISTOPHER ALLEN PHILLIPS	Lots 375 and 376, Oak Trail Shores, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
66	C2021270 06/13/23	11368.000.0138.0(R000005182) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WILLIAM WHITE	TRACT 2 Lot 138, Canyon Creek III, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 360, Page 320, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
67	C2021270 11362.000.0322.0 06/13/23 R000003520) AUGUST 02, 2024		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WILLIAM WHITE	TRACT 1 Lot 322, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1178, Page 751, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
68	C2021271 06/13/23	12962.000.0535.0(R000017676) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EDNA MCPHERSON	Lots 535 and 536, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
69	C2021272 10/18/23	12964.000.0043.0(R000018175) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. THOMAS MCCARTHY, ET AL	Lots 43 and 44, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
70	C2021278 10/18/23	12530.000.0434.0(R000014894) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. HEALTH FACILITIES INVESTMENT GROUP, LP	Lot 434, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase "X", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 60, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$24,000.00
71	C2021279 10/18/23	12961.001.0086.0(R000016610) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD CADY	TRACT 1 Lots 85, 86, 132, and 133, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$31,390.00
72	C2021279 10/18/23	11121.002.0016.0(R000000319) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD CADY	TRACT 2 Lot 16, Block 2, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 57, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$250.00
73	C2021282 10/18/23	13380.015.0045.0(R000022356) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. STERLING EAKIN	Lots 43, 44, and 45, Block 15, Oak Hills Section of Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 147, Plat Records of Hood County,	\$21,000.00
74	C2021285 09/01/23	12962.000.0065.0(R000017210) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JEFFREY A. PERRY	TRACT 2 Lot 65, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.00
75	C2021285 09/01/23	12962.000.0010.0(R000017155) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JEFFREY A. PERRY	TRACT 1 Lot 10, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00
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77	C2021309 09/01/23	2024 12964.000.0269.0(R000018398) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARGARET FINCH	"A", Page 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. TRACT 2 Lots 269 and 270, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 219, Plat Records of Hood County,	\$18,000.00
78	8 C2021309 12964.000.0267.0(09/01/23 R000018396) AUGUST 02,		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARGARET FINCH	TRACT 1 Lots 266, 267, and 268, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 219, Plat Records of Hood	\$12,000.00
79	C2021314	2024 11367.000.0027.0(GRANBURY INDEPENDENT	County, Texas. Lot 27, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood	\$24,000.00
80	12/20/23 C2021328 12/20/23	R000004435) AUGUST 02, 2024 13380.007.0302.0(R000022229)	SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DOREEN KISER GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WALTER JORDAN, ET AL	County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2011- 0009836, Official Records of Hood County, Texas. Lots 302 and 303, Block 7, Oak Hills in Oak Trail Shores, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Pages 24	\$14,000.00
81	C2021330 12/22/23	AUGUST 02, 2024 13443.002.0014.0(R000023815)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS.	and 25, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. Lot 14, Block 2, Oak Trail Shore Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the	\$10,000.00
02		AUGUST 02, 2024	MARY BRADFORD	map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 33, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	£24,000,00
82	C2022036 06/15/23	12525.000.0192.0(R000014453) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GERALD R ERICKSON, ET AL	TRACT 2 Lot 192, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase 5, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 81, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$24,000.00
83	C2022036 06/15/23	11363.000.0160.0(R000003808) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GERALD R ERICKSON, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 160, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 3, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1106, Page 404, Real Property Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
84	C2022039 08/11/23	11121.007.0054.0(R000000678) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	TRACT 2 Lot 54, Block 7, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 57, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
85	C2022039 08/11/23	11121.007.0059.0(R000000683) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	TRACT 3 Lots 59 and 60, Block 7, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2018-0001816, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,000.00
86	C2022039 08/11/23	11122.001.0023.0(R000000719) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	TRACT 4 Lot 23, Block 1, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2018-0001815, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
Sale # 87	Cause # Judgment Date C2022039 08/11/23	Acet # Order Issue Date 11122.002.0035.0(R000000798) AUGUST 02,	Style of Case GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	Legal Description TRACT 5 Lot 35, Block 2, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in	Adjudged Value \$6,000.00
88	C2022039 08/11/23	2024 11122.002.0052.0(R000000815) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. TRACT 6 Lot 52, Block 2, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
89	C2022039 08/11/23	11121.005.0063.0(R000000533) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	TRACT 7 Lot 63, Block 5, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
90	C2022039 08/11/23	11121.005.0084.0(R000000554) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	TRACT 1 Lot 84, Block 5, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
91	C2022041 08/16/23	11361.000.0021.0(R000002764) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GUY R. EBNER	Lot 21, Canyon Creek, Unit 1, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1308, Page 587, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$18,000.00
92	C2022047 09/01/23	2024 11365.000.0173.0(R000004342) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. OLIVER LANCE, JR.	TRACT 2 Lot 173, Canyon Creek Addition Subdivision, Unit 5, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1306, Page 636, Official Public Records of	\$14,000.00
93	C2022047 09/01/23	2024 11365.000.0126.0(R000004295) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. OLIVER LANCE, JR.	Hood County, Texas. TRACT 1 Lot 126, Canyon Creek Addition Subdivision, Unit 5, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1306, Page 632, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
94	C2022048 08/16/23	12967.000.0246.0(R000018697)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TROY DANIEL LUNSFORD	TRACT 1 Lot 246, Lakeside Hills, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 225-B, Plat Records of	\$15,000.00
95	C2022048 08/16/23	AUGUST 02, 2024 12967.000.0247.0(R000018698)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TROY DANIEL LUNSFORD	TRACT 2 Lot 247, Lakeside Hills, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 225, Plat Records of Hood	\$15,000.00
96	C2022051 03/08/24	AUGUST 02, 2024 13446.001.0159.0(R000024879)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RUPERT RICHARDS	recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 225, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. TRACT 1 Lot 159, Block 1, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "F", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in	\$10,000.00
97	C2022051	AUGUST 02, 2024 13446.001.0160.0(GRANBURY INDEPENDENT	Cabinet "A", Slide 45-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. TRACT 2 Lot 160, Block 1, Oak Trail Shores	\$10,000.00
*	03/08/24	R000024880) AUGUST 02, 2024	SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RUPERT RICHARDS	Subdivision, Section "F", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 45-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	,000.00

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98	C2022057 03/08/24	12533.000.0984.0(R000015197) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ALDEN L. MOORE	Lot 984, Indian Harbor Subdivision, Phase XIII, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 107, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$45,000.0
99	C2022078 09/01/23	11370.000.0107.0(R000005572) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. E, DICKINS	TRACT 3 Lot 107, Canyon Creck "V" Subdivision, Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 316-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
100	C2022078 09/01/23	11368.000.0044.0(R000005088) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. E, DICKINS	TRACT 2 Lot 44, Canyon Creek III Subdivision, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 210, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.0
101	C2022078 09/01/23	11368.000.0043.0(R000005087) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. E, DICKINS	TRACT 1 Lot 43, Canyon Creek III Subdivision, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 210, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,000.00
102	C2022099 03/21/24	13041.002.0002.0(R000019197) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EVA N. TETTLETON	Lot 2, Block 2, Lakewood Hills Estates, Section One, A subdivision in Hood County, Texas according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 138, Page 41/ and 418 of the Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$325,780.00
103	C2022108 06/15/23	20346.000.0170.0(R000043128, 20697.000.0020.0, R000046737, 20909.000.0030.0 and R000047641) AUGUST 02,	TOLAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BROOKS FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	TRACT 3 63.26 acres, more or less, situated in the Samuel McGown Survey, Abstract 346, Hood County, Texas, as described as Tract 1, in deed dated May 13, 1981, from John Wilburn Crowell to Wilda Myrtle Crowell Brooks, in Volume 339, Page 594, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$3,300.0
104	C2022108 06/15/23	2024 20346.000.0160.0(R000043127) AUGUST 02, 2024	TOLAR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BROOKS FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	TRACT 2 27.09 acres, more or less, situated in the Samuel McGown Survey, Abstract 346, Hood County, Texas, as described as Tract 2, in deed dated May 13, 1981, from John Wilburn Crowell to Wilda Myrtle Crowell Brooks, in Volume 339, Page 594, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,220.0
105	C2022238 03/08/24	11364.000.0199.0(R000004098) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. VERA MAXINE MARTIN	Lot 199, Canyon Creek II, Unit 4, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 199, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.0
106	C2022239 03/08/24	12961.001.0030.0(R000016555) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ROBERT SOSEBEE	Lot 30, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
107	C2022241 03/08/24	13445.004.0003.0(R000024491) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CURTIS ALLEN SEARCY	TRACT 2 Lot 3, Block 4, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 31, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00
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108	C2022241 03/08/24	13445.004.0002.0(R000024490) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CURTIS ALLEN SEARCY	TRACT 1 Lot 2, Block 4, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "E", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 31, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00
109	C2022243 03/08/24	11121.001.0177.0(R000000292) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TIMOTHY W. BREITENSTEIN, ET AL	Lot 177, Block 1, Arrowhead Shores Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$22,000.00
110	C2022245 09/20/23	13670.000.0047.0(R000029787) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MAY ELLEN THOMPSON, ET AL	Lot 47, River Run, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 218-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$33,040.00
111	C2022247 03/08/24	11368.000.0362.0(R000005405) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD E. MOONEYHAM	Lot 362, Canyon Creek III, Unit 8, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1325, Page 127, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$17,000.00
112	C2022254 03/08/24	11370.000.0323.0(R000005788) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BOBBY R. WILHOIT	Lot 323, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1215, Page 711, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
113	C2022255 03/08/24	11370.000.0236.0(R000005701) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JAMES E. WOLFORD, ET AL	Lot 236, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1194, Page 79, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
114	C2022256 03/28/24	2024 13380.008.0006.0(R000022291) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WILLIAM L. MCKINNEY, ET AL	Lots 6 and 7, Block 8, Oak Hills Section of Oak Trail Shores, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 24 and, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
115	C2022258 03/08/24	11364.000.0200.0(R000004099) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CECIL RODGERS	Lot 200, Canyon Creek Addition, Unit 4, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Page 199, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
116	C2022260 06/15/23	13442.000.0484.0(R000023596) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MANUAL CARLOS MARTINEZ	Lot 484 and the West 1/2 of Lot 485, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$79,690.00
117	C2022261 03/08/24	13444.000.0234.0(R000024205) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHIRLEY STARR	Lots 234, 235, and 236, Oak Trail Shores, Section "D", an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1462, Page 124, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$30,000.00
118	C2022264 03/28/24	11483.002.0456.0(R000009285) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PATRICK D KAKOURIS	Lots 456 and 457, Block 2, Comanche Cove Subdivision, Section "C", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 200, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$28,000.00
Sale # 119	Cause # Judgment Date C2022269 03/08/24	Acct # Order Issue Date 13260.011.0003.0(R000020690) AUGUST 02, 2024	Style of Case GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN V. GRANT, ET AL	Legal Description Lot 3, Block 11, Montego Bay Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 43, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	Adjudged Value \$18,000.00
120	C2022271 03/08/24	13444.000.0401.0(R000024363) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARVIN M. HEATH, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 401, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "D", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 30, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.0
121	C2022271 03/08/24	13444.000.0402.0(R000024364) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARVIN M. HEATH, ET AL	TRACT 2 Lot 402, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "D", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 30, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00
122	C2022279 03/08/24	12964.000.0038.0(R000018170) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JASE KHYEAM, ET AL	TRACT 3 Lot 38, Section "D", Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 219, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
123	C2022279 03/08/24	12964.000.0036.0(R000018168) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JASE KHYEAM, ET AL	TRACT 2 Lots 36 and 37, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 219, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$26,000.0
124	C2022279 03/08/24	13380.004.0055.0(R000100082) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JASE KHYEAM, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lots 55 and 56, Block 4, Oak Hills Section to Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 3, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
125	C2022281 03/08/24	11368.000.0194.0(R000005238) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOMMY G. THRONEBERRY	TRACT 2 Lot 194, Canyon Creek III Subdivision, Unit 8, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 210, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
126	C2022281 03/08/24	11368.000.0195.0(R000005239) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TOMMY G. THRONEBERRY	TRACT 1 Lot 195, Canyon Creek III Subdivision, Unit 8, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 210, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
127	C2022287 08/11/23	13442.000.0119.0(R000023249) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RODNEY B. PICKETT	TRACT 1 Lot 119, Section "B", Oak Trail Shores, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$11,240.00
128	C2022287 08/11/23	13442.000.0118.0(R000023248)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RODNEY B. PICKETT	TRACT 2 Lot 118, Section "B", Oak Trail Shores, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat	\$10,000.0



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129	C2022288 08/11/23	11361.000.0138.0(R000002898) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RONNIE WHITE	Lot 138, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 1, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 198, Map Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$18,000.00	162	C2022537 03/08/24	11361.000.0171.0(R000002930) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EVELYN W. VAUGHAN	Lot 171, Canyon Creek, Unit 1, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide A-190-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
130	C2022295 03/08/24	13380.002.0080.0(R000021580) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. E. J. HUGHES	Lots 80 and 81, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 118, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00	163	C2022538 03/08/24	11361.000.0289.0(R000003048) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHNNIE HORNBECK	Lot 289, Canyon Creek, Unit 1, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide A-191, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
131	C2022296 12/13/23	13260.002.0022.0(R000020538) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN D. MARTIN	Lot 22, Block 2, Montego Bay Estates, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 43, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00	instru said d intere havin	ments reference defendants or the est, penalties, and ag an interest the	ce may be made heir attorney, a and cost; and any herein, to redeer	of for a more complete description sufficient portion of the property property sold shall be subject the said property, or their integral of the said property, or their integral of the said property.	ng to the Deed Records, Hood County, Texasion of each respective tract.) or, upon the writry described above shall be sold to satisfy so to the right of redemption of the defendants terest therein, within the time and in the man	tten request of id judgment(s), or any person ner provided by
132	C2022299 03/06/24	12529.000.0728.0(R000014786) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BRUNITA SALAME, ET AL	Lots 727 and 728, Indian harbor, Phase 9, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 100, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$37,000.00	under numb	the provision pered cause(s),	s of law. Said s together with ir	ale to be made by me to satisf	the defendants or anyone interested therein n y the judgment(s) rendered in the above style suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be apple e law directs.	d and
133	C2022305 03/06/24	13380.002.0095.0(R000021595) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GURDON S. WOODWARD	All that certain tract of land containing Lots 95 and 96, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Oak Hills Section, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, described as follows: a. that certain Lot 96, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, as described in Volume 1, Page 118, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; and b. that certain Lot 95, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, as described in Volume 1, Page 118, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; and b. that certain Lot 95, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores	\$20,000.00	Dated	d at Granbury,	Texas, August 2	Constable Char Hood County,		

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The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (817) 877-4589

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



COMBINED

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AND

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AIR QUALITY PERMITS

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBERS 175173, PSDTX1636, AND GHGPSDTX238

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, TX 76048-7736, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX1636, and duality Feffilia (1767), issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX25 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize construction of the Wolf Hollow II located at 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, Hood County, Texas 76048. AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO. El aviso de idioma alternativo en espanol está disponible en https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. In addition, the facility will emit the following air contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride, and sulfuric acid mist. The proposed facility will also emit greenhouse gases

The degree of PSD increment predicted to be consumed by the proposed facility and other increment-consuming sources in the area is as follows

Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed (µg/m³)	Allowable Increment (µg/m³)
24-hour	6.63	9
Annual	0.71	4

This application was submitted to the TCFQ on January 25, 2024. The executive director has determined that the emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility which are subject to PSD review will not violate any state or federal air quality regulations and will not have any significant adverse impact on soils, vegetation, or visibility. All air contaminants have been evaluated, and "best available control technology" will be used for the control of these contaminants

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, draft permit, and the executive director's preliminary determination summary and executive director's air quality analysis, will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and at the Hood County Library, 222 North Travis Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Office, 2309 Gravel Dr, Fort Worth, Texas.

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid: the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, air quality analysis, and, once available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application. Access the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) using the above link and enter the permit number for this application. The public location mentioned above, the Hood County Library, 222 North Travis Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas provides public access to the internet. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker= 97.735555.32.34&level=13.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting on this application because it was requested by a local legislator. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application, and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. At the conclusion of the comment period, all formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director and will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

The Public Meeting is to be held:

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM Lake Granbury Conference Center 621 E Pearl Street Granbury, Texas 76048

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at 512-239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least five business days prior to the meeting

You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below, or by the date of the public meeting, whichever is later. After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all public comment. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing regarding the portions of the application for State Air Quality Permit Number 175173 and for PSD Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX1636. There is no opportunity to request a contested case hearing regarding the portion of the application for GHG PSD Air Quality Permit Number GHGPSDTX238. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants, other than GHGs, from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. A contested case hearing request must include the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case nearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. 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 Issues that are not submitted in public comments may not be considered during a hearing

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application for the portion of the application for GHG PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX238. If a timely contested case hearing request is not received or if all timely contested case hearing requests are withdrawn regarding State Air Quality Permit Number 175173 and for PSD Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX1636, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the CID. If any timely hearing requests are received and not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the State Air Quality Permit Number 175173 and for PSD Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX1636 and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, 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. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Wolf Hollow II Power LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Albert Hatton III, Director, Environmental Programs at (844) 783-2885.

Notice Issuance Date: July 30, 2024

29	Undgment Date C2022288 08/11/23	Order Issue Date 11361.000.0138.0(R000002898)	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS.	Lot 138, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 1, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map	Value \$18,000.00
130	C2022295	AUGUST 02, 2024 13380.002.0080.0(RONNIE WHITE GRANBURY INDEPENDENT	or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 198, Map Records of Hood County, Texas. Lots 80 and 81, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, a	\$20,000.00
150	03/08/24	R000021580) AUGUST 02, 2024	SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. E. J. HUGHES	Lots 80 and 81, Block 2, Oak Frail Shores Subdivision, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 118, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.00
131	C2022296 12/13/23	13260.002.0022.0(R000020538) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN D. MARTIN	Lot 22, Block 2, Montego Bay Estates, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 43, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.00
132	C2022299 03/06/24	12529.000.0728.0(R000014786) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. BRUNITA SALAME, ET AL	Lots 727 and 728, Indian harbor, Phase 9, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 100, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$37,000.00
133 C2022305 03/06/24		13380.002.0095.0(R000021595) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GURDON S. WOODWARD	All that certain tract of land containing Lots 95 and 96, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Oak Hills Section, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, described as follows: a. that certain Lot 96, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, as described in Volume 1, Page 118, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas; and b. that certain Lot 95, Block 2, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, as described in Volume 1, Page 118, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas;	\$20,000.0
134	08/11/23 R000018338) SCHOOL DISTRICT,		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WILEY KENNETH SULLIVAN, JR.	Lots 208, 209, and 210, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "D", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide "A", Page 219, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$12,000.0
135	C2022312 05/23/23	13441.000.0446.0(R000022972) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GLEN E. MARDIAN	TRACT 1 Lots 446 and 447, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "A", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 19, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.0
136	C2022312 05/23/23	13380.003.0116.0(R000021731) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. GLEN E. MARDIAN	TRACT 2 Lot 116, Block 3, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Oak Hills Section, a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 2, Page 3, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$7,000.0
137	C2022313 03/06/24	13442.000.0004.0(R000023142) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SAM LOYA, ET AL	TRACT 2 Lot 4, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section "B", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.0
Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date 13442.000.0003.0(Style of Case GRANBURY INDEPENDENT	Legal Description TRACT 1 Lot 3, Oak Trail Shores Subdivision, Section	Adjudged Value \$10,000.0
150	03/06/24	R000023141) AUGUST 02, 2024	SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SAM LOYA, ET AL	"B", a subdivision in Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 21, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.0
139	C2022362 05/03/24	11242.004.0022.0(R000002207) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MICHAEL E. MOOMEY, ET AL	Lots 21, 22, and 23, Block 4, Brazos River Acres, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", Slide 275B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$81,380.0
140	C2022429 10/10/23	11362.000.0046.0(R000003250) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LINDA WORTHY	Lot 46, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Cabinet "A", slide 190-B, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.0
141	C2022434 10/10/23	11362.000.0425.0(R000003620) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EDUARDO PALACIOS	Lot 425, Canyon Creek Subdivision, Unit 2, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1441, Page 732, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.0
142	C2022473 03/19/24	11370.000.0065.0(R000005530) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JASPER ANDERSON	Lot 65, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1257, Page 355, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.0
143	12/13/23 R000005889) AUGUST 02,		GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHERRY MYERS	Lot 425, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1278, Page 798, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.0
144	C2022480 03/19/24	2024 11370.000.0363.0(R000005828) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PRESTON D. CONNOLLY	Lot 363, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1274, Page 721, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.0
145	C2022481 03/08/24	11370.000.0294.0(R000005759) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RICHARD J. MADKIN	Lot 294, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1221, Page 66, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.0
146	C2022489 03/19/24	12524.000.0191.0(R000014255) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MELVIN M. BREITENSTEIN, JR.	Lot 191, Indian Harbor, Phase 4, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1837, Page 416, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.0
148	C2022494 03/28/24	11370.000.0109.0(R000005574) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. FORREST HARRELL, JR.	Lot 109, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1261, Page 944, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.0
149	C2022496 03/28/24	2024 11370.000.0106.0(R000005571) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LEE R. HATHCOCK	Lot 106, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1215, Page 701, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.0
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151	C2022499 03/28/24	2024 11370.000.0118.0(R000005583) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CARRELL NORMAN	Lot 118, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1199, Page 271, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.
152	C2022504 03/08/24	2024 11367.000.0412.0(R000004804) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SHIRLEY JACKSON	Lot 412, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1068, Page 536, Real Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.
153	C2022505 03/06/24	2024 11367.000.0390.0(R000004782) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARDENNA GULLINESE	Lot 390, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1151, Page 46, Real Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.
154	C2022506 03/06/24	2024 11367.000.0368.0(R000004759) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. ARCHIE W. SMITH	Lot 368, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1151, Page 82, Real Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.
155	C2022510 03/08/24	2024 12962.000.0019.0(R000017164) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. KENNETH DAVIS, ET AL	Lot 19, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "B", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 213, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$8,000.
156	C2022512 08/11/23	11370.000.0328.0(R000005793) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. CANDACE SHEFFIELD	Lot 328, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2015-00133767, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$18,000.
157	C2022518 03/28/24	2024 11369.000.0034.0(R000005447) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LARRY C. FRECHETT	Lot 34, Canyon Creek IV Subdivision, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1322, Page 493, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$16,000.
158	C2022520 03/28/24	2024 11367.000.0148.0(R000004554) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. LANORA RHOADES	Lot 148, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 360, Page 324, Deed Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.
159	C2022523 08/04/23	2024 12961.001.0033.0(R000016558) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY F. COX	Lot 33, Block 1, Lake Granbury Harbor Subdivision, Section "A", an addition to Hood County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume	\$4,000.
160	C2022527 03/08/24	2024 11361.000.0333.0(R000003094) AUGUST 02,	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EDDIE L. ELLENBURG	3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. Lot 333, Canyon Creek, Unit 1, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1278, Page 772, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$20,000.
161	C2022530 08/04/23	2024 13660.003.0018.0(R000029705) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. PEL CORPORATION	Lot 18, Block 3, River Country Acres Addition, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1567, Page 622, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$93,070.

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OBITUARIES

Mark Edward Gresham

August 24, 1941 - August 2, 2024

Mark E. Gresham, of Granbury, died Aug. 2, 2024, in Fort Worth, three weeks shy of his 83rd birthday. He was born Aug. 24, 1941, in San Antonio, the oldest and only son of Francis Edward Gresham and Jewel Moore Gresham.

Mark spent his early years in Corpus Christi; Suitland, Maryland near Washington, DC; and the Myrtle Grove area of Pensacola, Florida due to his father's Navy service and civilian military work. In 1954, the family moved to Guam, where Mark was a Boy Scout. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1959, and attended the Territorial College of Guam the next year. In 1964, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Tech University, majoring in political science, government, and public administration, and minoring in sociology and Spanish. He completed all requirements except a thesis for a Master of Arts in public administration at what is now the University of North Texas.

While in grad school, Mark began his career in Texas city management. From 1965 to 1969, he was administrative assistant to the city manager in Garland, including one year as acting city secretary. He was city manager of Terrell 1969 to 1971 and of San Marcos 1971 to 1973. He was budget director for the City of Corpus Christi 1974 to 1985, and assistant city manager in Grand Prairie 1985 to his retirement in 1993. He spent the next 12 years in California, and served on the Orange County Grand Jury. He returned to Texas in 2005, settling in Granbury. Mark belonged to the

Texas City Managers Association, the Texas Municipal League, the International City/County Management Association, and the Municipal Finance Officers Association. He taught courses in public administration, local government financial managenomics at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

In retirement, Mark was a member of the Grand Ju-

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rors' Association of Orange County, and served as vice-chairperson of the Charter Review Commission for the City of Granbury in 2018. He volunteered as a shipbuilder with the Twin Brigantine Project of the Los Angeles Maritime Institute, and with the Friends of the Library of Hood County.

Mark was passionate about sailing. From 1978 to 2002, he co-owned a 22foot Catalina and (from 1981) solo-owned a 27foot Pearson. He was an avid photographer who set up his own black-andwhite darkroom in his homes. He also enjoyed fishing, reading, cooking, gardening, playing the guitar, and listening to music.

Mark is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 18 (and friend of 45) years, Amanda Pape; and by his two sisters, Ann Gresham (Michael) Beug of Husum, Washington, and June Gresham (Gregory) Crane of Red Hook, New York. He has three children, Kim Gresham (Mike) Williams of McKinney, Texas, Noël Gresham (Philip) Blaschke of Fort Mill, South Carolina, and Drew (Carolyn Shierk) Gresham of San Antonio, Texas; and two stepchildren, Eric Bolme of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Diane Kulju of Washington, DC. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Holly Brown (Lindsey) Watson, Heidi Brown (Ryan) Mason, Austin Blaschke, Jennifer Williams (Chris) Cain, Adam Brown, Drew Brown, Madison Blaschke (Daniel) Nicholson, Lindsay Williams, Evan Blaschke, and Luke Williams; three er Mason, Rylan Nicholson, and Noah Mason; and by nephews, cousins, in-laws, and their families.

Lila Backus

September 15, 1949 - July 28, 2024

Lila Backus, age 74, passed away on July 28, 2024, following a brief illness. Born on Sept. 15, 1949, in Sherman, Texas, Lila was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She worked as a nurses'

aid caring for the elderly while in high school. She was also a bus driver for the GISD for over 10 years. Lila was the owner and operator of a house cleaning business as well as Granbury Ceramics. She was the proudest of her occupation as a housewife and mother.

Lila graduated from Brewer High School in 1968 and married Jim Backus Sr., on June 1, 1968. They moved to Granbury in 1971, where they built a loving home and family. Together, they shared 56 years of marriage, filled with love and devotion.

Lila was a woman of deep faith, having been saved and baptized at the age of 18. She dedicated her life to serving Jesus Christ and was an active member of Oak Trail Baptist Church and Granbury Baptist Church. Lila's service to her Lord and Savior was marked by her work in children's church, vacation Bible school, and youth ministry. She was also a founding member of the deaf ministry at Granbury Baptist Church, demonstrating her commitment to inclusivity and support

In addition to her church work, Lila was a dedicated leader in the Hood County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, a Girl Scout Troop leader, and the head coach for the boys' soccer team, the Scorpions, for many years. Her leadership, compassion, and positive outook left a lasting impact on everyone she met. Lila's warm smile and voice of optimism uplifted those around her, making her a



cherished figure in her community.

Lila had many passions, including cooking, sewing, making greeting cards, and a love for lighthouses. She will be remembered for her generous spirit and the joy she brought to her family and friends.

Lila is survived by her loving husband, Jim Backus Sr.; her sons, Jim Backus Jr. and his wife, Amy, and Gary Backus and his wife, Dana; her grandchildren, Katlyn Backus MacKenzie her husband Seth, Ross Backus his wife Kaitlin, and Hannah Backus Morales her husband Jorge; and her greatgrandchild, Milan Morales. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Jerry Bailey, Lige Stevens, Roy Hall Jr., and Donna Hall Dawdy, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy Hall Sr. and Doris Hall, and her brothers, Arthur Ray Bailey, Steve Stevens, as well as in-laws Bill and Bet-

Lila's life was a testament to love, faith, and service. She will be deeply missed by all who knew

Service: 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, Granbury Baptist Church, Interment: Holly Hills Memorial Park, Visitation: 1-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, Granbury Baptist Church. Services under the direction of Wiley Funeral

Donald "Petey" Peterson

February 13, 1951 - July 19, 2024

Donald James "Petey" Peterson, 73, passed away Friday, July 19, 2024 in Granbury, Texas. Don was born Feb. 13, 1951 to Clifford and Helen (Carlson) Peterson.

Petey graduated from Central High School in Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1969. He played hockey for Central and scored the winning goal in the state champi-onship game against St. James High School. He lat-er coached for The Grand Forks Park Board Youth Hockey program. In addition to hockey, Don also enjoyed playing golf with his friends in Grand Forks and later in Texas.

Petey worked for BNSF



Railroad as a switch foreman until his retirement in 2012.

Petey married Kathleen (Rogalla) Evans on July 8, 2006. They made their home in Granbury, Texas.

A memorial was held in Granbury on Aug. 2, 2024.

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529 plan can help ease college 'sticker shock'

TAYLOR MOBLY

Edward Jones Financial Adviser

The school year will soon be here. And if you have young children, you're one year closer to the day when they may be headed off to college. When that day arrives, will you be financially prepared?

College isn't cheap. For the 2023-24 academic year, the average cost — including tuition, fees, housing, food, books, transportation and other expenses — was nearly \$29,000 for in-state students at four-year public colleges and universities, and about \$60,000 for private schools,



students do get some type of financial aid or scholarships, or both, but even the

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"net" price of college can be considerable. So, it's a good idea to begin a savings program as early as you can.

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One popular way to build money for college expenses is through a 529 education savings plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings can grow tax deferred and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education

expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And while you can invest in any state's 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit if you invest in your own state's plan.

Despite these tax benefits, some people are concerned that a 529 plan can prove costly in terms of lost financial aid. And the value of a 529 plan is looked at as an investment asset on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, recent changes to FAFSA may mean that a 529 plan has a relatively small effect on the amount of aid

you may receive. A 529 plan also can be

used to pay for other costs, including:

K-12 expenses -You can use a 529 plan to pay K-12 expenses, up to \$10,000 per student per year. Not all states comply with this 529 expansion for K-12, so you might not be able to claim deductions and your withdrawals could be subject to state tax penalties.

 Apprenticeship programs - A 529 plan can be used to pay for most expenses connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. These programs are often available at community colleges and combine classroom education with on-thejob training.

· Student loans - You can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay qualified federal private and student loans, up to \$10,000 for each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary's siblings

Another potential advantage of a 529 plan is its transferability. If you've named a child as a 529 plan beneficiary, and that child eventually chooses not to pursue any post-secondary education, you — as the account owner — can name another family member as beneficiary. And with the

passage of the SECURE 2.0 Act, any unused 529 plan funds up to a lifetime limit of \$35,000 can be transferred to a Roth IRA for a beneficiary, free of taxes and penalties. There are certain rules governing this 529-to-Roth move — for example, you must have had your 529 plan at least 15 years — so vou'll want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves in this area.

If you'd like to invest in vour children's future education, a 529 plan can be a good choice — so study up on it soon.

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

EVERY DAY

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

MOUS. 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 grief support group for those who have lost a loved one. For the past 27 years the group has helped people work through their grief journey. The sessions begin twice yearly with the next session beginning Oct 20. This is a Christ-Centered ministry, meeting at 3-5 p.m. in the Education Building of St. Frances Cabrini Church. For more information, please call Phillis or Bill Brewer at 817-573-8915

EVERY MONDAY

PROMISES AL-ANON

group meets every Monday at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, fellowship hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

ACTON AL-ANON 12 Step Group meeting noon to 1 p.m. Located in the Acton Library in the same building as fire department, 6430 Smokey Hill Court. For more information call 817-308-3300.

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).

GRIEFSHARE 14-WEEK

seminar. Next session begins Sept. 10, 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. Stone-Water Church.com or call 817-579-9175. May call anytime for help.

PEDALING FOR Parkinson's hosted by the Hood County

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-

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Christ-centered recovery program. Free dinner 6-6:45 p.m., large group meetings 7-8 p.m., small group meetings 8-9 p.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. 817-573-2094. Questions: Tim White 817-223-0973 or Becky Pierce 254-396-5918.

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.

GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recov-

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 Griefshare 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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CELEBRATE RECOVERY,

Christ-centered recovery program. 12 step groups 7-8 p.m., "Friday Night Live! Church" 8:15-9 p.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. 817-573-2094. Questions: Tim White 817-223-0973 or Becky Pierce 254-396-5918.

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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 CAREGIV-

ERS 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

Disabled American Veterans now meets at Charterhouse, 959 Charterhouse Circle, Granbury at 7 pm. The purpose of each meeting is to help the Veterans Administration keep its promise to take care of disabled veterans and to promote camaraderie among veterans, both men

SECOND SATURDAY

and women.

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 CAREGIV-

ERS 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.

SUPPORT SYSTEM calendar will feature recurring activities that provide group support and are open to the public. These items will run each Wednesday. Submit Support System listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Inside scoop: Texas Transportation Commission July 2024

BY LAURA BUTTERBRODT

AUSTIN — Here's what the Texas Transportation Commission discussed and approved at its meeting July 30, 2024.

UTP PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Texas Transportation Commission adopted the "Connecting Texas 2050" long range transportation plan. This will serve as the cornerstone planning document to help guide priorities in the coming decades.

Connecting Texas 2050 establishes the vision, goals, objectives, performance measures and strategic recommendations for the state's multimodal transportation system through 2050.

Starting in 2022, TxDOT held public meetings to hear what the transportation priorities are for Texans, and people listed safety, alternative modes of travel, public transportation options and maintaining existing infrastructure. "Connecting Texas 2050" incorporated this public input to make it a shared vision for the future of transportation in Texas.

To learn more about the plan, visit www.connecting-texas.com.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The commission approved the award of more than \$39 million in state and Federal Transit Administration program funds for public trans-



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portation programs across the state. The funding will go to 38 small urban and rural areas, 22 lead planning agencies and 16 coordinated calls for projects.

The award is part of more than \$156 million in funding that will go toward public transit agencies over the next year. The funding will be used to provide agencies with new facilities and fleet, intercity connections and new services.

MARITIME

Commissioners heard a presentation regarding the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund, which will finance projects to widen and/or deepen federally authorized ship channels by providing low-interest loans to local sponsors. The SCRIF was established in the 85th Texas Legislature and

capitalized in the 88th Texas

Legislature.
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An application for a \$357 million SCRIF loan was received from the Sabine-Neches Navigation District to deepen the Sabine Neches Waterway. The commission will vote on the loan at its August meeting. There are currently eight Congressionally authorized ship channels in Texas, including the Sabine Neches Waterway.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed State Air Quality Permit Number 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX1636, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit Number GHGPSDTX238 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize construction of a Wolf Hollow II located at 8787 Wolf Hollow Ct, Granbury, Hood County, Texas 76048. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

The commissioners also listened to a presentation about the 2026-2027 Legislative Appropriations Request. The request includes 13,458 full-time positions, an increase of 301 from the 2024-25 Legislative Appropriations Request.

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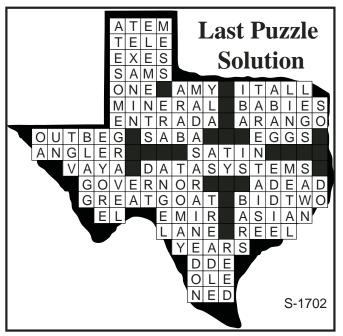
The commission awarded the following letting amounts for highway construction and maintenance contracts:

- \$1.4 billion for 60 highway improvement projects;
- \$86 million for 53 routine maintenance projects;
- \$14 million for the construction and rehabilitation of one building.

TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION

The Texas Transportation Commission has taken action to prepare the department for the termination of the SH 288 Comprehensive Development Agreement (CDA) in order to provide Texans better long-term

value by placing the project under full state control. The agency believes the cost of the "buy out" provision in the contract is substantially below the value of future toll revenues on the corridor. It is expected that the "buy out" payment would be repaid with future toll revenue bonds but would allow future toll rates to be significantly less than what are allowed under the current concession agreement. Toll revenue collected after the date of termination will be collected on behalf of the citizens of Texas, focusing on SH 288's needs and future transportation infrastructure within the region. This will facilitate TxDOT's ability to add free general-purpose lanes along SH 288 in the future without the contractual restrictions and repayment requirement specified in the current concession agreement. The commission's decision to manage SH 288 through a commission-created transportation corporation would provide more flexibility in achieving those initiatives.





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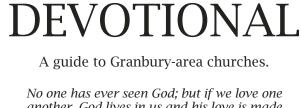


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