



Council approves forensic audit to build trust and disapproves HCAD's 2025 budget

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At Granbury's City Council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 20, discussions surrounding the Hood County Appraisal District's management and budgeting practices took center stage. The meeting, which included a resolution to disapprove the proposed budget and request a refund of unapproved expenditures, sparked significant debate about how surplus funds are being allocated.

Jeff Law, chief appraiser for Hood County's Central Appraisal District, was at the forefront of the discussion. Concerns were raised about managing surplus funds, with participants emphasizing the need for prudent budgeting.

Mayor Jim Jarratt stressed the importance of reducing future budgets and seeking additional funds only when necessary rather than allowing excess reserves to accumulate. This debate highlighted the ongoing scrutiny of HCAD's financial practices and the broader implications for fiscal responsibility within the

district.

Law presented a historical overview of the district's financial decisions and shed light on retirement funds to credit employee retirement accounts and plans for a new building pursued by his predecessor.

He explained that surplus funds had been allocated to the Texas County & District Retirement System to bolster employee retirement benefits, including prior service credits that required additional funding.

These financial decisions were made publicly and legally, according to the chief appraiser, who also

addressed the setting aside of funds for a potential new building — he acknowledged that proper approvals for construction had not been obtained.

Council members raised concerns about whether the district properly funded employee retirement contributions, but Law asserted that, to his knowledge, all obligations were met. Various issues related to the allocation and management of funds, particularly regarding retirement funds, capital outlays and budget increases, were discussed.

Law explained his proposed bud-

get, detailing the specific amounts allocated for litigation, technology and building maintenance and the decision-making process surrounding the use of excess funds. The need for transparency in budgeting and fund distribution was a recurring theme, with some participants questioning whether the district's financial practices aligned with its goals and responsibilities.

Law also touched on HCAD's staffing needs, noting that the district has fewer employees than surrounding counties. A proposal to

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LIPAN VOLLEYBALL

FINAL RULING: HCRP VOTE STANDS IN ZAMARRON TRIAL

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A final verdict in the Roberta Zamarron/Hood County Republican Party trial was officially reached Aug. 21, with Judge Graham Quisenberry ruling in favor of the HCRP's nomination process for district clerk.

Zamarron, Hood County's current interim district clerk, recently sued the HCRP, its Chair Greg Harrell, and Hood County Elections Administrator Stephanie Cooper, alleging violations of party bylaws and election laws during the June 26 nomination meeting.

In her appeal, Zamarron sought to overturn her opponent, Melanie Graft's, candidacy for district clerk. However, the court found the nomination process valid, which will solidify Graft's name on the Republican ballot this November.

Quisenberry noted that while the ruling is final, Zamarron's legal team may still appeal before the election.

For complete coverage on the trial, visit the Hood County News website and stay tuned for next week's edition, Aug. 31.

City Council greenlights new lease for historic railroad depot amid parking concerns

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On Tuesday, Aug. 21, the City of Granbury voted to approve a new sublease agreement with the Hood County Genealogical and Historical Society (the society). This decision could impact how the historic railroad depot is used in the future.

The measure grants the city manager the authority to finalize and execute the agreement once approved. The city council gathered to deliberate the details of the deal, which also involves the Fort Worth and Western Railroad.

"It's been a long wait to get to this point," City Manager Chris Coffman remarked, acknowledging the patience of the meeting attendees, who had been sitting and waiting for three-and-a-half hours.

CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING AND LEASE CLARITY

Parking issues at the railroad depot have been a point of contention for some time. Community members have raised calls and concerns about being "parked out" of the lot, and the council recognized the need to address those issues with a new lease agreement.

Michael Ross, deputy city manager, was called upon to explain the current status of the negotiations and the importance of finalizing the lease agreement.

However, before diving into those details, Coffman surprised everyone by pointing out a crucial aspect of the existing lease that could potentially alter the entire conversation.

"There has been maybe a misunderstanding of what the sub-lease actually says for years," City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle said. He explained that the city leases the entire property from the railroad, including the parking area designated for civic use, not private. "What we sub-lease to the entity (the society) is only the building," he clarified.

Kynzi Callaway bumps the ball up to a setter during the game Aug. 20. See more photos, B4.

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R.L.G. MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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SHANE DESHOUTEL: We are thankful for our amazing Rising Leaders Granbury Committee Member, Shane Deshoutel with Wellington State Bank! Shane has been a part of our RLG program for one year! When asked why he loves being on the RLG Committee, he said, "It's a chance to get connected with people in our community who are in the same stages of their career as I am. We can learn and benefit from the relationships that are established." Fun Fact: "My favorite thing in the world is being a girl dad. Whether it's coaching them in basketball, having scary movie marathons, or letting them paint my toes, I wouldn't have it any other way!" Thank you, Shane for being a RLG Committee Member of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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COMMUNITY BUSINESS

CHAMBER NEWS

Chamber ambassadors: Vital stewards of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce

Granbury Chamber of Commerce

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce thrives on community involvement and business engagement. Among its most indispensable assets are the chamber ambassadors. These dedicated volunteers play a crucial role in fostering relationships, promoting local businesses and enhancing the chamber's outreach efforts.

WHO ARE THE CHAMBER AMBASSADORS?

Chamber ambassadors are a group of passionate and proactive individuals who serve as the welcoming face of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce. They are often the first point of contact for new members and businesses, providing a warm welcome and introducing them to the myriad benefits the chamber offers. These volunteers attend ribbon

cuttings, grand openings, and various chamber events, ensuring a supportive and inclusive atmosphere.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES

Ambassadors wear many hats. They act as liaisons between the chamber and its members, offering support and guidance to ensure businesses maximize their membership benefits. They also assist in event planning and execution, bringing their enthusiasm and organizational skills to every project. Furthermore, they help with membership retention by engaging with existing members and addressing any concerns or questions they might have.

BECOMING A CHAMBER AMBASSADOR

Joining the ranks of chamber ambassadors is both an honor

and a commitment. Prospective ambassadors should be members of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce and demonstrate a genuine interest in supporting the local business community. The application process involves expressing this interest to the chamber's leadership, who will then consider the applicant's enthusiasm, dedication and ability to commit time to ambassador duties.

Successful applicants often possess excellent communication and networking skills, a proactive attitude, and a passion for community service. Once selected, new ambassadors receive training and are paired with seasoned members to learn the ropes.

THE VALUE OF CHAMBER AMBASSADORS

The contributions of chamber ambassadors are invaluable to the

Granbury Chamber of Commerce. They not only help in recruiting and retaining members but also act as the chamber's eyes and ears in the community, gathering feedback and insights that inform the chamber's initiatives and strategies.

Their efforts in event organization and member engagement foster a sense of community and belonging among local businesses. This, in turn, promotes economic growth and stability within Granbury. The personal connections ambassadors forge help to build a cohesive network of businesses that support each other, creating a vibrant and resilient local economy.

A WIN-WIN FOR ALL

For the ambassadors themselves, the role offers significant personal and professional growth opportunities. They expand their net-

works, develop leadership and organizational skills, and gain a deeper understanding of the local business landscape. For the chamber and its members, ambassadors are a beacon of support and an essential component of the chamber's success.

In essence, chamber ambassadors are the heart and soul of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, embodying the spirit of community and collaboration that drives the organization forward. Their dedication and hard work not only benefit the chamber but also contribute to the overall prosperity of Granbury's business community. We are grateful for our ambassadors!

To learn more about how you can serve as an ambassador, please visit our website at www.granburychamber.com or feel free to call our office at 817-573-1622.

GAR president clarifies impact of NAR settlement

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Jacque Gordon, REALTOR® and president of the Granbury Association of REALTORS®, has addressed common misconceptions regarding recent changes to the National Association of REALTORS® rules. According to Gordon, one prevalent myth is that the settlement will drastically reduce the cost and quality of real estate services. She clarified, "It's not going to affect anything because all industry professionals are committed to improving their knowledge and dedication."

The NAR settlement, which took effect in August, introduces greater transparency in the home buying and selling process. Gordon explained that this change is designed to benefit both buyers and sellers by clearly delineating who is responsible for various costs. "Both buyers and sellers will benefit from the formalized process," she said. "It's about making sure that everything is transparent and that no one is assuming who's paying for what."

Gordon also tackled the misconception that buyers will now have to pay their real estate agent out of pocket due to the new rules. She reassured that there are various ways for buyers to pay for services, and in Texas, the role of the buyer's representative remains unchanged. "In Texas, before the NAR settlement, we already had buyer representation, which



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hasn't changed," she said. "Because there was only a moment when we had only a seller agency — many years ago." "For Texas REALTORS®, nothing's really changed except for more forms," Gordon stated. She emphasized that real estate agents will continue to provide value through transparent and fair practices. "One of the benefits of this is truly transparency," Gordon noted. "We're going to have a few kinks, but once buyers and sellers realize it's

not a huge change, it's going to make things easier." Gordon offered advice to sellers, highlighting the importance of recognizing the value of buyer's agents. "The best advice I can give to a seller is that they recognize the buyer's agent value and know that they're going to be able to sell their home quicker, and most likely for the most amount of money by making sure that they do offer cooperative (buyer's agent's) compensation," she said.

"Our job is to care for our clients. It's not just about putting a sign in the yard," Gordon said. Defending the role of real estate agents, she asserted that their responsibilities extend beyond simply listing properties. "It's about providing comprehensive service to ensure the best outcomes for our clients. Realtors are always evolving to raise the client representation and care standard."




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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

Inside out or upside down, life goes on



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I taught an older adult Sunday School class for several years. It consisted of people primarily between the ages of 60 and 90, many who were widows or widowers. The class was not named the “older adult class,” but it clearly was. The previous Sunday School teacher had moved to west Texas to be near his children, and the group had approached me to teach the class. I am very certain they did not pick me for my wealth of biblical knowledge but rather because they envisioned me bringing life to a class which over time, had lost its forward momentum. Taking the role has been one

of the great pleasures of my life. One of my favorite class members was Earlene. She was a widow with a big personality and love of life. She always had a smile on her face and was the kind of person who made you smile when you saw her walking toward you. When my mother died, her funeral was 300 miles away, and I nearly fell out of my chair when Earlene walked through the funeral home door on the night of Mom’s visitation. She and a friend had driven all that way because she thought I might need her. She was right. One night, months later, I

was having a dinner party at my home for about 10 people, and of course Earlene was on the invitation list. The night we gathered she arrived looking like a million dollars. Her hair was freshly done, as was her makeup, and she was wearing a matching ensemble that gave her an elegant appearance.

As guests arrived and assembled in the living room I happened to look down and noticed the most peculiar sight. Evidently Earlene had been in a rush when she got dressed because the shoes she was wearing did not match! I immediately pointed out the error to her and good naturedly kidded her for the rest of the evening. Earlene explained that she tried on both shoes because she wanted to see how they looked with her outfit. She somehow had left the house without making the final decision.

I kept kidding Earlene throughout the evening. Finally, without anger or angst, she looked at me and said, “Sam, I am 84 years old, and I do silly things all the time. It is part of getting older.” She went on to say, “I just hope that in about 15 years when you do something silly, you can hear my voice up in heaven laughing at you saying, I told you your day was coming.” It was a fun evening and a memory I will never forget.

This past week had been a long one for me. I had started early and stayed late all week at work. On Friday, I decided instead of going to work at the crack of dawn as I usually do, I would treat myself to breakfast at the local café. I was giving myself a chance to relax a little bit before I started the last day of the week. I jumped out of bed, showered and shaved as usual,

but since it was Friday, I decided to dress a little more casual than usual. I slipped into some jeans and grabbed a golf shirt off a hanger and was out the door. My wife had been a little under the weather the prior couple of days and I was trying to be quiet and not wake her. For whatever reason, I did not take a glance in the mirror before I shot out the door.

When I arrived at the café, I sat down, and the attentive waitress brought me a first cup of coffee. I immediately put the cup up to my lips and took a slow satisfying sip, only for the silence to be interrupted by the voice of my server saying, “your shirt is inside out.”

It took me a second to let the words soak in. It did not make sense and then I looked down and could see the shirt I was wearing was inside out! Evidently, when I did laundry

and hung the shirt up, I had placed it on the hanger inside out. When I dressed that morning, I had slid the shirt on and never took a second to check how I looked in the mirror. I had merely bounded down the steps, jumped in the car and drove to the café.

I was mortified, and sheepishly thanked the waitress and retired to the rest room to switch my shirt around.

Walking back to my table, I could hear a voice in my head, laughing away at my self-induced embarrassment. Earlene, I am glad I could make you smile. I bet it isn’t the last time.

Thought for the day: If you learn to laugh at yourself, you will be entertained for a lifetime.

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

Folks around town



COURTESY PHOTO

Bethany Deupree

Say hello to our neighbor, Bethany Deupree!

After graduating from Tarleton State University, Bethany moved to Hood County three months ago to begin her new job as the Special Events Coordinator for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce. “What I cherish most about Hood County is its strong sense of community and the perfect blend of small-town charm, with stunning natural beauty.” Bethany particularly enjoys the local events and festivals because they bring people together and create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Having grown up in a small town in East Texas and attending college in another small town, Bethany considers herself a small-town girl at heart. She has a passion for outdoor activities such as golfing, fishing, hunting, and playing with her 5-month-old Lab puppy, Scheffie, named after pro golfer Scottie Scheffler. Bethany also loves attending concerts and enjoying live music. Her mother, Jennifer, and father, Toby, along with her brother, Brice, have been important influences in shaping who she is. Bethany credits her family as her greatest source of motivation. “I appreciate the Hood County News for their role in keeping the community informed and connected,” citing its mix of local news, events, and stories that reflect the unique character of Hood County.

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Prayer for unity and prosperity

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Granbury City Council’s meeting Aug. 20 began with an invocation delivered by Terry Louvin, chaplain for the Hood County Sheriff’s Office. At 6 p.m. sharp, Louvin took the floor at Granbury City Hall, setting a solemn

and hopeful tone for the proceedings.

In his prayer, Louvin praised God as the creator of all and acknowledged Granbury as under divine authority. He called upon God’s promises for prosperity and unity, beseeching protection and guidance for the city. Louvin’s words sought to address division and strife, asking for God’s intervention to

overcome these challenges and bring peace.

Louvin emphasized a vision of growth and spiritual renewal, invoking supernatural favor for churches, businesses and community leaders in Granbury. He prayed for creative ideas and effective strategies, urging divine influence to transform the city and renew its spirit.

The invocation concluded

with a call for blessings on all aspects of the community — from its leadership to its residents — affirming Granbury’s commitment to glorify God and uphold unity.

Louvin’s fervent and evocative prayer underscored a strong sense of community and spiritual dedication, aiming to inspire and fortify the city’s efforts moving forward.

County allocates additional \$400K to address out-of-county inmate fees

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The Hood County Commissioners Court unanimously voted last week to transfer an additional \$400,000 from Fund 55 to cover the out-of-county inmate costs through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Last month, Sheriff Roger Deeds requested \$800,000, estimating that amount would be necessary to manage the growing financial burden of housing inmates in other counties.

However, Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson — after analyzing the inmate numbers and associated costs — projected that approximately \$384,000 would be needed.

Despite differing views from Hood County Judge Ron Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson who supported the full \$800,000 request, the court approved a \$400,000 transfer July 9.

“If you need any more, Sheriff, you’re just going to have to come back,” Massingill remarked at the time — and that’s precisely what Deeds did.

During a regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 13, Deeds presented an out-of-county inmate cost breakdown for the counties of Erath, Somervell and Johnson, during the months of April, May and June.

Over the past three months, out-of-county inmate costs have totaled:

- April: \$167,920
- May: \$186,445

• June: \$126,580

According to Deeds’ calculations, after paying these expenses, the remaining budget stands at \$145,802.50. With an average monthly cost of \$160,315, he calculated the projected need for the rest of the fiscal year is approximately \$335,139.50. To cover this shortfall and ensure adequate funding, he requested an additional \$355,000.

“After I came to court a month ago and asked for \$800,000, we got \$400,000, and within a week we spent \$127,000,” Deeds explained to the court Aug. 13. “We’re pretty much out of money, and we still have August bills and September to go. I don’t think we can even pay all of last month’s bills when they all come in, so we’re trying to figure it out.”

Deeds said he would be

good with a \$400,000 allocation and explained the urgent need is mainly due to the high number of female inmates.

With 63 females in the system and only 20 spaces available locally, Deeds said the county is relying on Johnson County for additional housing at a rate of \$100 per day, making it a particularly expensive option.

“You know, if we don’t use it all, then you get it back,” he added. “It goes back into the general fund.”

Wilson then made a motion to transfer \$400,000 from Fund 55 to cover the out-of-county inmate costs through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Following a second by Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews, the motion passed unanimously.

Comanche native returns: Miller joins CCMC Health Systems as visiting specialist

From Staff Reports

Comanche County Medical Center Health System announces Dr. Brady Miller as new visiting physician. Miller specializes in pain management. Miller began seeing patients in Comanche Aug. 21 and will see Comanche patients one day a week. Miller is a Comanche na-

tive and valedictorian of Comanche High School’s class of 2011. Miller has always had a passion for medicine, following in his father’s footsteps — a family medicine practitioner.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Brady Miller back to Comanche,” said Dr. Larry Troxell, CEO of CCMC Health

System. “His exceptional background and dedication to patient care will be a tremendous asset to our community. We look forward to the positive impact he will have on our patients.”

Nikki Stark, chief operating officer of CCMC Health System, added, “Dr. Miller’s return to his hometown is

a testament to his commitment to serving his community. We are excited to have him on board and confident that his expertise in pain management will greatly benefit our patients.”

For more information about Dr. Brady Miller and the services offered visit doctorsmedicalcenterproviders.

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County approves purchase of bronze plaque to honor former district clerk

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Tonna Lynne Newman's extraordinary legacy as Hood County's first female district clerk will soon be cherished forever — eternally commemorated at the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center.

Last Tuesday, the Hood County Commissioners Court unanimously approved the \$1,115 purchase of a 20-by-16-inch bronze plaque to be placed next to the district clerk's office in the justice center. The plaque aims to honor Newman's remarkable 33 years of dedicated service to the community.

Known as the longest-serving elected woman in Hood County government, Newman was first elected in 1990 and took office as the county's district clerk Jan. 1, 1991.

According to an article published in the Hood County News Sept. 2, 2020, Newman won the 1990 race for district clerk with

58% of the vote. In doing so, she became the first Republican ever elected to a county-wide office in Hood County with a Democratic opponent.

The election was noteworthy in another sense as well: According to Newman — Hitt at the time — she was elected during a time when the majority of Hood County was blue. She said it was during this election that Hood County swung from blue to red, where it remains today.

During a previous Hood County Commissioners Court meeting back in March, the court unanimously approved the placement of a memorial plaque for Newman, with the inscription to read: "In honor and recognition of the first and longest-serving female in Hood County, Tonna Lynn Newman, and her outstanding service to Hood County as district clerk for over 30 years."

Although the plaque itself had already been approved, the court needed to decide on the purchase

details. During the meeting Aug. 13, they considered two options: a 20-by-16-inch plaque costing \$1,115 and a 16-by-12-inch plaque priced at \$685.

During the discussion, Hood County Judge Ron Massingill asked for opinions on the size of the plaque, noting that Director of Facilities Maintenance Leland Larsen had measured the potential locations.

In response, Larsen indicated that the wall designated for the plaque is quite bare. He suggested that the larger size would likely be more aesthetically pleasing, as the smaller plaque might appear too small for the space.

Before the vote on the agenda item, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle expressed concerns about the appropriateness of using taxpayer funds for the plaque.

"This is one of those issues that's a struggle for me, and it has nothing to do with Ms. Newman," Eagle said. "At the risk of sounding like, 'Well, there he goes again,'

I'm just questioning whether this is our place to spend taxpayer money. It seems to me like the taxpayers out here could get together and do this, but that's just my comment."

In response, Massingill reminded the court that a resolution had already been passed to honor Newman and that the funding was already allocated for the purchase of the plaque. He emphasized that a 33-year tenure is a significant achievement deserving recognition.

"I don't think this is going to be something that's going to happen every month or every year or anything like that," Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson added. "If that were the case, I would be a little bit more worried about the taxpayer money. It is taxpayer money that's going to (fund) this, but she (Newman) had 30 years of service."

"The next person working for the county, the next elected official that works 33 years, I'll pay it out of my

own pocket for a plaque for \$1,115," Massingill said.

He then compared Newman's milestone to a notable church announcement he remembered, where a 70-year marriage was recognized. Massingill described how the pastor had announced the milestone and offered public recognition for anyone reaching 70 years, noting, "We haven't had another one since then."

"Thirty-three is a pretty good solid number there," he added, emphasizing the significance of Newman's long tenure.

Massingill then made a motion to authorize the purchase of the 20-by-16-inch bronze plaque for \$1,115 to be placed next to the district clerk's office at the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center to honor the service of Tonna Lynne Newman. The funds for the plaque will be paid from general contingency.

Following a second from Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson, the motion passed unanimously.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 23

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TUESDAY, AUG. 27

MID CITIES Stamp Club — Granbury Branch meets at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Program about the Fario Islands presented by Ken Aldridge. Questions? Call 817-910-8174.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

OPERA GUILD Meeting at DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Drive. Check-in time is 10 a.m., entertainment will be Nin Hulett beginning at 11 a.m., meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon is at noon. Buffet is \$18 and is all inclusive. Cash and check only. Reservations required for lunch and/or meeting and must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 30. Please notify if you have a standing reservation and will not be attending. 871-776-2898.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

HOOD COUNTY Democratic Americans political football meeting. Colorado vs. Nebraska. 1201 Prestwick Court. Questions? Call 972-345-0271.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

TEXAS DEMOCRATIC Women of Hood County monthly meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 E. Highway 377 at 11 a.m. Courtney Gore and Bret Deason, candidates for GISD board of trustees will speak. Details: 254-716-5195.

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.

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Residents speak out against 'junkyard' neighbor; court case pending

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Many Hood County residents are voicing urgent concerns against a neighbor who they feel is causing severe environmental and safety issues due to their property's "junkyard."

During a Hood County Commissioners Court meeting Aug. 13, the court addressed the issue of an environmental hazard complaint at 3800 Mabery Drive — a case that has sparked significant community concern and is now awaiting trial at district court.

Patti Buck, a resident of 3711 Mabery Drive, detailed the adverse effects the "junkyard" has had on her quality of life.

"We built our home in '97, been there about 27 years ... and everybody has built beautiful homes, taken very good care of their homes — but we have a bully in the neighborhood," she said. "It's environmentally unsafe. There's broken glass ... fires at 2 a.m. It's a junkyard. Several neighbors are not here because they feel intimidated."

Karla Daniel, who has resided at 3709 Mabery Drive since 1997, added to the concerns, noting the negative impact on property values and the safety hazards presented by the "junkyard."

"The piles of junk and debris that are left near the road could pose an immediate safety threat for children," she said. "There are numerous ways Mother Nature and time can work against us in maintaining our properties, but this problem is man made, and it's one that can be fixed by doing the neighborly thing — cleaning it up."

Cindy Holley, living at 3710 Mabery Drive, called the property a "literal junkyard," comparing it to the television



Hood County resident Cindy Holley addresses the environmental hazard complaint at 3800 Mabery Drive during a Hood County Commissioners Court meeting Tuesday, Aug. 13.

show, "Sanford and Son." She also detailed the extensive debris littering the yard, which includes washers, dryers, mowers, mattresses, clothes, sofas, filing cabinets, refrigerators, mowers, hot tubs, and a burn pile she said measures about 15 feet in diameter.

"The fire department's been out there at least four times," Holly said. "The last time was approximately three weeks ago at 2:30 a.m. in the morning. I called because I'm sitting on my porch, and I keep smelling these odors, and then I flip my light on and the smoke is just coming around the corner."

Holley explained that when the fire trucks arrived, they had to back up a considerable distance due to obstructions.

"Our street is not that wide. It barely accommodates two vehicles," she said. "They had to back up all the way down our street to the next street, and if somebody's house was on fire past that point, you know ... people die in seconds."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson also

read an email that was sent to her by resident Kathy Fortson, who resides at 6212 Kelly Drive.

In her email, Fortson expressed grave concerns about the property at 3800 Mabery Drive, describing it as not only "unsightly," but also "unsanitary" and "unsafe." She highlighted several dangers, including potential fire hazards, disease risks from rust and sharp debris, and the possibility of children becoming trapped in abandoned appliances.

She also pointed out that the property's burn pile, located near heaps of rubbish, violates Hood County's fire prevention regulations.

According to the Hood County website, only dry plant material from the burn site itself may be burned. Residents are prohibited from burning within 300 feet of any residential, recreational, commercial or industrial area not located on the property where the burning is taking place. Additionally, burning is restricted to the hours between one hour after sunrise and one hour before

sunset.

"In the first week of July of this year, the fire department was called to extinguish a fire burning on this property in the middle of the night," Fortson's email states. "As you know, the fire marshal put restrictions in place to protect residents from loss of property and loss of life. I'm very concerned that since they are not obeying these restrictions, that our neighborhood will at some point end up in the news for a devastating fire."

During the Hood County Commissioners Court meeting last week, it was revealed the case is currently pending in district court, where legal proceedings are underway to address the complaints.

County Attorney Matt Mills said residents are encouraged to attend the trial, as their presence and testimony could be beneficial. He mentioned that having a neighbor testify might also add weight to the case, given their daily experiences compared to the less frequent visits by health department officials.

While residents await the

pending trial, development director Clint Head offered a separate option to deal with the many concerns: a salvage yard/junk yard order. This ordinance would impose restrictions on such businesses, mandating they be located a certain distance from residential properties and be screened to minimize visibility from neighboring houses and roadways.

"This actually started a couple years ago," Head explained. "It was a resolution problem in another neighborhood, and I started drafting it back then, but kind of just let it sit and get stale. When this came up, that same statute that allows you to draft that order also allows for other types of things to be added to it — not just the salvage yard, but the junkyard resale business."

Head added that although this would be an option to address residents' concerns, several issues still need to be ironed out by the court before a public hearing can be set to adopt the new order.

Environmental health director Jeannie Stacks noted that since January, the environmental health department has investigated 913 complaints, not including permits and inspections. She said since April 1, nearly 450 cases have been forwarded to Justice of the Peace courts. In 2024 alone, Stacks' office has filed for four injunctions — including one for the property in question.

"This case was sent and a fine was paid Feb. 9, 2024," she said. "We have very good JPs here. Before, we didn't know the outcome of the cases, but the JPs have been reaching out and giving us the outcome of the cases — that's the reason I can tell you the people were fined at one time. We still have had minimal results; therefore, we're

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Fruit of the Texas vine — SRT's 'Legacy Comes to Life'

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Mary Catherine Longley, born in the Republic of Texas in 1839, led a life marked by resilience and loss. At 15, she married Charles Marion Tyler, with whom she farmed in Washington County.

They later moved to Utah and Arizona, enduring the deaths of four of their 13 children at a young age. During the Civil War, Charles worked as a freighter for the Confederate Army, but in 1884, he died from diphtheria, leaving Mary to raise their remaining children. She eventually remarried and lived the rest of her life in Arizona, passing away in 1919.

Phil Harris is Mary Catherine Longley's second great-grandson. His story is one of about 50 compelling true narratives featured in Legacy Comes to Life, all written by their descendants, the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

The book captures the rich tapestry of early Texas history through the personal accounts of pioneers like Mary Catherine, whose life was marked by resilience, adventure and profound challenges.

The collection is a tribute to the enduring spirit of those who helped shape Texas, preserving their legacies for future generations to discover and appreciate.

SONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

The Sons of the Republic of Texas is committed to preserving Texas' rich history, particularly from the Republic's era. The David Crockett Chapter, based in Granbury, is one of the most active chapters of the SRT, with a strong focus on community engagement and historic preservation.

RON SUTTON'S JOURNEY TO THE SRT

Ron Sutton's discovery of his historical connection led to SRT. "Through my wife Barbara's penchant for genealogy research, we found out that I had two fourth great-grandfathers, Sylvanus Castleman and John Kelly," Sutton said. "They had come to Mexican Tejas with Stephen F. Austin in 1823, helping to establish the first Anglo colony, San Felipe de Austin. I became a member of Austin's Old 300."

The "Old 300" were granted land by the Mexican government to establish the first major Anglo colony in Texas, laying the foundation for the state's development and future population. Their settlement along the Brazos River marked the beginning of significant American influence in Texas.

Sutton initially hesitated to join the SRT, thinking membership required an ancestor's presence at the Alamo. However, Sutton embraced his connection to Texas history after learning from a retired Texas history professor that his ancestors' ties to the Republic years qualified him for SRT membership. "I became a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas in 2018," he said.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SAN JACINTO AND CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

The David Crockett Chapter thrives because of its members and the executive committee of elected officers. Sutton followed Devin Lindsey as president of the David Crockett chapter. Lindsey



Hood County Judge Ron Massingill, a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, led the installation of the Travis Letter at the Granbury courthouse in April 2024. The mounting pedestal was donated by the David Crockett Chapter of the SRT.

first honorary member was Sam Houston, the publisher of the Hood County News.

Houston's membership recognizes his exceptional work in presenting and preserving Texas history through his solo performance of "Lion of the West."

Houston depicted General Sam Houston's bravery and contribution to the fight for Texas' independence from Mexico. He idealized the American pioneer's image while commenting on the time's political and social issues.

LEGACY COMES TO LIFE

The SRT's project, the publication of "Legacy Comes to Life," is a compilation of personal stories of SRT members' ancestors. Harris explained, "I contributed two stories to the LCTL book — Campbell Longley and his daughter Mary Catherine Longley, who was born in Washington County in 1839.

"Additionally, I was the editor for the LCTL book and really enjoyed the creation process to get a book ready for print, as well as getting to know many of the stories more intimately," Harris shared.

The book, published in December 2023, features never-before-published stories about the direct ancestors of SRT members, offering a unique glimpse into Texas history.

The project was inspired by a suggestion from Houston during the Texas Heroes Foundation's Stroll Through Texas History event.

APOLITICAL NATURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The SRT remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving Texas history while maintaining an apolitical stance. "We focus on our mission statement, and we love Texas history. Stick to the history," Sutton emphasized.

This dedication is evident in the various initiatives and events the SRT supports, including the Texas History Essay Contest and the Presidio La Bahia Award, which encourage studying and appreciating Texas' historical legacy.

The organization also promotes visiting historic sites across Texas, such as San Felipe de Austin and Washington-on-the-Brazos, encouraging people to connect with the state's history firsthand.

The SRT supports various awards and contests that inspire scholarly research and creative writing about Texas history, such as the Summerfield G. Roberts Award and the Presidio La Bahia Award. These awards recognize excellence in historical writing and help perpetuate the stories of Texas' past.

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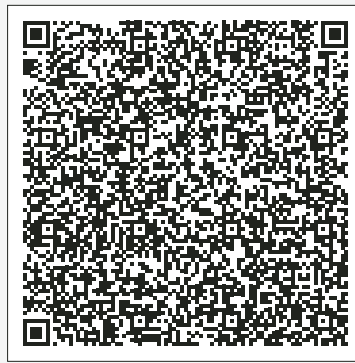
As the SRT continues its work, it remains focused on its core mission: to honor and preserve the history of the Republic of Texas. Through events, publications and community engagement, the SRT ensures the legacy of early Texans is remembered and celebrated, inspiring future generations to appreciate and protect the rich history of the lone star state.

Harris concluded, "It has been great to help people with their SRT applications. I like genealogy research work to discover their Texas ancestors and their stories. Most early Texans were just common folk who gave their all to raise their families and make their way in the new and growing Texas."



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now serving as president-general of the SRT national was honored as a member of the Order of the Knights of the San Jacinto.

The KSJ title is the highest honor within the organization in recognition of outstanding service to the Sons of the Republic of Texas or the great state of Texas.

PHIL HARRIS' PATH TO THE SRT

Phil Harris, who retired from Lockheed Martin in 2016 after 33 years, also found his way to the SRT through his deep dive into researching his genealogy.

Harris' mother's family had Texas roots dating back to 1835 with her third great-grandfather, John Tyler. Harris joined the SRT David Crockett Chapter in 2017 after thoroughly documenting his lineage. He became the chapter president in January 2024.

The David Crockett Chapter meets every other month on the first Monday, typically drawing around 40-50 attendees, including members and their spouses.

Recognizing that some members live too far away to attend, the chapter regularly sends update emails to keep everyone engaged.

Meetings feature a keynote speaker and a business agenda. Harris says, "We've had public officials, business leaders and local speakers who provide our members with interesting and up-to-date information."

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY

The David Crockett Chapter is highly active in the community, organizing events like the annual Texas Independence Day celebration. In 2023, this event coincided with March 2—the day Texas declared its independence in 1836.

The chapter also participates in the Texas History student fair and Texas Heroes Foundation's Stroll Through Texas History. This community event celebrates and educates people about Texas history through historical displays, reenactments and activities.

Sutton, the immediate past president of the David Crockett Chapter, serves on its executive committee, which guides the chapter. He is particularly proud of the chapter's mission to honor and preserve the memory of Texas founders and protect the state's rich history.

One of the highlight events of 2024 was the installation of the Travis Letter at the Granbury Courthouse. SRT member and Hood County Judge Ron Massingill led the effort, and the chapter's members quickly raised enough funds to pay for the pedestal on which the bronze Travis Letter was mounted.

This event was significant in both Hood County and Texas history, and the David Crockett Chapter played a key role in its success.

LION OF THE WEST AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The chapter also recognizes those who have significantly contributed to Texas history by awarding honorary memberships. The

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just filing the injunction." Hood County Fire Marshal Jeff Young acknowledged that the Hood County Commissioners Court has limited options at this point, since the matter is already in district court. He suggested that pursuing further legal action might be an option if repeated fines are not effective.

"To me, if he's burning after hours outside the book, he ought to be cited by the fire marshal's office every time he does it," Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson suggested.

Young emphasized that his office has a 24/7 on-call service to respond to fire-related issues. However, he said he was surprised to learn that there were reports of fires and illegal burning at the property after hours, even though his office was never notified.

"Our issue with this is, we've not ever been called af-

ter hours to go and deal with it," he said. "The last call we got called (for this property) was about three months ago. My deputy, when he got out there, the fire was going on at three o'clock in the morning. The tenant who lives in one of the RVs on the property said that he didn't light the fire, that there must have been kids walking around the neighborhood at three o'clock in the morning. I would have to call the BS card on that one. However, I will tell you, with fires, it's very difficult to take a case like that to court and say, "Well, we assume that you lit it," because they're going to want to see a picture of someone with a match in their hands."

Young stressed the importance of reporting any fires immediately so they can be documented and managed appropriately. He also clarified that while his office can address fires and unsafe conditions, they cannot act solely based on unsightly properties.

"For the record, what I'm

asking is, when those fires occur, call us and let us come out and address it," he said. "That way we have a record of it, and we can take care of it."

Young stressed the importance of reporting any suspicious smoke or fires immediately through 911 or the non-emergency line. He explained that if his office is not notified at the time of the incident, they can't definitively attribute the fire to someone, especially without direct evidence.

"Unfortunately, my business does not run well on assumptions," he said. "I can't assume that he was the one that lit the fire ... I know that he was probably the one that did it, but until I can prove that, there's not a judge in this building that's going to take that (case)."

"Everybody feels your pain on this," Hood County Judge Ron Massingill said, addressing the residents. "I hope you get some justice in district court."

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HCAD Chief Appraiser Jeff Law defends his budget at the Granbury City Council meeting on Monday, Aug 20.

BUDGET

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add a deputy chief appraiser position, which was removed from the 2024 budget, was discussed alongside discrepancies in parcel counts and the necessity of maintaining a fund balance to ensure financial stability in emergencies.

Despite concerns, no taxing entities have raised issues with the 2025 budget proposal. However, there was debate over the necessity of maintaining a fund balance versus refunding excess funds to taxing communities.

A council member described the proposed budget as the most detailed in the district's history — nearly 40 pages — and was presented as essential for meeting state law requirements and providing necessary services.

Past financial practices by HCAD were revisited — including unauthorized expenditures and a lack of proper documentation for budget amendments, particularly

regarding contracts and engineering work on property not owned by the district. Disagreements over budget allocations and the need for transparency in financial management were evident.

Jarratt expressed strong dissatisfaction during the city council meeting with HCAD's lack of transparency regarding the accounting of funds used in previous years.

He criticized the district for billing the city for services that were either not rendered or overbilled, stressing that the city should withhold payment until the matter is clarified to avoid being taken advantage of.

Jarratt pointed out that while HCAD refunded \$1.9 million in excess funds accumulated for a building project, this money had been held for several years, during which the city could have utilized those funds for other purposes. He further highlighted that \$1.4 to \$1.6 million had been allocated to the retirement fund without

the taxing entities being informed, despite those funds originating from the entities themselves. The mayor made it clear he is deeply unsatisfied with the district's handling of the funds, emphasizing the need for greater transparency in the district's financial practices.

"We're trying to build trust with a forensic audit," said City Manager Chris Coffman.

The council passed a resolution to disapprove the Central Appraisal District's proposed 2025 budget and requested a refund of all excess surplus and reserve funds, including any interest earned. It also included a provision for a forensic audit of the district's finances from 2017 to 2024. The resolution passed.

The resolution's approval will require further actions to address the audit and fund distribution, with the overall goal of ensuring transparency and accountability within the district's financial management practices.

DEPOT

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SoRelle pointed out that the sub-lease specifically limits (society) usage to the buildings and not the parking lot, which has been governed by zoning laws since its execution in 1983.

"The lot is in the central business district, and zoning laws tell us that it is open parking," he said. He emphasized that the city could not privatize the parking area or impose restrictions like towing due to these zoning regulations. SoRelle concluded that the city had proposed a new lease to align with current laws and resolve any confusion.

"It makes perfect sense the way you're saying to me," Coffman responded, adding, "And I'm sorry that it took this long for us to figure that out."

NEW LEASE TERMS AND NEXT STEPS

The new sub-lease agreement proposed several changes to the original terms, including requiring the property to be used exclusively as a museum and to preserve historical documents and artifacts.

The sub-lease term would be limited to 10 years rather than in perpetuity as had been the case, with a 90-day notice period for termination by either party, an increase of 60 days over the old contract.

Additionally, the city agreed to contribute \$2,500 annually to help the society cover utility costs associated with the depot's operations. However, the contentious parking issue would need to be removed from the agreement to avoid legal complications.

As the council moved forward, it became clear they are committed to resolving these issues and ensuring the historical site could continue to serve the community within the bounds of the law.

"Let's move forward and put together a new lease," Mayor Jim Jarratt concluded,

signaling a willingness to proceed with the revised agreement.

IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIETY

The meeting continued with rising tensions over parking issues related to the proposed sub-lease agreement between the City of Granbury and the Genealogical and Historical Society.

There were concerns about how parking arrangements affected tourism and local businesses, which brought the discussion back to this challenging topic.

Railroad Depot committee volunteer Karen Nace expressed frustration, saying, "We never saw a penny of that promised \$200 donation for an event."

Though the society has faced parking challenges, especially during events, it chose not to enforce parking restrictions strictly to avoid deterring visitors. Nace explained, "We thought that was not a message we wanted to send. People could have come out and found their cars gone if we had called tow trucks."

As the discussion continued, the impact of special events on the society's parking lot became a key point. City officials questioned whether the city had permitted a classic car event on the society's lot.

Michael Ross, deputy city manager, clarified that the automobile event had been held across the street, and the society's parking lot had been used for convenience. "Everybody just used their parking space," Ross said, explaining that while this was a cooperative gesture, it led to complications.

Place 5 Mayor Pro Tem Steven Vale recently visited the train depot and acknowledged the society's important role in preserving local history. "What they provide to the city and its character is very important."

Vale suggested putting up signs in the parking lot to reserve some spaces for the

train depot, though enforcement would only be a courtesy request — to require it would be unlawful.

"We can't enforce it," Vale continued, "but it might give somebody cause to say, well, we really shouldn't park in that spot. It may just be an opportunity to provide a courtesy out to the people that are going to use that parking lot to not park in those spaces."

A key point of discussion was the impact of the new lease on the society's operations, particularly regarding its meeting schedules. The society was concerned that the lease might restrict its ability to hold meetings on Thursdays, which it has been doing for 40 years.

The city assured them the goal is to work out an agreement that will allow the society to continue its operations while adhering to the legal requirements of the lease.

During the meeting, Jarratt initially requested a motion to approve the agreement. When no motion was made, some discussion ensued, suggesting the city did not want the Hood County Genealogical and Historical Society to remain.

However, the mayor clarified the city does, in fact, want the society to stay and stressed the need to follow the law and ensure the new agreement works for everyone.

Subsequently, place 3 council member Bruce Wadley made a motion for the city manager to finalize and execute the agreement with the society and the Fort Worth and Western Railroad.

The council voted on the motion, with all members in favor, as indicated by a unanimous "aye."

Jarratt then asked if any additional parties or discussions were needed, indicating that more steps might be required to complete the process.

The society was advised to coordinate with the railroad, Coffman, and other relevant parties to finalize the agreement's details.

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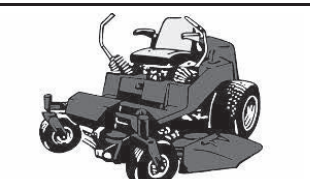
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
TRC 109 & 114
CAUSE NO. C2023455

NORMA MALDONADO VS.

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

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You are hereby commanded to appear and defends such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance hereof. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation, a judgement may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by NORMA MALDONADO as Plaintiff, against the above named person(s) as Defendant(s), by Plaintiff's Original Petition filed on the 17th day of NOVEMBER, 2023, in a certain suit styled: NORMA MALDONADO VS. EVA PEREZ. A suit is now pending in the 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas. The cause number is: 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 SORRELL 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 Hood County, 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 Subdivision, in Hood County, Texas, as shown by Plat of said Addition recorded in Volume 2, page 43, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas. The property is known as 3620 Montgomery, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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The City Council of DeCordova will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tejas Room of DeCordova Bend Estates Clubhouse at 5301 Country Club Drive, Granbury, Texas to receive public comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Operating Budget. This budget will not raise property taxes. The property tax rate will remain -0- zero.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
CAUSE NO. C-2023463

CHEYENNE NICOLE GALINDO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF E.G. AND H.G., MINORS VS
NOAH SHAWN DYKES AND JACKIE LYNN DYKES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
355TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

SUMMARY
On November 02, 2022, Plaintiff's Cheyenne Nicole Galindo and her minor children, E.G. and H.G., were traveling Northbound in the 1100 block of South Morgan Street. Defendant, Noah Shawn Dykes, while attempting to make a left turn on to a parking lot, failed to yield the right of way, and struck the Plaintiff's vehicle. Defendant, Noah Shawn Dykes was operating a vehicle owned by Defendant, Jackie Lynn Dykes.

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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 06/13/23	11362.000.0322.0 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 R00000319 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, Texas.	\$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
76	C2021309 09/01/23	12964.000.0271.0 R000018400 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARGARET FINCH	TRACT 3 Lot 271, 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, Texas.	\$4,000.00
77	C2021309 09/01/23	12964.000.0269.0 R000018398 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARGARET FINCH	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, Texas.	\$18,000.00
78	C2021309 09/01/23	12964.000.0267.0 R000018396 AUGUST 02, 2024	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 County, Texas.	\$12,000.00
79	C2021314 12/20/23	11367.000.0027.0 R000004435 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. DOREEN KISER	Lot 27, Canyon Creek III, Unit 7, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #2011-0009836, Official Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$24,000.00
80	C2021328 12/20/23	13380.007.0302.0 R000022229 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. WALTER JORDAN, ET AL	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 and 25, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
81	C2021330 12/22/23	13443.002.0014.0 R000023815 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARY BRADFORD	Lot 14, Block 2, Oak Trail Shore 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
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 R000006833 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
87	C2022039 08/11/23	11122.002.0035.0 R000000798 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	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 Volume 3, Page 2, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$6,000.00
88	C2022039 08/11/23	11122.002.0052.0 R000000815 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. TEXAS CRAFTED HOMES, LLC	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, 2024	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	11365.000.0173.0 R000004342 AUGUST 02, 2024	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 Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
93	C2022047 09/01/23	11365.000.0126.0 R000004295 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. OLIVER LANCE, JR.	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 AUGUST 02, 2024	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 Hood County, Texas.	\$15,000.00
95	C2022048 08/16/23	12967.000.0247.0 R000018698 AUGUST 02, 2024	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 County, Texas.	\$15,000.00
96	C2022051 03/08/24	13446.001.0159.0 R000024879 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RUPERT RICHARDS	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 Cabinet "A", Slide 45-A, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00
97	C2022051 03/08/24	13446.001.0160.0 R000024880 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. RUPERT RICHARDS	TRACT 2 Lot 160, Block 1, Oak Trail Shores 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.	\$10,000.00

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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.	\$45,000.00
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 Creek "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.	\$14,000.00
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
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.	\$20,000.00
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
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 R00000292 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, 2024	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	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
119	C2022269 03/08/24	13260.011.0003.0 R000020690 AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. JOHN V. GRANT, ET AL	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.	\$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.	\$10,000.00
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.	\$26,000.00
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 AUGUST 02, 2024	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 Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$10,000.00

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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
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
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.	\$20,000.00
134	C2022309 08/11/23	12964.000.0208.0 R000018338) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$12,000.00
135	C2022312 05/23/23	13441.000.0046.0 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.	\$20,000.00
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.	\$7,000.00
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.	\$10,000.00

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138	C2022313 03/06/24	13442.000.0003.0 R000023141) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. SAM LOYA, ET AL	TRACT 1 Lot 3, 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.	\$10,000.00
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.	\$81,380.00
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.	\$14,000.00
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.	\$14,000.00
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.	\$16,000.00
143	C2022474 12/13/23	11370.000.0425.0 R000005889) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$14,000.00
144	C2022480 03/19/24	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.	\$16,000.00
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.	\$16,000.00
146	C2022489 03/19/24	12524.000.0191.0 R000014255) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MELVIN M. BRETFENSTEIN, 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.	\$20,000.00
148	C2022494 03/28/24	11370.000.0109.0 R000005574) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$16,000.00
149	C2022496 03/28/24	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.	\$16,000.00

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150	C2022498 09/20/23	11370.000.0117.0 R000005582) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. VINCENT SALES	Lot 117, Canyon Creek "V", Unit 9, an addition to Hood County, Texas, as described in Volume 1312, Page 413, Official Public Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$14,000.00
151	C2022499 03/28/24	11370.000.0118.0 R000005583) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$16,000.00
152	C2022504 03/08/24	11367.000.0412.0 R000004804) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$16,000.00
153	C2022505 03/06/24	11367.000.0390.0 R000004782) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. MARDENNA GULLINSE	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.	\$16,000.00
154	C2022506 03/06/24	11367.000.0368.0 R000004759) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$16,000.00
155	C2022510 03/08/24	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.	\$8,000.00
156	C2022512 08/11/23	11370.000.0328.0 R000005793) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$18,000.00
157	C2022518 03/28/24	11369.000.0034.0 R000005447) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$16,000.00
158	C2022520 03/28/24	11367.000.0148.0 R000004554) AUGUST 02, 2024	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.	\$20,000.00
159	C2022523 08/04/23	12961.001.0033.0 R000016558) AUGUST 02, 2024	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 3, Page 59, Plat Records of Hood County, Texas.	\$4,000.00
160	C2022527 03/08/24	11361.000.0333.0 R000003094) AUGUST 02, 2024	GRANBURY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EDDIE L. ELLENBURG	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.	\$20,000.00
161	C2022530 08/04/23	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.	\$93,070.00

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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
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

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Hood County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Granbury, Texas, August 2, 2024

Constable Chad Jordan
Hood County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

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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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE THAT, BREW BEVERAGES, LLC, HAS FILED FOR A BREWER'S LICENSE, TO BE ISSUED TO BREW ALEWORKS, LOCATED AT 5650 MATLOCK RD., IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY, HOOD COUNTY, TX
BREW BEVERAGES, LLC
CHRISTIAN D. PIATT,
MANAGING MEMBER

Hood County Purchasing Agent's office will receive sealed proposals at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, until 8:00 am, September 11, 2024. Proposals will be opened in a public meeting at that time and place. Request for Proposal Pest Control Services RFP2024-06

Proposals may be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at <http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com>. It is free to register and to bid. Proposal documents may also be obtained at the Purchasing Agent's Office located at 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048, or through the Hood County Purchasing website <https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/bids>.

Hood County reserves the right to award by best value and to waive formalities 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-monthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court.

For additional information, contact Hood County Purchasing Agent at 817-408-3440.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Rossy Lawanda Hunt, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that the Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ROSSY LAWANDA HUNT, Deceased, were issued on August 14, 2024, in Cause No. P10358, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas to: Regina Hunt, 5437 Garden Circle, Granbury, TX 76049

Lela Dian Williams, 1013 S 5th St., Canadian, TX 79014

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

The Law Office of David R. Moss, PLLC 101 Nursery Lane, Suite 359 Fort Worth, Texas 76114

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estate of Sarah H. Babineau, Cause No. P10480, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

David E. Babineau in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of Sarah H. Babineau, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

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

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said court at office in Granbury, Texas on the 13th day of August 2024.

Christine C. Leftwich
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

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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

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Dated at Granbury, Texas, August 2, 2024

Constable Chad Jordan
Hood County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. SUP-2021-12 Specific Use Permit for Dwelling, Single Family, attached use in Central Business zoning; located at 210 E. Well St.

2. SUP-2024-04 Specific Use Permit for Daily Outdoor Display in Heavy Commercial zoning; located at 3617 FM 4.

3. SUP-2024-06 Specific Use Permit for Animal Grooming in Light Commercial zoning located at 816 N Houston St.

4. CP-2024-02 Future land use amendment from Medium Density Residential to High Density Residential located at 805 Hill Blvd.

5. Z-2024-07 Zoning Change from Light Commercial to Multi Family located at 805 Hill Blvd.

6. CP-2024-03 Future Land Use Amendment from Retail Office to Commercial located at 3700 FM 4.

7. Z-2024-08 Zoning Change from Interim Holding to Heavy Commercial (Lot 1 Blk 1 Acton Addition), From Interim Holding to Light Commercial (Lots 2,3,4,5 Blk 1 Acton Addition) located at 3700 FM 4.

8. SUP-2024-05 Specific Use Permit for Daily Outdoor Display in Heavy Commercial zoning; located at 3700 FM 4.

9. Z-2024-09 Zoning Change from Interim Holding to Planned Development/R7 [PD/R7]; located at 3000 Weatherford Hwy.

For more information, contact Community Development at 682-279-8250, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center at 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, for the discussion and input into the following proposed traffic regulation and take appropriate action:

a. Establish two STOP Signs on Sabine River Drive at Pecos River Drive.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF CRESSON, TEXAS REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the City of Cresson City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8901 Highway 377, Cresson, Texas, to receive public input regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 annual operating budget.

A copy of the proposed budget will be made available for public review at the following locations: City of Cresson, City Secretary's Office, 8901 Highway 377, Cresson, Texas 76035; and at the city website www.cressontx.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for setting certain salaries by 355th Judicial District Judge: Hon. Bryan Bufkin, 355th Judicial District Court Judge, will hold a public hearing at 8:00 am, Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the 355th District Courtroom of the Hood County Justice Center, 1200 W. Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048, for setting the salary of the Hood County Auditor for the 355th Judicial District court. (ref: Local Government Code 152.905; Government Code 53.009; and Government Code 74.104).

ORDINANCE NO. 24-43 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 1.50 OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF NEW FEES AND AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN OTHER FEES ADOPTED BY SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance as adopted by the Granbury City Council on August 20, 2024, is on file in the Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St. and can be seen in its entirety during normal business hours.

For more information, contact Community Development at 682-279-8250, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Lead Copper Rule for Community Water Systems Form 20681a Lead Exceedance Public Education Requirements For Communities

The City of Granbury found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in the building(s) or residences during March 2024 lead and copper sampling.

Please note, this is not a violation under federal or state law, it does however, prompt the City of Granbury to have to post Lead Public Education and if found to have a high-level reading in subsequent sampling, a program in place to minimize lead in your drinking water.

Health Effects of Lead Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources.

Sources of Lead Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Drinking water is one possible source of lead exposure.

Lately in drinking water, although rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning can significantly increase a person's total lead exposure, particularly the exposure of infants who drink baby formulas and concentrated juices that are mixed with water.

Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water Run water to flush out lead. If it hasn't been used for several hours, run the cold water tap until the temperature is noticeably colder.

Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water.

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Regla de Plomo y Cobre Sistemas Comunitarios de Agua - TCEQ Form 20681a Requisitos de educacion publica sobre exceso de plomo PARA COMUNIDADES

The City of Granbury encontro niveles elevados de plomo en el agua de consumo en el/los edificio(s) o la(s) residencia(s) durante March 2024 lead and copper sampling.

Este aviso se lo envia the City of Granbury, Sistema de Agua de Texas num. 1110001, el August 13, 2024.

La Comision de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, o TCEQ) y el the City of Granbury estan preocupados por el plomo en su agua de consumo.

Tenga en cuenta, esto no es una violacion bajo la ley federal o estatal. Sin embargo motiva a City of Granbury a publicar avisos de Educacion Publica sobre Plomo y, si se encuentra que hay una lectura de alto nivel en un muestreo posterior, a implementar un programa para minimizar el plomo en su agua de consumo.

Efectos del plomo sobre la salud El plomo puede causar serios problemas de salud si demasiado entra en el cuerpo por medio del agua de consumo u otras fuentes.

Fuentes de plomo El plomo es un metal comun que se encuentra en el medio ambiente. El agua de consumo es una posible fuente de exposicion al plomo.

En 1986, el Congreso prohibio el uso de soldadura con plomo que contenga mas del 0.2% de plomo, y en 2011 restringio el contenido de plomo de grifos, tuberias y otros materiales de plomeria al 0.25%.

Deje correr agua para eliminar el plomo. Si no se ha utilizado durante varias horas, abra el grifo de agua fria hasta que la temperatura sea notable-

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mente mas fria. Esto elimina de las tuberias el agua que contiene plomo. Para conservar el agua, recuerde recoger el agua del grifo que se ha dejado correr y usarla para las plantas o algun otro proposito domestico (p. ej., limpieza).

Use agua fria para cocinar y preparar la formula del bebe. No cocine con, ni beba, agua del grifo de agua caliente; el plomo se disuelve mas facilmente en agua caliente.

No hierva agua para eliminar el plomo. Haciendo hervir el agua no reduciria el plomo.

Busque alternativas fuentes o tratamiento de agua. Es posible que quiera considerar la compra de agua embotellada o un filtro de agua. Lea el paquete para asegurarse que el filtro este aprobado para reducir el plomo.

Hagale un analisis de sangre a su niño. Comuniquese con su departamento de salud local o su proveedor de atencion medica para averiguar como puede conseguir que le hagan la prueba de plomo a su niño, si le preocupa la exposicion.

Lo que paso y lo que se esta haciendo El muestreo de rutina se completo en March 2024. Veinte muestras de su ubicacion excedieron el nivel de accion para el plomo.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estates of Mary Joe Stewart, Cause No.P10397, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Nickie L. Caesar in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application for Probate of Will as Munificent of Title after Four Years and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of Mary Joe Stewart, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

- 1. You are hereby notified that the testator's property will pass to the testator's heirs if the Will is not admitted to probate;
2. You are hereby notified that the person offering the testator's Will for probate may not be in default for failing to present the Will for probate during the four-year period immediately following the testator's death; and
3. You have the right to object to the offer of the testator's Will for probate.

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

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas this on the 12th day of August 2024

Christine C. Leftwich Hood County Clerk P.O. Box 339 Hood County, Texas 76048

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Commissioners approve 3% salary increase for elected officials

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For the first time in several years, the Hood County Commissioners Court unanimously approved a 3% salary increase for elected officials during a regularly scheduled meeting Aug. 13. Hood County Judge Ron Massingill said the raise was long overdue, particularly given that the commissioners had received only one increase in the five years that he has served in office. "We have a lot of people that have positions in the county like the auditor, environmental, development, purchasing, election administrator, so we've got to give them increases to keep competitive with other counties and to keep them from poaching our good employees here," Massingill explained. "But they're making right at what the commissioners are making, so this is just a circle that you have

to keep up with. We didn't do this for a long time, but I think this is something that's really, really long overdue." Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson praised Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews for his work in reconstructing the county's salary matrix during the budget workshop held Aug. 12. "He has done a really good job trying to simplify it," she explained. Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle supported Samuelson's remarks regarding Andrews' efforts, noting he has done an excellent job and dedicated considerable hard work to the project. "He's (Andrews) actually distilled several things," Eagle said. "Commissioner Andrews has spent a huge amount of time on this, and he's done a really good job, in my opinion. And of course, time will tell us how good a job it is as we

go on for the next year or two, but my hat's off to Commissioner Andrews for the hard work that he has done." Joining in the praise, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson also highlighted Andrews' commitment, stating that it was clear during the budget workshop just how much effort he had put into balancing the metrics. "I think everyone in the county employment will see benefit from that — not only in the near term, but in the long term just the way it's structured out now," Wilson said. "I again commend him (Andrews) for the effort that he put into it." Eagle also emphasized the importance of retaining quality employees while also remaining mindful of taxpayer contributions. "We're always walking a line looking out for the taxpayers but making sure that we've got good employees here that are doing the job," Eagle said. "And the judge

is correct. We've refrained from giving raises to the elected officials over the years since I've been on this court, but with reluctance, sometimes we just have to do it to keep everybody in line." County Auditor Stephanie Matlock provided insights during the meeting, clarifying that while the salaries are being set now, there is still room for adjustments before the final budget is adopted at the end of September. "There will be a public hearing at the next court in August, and then if you elect to make changes, you will have to have another public hearing regarding the changes," Matlock explained. "But you have until the fiscal year starts to have an adopted budget in place." Andrews made a motion to increase the salaries of elected officials to 3%. Following a second by Massingill, the motion passed unanimously.



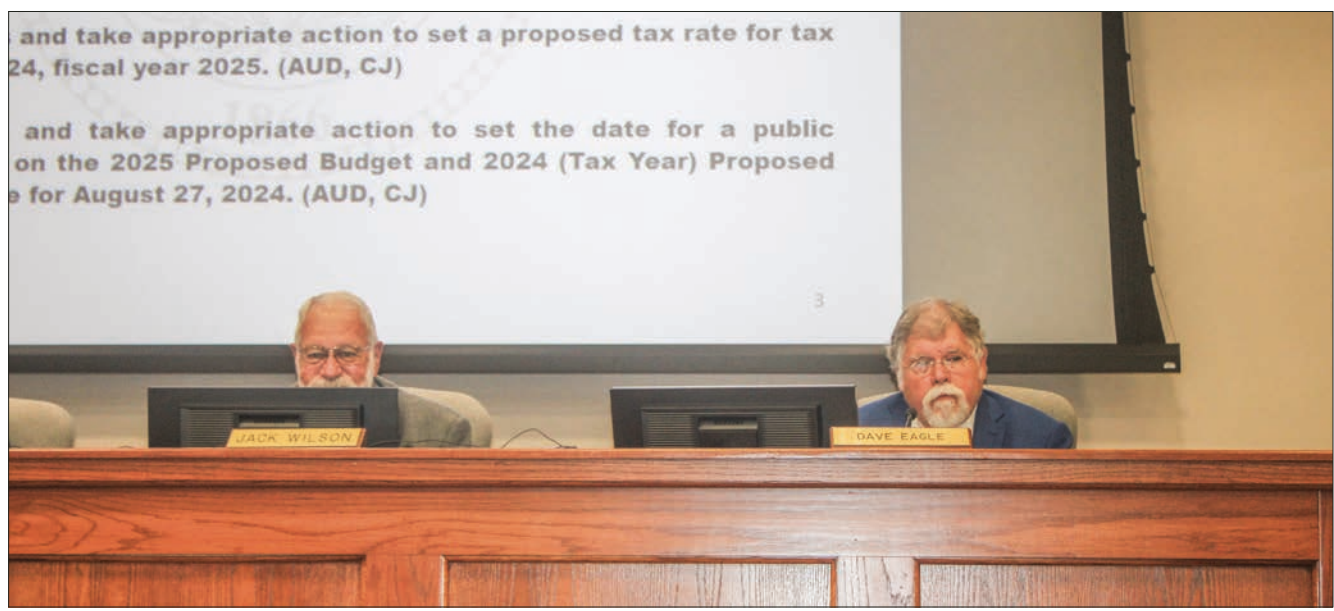
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Chamber of Commerce CEO Brian Bondy discusses the successful partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Granbury. Chamber General Manager Holly Martin (left), Mayor Jim Jarratt, and the council members listen.

Granbury Chamber of Commerce honors city officials with commemorative challenge coins

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The Granbury City Council meeting Aug. 20, was marked by a sincere adieu to Brian Bondy, president and CEO of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Jarratt expressed gratitude and regret at Bondy's departure, acknowledging his contributions to the community. During the meeting, Bondy highlighted the importance of the city's recent 50th anniversary celebration of the Hometown June and July festivities. Since its inception in 1974, the chamber has played a pivotal role in organizing the annual Fourth of July parade, a tradition that saw participation from 117 entries this year, along with more than 70 vendors, fireworks and live entertainment. To commemorate this

relationship milestone, Granbury Chamber of Commerce general manager Holly Martin presented challenge coins to each city council member. The chamber created the challenge coins to honor the city's enduring partnership and collaborative spirit, which have been integral to the success of these celebrations. City Manager Chris Coffman received additional coins to distribute to city staff, further emphasizing the strong ties between the chamber and the city's various departments. The celebration and the presentation of the challenge coins showed how much the chamber values and appreciates the city's support and its commitment to continuing the tradition of making Granbury the "Celebration Capital of Texas."







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Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle praises Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews for his hard work in reconstructing the county's salary matrix during the Hood County Commissioners Court budget workshop held last week.

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Linda Ruth Bagwell

September 11, 1942 - August 16, 2024

Linda Ruth Bagwell, 81, beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, in her Granbury home.

Linda was born on Sept. 11, 1942, in Honey Grove, Texas to George C. Thornton and Essie Lee (Williams) Thornton. Linda was introduced to Robert (Red) Bagwell at church and were married on Aug. 20, 1960 at the South Riverside Drive Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Their wedding was performed by their pastor, Brother Bennie Richardson. The wedding reception was hosted at the home of their pastor and his wife, Dot. Their union endured for over 62 years, filled with joy, challenges, and the creation of a beautiful family.

She and Bob lived in Fort Worth, Texas until 1993, then moved to Granbury, Texas. After moving to Granbury, Bob and Linda played host to the Troop 50 Boy Scouts at their "Brazos View Ranch" several times a year until moving to Acton in 2010. They also hosted many church functions at their ranch. They felt blessed to have been a part of South Riverside Drive Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas and the Mambino Baptist Church in Granbury, Texas. Linda loved gospel music and sung in the choir for many years. Her church choir in Fort Worth made a record which she was a part of called "Living by Faith" in the early 1960s.

Linda, as a teenager, along with her friends, Sandra and Alice, were part of a singing trio called "The Golden Bells." They sang at many churches in Fort Worth, including singing on the radio.

Linda and Bob square danced in the 1970s and were members of The Beachcombers and The American Heritage Dancers. They, along with their friends, Frank and Shirley Johnson, "Do-Si-Do'ed" throughout Texas, including dancing in front of the Alamo. They also square danced with American Heritage Dancers on the square in Granbury. Pictures of them were on the front page of the Granbury paper. It was Granbury's second Labor Day Celebration.

They loved volunteering at the Glen Rose Nursing Home and met many dear friends. Linda worked at Lectric Lines Co., in Fort Worth for 18 years. Her career of choice was being a full-time housewife and mother.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her grandparents, Charlie and Beedie Williams; sisters,



Barbara Calaway and Gayla Elaine Mc Neely; great aunts, Flossie Pearce and Rassie Carder; uncles, Ralph Williams and Ed Williams and wife Maurine and special cousin, Eddie Wayne Williams; and by her beloved husband, Bob.

Those left to cherish her memories: daughter; Teresa Loeber and husband Charles; son: Randall Bagwell and wife Wendy; sisters: Shirley Reed and husband Richard, Debbie Sue and husband Steven; grandchildren: Dakota Wyatt and wife Dakota Cheyenne, Ossie Canote and Tommy Richardson; nieces: Dana and Holly; nephews: Tim and Marc; and by many cherished great nieces and nephews and a bouquet of valued cousins and other special relatives and friends.

Linda demonstrated a lifetime of love and care as she attended to her grandparents, and then her mother and later her sister, Barbara, during their illnesses and death. She was a caregiver for her husband Bob who passed away at home after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's Dementia in 2023.

Linda was saved at the South Riverside Baptist Church in Fort Worth during her teenage years.

Mother will be returned to Honey Grove, Texas where she will be laid to rest with her parents, husband, and amongst special relatives such as her grandparents and great aunts. All through her life time, one of her true joys was returning to Honey Grove to visit everyone.

As we say good-bye to mother, we take solace in knowing that she is at peace, surrounded by her Heavenly Father, our daddy, and her beloved family and special friends, and we know she will always be watching over us from above. ...Forever loved, Forever remembered and Forever missed...

There will be a funeral service celebrating her life at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at Wiley Funeral Home, 400 Highway 377 East in Granbury. Burial will be held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Honey Grove, Texas.

OBITUARIES

Carmel Credille 'CC' Risenhoover

June 18, 1936 - August 2, 2024

Carmel Credille "CC" Risenhoover, 88, of Temple and formerly of Granbury, died at Baylor, Scott and White in Temple on Aug. 2, 2024.

Lunch and memorial service will be held at noon, Aug. 24 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1401 W Central Avenue, Temple. Burial of remains to be at a later date in Oklahoma.

CC was born June 18, 1936, to Viola and Credille Risenhoover, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Risenhoover was the oldest of eight siblings. Born of humble beginnings following WWII the family moved to Texas where he attended Jasper schools. Risenhoover excelled in academics, football and baseball during high school. He was named Homecoming King and later went on to pitch for the Jasper Steers, an all-black barnstorming professional baseball team in 1954. A roadside monument stands in honor of the team on Highway 190 in Jasper today. CC graduated from Baylor University earning a BA and MA.

Risenhoover's professional background included classified military service, working as an editorial consultant for major media, an investigative reporter for the largest electronic warfare systems developer in the country. He was PR director for Baylor University, first baseball coach at Houston Baptist College, professor at Sam Houston State University, Eastfield College, Southern Methodist University, Henderson State University and Chemeketa College. He also served as press representative for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, as assistant to the president for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and executive director of Lifeline World Mission.

He pastored First Baptist Church, Kirbyville, Elwood Baptist Church, Forest Hill, LA, Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church, Houston, Gateway Baptist Church, Granbury and The Church on Thistle Ridge, Granbury.

Risenhoover wrote script for the Promise Keepers film titled "The Awesome Power of Shared Belief," a ghost writer of the book titled "Once Upon a Texas Train," which was a CBS-TV movie. He wrote and directed the film titled "Baylor Pride." He authored over 42 books, published over 1,000 articles and stories in 50 different magazines, authored the weekly Bible Studies for Life series for the online Baptist Standard 2011-2012. He was



contributing author to "Best of Bass Master," published by B.A.S.S. He sold the movie option to his book "White Heat" to be used for motion picture to be called, "Outside the Lines," based on a true story about his life.

CC received the Meritorious Service Medal Awarded by the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States for selfless and classified service during conflict and war which resulted in sacrifice and injury. He was recommended for the Pulitzer Prize and Ernie Pyle Award, Black History Month Friendship Award for work on racial reconciliation, Arkansas Governor's Award, among first in the nation to be accredited by Public Relations Society of America, founded Baylor Radio Network. Founded Baylor Report, American Outdoorsman, Texas Outdoorsman, Texas Bass Angler and Metroplex Sportsman, former board member, Christian Film and Television Commission.

CC was called to the ministry at age 17 and began preaching the gospel at a small church in Jasper. He entered the Air Force as an Airman All four sons as well as his wife, Georgia, have served in military. CC raised and educated seven children who he taught Biblical truths. He and wife, Georgia, served Christ as a ministry team throughout their marriage of 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Viola and Credille Risenhoover (Jasper); brother, Gary Risenhoover LaPorte; sisters, Carmolene Roebuck (Jasper), Cynthia McCroskey and Rosie Lawrence (Lufkin).

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Risenhoover (Temple); sons, Paul Risenhoover (Granbury), Tim Risenhoover (Florida), Jeff Knight (Fort Worth), Justin Knight (Temple), daughters, Elizabeth Buchanan (Dallas), Robyn Risenhoover (Fort Worth), Bran (Brogdon, Virginia), Roberta Lynch (Nederland), Mary DeRorre (Jasper), Emma Jones (Andrews) and 11 grandchildren.

Shirley Hord

September 23, 1935 - August 17, 2024

Shirley Hord, 88, passed away peacefully on Aug. 17, 2024. She was a cherished mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who touched the lives of many with her warmth and kindness. A visitation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Friday, Aug. 30, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Shirley was born Sept. 23, 1935, in Floyd County, Texas to William Everett Brown and Ethel Bell Go-lightly. She married Glen D. Hord on June 15, 1971 in Durant, Oklahoma. Shirley had a zest for life and enjoyed spending her time bowling, dancing and playing bingo. Her joyful spirit was always present, whether she was striking down pins at the bowling alley, twirling on the dance floor, or eagerly waiting for her bingo numbers to be called.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband: Glen Hord; parents: William and Ethel Brown; and son-in-law: David Des-



latte. Shirley is survived by her devoted children, Billy Neighbors and wife Mendy, Tonya Deslatte; grandchildren: Trisha Bagby, Katrina Shankles and husband Kerry, LeAnn Remmers and husband Victor, Cassie Bartel and husband Jordan; great-grandchildren, Caleb and Kyler Shankles, Cameron and Caitlin Bagby, Dakota, Braxton and Alyssa Remmers, Jude, Blake, Jackson, Callum and Charlotte Bartel; and numerous extended family and friends.

Shirley's legacy of love and happiness will forever be remembered by all who knew her.



Kenneth Wayne Malone

March 8, 1938 - August 17, 2024

Kenneth Wayne Malone, 86, went to his Heavenly home on Aug. 17, 2024. Kenneth was a Granbury resident, and an active member of Triple Cross Cowboy Church where he was always willing to help anywhere there was a need. He retired from Sears & Roebuck after 30 years of service.

He was a faithful, long-time member of the Granbury Masonic Lodge #392. He received the 50 Years of Service Award and also served from 2016 -2017 as Worshipful Master. In February 2020, he received the Golden Trowel Award. As a longtime member of the Granbury Lodge, his answer was always "Yes" when asked to help on any project for the Lodge.

Kenneth loved his Lord and Savior, and was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed time spent with his loving wife Carol going square dancing, RV camping, bike riding and trail rides. He enjoyed flying and would always say "I'd rather be flying." He received his private pilot license in 1968.

Kenneth is survived by daughters, Cynthia Neal and Anita Brewer; grandchildren, Christopher Jenkins and wife, Kristina, Kevin Jenkins and wife, Rachel, Shawn Sadler and wife Destiny, Jenny Hyatt;



great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Brayden, Lane, Griffin, Ava, Adonis, Emily, Jodee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers for the service were Christopher Jenkins, Kevin Jenkins, Derek Young, and Larry Weaver.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024 at Wiley Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Services were held on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024 at Triple Cross Cowboy Church starting at 10 a.m. Masonic Rights followed at the church. Burial was Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024 at the Itasca Cemetery, Itasca, Texas at 3 p.m.

Donations in Kenneth's name can be made to Triple Cross Cowboy Church or Granbury Masonic Lodge #392, PO Box 461, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Arrangements are under the care of Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Texas.

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- throwing weapon
- former star Cowboy WR, Drew
- great Texas center fielder, Tris (init.)
- Hamiltons (money)
- 186,000 miles per second: ___ light
- muscle injuries
- Texans like it iced
- TX Buddy Holly's "That'll ___ the Day"
- TX Hagman had a part in epic "In ___ Way"
- TX Roddenberry's "Star Trek" genre: ___ fiction
- TXism: "I'd have ___ better to die" (sick)
- late "Turtle Lady," Loetsher
- TXism: "a sight ___ sore eyes"
- distress signal
- it's used to speak without words (abbr.)
- Clint Black tune: "Where ___ Now"
- 2nd husband of Texas-born Robin Wright (2 wds.)
- "___ your keep"
- first female governor: "___ Ferguson"
- TXism: "short ___ eyebrow"
- wild animal den
- TXism: "sounds like ___ axle" (bad singer)
- perfect examples
- children whose parents are dead
- Cowboy Haley's other team: Forty-___
- Glenn of 1941 film "Texas" (init.)
- Lake ___ Hubbard
- ___ sided bicyard (rout)
- most sad
- TXism: "___ your head for something besides a hat rack"
- dove sound
- TXism: "plain ___ on a ___ mule"
- former annual music event in Corpus Christi: "Bay ___"
- "___ and rave"
- windshield wiper movement
- elaborate hairstyles
- dome-shaped Eskimo house

OBITS FROM A13

Acey Van Steel

September 19, 1950 - August 7, 2024

On Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, Acey Van Steel went to be with his Lord and Savior and received his eternal angel wings. He was born on Sept. 19, 1950, to Gaylon Sr. and Audrey Steel of Abilene, Texas. His oldest brother of four, Gaylon Jr., survives him.

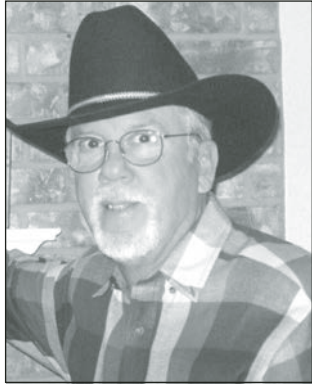
Acey would have been 74 this September but passed doing what he loved - spending time in the water.

Acey's love for his family was unwavering. He leaves behind five children: Kimberly and husband Allen Slater of Denton, Austin and wife Nikki Steel of Hurst, Todd and wife Stacy Prest of Granbury, Kendra and husband Tyray Hoschler of Godley, and Krystal Lauren Burgess and husband Ricky of Arlington.

Acey was known as Poppy to his beloved grandchildren Derek, Danielle, Kaylin, Haley, Taylor, Chloe, Madison, Caleb, Hays, and Norah.

He was also the Great Poppy of Brookelyn, Jadyn, Logan, Cade, J.T., Caleb, and Daniel. Acey was also the uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Acey was best known for his hilarious one-liners and quick-witted humor, passion for fishing, early morning bird watching, love of the water, love of his family, and pancake-making skills for his kids. He took great pride in knowing that he passed along the values of honesty, integrity, and respect to all his children and loved ones. Acey had a loving and generous spirit and would do anything for those he loved - including moving to another state to watch one of his grand-



daughters play college softball. Every person he came in contact with loved and respected him.

Acey's life was filled with remarkable achievements. He was a golden glove boxer, an Abilene HS and Hardin-Simmons University graduate, a scuba enthusiast, 33rd Degree Mason, and a Texas DPS license and weight State Trooper. His dedication and bravery were recognized when he was awarded a Medal of Merit in 1985 for his outstanding performance during a life-threatening situation during a vehicle-train derailment and explosion. We can all be proud of his legacy of courage and dedication.

Acey's passing has left a profound void in our lives. His absence is deeply felt, and the memories of his love and laughter will forever be cherished. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gaylon Sr. and Audrey Steel, his brothers, Terry and Aurbin, and the love of his life and soulmate, Paula Kay. The loss of such a beloved figure is a deep wound that will take time to heal.

Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 12, 2024 at Wiley Funeral Home in Granbury.

Jerry B. Barrett

April 5, 1938 - August 4, 2024

It is with great sadness that the family of Jerry Barrett announces his passing on Aug. 4, 2024 in Granbury, Texas.

Born to J.B. and Oleta Barrett on April 5, 1938 in McCamey, Texas, Jerry will be missed by his children Lisa Barrett Cox (husband Jack) and Brad Barrett, three grandchildren (Chad, Devin, Zach) and three great-grandchildren (Rylee, Kylee and Jackson), cousins, nieces and nephews and numerous friends. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Rev. R. Dulaney Barrett, and his beloved wife, Virginia Flores Herrera Barrett.

After graduation from Wink High School, Jerry attended McMurray University, earning his Bachelor of Arts in math and history and his Masters in Education. He enjoyed working the summers in the oil field for Shell Oil Company with his father.

Jerry furthered his education at TCU and Tarleton University receiving his master's degree in administration and food service management.

His education led him to begin his 31-year career with the Fort Worth ISD teaching at William James Middle School and Paschal High School, then moving to administrative assistant to FWISD superintendent and finally Director of Food Service and Food Service Warehousing and Maintenance. After retiring



from FWISD in 1992, he began working for Sayers Family Farmer's Market. Jerry loved working with the employees and businesses, but left in 2006 to care for his aging father.

As a life-long Methodist he actively participated in various endeavors, volunteering on many boards and projects, especially while at Granbury UMC. The last church Jerry and Virginia attended was Arborlawn UMC.

After the passing of his father, Jerry and Virginia moved from Granbury to River Bend in Fort Worth. They loved their neighbors and community. Jerry even served as HOA President.

If you are so inclined, please make a donation to a non-profit veterans association such as "Homes for our Troops," or a local American Legion or VFW. Jerry respected those who served their country and bought many meals or cups of coffee for any service man or woman he noticed wearing a uniform or a hat.

Michael 'Buddy' Lex Hodges

December 31, 1949 - August 14, 2024

Michael "Buddy" Lex Hodges, 74, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, of Granbury, Texas, passed away on Thursday morning, Aug. 15, 2024, in his Granbury home.

A Celebration of Life Service celebrating his life will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at the First Baptist Church in Granbury. Burial will be private.

Buddy was born on Dec. 31, 1949, in Fort Worth to the late Walter Lex, Jr. and Glyneth Hodges. Buddy was a 'man of God' and was a devout Christian since his baptism at age 11. Buddy married Kathy Diane Simons on January 22, 1971. He was a 20-year law enforcement veteran of the Fort Worth Police Department, Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, Kennedale Police Department, and the Forest Hill Police Department. He was a country songwriter and musical performer. Buddy was a DJ on Granbury radio station KPAR. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Granbury.



Buddy was particularly proud of his Scottish ancestry.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Kathy; his children, Nika Michelle Franklin, Christopher and wife Melissa Hodges, and Emily and husband Albert Miller; grandchildren, Ryan Franklin, Megan Jones, Abby and husband James Willson, Cainaan and wife Libbie Hodges, and Sydnee Hodges; and by his siblings, Sharon and husband Bryan Maeckel, Steve Hodges, and Patti Warren.

In addition to his parents, Buddy was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Holly.

Retirees must identify and manage income sources

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During your working years, you know where your income is coming from because you're working. But once you retire, you'll have to identify your income sources, know how much you can expect from them and know how to manage them to help support a retirement that could last two or three decades.

So, where will your retirement income come from? And what decisions will you need to make about these income sources?

Consider the following:

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

If you've regularly contributed to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, you likely have accumulated substantial amounts of money in these accounts — but during your retirement, you'll need to start tapping into them. In fact, once you turn 73, you're required to start taking withdrawals from some of your retirement accounts, with the amount determined by your age and account balance. You could take out more than these amounts (technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs) but you can't take less without incurring penalties. Many people take out 4% of their balance each year, and this guideline may be reasonable, but everyone's situation is different. So, you'll need to weigh various factors including your age, health and other sources of income before deciding on an appropriate withdrawal rate.

SOCIAL SECURITY

You can start collecting Social Security at age 62, but your payments will be much higher if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be between 66 and 67. And your benefits will reach the maximum amount if you wait until 70 before collecting. So, your decision on when to take your benefits will

depend on whether you can afford to wait, and for how long. In making this choice, you'll also need to consider

your health and your family history of longevity. And if you're married, you may want to factor in spousal benefits when deciding when you should collect Social Security. A spouse can receive either their own benefit, based on their work record, or up to 50% of their spouse's benefit, whichever is greater. So, if one spouse has a much higher benefit, it may make sense for that spouse to delay taking Social Security as long as possible so that both spouses can receive bigger payments.

EARNED INCOME

Even if you have retired from one career, it doesn't mean you can never receive any earned income again. If you have specific skills that can translate to part-time work or a consulting arrangement, you might want to consider reentering the work force in this way. With the added income, you might be able to afford delaying Social Security, and you would still be eligible to contribute to an IRA.

SUPPLEMENTAL LIFETIME INCOME

There aren't many guarantees in the financial and investment worlds — but one of them is the income from a fixed annuity, which can be structured to provide you with a lifetime income stream. Annuities aren't for everyone, however, and they do involve penalties for early withdrawals and lack of protection from inflation.

By learning all you can about your potential retirement income sources, and by understanding how to manage this income to your best advantage, you can help yourself achieve a comfortable — and more rewarding — retirement.

SUPPORT SYSTEMS

EVERY DAY

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

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life 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).

GRIEF SHARE 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.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175. May call anytime for help.

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, 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.

GRIEF SHARE RECOVERY seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for 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

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).

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

SECOND MONDAY

LOCAL CHAPTER 238 of the 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 and women.

SECOND SATURDAY

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

THIRD TUESDAY

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

FOURTH TUESDAY

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

FOURTH SATURDAY

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

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Hospital District board agrees to place tax on ballot

BY EDEN DUNCAN

GILBREATH

Special to the Hood County News eden@hcnews.com

Monday, Aug. 19 the Hood County Hospital District board of directors met to approve the 2025 budget and to call for a tax ratification election to be held Nov. 5. The meeting also included a public hearing on the proposed budget.

Earlier editions of the Hood County News have explained that hospital taxes are assessed as a percentage per dollar valuation on property. In most counties, residents pay this tax to cover the indigent care and care for those in jail as required by law.

Hood County residents have not paid a hospital district tax for some time because the HCHD leased the hospital to an operating entity. On Dec. 31, 1996, HCHD entered into an agreement with Hospital Corporations of America, who agreed to pay HCHD \$15 million to lease the hospital from 1996-2026, with an option to lease for an additional 10 years for just \$1,000. The lease is now owned by Community Health Systems Inc.

The last time Hood County residents paid a hospital district tax was 1996. At that time the tax rate was 15 cents per \$100 of valuation according to the Hood County Appraisal District and was paid when residents paid their property taxes annually.

There has been some confusion among some Hood County residents who think the tax money collected will go to the hospital. That is not the case; the tax funds go to the hospital district for indigent and inmate care — not to the hospital itself.

On Friday, May 24, the HCHD board voted to put a 2-cent tax before the voters. On Monday, Aug. 19 discussion and disagreement arose among members of the board. Some members of the board were concerned that the budget was not balanced. They argued that the tax rate could not be set until the budget is balanced as required in Chapter 1042 of the revised law for Hood County Hospital District.

Other members argued that the deadline to file for

a tax ratification was the same day, Aug 19, so a decision needed to be made on the percentage of tax. There were grumblings that a 2-cent tax had already been decided during the May 24 meeting. Prior to that, rates of 1/2 cent, 1 cent or 2 cents per \$100 of property valuation had been discussed.

Ricky Reeves, executive director of Texas EMS, explained in detail the expenses incurred by Texas EMS for the benefit of the board and the public. Reeves has been seeking the support of the HCHD in order for Texas EMS to remain operational in Hood County. Both Texas EMS and Pecan Plantation EMS have suffered financially, especially since COVID-19 when they saw patients and supported the community

but were not subsidized.

"We will continue to cover this community as long as we can, as long as our board will keep us going, it's just we will be able to do some of ambulances, which means people will wait for an ambulance until there's one available. So (a) car wreck could wait for quite a while to get an ambulance," said Reeves.

"This model was great when this community wasn't growing much, but since I've been here since '18, it's just went through the roof, and we were not designed with our model to accommodate that growth. Right now, we should be running six ambulances for this community," Reeves said.

Discussion ensued about how important EMS is to the community and board mem-

bers agreed funds are needed to cover those expenses.

A motion was made to place the 2 cent per \$100 of valuation on the Nov. 5 ballot. Commissioner Nannette Samuelson and Commissioner Kevin Andrews voted no, with the remaining members voting yes.

Samuelson asked that the record reflect she voted no due to the fact the budget is not balanced.

Members of the HCHD board then calculated the desired budget, keeping in mind the expenses of indigent care, jail care and EMS. The motion was made to vote again with the amended budget and the motion passed unanimously.

City of Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report

The following is a breakdown of activity that occurred through the Granbury Police Department during the period of Aug. 13-Aug. 19. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

AUG. 13

7:41 a.m.: loose livestock on Cleveland Road
8:27 a.m.: noise disturbance on E. U.S. Highway 377
12:04 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on S. Morgan Street
12:28 p.m.: suspicious person or circumstance on N. Plaza Drive
1:12 p.m.: noise disturbance on Harbor Lakes Drive
3:05 p.m.: loose livestock on Cleveland Road
3:37 p.m.: assault on Reunion Court
5:05 p.m.: loose livestock on W. U.S. Highway 377
9:04 p.m.: elderly or child injury on Reunion Court
**Two major accidents and

18 traffic stops occurred this day**

AUG. 14

1:09 a.m.: noise disturbance on River Road
9:52 a.m.: possession of drug paraphernalia on E. U.S. Highway 377
1:15 p.m.: noise disturbance on River Road
A major accident, a minor accident, a warrant service and 14 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG. 15

1:48 a.m.: intoxicated driver on S. Morgan Street
3:18 a.m.: prowler on Captains Court
10:34 a.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 on Paddle Boat Drive
1:13 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance on E. U.S. Highway 377
3:42 p.m.: suspicious person or activity on E. U.S.

Highway 377

3:58 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:46 p.m.: driver with suspended license on E. U.S. Highway 377
5:59 p.m.: violation of a protective order on Sunset Court
Two major accidents, a warrant service and 17 traffic violations occurred this day

AUG. 16

3:09 a.m.: fraud on White Cliff Road
8:12 a.m.: property damage on Loop 567
1:10 p.m.: criminal mischief on E. Pearl Street
2:49 p.m.: assault on a public servant on W. Pearl Street
5:49 p.m.: theft on E. U.S. Highway 377
6:01 p.m.: CPS assistance on Spring Street
6:29 p.m.: theft on E. U.S. Highway 377
8:01 p.m.: criminal mischief on Saratoga Boulevard

8:51 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on E. U.S. Highway 377
One major accident, five minor accidents, a warrant service and 12 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG. 17

9:53 a.m.: water code violation on S. Morgan Street
9:40 a.m.: animal bite on E. U.S. Highway 377
1:38 p.m.: threat on E. U.S. Highway 377
2:15 p.m.: theft on S. Morgan Street
9:58 p.m.: prowler on N. Travis Street
10:59 p.m.: assault/family violence on E. Pearl Street
11:52 p.m.: suspicious activity/person on S. Lancaster Street
One minor accident and 11 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG. 17

2:01 p.m.: suspicious activ-

ity on Waters Edge Drive
3:43 p.m.: felony intoxicated driver on W. U.S. Highway 377

5:26 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on Loop 567
6:17 p.m.: hit-and-run accident on S. Morgan Street
6:42 p.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 on E. U.S. Highway 377
One major accident, two minor accidents, a warrant service and 14 traffic stops occurred this day

AUG. 18

1:24 a.m.: noise disturbance on W. Pearl Street
2:37 a.m.: suspicious activity on E. U.S. Highway 377
2:57 p.m.: assault/family violence on Ruffian Road
3:28 p.m.: trespass on E. U.S. Highway 377
7:33 p.m.: suspicious activity on Quiet Cove
8:34 p.m.: theft over \$100 and under \$750 on E. U.S. Highway 377

10:24 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance on E. U.S. Highway 377
There were six traffic stops this day

AUG. 19

12:15 a.m.: threat on W. Pearl Street
3:10 p.m.: threat on W. Pearl Street
3:28 p.m.: theft of property on Whitehead Drive
7:35 p.m.: violation of protective order on E. U.S. Highway 377
8:40 p.m.: theft of property on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:36 p.m.: under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377
9:55 p.m.: threat on W. Pearl Street
10:29 p.m.: theft of property on E. U.S. Highway 377
Three major accidents, a warrant service and 14 traffic stops occurred this day

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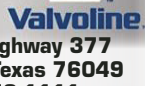


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If you enjoy hiking, hunting, camping, fishing or adventure sports, you'd have had a great time at The Outdoor Expo in Granbury Saturday, Aug. 17.

GISD's interim superintendent to be named Aug. 26

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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The Granbury Independent School District plans to announce its interim superintendent Monday, Aug. 26 — contingent upon Dr. Jeremy's Glenn's confirmation as the new superintendent of Carroll ISD.

During the GISD board of trustees meeting Aug. 19, the board announced it had already selected its new interim superintendent in executive session. However, the official announcement will not be made until Carroll

ISD holds its board meeting early next week, when Glenn is anticipated to be officially confirmed for the position.

"At that time, we will do a public announcement release, get ahold of the paper, and we'll get that taken care of," Board President Barbara Townsend said, during the meeting.

Glenn was officially named the lone finalist for the Carroll ISD superintendent position during a special board workshop Aug. 5.

State law requires a 21-day waiting period before Carroll ISD can officially appoint Glenn as its new superintendent. During this time, Glenn

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

Glenn — who will replace Carroll ISD's retiring Superintendent Lane Ledbetter — led GISD through 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 School

- Passing a VATRE (Voter Approval Tax Rate Election) to increase staff raises
- Starting the Early Education Academy and Little Buccaneers
- Implementing a dual language academy
- TEA naming GISD a Purple Star 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,"

Townsend said in the 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."

Once the interim superintendent is named, the GISD board of trustees will begin the search process for a new superintendent this fall, with plans to name a finalist who can start January 2025.

GISD adopts budget, tax rate, debt relief plan in recent meeting

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The Granbury Independent School District board of trustees took key financial steps in its latest meeting Aug. 19, by adopting a new budget, setting a tax rate and initiating a debt relief plan.

GISD BUDGET

During the meeting, GISD's Chief Financial Officer Emmett Whitefield outlined three different budgets for the district: general operating, debt service and child nutrition.

The general operating budget has been set at \$93,901,941, reflecting a revenue increase of \$792,000, or 0.85%, compared to the previous year.

The district is currently facing rising fuel costs, which have jumped by 109% over the past three years. Whitefield reported GISD's fuel expenses were \$310,000 in 2020-2021, \$570,000 in 2021-2022 and \$644,000 in 2022-2023. He said he anticipates these costs will exceed last year's figure.

Even though the district's budget has increased 0.85% this year, President Barbara Townsend pointed out that enrollment numbers will undoubtedly be higher than last year's as well. According to Whitefield, student enrollment is projected to reach 8,200.

Vice President Courtney Gore also noted that many surrounding districts are adopting deficit budgets,



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Granbury ISD's Chief Financial Officer Emmett Whitefield discusses the district's tax rate during a regularly scheduled board of trustees meeting Aug. 19.

meaning they are spending more than their allocated funds for the fiscal year.

"I do not know the percentage, but I know that the surrounding districts are all adopting deficit budgets,"

Whitefield said. "We've been lucky that we have increased our allotments for our departments, and you can ask any department in there. They haven't gotten any more money in the last few

years, so we're expecting them to work within those guidelines and within those amounts to keep us at a balanced budget."

"I can tell you that 80% of all districts in the state of

Texas are having a deficit budget," Townsend added.

The reason for that, Gore noted, is because the state is not funding the school districts, as the basic allotment for education funding has

not increased since 2019 — despite increasing costs.

"The cost of education has gone up, but the amount of monies that we receive from

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Courtney Gore to be recognized by Friends of Public Schools

From Staff Reports

Three Texans will be honored by the Friends of Texas Public Schools for championing public education and public-school children in Texas Nov. 13 at the 20th annual Friend of the Year Awards Dinner in Waco.

The Texans receiving awards this year are: Dr. Lizzy Johnson - Texas Public Schools 2024 Friend of the Year, Courtney Gore - Texas Public Schools 2024 Ambassador of the Year and Harvey Kronberg - Friends of Texas Public Schools 2024 Distinguished Service Award.

"Texans need to know their children and tax dollars are in good hands, which is quite contrary to the misinformation, disinformation and politicization they see, read and hear from politicians, talking heads, podcasters, keyboard warriors and other media," says Scott Milder, founder of Friends of

Texas Public Schools.

Friends of Texas Public Schools is a nonprofit dedicated to restoring pride, faith and confidence in Texas Public Schools by shining a light on the many great things happening in neighborhood public schools across Texas.

"My wife Leslie and I founded this organization 20 years ago because, as a high school teacher herself, she was sick and tired of being picked on," Milder said. "The public narrative about our public schools was and remains overwhelmingly negative. We wanted to lift up those rare Texans with the courage to step up on behalf of our public schools, speak

truth to power, and defend the honor of our educators. The best of us dedicate their lives to serving this great state through our public schools. That's why we created these awards."

Friends of Texas Public Schools 2024 Texas Public Schools Ambassador of the Year honoree is Courtney Gore, school board Trustee, Granbury ISD. This award was established to shine a light on outstanding, inspiring individuals working from within the system to improve the public's perceptions of their public schools by sharing accurate information, dispelling myths, celebrating achievements, lifting the spirits of their fellow educators, and making sure communities know their children and tax dollars are in good hands.

"Courtney's work as a Granbury ISD trustee defending the honor of her school district and educators against the political forces working to undermine their good work is courageous, inspiring, and just," said

Milder. "Integrity and open-mindedness are rare qualities in today's echo-chamber culture. We are moved by her journey of discovery about what's myth versus reality in our Texas public schools and, most importantly, her desire to correct those who are misinformed."

"I am beyond grateful for this recognition. It reaffirms my commitment to championing the rights of every child to receive a quality education," said Gore. "Together, we can continue to create a brighter future, ensuring that all students have the opportunities they deserve to thrive and succeed. Thank you for acknowledging the importance of our collective efforts in promoting our Texas public schools!"

Past honorees include distinguished individuals such as Tom Frost of Frost Bank, Charles Butt of H-E-B, Gena and Chuck Norris, Chris Wallace of the North Texas Commission, Diane Ravitch, Pam and Gary Vandaveer, and Dr. Bob Thompson of



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Pictured is GISD board member Courtney Gore.

the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute. Additional information is

available at www.fotps.org/dinner.

The Typo Tango: How the smallest errors can be the biggest deals

BY MICKY SHEARON

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Typos. We've all made them. Whether it's a rogue letter in a text message that turns "Sorry, I'm late" into "Sorry, I'm latte," or an unfortunate email that ends with "Best regards, Satan" instead of "Best regards, Susan," these little slip-ups have the power to embarrass, confuse, and — if you're lucky — entertain. But as harmless as a typo may seem, some have left an indelible mark on history, proving that even the smallest mistake can lead to the biggest consequences.

Let's face it, typos are annoying. There's nothing like the sinking feeling you get when you hit "send" or "publish" and then spot that glaring error. It's like stepping on a Lego piece in the middle of the night — unexpected, painful and usually met with a string of expletives. For writers, in particular, typos can be the bane of existence. They undermine credibility and distract readers from the message. A single misstep in a headline or a key sentence can turn a well-crafted piece into fodder for ridicule.

But as much as typos can make you cringe, they can also make you laugh. After all, who hasn't chuckled at a menu offering "crap cakes" instead of "crab cakes," or a text message that was meant to say "Just a sec" that turns out "Just a sex?" Typos remind us that language is a living, breathing thing — constantly evolving and prone to the occasional hiccup. They also show that, no matter how advanced our spell-checkers and grammar

tools become, the human element in writing is still alive and kicking ... and occasionally tripping over its own shoelaces.

So, to celebrate both the annoyance and amusement that typos bring into our lives, let's take a look at five of the most famous (or infamous) typographical errors in history. These blunders didn't just cause a few laughs — they had serious, and sometimes even world-altering repercussions.

1. THE "WICKED BIBLE" (1631)

Imagine opening your Bible to find that one of the Ten Commandments has a glaring typo. That's exactly what happened in 1631 when a version of the King James Bible was printed with a rather scandalous error: the word "not" was left out of the commandment "Thou shalt not commit adultery." The result? A directive to "commit adultery" instead. Needless to say, this did not go over well with the Church of England. The printers were heavily fined, and nearly all copies of what became known as the "Wicked Bible" were destroyed. Today, only about 20 copies remain, serving as a reminder that even the most sacred texts aren't immune to human error.

2. NASA'S MILLION-DOLLAR TYPO (1962)

Typos aren't just limited to the printed word — they can infiltrate code as well. In 1962, NASA's Mariner 1 mission was supposed to be a historic voyage to Venus. Instead, it became a cautionary tale about the importance of proofreading. A single missing hyphen in the spacecraft's code caused it



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to veer off course shortly after launch, leading to its destruction. The cost of this tiny error? A whopping \$18.5 million. It's a mistake that still haunts NASA's history and serves as a sobering reminder that in space exploration, as in writing, there's no room for error.

3. THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL TYPO (1922)

Even the most revered monuments aren't safe from typos. When the Lincoln Memorial was unveiled in 1922, it featured a stunning carving of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. Unfortunately, it also featured a rather noticeable typo. The word "future" was misspelled as "euture" in one section of the inscription. Although the mistake

was quickly corrected, the original error is still faintly visible to this day. It's a small blemish on an otherwise iconic monument, but it's also a testament to the fact that even the best intentions can go awry.

4. THE DICTIONARY'S FAKE WORD (1934)

You'd think dictionaries would be immune to typos, but even these bastions of language are not infallible. In 1934, Webster's New International Dictionary included a word that didn't actually exist: "dord." The error occurred when someone misinterpreted a note indicating that "D or d" could stand for "density" as a new word. By the time the mistake was caught, thousands of dictionaries had already

been printed and distributed. The phantom word was eventually removed, but it remains a quirky footnote in the history of lexicography.

5. GOOGLE'S LUCKY TYPO (1996)

Not all typos are bad. In fact, some can lead to world-changing successes. Case in point: Google. In 1996, when founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin tried to register the domain name for their new search engine, they intended to use "googol," a term that refers to the number 1 followed by 100 zeros. But thanks to a typo, they ended up with "Google" instead. The rest, as they say, is history. Today, Google is one of the most recognized brands in the world, all because of a happy little

accident. Typos, for better or worse, are a part of life. They frustrate us, embarrass us and occasionally entertain us. But more than that, they remind us of our humanity. In a world that's increasingly driven by technology, where perfection is often the goal, typos are a reminder that we're still imperfect beings — prone to mistakes, yes, but also capable of turning those mistakes into something meaningful or at least memorable. So, the next time you catch a typo in your own writing, don't despair. Take a deep breath, correct it if you can, and move on. And if you can't? Well, maybe you're just a typo away from making history.

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the state is not changing," Gore added.

The district's debt service budget is designed to manage bond payments for buildings and equipment. Whitefield said the budget is set up to bring in \$13,911,918, which includes an \$8,880,000 prepayment on bonds. This will bring in projected expenditures of \$12,904,748, leaving a surplus of \$1,007,170.

Whitefield also noted that since 2005, the district has refinanced or paid off \$168,259,000 in bonds ahead of schedule, resulting in savings of \$29,502,139 for taxpayers.

"I think that's worth not

ing, and I think it's actually worth repeating that our taxpayers need to know that these debts that we have are being paid off early," Place 2 Trustee Nancy Alana said. "I think it's a great job of management by our superintendent and our CFO."

The child nutrition budget is set to generate \$4,666,268 in revenue with expenditures of \$4,768,218, leaving a fund balance of \$1,051,130. This balance represents 22.4% of operating costs, which Whitefield said aligns with board policy.

TAX RATE

The board approved the 2024-2025 tax rate with a 4:1 vote, setting it at \$0.9319 per \$100 of property valuation. This rate comprises \$0.7869

for maintenance and operation (M&O) and \$0.145 cents for debt service. Whitefield noted this represents a slight reduction of 0.23 cents from the previous year.

As a Chapter 49 or recaptured district, Whitefield explained that Granbury's tax revenues are also higher compared to districts in less affluent areas, like West Texas. He added that Texas law mandates a minimum tax rate of 9% for all districts, with Granbury's maximum capacity set at \$0.6169 cents per dollar. The district's current M&O rate of \$0.7869 cents includes an additional 17 cents approved by voters last November.

Gore highlighted that since this is GISD's maximum compressed tax rate, the district cannot lower the

rate further. Therefore, any potential budget cuts would need to come from reducing teacher positions or lowering teacher salaries.

GISD Superintendent Jeremy Glenn explained that 85.6% of budget goes to payroll, and that in order to make significant budget cuts, the district would need to focus on reducing staff positions.

"You could trim 10% off of campus budgets, off of extracurriculars, probably without doing much harm," Glenn said. "But you start going deeper to 20% and 25%, it's going to do substantial harm to programs like band, athletics, and our UIL academic programs. However, if you're looking to make significant cuts, obviously it has to be in payroll, and 85%

of the budget is staff."

Glenn then praised the district's ability to maintain high performance levels despite budget constraints, crediting not only Whitefield and the business office, but all GISD campuses as well.

"Everybody's trying to do more with less. We've asked them to do more with less," he said. "And the industry continues to perform at a high level, even though we're squeezing everybody's budget ... It's something that we're proud of, but it does speak volumes to the leadership of our board of trustees, but also to what we do in the business office, what our HR department is doing, what Stacie Brown's doing in our curriculum department; it trickles down all of our campuses as well."

Townsend also inquired about the district's administrative versus teaching staff ratios compared to state averages. Whitefield explained that the district's administrative costs are about half of the typical rate for districts of a similar size, with a ratio of .0777 compared to the state average of 0.125. Glenn confirmed the district's administrative staff is substantially below the state average.

"In other words, what you're just saying, as far as our administration staff is concerned, it's half the size that the standard is in the state of Texas?" Townsend asked, with a confirmation from Whitefield.

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Texas hunting, fishing licenses on sale



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.

It is the time of year to renew your fishing/hunting licenses. Licenses went on sale Aug. 15. Current-year Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing package) expire at the end of August.

Texas purchase more than 3.9 million hunting and fishing licenses annually, directly funding a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities. Some of the many projects made possible by license sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Wardens. Folks can purchase a vari-

ety of licenses through the official TPWD website or in-person at retail locations throughout the state. You can also purchase by phone at 800-895-4248 during regular business hours. A \$5 administrative fee applies to phone and online purchases. Resident hunters and anglers continue to have the option to purchase a fully digital license for several license types, including the

super combo (Items 111, 117), youth hunting (Item 169) or lifetime combo (Item 990), hunting (Item 991), or fishing tags (Item 992). Customers can also purchase other products such as the exempt angler tag (Item 257), bonus red drum (Item 599) and spotted seatrout tags (Item 596).

The digital license option is available through online purchase. Digital license holders will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available via mobile device while in the field. Digital tagging is required of digital license holders through the "Texas Hunt and Fish" mobile app.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process. This speeds up the sale of new licenses by allowing customers to re-purchase licenses bought in recent years. Hunting and fishing regu-

lations for the 2024-25 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, or the "Outdoor Annual" mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity, making it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations. Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations by Location," "Where to Fish" and more. A limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices.

The "Texas Hunt & Fish" mobile app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar harvest reporting, and supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, oversized red drum and spotted seatrout. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registra-

tion for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an annual public hunting permit.

When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in the Lifetime License Drawing. Three lucky winners will each win a Lifetime Super Combo License and never need to buy a Texas hunting or fishing license again. Entries are \$5 each and can be purchased online, at any license retailer or by phone. The first entry deadline is Sept. 30.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Lake level is about 1.5 feet low. Water temperature continues to be in the upper 80s to low 90s with no relief in sight. Thermoclines are present on many areas of the lake and are typically from 15 to 25 feet down. Striped

bass fishing is hit-and-miss on live bait and trolled jigs with curly trailers. Alabama rigs are also putting striped bass in the boat. Largemouth bass are good early and late near creek entrances and near deeper docks. Best baits for largemouth include crankbaits and soft plastics. Some early morning top-water action is possible on lipless crankbaits or Pop-Rs. Crappie continue to be suspended near the thermocline on timber and bridge pilings. Small jigs and minnows are putting crappie in the boat. Catfish are active and are good on numerous areas of the lake on cut shad and prepared baits. Best action for catfish is reported at night. Sand bass are fair to good on trolled pet-spoons near feeding flats. Some schooling action is occurring early and late near Blue Water Shores and near DeCordova Bend Estates.

El Niño is gone; are we welcoming La Niña?

By Brazos River Authority

Summer is here in Texas and it's bringing the heat. Some areas of the Brazos River Basin have already experienced 100-plus-degree days.

"It's summer in Texas, so of course it will be hot," explains John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas State Climatologist and director of the Southern Regional Climate Center at Texas A&M University. "The abnormally warm sea surface temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico back that up. That means it will be humid, too. However, there's not any clear indication that the summer will be especially wet or dry."

Thankfully, the spring

rains were a welcome sight to end drought conditions in some areas of the basin.

Based on the Brazos River Authority's drought contingency plan, the Stage 1 Drought Watch was rescinded in February for Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla, Granger, Somerville and Limestone.

The Little River system didn't receive help from those same rain events. However, in May, the Stage One Drought Watch was lifted from Lakes Belton, Stillhouse Hollow and Georgetown. Lake Proctor moved from a Stage 4 Pro-Rata Curtailment to a Stage 1 Drought Watch in June.

With the exception of Lake Proctor, nearly all the

reservoirs within the BRA's water supply system filled to capacity and then some. Since the reservoirs owned and operated by the BRA are not designed to hold flood water, releases were made from three lakes — Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Limestone — to manage lake levels and protect the critical infrastructure of these dams.

In June, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration gave its final El Niño advisory and moved to a La Niña watch, predicting that it may emerge later this summer. Typically, there is a neutral stage between the two climate patterns.

El Niño occurs when sea surface temperatures in a key patch of the tropical

Pacific Ocean average at least 0.5 °C above normal for three consecutive months. On the other side of the spectrum, La Niña occurs when those temperatures average at least 0.5 °C below normal for three consecutive months. "So, there will always be a transition period when conditions are neutral, neither El Niño nor La Niña," Nielsen-Gammon said. "Indeed, each of those three categories (El Niño, neutral, and La Niña) tends to occur about a third of the time."

The El Niño weather pattern historically brings rain to Texas, La Niña typically brings drought. And the weather pattern between the two phases that is considered neutral, often called "La

Nada," occurs when average conditions hold steady.

La Niña also contributes to a more active Atlantic hurricane season. When the Atlantic is very warm, it feeds hurricanes.

"All indicators favor an active hurricane season. We've already seen three named storms in the Gulf of Mexico," said Nielsen-Gammon.

Hurricane Beryl hit the Texas coast July 8, bringing storm surges and high winds and leaving many coastal communities without power.

The next few months are on track to be very hot and although reservoirs are full, nearly full or overflowing, water conservation should remain a priority. Drought

conditions have been increasing since early June, so conservation efforts will need to continue.

"Most of the Brazos River Basin has received plenty of rain over the past several months," Nielsen-Gammon said. "So, even though the ground typically dries out during the summer and streamflow levels decline, it probably won't be enough to send the region into full-blown drought."

Currently, the Brazos River Basin is beginning to dry out, with about 25% experiencing some form of drought intensity. The BRA water supply system is doing very well for the month of July at 99% full.

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Secretary Billy Wimberly proposed that the property tax rate be increased to \$0.9319 per \$100 of property value, which was approved with a 4:1 vote as Place 3 Trustee Melanie Graft was absent.

Place 7 Trustee Karen Lowery, who opposed the motion, expressed concerns about the wording. She pointed out that while the memo indicated a decrease

in the tax rate, the motion's language referred to an increase.

Whitefield clarified that while there is a reduction in the tax rate, it's not a reduction in the tax collected.

Since Lowery opposed the motion, Gore made a motion to reconsider, as she said she wanted to seek further input from Lowery. However, Lowery declined to provide additional information.

The board voted a second time, with the motion again passing 4:1.

DEBT RELIEF

The board also discussed and approved a motion to authorize the defeasance and redemption of \$8,880,000 in GISD's unlimited tax refunding bonds, meaning the district will pay off a portion of its existing debt early. This move is expected to save taxpayers \$1,983,081 in interest payments.

"Just to note, because I know this question has come up, these monies cannot be used for new construction,

these monies cannot be used for maintenance on old construction, and these monies cannot be used to purchase school buses," Glenn said. "What they can be used for is to pay down debt previously approved by the community, and that's what we're asking for tonight."

"The way that the I&S (interest and sinking fund) works is the taxpayers determine what they want us to spend that money on, and that is the only thing we can spend that money on," Townsend added. "We don't

get to choose, so we can't go fix anything. We can't just decide, 'Well, we need more buses, so we can use that.' That is why we use the money to pay down our debt and save the taxpayers the interest value."

Lowery then inquired about the timing of the redemption and its impact on routine maintenance and repairs. Whitefield clarified that the funds from this redemption can only be used to pay off debt and do not affect the budget for maintenance or other expenditures.

"It's governmental fund accounting and this particular fund, the only thing we're allowed to do is pay off debt," he explained. "It's not M&O, where we can fix stuff and take care of salaries and those things. The I&S budget can only be the taxable rate to pay off existing bonds."

Wimberly then made a motion to adopt the order authorizing the defeasance and redemption of a portion of GISD's unlimited tax refunding bonds. Following a second from Gore, the motion passed unanimously.



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Lipan Volleyball



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The Lipan Lady Indians blue team hosted the Jonesboro Lady Eagles Aug. 20. This is the second year for volleyball at Lipan High School.
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Lipan Lady Indians celebrating after scoring a point August 20.

SPORTS

Roundup

BY RICK MAUCH*Special to the Hood County News*

Logan Crowe's summer swim season came to a memorable end at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics in Greensboro, North Carolina. He led a contingent of eight Granbury SEALS by winning five medals, including a gold, two silver and a pair of bronze.

Complete SEALS results are (distances in yards):

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Leah Citzler: Fifth in 200 IM, 3:38.92

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Carmen Citzler: Fifth in 100 back, 1:17.69; sixth in 200 fly, 3:27.50. Also qualified in 200 IM, 50 free, 100 fly, 100 free and 200 free

Bailey Stone: Qualified in 50 free, 200 free, 400 IM and 100 free

15-16
Bethany Crowe: Seventh in 100 back, 1:15.41; eighth in 200 back, 2:46.36. Also qualified in 200 IM, 50 free, 200 breast, 100 fly, 100 free and 100 breast

Males
8-Under
Elijah O'Brien: 12th in 100 breast, 2:14.50; 15th in 50 breast, 59.82. Also made finals in 50 free, 50 back and 50 fly

9-10
Zane Frazier: Qualified in 50 breast, 50 back, 50 free, 100 free

11-12
John Stone: Sixth in 200 free, 2:59.99; seventh in 50 back, 42.54; seventh in 100 back, 1:33.56. Also qualified in 50 free, 50 breast and 100 free

13-14
Logan Crowe: First in 200 breast, 2:45.76; second in 100 back, 1:06.03; second in 100 breast, 1:14.61; third in 200 IM, 2:26.37; third in 200 back, 2:27.44; seventh in 200

free, 2:16.81. Also qualified in 50 free, 100 fly and 100 free

GRANBURY CROSS COUNTRY

Running in the prestigious Waxahachie Woodhouse meet in Maypearl Aug. 17 against larger programs, Granbury's Jaxon Glenn set a school record in the 5K with a time of 15 minutes, 26.50 seconds. Glenn finished eighth among the field of 177 runners.

Aiden Lemens also broke into the top 50 with a 16:39.80.

All five Granbury varsity runners set personal records.

"It was a big 6A meet with just a few 5A schools," Pirates coach Jody Brown said. "I'm trying to beef up our schedule so we can get really good competition."

In the junior varsity boys field of 226, James Barber was 31st in 19:12.60.

The Lady Pirates competed at the Byron Nelson 2-Mile Invitational Aug. 17 in Justin. They placed fourth as a team in the Varsity Girls Open division. Individual results were Josafina Berry, 16th, 13:19; Kambry Zschiesche, 17th, 13:20; Ava Stein, 27th, 13:46; Adalyn Hollis, 34th, 14:33; Ziva Sedgwick, 38th, 15:01; and Elyse Jeringan, 41st, 15:21.

The Pirates are competing in the Southlake 2 Mile Aug. 24 and will be in the Burleson Elk Run Aug. 30.

The Lady Pirates are competing in Burleson in back-to-back weeks. They are in the Centennial Spartan meet Aug. 24, followed by a trip to the Elk Run.

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates (4-7) competed in the prestigious John Turner Classic in Pearland last weekend.

"I am very proud of the way the girls competed. This is the most competi-

tive tournament in the state," Granbury coach Desiree Shahan said. "We played teams that make it far into November and we played well against them."

Tournament results were:

LOST 2-0 TO FULSHEAR

Digs: Lily McCall 12

Assists: Allyson McCabe 12

Receptions: McCall 14

Defeated San Antonio

Alamo Heights 2-1

Kills: Jayla Hayes 12

Digs: McCall 26, Greinert 15, McCabe 15

Assists: McCabe 31

Receptions: McCall 19

LOST 2-0 TO AMARILLO

Kills: Sienna Watts 7

Digs: Megan James 10

Assists: McCabe 12

Receptions: Watts 13

LOST 2-0 TO LEAGUE CITY CLEAR SPRINGS

Kills: Blakely Bleeker 7

Digs: McCall 17, McCabe 15

Assists: McCabe 13

Receptions: McCall 11

DEFEATED

BRAZOSWOOD 2-0

Kills: Watts 7

Aces: McCabe 4

Digs: McCall 16

Assists: McCabe 11

Receptions: McCall 10

DEFEATED NEDERLAND

2-0

Kills: Watts 10

Aces: McCall 5

Digs: McCall 15, Mattie Weaver 10

Assists: McCabe 20

Receptions: McCall 14

LOST 2-1 TO HOUSTON ST. AGNES

Kills: Hayes 9, Watts 9, Noe 7

Digs: McCall 22

Assists: McCabe 22

Receptions: McCall 14

Last Tuesday the Lady Pirates traveled to Joshua

for a match that also included Waxahachie.

LOST 3-0 TO JOSHUA

Kills: Bleeker 16

Aces: Greinert 3

Digs: McCall 16

Assists: McCabe 23

Receptions: Weaver 15, James 12

DEFEATED

WAXAHACHIE 3-2

Kills: Watts 10, Kailynne Sermarini 10

Aces: Greinert 5, McCabe 4, Weaver 3

Digs: McCall 23, McCabe 19, Weaver 13

Assists: McCabe 35

Receptions: McCall 16, Greinert 15, Watts 14

The Lady Pirates will host the Granbury Classic this weekend, host Wichita Falls Legacy Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. and travel to compete in the prestigious KSA Events Classic in Orlando, Florida Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rattlers (2-3) competed in the Brock Tournament last weekend, rebounding from a pair of losses in pool play to North Central Texas Academy, 3-1, and 3-0 to Stephenville to defeat Crowley and Alvarado by 3-0 scores.

Standouts for Tolar were Senne Imel, 44 kills; Allie Terrell, 29 kills, 4 aces; Sophia Walters, 42 digs; Abbie Soileau, 96 assists, 35 digs; Lily DeWitt 13 kills, 5 aces; and Abby Kolb, 19 kills, 6 aces.

They then hosted Clifton Tuesday, Aug. 20, falling 3-1 (no stats available).

Tolar is competing in the Glen Rose Tournament this weekend. They travel to Grandview Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. and are in the Rio Vista Tournament Aug. 29 and 31.

GRANBURY FOOTBALL

Pirate fans got to see this season's team in game-type conditions in a scrimmage at Saginaw at press time. The regular season gets underway Friday, Aug. 30 at home against Waco High at 7 p.m.

Granbury returns two offensive (seniors Hayden Meyer, quarterback, and lineman Enrique Sanches) and two defensive starters (senior cornerback Eli

Sisco and junior linebacker Chase Cantrell) coming off a 3-7 season. It will be their first regular-season game under new head coach Bobby Allison, who spent the previous decade as the assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Northwest High School, helping the Texans reach the playoffs every season since 2016.

Waco High returns seven offensive and five defensive starters from a team that went 1-9 last season.

The Pirates won last season's matchup 17-14 at home.

TOLAR FOOTBALL

The Blake Mouser era is underway in Tolar as the Rattlers were playing their second and final scrimmage of the preseason at home against Jacksboro at press time. Now, the regular season begins as they move up to Class 3A Division following a state runner-up finish in 2A Division I in 2023.

The Rattlers will play at Peaster Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m.

Mouser replaced Jeremy Mullins, who is now at the new Eagle Mountain High School.

Before coming to Tolar, Mouser was at Austin Vandegrift for 11 years and was the offensive coordinator for the past decade. During his time there, he helped lead the Vipers to 106 wins, including a run to the Class 6A Division II state championship game in 2022.

Tolar is coming off a 14-2 season, which included a 49-9 home win over the Greyhounds. Peaster was 4-7 last season and reached Class 3A Division I bidistrict. They return six offensive and five defensive starters.

Tolar won last season's contest 49-9 at home.

GRANBURY TENNIS

The Pirates/Lady Pirates won a pair of matches last week, winning 16-3 at Mansfield and 17-2 against Fort Worth South Hills at TCU.

"We have been working all preseason on winning the close matches and this will give us confidence going into our first district match against Fossil Ridge (at press time)," Granbury coach Athan Laskaris said. "Our program is still young and getting better by the day. Our team has been competing against some tough teams this fall."

Top performers against Mansfield included:

Girls singles: Kenia Jimenez-Zuniga won 7-6 in a tiebreaker.

Boys doubles: Roland Krause/Oakley Boyd won 8-5.

Boys singles: Krause won 8-3 to improve to 6-1 on the season.

Girls doubles: Atleigh Young/Kayden Grumbine won 8-3.

Tyler St. Don lost a heartbreaker to a very tough opponent 7-8 (5-7) in a close tiebreaker.

Notable results against South Hills included:

Boys doubles: Colten Whitefield/Tyler St. Don won 8-1, Krause/Boyd won 8-1, Braxton Bailey/Chase Bohney won 8-2, Camden Lynch/Levi Logsdon won 8-3.

Girls doubles: Ava Hamrick/Lilian Vaughn won 8-1, Young/Grumbine won 8-6, Allie Kazmie/Rayleigh Langdon won 8-2. Mixed doubles: Sullivan Williamson/Mandi Labelle won 8-5.

Boys singles: Whitefield won 8-6, St. Don won 8-6, Krause won 8-3, Boyd won 8-1, Bailey won 8-5, Bohney won 8-4.

Girls singles: Labelle won 8-5, Paloma Sandoval won 8-5, Hamrick won 9-7, Grumbine won 8-2, Vaughn won 8-4.

GISD awards \$5 hourly pay increase for homebound teachers

BY ASHLEY TERRY*Staff Writer ashley@hcnews.com*

To address ongoing staffing issues, the Granbury Independent School District recently approved a \$5 per hour pay raise for homebound teachers.

During the GISD board of trustees meeting Aug. 19, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda item, which will raise the current hourly rate of homebound teachers from \$25 to \$30.

According to a memo submitted by the special programs department, part-time certified homebound teachers provide services

for students with medical needs that limit their ability to attend school. The goal of homebound instruction is to help students stay on track academically so they can avoid losing educational time or academic credit.

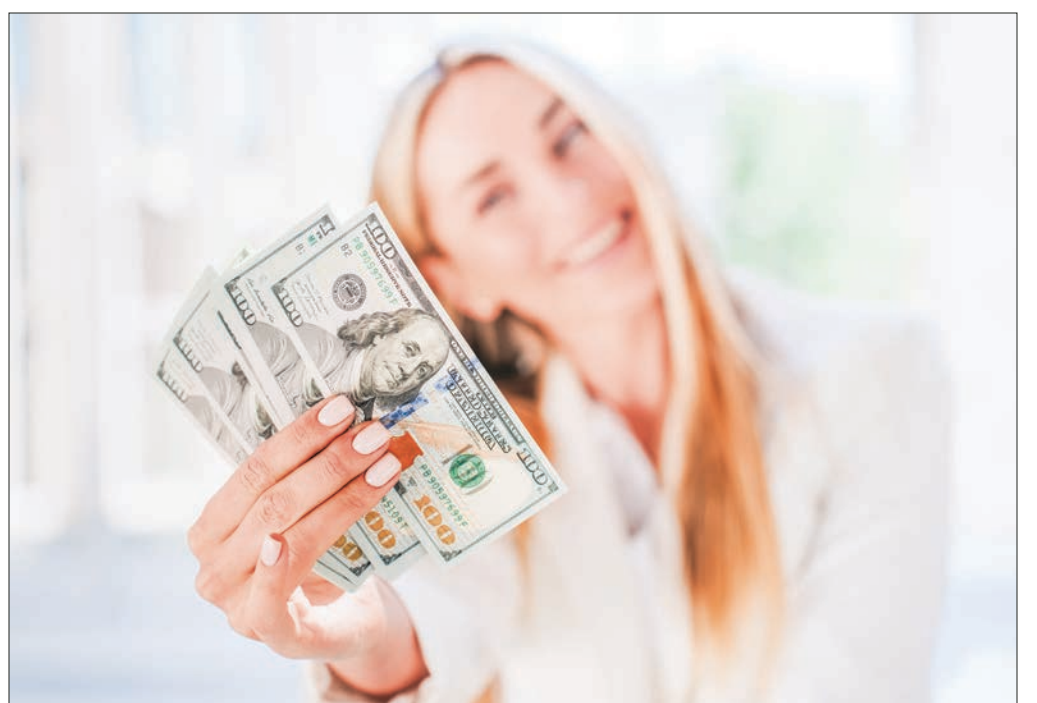
The district occasionally recruits its own full-time teachers to provide these services after school and on weekends, the memo states. However, GISD has been unable to recruit enough teachers for these positions lately, due to the current low hourly rate of \$25 an hour.

"For reference, a first-year teacher with no experience makes \$38 an hour," Director of Special

Programs Shelly Curtsinger wrote in the memo. "In order to maintain adequate staffing levels, we are requesting a raise to \$30 an hour this year. In conversations with prospective teachers, this increase, while modest, would make a difference for those willing to work these positions."

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The Granbury Independent School District board of trustees unanimously approved a \$5-per-hour pay increase for homebound teachers during a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Aug. 19.



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Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University will celebrate 125 Years of Excellence Sept. 3 with a commemorative ceremony followed by an anniversary celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. in Heritage Park.

The public is invited to join in the family-friendly campus festivities in Heritage Park and the O.A. Grant

Green Space, which will feature inflatables, games, food trucks and cupcakes.

The celebration kicks off a season of activities honoring the history and cherished traditions of the university and its esteemed visionary, John Tarleton, who founded the institution in 1899. Upcoming events include the football home opener against McNeese

State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Family Weekend Sept. 27-28 and Homecoming Week Oct. 6-12. The anniversary celebration aligns with the first year of NCAA Division I championship eligibility as well as the 89th Texas Legislative Session.

Tarleton State has stood as a beacon of academic excellence and community engagement for 125 years,

weaving a rich tapestry of tradition and innovation. Through its commitment to student success, research and service, the university continues to shape the future, honoring its past while embracing the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

For more information, visit <https://www.tarleton.edu/125years/>.

Students return to Tarleton State with array of events

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University welcomed students back to campus with more than 10 days of food, music and events during Transition Week (T-Week) Aug. 18-21, with Week of Welcome (WOW) running Aug. 22-29.

"It's an exciting time to be a Texan," said Lathes Towns, executive director of campus life and family engagement as a part of the division of student engagement and success. "As we start the school year with enthusiasm and curiosity, each day is a new opportunity for growth. Together, we create a community for students and families, fostering a supportive and nurturing environ-

ment where every student can thrive, and student support staff can connect."

New students begin their college experience during T-Week with various events and activities to help learn and adopt the traditions of Tarleton State. From rallies on Rudder Way to lighting their candle at Convocation, new Texans were welcomed to campus in a way designed to form memories and connections that last.

WOW Week began Thursday, Aug. 22, the first day of school. Information tents are stationed around campus to help students find their way, and an involvement fair will take place where students can discover organizations and resources available to them.

A concert with performances by DJ Quan, Josh Abbott Band and Roger Creager took place Friday, Aug. 23.

The Texan football team then hosts McNeese State Saturday, Aug. 24. Kickoff is slated for 2:30 p.m. from Memorial Stadium, with the contest airing live nationally on ESPN2.

Other events throughout the week include DJ on the Lawn, The Big Feed, Black Student Union Cookout, Sundae on Sunday, Meet the Greeks, Texan Bingo and Splash Bash.

The fun is not confined to Stephenville, with several WOW Week events taking place at the Tarleton State campuses in Fort Worth, Waco and Bryan.



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Tarleton Soccer earns second draw of season to end opening road trip



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Tarleton State University

CORPUS CHRISTI — Tarleton State earned its second draw on the season, a scoreless 0-0 tie at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Aug 18 at the Dugan Soccer & Track Stadium.

With the draw the Texans (0-0-2) and Islanders (0-0-2) both start out their 2024 slate with a pair of draws.

Reegan Wagg led the Purple and White with three shots, two on goal. Nicole Fels drew a pair of shots. Goalkeeper Mikayla Kendall earned six saves to improve her season total to 10.

Neither team was able to push across anything in the first half. The Texans led the way with five shots and three on goal. Tarleton's Wagg had the best scoring chance

of the half firing back-to-back point-blank shots at Islanders' keeper Zoe Theriot. She took the original shot from the side close to the benches and followed up for the kick back finding the chest of Theriot for the second consecutive time in the 33rd minute.

In the second half, the Islanders took control of the momentum firing three shots on goal, but none past Tarleton goalie Kendall. None of the Texans' three shots fell on goal, other than a Jessica Baires near-goal in the 67th minute which was disallowed after a Texan foul.

In the final 15 minutes of play, the Islanders executed one of their best scoring chances of the night. After a

long ball in toward the goal, Kendall leaped up drawing contact to swat the ball away and keep the game scoreless heading into the final 10 minutes of play.

Neither team was able to put any shots on goal in the final 10 minutes. Jenaya Brown found the ball on her foot with five minutes remaining off a corner, but connected high and wide right, leaving the game tied at 0.

The Islanders were given a trio of yellow cards in the contest despite the Texans committing 16 fouls to TAMU-CC's eight fouls.

Tarleton out-shot the Islanders, 8-7 with the Islanders holding the advantage on goal, 6-3. The Texans kicked six corner kicks to the home team's four.

Tarleton State University's Stone awarded Mid-America Arts Alliance grant

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University Assistant Professor of Theater Dan Stone has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Mid-America Arts Alliance through the organization's Interchange Grant Program.

"With this grant, I can continue my work in Socially Engaged Participatory Theatre, focusing on rural communities in Texas," Stone said. "Since 2008, I have been committed to this type of work through my company, Sanctuary Stage, in Northern California and Oregon. Now that I've moved back to Texas, I am eager to continue these socially minded arts practices here."

The program, made possible by the support of the Mellon Foundation, awarded practice-based fellowships to 16 regional artists, providing vital resources for their socially engaged creative practices. Individual artists residing in M-AAA's six-state region of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas were eligible to apply.

One of Stone's most recent projects at Tarleton State was directing the musical "LIZZIE: The Musical" about the infamous Lizzie Borden.

The Theatre at Tarleton production garnered national attention from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival and earned a spot in the regional

competition in Abilene earlier this year, a first for the university.

Stone, the winner of the award for Outstanding Direction at the 2016 San Diego International Fringe Festival, says working closely with his students is the best part of his job.

"I've had some really good mentors in different areas of my life," he said. "I think teaching is more than getting in front of a classroom and talking at people. In the arts, mentorship — taking time with students and showing them how to be successful in a career that can be risky — is very important."



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Dan Stone, assistant professor of theater at Tarleton State University, has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Mid-America Arts Alliance and its Interchange Grant Program.

The Outdoor Expo in Granbury

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The Expo took place on August 17. The free event was mainly indoors at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, a relief from the triple-digit outdoor temperatures. More than 30 vendors showcased their products and services, and the Expo, hosted by 95.9 The Ranch and its sister station K-HITS 95.5, also offered food trucks, prizes and more.



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International Bat Day

August 24, 2024

August 24th marks a special occasion for bat enthusiasts worldwide - International Bat Day! It's a time to celebrate and learn more about these fascinating creatures while raising awareness about their importance in our ecosystems.

Bats often get a bad reputation, but they are actually incredible animals with unique characteristics and vital roles in our environment. Did you know that bats are the only mammals capable of sustained flight? Or that they play a crucial role in pollinating plants, dispersing seeds, and controlling insect populations? With over 1,400 differ-

ent species found worldwide, bats come in various shapes and sizes, from the tiny bumblebee bat to the impressive giant golden-crowned flying fox. Each species has its own remarkable adaptations and behaviors, making them fascinating subjects for study and admiration.

So, how can you celebrate International Bat Day on August 24th? There are many fun and educational activities you can explore to learn more about these amazing creatures.

Consider reading books or watching documentaries about bats to discover more about their behavior, habitats, and importance to our ecosystems. You can

also visit local bat conservation organizations or wildlife centers to see live bats up close and learn about conservation efforts to protect them.

Creating bat-friendly habitats in your backyard or community is another great way to celebrate. Installing bat houses, planting native plants that attract insects for bats to eat, and minimizing the use of pesticides can all help support bat populations in your area.

Additionally, spreading the word and sharing your newfound knowledge about bats with others is essential for raising awareness. Whether you're posting on social media, giving

a presentation at school, or organizing a community event, educating others about bats is crucial for their conservation.

So, let's come together on August 24th to celebrate International Bat Day and give thanks to these incredible creatures for all that they do. Whether you're learning, exploring, or spreading awareness, there are numerous ways to join in the celebration and show your appreciation for bats!

Remember, bats may be small, but they have a significant impact on our world. Happy International Bat Day, everyone! Let's make it a day to remember and honor these remarkable animals!

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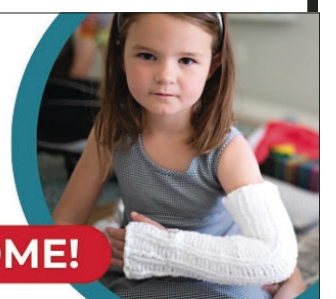


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Tolar Volleyball



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The Tolar Lady Rattlers took on the the Clifton Lady Cubs Aug. 20, at Tolar. For full gallery go to hcnews.com.



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Four decades of dedication: Carrie Peters celebrates 40 years at Walmart

BY EDEN DUNCAN

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Special to the Hood County News eden@hcnews.com

A lot can change in 40 years, but for Carrie Peters, one thing has stayed the same — this year she celebrates 40 years working for Granbury's Walmart. Granbury has changed considerably over those 40 years and so has her place of employment — including the building of the current Walmart Supercenter in July of 1995.

When Peters began working for Walmart in 1984, she was a single mother to a teenager, an elementary

child and an infant: Jack was 16, son James was 7 and daughter Sarah was 6 months old. Now she is "Nanny" to four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild on the way.

Peters says she has two families. Her children and her grandchildren and a second family that is dear to her as well — her Walmart family. Peters cites this second family as the foremost reason she has stayed with one company for four decades.

"The people I work with — they're your family. They're great."

During her years at Walmart, Peters has worked every conceivable position, from working 10 years in

the pharmacy to the garden center, from customer service manager to her current position as asset protection customer host. This last position has been her favorite.

"I just like to meet people. Get to know them. You know, after a while you get to ... I've had customers when I used to (work as) cashier stop and talk to me. And I just try to help out when I can."

Peters says the relationships she has built have helped during hard times.

"There was one lady who ... when I lost my husband to cancer back in 2013, she came to my house bringing food."

With building relationships comes the honor of

walking alongside customers in their lives as well.

"I think one of the things that moves me a lot is this is pretty much a retirement community, a lot of retired people. And some days, you see the same people every day, and you learn ... I've had them tell me, 'Well, I come to Walmart every day because I don't have any family here.' They're lonely."

Spending time with customers and showing compassion is an important element of her job.

"I think if you could just spend a little time with them, and I like it when they share their stories of no matter what's going on, whether they're lonely or they've lost somebody."



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Carrie Peters celebrates 40 years working for Walmart.

Some stories bring tears to Peter's eyes. She recalls a recent event concerning a couple she first met while

working the garden center. "This couple always came in, and he was always joking

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Granbury Theatre Academy

Where dreams take center stage this fall!

BY MICKEY SHEARON

special to the Hood County News

As the summer winds down and school is back in session, Granbury Theatre Academy is ready to raise the curtain on an exciting fall semester of classes. Whether you're a young performer looking to take your first steps onto the stage, or an adult eager to refine your skills, the Granbury Theatre Academy has something for everyone.

A STAGE FOR EVERY AGE

Granbury Theatre Academy is renowned for its diverse range of classes that cater to performers from ages 5 and up. The fall semester, which runs until Dec. 6, offers budding artists opportunities to explore their passion for the performing arts. The academy offers a variety of classes, each designed to nurture talent and build confidence in a fun, supportive environment.

For the littlest stars, classes like Ballet/Tap Combo and Broadway Bound Music Theater for Kids provide a perfect introduction to the world of dance and theater. These classes are not just about learning steps and lines; they're about discovering the joy of expression, creativity and collaboration.

Older kids and teens can dive into more specialized areas with classes like Improv for Teens, Teens Musical Theatre Dance, and Kids Acting. These classes help young performers sharpen their skills and explore different facets of the performing arts, from spontaneous improvisation to the structured elegance of dance and acting.

And it's not just the kids who get to have all the fun! The Granbury Theatre Academy also offers an array of classes for adults. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a complete beginner, there's a class to suit your needs. Adults can choose from courses like Adult Acting, Beginner Tap, Advanced Tap, Adult Musical Theatre Dance and Improv for Adults. For those interested in the behind-the-scenes magic, Intro to Stage Management and Fundamentals of Storytelling offer a unique glimpse into the essential roles that bring a production to life.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

One of the standout features of Granbury Theatre Academy is its faculty. "We are very proud of the fact that all of our academy instructors are working industry professionals," says Matt Beutner, director of Granbury Theatre Academy. This commitment to

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From Cool Junk, bikers rode to Wilson's Bike Leather in Fort Worth where more riders had gathered.

Toys for Tots kicks off season with Summer Santa's Ride

BY EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH

Special to the Hood County News eden@hcnews.com

Saturday, Aug 17 kicked off the season for Granbury Toys for Tots with a motorcycle rally. The motorcycle enthusiasts met at Cool Junk where owner Sarah Toth is an active TFT volunteer and TFT local coordinator Julie Hale is a vendor. Numbers of bikers were many; there is no official count, but the parking lot was full. Volunteers Sarah, Elizabeth and Gary Broadus, Glen Swan and Teri Shores joined Julie Hale to serve the crew breakfast burritos from Monty's and donuts from The Donut Hole.

From Cool Junk, bikers rode to Wilson's Bike Leather in Fort Worth where more riders had gathered. All together there were around 80 bikes, and most of the riders were from various local chapters of the Rogue22 Motorcycle Club.

The final destination was Trewink Ink, a tattoo shop on state Highway 144. By the time the bikers pulled in, temperatures were well over 100 degrees. Raffle items and

burgers were offered at the last stop.

Julie Hale commented, "A couple of riders had heat exhaustion symptoms but they insisted on staying (with) the plan and riding! We made sure they got hydrated and left the event as a passenger in a car."

"I want to specifically thank Katie 'Banshee' Trevino. Her husband Hector 'Tito' Trevino rides with the Granbury chapter and she was the idea



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person and point for this event. She did a spectacular job," said Hale.

The event puts pre-season money in the bank for TFT that it will be able to use to start its season strong.

"The Marine TFT Foundation establishes discount contracts with bulk toy distributors to enable us to purchase enough toys to meet the need," commented Hale.

"The community ALWAYS donates toys,

but we generally run short and have to make purchases to take care of all the kids. This year we can start off with toys in stock thanks to this donation," Hale continued.

Pop-up events that are yet to be announced will be added to the calendar as the season progresses. The TFT calendar is set with its standard events:

Oct. 1-7: Toy collection box distribution

Nov. 9: Car Show hosted by The Granbury Car Club,

3577 Acton Highway Nov. 27: USMC JROTC Cadets will collect Toys at Kroger

Nov. 29: USMC JROTC Cadets will collect Toys at Walmart

Dec. 4: Partnership (to be announced)

Dec. 7: Pecan Plantation Men's Golf Association Tournament

Dec. 4-8: Box retrieval

More information can be found at granbury-tx.toysfortots.org.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

The road of life



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 weeks.

Only in one's dreams would life be a steady walk through pleasant times and happy experiences. Life, in reality, is a series of climbs and descents — experiencing the widest possible range of emotions from heart-breaking tears to hilarious, belly-deep laughter.

Some of these climbs and descents are beyond our control. Some we bring on ourselves. We may either choose to deny our journey's unpleasant times, kicking and screaming all the way to despair and illness, or we may choose to accept these times as a rightful part of life, learning from the experiences, maturing through the process, and moving on to higher ground.

Yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that all experiences, from the highest to the lowest, have their purposes in our lives. And, as much as we would like to eliminate the more painful experiences, we must confess that each of them has its own design

and benefit if we permit such.

A beautiful picture of orchids and onions hung in my office in Kentucky. My husband thought it was the most stupid picture he had ever seen. But I saw its beauty, both in its varying shades of color and its deeper meaning that I saw.

When one has a need of an orchid, an onion would certainly not suffice. Likewise, when one wants an onion to enhance the flavor of a grilled hamburger or fresh garden salad, an orchid would be of no use.

Both the orchids and the onions have their places — their missions to fulfill — and neither can replace the other.

And so it is with life. It was midspring when all teachers looked forward to their annual break — my husband included. It was nothing I could pinpoint, yet I saw him moving a little slower. He was already speaking of returning to his teaching position in the fall. He finally agreed to see our

family physician in mid-June, who then sent him immediately to an oncologist. Diagnosis: stage 4 esophageal cancer. Prognosis: six to eight months. Gone in six weeks at age 63. The first bitter onion.

It was 18 months later — the time of year when Mother Nature bursts forth with life in all directions. It was also the season when I found my 32-year-old son dead of natural causes with absolutely no warning. Alive and seemingly well that morning — gone by dinner time. The second bitter onion.

It was nearly two years later when the report read: Cancer — two different types, two separate locations. It had been located purely by accident when dealing with another insignificant problem in another part of my body. I stared at the piece of paper, feeling I simply could not absorb its contents. The third bitter onion.

Like a thunderbolt, I realized I had a potential life-changing decision to make. I could accept the victim mentality, sit alone by myself and feel completely justified in believing I did not deserve so many onions in my life. I knew that was the road to becoming

a bitter, hateful old woman with whom no one cared to associate.

Or I could ask my Heavenly Father for divine strength to carry on — and the wisdom to make the right choices after receiving each bitter onion. I chose the latter. I was going to learn, mature and move forward.

Three roads with heart-breaking bumps — each with its own type of pain. Each with its own potential to make or break my spirit. My orchid had been, in all three cases, coming from a home where the power of prayer was acknowledged and relied upon daily, that had its own beautiful fragrance that somehow frequently overshadowed the onions' bitterness.

I am soon facing a new decade of age, and I must confess I do not always appreciate the process. How many more onions will I be handed? Only God knows that answer. My responsibility is to live each day as if it were my last — in a positive and grateful manner to focus on any beautiful orchids that come my way.

Now ... sit back in your favorite chair and, as you ponder the possible onion in your life, look for the possible orchid.

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Not a creature was stirring



BY DON NEWBURY

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

It was the slowest of hot, muggy days in the thicket. Mercury in the thermometer bulged and lodged in three-digit territory. Someone said he saw a dog chasing a rabbit, and both creatures were walking.

The general store cash register had broken the silence twice before two geezers wandered in, and they weren't there to buy anything. Their quest was to find a domino game.

Realizing that commencing with just two players meant that the odds of winning were 50/50, they resorted to one of their oldest pastimes ...

One of 'em grabbed the syrup pitcher, carefully pouring a single droplet on the tattered oil cloth table covering. Then came all kinds of silly wagers, such as which fly would discover the sugary treat first, which would become stuck and which would escape and return to flight. It's a "made-up game" closely paralleling the children's

book, "What to Do When There's Nothing to Do."

The unlikely pastime provides credible evidence that the maxim "fits" when life's shadows grow long. In at least two scriptures we are said to be "once an adult and twice a child."

The old pair soon abandoned the "fly game," since even the pesky flies thought it too hot to aimlessly fly ...

They spoke of words they abhor, but grudgingly tolerate. You won't hear "no problem" or "right quick" cross their lips. "No problem" is a catch-all response that no longer means anything, and "right quick" is an expression for the younger crowd, one opined. The geezers "gruffed" about politics, cringing at the thought of broaching a subject that surely would darken their day.

Almost simultaneously, they extracted their wallets. This meant there soon would be multiple pictures of grandchildren, with verbal descrip-

tions — often to the point of excess — for each photo.

Sure enough, one of the old-timers unfurled a packet of photos. So many were unleashed that they almost reached the floor. The other guy — without any grandchildren nor prospect of any — was reminded of childhood days, when perfect attendance at Vacation Bible School warranted pin-on medals. Over the years, he had so many medals hanging from his chest that they — like the string of his buddy's photos — could easily have been tripped over ...

"Before you show me pictures of your grandchildren, I want to show you one of my pride and joy," he said, knowing the joke to be so old that describing it merely as rancid would be complimentary.

The old-timer produced a single photo showing his "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dishwashing detergent).

There was polite laughter — borderline gratuitous — before the "grandchildless" guy admitted, "No grandkids, but we do have 'grandcats.'" ...

Watching the vignette unfold, the general store owner said, "Men, I don't think I've shown you a picture of my new grandbaby."

In unison, the two buddies

answered, "No, and we really appreciate it."

Oh, me. How often have we "faked it" — reaching for superlatives to thrill parents or grandparents — when we really want to say, "Yep, that's a baby." ...

The man who has only "grandcats" tells about a friend who has pedaled Science Diet dog food for decades.

He poses an unlikely question upon meeting new friends, asking them if they have dogs. If they do, he unerringly offers a sobering observation.

"I hope you're feeding them Science Diet; if you don't, they will die." ...

Such reminds of the pet lover who provided a major distinction between dogs and cats. I thought of several, but remained silent, wanting to "hear her out."

"When you ask a dog to 'stay,' it 'stays'," she said. "When you ask a cat to 'stay,' it purrs, 'I'll get back with you later.'" ...

Hard to argue with that. Aren't we fortunate to be able to select the pets we like? A final truth for most: We don't have pets; pets have us ...

WALMART

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around with me. And, you know, I like it when they make you laugh, or you can make them laugh. And I saw her the other day, and he's got stage four liver cancer, and so she comes in, and she hugs me, and we talk about what he's going through. And I said, you know, I'm here for it. Just let me know."

Peters understands the battle families face when a loved one is diagnosed with cancer. After losing her husband to cancer in 2013, Peters became involved with cancer awareness. She is now Advocate Constituent Team Lead for the American Cancer Society Cancer Network. Some of her team members work with her at Walmart.

"I fundraised for the American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network,

and they (co-workers) just have my back (by supporting her and contributing to her cause), and they're just super great people. We're, you know, we're just family. We look out for one another and kind of take care of one another."

Peters mentions meeting Sam Walton, the now deceased founder of Walmart, the largest corporation by revenue and the largest private employer in the world. Peters believes, as many do, that it was Walton's humble demeanor that set the tone for the company.

"He was a sweet, amazing man. He never acted like he was different than anybody else — just a regular, humble guy. He really cared about his associates, he made sure they were always taken care of like they should have been."

Sadly, Peters missed being celebrated by Sam

Walton's company in Bentonville, Arkansas, but she was able to attend the celebration for her 35th anniversary when she was flown in with other longtime employees.

Granbury Walmart celebrated Peters as well, where she was touched by the party her Walmart family threw for her.

"When they did my 40th anniversary, they gave me some nice gifts, but I think the thing that touched me the most was the words they wrote in the card."

It doesn't seem that retirement is calling to Peters.

"I said I could never retire because, you know, I wouldn't have what I have because these people mean everything to me. Yeah, I would hate to just retire and just not have that time (with them). And, you know, I like to know what's going on their lives."



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During her years at Walmart, Peters has worked every conceivable position, from working 10 years in the pharmacy to the garden center, from customer service manager to her current position as asset protection customer host. This last position has been her favorite.

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Opportunity for fans of the Opera House

From Staff Reports

The Opera Guild of Granbury is open to new membership. The group was established in 1978 and helps support the Granbury Opera House, the Granbury Theatre Company and The Granbury Theatre Academy. The guild hosts three main fundraisers a year – the Sip 'n' Support event at D'Vine Wine, the Chow Down for Charities at Stumpy's Lakeside Grill and Bingo at the Granbury Conference Center.

Program year for the Opera Guild begins Sept. 3. The

general meeting is the first Tuesday of every month from September through May with many opportunities for socializing and entertainment.

In the previous two years the guild has made major donations to its allied arts partners to the tune of over \$35,000. Various donations covered the purchase of repair parts for seats in the Opera House, decorating the Opera House with bunting, the 10th anniversary renovation, Christmas decorating of the Opera House, and payments toward a truck for the theatre company and a por-

table air conditioner for the building of sets.

Additionally, the guild donated two trips to Junior Theatre Festival for deserving young thespians, as well as 12 scholarships to academy students.

The guild is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts. If you are interested in joining the guild to help support the Opera House send an email to granburyog@gmail.com or call 817-776-2898 and an application will be emailed or mailed to you.

Membership fees are: single \$25, joint and business \$35. The next meeting will be at DeCordova Country Club Sept. 3. RSVP to granburyog@gmail.com or call 817-776-2898 by noon Aug. 30. Social/check-in 10 a.m., 11 a.m. meeting, with noon buffet lunch for \$18. See the calendar each month in the Hood County News for lunch menu.

If you can't attend this month, please let the guild know of your interest and they can email an application for you so you can attend a later meeting.

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

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

TUESDAYS

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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

THURSDAYS

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

CHESS CLUB, 6-9 p.m. at YMCA, 1475 James Road. U.S. Chess Affiliate, all ages and skill levels, children 10 and under must be accompanied by adult. Y membership not required. Details: HoodCountyChess.com.

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

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

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 Center, 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive.

LOVE KNOTS Loving Hands Ministry. The ministry needs people to crochet, knit or use a knitting loom to make gifts to comfort the ill, bereaved, infants, etc. 1-3 p.m. Acton Baptist Church fellowship hall, 3500 Fall Creek Highway. Details: 817-326-4693.

SECOND MONDAYS

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

THIRD MONDAYS

GRANBURY QUILTERS Guild meets the third Monday each month at United Coop Electric, 320 Fall Creek Highway, 6 p.m. Details: 817-296-8186.

LOVE KNOTS 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 Gran-

bury 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.com.

SECOND THURSDAYS

HOOD COUNTY CERT meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Emergency Operations Center located at 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive. HoodCo-Cert@gmail.com.

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

THIRD FRIDAYS

LEGACY CHRISTIAN Academy of Granbury sponsors skating dates year round at Granbury Skating Rink from 10 a.m. to noon. All Christian music. \$8 cash at the door. No outside food or drink.

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.

PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Final summer chit chat brings fun and fellowship with friends

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. dianelong@yahoo.com | 817-579-9360

While the Pecan Plantation Women's Club took its annual summer hiatus from official meetings, Chit Chat gatherings brought ladies together in an informal setting to enjoy each other's company. Each summer Chit Chat focused on various areas of our Granbury community, and the August gathering brought Diane Hedges, Taylor Hatfield and Sylvia Hickey from the Historic Granbury Merchants Association, who discussed the exciting happenings on the Granbury square. Lunch prepared by the clubhouse staff and door prizes donated by merchants on the square made the day even more lovely. Thank you to everyone who participated in summer Woman's Club events.

The PPWC will begin its new club year Thursday, Sept. 19. All Pecan ladies are invited to join this group whose tenets include friendship, fellowship, philanthropy and a love of the arts.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Pecan's next Breakfast Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 28, with breakfast service beginning at 9 a.m. followed by the program at 9:45 a.m. Featured speaker will be U.S. Rep. Roger Williams who represents the 25th Congressional District of Texas. Williams will also participate in a discussion with attendees. Reservations are requested and due by noon Tuesday, Aug. 27: 817-573-2641.

GOOD READ

The Hood County Bookmobile will be at

the PAC from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28. Patrons may both check out and return library materials to the bookmobile. For more information, contact Robin Scanlon at 817-573-3569.

PROGRESS AHEAD

Road construction and a paving project began last week on Bellechase Road running from its intersection with Bontura Road to its intersection with Woodlawn Drive. Work hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tuesday trash pickup will not be affected. Pecan's operations manager Daniel Van Patten asks homeowners scheduling roof replacement to take note of the work schedule as roofing crews will not have property access while road work is happening. This first phase of the project will take two to three weeks (weather permitting), followed by work on Woodlawn Drive also taking two to three weeks. The final portion of this initial plan will involve completely rebuilding Wedgefield Road and extending the member lane at the back gate, which will be a four-to-six-week process.

Van Patten reminds residents not to drive through powdered cement and says there will always be one lane of traffic open in construction areas, although delays and limited access to driveways will exist. Once the roads are stabilized, chip seal will be applied, though that layer is not the final road surface. In addition, resurfacing



While the Pecan Plantation Woman's Club recessed formal meetings during the summer, Chit Chat luncheons brought ladies together for fellowship and friendship. Shown at the August Chit Chat gathering are Robyn Olszewski, Betty Milburn, Susan Crawford and Patty Farmer.

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of the front gate entrance is scheduled for the nights of Wednesday, Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 29, again weather permitting, and a full closure of the gate will happen from approximately sunset to sunrise on those dates. More details will be forthcoming as work progresses. Members will want to check email for updates "Thank you for your patience through this process," Van Patten says. "We will be working hard to make sure these projects impact you as little as possible." Questions regarding the roadwork happenings may be directed to 817-573-0594.

PARTY TIME

Pecaners will mark the end of summer with a Labor Day Street Dance Saturday, Aug. 31 and a pool party Monday, Sept. 2.

The street dance will feature up-and-coming recording artists The Vintage Yell, a duo from north Texas described as performers of "soulful Americana." The music will begin at 6 p.m. on the clubhouse steps and continue until 9 p.m.

MYSTERY EXCURSION

The next "mystery bus" excursion is on the calendar for Wednesday, Sept. 11. Signups are now open and will fill quickly. Members received an email with a link for joining the party.

GOOD GAME

Pecan's monthly bingo night has a new standing date. It is now scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, with the next gathering coming Thursday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. "September's Surprise Bingo" is the theme of the night.

SING ALONG

Karaoke in the 19th Hole with DeeJay Santos returns Saturday, Sept. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. Both participants and audience members are invited.

DIRECTORS NEEDED

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/

Emergency Medical Service will hold its annual meeting Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., and at the time, five directors will be elected. Pecan members willing to serve a three-year term on the board may apply. Folks who feel their experience and background qualify them to serve as a director may send a one-page resume to the VFD/EMS office at 9518 Monticello Drive or submit via email at ppvfdems.com. Deadline for submission is Tuesday, Sept. 17.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Jo Ann Luttrull, who passed away on Aug. 7.

BOOK REVIEW

Your best furry friend has a preference for a certain kind of treat you buy.

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You keep an extra ball around, for just in case, and you carefully rotate his other toys. He gets the best food you can find, and there are cushy beds everywhere for his lounging pleasure. Spoiled? No, you do it because he's your best bud but, as in the new book "Cowpuppy" by Gregory Berns, you're gonna need a bigger collar.

For a researcher, the pandemic was not kind.

In the early days of 2020, Gregory Berns' canine-based project was shut down, leaving him at home with little to do but surf the internet and wait to see if his work would be resurrected. Idly, he began to look at real estate near his Atlanta home, dreaming of the country life.

The dream became a plan. The plan became a reality in late 2020, when Berns found a farm that reminded him of Tara, plus: the house was palatial and the sale included farm equipment. Best of all, there were multiple fields, empty and waiting for cows.

If there's one thing a farmer knows, it's that if you put a bull with a cow, funny things happen: Berns' first three bovines became four

when a tiny calf was born somewhat unexpectedly and changed Berns' relationship with the calf's mother.

Relationship. An odd word to use with cows, right? Because cows are nothing like dogs...

A cow's brain shows its status as prey, as do its eyes, with which the cow scans its surroundings without lifting its head. Intelligence is slippery, but cows can learn their names. They have personalities, quirks, individual preferences, and they absolutely communicate with one another. Cows make friends among herd members. They have capacity for love — and Berns absolutely loved them back.

"There was a thrill about being let into their world," he says. "An honor, really."

"When you live in a city," says Berns, "it's easy to be ignorant of the amount of empty lots and pastures nearby. This book is for those blissfully unaware, and for the residents of those nice spreads of land."

To be sure, "Cowpuppy" is bucolic and gentle, but with a hint of humor and lots of wide-eyed fascination. Berns went into his endeavor with a desire to have animals on his farm, but he couldn't



Gregory Berns

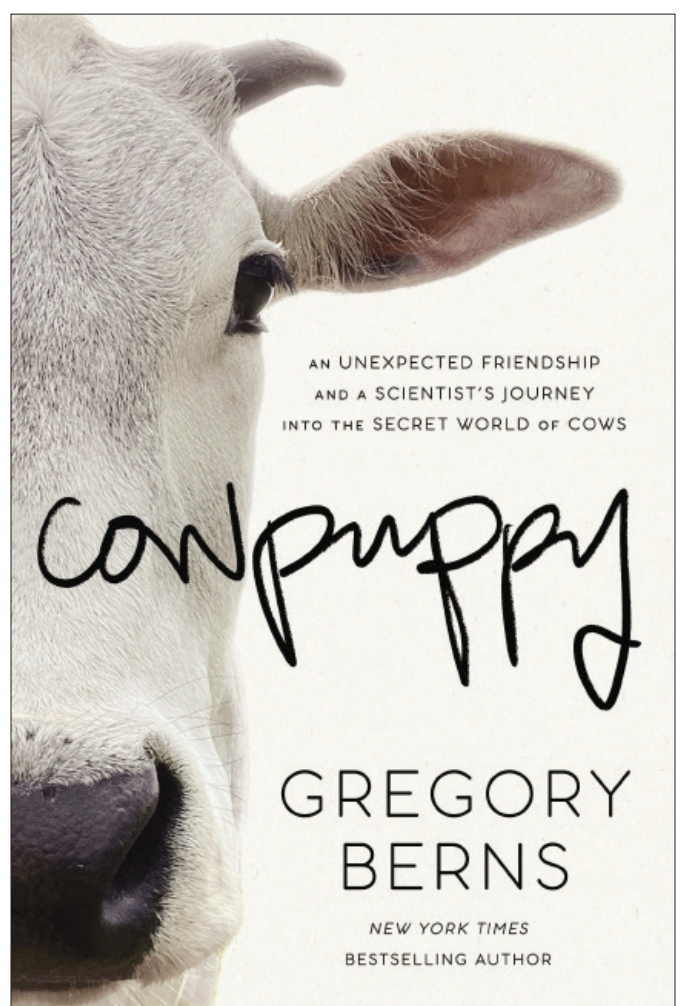
seem to resist going beyond. That's great for readers; his eagerness to study the cows and his willingness to accept their personalities and lives — which is anthropomorphizing and flies in the face of "academia" — is just what you're going to want.

And those cows? They're irresistible, in Bern's stories about them at play, as mothers and rivals, in their curiosity and affection, in the things they taught him, and as great big pets.

It's no bull — city folk will learn a thing or two about farm life in this book, and

farmers will get a kick out of tales they'll know well. For an animal lover, too, "Cowpuppy" is a real treat.

If you're an animal lover, of course you speak to your pets ... but what do they say in reply? In "Why Animals Talk: The New Science of Animal Communication" by Arik Kershenbaum (Penguin Press, \$30), you'll see what science has learned about how animals communicate and how it can help you have a better relationship with other creatures. Read this book, and you'll feel like a regular Dr. Doolittle.



COURTESY PHOTOS

"Cowpuppy: An Unexpected Friendship and a Scientist's Journey into the Secret World of Cows" by Gregory Berns, c.2024, Harper Horizon, \$29.99, 248 pages

THEATRE

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excellence ensures that every student, regardless of age or experience level, learns from instructors who bring real-world knowledge and experience to the classroom. The teachers at Granbury Theatre Academy are skilled performers and passionate educators who love to share their craft with

others.

Beutner adds, "If you or someone you know wants to get involved in a fun and welcoming community that focuses on play and improving their art, the Granbury Theatre Academy is the place for you!" This focus on community and play is at the heart of what makes the academy such a special place. It's a place where students can feel comfortable

taking creative risks, exploring new ideas, and most importantly, having fun.

A HISTORIC SETTING

Classes at the Granbury Theatre Academy are held in the academy's studio, located conveniently at 400 S. Morgan St., right behind Action Computers. The Granbury Theatre Academy is the educational com-

ponent of the Granbury Theatre Company, which manages and operates the Historic Granbury Opera House. This historic connection adds an extra layer of inspiration and pride for students who are part of a longstanding tradition of performing arts excellence in the community.

JOIN THE FUN THIS FALL

With a class for every in-

terest and age group, the Granbury Theatre Academy is the perfect place to dive into the performing arts this fall. Whether you're dreaming of the bright lights of Broadway, looking to tap into your creative side, or just want to have a good time and meet new people, the academy offers an experience that is both enriching and enjoyable.

Don't miss out on the

chance to be a part of something truly special. Enrollment is open now, and with classes running until Dec. 6, there's no better time to get involved. Join the Granbury Theatre Academy this fall and let your star shine! For more information or to enroll, you can visit www.granburytheatreacademy.org.

Double the parties, twice the fun



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In celebration of her 100th birthday, Margie "Memaw" Molina and her closest kin give themselves a round of applause after they gathered around their beloved family matriarch to sing Happy Birthday on Sunday, Aug. 11, at Farina's Winery & Cafe.

Granbury's 'Memaw' Molina celebrates 100th birthday in style

From Staff Reports

When it comes to celebrating a century of life, sometimes one party just won't cut it — especially for Granbury's beloved Margie "Memaw" Molina.

The centenarian recently celebrated her 100th birthday with two parties: one at Miyako's Japanese Hibachi Restaurant and Sushi Bar Saturday, Aug. 10, and another at Farina's Winery & Cafe Sunday, Aug. 11.

Several friends and relatives came to honor the birthday girl, with eight family members traveling all the way from Canada to celebrate in the festivities.

Margie was also presented with a pendant from Dave Wolfenbarger of Dave's Jewelry — a special present that he made himself.

"How very blessed I am," the 100-year-old said, commenting on her celebrations.

Margie, who was born Aug. 11, 1924 in Lamar County near Paris, is the youngest of five children born to John and Maggie Cunningham. She was raised on a farm where she picked cotton and attended a small country school. Her Mama was the guiding force in her and her sibling's lives, but their Daddy was the "soft touch." Everyone pitched in on their farm and they all traveled to school and town by a wagon drawn by two mules: Slim and Ader.

At 17, Margie moved to Mineral Wells to live with her older sister, Elma, where she began working as a waitress. It was here she met Arthur Molina, an Army soldier, who was stationed at Camp Wolters. As their bond quickly deepened, Arthur was shipped out to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was trained to be a paratrooper. Their romance blossomed through letters during his deployment, leading to their marriage in Tucson, Arizona, March 6, 1944. Their first child, Brandy, was born Dec. 15 that year, and their son arrived in 1946.

The Molina family's journey took them from Los Angeles back to Texas, where Arthur pursued his education at North Texas College. Settling in Fort Worth, Margie embraced her role as a homemaker and mother, sewing dance costumes by hand for Brandy's recit-



Margie "Memaw" Molina pauses for a photo at the Farina's Winery & Cafe piano.

als. Her passion for beauty and style led her to the Fort Worth Beauty School, where she became a licensed cosmetologist and later an esteemed color consultant for Roux Hair Color.

"She could work on the stage with a model dressed in a floor length gown and high heels on," her daughter, Brandy recalled. "I never saw her get a drop of color on her."

Margie's vibrant spirit extended beyond her professional life. She shared her love for dance — whether it was jitterbug, Charleston or polka — bringing joy to her family through lively gatherings.

"Everybody loved to dance in the family and everyone learned to play a violin or guitar," Brandy said. "(Margie) believes that singing and dancing is one of the wonders of keeping her where she is at 100 years old."

Margie's devotion to family deepened as she and Arthur became beloved Memaw and Pawpee to their grandchildren, playing pivotal roles in their lives.

"Memaw and Pawpee were a major part of both their grandchildren's raising. They were always there to help and to steer them in the best direction," Brandy said.

Memaw's influence continued through the decades, managing several beauty salons in Fort Worth and remaining actively involved in her grandchildren's upbringing. Despite the heartbreak of losing Pawpee in 1986, she faced the future with strength and continued to be a cornerstone of her family.

"Memaw is the matriarch of our family," Brandy said. "She has been with us all through the good days and the bad days, always listening to our troubles and offering some words of wisdom."

Her later years were marked by her unyielding spirit and dedication to her profession until her retirement in 2017 at the age of 93. Even then, Memaw remained an integral part of her great-great-grandchildren's lives — a testament to her enduring vitality and love.

"There are so many memories of Memaw on her knees playing with her great-great-grandkids (GGGs)," Brandy said. "She has four GGGs in Granbury and two GGGs in Canada. She is surrounded with lots of people, young and old and in-between, who love her and respect her."

With her favorite colors being blue, purple, red and orange, Memaw's vibrant personality mirrors the hues



The centenarian celebrated her 100th birthday with two parties and two hummingbird-themed cakes. This cake was baked for the Saturday, Aug. 10 party at Miyako's Japanese Hibachi Restaurant and Sushi Bar.



Margie "Memaw" Molina enjoyed mixing and mingling with her daughter Brandy.

of her life's journey. Her unwavering faith and love for family have been the cornerstones of her century-long adventure.

"She used to say that if she lived to be a hundred years old," Brandy recalled. "I re-

cently asked her if she had kept a list!"

As the community celebrates this remarkable centenarian, Margie "Memaw" Molina stands as a living legacy of grace, resilience and boundless love.

"Her faith in God and her

love of family are the most beautiful attributes in a woman who has known great success and great love along with grief," Brandy added. "Her most amazing days are simply innumerable. They are also still ahead."

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The value of planting a TOMATO garden

BY MICKY SHEARON
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Please allow me to qualify the title of this article by saying that I do not have a green thumb. I can't keep a house plant alive, let alone grow anything in a garden. Honestly, our house is where healthy plants go to die.

I'm also of the mind that says, "Why would I bother growing tomatoes in a garden? If I want tomatoes, I'll drive down the street, walk into a supermarket and purchase some. This isn't 1855! It's not that difficult."

Now before I further offend any of you "work-from-home farmers," this article is about a different kind of tomato. Here, I'm diving into the world of marketing, where TOMATO stands for "Top of Mind Awareness Through Others."

Now, you might be wondering, what does gardening have to do with marketing? Just like a tomato plant needs sun, water and attention to thrive, your brand or business requires the right care and strategy to stay top of mind for your customers. And trust me, unlike my houseplants, this kind of TOMATO can yield fruitful results for your business.

WHAT IS TOP OF MIND AWARENESS?

Top of Mind Awareness, or TOMA, is a concept in marketing where a brand

or product is the first thing that comes to a consumer's mind when they think of a particular industry or category. Imagine you're a die-hard Texas Rangers fan. Your friends and family associate you so closely with the team that whenever they hear "Texas Rangers," your name pops up in their minds. That's TOMA, and it's the golden standard for any brand trying to carve out its place in the market.

But why is this important? Think about it — when a consumer needs a service or product, they're most likely to go with the first brand they think of. Being top of mind means you're not just another option; you're the option. This can significantly impact your market share, customer loyalty and overall brand value.

HOW TO CULTIVATE YOUR TOMATO GARDEN

Achieving TOMA isn't about planting a single seed and hoping for the best. It's about consistent effort and strategic actions, much like nurturing a garden.

1. Consistent Branding: Your brand needs to be recognizable and consistent across all platforms. Whether it's your website, social media or print materials, your brand's voice and image should be unmistakable. This consistency helps reinforce your brand in the minds of your audience, making it easier for them to recall you when needed.

2. Engaging Content Marketing: Just as a garden flourishes with regular care, your brand awareness grows with consistent, engaging content. This can be blog posts, videos or social media updates that not only inform but also entertain and connect with your audience on a deeper level. Content marketing is a powerful way to plant your brand in the minds of potential customers, ensuring they think of you first.

3. Social Media Interaction: Social media isn't just for posting pretty pictures; it's a dynamic tool for engaging directly with your audience. Responding to comments, participating in conversations, and even leveraging influencer partnerships can keep your brand active in your customers' minds. Think of it as watering your TOMATO plant regularly — it keeps it healthy and growing.

4. Memorable Customer Experiences: Exceptional customer service can be the fertilizer your TOMATO needs to thrive. When customers have positive, memorable experiences with your brand, they're more likely to remember and recommend you. This could be anything from a smooth purchasing process to a personalized customer service interaction. Happy customers are like bees — they spread your brand pollen wherever they go.

5. Event Marketing and Networking: Hosting or attending events can boost your brand's visibility.



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Just like a tomato plant needs sun, water and attention to thrive, your brand or business requires the right care and strategy to stay top of mind for your customers.

Whether it's a trade show, a community event or an online webinar, these gatherings are opportunities to make your brand known and memorable. Hand out those branded pens or tote bags like they're seeds — because in a way, they are. Every little interaction plants your brand deeper into the minds of attendees.

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vating TOMATO can lead to numerous benefits. Not only does it increase your brand's visibility and recall, but it also builds trust and loyalty among your customers. People tend to choose brands they trust, and trust often stems from familiarity. By being top of mind, your brand becomes synonymous with reliability and quality, which can even allow you to command higher prices.

In the crowded market-

place, standing out is no small feat. But by planting and nurturing your TOMATO garden with consistent branding, engaging content, social interaction and memorable experiences, you can ensure your brand remains at the forefront of your audience's mind. And who knows? Maybe one day, your brand will be as top of mind as tomatoes on a summer salad.

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Succulents prove resilient in Texas

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Succulents are well suited to the challenging gardening conditions found in North Central Texas. The region has unpredictable rainfall, alkaline soils and scorching summer weather — all situations in which myriad succulents thrive. When appropriately selected and tended properly, succulents will prove aesthetically appealing and quite resilient.

Succulents are generally plants with thick fleshy

tissues adapted for water storage. Some plants store moisture in the stems; others store it in the leaves. This water-holding ability is what makes them well suited to hot, dry weather. Succulents are found in more than 60 plant families, including cultivars suitable for area landscapes and others best kept as houseplants or sheltered in winter, such as Aloe, Echeveria and Kalanchoe.

Planted in the garden or

kept in containers, succulents need well-draining soil to prevent root rot. You may need to amend your soil, particularly if it is heavy clay, to encourage drainage. Many succulents naturally grow in areas that have low organic, but high mineral content. Mimic this growing environment by selecting soil amendments such as expanded shale, coarse sand, gravel or perlite. A commercial cactus mix works as an excellent growing medium for container plants. Be sure that the pots have drainage holes.

Most succulents need plenty of sunlight — about six hours per day. Some, however, need protection from intense afternoon sun to prevent scorching. Do your

homework prior to planting to ensure proper site selection. Some succulents also need cold protection. Plant selections that are not hardy to frost or freezes in containers that can be moved to shelter during harsh weather.

Succulents thrive on neglect, which is why some fail. An over-attentive gardener can kill a succulent. Watering and fertilizing should be minimal. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings. In cool weather when rainfall is generally more abundant, check planting beds to ensure they are not holding water. In general, after plants are well established, irrigate only during prolonged drought. Keep bark mulch away from plant

bases to discourage fungal disease. Trim away dead vegetation using caution to avoid spines.

Succulents are light feeders. Fertilizing landscape plants is rarely necessary. A water-soluble fertilizer diluted to half-strength may be used with containerized plants. Apply fertilizer only during the plants' active growing season, which is generally spring and summer.

Top succulents for area landscapes include red yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*) and cultivars of Agave, Yucca, Sedum, Nolina and Cactus. Succulents used as bedding annuals include ice plant and portulaca. Aloe are long lived, but best grown in containers and protected in cold

weather.

Of course, succulents are not without threats to their survival. These include over-watering, damage from hailstorms, high humidity, sudden deep freezes and torrential rainfall followed by saturated soils — all conditions that occasionally occur in this region. Grow them knowing that they are tough, but not infallible. Always know your plants and their growing requirements to ensure that they remain healthy.

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.

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