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'This is preposterous'

COVID-19 criticism leads to rejection of Blocker as county health authority

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Members of the Hood County Commissioners Court were sharply divided last week amid a heated discussion regarding Dr. David Blocker's role as the county's health authority.

During a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 8, Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle stated he wished to pull Blocker's renewal

from the consent agenda, as he had significant issues surrounding the public health decisions Blocker made during the pandemic.

"Back in 2020, one of the biggest trampling's on the Constitution occurred in this country and trickled down from the federal government to all the states and in the state of Texas itself," Eagle said. "Never would I have believed that people in this country would have been forced to shut down businesses, stay in their homes, wear masks,

and buy into the dance of the federal government handed down to us — including social distancing — by orders that were handed down to different county judges who many enforced at the local level."

He explained that while he had nothing personal against Blocker, he did not agree with the recommendations he made during the pandemic.

"My only question is, if we have another pandemic foisted upon us or brought upon us, is Dr. Blocker

the right guy to be leading the county on that?" Eagle asked.

Hood County Judge Ron Massingill defended Blocker, stating that Hood County was one of the last counties in the area to shut down. He also explained that Blocker's actions were in line with state directives.

"His credentials are impeccable. I mean, he was a surgeon and his degree is in epidemic-type medicine that he did for 25 years in the Air Force, and he did all this work for

the county at absolutely zero cost," Massingill said. "There's no other doctor that stepped up and wanted this position."

Massingill highlighted the fact that Blocker's renewal as the county health authority had appeared on the consent agenda since 2018 — reoccurring every two years since then. He added that it was not being hidden from anyone.

"It was always done that way be-

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Residents debate proposed speed limit reduction on Williamson Road

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A few Hood County residents took to the podium at a Hood County Commissioners Court meeting Oct. 8 to express their viewpoints about reducing the speed limit on a heavily-traveled roadway in the county.

The agenda item under consideration was whether to lower the current speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on a section of Williamson Road, specifically from State Highway 144 to Contrary Creek Road.

While the agenda item was tabled to allow for more research, residents both for and against the change voiced their concerns regarding driver compliance and safety on the increasingly busy road.

In opposition of the change, Canyon Creek resident Zech Swendsen questioned what problem was identified to necessitate the reduction in the speed limit, as he pointed out Williamson Road has historically had a safe track record with minimal accidents reported.

"That's been the speed limit as long as I've lived there," Swendsen said, who has lived in Canyon Creek since 2007. "The road has never been a problem for major accidents. It pretty much never shows up on the blotter for any issues, so why is this a problem all of a sudden?"

He also explained that a traffic study conducted in 2021 showed that 80% of drivers exceeded the 45-mph speed limit.

"Eighty percent of us do not care about that posted speed limit because it's kind of low and we drive that safely," he said. "Currently, the biggest problem we have on that road is distracted drivers. We have that problem all over Hood County. If the Commissioners Court would like something to tackle, I would love to see you guys tackle distracted driving. That would save lives all over Hood County but right now, on Williamson, just leave that road alone, please. We've got bigger problems."

Also in opposition was Peter Wolf, a long-time resident of Williamson Road, who expressed concerns about increasing traffic and the ineffectiveness of stricter speed limits.

"Creating new, stricter laws will not provide compliance with existing laws," Wolf said. "People are not going to drive the speed limit just because you change it. They don't drive the speed limit now, and there are a lot of people that speed up and down this road."

Wolf said one of the main issues besides the increase in new homes and traffic is the ongoing construction, as numerous contractors rush to their job sites daily. He also highlighted safety issues, such as a blind curve between State Highway 144 and Contrary Creek, suggesting that additional signage could address that problem more effectively.

"The biggest problem, as two previous speakers have

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Drew Cooper leads the Rattlers onto the field with a determined look in his eyes.

Tolar High School Homecoming

Tolar dominated the Early Longhorns with a 56-0 victory in their homecoming game Oct. 11. Students celebrated the occasion wearing festive overalls, mums,

and garters, embracing school traditions. Alumni from across the United States returned to reconnect with old friends while cheering on the Rattlers.

Check out the B Section to find out who was crowned the 2024 Homecoming Queen and King.

Cresson community welcomes Tonia Green as new postmaster

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The Cresson Post Office has a new postmaster at the helm, as Tonia Green was officially sworn in during a special ceremony Oct. 8.

Green began her postal career as a letter carrier in St. Louis, Missouri in September 1992. She advanced in her career through various roles in Georgia, Maryland and Texas — ranging from a retail associate and manager of customer services to an officer in charge.

"I have moved around," Green said. "My customers know I'm from St. Louis, but I have traveled throughout different states with the

Postal Service."

Green — who will serve as the 11th postmaster in Cresson — was welcomed to her new role with open arms, as many notable figures and local postmasters attended the event, including Crowley Postmaster Karina Salazar, Glen Rose Postmaster Dave Mack, and Granbury Postmaster Greg Norris.

The ceremony featured the administration of the Postmaster's Oath of Office to Green by USPS Manager, Post Office Operations Anthony Willis. Bedford Postmaster Sylvia Black also served as the mistress of ceremonies, while Southlake Post Office Manager Rosilyn Land shared the historical significance of the postmaster role.

"The title 'postmaster' carries with it both a noble heritage and a vital responsibility," Land shared. "Originally, the word 'postmaster' was referred to as the one who provided post horses."

She went on to explain that William Penn established Pennsylvania's first post office in 1683. However, the real beginning of the postal system in the colonies dates back to 1692 when Thomas Neale received a 21-year grant from the British Crown Authority authorizing him to set up post roads in North America.

"In 1707, the British government brought the rights to the North American Postal Service, and in 1710 consolidated the postal service into

one establishment," Land explained. "The principal office of the new British postal service was in London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Dublin, Ireland; and New York."

Land explained that Benjamin Franklin was appointed postmaster at Philadelphia in 1737, where he implemented new post roads, expanded mail service from Canada to New York, and established overnight delivery between Philadelphia and New York City. However, he was dismissed from the position in 1774 due to his support for the patriots.

When the Continental Congress met in May 1775, they named

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Anthony Willis (right), post office operations manager, administered the oath of office to Tonia Green, new postmaster in Cresson.



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Celebrating Chamber of Commerce Week

A heartfelt thank you to our members

As Chamber of Commerce Week comes to a close, we at the Granbury Chamber of Commerce want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of our members. This week was a celebration of the vital role that chambers of commerce play in fostering vibrant, thriving communities. However, the true heart of our organization is our members — the businesses, non-profits and community leaders who work tirelessly every day to strengthen our local economy and make Granbury a better place to live, work and do business.

Our members are the backbone of this community, bringing inno-

vation, passion and dedication to every corner of Hood County. From small business owners who provide personalized services to large organizations that offer essential goods and employment opportunities, your impact is felt far and wide. It is through your support and engagement that the Granbury chamber is able to carry out its mission of advocating for business growth, promoting economic development, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Throughout this past week, we've had the chance to reflect on how much has been accomplished through your efforts. Whether you've attended one of our events,

collaborated on a community project, or simply shown up for your fellow business owners, your commitment to the success of this community is unwavering. Your involvement in the chamber has not only helped your business thrive but has contributed to the overall growth and vitality of Granbury.

One of the many highlights of this week has been the opportunity to connect with so many of you — whether through in-person events, virtual engagements, or through the stories of impact you've shared. The sense of camaraderie and mutual support within our membership is truly inspiring. It reminds us that our chamber isn't just about

business; it's about building a community of people who care about each other and the future of our town.

As we close out Chamber of Commerce Week, we want you to know our appreciation for you doesn't end here. Every day, we are thankful for your partnership and your trust in the chamber to advocate for your needs, offer opportunities for growth, and provide a platform for you to connect with other local leaders. Your success is our success, and we are here to support you every step of the way.

On behalf of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, thank you for being part of our family. Your

contributions, big and small, are what make this chamber — and our community — strong. We look forward to continuing this journey together, building on the momentum we've created and working toward an even brighter future for Granbury.

Here's to you, our incredible members, and to the exciting opportunities ahead. Thank you for making Granbury such a wonderful place to call home.

Warmly,
The Granbury Chamber of Commerce

New Chamber Members & Renewals

Welcome to our New Chamber Members who joined in September!

- JMCA Garage Door Services
- Roberta Zamarron
- AT3 Woodworks & Handyman
- Pink Frog Development LLC
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- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Bloomfield Homes
- Hood County Farmers Market
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- La Quinta
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- Lake Granbury Newcomers Club
- The Jewelers Workshop
- Brew Drinkery
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FROM MY FRONT PORCH

I shall never surrender...



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Lots of us Texicans like to remember the letter William Barrett Travis wrote as commander of the Alamo. Knowing he was surrounded by the Mexican Army and that his demise was imminent, the brave commander proudly proclaimed he would “never surrender or retreat.” What has been proclaimed as perhaps the most famous letter in Texas history has long stood as a testimony of the courage of the men of Alamo and has inspired men and women throughout our country to continue to fight, no matter the odds.

Recently, I got a chance to witness a battle I will long remember. No, it was not a military engagement, it was a college football game be-

tween Vanderbilt and the No. 1 ranked Crimson Tide of Alabama.

I understand young men playing football does not

equate to young men laying down their lives on the battlefield, but when I learned the story of Diego Pavia, the quarterback of the Vanderbilt team, I found myself enthralled. It is quite a tale, and his personal story of dedication and stubborn determination is something to be long remembered.

This is a kid who had no FBS or FCS scholarship offers when he graduated high school in Albuquerque. Only two Division 2 schools gave him a chance to play quarterback. Pavia played two seasons at New Mexico Military Institute, a junior college, where he fought off competition from two others to win the starting quarterback job. He led his team to the NJCAA national championship and was offered a scholarship to Vanderbilt. No one else recruited him but North Texas and UTSA. Diego was not a player anyone anticipated

would be able to play exceptionally on the biggest stage of all: SEC football.

Vanderbilt lost 10 straight games to finish the 2023 season, but with Pavia they started 2024 with one of the biggest college football surprises in week one by upsetting Virginia Tech in overtime 34-27. Pavia threw for two touchdowns and ran for another.

The Commodores followed that victory with a 55-0 rout of Alcorn State, and then beat Georgia State. They did lose to top 10 ranked Missouri 30-27, in double overtime, and few really believed Vanderbilt or Pavia had much of a chance for season long success.

Alabama had just beaten No. 1 ranked Georgia in what many have called one of the greatest games they ever witnessed. Alabama was the new No. 1, with a history as deep as the talent on its

bench. The Commodores had lost every one of their previous 60 games against top five ranked teams and the Crimson Tide was a 22 1/2 favorite at kickoff. Vanderbilt had not beaten the Crimson Tide in 40 years and the cumulative score in the last three meetings was 148-3. Evidently, somebody forgot to tell Pavia what he was up against.

I have witnessed many an athletic contest, but I cannot remember ever seeing a single player lift his team on his shoulders and carry them to victory against such overwhelming odds. Pavia ran and he passed, and he led and did so in such a way if you have one drop of human emotion in your heart, you had to pull for him and the Commodores. He kept making one big play after the other and simply would not quit or give in.

When the final whistle

blew, the Commodores from Vanderbilt had their victory, 40-35 and Pavia claimed his place in college football history and lore. It was thrilling to watch and experience the joy of watching a young man give it all against impossible odds. I became so excited for the young man; it was hard to keep from letting my emotions get carried away and tearing up. He had accomplished something special and earned his place in history. He never gave in and never gave up. He believed in himself and his teammates and had the courage to lay it on the line.

Kind of makes you think the young man might have been born in Texas, huh?

Thought for the day: Don't be upset with the results you did not get from the work you did not do.

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

Folks around town



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Candace Calder

Say hello to our neighbor, Candace Calder!

“I believe I was born to be a servant of people. As a Patient Advocate, with hopes of becoming a chaplain for those in need, it brings me peace to know I am uplifting others.” Candace walked into our interview with a smile and an old camera she wanted to show us from an art show she'd recently attended. Polite and shy, she explained why Hood County has become her place of solace. “When I think of all the mountain folks/areas affected by Hurricane Helene for instance, I also think of how everyone has come together to help one another in that region. So many folks affected, but also so many people banding together to help those who have lost so much. I think of Granbury as that kind of place.” Candace has lived in many areas, describing herself as a “gypsy soul,” from the Monahan Dunes area to the border region and back. However, she returned “home” to be near her father, who struggles daily with Alzheimer's. “I came home to make more memories. I found a program that works with the dementia community. Then set out to enrich my father's life with the time we have, which is so very precious to me. He has no sense of time, but I do, so each hello and goodbye mean so very much to him, but also to me, as I know that tomorrow is never promised.” As a caregiver during the day, Candace believes it is important to find one's happy place, a refuge. “Granbury has been so warm and welcoming, from day one. And though, you cannot beat the lake view, it is the people who have made me feel at home here in Hood County.” Candace enjoys her walks through Granbury's tranquil spots, finding much-needed serenity. From where Candace lives, away from the hustle and bustle of the square, you can faintly hear music in the distance. Candace has a teenage daughter, a grown daughter, and a grown son in the military, who moves wherever he is stationed. “I try to remember him, and the sacrifices that soldiers make, as well as their families, for I am one of those families. I have a Blue Star Flag, with one star, that represents having one family member in the military.” Candace notes that Hood County News has done a wonderful job of supporting and covering all the special events to pay tribute to those enlisted. “This is just another reason why I have felt so welcome here, among others who have felt the strong pull to serve, to protect, to support others.”

Texas Grapples with West Nile virus, dengue and EEE amid growing concerns

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Texas is on high alert as public health officials confirm the first case of West Nile virus for 2024 and report multiple instances of travel-associated dengue. With mosquito-borne diseases on the rise, the Texas Department of State Health Services is urging residents to take precautions to protect themselves.

According to dshs.texas.gov, the first reported case of West Nile virus in Texas this year was in Montgomery County, where a resident was diagnosed with West Nile fever. As of September, nearly 800 mosquito samples have tested positive for the virus in 24 counties across the state, underscoring the ongoing threat.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 880 West Nile virus disease cases nationally in 2024. All dengue cases in U.S. states and territories in 2024 equal 5,608. The CDC also states the total number of human Eastern Equine Encephalitis disease cases, including neuroinvasive and nonneuroinvasive, is 13.

“Unfortunately, many mosquitoes in Texas are capable of spreading diseases, such as West Nile and dengue,” said DSHS Commissioner Dr. Jennifer Shuford. “These diseases are often mild, but some people will develop severe illness. So, Texans must know how to protect themselves against mosquito bites.”

West Nile virus, spread through mosquito bites, remains a primary concern for public health. While most infected individuals remain asymptomatic, about 20% develop mild symptoms, including fever, headache and muscle aches. In rare cases, the virus can cause neuroinvasive disease, leading to complications such as encephalitis, meningitis and

even death.

Samantha Anne, a Texas resident, shared a personal account of her mother's battle with the virus after she was diagnosed in August. Her mother, who was hospitalized for two weeks with severe complications, is now recovering but faces ongoing physical therapy. Anne expressed frustration with the delayed reporting of the virus, which kept the public unaware of the rising cases for over a month.

“I want people to take mosquito protection seriously. This virus can quickly escalate into a life-threatening condition,” Anne said. “It's critical to seek medical help quickly when symptoms arise, especially if you live alone.”

Dengue fever continues to appear, with 10 confirmed travel-associated cases in Texas this year. These cases were contracted in countries where dengue is endemic, primarily in tropical regions of South America, Asia and the Caribbean. While local transmission of dengue has been rare, the CDC has raised concerns about an increased disease risk due to rising global case numbers.

Like West Nile, dengue is spread through mosquito bites. Symptoms, which can include high fever, severe pain behind the eyes, rash

and muscle aches, typically appear between three and 14 days after exposure. While most people recover within two weeks, a small portion may develop severe dengue, which can be fatal if untreated.

“With the increase in travel and mosquito migration patterns, we must remain vigilant,” said Shuford. “Dengue is not just a risk abroad, but it could spread more widely if we aren't careful.”

Meanwhile, the EEE virus, though less common, continues to pose a threat to residents in some regions of Texas, particularly along the Gulf Coast, as well as along the Atlantic coastline. EEE is a rare but severe viral disease also transmitted by mosquitoes, and the CDC warns that cases of the virus are still being reported in multiple states.

To combat these threats, experts recommend a range of protective measures, including using mosquito repellents, wearing long sleeves and pants, and eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed. Products like Thermacell

mosquito repellent, which provide a 15-foot zone of protection, and plant-based repellents, such as Murphy's Naturals candles, are gaining popularity for outdoor use.

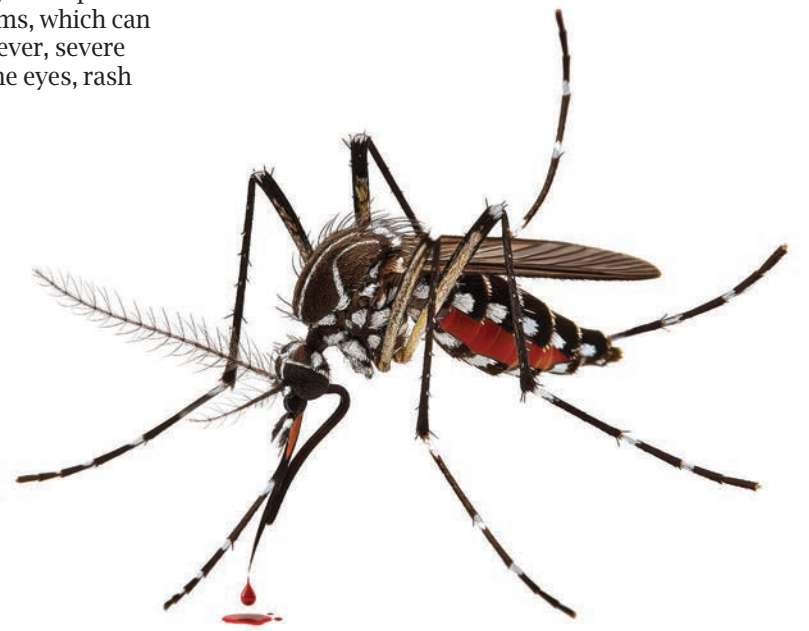
“Repellents are an essential tool in the fight against mosquito-borne diseases,” said Shuford. “Whether at home or traveling, it's crucial to use them consistently.”

As mosquito activity remains high through late fall, officials urge Texans to take every precaution to minimize the risks of contracting these potentially dangerous diseases.

“Take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones,” Anne advised. “It's better to be safe than sorry.”

The state will continue to monitor mosquito populations and encourage residents to stay informed through local health channels as the situation evolves.

For more information on how to protect yourself, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website at dshs.texas.gov.



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Granbury Police Department recognized by TPCA



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Chief Steve Stanford of the Bridgeport Police Department recognized the Granbury Police Department in a special presentation during a Granbury City Council meeting Oct. 15. The department was honored for becoming re-recognized as a Texas Police Chiefs Association's Best Practices Agency.

HEALTH

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cause nobody else wanted the job," Massingill said. "If he (Blocker) does anything wrong, this court can always remove him."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson echoed Eagle's concerns, recalling instances where she believed Blocker's recommendations adversely affected the community.

"I was not on the court when he was last appointed, but I was attending court during the last part of 2020 and 2021, and I was here when Dr. Blocker gave the bad advice to this board to take away citizens' constitutional rights to run their businesses and go to church," Samuelson said. "This is one of the main reasons that I decided to run for office."

Samuelson added that Blocker also discredited the Great Barrington Declaration — an open letter published in October 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns — that was written by epidemiologists Jay Bhattacharya, Martin Kulldorff and Sunetra Gupta. In the letter, the authors criticize lockdowns, claiming they have significant negative impacts on public health, mental health and the economy. The declaration also emphasizes the role of natural immunity from prior

infections and advocates for letting younger, healthier individuals build immunity through exposure to the virus.

"I don't believe we need to appoint a public health authority, and if we do, we should appoint someone in the future who will not trample on our constitutional rights as citizens of Hood County and not recommend nonsensical rules," Samuelson said. "Our kids will never recover from the delayed development caused by school closings and social interaction that they were not able to have ... You can see that now that we're several years out from the COVID pandemic, that kids' development is delayed because they weren't able to see the expressions on their parents' faces or other people's faces."

She then made a motion to remove the item from the consent agenda and to not appoint a county health authority at this time. Eagle seconded the motion.

"Commissioner Samuelson and Commissioner Eagle are making it sound like Dr. Blocker was responsible for making these rulings," Massingill said. "He was simply following the rulings that the governor of the state of Texas had made. He didn't make up these rulings ... Blaming him about the expression on kids' faces ... I can't even understand that you would make that

argument Commissioner Samuelson. It is just amazing to me that you would come up here and blame somebody that worked tirelessly for the benefit of the people of Hood County during this COVID deal for absolutely no money whatsoever."

Massingill also pointed out Blocker's contributions to the COVID-19 vaccination efforts in Hood County. He noted that, prior to Blocker's involvement, residents had to travel to Fort Worth for vaccinations and stated that many people were grateful for the services provided at local schools.

"To blame him and say that we're not going to let him be the health authority for the unbelievable and prejudiced statements that have been made by both of these commissioners is just beyond me," he said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews said he was struggling with this situation, as he believed the lockdown and mask mandate did, in fact, "trample the rights of the people." He acknowledged the uncertainty at the time but emphasized that decision-making power should rest with the people rather than the government.

"Dr. Blocker doesn't make these rules; he makes recommendations," Andrews said. "But I think that in this particular circumstance, you need an advisor that leans toward protecting the rights of the

people — to making sure that we're doing the right thing, and I think that that's where my objection to this comes from, is we've got to go back to the rights of the people and the government not trampling and taking those away."

Eagle added that when Gov. Greg Abbott issued the order to temporarily close bars, restaurants and schools in March 2020, he brought a resolution to the Hood County Commissioners Court, declaring that Abbott's order was unconstitutional.

"I was lectured by people about the Constitution, which I spent a lot of time studying. I know what it says," Eagle said. "The Constitution was written for all of us to be able to read and understand, and when you follow an unconstitutional order, you're trampling on the rights of the people, and you've got to be willing to stand up and say, 'This order is unconstitutional' ... I sat there and watched this whole country gladly give up their constitutional rights because of the fear that they had about this disease, and so many things have turned out to be absolutely incorrect, wrong, lies. So, saying the governor made me do it is OK if that makes you feel better."

"I just have one thing to add," Samuelson said. "Judge said nobody was harmed. Would you please tell that to all the people who have lost

their businesses because of the shutdown?"

Samuelson added that when the Great Barrington Declaration was presented to the court, Blocker had a choice to listen to the recommendations of the "renowned epidemiologists, immunologists and infectious disease experts" but ultimately chose against them.

"If we're going to have a health authority, I'd like for someone — as Commissioner Andrews said — who can think for themselves, read what the experts are saying and lean toward protecting the people and their constitutional rights," she said.

"So, you want a health authority that — even though the governor says to do something — you want a health authority to say, 'No, we're not going to do that?'" Massingill asked.

He emphasized that the health authority does not possess the power to alter what the governor has legally mandated.

"The health authority does not have that kind of power to do that," Massingill said. "This is preposterous."

The motion to remove the item from the consent agenda and to not appoint a county health authority passed 3-2, with Massingill and Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson in opposition.

POSTMASTER

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Franklin as postmaster general for the 13 American colonies. From 1775 until the early 1800s, postmasters were appointed by the postmaster general, but in 1836, postmasters were appointed by the president — which changed whenever a new party was elected. It wasn't until the Postal Reorganization Act of August 1970, effective July 1971, that appointments were based solely on merit.

Several notable figures have also served as postmasters, including President Abraham Lincoln, who was appointed postmaster of New Salem, Illinois in 1833. Other distinguished postmasters include abolitionist John Brown, businessman Conrad Hilton, novelist William Faulkner, and humorist Bill Nye.

This rich history of dedicated postmasters resonates deeply within families, as exemplified by Green's own story.

During the ceremony,

Green's sister and nephew spoke warmly about her journey — highlighting not only her commitment to the postal service but also the inspiration she brings to those around her.

Green's sister, Casetta, expressed her pride in her "big little sister" for her career choice, humorously comparing her sister's enthusiasm for the post office to the iconic "Marsha, Marsha, Marsha" line from "The Brady Bunch." She noted that it was always "post office, post office, post office" when it came to her sister's passion.

Lester Rosborough, Green's nephew, said his mother was speaking the truth, adding that as long as he could remember, it's "always been the post office" for his aunt. "She still inspires me — even to this day as an adult," he added. "I just want to say I'm proud of you."

Cresson Mayor Ron Becker joked that the community was more excited than Green about her installation as the postmaster, since she had promised everyone that upon her installation, all Cresson

residents would be able to buy first-class postage stamps for just 10 cents.

"We weren't sure what to think about our new postmaster when she arrived, since she was from Missouri, but as soon as Tonia said 'y'all,' the way we say it, we knew everything would be OK," Becker said, with a smile.

Community member Cindy Joy also praised Green's friendly and approachable nature, noting that since her family relocated to the area in 1985, they have not encountered a postmaster quite like her.

"It is a true pleasure to stand before you this morning to honor someone who has quickly become an invaluable member of our small town, our new postmaster, Ms. Tonia Green," Joy said. "From the very first day that Ms. Green stepped into the post office, it was clear that she brought not only a wealth of experience and professionalism, but also a warm and welcoming spirit that we all have come to cherish. Ms. Green has seamlessly woven

herself into the fabric of our community, reminding us that the post office is not just a place to send mail, but it's a hub for connection, laughter and friendship."

Joy highlighted how Green's personal touch ensures that no one feels like just a faceless customer. She explained that Green has a special ability to make everyone feel valued, whether through warm greetings or by offering help with packages.

"She always takes the time to ask about your day," she continued. "She's also always more than willing to help with any issues that might arise, and there's no question too small, no concern too trivial. I would like to thank our new postmaster, Tonia Green, for her dedication, kindness and unwavering commitment to our community, and we look forward to many more years of your leadership at our Cresson Post Office. We love you."

"Y'all are going to make me cry," Green said, overwhelmed by the heartfelt praise from her family and

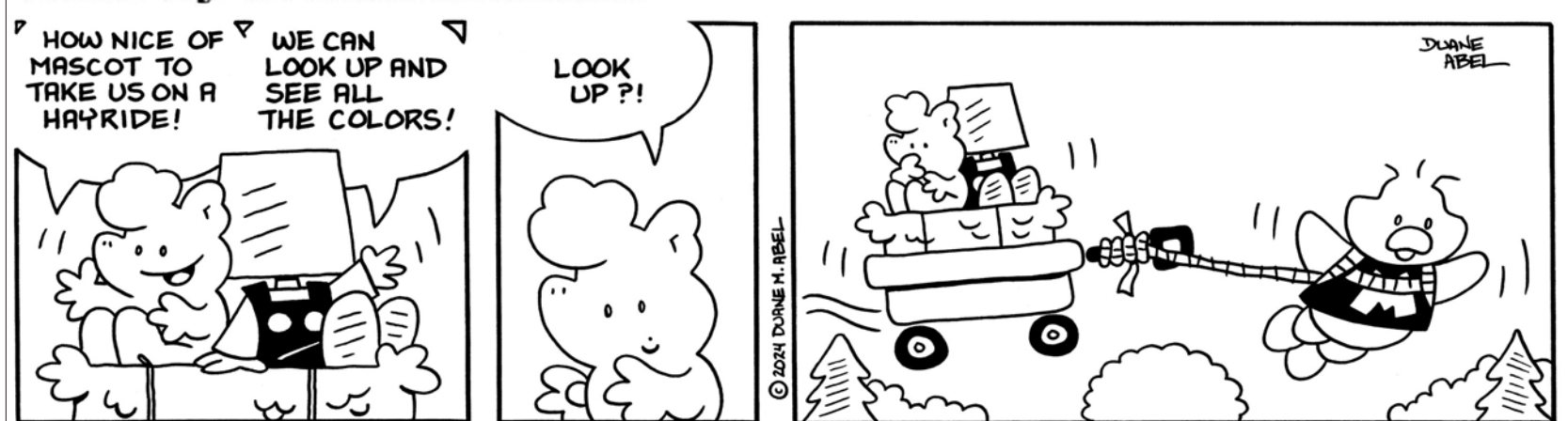
community members. "I don't mind helping anyone. Anything that people need, I try to help out. For the most part, I enjoy my job. A lot of people say that they hate the post office, but the post office has been good to me."

With approximately 2,500 delivery points currently served by the Cresson Post Office and over 3,000 new lots planned in the area, it's clear that Tonia Green is just getting started in her mission to connect the community.

According to a press release from the United States Postal Service, Green said her goal is to provide outstanding customer service to the communities served by the Cresson Post Office, and to contribute to the overall success of the postal service.

"As outlined in our USPS Delivering for America plan, we're modernizing and continually adapting to the evolving needs of our customers," Green added, in the press release. "I'm very much aware of the vital role we play in connecting neighbors and the community to the nation."

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Raffle for "Jane Austin" quilt, 80-inches x 100-inches. Ticket prices are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from guild member Gail Olney at 972-876-8304. Drawing Oct. 21, need not be present to win.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

ANNUAL JUNKIN'

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Pumpkin Patch runs through Oct. 31. The pumpkin patch is a fundraiser for summer camps. Questions call 817-573-7137.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Disaster Preparedness Basic Training Class. Allows citizens to be much better prepared to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in times of need or disaster. Class dates are Oct. 26-27, Nov. 1-2. Email HoodCoCERT@gmail.com.

HOOD COUNTY Hospital

District board of directors regular scheduled meeting at noon in the second floor Courtroom, 100 E. Pearl St., Granbury. Questions? Call 817-579-3200.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

HORTICULTURE IN the

Hood — Lake Granbury Master Gardeners of Hood County present Native Grasses of the Texas Prairie with master gardener Glynna Torres from 9-10 a.m. at the Reunion Grounds, 641 Reunion Court, Granbury. For more information, contact the Hood County Extension Office, 817-579-3280.

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'Out of the box' creativity

City launches program to transform utility boxes into vibrant works of art

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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It's time to say goodbye to those boring, gray utility boxes lining the streets, as Granbury is ready to turn heads with a bold new art project.

The Granbury City Council unanimously approved a recommendation from the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission to authorize the "Out of the Box" utility box art wrapping program during Tuesday's regular meeting.

Visit Granbury Director Tammy Dooley explained that the program will allow local artists to submit their designs for vinyl wraps that will be placed on utility boxes around town.

"You don't actually paint on the box," Dooley said. "It's a vinyl wrap that would last

approximately two to three years."

Wraps will be purchased by a sponsor, so there will be no financial impact to the city. Artists involved in the project will be compensated with a small stipend from the sponsor as well. While no wording or logos will be allowed on the box, sponsors will be recognized through the Visit Granbury website and social media.

"Coincidentally, this is October, so in October, Visit Granbury promotes all of the things art tourism-related," Dooley explained. "And there's so many things going on that we're actually calling it Arttober, and we have an entire campaign promoting the arts. This time last year, we were proudly receiving the Granbury Cultural District designation at the Harvest Moon Festival."

"We are so excited about this," Granbury Cultural Arts Commission Chair Cora Werley said. "This is going to be a thing you see when you drive into town. It's really one of the first things you see. You're going to say, 'Why is that box not gray metal anymore? Now it's beautiful!'"

Werley noted that 25 utility boxes will be involved in the project and distributed all over town — everywhere from U.S. Highway 377 and State Highway 144 to Loop 567 and Farm-to-Market Road 51.

"It's going to make a difference to people driving around town," she said. "Now, we've committed to be an art-centric community, and it's just a good example of getting that done."

Place 3 Councilman Bruce Wadley stated he thinks the program looks great but recommended the artwork

incorporate a Texas theme — especially considering Granbury's motto is "Where Texas History Lives."

"We do offer the sponsors the alternative to pick their own art, or even to have their own favorite artists submit art," Werley explained. "But we'll keep in mind that the historical context is important."

"I also like the fact that it's just art for art's sake," Wadley added. "It's not promoting anybody or a business."

City Manager Chris Coffman explained that while the program allows for artistic displays on utility boxes, it must adhere to regulations that prohibit advertising. He added that every wrap will still require approval from Texas Department of Transportation and will then be presented to the council before placement.

"This is another little project we're excited about," he said. "We've been talking about it for quite some time, and finally, we've got some legs to it."

Mayor Pro Tem Steven Vale inquired about the lifespan of the wraps, asking if the same sponsor will need to re-order them after two to three years. Dooley responded that the sponsor will indeed be responsible for maintaining the box, including replacing it if damaged, but added that rewrapping will be a simple process.

"I think it's a great program," Vale said. "I used to drive up Highway 26 when I lived in Southlake and through the H-E-B area, there's some on the corners, and I always noticed them when I went by that they were very creative. They just added a little something. I like Bruce's idea ... in keeping with the city and celebration capital, or something with 'Where Texas History Lives.' I think it's a great program."



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It's time to say goodbye to those boring, gray utility boxes lining the streets, as Granbury is ready to turn heads with its bold new art project — the "Out of the Box" utility box art wrapping program.

"We already have some potential sponsors," Werley added. "We're actually ready to go."

Wadley then made the motion to approve the recommendation from the

Granbury Cultural Arts Commission to authorize the "Out of the Box" utility box art wrapping program. Following a second from Vale, the motion passed unanimously

October is Monarch Butterfly Migration Month



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Mayor Jim Jarratt proclaimed the month of October 2024 Monarch Butterfly Migration Month during a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 15. As part of the initiative, Jarratt encourages all citizens to join the Lake Granbury Master Gardeners in celebrating the culmination of a year-long effort to sustain adult monarch butterflies while on their migration through Granbury and Hood County.

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City to enforce fees for illegally placed political signs

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Political candidates will now have to pay a bit more attention to the placement of their campaign signs, as the city of Granbury will be starting to enforce fees for signs that are placed illegally.

Until now, political signs were exempt from any fees — an oversight that was just brought to light recently. According to Deputy City Manager Michael Ross, the proposed change was considered after 36 signs had to be removed at the beginning of the political season.

“Political signs are currently exempted in our fee schedule,” Ross explained. “We’re talking about not exempting those and making those signs apply to the same fee schedule requirements as any other sign in the city ... We learned that the political signs were exempt, so this was just something we’re bringing be-

fore the council that will be in effect next time around for the political season to begin.”

The specific proposed change to Section 1.50.227 (c) of the city’s Master Fee Schedule will eliminate the exemption for political signs. As a result, fees will now apply if the city has to return illegally placed political signs to their owners — just like any other type of sign.

“If you’re going to charge a fee for an illegal sign for something that says ‘Haircut \$6.99,’ and not for a political sign, you’re not being fair and equitable to everybody,” City Manager Chris Coffman said.

Under the new change, the first offense for illegally placed political signs is \$50, the second offense is \$100, and the third is \$100 plus administrative fees.

During the discussion, Place 2 Councilmember Eddie Rodriguez highlighted the challenges surrounding the placement of political signs. He explained that candidates

often struggle with where to place their signs and want to avoid issues with the city, as they are simply trying to promote their campaigns.

“One of the questions I have for the city attorney is, who gives the city the authority to pick up these signs?” Rodriguez asked.

City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle explained that the city’s authority to remove political signs derives from a municipal maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. This agreement — in place since 1968 — allows the city to enforce regulations in TxDOT rights-of-way, including the prohibition of political signs.

“The issue with this agenda item is that — I don’t know the reason — but for some reason in 2018, an ordinance was passed that updated section 1.5.277 of our sign ordinance, which created fees for illegally placed signs in the rights-of-way,” SoRelle said.

“The issue that you get into is, ‘Well, we’re going to regulate some certain signs in the TxDOT right-of-way, but not all’ ... In order to avoid someone filing a lawsuit based on that equal protection issue, the lack of content neutrality, the best way to treat this is to go back to that 2018 ordinance that added this line that says ‘Political campaign signs during appropriate seasons are exempt,’ (and remove it) to treat them the same as all other signs.”

Rodriguez then asked City Manager Chris Coffman why the city should enforce this ordinance. Coffman explained that allowing improperly placed signs can lead to serious issues, such as damaging underground infrastructure like fiber optic cables — which could result in costly repairs. He advised that anyone putting up temporary signs should always seek permission from the property owner first.

“We can’t have people put-

ting political signs on public property. I think what happens in a lot of cases is overzealous political supporters,” he said. “They’ve got signs for their friend that’s running for office, and they just go peppering the neighborhood with them, on the public property, wherever they think they can put it, and then we end up cleaning up the mess the next day, so it’s unfortunate.”

“I just wanted to bring it to the public’s attention on who gives the authority to the city and how,” Rodriguez added. “The reason that we pick up political signs is because they’re in the right-of-way, and most of those rights-of-way carry a lot of our sewage, our internet services, and water services — basic services that you need in your own neighborhood. We deal with this on a yearly basis, on two different campaign seasons, so just be mindful on where you put those political signs.”

Coffman added that he recently received a letter from

TxDOT instructing the city to uphold the maintenance agreement by removing the illegal signs. He explained that while doing this task, one of his employees sustained an ACL injury.

“There’s a reason we don’t want to have to do this,” he said. “It takes effort, and the guy had to have surgery over it, so it’s important that we follow the rules. I would just encourage everybody that before you put a sign up, get permission from the property owner. Property owners know where their property is — for the most part.”

Place 3 Councilman Bruce Wadley made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-59, which amends Section 1.50.277 (c) of the City of Granbury Code of Ordinances — Master Fee Schedule to establish fees for the retrieval of illegally placed political signs. Following a second from Mayor Pro Tem Steven Vale, the motion passed unanimously, 6:0.

SPEED

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said, is excess speed on that road, which can be taken care of with additional patrols if the sheriff’s department has personnel that are available to patrol that road a few times a day, especially in the mornings during rush hour or the evening rush hour. I think that would considerably take care of the problem,” Wolf said.

Speaking in favor of the speed limit change is resident Steve Haines, who said both he and his wife are strong proponents of the 35-mph reduction, due to the safety concerns they have witnessed firsthand in their neighborhood.

“Has anybody tried to back a car out onto a two-lane road with people going 45 miles an hour?” he asked. “And I think most of them think that’s the minimum speed. It is dangerous.”

Haines described the challenges of pulling out of his driveway onto Williamson Road and having to quickly accelerate to avoid oncoming traffic. He also recalled a recent near-collision when a car attempted to pass him as he was turning onto Lacey Court.

While putting out the trash one morning, Haines said he observed an SUV speeding past him at what he estimated to be around 70 mph, just feet away. He highlighted that a lower speed limit to 35 mph is essential for safety, especially with children in the area and delivery trucks struggling to navigate driveways due to fast-moving traffic.

“The delivery trucks that come down there every day, FedEx, Amazon, UPS, will not try to drive in the driveway, because they know it’s impossible to back out to that road, because people are just coming so fast. It’s scary,” Haines said. “We think that changing the (speed limit) is a big safety issue.”

Following speaker comments, Hood County Judge Ron Massingill asked Road Operations Director Donald Linney for his personal opinion regarding the speed limit reduction.

“Your Honor, both sides have valid comments on it, but to be honest with you, I’m leaning toward what the one speaker said — that they’re going to drive, what they’re going to drive,” Linney said. “We see it all over the county.”

Linney added that there haven’t been any fatalities reported around the area. However, he said there was a recent accident on State Highway 144.

Swendsen, whose neighbor was involved in the recent accident, highlighted that visibility issues and distracted driving were major factors in the collision. He described how his neighbor was having difficulty seeing over the tall grass at the intersection of Williamson Road and State

Highway 144. As his neighbor inched forward to check for oncoming traffic, a woman in a car behind him noticed his brake lights and “gunned it” — ultimately colliding with the back of his vehicle.

“That intersection right there is more dangerous than Williamson as an entire road,” Swendsen said. “If we could request something, could we get a red light there? That would make Williamson safer and that would also take care of the ability to get off and on (the road) if there’s traffic control at the intersection of Williamson and 144. That may be a better solution than trying to lower a speed limit that without enforcement will not matter.”

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson suggested implementing a no-passing sign and a blind curve ahead sign to enhance safety and alert drivers to potential hazards along that stretch of Williamson Road.

Linney explained that

implementing a no-passing zone would be challenging, as such signs are typically reserved for state highways requiring a 120-foot right-of-way. He also explained that the signs are large and that designated zones necessitate multiple signs on both sides of the road. He noted that while Williamson has a 60-foot right-of-way, the required sign dimensions and placement would complicate the process.

Although Williamson Road is in his precinct, Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews said he’s only had a couple of people reach out to him in the last four years regarding any concerns — adding that none of them have been particularly “aggressive” about wanting to get something done.

“Nobody’s ever been real fired up, so it’s been relatively off my radar this entire time,” Andrews said. “I haven’t heard a cry about it, one way or the other.”

Samuelson said she’s heard suggestions from residents about possibly widening Williamson Road but explained that Hood County lacks the right-of-way needed in order to make that change. She also made the motion to table the agenda item so the court could conduct a traffic study and gather more information regarding accidents around that area.

“We can take another look at this to determine if this is something (we need to do),” she said. “I mean it is true that people are speeding now at 45 mph, so that doesn’t necessarily mean they’re going to slow down at 35 mph, so would that make a difference?”

Once more traffic information has been gathered regarding Williamson Road, the court will revisit the speed limit discussion at a later date.

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Shanley Park to welcome new gateway at trail entrance



SCREENSHOTS VIA SHANLEY SCULPTURE GARDEN MASTER PLAN

Shanley Park is set to receive an exciting new upgrade, as the Granbury City Council unanimously approved the installation of a 15-foot-tall new gateway during a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 15.

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Shanley Park is set to receive an exciting new upgrade after the Granbury City Council unanimously approved the installation of a new gateway during a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 15.

The gateway — which is approximately 15 feet tall — will be placed at the entrance to the Moments in Time Hike and Bike Trail, north of Granbury City Hall at North Houston Street.

According to Aaron McLain, the city's internal services director, the Shanley Park Association is proposing a new gateway into the existing trail system that passes through Shanley Park, which will complement the upcoming Shanley Sculpture Garden project.

"The first two sculptures are scheduled to be placed on their newly constructed concrete bases later this month," McLain explained.

He noted that donations to the Shanley Park Association will be the intended source of funding, so no city funds are being requested for the project.

"We're also asking that the city manager have the ability to work with the associa-

tion for the exact placement of this gateway," McLain said. "We want to be mindful and not block a view of the new sculpture that will be installed."

City Manager Chris Coffman emphasized the importance of ensuring that the new archway does not detract from any sculptures nearby. He noted that maintaining the visibility of the sculptures was a key part of the agreement with the foundation, and that collaboration will be necessary to determine the archway's placement.

"I just think this is terrific," Mayor Pro Tem Steven Vale said. "I mean, when I reviewed the agenda item and read exactly what the plan was, what the purpose was, and then looked at some of the renderings, I think this would be an absolutely wonderful addition as you lead people through the park. I think it's a terrific program."

Place 6 Councilman Greg Corrigan made the motion to approve the gateway and to give Coffman the ability to work with the Shanley Park Association on the exact placement. Following a second from Place 4 Councilman Skip Overdier, the motion passed unanimously.

LETTER

DEAR CITIZENS OF HOOD COUNTY,

Are you worried about how secure our elections will be in this major upcoming election?

Do you want to know that the integrity of our elections is being upheld? Are you tired of elected officials who think they are above the law?

Commissioner Eagle has been under suspicion of election fraud since before he took office, but no one has done anything about it. He claims his homesteaded property in Oak Trail Shores (precinct 4) covers his legal obligation of a residence, even though he lives in Lipan (precinct 1). A county constable was the first to do an investigation on his residence. He turned all this info over to the sheriff's department, who followed up and did its own investigation. The district attorney still wouldn't do anything, so the sheriff sent all this info to the attorney general to see if something could be done. The AG took all that info and conducted its own investi-

gation. That report was sent to the district attorney months ago and he has not acted on it and won't even give the sheriff a copy of it. I asked for a copy of the report through open records and got a response that he was asking for an AG opinion on his ability to release the report. I believe this is a stalling tactic because it is highly political. I have requested an appointment, but he has been too busy to sit down with me. His clerk did call me yesterday to see if I could meet with him today, but today I was busy. I gave her many options where I was available and she said she would have to get back to me, but she hasn't yet.

Not only has he lied about where he resides to get elected, he is also lying to the appraisal district by saying he lives there in order to get the homestead exemption.

It's bad enough that the public has to deal with criminals, but what do we do when our elected officials are the criminals and our other elected officials turn their heads?

Tina Brown

BOND PROPOSAL

A bond proposal addressing jail capacity is on our ballot in November. Hood County's existing jail has a maximum capacity of 192 inmates, while our daily count has exceeded that for over 20 years. As our county's population increases, the number of inmates in our system grows as well. We have mostly been fortunate to rely on neighboring counties to house our excess inmates. However, available housing outside the county has dwindled, while our costs per day have risen dramatically. We are also at the mercy of neighboring counties to continue housing our overflow. Currently, the average 65-70 inmates housed out of county is projected to cost about \$2 million this fiscal year, not including transportation costs. In addition, our existing jail badly needs renovations. If for any reason our jail becomes uninhabitable, then we would be faced with shipping 250-plus inmates out of county every day.

After extensive debate and examination of costs, we have a proposal to add capacity and do imperative renovations to the existing facility, which will ensure we have adequate space for many years to come. Due to careful planning and very little debt owed by Hood County, the current debt service rate can simply be extended for this new bond, meaning the tax rate will not increase. Passing this bond allows Hood County to spend our money at home, keep dangerous criminals off the streets, and do it in a fiscally responsible way.

Matt Mills, Kevin Andrews, Roger Deeds

HEALTH DIRECTOR

Having attended last week's Commissioners Court, I was astounded that three of the Commissioners: Nannette Samuelson leading the way with Dave Eagle and Kevin Andrews voting no to keep our current Hood County Health Director, Dr. David Blocker. Commissioner Samuelson's excuse was that Dr. Blocker, who had been our very qualified health director, as a volunteer, for a number of years, made people wear masks during COVID and was part of the shutdown. Commissioner Eagle used the excuse that this was against the Constitution. Lastly, Commissioner Andrews stated he was "torn on how to vote as he represents the people." With this vote, the people now are not represented by a local county health official. The person taking his place now has 39 counties that he is representing.

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Hood County Hospital District Proposes to Reinstate \$0.02 Property Tax Rate.

Voters Must Approve the Tax Rate Before Its Implementation.

Texas law requires local governments to take financial responsibility for ensuring persons living in their jurisdictions and who do not have health insurance or qualify for other healthcare assistance programs receive medical services.

26.7 percent of the county's residents are 65 and older. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 10.4% of its residents living in poverty, and 15.4% are medically indigent. Moreover, 72 percent of all emergency calls are made by persons aged 60 plus.

What is the Hospital District's budget?

The District Board of Directors has approved a budget for Fiscal Year Oct. 1-Sept. 30, 2025, totaling \$2,861,330. Included is approximately \$2 million in supplemental funding for Hood County's two EMS providers.

Who provides Emergency Medical Services?

Texas EMS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing 911 emergency medical services county-wide. Operations include 31 full-time staff and eight licensed ambulances, four of which operate 24-hour shifts staffed by two personnel with one on-duty supervisor. Plans are to operate out of two stations and add two new ones. The Pecan Plantation VFD and EMS, Inc. serves this community.

What happens to EMS if voters do not approve the tax rate?

The following will likely occur; a reduction in ambulance service and staffing; no new stations, and no equipment and vehicle replacement.

The Hood County Hospital District could be dissolved. However, Hood County Commissioners Court would be responsible for paying for healthcare (including EMS) for the medically indigent living in Hood County.

Use this link to read a full overview of the Hood County Hospital District, its purpose and statutory obligations, and reasons why a \$0.02 property tax provision is on the Nov. 5 general election ballot.

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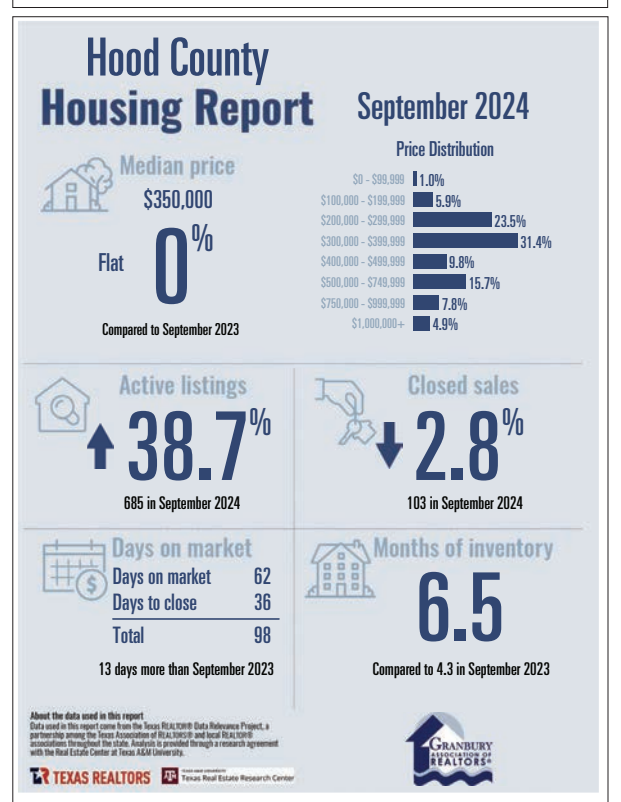
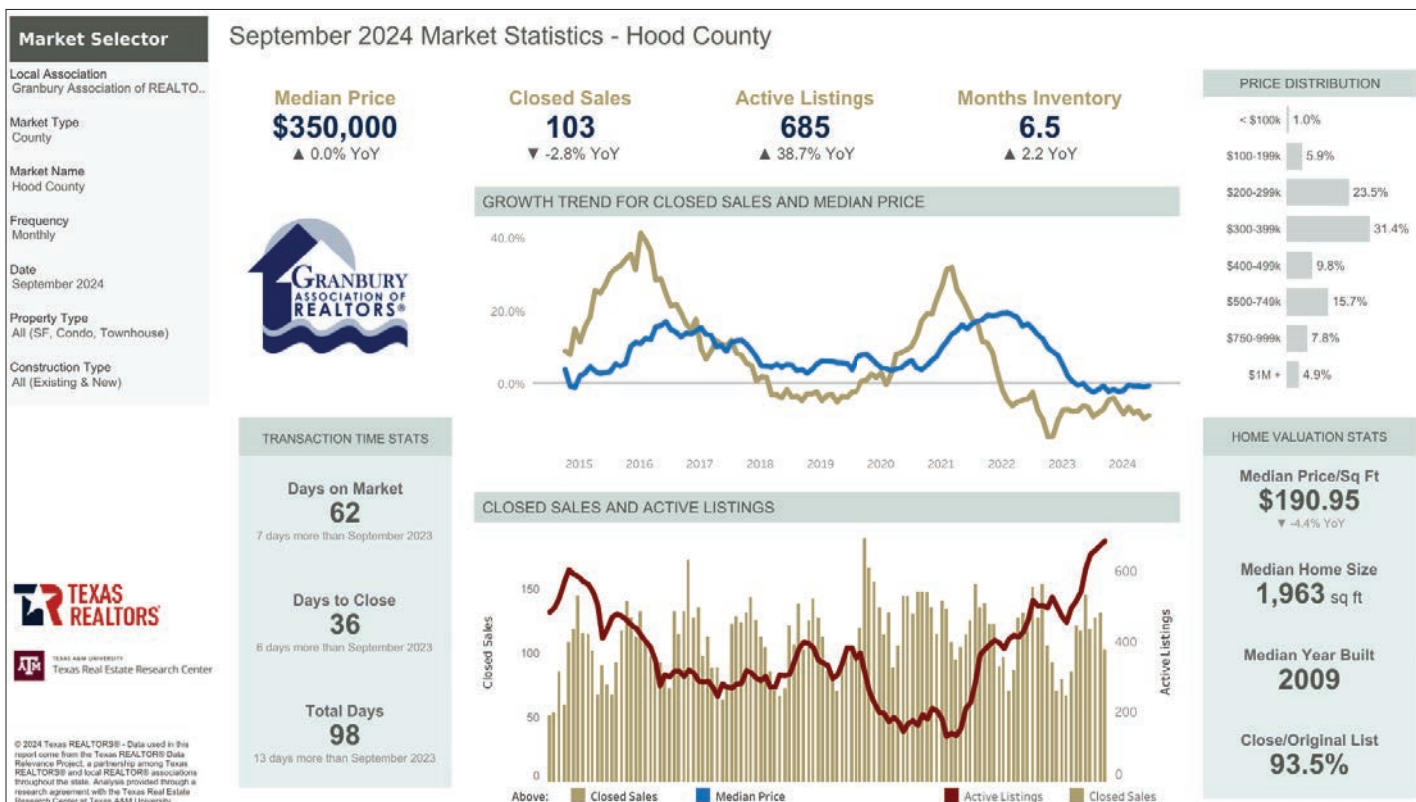
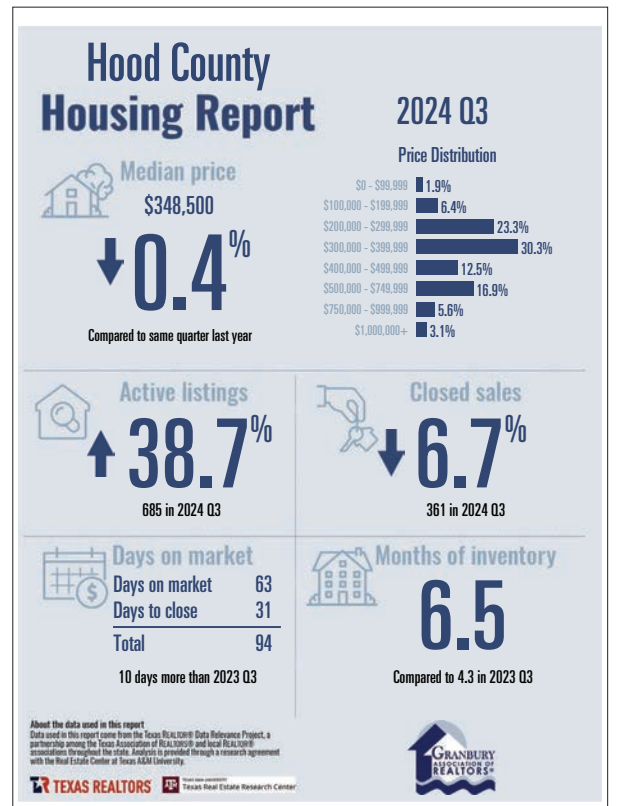
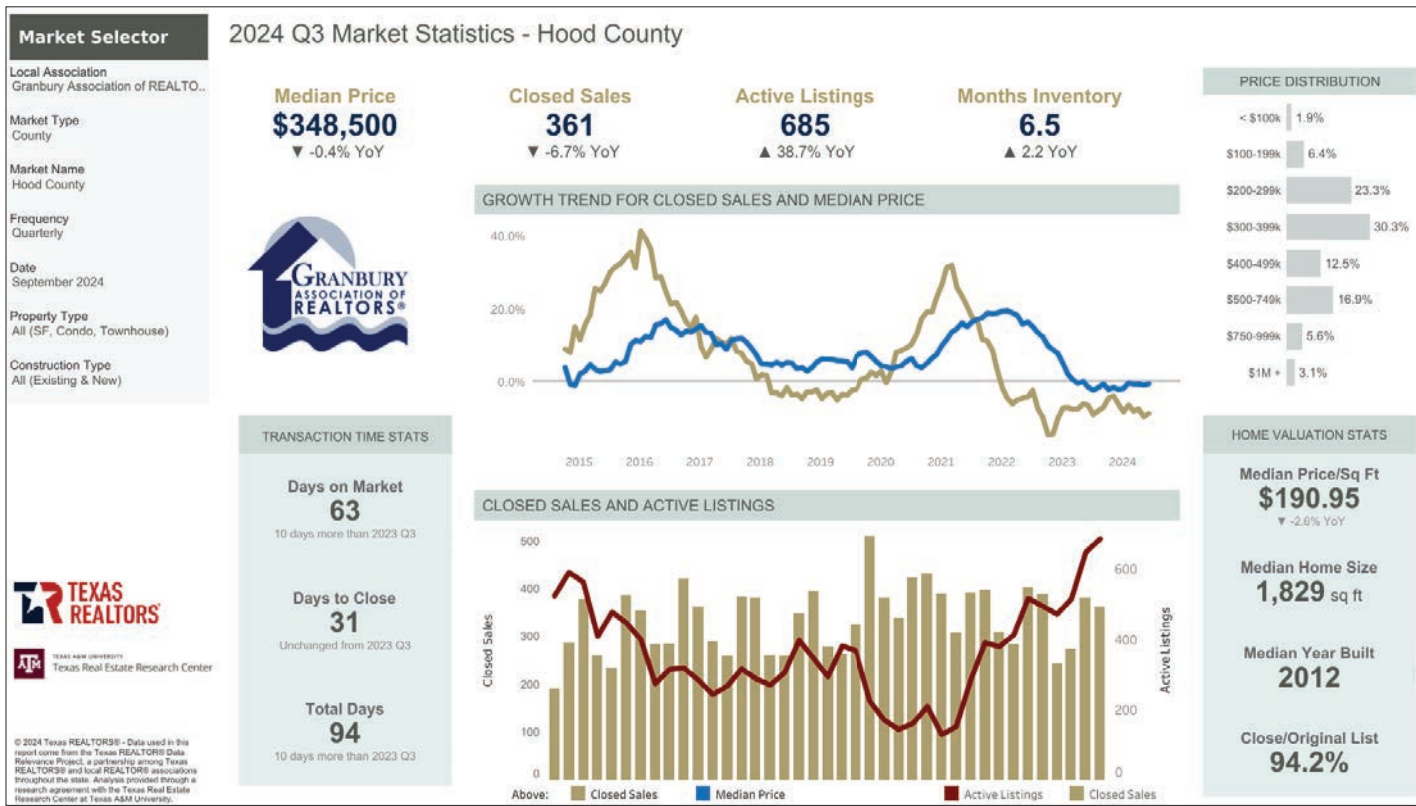
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Location: Hood Central Appraisal District, Granbury, TX
Job Type: Full-Time
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Position: Deputy Chief Appraiser
Location: Hood Central Appraisal District, Granbury, TX
Job Type: Full-Time
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Hood County Hospital District board of directors will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, October 25, noon, at Hood County Courthouse, 2nd floor courtroom, 100 E. Pearl St, Granbury, Texas.

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

CANYON CREEK, UNIT 3, LOT 24R

The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
TRC 109 & 114
CAUSE NO. C2023463
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 355TH DISTRICT COURT OF HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS
TO: NOAH SHAWN DYKES AND JACKIE LYNN DYKES

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance hereof. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation, a judgement may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. Find out more at [TexasLawHelp.org](https://www.texaslawhelp.org)."

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by CHEYENNE NICOLE GALINDO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF E.G. AND H.G., MINORS as Plaintiff, against the above named person(s) as Defendant(s), by Plaintiff's Original Petition filed on the 30th day of NOVEMBER, 2023, in a certain suit styled:

CHEYENNE NICOLE GALINDO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF E.G. AND H.G., MINORS.
VS. NOAH SHAWN DYKES AND JACKIE LYNN DYKES. A suit is now pending in the 355th Judicial District Court of Hood County, Texas. The cause number is: C2023463.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Plaintiff CHEYENNE NICOLE GALINDO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF E.G. AND H.G., MINORS, by and through their attorney of record, LEES. "KENNY" PEREZ OF KENNY PEREZ LAW, 1900 NORTH EXPRESSWAY 77, STE. A, BROWNSVILLE, TX 77521 brought suit under Cause No. C2023463 in the 355th District Court of Hood County, Texas. 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.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Granbury, Texas, this the 19TH day of SEPTEMBER 2024.

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

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store Permit by Gandhari Enterprises Inc dba Gandhari Enterprises Inc, to be located at 535 S Morgan Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Rakesh Gandhari, President.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store Permit by Gandhari Enterprises Inc dba Gandhari Enterprises Inc, to be located at 2201 S Morgan Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Rakesh Gandhari, President.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that on October 9, 2024, Letters Testamentary were issued to AMY VAUGHAN by the County Court of Hood County, Texas, in the case styled In the Estate of Carl Howard Weatherford, Deceased, under Cause No. P10491 pending on the probate docket of the Court.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: October 9, 2024
Amy Vaughan
Independent Executor of the Estate of Carl Howard Weatherford
c/o Christian & Christian PLLC
1405 W. Pearl St.
Granbury, TX 76048
/s/ MarJoe D. Barnhart
State Bar No. 24045498
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Attorney for Amy Vaughan

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NOTICE OF ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN)

To the registered voters of Hood County Hospital District, Texas (A los votantes registrados en el Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Hood, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024 for voting in a special election to consider the following (Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 25 de octubre de 2024 para votar en una elección especial para considerar la siguiente):

Proposition A: Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.02 per \$100 valuation in the Hood County Hospital District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.02 higher per \$100 valuation than the voter-approval tax rate of the Hood County Hospital District, for the purpose of providing indigent healthcare and emergency medical services. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the Hood County Hospital District was \$0.00 per \$100 valuation. **[Proposición A: Aprobar la tasa impositiva ad valorem de \$0.02 por cada \$100 de valoración en el Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Hood para el año en curso, una tasa que es \$0.02 más alta por cada \$100 de valoración que la tasa impositiva aprobada por los votantes del Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Hood, con el propósito de brindar atención médica y servicios médicos de emergencia para indigentes. El año pasado, la tasa impositiva ad valorem en el Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Hood fue de \$0.00 por cada \$100 de valoración.]**

Registered voters will be able to cast their election day ballots at any vote center identified below (Los votantes registrados podrán emitir sus boletas electorales el día de las elecciones en cualquier centro de votación identificado a continuación):
Acton Methodist Church, Youth Building, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX
First Baptist Church, 1851 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury, TX
Hood County Annex 1, Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX
Tolar Community Center, 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd., Tolar, TX
Calvary Church, 4800 Glen Rose Highway
Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 119 N. Caddo St., Lipan, TX
Pecan Activity Center (PAC), 9145 Plantation Dr., Granbury, TX
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX
Generations Church, 5718 E. Hwy 377, Granbury, TX
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 4530 Acton Highway

Location, days, and hours for early voting by personal appearance (Ubicación, días y horas de votación anticipada en persona):
Hood County Annex 1, 1410 W Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048
October 21-25, 2024 (21-25 de octubre de 2024): 8:00am-5:00pm
October 26, 2024 (26 de octubre de 2024): 7:00am-7:00pm
October 27, 2024 (27 de octubre de 2024): 9:00am-3:00pm
October 28-November 1, 2024 (28 de octubre-1 de noviembre de 2024): 7:00am-7:00pm

County's website (sitio web del Condado):
www.hoodcounty.texas.gov/departments/elections_administration/index.php

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR PUBLICATION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN PARA PUBLICACIÓN)

To the registered voters of Hood County, Texas (A los votantes registrados en el Condado de Hood, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024 for voting in a special election to consider the following (Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 25 de octubre de 2024 para votar en una elección especial para considerar la siguiente):

Proposition A: The issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 for expansion and renovation of the County's law enforcement center and jail and the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds. **[Proposición A: La emisión de bonos por la cantidad que no exceda de \$50,000,000 para la ampliación y renovación del centro de policía y de la cárcel del Condado y la imposición de impuestos suficientes para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos.]**

Registered voters will be able to cast their election day ballots at any vote center identified below (Los votantes registrados podrán emitir sus boletas electorales el día de las elecciones en cualquier centro de votación identificado a continuación):
Acton Methodist Church, Youth Building, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy, Granbury, TX
First Baptist Church, 1851 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury, TX
Hood County Annex 1, Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX
Tolar Community Center, 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd., Tolar, TX
Calvary Church, 4800 Glen Rose Highway
Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 119 N. Caddo St., Lipan, TX
Pecan Activity Center (PAC), 9145 Plantation Dr., Granbury, TX
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Hwy, Granbury, TX
Generations Church, 5718 E. Hwy 377, Granbury, TX
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 4530 Acton Highway

Location, days, and hours for early voting by personal appearance (Ubicación, días y horas de votación anticipada en persona):
Hood County Annex 1, 1410 W Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048
October 21-25, 2024 (21-25 de octubre de 2024): 8:00am-5:00pm
October 26, 2024 (26 de octubre de 2024): 7:00am-7:00pm
October 27, 2024 (27 de octubre de 2024): 9:00am-3:00pm
October 28-November 1, 2024 (28 de octubre-1 de noviembre de 2024): 7:00am-7:00pm

County's website (sitio web del Condado):
www.hoodcounty.texas.gov/departments/elections_administration/index.php

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NOTICE OF BID OPENING FOR REAL PROPERTY

Granbury Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following real property (the "Property") as described in this Notice of Bid Opening:

All of Lot 2, Block 1, consisting of 7 acres, more or less, on Acton School Road Hood County, Texas according to the Replat thereof recorded in Slide P-959 of the Plat Records of Hood County, Texas and described by metes and bounds: available upon request at Granbury ISD Admin. 217 N Jones St. and all of 86 acres of unimproved property located at 1301 James Rd., Granbury, Texas 76049.

It is the intention of Granbury ISD to sell all of the Property based on the best value bid that is submitted. If in the judgment of the Granbury ISD bids submitted do not represent the fair value of the Property, Granbury ISD will reject all bids. Should any bid be accepted, a contract for sale of the Property shall be executed upon a form acceptable to the GISD Board of trustees.

Bids shall be delivered in writing, signed by the bidder or an authorized representative, and enclosed in a sealed envelope to the Granbury ISD-Purchasing Office, 217 N Jones St. Granbury, TX 76048. All proposals shall be plainly marked "BID TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY -- ATTN: Houcine Chraibi, Assistant Director Of Finance." Bids must be received before 2:00 p.m. on Monday October 28th 2024, and any bid received after that time will not be considered.

Bidders may contact the Granbury ISD, Assistant Director Of Finance, Houcine Chraibi 817-408-4029 or by email houcine.chraibi@granburysid.org for clarifications and questions.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estate of Kelly Wayne Martin, Cause No. P10520, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Carol Drake in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an application to Determine Heirship and Application for Independent Administration and Letters of Independent Administration Pursuant to Section 401.003 of the Texas Estates Code and declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of Kelly Wayne Martin, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate.

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


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

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas on the 11th day of October 2024.
Christine C. Leftwich
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit by River View Ranch dba River View Ranch LLC, to be located at 2851 Caraway St, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Kreg Welch, Owner.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL**

To the registered voters of the County of Hood, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Hood, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 5, 2024, for voting in a general election to elect (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2024 para votar en la Elección General para elegir (electores presidenciales, si es aplicable), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election. (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar, a menos que el programa de sitios de votación del condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitios de votación el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
Acton Methodist Church - 3433 Fall Creek Hwy	All
Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room - 1410 W. Pearl Street	All
Calvary Church - 4800 Glen Rose Highway	All
First Baptist Church - 1851 Weatherford Hwy	All
Generations Church - 5718 E. Hwy 377	All
Good Shepherd Episcopal Church - 4530 Acton Hwy	All
Lipan Church of Christ Fellowship Hall - 119 N. Caddo St.	All
Pecan Activity Center - 9145 Plantation Dr.	All
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church - 2301 Acton Hwy	All
Tolar Community Center - 120 Tolar Cemetery Rd.	All

During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below: (Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombradas abajo.)

Location of Main Early Voting Polling Place Include Name of Building and Address (Sitio principal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles
Hood County Annex 1 - 1410 West Pearl St	Monday, Oct. 21 - Friday, Oct. 25: 8am to 5pm Saturday, Oct. 26: 7am to 7pm Sunday, Oct. 27: 9am to 3pm Monday, Oct. 28 - Friday Nov. 1: 7am to 7pm

Locations for Branch Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Sitios sucursal de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles
Acton Methodist Church	Monday, Oct. 21 - Friday, Oct. 25: 8am to 5pm Monday, Oct. 28 - Friday, Nov. 1: 7am to 7pm

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Stephanie Cooper
Name of Early Voting Clerk
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)
1410 W. Pearl Street
Address (Dirección)
Granbury 76048
City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Código Postal)
817-408-2525
Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)
scooper@hoodcounty.texas.gov
Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)
HoodCounty.Texas.Gov/departments/elections
Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

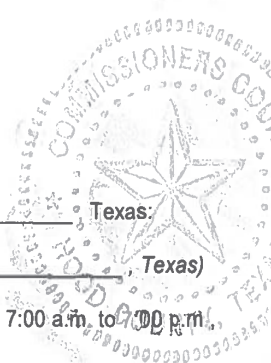
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(date/fecha)

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:
(La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)

10 / 25 / 2024
(date/fecha)

Issued this 24th day of September, 2024.
(Emitada este día 24 de Septiembre, 2024.)

San Martiniz
Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)



CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS: To all persons interested in the Estate of Debra Ann Overby, Cause No. P10518, County Court of Hood County, Texas.

Tabitha Elrod in the above numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship to declare who are the heirs and the only heirs of the said Estate of Debra Ann Overby, deceased, and their respective shares and interests in this Estate. Said application will be heard and acted on by said court at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the County Courthouse in Granbury, Texas.

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

Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in Granbury, Texas on the 16th day of October 2024.
Christine C. Leftwich
Hood County Clerk
P.O. Box 339
Hood County, Texas 76048
By /s/ Jamie Barfield, Deputy

ORDINANCE NO. 24-59
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLES 1.50 OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF NEW FEES RELATED TO POLITICAL SIGNS ADOPTED BY SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-60
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL, UTILITY, TOURISM, AIRPORT, GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECT AND GRANBURY HISTORIC PROPERTIES FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-61
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANBURY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-62
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, A TEXAS AND VIRGINIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PIPELINES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY OF GRANBURY, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN, OUT OF, AND THROUGH SAID CITY FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAYS; AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH FEE SHALL BE IN LIEU OF OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VALOREM TAXES; AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCES.

These ordinances as adopted by the Granbury City Council on October 15, 2024, are on file in the Office of the City Secretary, 116 W Bridge St. and can be seen in its entirety during normal business hours.

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OBITUARIES

Frederick Allen Palmer

May 31, 1937 - October 11, 2024

Frederick Allen Palmer, 87, was called home on Oct. 11, 2024. He was a Christian, a Texan, a Texas Aggie, a veteran, a veterinarian, an outdoorsman, a fisherman, a jokester, a loving son, a brother, a husband, Dad, and Granddaddy. He was a wealth of seemingly endless knowledge about wildlife and the rest of the great outdoors. He was a history buff, a student of the English language with a penchant for obscure words, and a source of never-ending homespun colloquialisms. He was a night owl and often the last to leave a social event. He had the gift of gab and could talk with anyone.

Fred was born on May 31, 1937, in Tyler, Texas. During his formative years, his father was superintendent of Tyler State Park, where Fred and his brothers experienced what he described as a Tom Sawyer childhood roaming the Piney Woods of East Texas and swimming and lifeguarding at the park lake. He graduated from Tyler High School in 1955 and from the A&M College of Texas in 1959 with a degree in wildlife biology. He began his career as a wildlife biologist and assistant project leader for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department handling wildlife research in central and southeast Texas. He also served on active duty in the U.S. Army. Fred married the love of his life, Vola Nell Hicklen, on June 25, 1965. He returned to veterinary school at Texas A&M University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in veterinary science and ultimately a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1969. Vola and he welcomed their son, David, into the world only a few months afterwards. After working in clinics in Richardson and Arlington, Texas, he opened Brown Trail Animal Clinic in Bedford, Texas, where he practiced small animal medicine from 1973 until he sold the practice in 1994. The clinic stands to this day. Though semi-retired, he appraised veterinary practices for Simmons & Associates and was instrumental in founding its South Central office that continues to operate today. He ultimately founded Northgate White-tails, a deer operation, on his ranch outside Godley, Texas, where he lived to the end. He was a member of Acton Baptist Church in Granbury, Texas. He was a Distinguished Alumnus of A&M, an Outstanding Alumnus of the A&M vet school, and a season ticket holder at seemingly everything Aggie. He was a leader of nearly every organization he ever joined, serving as president of A&M's



Association of Former Students, the Fort Worth A&M Club, and the Tarrant County and Texas Veterinary Medical Associations; serving on the Executive Committee of A&M's 12th Man Foundation; and, together with Vola, chairing the A&M President's Advisory Council and the Development Council for the vet school. His legacy lives on partly in the form of various scholarships to A&M's 12th Man Foundation, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, vet school, law school, and the Fort Worth A&M Club. Although Parkinson's Disease robbed us of his best several years ago, we will deeply miss his presence until we join the reunion he is already having.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Willis Allen "Pete" Palmer, Jr. and Selma Sue Palmer, and younger brother, Bob. He is survived by his youngest brother, John, of Red Springs, Texas; wife of 59 years, Vola, of Godley, Texas; son, David, David's wife, Karen, and grandchildren, Ellie and Graham Palmer, all of Fort Worth, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Acton Baptist Church (online at <https://www.actonbaptist.com/give> or by check mailed to 3500 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, Texas 76049), the Texas A&M Foundation in support of the Dr. Fred A. and Vola N. Palmer Chair in Comparative Oncology (online at <http://give.am/PalmerChairComparativeOncology> or by check referencing "Dr. Fred Palmer '59 - #32263" and mailed to 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840), or a charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home, 400 East U.S. Highway 377, Granbury, Texas. A celebration of a life well lived will be held on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Acton Baptist Church, 3500 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, Texas. Fred will be laid to rest in a private ceremony at the Aggie Field of Honor & Memorial Cemetery in College Station, Texas. Services under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury, Texas.

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Josh Cumbie

July 10, 1982 - October 5, 2024

Joshua Wayne Cumbie, a beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away on Oct. 5, 2024, in Fort Worth, Texas. Josh was born July 10, 1982, in Cleburne, Texas. An avid fisherman and passionate about hunting and nature, Joshua found joy in the great outdoors. He was a skilled plumber by trade and cherished the time he spent with his nieces and nephews. A talented soccer player, Joshua won the state championship while attending Granbury High School in 1999.

Josh is survived by his loving parents, mother: Kathy Jo Moss and husband Tracy, and father: Steve Cumbie and wife Jenny; his brothers: Jonathan Lee Cumbie, Micah Moss, Chad Nolan and Johnathan Nolan; and sisters: Shiloh Moss, Christina Womack and husband Will, and 13 nieces and nephews, and numerous extended family members.

Josh was preceded in

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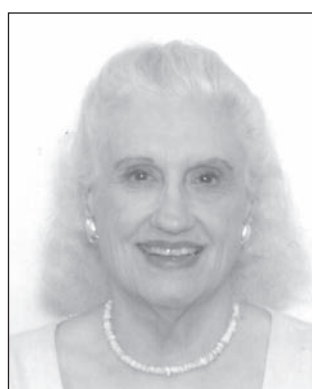
1934 - 2024

Nancy, a long time resident of Hood County, Texas, went to join the Lord this October. Born in Nebraska 1934 to Rose and John, and a brother, John. Living a Christian life and serving the Lord when ever and how ever Christ called on her to do in and out of the church. Favoring the Protestantism faith as an attending Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ and many military chapels but always as a believer of Christ Lord of Lords, her salvation and Baptized as a believer in the blood of Christ. Nancy was preceded in her journey by her husbands; John, Glenn and Charles, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, many cousins and at least one nephew. Nancy awaits her three children and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren with their spouses, brother and



death by his grandparents: Dwayne and Janice "Granny" Moss, Margie and Bob Cumbie, Shirley Lawson and LD Vaught.

Graveside Services to honor Josh's life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Lanham Mills Cemetery in Glen Rose, Texas. Visitation will take place the night before, on Oct. 18, 2024, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wiley Funeral Home in Glen Rose, Texas. Josh will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.



sister-in-law, and a brother-in-law, nieces and nephews. Loved by many friends, volunteering for many charities, service to her community on city council and mayor

pro tem and a career she loved in the financial world. Nancy worshipped God, loved and cared for her family, and always strived to be a Christian witness to the people around her in her daily walk with Christ. Nancy was loved and will be missed.

Robert Bruce Verduzco

July 1, 1944 - October 4, 2024

Robert Bruce "Bob" Verduzco, 80, retired dentist from Granbury, died peacefully at home on Oct. 4, 2024.

He was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on July 1, 1944, to Paul and Jeanette Verduzco. He grew up in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and graduated from La-Grange High School in 1962 and McNeese State University in 1969. He served in the Army for two years as the hospital laboratory officer at Redstone Arsenal Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama. After graduating from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1975, he moved his family to Granbury where he practiced dentistry for 32 years. He loved taking care of his patients and truly felt privileged to do so. He loved talking and laughing most of all and also tinkering in his workshop, flying, playing poker and music, watching college football, and RVing with his wife Lynda and their dog Iris.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lynda; sister, Polly Bonner and her husband Jon of Hico, Texas; sister-in-law, Joyce Verduzco; children, David Verduzco of Austin, Texas; Doug Verduzco and his wife Gina and their children of Apple Valley, Min-



nesota; Robert Ward and his wife Tina and their children of Tuttle, Oklahoma; Paula Robertson and her husband Paul and their children of Austin, Texas; and Amy Boyd and her husband Jerry of Granbury; grandchildren, Will Verduzco, Sam Verduzco, Kate Verduzco, Jack Robertson, Paige Robertson, Marissa Ward, Ashlyn Ward, Macie Ward, James Shumate, Lauren Shumate, Chris Boyd, and Danielle Wilcox; and great-grandchildren, Kiara Huff, Kian Huff, and Claire Shumate. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Paul Verduzco, Jr. and Gleason Verduzco, and sister Rosalind Shirley and her husband Deane. At his request, no services will be held.

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- fancy word for "satisfy an appetite"
- clothed
- "could hear _ _ _ drop" (quiet)
- this Cockrell served four terms as mayor of San Antonio
- TX Ross Perot first naval rank (abbr.)
- several surgeries today are assisted by _ _ _ devices
- mo. in which State Fair of Texas begins
- TXism: "could put a loop _ _ _ on a mule's back" (good roper)
- "Big Jim" Hogg's daughter (init.)
- "on an _ _ _ keel"
- Mineola High class
- many Texas state parks have these for rent
- kidney disease
- TX Rayburn nickname: " _ _ Sam"
- noted Comanche medicine man
- unit of Dallas-based Greyhound (2 wds.)
- Texas-born Forest Whitaker was in " _ _ _ 3"
- nocturnal insects found in moist areas
- TXism: "loud as boot heels on _ _ _ floor"
- Astro: major _ _ _
- TXism: "chompin' _ _ the bit" (impatient)
- these could be Roths
- TX Buck Owens' "I've Got a Tiger By _ _ _"
- Hispanic surname
- TXism: " _ _ _buster" (farmer)
- state nurses org.
- this Paul and TX Farrah film: "The Burning Bed"
- forbidden by law
- TX Tanya's first child: Presley _ _ _ Tucker
- TXism: "treat _ _ with kid gloves"
- TX George H.W. was a short time director of this agcy.
- TXism: "he took everything but _ _ _ my lungs" (robbed)
- broadcasters use 12 to 20 of these to televise a NFL game
- county west of DeWitt County
- 101 in ancient Rome
- biblical donkey
- response question
- 33 in Uvalde County on U.S. 90
- 24- _ _ _ gold
- track made in a dirt road
- big achievement
- old bread, e.g. (2 wds.)
- lion's den, e.g. 50 cowboys might have bow _ _ _
- first name of 21-across
- TXism: "a _ _ _" (many)
- " _ _ _ as a goose"

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If you're a parent, you want to do everything you can to help your children succeed in life. Therefore, you might think that one of the best things you can do is to save for your children's college education. And this is certainly admirable, but could it conflict with your ability to prepare for another key goal — your own retirement?

Of course, this would not be a problem if you had unlimited means, but most of us don't fall into that cate-

gory. So, given the financial resources and income you do have, how should you approach the college-versus-retirement issue?

Fortunately, it's not necessarily an "either-or" scenario. However, it may make sense to prioritize saving for retirement over college, for two reasons.

First, your children have a lot more time to pay for college than you have to save for retirement. In addition to any grants or scholar-

ships your children may receive, they might need to take out loans. While it's a good idea to keep this debt load as manageable as possible, it's also true that most student loans can be repaid over a long period of time.

And here's the second point: One of the best gifts you can give your children is to be self-sufficient in your retirement. You could easily spend two, or even three, decades as a retiree, so you will need to build considerable financial resources to pay for all those years. Your adult children will have their own financial needs to address, so you'll be doing

them a great favor by relieving them of any financial responsibilities on your behalf.

Taking these factors into account, you may want to direct most of your saving and investing efforts toward achieving a comfortable retirement. Consequently, think about putting away as much as you can afford into your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Even with this focus on retirement, though, you may find opportunities to save and invest for your children's education. For example, if you receive

bonuses or income tax refunds, or your salary goes up, or you're able to free up money from your budget by reducing your debts, you could use these funds to invest in an education savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, and computers. Depending on where you live, you may also get some state tax benefits from your 529 plan. And a 529 plan isn't just for college — it

can be used for K-12 private school tuition costs, plus expenses from qualified apprenticeship programs, such as those found at trade schools eligible for Title IV federal student aid.

It might not be easy to save and invest consistently for your retirement and your children's education. But both goals are worthy — after all, retirement can last a long time and college is expensive. So, try to develop a financial strategy that can allow you to make progress in both areas — your efforts may well be rewarded.

County applies for catalytic converter grant to combat auto theft

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The Hood County Commissioners Court has officially taken the first steps to combat auto theft and enhance public safety throughout the county.

During a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 8, the county approved a resolution to apply for a grant that will ultimately fund the installation of surveillance cameras along key highways and intersections.

The resolution — issued by the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority — is required to be signed by a county judge in order to apply for the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program.

According to the resolution, entities are eligible to receive grants from MVCPA to provide financial support to law enforcement task forces and agencies for economic motor vehicle theft, including catalytic converter theft.

Structured as a reimbursement, the grant requires an initial payment of \$130,000 from the county. After submitting eligible expenses, the county will receive an 80% reimbursement, resulting in a total cost of \$26,000. Funds for the grant will be sourced from Fund 55.

Emergency Management Coordinator Margaret Campbell explained that after talking with the Hood County Sheriff's Office, she believes the most effective approach in tackling auto theft is to install cameras along U.S Highway 377.

Shawn McGuire, director of the Emergency Communications Center, explained that the cameras would not only help with auto theft, but would also assist in finding individuals who have gone missing, such as those with dementia. He added the cameras would also provide valuable footage in the event of accidents or other emergencies.

According to McGuire, the camera installation will take place along several key roads like Weatherford Highway, Temple Hall Highway, Lipan Highway, Massey Road and Cleburne Road. He explained that license plate recognition cameras will also be placed at major intersections on U.S 377, including locations at Overstreet Boulevard, Water's Edge Drive and Farm-to-

Market Road 4, as those areas have a history of serious accidents.

McGuire stated that the department plans to partner with the company Flock Safety to install the cameras and utilize its Flock 911 system.

"When people call in 911, we can actually stream the phone calls to the deputies or the officers responding, because remember, we dispatch for everybody, so everybody in the county will have access to this," he explained. "So, we'll be able to send them this information when it goes live."

Blaine Parsons, a representative from Flock Safety, noted that several counties, including Johnson County, have successfully applied for and received this grant. He emphasized that it represents a valuable opportunity, mentioning that Johnson County utilized it for similar technology and experienced positive results.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dave Eagle shared a personal experience related to catalytic converter theft, recalling an incident two years ago at a hotel in Houston where his Toyota Tundra was targeted. He explained that the thieves managed to steal two catalytic converters, despite the hotel having cameras.

"I'm just kind of looking from personal experience," Eagle said. "I'm curious as to how this is going to prevent that."

McGuire explained that the Flock system allows access to cameras from various companies. He added that if someone reports a catalytic converter theft, dispatch can review the footage from the cameras to identify any suspects present at that time.

Parsons also elaborated on how the Flock system could help in the scenario of a theft at a hotel. He explained that a Flock camera could capture images of all vehicles passing by during the time the truck was parked. He noted that law enforcement could then use this footage to identify which cars were at the hotel and potentially trace any vehicles that entered the hotel parking lot specifically to commit the crime.

"They would be able to get a description or a license plate of that vehicle, and then use the Flock network and other tools that law

enforcement has at their disposal to potentially apprehend that suspect, and to take them off the street so they cannot commit that crime in the future," Parsons said. "It's a way to just prevent crime and solve crime that's happening in your jurisdiction. That's what we provide to law enforcement."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson pointed out the limitations of the grant title, as the name "Catalytic Converter Grant" does not fully capture the range of potential uses for the funding. He also mentioned that he recently just went on a 4,000-mile road trip, adding that once he left the state of Texas, he noticed cameras on every corner.

"They are there, and they do serve a purpose," he said "In talking with one law enforcement officer in West Virginia, he had raves about what they have been able to do once they installed (the cameras), so this is more than just catalytic converter coverage."

Campbell confirmed that the grant is broad and that anything related to an automobile theft is included. She also added that the McKinney Sheriff's Office has already seen benefits from Flock Safety, particularly in collaborating with other agencies.

"The Hood County Sheriff's Office has already been able to get information related to crimes where other agencies had Flock cameras ... so Hood County Sheriff's Office is already seeing benefits from the program," Campbell said. "Also, Granbury Police Department has some of these cameras, and they speak very highly of them ... I think it's a worthwhile grant to consider."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson explained that there are pros and cons to the Flock cameras.

"The way that they were able to catch the guy in Florida that was about to shoot President (Donald) Trump was because of this technology, and that's great," she said. "But people are concerned about the invasion of privacy."

She emphasized that many people worry about how this technology could be used to track the movements of everyday individuals — not just criminals.

Parsons assured Samuelson that Flock does not own the data it captures; instead, ownership lies



COURTESY PHOTO FROM FLOCK SAFETY

Cameras from Flock Safety have been used to identify and apprehend criminals across the country.

with the county. He explained that Flock cannot use or share this data without the county's consent.

"The system also has a very robust auditing protocol in it, so the system can't be searched for any reason that is not related to law enforcement," he explained. "So, any person that enters the system and wants to conduct a search for a license plate has to put in a case number and a reasonable suspicion involved of an incident, and then that can be tracked and logged in."

Samuelson also raised concerns about the risk of cyber-attacks, asking what measures are in place to prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the system.

Parsons explained that while he can't say for certainty that Flock will never be hacked, he can say "with confidence" that it has never happened before. He also said that the system is stored on the Amazon Web Services cloud, adding that the data is "end-to-end encrypted," and that it's the same system used by the FBI.

Wilson made a motion to allow Hood County Judge Ron Massingill to sign the MVCPA, which is a requirement for the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program application. Following a second from Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews, the motion passed 4:1, with Eagle voting in opposition.

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Homecoming kicked off in Tolar Friday, Oct. 11, in the Tolar High School gym with a pep rally that brought kids from across the schools in Tolar to get ready for the game that evening, a couple of Elementary students are pictured cheering loud during the pep rally.

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Trustee candidates face off: GISD forum highlights (Part 2)

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This article is the second of a two-part series covering the candidates vying for the Granbury ISD board of trustees Place 3 and Place 4 positions.

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce hosted a candidate forum Monday, Oct. 7, at the Lake Granbury Conference Center. Candidates for Place 3, Tim Bolton and Bret Deason, and Place 4, Courtney Gore and Jaci Lopez, presented their platforms and answered questions.

Dr. Eric Morrow, an associate professor in the department of government, legal studies, and philosophy at Tarleton State University, moderated the discussion.

Following are the candidates' responses to questions asked during the forum.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO RUN FOR OFFICE, AND WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE SHOULD VOTE FOR YOU?

Courtney Gore: "My community members came to me with concerns about CRT ... I had a real desire to make sure that we weren't teaching any child to feel bad about the color of their skin."

"After I got elected ... I requested all the lesson plans for social and emotional learning ... I found absolutely nothing" related to CRT.

"During that process, I learned that we have amazing public schools here in Granbury ISD ... our kids are amazing."

"I want to do everything I can to support them and to support the kids in this community."

Jaci Lopez: "I'm running because our community is seeking strong leadership with transparency, integrity and trust."

"The school board name 'trustee' means we are the holders of public trust, and we need to build that trust with the community back again."

"Children's mental health and test scores are heart-breakingly low ... Teachers are frustrated; they are the most capable of handling education in the classroom."

"I care too deeply about the future of our community and our state, not just for my children but for yours as well, because this is our future."

Bret Deason: "We're really excited to talk about giving back to the community, and what better way to help try to impact the outcomes of students and kids in this community."

"This is one of the most important jobs, I believe, in our community; we need to lead."

"We also need to show our kids that we're willing to work together because they're watching."

"So we need to work together ..."

Tim Bolton: "I'm a principled conservative and want to put education first."

"I treat my employees that way, I treat my peers that way and with mutual respect, and so I want to bring that into the schools as well."

"My experience as a manager goes back to what I was saying before about empowering teachers, parents and taxpayers."

"I want to make sure that your voice is heard."

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AS A TRUSTEE; WILL YOU FOCUS ON WHAT YOU THINK IS BEST FOR STUDENTS AND

TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT?

Tim Bolton emphasizes servant leadership in both his faith and his roles as an employer and employee. He believes the school board should serve the entire school community, including students, staff, parents and taxpayers. "We need to model good leadership," he says, and create a healthy learning culture for students.

Bolton acknowledges the importance of critical responsibilities like policy-making, budget oversight and curriculum decisions but stresses the need for accountability. He believes the board should incorporate what benefits students, teachers and the community at large on a spiritual, mental and physical level.

Courtney Gore describes the role of a trustee as one that authorizes and monitors, with the administration and superintendent making recommendations and implementing decisions. Trustees ensure accountability through tools like the strategic plan and campus improvement plans. "Our strategic plan is on the Granbury ISD website," she notes, calling it a roadmap that keeps the board on track and allows them to monitor progress. Gore emphasizes the importance of using these plans to hold board members, teachers, students, parents and the community accountable.

Jaci Lopez advocates for an open door policy to ensure teachers feel heard, pointing out that many teachers, including those who have left the district, feel restricted by policies. "Teachers know what they're doing in the classroom," she says, stressing the need to allow them more freedom to teach. She suggests reducing restrictive policies and increasing classroom visits from administrators and school board members to offer praise and recognition. Lopez believes that even if pay isn't ideal, teachers still need to feel validated, heard and appreciated.

Bret Deason stresses the importance of listening to taxpayers and school district employees, noting that "our employees in the school district are taxpayers as well." He believes school board members should listen to them and actually apply what they say. With his wife and sister both being teachers, Deason acknowledges teachers' various experiences, stating, "You can ask a thousand different teachers ... and all of them are right" based on their classroom experiences. He also emphasizes the need for school board members to be present and supportive, saying, "It's important that a school board member actually shows up to teacher events." He feels this has been lacking in recent years.

WHAT SPECIFIC INVOLVEMENT DO YOU HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WOULD HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF OUR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN?

Courtney Gore's involvement in the community: "I serve on the board of the United Way, which is heavily involved in serving our community and connecting our families and students with other partner agencies in the community."

"It was because of those public school educators and their connection to the

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Texans on the ground: Paluxy Baptist Association assists in hurricane relief

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As the death toll from Hurricane Helene surpasses 230, according to ABC News, and Florida residents return to face the aftermath of Hurricane Milton, the Paluxy Baptist Association is mobilizing to provide critical aid to storm-stricken areas in the southeastern United States.

Led by Boots Chris Hubbard, director of missions, the association has sent teams of volunteers to help with relief efforts, focusing on clearing debris, providing meals and offering comfort to those impacted. "We represent the hands and feet of Jesus when we go into these disaster areas," Hubbard explained.

"We partner with Texans on Mission, formerly Texas Baptist Men," said Hubbard. The ministry has been going strong since 1967, and PBA has been involved since the beginning. "We send volunteers from our churches — many retired or taking time off from work — who are deployed like a military unit to help not just Texans but across America," Hubbard added.

Texans on Mission is a large-scale relief organization that has responded



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Texans are coming! Members of the Paluxy Baptist Association left Oct. 14 to serve hurricane-ravaged areas in the Southeast.

to over 20,000 emergencies nationwide. Through donations and volunteers, they provide essential supplies and assistance to communities recover-

ing from disasters. The PBA plays a key role by organizing local volunteers and collecting much-needed supplies for storm-ravaged areas.

Hubbard emphasized the importance of collaboration, stating that the PBA works closely with other relief teams, including Samaritan's Purse and the Salvation Army. When a natural disaster strikes, they are typically among the first three teams to arrive, often the very next morning or at daybreak.

In some cases, they've even arrived at night. "It's a mad dash to be the first emergency relief team on site," Hubbard said. "And when people see us, their smiles say it all. They say, 'Oh, the Texans are coming. The Texans are coming.'"

The PBA's first team was deployed Oct. 2 to Springdale, North Carolina. These eight men have worked tirelessly, logging 14-hour days to clear roads and



"We're not going to abandon these people," Boots Hubbard, director of missions for the Paluxy Baptist Association, says. As one team leaves, another team will arrive."

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GRANBURY ISD COMING HOME KING & QUEEN CLASS OF 1974





Tweedi Strain Jones



Barry Hodges

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Granbury Independent School District and the Granbury High School Exes Association will recognize Barry Hodges and Tweedi Strain Jones at the 2024 homecoming game as the Coming Home King and Queen from the Granbury High School Class of 1974.

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GHS announces Coming Home King and Queen from Class of 1974

From Staff Reports

Granbury Independent School District and the Granbury High School Exes Association will recognize Barry Hodges and Tweedi Strain Jones at the 2024 homecoming game as Coming Home King and Queen from the Granbury High School Class of 1974. The Pirates will take on Azle Friday, Oct. 25 at Pirate Stadium. Homecoming information, including game tickets, are available by visiting granburysd.org/homecoming.

BARRY HODGES

Barry Hodges was born and raised in Granbury. His parents are the late Betty and Glen Hodges. Betty Hodges was a long-time teacher in Granbury ISD and spent the last 25 years of her tenure as a middle school math

teacher. Glen Hodges worked for the Santa Fe railroad and also worked at the Hood County News as a typesetter and sports reporter.

During his junior year at Granbury High School, Barry Hodges won second place in UIL District Typing, and won first place in UIL District Slide Rule. He was co-captain of the Pirate Basketball team his senior year and graduated third in the Class of 1974.

Barry Hodges studied pre-pharmacy at the University of Texas at Arlington and graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy. He has worked in retail pharmacy for his entire 45-year career, the last 20 years at CVS Pharmacy.

Barry Hodges has been married to his wife Debbie for 45 years. Together they have two children and seven grandchildren and reside in Sugar Land. A pianist

since elementary school and self-taught guitarist since middle school, Barry Hodges still loves playing music at church, weddings and funerals. He and his wife have been the music worship team for their church, Great Oaks Baptist, since 2006.

Barry Hodges says his older brothers James from the Class of 1967 and Jerry Don from the Class of 1969 were his constant role models because of their reputation for being "A" students and great athletes at Granbury High School.

TWEEDI STRAIN JONES

Tweedi Strain Jones, Granbury High School Class of 1974, has been happily married to her best friend Terry Jones for 39 years. Together, they have four children. She and her family have lived in Sanger for 37 years but plan to move to

Muenster in 2025.

Her parents are Norman Thomas Strain and Janie Shishido Strain of Thorp Spring, and stepmother Jewel Thompson Strain.

While a student at Granbury High School, Tweedi Strain Jones spent most of her time working part-time jobs. She said she is especially thankful for her experience as a vocational student office aide, claiming the exposure greatly influenced the rest of her career.

Tweedi Strain Jones attended business college and spent her life working in retail pharmacy up until her retirement in 2018. She says she loves retirement life.

A proud breast cancer survivor of 29-and-a-half years, Tweedi Strain Jones spends her time gardening and managing her wedding venue in Sanger, called Creek View Venue.

Students shine at GISD board meeting

From Staff Reports

The Granbury ISD board of trustees meeting Monday, Oct. 14, featured several student recognitions and achievements. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Baccus Elementary students, including leader Noah Barr, Peyton Ewing, Avery Miller, Austin Spann, Justin Williams, Truett Smith and Dillan Hernandez.

LEMONADE DAY WINNERS HONORED

Melissa Shipp, principal of the STEAM Academy at Mambrino, recognized three former students — Sophia Bone, McKinsey Bindle and Elizabeth Daugherty — who won the overall Lemonade Day competition last spring. The students raised \$1,103 by selling their Blue Bonnet lemonade. They chose to donate the majority of their earnings to Hood County Animal Control and Mission Granbury, keeping a small amount for a trip to Urban Air.

"These girls donated al-

most all of their profits to charity, showing true empathy and selflessness," Shipp said. "I'm incredibly proud of their hard work and compassion."

HORATIO ALGER AWARD

Granbury High School senior Lilly Tyler was recognized as a recipient of the 2025 Horatio Alger National Scholar Award. Tyler was awarded a \$25,000 scholarship for overcoming adversity and demonstrating resilience.

"The award is about facing challenges and finding success despite them," Tyler explained. She credited Lorrie Wallace, the school librarian, for helping her throughout the scholarship process.

MJROTC NAVAL HONOR SCHOOL DESIGNATION

Granbury High School's MCJROTC program was celebrated for earning the Naval Honor School designation for the 11th consecutive year. Cadet Lt. Col. Kennedy Wells, along with

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Quinn King, left, and Brinley Bennett were honored as the monthly Shottenkirk Automotive Group scholarship recipients.

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Local teen sweeps up repairs for a cause

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Fourteen-year-old Diego Paulson, an eighth grader at Acton Middle School, is making a name for himself in the Granbury community through an unexpected talent: fixing Roomba vacuums.

Inspired by a simple project with his father, Clay Paulson, Diego has turned a hobby into a service that benefits his neighbors and local charities.

The Paulson family, who has lived in Granbury since 2013, often engage in outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and camping. Diego is described as an active, outdoorsy kid who plays tennis and baseball and even plays saxophone in the school's symphonic band.

Paulson, who works in healthcare alongside his wife, sees this entrepreneurial initiative as a way for Diego to stay engaged and avoid spending too much

time on video games. It all began when Paulson was repairing a broken Roomba vacuum. "Diego was in the garage with me while I worked on it — he said, 'Dad, that doesn't look too hard,'" Paulson recalled.

After successfully fixing an old Roomba together, Diego wondered if others in the neighborhood might need similar help. Paulson shared a post on their local Facebook page, and the response was overwhelming.

"Half a dozen people said they had Roombas needing repairs, and others offered old units for parts," Paulson explained. Diego decided he would charge only enough to cover the cost of parts, allowing customers to pay whatever they felt was fair for the service. "Most folks have been very generous," Paulson said, noting that some people have given him \$15, and others have given him as much as \$50 for a repair.

Diego's generosity doesn't stop there. He has pledged

to donate 5% of his earnings to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®. "It was his idea to give back," Paulson mentioned. Diego's kindness has inspired community members, leading to over 400 people reaching out to him for help with their Roombas.

Recently, Diego took his commitment further by donating one of his refurbished Roombas to Ken Hill Health Center, formerly Ruth's Place, a free clinic in Granbury. After discussing the idea with his father, they contacted the clinic's director, Kristin Billington. "She said, 'That'd be great,'" Paulson recalled. Diego also offered to maintain the Roomba quarterly, ensuring it remains in good working condition.

After school, Diego refurbishes one Roomba most every evening, often juggling time between his basketball practices and family responsibilities.

"He's got quite a little stock of parts and supplies,"

Paulson noted, impressed by Diego's skills and commitment to taking apart and rebuilding the machines. "... tearing them completely apart, not just cleaning the outside. Like they just came out of the box."

The community's enthusiasm for Diego's work has sparked interest beyond Granbury, with inquiries from neighboring towns. "I've been blown away by how many people have shown interest in this," Paulson said.

Diego's love for animals motivates him to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. The family has three rescue dogs, which have deepened his connection to the ASPCA. "He's never met a dog he didn't like," Paulson said fondly.

Through hard work and a generous spirit, Diego Paulson is not just fixing Roomba vacuums — he's making a difference in his community.



COURTESY PHOTO

After school, Diego refurbishes one Roomba most every evening, often juggling time between his basketball practices and family responsibilities.

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assist residents. A second team left Oct. 14, bringing emergency supplies such as chainsaws to aid in clearing fallen trees, a critical task in the heavily forested areas.

"Our main focus right now is clearing roads for other emergency vehicles and teams," Hubbard explained. "Our Chainsaw Emergency Relief Team is critical for this kind of work. We have several trucks, trailers and even a U-Haul filled with supplies."

The association in partnership with Texans on Mission represents about 500 churches whose efforts extend beyond road clearing. They bring mobile feeding kitchens capable of serving 6,000 meals daily and provide laundry and shower units available. People can bring their soiled clothes, which are washed, dried, folded and returned within 24 hours to those in need.

"We can power up to 10 homes with our large gen-

erators when electricity is down," Hubbard said.

The devastation from Hurricanes Helene and Milton has left many areas uninhabitable, and NBC News reports wildlife, including alligators and snakes, have moved into flooded neighborhoods. As recovery begins, experts urge residents to avoid dark floodwaters in the hardest-hit areas, such as Siesta Key, Florida, where Hurricane Milton landed as a Category 3 storm Oct. 9.

Despite these dangers, volunteers of all ages from the PBA are eager to help. "We've got a 22-year-old going and an 82-year-old who helps keep our chainsaws running. It's a well-oiled machine, and everyone plays a part. It's just about what talents and abilities God's blessed us with that we can go share with people who are hurting," said Hubbard.

A team of volunteers from the PBA is already on the ground in Florida, assessing neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Milton and deter-

mining where to deploy next. The association is coordinating efforts to evaluate needs in these affected areas.

"We're not going to abandon these people," Hubbard emphasized. "As one team leaves, another team will arrive."

The PBA is seeking public assistance, especially in replacing chainsaws worn out from continuous use. As a 501(c)(3) organization, donations are tax-deductible, similar to giving through a local church. The association is coordinating relief efforts from its Granbury office at 1844 Acton Highway, where it is accepting both financial contributions and material donations, including cleaning products and emergency supplies.

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A volunteer works to clear the road. The PBA is seeking public assistance, especially in replacing chainsaws worn out from continuous use.



Volunteers prepare a meal. The Paluxy Baptist Association brings mobile feeding kitchens capable of serving 6,000 meals daily.



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resources in the community that they were able to get me into a program ... I was able to get job building skills, resume skills, interview skills before I left that program."

"Knowing your community resources and being involved in those community programs ... there's so many community resources here in Granbury ISD."

Jaci Lopez's involvement in the community:

"My specific involvement is personal experience. I grew up in California. I saw the policies and I saw the hard times they caused."

"I know what that's like to be that single mom. I know what that's like to struggle and need help, and I also know what it's like to be a student and need that help, as well as working at a job after school and helping my mom pay my bills or her bills."

"We have climbed out of poverty and welfare to be successful business owners. So I know what that's like ... So those are all not unique experiences, though. There are families in Granbury having those exact same experiences right now."

Bret Deason's involvement in the community:

"I've been involved. I currently serve on four different boards, two of which have to do with the success of kids, helping kids and aiding kids in this community."

"I've served the last four-and-a-half years on the Hood County Children's Charity, which is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done."

Tim Bolton's involvement in the community:

"I grew up there at the children's home, and so my time, talent and treasure for the last 40 years ... I have gone back there ... I do a lot for them, actually."

"I uprooted my family from Dallas to come back and be closer to that as my ministry so that I could continue that."

"I've taught several Sunday school classes ... I encourage volunteerism."

REGARDING COMPETITIVE SALARIES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ALL ADMINISTRATORS, WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF IT AND YOUR POSITION?

Jaci Lopez believes that while the district may not be able to offer the highest salaries, especially compared to larger districts like Frisco or Dallas, it can provide a supportive work environment. She states, "We need to look at their experience ... recommendations, as well as their accomplishments" when considering competitive salaries. Lopez emphasizes the importance of creating a culture of encouragement and positivity, open doors, communication, trust, integrity and transparency, which she believes will help retain teachers. She concludes, "What we can do is offer a place that gives them a place that they're comfortable being in and that they feel appreciated and valued and respected and heard."

Bret Deason emphasizes the importance of competitive salaries, particularly for experienced teachers. He acknowledges that salaries are not everything but believes in paying teachers fairly to retain skilled staff. Deason explains that many older teachers were leaving the district because "they were paying higher stuff" elsewhere, noting that their retirement is based on the last five years of employment. He stresses the value of retaining tenured teachers, stating, "The more tenured teachers we have, the more experienced teachers we have, it blends for our younger teachers as well," and highlights their role in mentoring younger staff.

Tim Bolton emphasizes empowering and rewarding teachers: "We want to

equip teachers. We want to reward teachers. We want to empower teachers." He believes that we need to pay our teachers a competitive salary. "Their retirement is based on the last five years of their employment and so we are losing them to higher paying districts." Teachers should have the autonomy to manage their classrooms as they see fit. He stresses the need for a supportive culture where teachers feel valued and appreciated and are given pay that's rewarding to them. While acknowledging that "salary isn't everything," Bolton critiques the previous administration's failure to plan for competitive salaries, saying, "You can't get to a place where you're so far out of competitive salary range that you have to go back to the taxpayer to bail you out." He emphasizes his own approach to planning, stating, "I can tell you exactly how many employees I have ... I don't have to guesswork and hold salaries hostage to get a tax return."

Courtney Gore highlights the complexity of school finance, stating, "If only school finance was that simple. I wish it were." She emphasizes the board's success in advocating for the VATRE, which led to teachers starting with a \$60,000 salary, making them competitive with neighboring districts. Gore also points to the teacher incentive allotment, a new program in the district's strategic plan, stating, "It's a new program that we're bringing here that is actually going to make us competitive with some of those higher paying districts." She notes that the program will be tailored to Granbury ISD, ensuring it is a unique and effective incentive for teachers, with the ultimate goal of "improving those student outcomes, paying the best teachers possible, and attracting the best teachers possible."

AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THOSE THAT HOMESCHOOL?

Bret Deason: "I respect anybody that wants to take on that challenge of homeschooling and parenting." "I'm not opposed to that, but I do think we need to study that and see how that would work as far as homeschooling kids participating in UIL. I think giving kids an opportunity is something I'm about."

"We must respect everybody's decision, whether they homeschool or attend public school. That's extremely important."

Tim Bolton: "I've done it all ... I had three sons, and they all did different things."

"My oldest two boys were homeschooled until fifth and third grade. That's about right."

"We wanted to encourage that as well" (referring to his sons wanting to transition to public school).

Courtney Gore: "So it's no longer considered an alternative education program. It's more mainstream."

"Children who are homeschooled ... want more flexibility in their schedule ... they also create a great sense of community around their homeschool."

"As public school educators, we need to be ready to serve those children when they do come to us and get them up to par wherever it is they need to be."

Jaci Lopez: "I have been to lots of homeschool communities. I hear the reasons why they're homeschooling, I hear their complaints, and I hear their struggles."

"The Tim Tebow Bill — that was a terrible, terrible bill ... There was no funding for public schools for homeschoolers to participate in UIL activities, and it would create a new burden on homeschoolers."

"I have a unique opportunity here to be a bridge between the board in the

community and the home-school community ... so that both sides can fully understand each other and just put away some of these toxic differences."

IN THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE PRIORITY EDUCATION ISSUES THAT WILL MOST LIKELY BE CONSIDERED, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK THEIR IMPACT WILL BE? IN A SENSE, WHAT LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES DO YOU HOPE TO SEE, AND WHAT WILL THEIR IMPACT BE ON GRANBURY ISD?

Tim Bolton's takeaways:

Gov. Abbott has made significant efforts to align legislators to bring school districts to the table for discussions.

Bolton emphasizes a preference for free market solutions in education while expressing concern about government overreach into households.

Bolton acknowledges that legislation often results in compromises, with various stakeholders pulling in different directions.

He stresses the importance of preparing schools to retain students and funding, even as families explore other educational opportunities.

Courtney Gore's takeaways:

Gore is personally against vouchers but emphasizes the need to address issues in public education that lead parents to seek alternative education.

There is a significant funding gap in special education, particularly related to Medicaid billing (SHARS), where the state's funding does not align with federal expectations.

Current funding is insufficient to support a marshal at each campus, indicating a need for increased funding for school safety measures.

There is an expectation that property taxes will be reduced, which may impact school funding.

Jaci Lopez's takeaways:

Key topics being discussed include teacher certifications, early literacy and numeracy outcomes, vouchers and HB 1605.

There is an emphasis on securing funding for school safety measures.

SPED funding is highlighted as a critical issue needing attention.

Lopez hopes to see legislation that enhances parental authority and rights over their children.

Spouses a desire for schools to be adequately funded to address the Granbury Independent School District (GISD) needs.

Bret Deason's takeaways: Deason emphasizes the need to address school funding and seeks clarity on what a potential voucher program would entail.

He reports a movement to eliminate maintenance and operations taxes related to property taxes.

A proposed solution involves implementing a 22% sales tax, which Deason argues could significantly increase the cost of purchasing a home.

He highlights that this sales tax could add approximately \$75,000 to the price of a median home valued at \$350,000.

Deason raises concerns about the long-term financial implications of financing increased home prices over 30 years.

He hopes to explore alternative ideas for reforming property taxes related to school funding.

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE SERVICES ISSUE: PROVIDING FULL-DAY PRE-K FOR ALL AND BRINGING BACK FREE LUNCHES?

Courtney Gore: "If that's something our community wants, absolutely ... It sets that student up for educational success for the rest of their academic career."



COURTESY PHOTOS
Courtney Gore

"Especially if you are an economically disadvantaged student, it makes a huge difference in your academic career for the rest of your life."

"The reimbursement amount for that program isn't enough ... There was a huge gap between the actual cost of food and how much we're getting from that federal program."

"We believe in high quality, nutritious food ... We're not buying cheap junk food for our kids."

Jaci Lopez: "If there truly is a need for full-day pre-K, I would definitely be open to exploring that ... analyze the numbers, see the costs, and understand the parent situation."



Jaci Lopez

"We really want ... for the children to be with their parents for as long as possible. Those are those formative years."

"I am very grateful for the information from Courtney ... I haven't seen anywhere on the budget where there was a deficit from the federal school lunch program, so I'll have to look further into that."

"There's a lot of students that are affording ... Even if they don't qualify technically for the free and reduced lunch ... they're just struggling."

Bret Deason: "When I first heard that they were offering the pre-K, I was adamantly against it ... then I started talking to the school administrator as to what the focus was."



Bret Deason

"There were a lot of kids that were showing up in kindergarten through first grade, and their reading levels were way behind the curve ... If you can't read, you're not going to learn."

"I'm kind of on the fence as far as pre-K. We're also going to leave that up to the community to decide whether they want it."

"There was a lot of misinformation when the school pulled it back ... It's still available for kids that qualify."

"We need to see what we can do to help those kids out there as well."

Tim Bolton: "I think that is encroaching more and more into the home ... I think that's a parental responsibility."



Tim Bolton

"You want to keep kids in communication with the ones who love them the most, their parents, and in their presence as long as you can."

"I get the push and the pull on that ... where you have two parents working and that becomes more difficult to train those kids up by the time they get to kindergarten."

"I would just leave that to voters."

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON CELL PHONES IN THE CLASSROOM?

Jaci Lopez believes cell phones should be put away in classrooms to minimize distractions and prevent inappropriate use. While she recognizes the importance of having a phone for emergencies, she advocates for policies that restrict access during class time to protect students' mental health and self-esteem.

Bret Deason is entirely against allowing cell phones in the classroom, viewing them as distractions that hinder learning. He believes the existing technology in schools is sufficient for educational needs and emphasizes that there are alternative ways for parents to be contacted in emergencies.

Tim Bolton believes cell phones have no place in schools and supports policies that restrict their use. He notes that such measures have improved relationships among students and teachers, reduced bullying, and had an overall positive impact on the school environment.

Courtney Gore supports the policy the district already has in place that prohibits cell phones in elementary and middle school classrooms while allowing teacher-specific use at the high school level for certain academic purposes. She emphasizes that there are filtered blockers in place to restrict access to inappropriate websites and social media during school hours.

IN YOUR ROLE AS A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE, IF A PARENT, GROUP OF PARENTS, OR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TOLD YOU THEY DO NOT FEEL THEIR VOICES ARE BEING HEARD BY THE BOARD, HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND?

Bret Deason: "One of the things the school board started was an open town hall meeting ... It was community-driven ... in that open town hall, they had an open dialogue."

"You have to be able to listen ... Come up with a solution and work together, not with an agenda behind you."

Tim Bolton: "I want to represent you so well that you know my cell phone and express those issues to me."

"It goes to just inquiring within the community, understanding what those

concerns are, and then bringing them to the rest of the board."

Courtney Gore: "There was this misconception ... that when they came to speak at the board meeting, if they were talking about non-agenda items, we couldn't respond, and so they felt like we were just ignoring them."

"Through the strategic planning process ... we came up with the town hall meetings ... where we can actually address the issues that are concerning those parents or community members at that time."

Jaci Lopez: I've mentioned a few times that I want to be a bridge between the board and the community ... so that we are getting problems solved and that there are resolutions."

"I love the town hall meetings once a quarter ... I would like to propose at least every other month that we need to be having those town hall type meetings."

CANDIDATES' CLOSING STATEMENTS FROM THE OCT. 7 FORUM.

Bret Deason expresses gratitude to the chamber and attendees for the opportunity to share his views. He highlights his four years of involvement in school board meetings and emphasizes the positive achievements of students and teachers in the district despite negative perceptions. He reaffirms his commitment to the community, stating that he will continue to be involved regardless of the election outcome.

Tim Bolton thanks the audience for their time and emphasizes prioritizing the community's needs. He presents a mnemonic, "BEST," which stands for being good stewards of funds, putting education first, spending wisely, and ensuring transparency. He stresses the need for accountability to taxpayers and expresses his commitment to these principles.

Courtney Gore emphasizes her and Deason's commitment to keeping political agendas out of schools and focusing on students. She highlights their dedication to nonpartisan leadership that serves all students and the importance of supporting teachers and engaging parents lead to better educational experiences for students and calls for the community to move forward positively. She encourages support for her campaign, stating, "Vote Deason and Gore — together we soar."

Jaci Lopez expresses her readiness to serve on the school board as a voice for the community, emphasizing the need for transparency, integrity and communication between all community members, including homeschoolers and public school families. She advocates inviting the community to GISD events to increase awareness and support. Lopez aims to empower teachers, strengthen relationships between the school board and parents, and encourage students to improve test scores.

A general election for these trustee places will be held on Nov. 5. For early voting and election day information, visit: https://granburysisd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=3781644&type=d&pREC_ID=2559549



The Granbury Chamber of Commerce hosted a trustee candidate forum Monday, Oct. 7, at the Lake Granbury Conference Center.



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Arts & Letters Bookstore celebrated five years of operation in Granbury Oct. 12. The Granbury Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony, along with some cake and champagne to celebrate the five-year milestone.



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fellow cadets, presented the award and detailed the requirements for the honor.

"To qualify for this award, you will need community service hours, cadet involvement in the student activities, academic rewards, public affairs involvement, and team accomplishments are taken into consideration," Wells said. "In fact, our teams are known for the dedication to performing after-school practice that leads to new successes. We have our academics team, physical training team, robotics team and rifle team compete and place at state and national level

competitions.

"Our Rifle Team has won National Geodetic Rifle Championships for the seventh year in a row. Our cadets commit to improvement as a driving force to the successes of our program. Our seniors received over a million dollars in scholarships last year."

SHOTTENKIRK SENIORS OF THE MONTH

The recognitions concluded with the Shottenkirk Seniors for the Month. Quinn King and Brinley Bennett were honored as the recipients for September and October, respectively, each receiving a \$500 scholarship.



GHS Principal Jamie Robinson, left, stands with senior Lilly Tyler, who received the Horatio Alger Award.



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(Not listed in order) Cadet Lt. Col. Kennedy Wells and fellow cadets Grace Larsen, James Barber, Caylynn Price, Fiona Doss, Viola Allen and Brantley Thrasher received the award.



Former STEAM Academy at Mambrino students (not listed in order) McKinsey Mendel, Sophia Bone and Elizabeth Daughtery were recognized for their winning Blue Bonnet lemonade during National Lemonade Day last spring.



Baccus Elementary students recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Not listed in order) Following the leader, Noah Barr, were Peyton Ewing, Avery Miller, Austin Spann, Justin Williams, Truett Smith and Dillan Hernandez.

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GHS Volleyball



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The Lady Pirates volleyball team took on the Aledo Lady Bearcats at Granbury High School Friday, Oct. 11. The Lady Pirates played three hard-fought sets but ultimately came up short against the Lady Bearcats. For full gallery go to hcnews.com.



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2024 Tolar Homecoming



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Tolar dominated the Early Longhorns with a 56-0 victory at its homecoming game Oct. 11. Students celebrated the occasion wearing festive overalls, mums and garters, embracing school traditions. Alumni from across the United States returned to reconnect with old friends while cheering on the Rattlers. During the halftime ceremony, Senne Imel and Peyton Brown were crowned the 2024 Homecoming Queen and King. For full gallery go to hcnews.com.



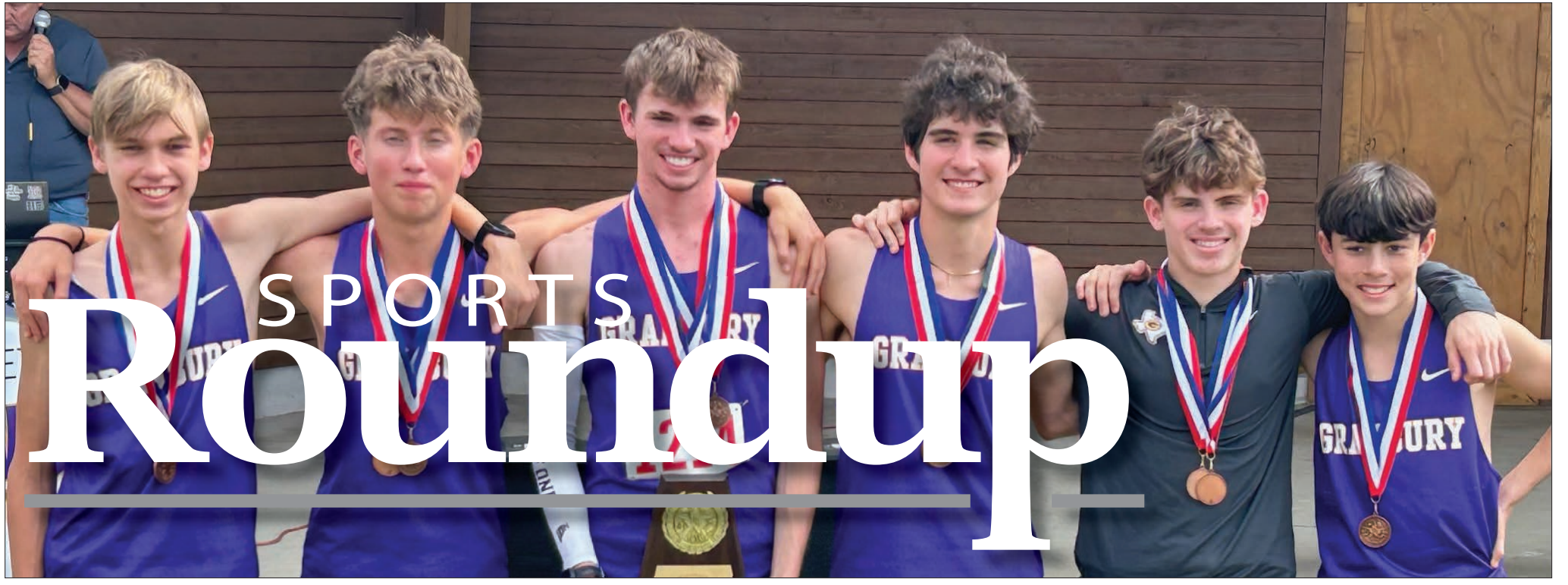


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The Granbury Pirates will be competing in the 5A Region I Cross Country Meet after their third-place finish in District 5-5A. Pictured are (from left) Nolan Segars, Brendan Thorne, Gannon Dolan, Aiden Lemens, Jacob Wolfe and Sam Valadez.

Granbury CC squads qualify for regionals

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Granbury Lady Pirates and Pirates returned to a familiar site for the District 5-5A Meet Oct. 11. A week earlier they ran in the Brewer Invitational at Central Park in White Settlement.

At the district meet, both Granbury varsity teams finished third to qualify for regionals.

"Really proud of our team and what we have overcome this year," Pirates coach Jody Brown said. "We lost one of the top runners in the state in Jaxon Glenn. Bryan Hailey moved, Gannon Dolan has not been healthy. Our younger guys really responded at the district meet."

Glenn moved to Southlake when his father, Jeremy Glenn was hired as the new superintendent of the Carroll School District.

Dolan did bounce back to finish third individually, the top finish for any Granbury runner.

"We talked all week about how Aledo and Azle would go 1 and 2 and that we would have to beat Brewer to qualify," Lady Pirates coach Amber Adams said. "The girls knew that every race counted and they ran exactly how they needed to. Everyone put in their best effort and it paid off."

Overall Granbury individual results were:

- Varsity Boys 5K
- 3. Gannon Dolan, 16:12 (first team all-district)
- 9. Aiden Lemens, 17:15 (first team all-district)
- 14. Brendan Thorne, 17:38 (honorable mention all-district)
- 26. Sam Valadez, 18:20
- 28. Jacob Wolfe, 18:24
- 38. Nolan Segars, 19:28
- Varsity Girls 5K
- 15. Ava Stein, 21:09 (honorable mention all-district)
- 21. Josefina Berry, 21:46
- 23. Adalyn Hollis, 21:48
- 26. Alexie Patrick, 22:03
- 30. Kambry Zschiesche,

22:27

- 35. Ziva Sedgwick, 23:09
- 36. Karolina Berry, 23:11

The top three teams and top 10 individuals from district qualified for the Region I Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Tuesday, Oct. 22. From there, the top four teams and top 10 individuals not on those teams will advance to state at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock Saturday, Nov. 2.

GRANBURY FOOTBALL
The Pirates (1-5, 0-4 in District 3-5A Division II at press time) will host Azle Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. At press time the surprising Hornets (6-0, 4-0) were playing at home against Denton Ryan, formerly No. 1 in the state.

Granbury was playing at Richland at press time. The Pirates lost 56-7 at home to Aledo Oct. 11.

Offensive leaders vs. Aledo: Hayden Meyer 9-of-15, 84 yards, nine carries, 30 yards; Austin Reeves 2-of-4, 84 yards, TD; Anthony DeBello five catches, 95 yards, TD.

Defensive leaders vs. Aledo: Chase Cantrell 10 tackles; Cooper Cumba six tackles, one for loss, sack; Bryson Hager six tackles; Eli Sisco six tackles.

Azle offensive players to watch: QB Derrek Vowell 70% completions, 1,474 yards, 15 TD, two interceptions; RB Hagen Hughes 1,078 yards, 14 TD.

Azle defensive players to watch: LB Joshua Guzman 36 tackles, nine for loss, sack; DL Devin Wingfield 26 tackles, five for loss, three sacks.

The Hornets are seeking their first playoff berth since 2021 after being picked eighth in the district in the preseason by "Dave Campbell's Texas Football" magazine.

Azle leads the all-time series 12-4 and has won the past seven meetings.

TOLAR FOOTBALL
The Rattlers (5-1 overall) won their District 5-3A Division II opener at home against Early, 56-0, Oct. 11.

They were hosting Dublin at press time and travel to Clifton (4-2, 1-0) Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

Clifton won 14-13 at home against Eastland Oct. 11 and was playing at Early at press time.

Offensive leaders vs. Early: Briton Rice 10-of-14, 182 yards, four TD, interception, rushing TD; Peyton Brown nine carries, 100 yards, TD; Kelvin Murray six carries, 42 yards, TD; Dacen Watkins three catches, 78 yards, two TD; Noah Yanish two carries, 32 yards, TD; Zane Terrell 18-yard TD catch.

Defensive leaders vs. Early: Drake Owens nine tackles, two for loss; Hunter Michels eight tackles, two for loss; Anson Laminick two interceptions, one returned for TD.

Clifton offensive players to watch: QB Joaquin De La Hoya 599 yards, five TD rushing; RB Jackson Ritz 351 yards, four TD.

Clifton defensive player to watch: LB James Liardon 42 tackles, one for loss, two sacks.

The win over Early was the Rattlers' 13th consecutive district win, with the last coming Nov. 26, 2021. Clifton is seeking its first winning season since 2019 and leads the all-time series against Tolar 2-0, with the last meeting being in 2011.

GRACE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL
The Gryphons (1-5) are coming off a bye week and were hosting Azle Christian School at press time. They will host Bartonville Harvest (2-4) Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Grace is the defending Texas Association of Independent Athletic Organizations state champion, winning the title in its inaugural season.

Season offensive leaders: Jones Bryce 390 yards, seven TD, six interceptions, 435 yards rushing, receiving TD; Keith Wyatt 380 yards, two TD rushing, 15 catches, 115 yards, two TD receiving.

Season defensive lead-

ers: Bryce 51 tackles, one for loss, interception, six fumble recoveries; Wyatt 51 tackles.

Harvest offensive players to watch: Brady Tickner 1,209 yards, 16 TD, seven interceptions, 315 yards, rushing TD; Landon Reeves 370 yards, eight TD rushing, 32 catches 525 yards, seven TD receiving.

Harvest defensive players to watch: L. Reeves 59 tackles, three for loss; Daxton Reeves 56 tackles, three for loss, sack, interception.

This is the first meeting between the teams.

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL
The Lady Pirates (23-19, 6-3 in District 5-5A) dropped a home match to district-leading Aledo, 3-0, Oct. 11 before bouncing back with a 3-0 win at Keller Fossil Ridge Oct. 15. Granbury is third in district and in a battle with Azle and Chisholm Trail for second behind Aledo.

Leaders vs. Aledo
Kills: Sienna Watts 6
Digs: Lilyan McCall 12, Allyson McCabe 12, Mattie Weaver 11

Assists: McCabe 20
Receptions: McCall 23, Watts 17

Leaders vs. Fossil Ridge
Kills: Blakely Bleeker 8, Watts 7, Kailynne Sermarini 7

Aces: McCabe 3
Digs: McCall 19, McCabe 12, Watts 10

Assists: McCabe 23
Receptions: McCall 24

The Lady Pirates return to action at home against Saginaw Oct. 22 and host Azle Oct. 25, both matches starting at 6 p.m.

TOLAR VOLLEYBALL
The Lady Rattlers (25-8, 8-1 in District 8-3A) continued their chase for a league championship as they won 3-0 at Breckenridge Oct. 11, followed by a 3-1 home victory against Millsap. Standouts against Breckenridge were Allyson Dobbs (seven kills, .748 hitting percentage) and Atley Kolb (four kills, .500 hitting percentage). Leading the win over Millsap were Allie Terrell (18 kills), Senne

Imel (17 kills, four aces, nine digs) and Abbie Soileau (44 assists, three blocks, 11 digs).

The Lady Rattlers, who have won 18 of their past 19 matches, were playing at Eastland at press time. They will host district-leading Peaster Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. The Lady Greyhounds held on for a 3-2 win in Peaster Sept. 27.

Tolar will also travel to Early for a noon match Oct. 26.

Tolar is seeking its first district championship since 2021.

TOLAR CROSS COUNTRY
The Rattlers and Lady Rattlers competed in the District 8-3A Meet in Dublin Oct. 9.

Leading the Rattlers was Ernesto Ramirez, who was 32nd over the 5K course with a time of 20:25.19. The Lady Rattlers' lone runner was Lucy Warner, who was 35th over the 3200-meter course with a time of 14:55.68.

Also for the Rattlers: Parker McDonald, 39th, 23:49.69; Connor England, 40th, 25:19.58; 41. Aiden Hull, 25:27.45; Relic Buckley, 43rd, 28:13.74.

GRANBURY TENNIS
The Pirates/Lady Pirates saw their season end with a 19-0 bidistrict loss to Grapevine last week. They ended the season with a 10-7 record and a third-place finish in District 5-5A with a 4-2 league mark.

A highlight for the Pirates was Tyler St. Don, who lost a thrilling singles match, 6-4, 6-7, 4-10.

TOLAR GOLF
Nick Merkle of Tolar played as a medalist in the Briggs Berry Memorial tournament last week. He posted a score of 87.

The tournament is named in honor of the former Pirate golfer who died in 2014 because of a rare immune deficiency.

GRANBURY SWIMMING
The Pirates/Lady Pirates began the season at the 17th Annual Grapevine/

Colleyville ISD Sprint Pentathlon. Granbury top results were:

Girls
3. Mylie Erez
6. Grace Larsen
7. Carmen Citzler
15. Bailey McDermott
Boys
8. Jett McFerrin
15. Cameron Ward
Grade level medalists
Girls
Twelfth grade: 3. Erez
Tenth grade: 1. Citzler
Boys
Eleventh grade: 1. McFerrin

They followed that by competing in the Northwest High School Invitational this past weekend. The Lady Pirates were second as a team and the Pirates were eighth. Top individual results included (distance in yards):
Girls
200 Freestyle: 5. Bailey McDermott, 8. Madison Erez
50 Freestyle: 5. My. Erez, 10. Citzler
100 Freestyle: 4. Avery Young
500 Freestyle: 4. Bailey McDermott, 8. Autum Stuart
100 Backstroke: 5. My. Erez, 6. Citzler, 9. Remi Chastain
100 Breaststroke: 9. Jina Kim
200 Medley A Relay: 3. Citzler, Kim, Young, My. Erez; 8. Chastain, Huckaby, Stuart, Guidry
200 Freestyle A Relay: 3. My. Erez, Ma. Erez, Young, McDermott
400 Freestyle A Relay: 3. Citzler, Ma. Erez, Chastain, McDermott; 6. Huckaby, Stone, Stuart, Guidry
Boys
200 Freestyle: 10. Michael Kracy
50 Freestyle: 10. Cameron Ward
100 Freestyle: 9. Cameron Ward
500 Freestyle: 4. Jett McFerrin
200 Freestyle A Relay: 3. McFerrin, Kracy, Jernigan, Ward
400 Freestyle A Relay: 6. McFerrin, Kracy, Jernigan, Ward



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The Granbury Lady Pirates cross country team qualified for regionals by finishing third in the District 5-5A Meet. Pictured are (from left) coach Amber Adams, Kambry Zschiesche, Adalyn Hollis, Josefina Berry, Ava Stein, Karolina Berry, Alexie Patrick and Ziva Sedgwick.

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Texans post 2nd straight Homecoming shutout with blowout win

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE - Tarleton State Football has played some nailbiters this season. Saturday, Oct. 12 was not one of them.

The No. 13 Texans left no doubt in their Homecoming game against Utah Tech, scoring four touchdowns in the opening quarter and cruising over the Trailblazers 42-0. This was Tarleton State's second straight 42-0 shutout on Homecoming, and this year's dominant effort boosted the Texans to a 6-1 overall mark, 3-0 in United Athletic Conference play. The Trailblazers lost their 12th straight game dating back to last season, falling to 0-7 overall, 0-3 in the UAC.

Tarleton had another strong crowd at Memorial Stadium Saturday night, a crowd that stayed through the blowout to witness a first-of-its-kind experience in Stephenville — a postgame drone show featuring 250 drones that displayed several unique Tarleton State animations. Tarleton also had a premier pregame, hosting a Bart Crow concert at Texan Alley, seeing Sgt. 1st Class Dana Bowman parachute onto the field, and the Texan

Rider returned once again to lead the team onto the field itself.

The Texans opened up a can in the first quarter, scoring their first of four first quarter touchdowns just a minute into the game. Kayvon Britten raced out to a 62-yard score for his first of three touchdowns on the night. On Tarleton's next drive, the Purple and White scored at ease again, marching 87 yards in 89 seconds. Britten scored again, this time from 18 yards out to put Tarleton ahead 14-0.

On Tarleton's third drive, the Texans jumped ahead 21-0, with their third rushing touchdown of the game. This time Braelon Bridges got in on the fun, scoring his first touchdown in nearly three years. He dashed it in from three yards out with 1:56 to play.

Tarleton State's defense forced its first takeaway of the game on Utah Tech's next drive, with linebacker Ty Rawls recording his second interception of the season. That led to an almost immediate touchdown by Derrel Kelley III, who punched it in from 10 yards out, making it 28-0 Tarleton with four rushing touchdowns.

Two plays after Tarleton's fourth touchdown, the Texans forced another takeaway, this time Kasyus Kurns forcing a fumble that was recovered by Jeremiah Postell. Kurns now has three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles on the season.

That led to Tarleton's first second quarter drive, which the Texans cashed in again. Britten scored his third touchdown of the game and his 12th of the season, boosting Tarleton to a 35-0 lead.

Shortly after, the Texans scored their sixth straight touchdown, their first through the air. Victor Gabalis dropped one into Darius Cooper's lap for a 71-yard touchdown to boost Tarleton ahead 42-0 with 9:25 in the second quarter.

Tarleton State called off the dogs after that, and neither team scored the remainder of the game. The Texans played most of their backups in the second half and several got quality playing time.

Gabalis completed 10-of-13 for 201 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Daniel Greek spelled him in the second half. The Texans scored five rushing touchdowns, three by Britten, one by Bridges and one by Kelley.



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The No. 13 Texans left no doubt in their Homecoming game against Utah Tech, scoring four touchdowns in the opening quarter and cruising over the Trailblazers 42-0.

Britten had just eight carries in the game and still raced for 135 yards and three scores, averaging 16.9 yards per rush. Bridges had 55 yards rushing and Kelley 50, with Kristian Dalton contributing with 55 rushing yards of his own.

Cooper led the receiving group with 141 yards and a touchdown on four receptions. Benjamin Omayebu chipped in 33 yards on three catches.

Defensively, Tarleton

State pitched the shutout with two takeaways, three sacks and eight tackles for loss. Brandon Tolvert had 1.5 sacks and 2.0 TFL, totaling five tackles. Courtland Stephens had a sack, and AJ Owens had a half-sack and 1.5 TFL.

Adrian Guzman had a solid day punting, averaging 46.2 yards across six boots, topping out at 59 yards with two punts inside the 20-yard line.

Overall, the Texans out-

gained the Trailblazers 486 to 228 with a 282-84 rush yard advantage.

The Texans have won five straight games and 10 of their last 11, dating back to last season. They are 7-1 on Homecoming over the past eight years, and 12-3 under head coach Todd Whitten in such games.

Tarleton State now has its second bye week before heading to Austin Peay for the first time Saturday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. CT.

All-Texan doubles final caps off ITA Texas Regional Championships

Tarleton State University

FORT WORTH/STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State Tennis finished off the 2024 ITA Texas Regional Championships with an All-Texan doubles final of the consolation draw Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, with junior Emma Persson and senior Noelia Lorca clinching the consolation doubles draw.

Persson/Lorca defeated Ximena Morales and Maria Castano 8-6 in the doubles final of the consolation draw Monday at Tarleton Tennis Facility.

Persson also shined in singles, collecting wins over opponents from SMU and North Texas in the main draw to advance to the Round of 16. This was the second time in the Swedish athlete's career where she came up with at least two main draw wins at the ITA Texas Regional Championships. She advanced to the Round of 16 as a true freshman in 2022.

Freshman Duru Kucusu secured a spot in the singles

main draw by collecting a pair of wins in the qualifying draw. Kucusu did not lose a set in the qualifying draw en route to being the second Tarleton State true freshman in the last three years to qualify for the ITA Texas Regional Championships main draw.

After Persson/Lorca fell short in their Round of 64 main draw doubles match, the Tarleton State duo strung together a pair of tightly contested victories. Persson/Lorca won their next two doubles matches through the tiebreak and coasted in the quarterfinals to secure a semifinal spot. The duo defeated its opponent from UTSA to clinch its consolation finals spot.

Morales/Castano advanced to the Round of 32 and was defeated by TCU in the second round, but the duo came up with three consecutive doubles wins to reach the finals against its Tarleton State teammates. After a quarterfinals victory against the Texas State duo, Morales/Castano were

victorious against their opponents from Baylor in the semifinals to set up the All-Texan consolation doubles final.

"We had a great tournament overall. Everyone was excited for another opportunity to play and everyone competed well," head coach Elianne Douglas-Miron said. "To have Emma and Duru in the main draw and two teams in the finals of the consolation for doubles is a big deal for us. We beat some excellent players along the way and really improved our doubles through match play, which is hard to do. Our players are taking ownership of their game and you can see the hard work paying off in matches. I look forward to continuing to work hard and make even bigger improvements before spring."

Tarleton State wraps up the fall portion of the season eyeing a championship at the WAC Fall Tennis Invitational in Abilene starting Oct. 25.



Tarleton State dominated in its third event of the fall Monday, Oct. 7, going 9-1 across two matches to secure its second Texan Match Play trophy in as many years.

Tarleton State Women's Golf claims back-to-back Texan Match Play Titles

Tarleton State University

GLEN ROSE - Tarleton State dominated in its third event of the fall Monday, Oct. 7, going 9-1 across two matches to secure its second Texan Match Play trophy in as many years.

The Texans' road to victory was secured with a 4-1 win over Lamar during the morning match followed by a 5-0 sweep of Texas Southern to close things out.

The match play event featured a Ryder Cup style scoring method with the pairs competing on a per hole basis and the first to win more holes than the other with less holes remaining to play was crowned the victor.

"We are very happy to defend our victory again this year," said head coach Isabel Jimenez. "We are now halfway into the fall season and this home victory is only going to help

us to keep on going strong and motivated and finish the season on a high. I am proud of the way they are competing so far this fall season and I can't wait for what's to come"

MATCH 1 VS. LAMAR

The Texans opened their lone home event of the season in a dominant fashion taking down Lamar 4-1 to secure at least a top two finish in their third straight event of the fall.

One of the newest Texans on the roster, Louise Depadt, came away with the biggest win defeating Juliette Daviau as she was up eight with seven to go. Fellow newcomer Darianys Guzman followed close behind clinching after being up four with two to go over Amanda Davidsson.

Lou Deltombe defeated Karolina Krasova being up four with three to go. Rebeca Fernandez went on to defeat Sara Hagglund being up two with one to go.

Mathilde Brogens dropped the lone matchup falling to Lucy Bedford as the Lamar Cardinal was up one with no holes left to go.

MATCH 2 VS. TEXAS SOUTHERN

After a big opening match win, the Texans poured it on even more, sweeping Texas Southern 5-0.

Guzman defeated Miness Saime up seven with six to go. She was followed by Deltombe and Fernandez who both won up six with five to go. Deltombe defeated Azul Amezcua while Fernandez defeated Phaiith Harris.

Brogens bounced back, defeating Shawnise Gregory going up five with three to go. Depadt closed things out defeating Alexa Gonzalez after going up four with three to go.

Tarleton State will return to action Oct. 20-22 as the Texans will travel to Boulder City, Nevada, for The Clash at Boulder Creek.

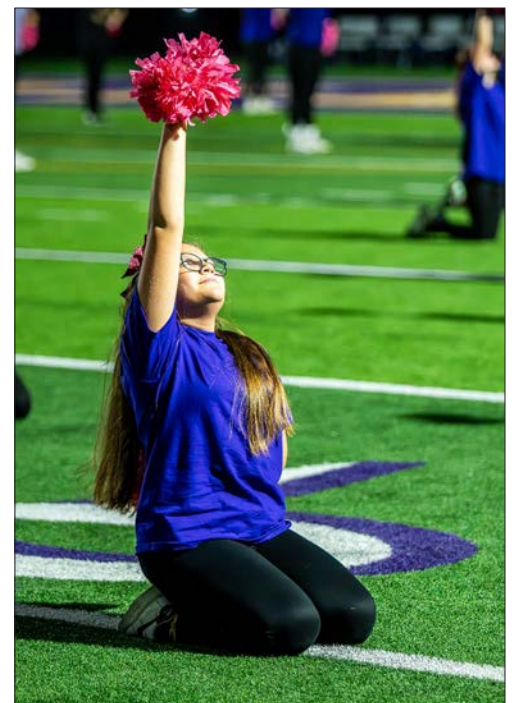


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GHS Football

The Pirates football team took on the Aledo Bearcats at Granbury High School Friday, Oct. 11. The Pirates played hard but ultimately came up short against The Bearcats, losing 7-56. During half time, The Pride of Granbury Marching Band played their award-winning 2024 show Black Gold. The Granbury Stowaways were joined on the field by junior high dancers from AMS and GMS. For full gallery go to hcnews.com.





NCTA Volleyball

The North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers finished well in regional volleyball play. The Lady Pioneers beat JCSA 25-3, 25-6. They were victorious over East Texas 25-14, 25-11 and also beat Stephenville Faith 25-11, 25-10. The team will travel to College Station this weekend for the State competition.

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First Baptist Church pumpkin patch and Fall Fest

From Staff Reports

There is nothing like a trip to the pumpkin patch to mark the fall season. First Baptist Church invites you to visit its pumpkin patch until Oct. 31.

Open seven days a week, hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 4-7 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays noon-7 p.m.

Pumpkins were delivered the day before the pumpkin

patch opened Oct. 17 to ensure the freshest selection possible.

The First Baptist Church pumpkin patch is a fundraiser for church summer camps, which will be led by youth pastor Dillon Thomas.

Fall Fest, which has been a staple at Halloween time for years, is a safe and free event for families. The event is led by Debra DeSario, chil-

dren's coordinator.

Fall Fest will take place from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31. Activities include trunk or treat, bounce houses and slides, a petting zoo and, of course, the pumpkin patch.

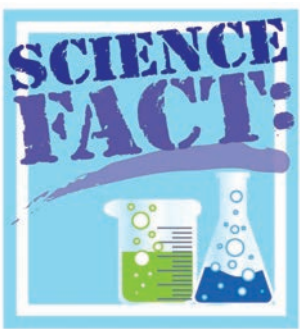
Both Thomas and DeSario are new to Granbury and church leadership is excited to see what the two have planned for these events.

The church is located at 1851 Weatherford Highway.

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October 19, 2024



Ground sloths are a group of extinct large sloths in the mammalian superorder Xenarthra. The much smaller living sloths are called "tree sloths".



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The sloth's hair is a living, breathing home to many different organisms, from microbes, insects to fungi and algae.



October 19th marks a special occasion for nature enthusiasts worldwide - International Sloth Day! It's a day dedicated to celebrating the unique charm and gentle nature of these fascinating creatures.

Sloths, with their unhurried pace and endearing smiles, remind us to slow down and appreciate the simple joys of life. International Sloth Day provides an opportunity to honor these remarkable mammals and raise awareness about their conservation needs.

Join the celebration on October 19th by learning more about sloths and their habitats. Explore documentaries, read informative articles, or visit a local zoo or wildlife sanctuary to observe sloths up close and discover the importance of protecting their natural environment.

International Sloth Day is also a time to reflect on the value of living mindfully and cherishing moments of tranquility. Whether you're taking a leisurely stroll in nature, enjoying a quiet moment of reflection, or simply admiring the beauty of the natural world, embrace the slow life and savor the serenity that surrounds you.

So, mark your calendars for October 19th and join in the festivities as we celebrate International Sloth Day. Whether you're spreading awareness, supporting conservation efforts, or simply taking a moment to appreciate these captivating creatures, let's come together to honor the charm and wonder of sloths and their habitat.

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2024 C.A.S.T for kids

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On Saturday, Oct. 12, there was a lot of excitement and many happy smiles at the True Grit Ranch during the annual C.A.S.T. for Kids Lake Granbury Chapter event in Hood County. C.A.S.T. stands for Catch A Special Thrill and it promotes the idea that kids with disabilities can achieve anything. The event is intended for children aged six to 18, and provides an opportunity for kids with special needs to enjoy outdoor recreational activities, particularly fishing. All kids, including friends and siblings, were welcome to participate. Local Game Wardens, Brazos River Authority reps, and volunteers spent the day teaching children the proper techniques for casting, reeling, and baiting the hook. For full gallery go to hcnews.com



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Remembering James Brock: 'Larger than life'

BY ASHLEY TERRY
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Hood County's beloved restaurant owner James Brock gave his final "How do, everybody," Thursday, Oct. 3, when he said goodbye to his loved ones and was embraced in the arms of Jesus.

Brock — who was known affectionately around town as "Jambo" — passed away at the age of 68 after succumbing to his battle with cancer.

"At 3:49 a.m., Brock went home to be with Jesus and his parents!" daughter Jae Brock Crawford posted on Facebook. "Thank you to everyone for all the love you have shown our family this last year. It's been a tough journey, but he is finally pain free!"

Brock was diagnosed with lung cancer last November and started treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Crawford previously told the Hood County News her father's cancer had later spread into his "stomach, liver, neck and lymph nodes.

"It kind of knocked the wind out of all of us," she had said.

Brock was the owner of Brock's Food and Drinks in Acton — home of the Wagyu chicken fried steak. He first opened his restaurant in 2020, at the height of COVID-19. Despite the challenges, however, the restaurant quickly became a popular hangout, complete with good tunes, good grub and a good time.

Of course, part of the restaurant's success had a lot to do with the man himself, as no one could ever compete with Brock's quick-witted sense of humor and gregarious nature.

During his memorial service Oct. 6, friend and pastor Shane Brooks shared that Brock and his wife found a welcoming home at The Bridge, the local church they attended in his final months — which is also where Brooks serves as pastor.

"What an honor it was when they walked in the door," Brooks said. "After his first

couple Sundays there I caught him, and I was like, 'Man, sorry I missed you last Sunday. That was your first Sunday here, and I'm just glad you're here,' and he's like 'I've never seen a man so full of Jesus and so full of crap all at the same time.' I felt that deep."

While his signature greeting was "How do, everybody," Crawford noted during the service that the pair had a special way of addressing each other.

"I greeted him with, 'Hey, Daddy O' and he always responded to me in the weirdest way possible of 'Hello, Clarice,'" she said, referencing the phrase made famous by Hannibal Lecter in "Silence of the Lambs."

She also recounted her favorite story about her dad regarding a prank he pulled when he was only about 6 years old.

"It was his first week of first grade," Crawford said. "Mamaw took him to school every day, and when she drove off, Dad walked home and hid in the bushes. He even ate his lunch in the bushes. When he saw the other kids start walking home, he left the bushes and walked inside like he had been in school all day. After a week of this, the principal called Mamaw and asked if they changed their mind about sending little Jimmy to school — and those were probably just the beginning of his pranks."

She also shared a memorable story from when their family owned a furniture manufacturing plant. She explained that her dad's long-time friend, Dr. Stan Cobb, was preparing for a mission trip to Mexico, and her dad insisted on joining.

"They had the idea that the theme should be, of course, 'Love One Another,'" Crawford said. "John 13:34 was one of my dad's favorite verses. They asked my dad's plant manager to help them translate this theme into Spanish. They wanted the village covered in this so they bought hats, T-shirts, stickers, buttons, flyers, you name it. They get to the village and start passing it all out. They



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were so excited. "Then, the head of the village comes out running out yelling, 'You can't pass those out. You can't pass those out.' My dad and Dr. Cobb were very confused, until he said, 'All the printed stuff is wrong. Everything on there says, 'Make love to everyone.'"

Crawford explained that while her dad's intentions were always genuine and filled with love, he sometimes struggled with the execution.

"Let me tell you, that was very true in most of the areas of my dad's life," she said. "His heart was always in the right place. It's just sometimes his translation needed some help."

Brock was also known for his fondness of hoodies and cargo shorts — a distinctive style that quickly became his trademark in Hood County.

"This loss will not only be felt by the family, friends and local bookies in the community that depended on him, but it will no doubt have an impact on the hoodie and cargo shorts industry, as he was

single-handedly keeping all of that relevant," Brooks joked.

In fact, Brock hated wearing pants so much that when he received the Howard Clemmons Distinguished Service Award earlier this year, he joked that the Granbury Chamber of Commerce personally sent someone out to tell him — to ensure he understood he would have to shun his customary shorts in order to attend the event.

"I think they made a horrible mistake (giving me the award)," Brock told the HCN in February. "I don't know about me. I opened a new business during 2020. And then I give food away for free every week. That doesn't sound like a very good businessperson to me."

Back in 2016 — before he ever opened his restaurant — Brock started giving away free Thanksgiving meals every year as a way to give back to the community.

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Mike Tabor, Scott Myers and Dan Coates at ArtWalk 2003.

The legacy of Dan and Judy Coates lives on: Two Coates are better than one

BY EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH
Special to the
Hood County News

The late Dan and Judy Coates were two of a kind — not in temperament or personality, but in heart and vision. The two worked joyfully to contribute substantially to the Granbury we know today.

The Coates Western Exhibition and Sale that takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts is a tribute to Dan and Judy and a way to honor their lasting impact.

The Coateses loved art, they collected art, they supported the arts, and they donated their time and resources to art events and organizations. Even early Granbury July Fourth events included art.

Dan Coates had always enjoyed drawing but did not pursue art professionally until one day when he was critiquing a fine art piece quietly to his wife and she quipped

that he should try his hand at art himself.

Dan Coates always took his wife's suggestions seriously. In no time Dan Coates made a name for himself as a western sculptor. He was soon selected for prestigious shows, winning awards and earning commissions. He had found a new outlet for his love of the cowboy life and all things western.

A genuine cowboy, Dan Coates was described as larger than life, and one who wore the heart of Texas on his sleeve. A true gentleman, he was known for his generosity, warm demeanor and quick wit — a brilliant man full of brilliant ideas and the drive to execute them.

Judy Coates was a woman who exuded tenderness and beauty. She was known for her devout faith. She had the gift of using her excellent taste to make a house a home and helping others do the same. She was a true lady in every sense of the word.

The Coateses moved to Granbury from Arlington in 1976 with their children

Courtney, 13 and Dan, 10. The family had traveled all over Texas on weekends since Dan Coates was a rodeo announcer on weekends and worked for an investment firm during the week.

Dan Jr. had learned to announce beside his dad, who was a famous announcer for rodeo, wrestling and boxing. Young Dan began to announce rodeo at the age of 14 and kept doing so for the following 30 years. Both Dan Coates are regarded as two of the best to take the mic.

"You'd think the kids would get sick of going, but they love it," Judy Coates said to the Hood County News in June 1977 about traveling around Texas to all the rodeos.

The Coates family had lived in Granbury just one year at that time, and the family jumped into serving immediately.

The family was familiar with the landscape around the state and chose Granbury as the place they wanted to raise their long-

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The Coates Western Art Exhibition and Sale

BY EDEN DUNCAN GILBREATH
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Friends of western art are in for a treat Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, when The Coates Western Art Exhibition and Sale takes place in the David Southern Lake Granbury Conference Center.

The exclusive event is expected to draw both locals and visitors with an eye for fine art — both traditional and contemporary. Friday, Oct. 25 is the special preview V.I.P. event. Art patrons and enthusiasts attending the V.I.P. event can expect the opportunity to mingle with the artists while enjoying food, beverages and music.

The Coates show is sponsored by the Granbury Arts Alliance, concurrent with the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts sponsored by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association.

In just its fourth year since conception, the Coates show has moved to the conference center this year to allow the space necessary for the growing event.

The concept for the show began in 2021 when Hood County resident Ron Sutton, joined by Ken Hackett, contacted the Coates family to seek permission to host an art show in honor of Dan and Judy Coates.

Dan Coates died in 2005, followed by Judy Coates in 2021. Dan Coates, a financial services executive and accomplished sculptor and Judy Coates, a homemaker and skilled interior designer, had worked tirelessly to serve Hood County, promote Granbury and to support the arts.

News is spreading about the relatively new show; event coordinators have al

PLEASE SEE ART | C6

The global journey of the jack-o'-lantern

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As North Central Texas temps finally begin to feel a little more fall-like and the days grow shorter, one of the most beloved traditions in many households is carving pumpkins. Whether crafting a grinning face or something more sinister, carving a pumpkin into a “jack-o'-lantern” has become an essential part of Halloween festivities.

But where did this tradition come from, and how has it evolved over time? The origins of pumpkin carving are as old as the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, with a fascinating journey through folklore, immigration and commercialization. Let's take a closer look at the story behind this spooky custom.

THE CELTIC FESTIVAL OF SAMHAIN AND EARLY ORIGINS

The roots of pumpkin carving can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated around Oct. 31. For the Celts, Samhain marked the end of the harvest season and the

beginning of winter — a time of transition where the veil between the living and the dead was believed to be at its thinnest.

Bonfires were lit to ward off spirits, and people wore disguises to protect themselves from roaming ghosts. Along with these practices, the Celts sometimes carved turnips, potatoes or other vegetables into lanterns, which were used to either guide spirits or keep them at bay. This was a precursor to the modern practice of carving jack-o'-lanterns.

As time went on, these ancient rituals began to blend with early Christian practices, particularly with the holiday of All Hallows' Eve, or what we now call Halloween. When Irish immigrants carried these traditions to the United States, a new element was about to be introduced: the pumpkin.

THE LEGEND OF STINGY JACK

The legend of Stingy Jack adds a rich layer of folklore to the origins of the jack-o'-lantern. According to an old Irish tale, Jack was a trickster who managed to outwit the devil multiple times. However, after his death, Jack found himself

unwelcome in both heaven and hell, condemned to wander the Earth forever. The devil gave him a single burning coal, which Jack placed inside a hollowed-out turnip to light his way as he roamed the world in darkness. This ghostly figure became known as “Jack of the Lantern” or simply “jack-o'-lantern.”

As the story spread, people began carving their own lanterns to scare away spirits like Jack. Although the legend varies in different cultures, the core idea of using lighted, carved vegetables to ward off or guide spirits remains the same. When this tradition crossed the Atlantic with Irish immigrants, it found new life in a distinctly American vegetable: the pumpkin.

FROM TURNIPS TO PUMPKINS: AN AMERICAN TWIST

When Irish immigrants arrived in the United States in the 19th century, they brought with them the tradition of carving turnips. However, in America, they discovered the pumpkin, a fruit native to North America that was much larger, more abundant, and

easier to carve than the tough-skinned turnips back home. Pumpkins quickly became the carving medium of choice, and by the mid-1800s, this new practice of creating jack-o'-lanterns from pumpkins had taken hold.

As Halloween grew in popularity throughout the 20th century, so did the tradition of pumpkin carving. This period also saw the rise of Halloween as a commercial holiday, with pumpkin patches, carving kits and themed decorations contributing to the growing tradition. What began as a humble folk practice had now blossomed into an integral part of the American Halloween experience.

THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF PUMPKIN CARVING

By the 1950s, Halloween had become a major holiday in the U.S., and pumpkin carving was front and center in the celebrations. This was the era when pumpkin-carving kits first hit the market, allowing families to easily create intricate designs. Pumpkin carving contests, local festivals, and even media, like reality TV shows

featuring extreme pumpkin art, all contributed to the expansion of this once-simple activity.

In modern times, pumpkin carving has evolved into a form of creative expression. Artists push the limits of what can be done with a pumpkin, from simple jack-o'-lantern faces to intricate designs of famous characters or elaborate sculptures. It's become not just a Halloween tradition but a major commercial enterprise, with billions of dollars spent annually on Halloween-related goods, including pumpkins.

THE CULTURAL IMPACT AND GLOBAL SPREAD

While Halloween and pumpkin carving are quintessentially American traditions, they have since spread around the globe. Countries such as Canada, the U.K. and parts of Europe have embraced the holiday and, with it, the practice of carving pumpkins. In some places, local variations have emerged, with communities adapting the tradition to fit their cultural customs.

For instance, in the U.K., where the original practice of

carving turnips began, many people have now also adopted pumpkins for Halloween celebrations. In parts of Europe, Halloween isn't as widely celebrated, but in recent years, the influence of American media and culture has led to a growing interest in pumpkin carving and other Halloween customs.

CONCLUSION

The tradition of carving pumpkins for Halloween is a unique blend of ancient Celtic customs, folklore, and immigrant adaptation. What started as a way to ward off spirits during Samhain became a symbol of Stingy Jack's wandering soul, eventually transforming into a family-friendly activity that sparks joy and creativity every October. From turnips to pumpkins, from folklore to full-blown commercialism, carving jack-o'-lanterns is a perfect example of how old traditions can evolve and flourish in new cultural contexts. So, as you carve your pumpkin this year, remember — you're participating in a centuries-old tradition that's traveled through time and across continents, lighting up the darkness with a flicker of fun and fright.

JAMES

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In 2021, he also started cooking breakfast every summer for students and other members of the community in need.

“There's a lot of kids in the community who are not going to have food because of school ending, so we were talking and I said, ‘What can we do?’ Man, I got a kitchen and we feed everybody on Thanksgiving, so why don't we just do it — make tacos?” Brock told the HCN in 2021.

“He helped give over 1,500 struggling families food, clothing, toys, coats and wrapped presents,” Brooks said. “He gave out over 10,000 Thanksgiving meals. He started Christmas for Children, which gave out over 25,000 meals.

“I remember when Brock's opened here in Granbury, and I didn't know James yet, but I kept hearing people talk about it, and people would say, ‘That guy just ... gives away free breakfast,’ and I would always ask, ‘To who?’ To anybody. To everybody. If you come by and you need food, James was just out there in the back handing out free burritos. They ended up serving over 12,000 breakfasts for people who just needed it.”

With such a humble heart, it was always difficult for Brock to accept any accolades or credit for his achievements, as he always made sure to pass on that recognition to someone else.

From Hood County Man of the Year, to the Community Builder Award, to the Because We Care Award, Brock's community contributions were always greatly acknowledged and appreciated — even if he always shrugged off the honors.

“Dad has received dozens of humanitarian awards

over the years, which made him blush,” Crawford said. “He appreciated it, but it was never about that. It was about the heart of the person who was in need.”

“Once you met James, it didn't take long before you saw the part of him that was just filled with Christ and the love of Christ,” Brooks said. “It wasn't hard, once you met him, to realize who he was and what he was made of.”

Brooks added that the reason everyone recognized and honored Brock is because of the love and care he showed to every person he met.

“He just loved people,” he said. “And he said it every time he saw you, ‘I love you.’”

One quote that Brock always told his granddaughter, Katie, is “You can't change the world, but you can make a difference in that little tiny piece of the place we live in.”

“He lived this out his whole life,” Crawford said. “Everywhere he went, from North Richland Hills, all the way to Granbury. Dozens and dozens of strangers have contacted Mom and I this week, telling us stories of how Dad helped them and even changed their lives — and we didn't know any of these stories until this week, because he never told anyone.”

“I learned a long time ago that you can give without loving, but you can't love without giving,” Brooks said. “That's what set James apart. He was a giver ... There's something magical about being a giver, someone who consistently goes out of their way to help others. It's not just about the act of giving; it's about the unexpected side effects that comes from being a giver. You see, being a giver has a way of turning ordinary moments into heartwarming stories, but mainly, being a giver turns ordinary people into larger-than-life figures — and I think we can all agree

James Brock was a larger-than-life figure.”

Brock's son, Austin, shared that his dad's celebration of life felt like honoring two distinct personas. He described “James” as a devoted family man who, like everyone else, dealt with anxiety and human worries, while “Jambo” was his fun alter ego.

“Jambo was the kind of guy that you would hear a dirty joke on Monday and focus to remember it all week, just so when you saw him on the weekend, you could tell it to him just to get that, ‘Oh my,’ and that just half Beavis and Butthead weird laugh and nervous heckle out of him afterwards,” Austin said. “That was that guy.”

Austin went on to explain that his dad was a thousand different things — but most of all, he was all about spreading “selfless, whole-hearted” love.

“Somebody would say, ‘Hey, this kid doesn't have a pair of shoes.’ He'd raise money and get shoes for the whole damn school,” Austin said. “Some kid doesn't have access to proper nutrition during the summer? ‘Hey, let's just feed the whole damn community.’ People don't have anywhere to go for the holidays? ‘Hey, let's just feed the whole town’ ... He was bigger than life.”

While his dad's loss will be felt by hundreds, if not thousands, Austin said he has one challenge for everyone who loved his dad — not to let Brock's legacy die.

“He didn't do all of that on his own,” he said. “There was a bunch of y'all that helped all the time, all the way through, and I challenge y'all not to let that die. Keep up his legacy. Keep up the Thanksgiving (meals). Stay with it. Don't let that die with him. You were Brock's army. It wasn't just for cancer. Y'all were Brock's army.”

Crawford noted that los-

ing a parent is devastating, but losing her best friend has been unbearable.

“He was my first call in the morning and my last call at night, with at least a dozen calls in between,” she said. “The loneliness is so awful, but all the text, calls, posts, food and prayers have truly shown us how loved my dad really is. Dad was a force to be reckoned with.”

She described her father as being “eccentric, but a hippy at heart.” She said he was philosophical and was “so deep, yet so incredibly ridiculous sometimes.”

“He just didn't hear music and art. He saw it in everything,” Crawford said. “Life was a beautiful story he loved to talk about.”

She shared that her and her brother's childhoods were filled with fun and quirks — leaving little chance for normalcy. Crawford said while they were immersed in sports, music and vacations growing up, their upbringing mainly revolved around service.

“Dad taught us three important things: love others, love Jesus and always work hard,” she said. “My dad was not perfect, but he was perfect for me. He was not a saint, but he was there for those in need.”

She added that while her father had many titles — son, brother, husband, father, friend, musician and cook — he was “pawpaw,” above all else.

“My kids got their love of music from him, their incredible kitchen skills from him, their infectious laughs and joys for life from him, and their crazy, wicked smart brains from him,” Crawford said. “They are who they are today because of the love that he had for all five of his grandkids. He fought cancer, and he fought hard just to be with them for one more

day. Even at the very end, he couldn't speak anymore, and when he saw them, he just hummed, ‘I love you’ to them. He just wanted them to know that his world was for his grandkids.”

In his final moments, although her dad couldn't speak, Crawford recalled that Brock, “as clear as can be,” looked at her and her mother and said, “I'm alright.”

“He looked off in the distance, reached his arms out and said, ‘Hey, Mom,’ as he entered heaven,” she said. “Our family knows he was OK, because he knew that we were taken care of ... This might be goodbye, but Dad's story and legacy lives on. His love is etched in our hearts forever.”

Brooks explained that although many people in Hood

County are feeling grief in his absence, he reminded everyone that Brock was not someone who really dabbled in grief; instead, he embodied “light.”

“He brought light to the people around him, whether it was through his sense of humor, his generosity, his smile or his kindness,” he said. “He knew how to make things brighter.”

As the Hood County community mourns the life of both a remarkable character and a “stubborn old turd,” as Crawford lovingly described her father, we can rest assured knowing that although Brock may have forgotten the questions sometimes, he always knew the answers — because as he once said, “The answer is always love.”

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LEGACY

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horn cattle and put down permanent roots. The family did everything together, working and playing.

"We had been coming to Granbury since I guess 1975 visiting friends who have a lake house here. And we would drive through Granbury to go to a rodeo when my dad was announcing rodeos on the weekends, and he and Mom just fell in love with this little town," shared Courtney Coates Blackman.

In Pete Kendall's Hood County News tribute article about Dan Coates published in April 2005, Dan Coates says that when traveling back from a rodeo he realized Arlington wasn't that far from Granbury and he said to his wife, "How would you like to move to Granbury?"

Judy Coates replied, "I would love to." "We were living in Arlington and next thing I know Dad contacted Dave Cook and they bought the Umphress place and we had this little farmhouse and 200 acres. They wanted to build a big house up on the hill. They redid the farmhouse while we lived in it, and we never moved from there. The farmhouse was never built," said Blackman.

In 1976 as a new resident, Dan Coates served on the bicentennial committee in Granbury as the country was in a flurry to celebrate the 200th birthday of our nation.

Just a year later, in 1977, Dan and Judy Coates led the Independence Day celebration planning and execution. Dan Coates is considered one of the founding fathers of Granbury's cur-



Dan Coates and one of a series of monochromatic paintings he did of 1930's cowgirls.

rent July Fourth event.

"I thoroughly intend to jump in with both feet," Judy Coates said in the 1977 article. She had period costumes made for the event and for the promotion prior, including "a lovely Native American dress" she hoped Courtney would wear, "But she loves to ride that horse too much to be hampered with skirts," she explained.

Blackman recalls the first celebration her parents were in charge of.

"I remember listening to him talk about it. He said, 'We need to build this as an old fashioned Fourth of July.' So my dad got a school bus from the high school — it didn't have air conditioning.

"Back in the day there would be old timers that would pick on the square in the gazebo and Jack Stout used to cook his sourdough biscuits and just hand them out to whomever was walking by. It really was a small town, you know," explained Blackman.

The entertainment for this "Whistle Stop Bus Tour" were "pickers" Clarence

Vaughn, Fly Vaughn, Elmer Cody and Tom Hafford. Blackman continues, "And so my dad said, 'We need to latch on to this, and this is what it's going to be.' So he got that bus, and he got those pickers to agree, and they went on the bus.

"My brother, my mother, my dad and I were all dressed in old-fashioned clothing. I don't know who all was on the bus but I know there were lots people on the bus.

"He (Dan Coates) took a map and he drew a radius around Granbury and we had posters, and we stopped at every little town within that radius around Granbury.

"And he'd pull that school bus up, and all of us unloaded and the pickers would get out and sit in these chairs and start playing. And then we would take off in our costumes and ask if we could put posters up in their windows. It really was the beginning of the Fourth of July, I remember it so vividly.

"It was so much fun. He was great at that (promot-



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Dan Coates greets a friend at Art Walk in 2003. Both Dan and Judy were known for their warmth and humility and ability to make a person felt seen.

ing). From the time I was born my grandfather never really had a regular job. He was a promoter and an announcer.

"So it was there (this ability), it was in them. And I think my Dad even talked to my granddad — talked about ideas, what would be really great. They were wild west and promoting all kinds of stuff before social media," said Blackman.

Dan Coates described his plans for the 1978 July Fourth to Peggye Swenson of the Hood County News in June, "It's going to be a rip-snorting great day," he said. It was going to be something you had to see to believe according to Dan Coates.

Granbury was well on its way to becoming a hub to the communities around it. After the completion of the DeCordova Bend Dam in 1969, the next decade saw the movers and shak-

ers of Granbury begin to organize new civic groups and strengthen the ones that already existed. These groups became the foundations of civic and cultural life in Hood County, laying a strong foundation for all the growth to come.

Small groups of people would do the work, and their names can be seen over and over in the archives. Dan and Judy Coates are two of those names.

The Coateses became key players in these groups, serving in every capacity. Between them they served on committees and boards and as leaders: The Hood County Bicentennial Commission/ Shanley Park Association, the Old Fashioned Fourth of July committee, 4-H, Hood County Livestock Raisers Association, the Lake Granbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Granbury Beautification

Council, Mission Granbury and others.

Donating ideas, inspiration, time and money, decade after decade, the Coateses did so while raising their children, excelling at their work and running their ranch.

Their parties were the stuff of legends, a yearly soiree that at last count was attended by hundreds. Held in the "old west" town built by Dan Coates behind their home, Blackman said the attire was "clean jeans."

A western art exhibition in their names seems a fitting tribute to the Coateses, a way their legacy can continue to contribute to the community they so loved.

As Dan Coates said to Suzanne McMinn of the Hood County News in August 1990, "Granbury has been wonderful to my family and I think the world of it."

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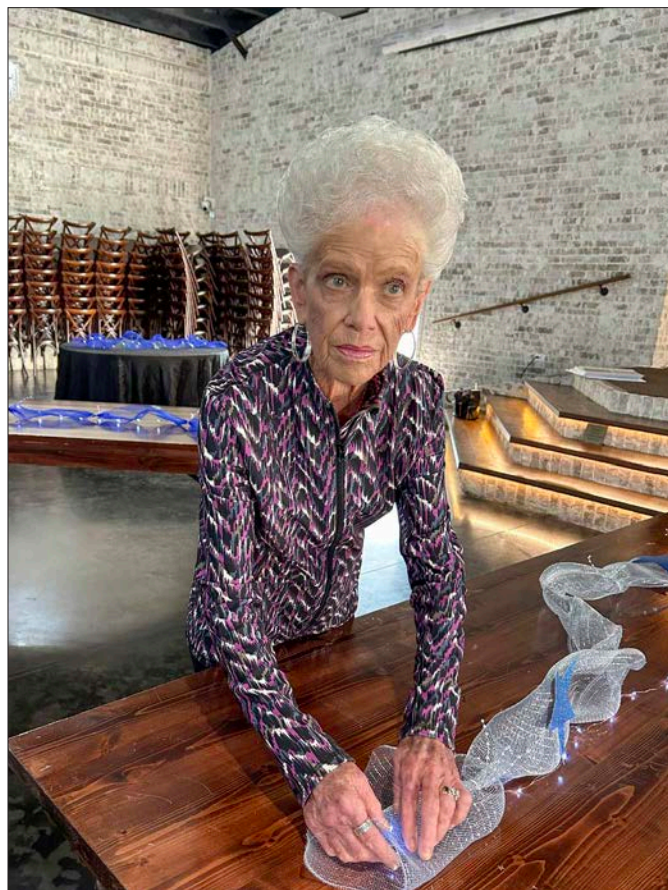
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The Taste of Granbury is a premier event hosted by Woman's Wednesday Club of Granbury on Oct. 10 at La Bella Luna to fund scholarships for female graduates from Hood County High schools through the WWC Lois G. Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Fund and support community charities. The event featured local eateries, brewers, wineries, and spirits distillers.



Backstage hijinks take center stage in Granbury Theatre Company's 'Noises Off'

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This fall, the Granbury Theatre Company is bringing nonstop laughter to the Historic Granbury Opera House with "Noises Off," the classic British farce by Michael Frayn. Opening Oct. 25 and running through Nov. 10, this high-energy comedy is packed with mishaps, misunderstandings and a whole lot of backstage chaos. Often hailed as "the funniest farce ever written," "Noises Off" is a riotous play-within-a-play that will leave audiences in stitches.

At the heart of the comedy is the fictional play "Nothing On," where everything that could go wrong does. The plot follows the misadventures of a struggling theatre troupe as they prepare for their show's opening night. Set in a typical English country house, "Nothing On" is a chaotic sex farce featuring mistaken identities, illicit affairs and disappearing sardines. But behind the scenes, the real chaos is brewing.

As the "Noises Off" audience watches, the performers of "Nothing On" fumble

through rehearsals, miss cues, forget lines and continually bungle their way through the show, making for an uproarious mix of on-stage and backstage comedy. As the show progresses, personal relationships between the cast members begin to unravel, adding even more layers to the madness. Director Lloyd Dallas, played by Javon Tcheco, is doing everything he can to keep the production on track, but the actors' antics — including misplaced props, door slamming and escalating rivalries — push the play further and further into comedic disarray.

The structure of "Noises Off" is brilliant in its construction. The first act presents a chaotic dress rehearsal of "Nothing On," where it becomes clear the production is teetering on the edge of disaster. Act Two offers a behind-the-scenes view of the show during its tour, with the actors' off-stage conflicts mirroring the on-stage pandemonium. In the final act, the audience sees "Nothing On" in performance — but by this point, the cast's personal dramas have fully unraveled, and the play disintegrates into com-

plete, sidesplitting chaos.

The brilliance of "Noises Off" lies in its precise timing and intricate physical comedy, making it one of the most challenging farces to stage. The Granbury Theatre Company, however, is more than up to the task, thanks to the guidance of director Austin Bender, who emphasizes the importance of the farce's chaotic rhythm. "What I love about this play is that it really captures what makes live theater so special. Mistakes can and will happen!" Bender explains. "As a performer, messing up on stage — whether it's not bringing a plot-driving prop on when you were supposed to, skipping an entire monologue dripping with exposition, or just missing an entire entrance — there is always a collective panic backstage."

Bender, making his directorial debut with Granbury Theatre Company, has embraced the frenetic pace of "Noises Off" and its unpredictable nature. "As this is my first time directing with the Granbury Theatre Company, I really wanted to stay true to what makes this show so special: the comedy!" he says, adding, "They

say 90% of directing is casting, and with this extraordinary cast, I have to agree! These actors are all experts in their craft, and I couldn't be happier with their work during rehearsals. Not to mention, they are all wonderful human beings!"

THE HISTORY OF 'NOISES OFF'

Since its debut in 1982, "Noises Off" has been celebrated as a masterpiece of farce. The play's origins trace back to 1970 when Michael Frayn was watching a performance of his earlier work, "The Two of Us," from backstage. The playwright quickly realized that the behind-the-scenes action of a production was often funnier and more chaotic than what was happening onstage. Inspired by this observation, Frayn began developing "Noises Off," a meta-comedy that provides audiences with both the on-stage performance of a play and the frantic backstage antics that accompany it.

"Noises Off" premiered at the Lyric Theatre in London, where it quickly became a smash hit, running for over five years. Its success crossed the Atlantic, with a Broadway debut in 1983

that cemented its status as a comedy classic. The play has since been revived multiple times, including a Tony Award-nominated production in 2016.

Audiences continue to be delighted by its precise physical comedy, razor-sharp wit, and the sheer joy of watching something go hilariously wrong. The concept of a play-within-a-play adds an extra layer of entertainment, making "Noises Off" one of the most beloved farces in modern theater history. For actors and directors alike, it's a challenging production to mount, requiring split-second timing, impeccable physicality and a strong ensemble cast.

Granbury Theatre Company's production of "Noises Off" brings together some of the area's finest comedic talent. The all-star cast includes Emily Potter as the forgetful Doty Otley (who doubles as the housekeeper Mrs. Clackett), Tcheco as the increasingly frustrated director Lloyd Dallas, and Rodney Hudson as Garry Lejeune, whose off-stage jealousies create even more trouble. The rest of the talented ensemble features Tiffany Wynne,

Cayley Bender-Davis, Jonah Hardt, Bentleigh Nesbit, Ryan Wagoner and Freddy Martinez Jr., with Hannah Horton and Ben Ronney standing by as understudies.

Behind the scenes, a top-notch artistic team is bringing this ambitious production to life. Colton Lively serves as assistant director, while Jonah Hardt, who also plays Frederick Fellowes in the cast, designed the set. Reagan Deming leads scenic artistry, with Eme Looney designing costumes and Whitney Shearon and Kyle Hoffman adding their lighting and sound magic. In a show where precision is critical, Joe Chapa's fight and intimacy choreography ensures that the physical comedy hits all the right marks.

With "Noises Off" guaranteed to deliver big laughs and memorable moments, it's a must-see for theater lovers and anyone in need of a good time. Don't miss your chance to experience the fun — tickets are available online at www.granburytheatrecompany.org or by calling the Granbury Opera House box office at 817-579-0952. Get your tickets soon, and prepare for an evening of hilarious mayhem!

Turning procrastination into productivity

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We've all been there: a big deadline is looming, and suddenly, you have an overwhelming urge to organize the pantry or scrub the bathtub. For me, it usually strikes when I sit down to write. Suddenly, I have this overwhelming urge to sweep the patio or organize one of several "junk" drawers we have in the house.

It's a strange phenomenon, but it's surprisingly common. You're not alone, and guess what? It's not entirely a bad thing. Welcome to the world of productive procrastination.

Unlike its evil twin — mindless procrastination — where you end up doom-scrolling social media or binge-watching your favorite TV show, productive procrastination involves avoiding the real work by doing other tasks that are, well, still somewhat useful. So why do we suddenly feel the need to tidy up when we should be focusing on something more important? The answer lies in how our brains are wired.

THE BRAIN'S PAIN-AVOIDANCE MODE

Our brains are clever little machines designed to keep us safe and comfortable. And sometimes, that comfort means avoiding tasks we perceive as painful. Whether the task feels too big, tedious or overwhelming, our brains tend to fixate on the potential "pain" associated with it. This isn't physical pain — it's the emotional discomfort of stress, fear of failure, or the feeling that the task will take forever with no clear win in sight.

In response, the brain looks for an alternative: something that offers a sense of accomplishment but without the emotional baggage. That's where productive procrastination steps in.

THE DOPAMINE BOOST OF SMALL WINS

Here's the secret sauce for why productive procrastination feels so satisfying: dopamine. When you complete a simple task — like cleaning out a drawer or organizing your bookshelf — your brain rewards you with a little hit of dopamine, the "feel-good"

neurotransmitter. This surge of dopamine can give you the motivational boost you need to tackle bigger, more challenging tasks.

It's kind of like a video game. Before you take on the final boss (that big, intimidating work deadline), you collect small rewards or power-ups along the way. These little victories — like washing the dishes or organizing your desk — provide the mental energy to face the more significant challenge ahead.

So, while it might seem like you're avoiding your work, in reality, you're giving yourself the mental fuel to approach it with renewed focus.

WHEN PROCRASTINATION GETS IN THE WAY

But hold on — before you go on a cleaning spree and declare it "work prep," there's a catch. Sometimes, productive procrastination can become a slippery slope. What starts as a quick 10-minute task can snowball into hours of distraction. Before you know it, you've spent half the day organizing your garage and forgotten entirely about the

report that's due tomorrow.

The risk of productive procrastination is that it can drain your energy and focus, leaving you too tired to start the actual task. Worse still, it can morph into nonproductive procrastination — where you move from cleaning the fridge to scrolling through TikTok for two hours.

So, how do you strike the right balance between productive procrastination and actually getting your work done?

HOW TO USE PRODUCTIVE PROCRASTINATION WISELY

Here are a few tricks to make sure your productive procrastination serves its purpose — without becoming a full-blown distraction.

1. Limit the task time. Set a strict time limit on your productive procrastination activities. If you're going to clean, fold laundry or reorganize something, make sure it's a task that takes less than 10 minutes. The goal is to get that dopamine boost without draining your energy reserves. Quick tasks like wiping down the counter or sweeping the kitchen floor are perfect.
2. Avoid decision-heavy

tasks. Stay away from tasks that require a lot of decision-making, like cleaning out the closet or rearranging furniture. These kinds of activities consume your mental energy because they involve choices — what to keep, what to toss, and where to put things. Instead, opt for tasks that are mindless and straightforward. This way, you conserve your brainpower for the work that really matters.

3. Use the five-minute rule. Another excellent tactic for getting started is the five-minute rule. Tell yourself you only have to work on the dreaded task for five minutes. Once you start, you'll often find that it's not as bad as your brain made it out to be. In fact, you might even build momentum and keep going far beyond the initial five minutes. But even if you don't, five minutes is still progress, and that in itself can generate a nice little dopamine reward.

4. Make a procrastination plan. One way to make sure your productive procrastination stays, well, productive, is to create a list of approved procrastination tasks. These should be small, quick tasks that don't require a lot of

mental energy. Having this list ready helps you avoid wasting time deciding what to do when you feel the urge to procrastinate. Examples might include emptying the dishwasher, watering your plants, or wiping down your keyboard.

WHY YOUR BRAIN IS SMARTER THAN YOU THINK

Productive procrastination isn't about being lazy — it's about your brain finding clever ways to give you the energy and motivation to do the more significant tasks. Think of it as your brain's way of saying, "I'm not ready for that big task just yet, but let's warm up first."

Once you understand the science behind it, you can use productive procrastination to your advantage. Just make sure it doesn't turn into a distraction vortex. Remember, the goal is to harness the power of small wins to help you tackle the big ones.

So the next time you catch yourself reaching for the mop when you should be working on a presentation, don't feel guilty. Just make sure your productive procrastination stays focused, limited, and intentional. Your brain will thank you, and so will your to-do list.

Michael Lawrence Lazaro



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Michael Lawrence Lazaro, age 32, passed away on Sept. 20, 2024.

Beloved son of Gerard and Karen Lazaro, brother to Madison Lazaro, Mercedes Lazaro, and Makye lazaro.

Michael was loved by all his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. We will see him again in heaven! He was welcomed home by his Savior Jesus Christ.

We love you, Son, with all of our hearts.

Quilt raffle to benefit breast cancer awareness

From Staff Reports

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Harbor Lakes Ladies Golf Association is raffling off a beautiful queen size quilt made by member Brenda Overdier — wife of Granbury City Councilmember Skip Overdier. All proceeds will benefit Careity.org to assist in costs of mammograms for those in need.

Raffle tickets are priced at \$20 each, three for \$50 or six for \$100, with the drawing scheduled for Oct. 31. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

To purchase raffle tickets, contact Brenda Overdier at 850-776-9391 or Lynn Morgan at 575-808-1265.

COURTESY PHOTO

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Rancho Brazos Boo Bash

From Staff Reports

The Rancho Boo Bash Thursday, Oct. 24, promises to be an enchanting evening, a spooktacular gala where glamour gets a little ghostly. Supporters of Rancho Brazos will gather at the David Southern Lake Granbury Conference Center from 6-9

p.m. for the event.

Event coordinators for the nonprofit encourage attendees to don their most "boo witching" costumes as they enjoy the evening. Those who choose not to attend in costume may attend in business casual attire.

Guests will enjoy an opportunity to mingle and meet

local business and community leaders as well as enjoy a meal catered by Chef Rose, a cash bar, live entertainment, a silent auction, whiskey toss, pick the duck games and more.

The gala is a celebration of the success achieved through the programs and also an important fundraiser

for the nonprofit. Revelers can expect to get an update on the progress and vision for the 5 Acres of Impact.

Funds raised during the event will help support the continuation and expansion of the free programs at Rancho Brazos Community Center, Sandy Beach Center, and the future Doug

Long Outreach Center for Children.

"Funds raised will help us reach even more children and families in need and will enable us to establish three sites and five acres of community impact for all of Hood County," say representatives of Rancho Brazos.

Tables and individual

tickets are available for purchase. Rancho Brazos Community Centers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information see ranchobrazoscommunitycenters.org or contact Jamie Franco at jamie.franco@ranchobrazoscc.com or call/text at 817-219-8058.

PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Pecan tennis enjoys fall fete and farewell party

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

The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association enjoyed Oktoberfest last weekend where attendees were invited to gather up "lederhosen" and practice yodeling before joining the party featuring German food, drink, games, tennis play and of course, much fun. Bratwurst from the grill was a highlight, and participants brought canned goods to donate to Mission Granbury.

Another aspect of the evening included a going away party for Jo and Nick Conte, Pecan residents for 46 years and an integral part of the tennis community in our neighborhood. When the Contes arrived in Pecan in 1978 having moved from Florida, Nick became the first tennis pro in Pecan in addition to holding the title of recreation director. At that time, Pecan had only four courts and the pro shop, according to Nick, was a "bench under a shade tree." Many thanks go to the Contes for their presence in Pecan as well as their "professionalism, kindness and loyalty." They will be missed but take with them our community's good wishes for their next life adventure.

SALE DAY

Treasures will be bought and sold during Pecan's fall garage sale happening today, Saturday, Oct. 19 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Listings of participating households are available to shoppers via member email.

OPEN HOUSE

The Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS happily announces an open house of its facilities today, Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will meet Pecan's emergency service chiefs and crews, tour each station, and view the inside of emergency vehicles. Board mem-

bers will be on hand to visit with neighbors. Children are welcome.

CANDIDATE MEET

The Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service Auxiliary is hosting a "Candidate Night" for Pecaners to meet and get acquainted with the folks vying for a seat on the board of directors for our community's VFD/EMS. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 at Pecan Baptist Church, located just outside the front gate of our neighborhood.

A moderator will be present to welcome the candidates and conduct the forum, and folks may submit questions before the event by sending email to jdcauxiliary@gmail.com. Four or five questions will be chosen on the basis of commonality of expressed concerns among residents regarding the VFD/EMS.

All Pecan property owners, VFD volunteers, EMS staff, auxiliary members and VFD/EMS board members, both past and present, are urged to attend.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Pecan's Breakfast Club will gather again Wednesday, Oct. 23 with food service beginning at 9 a.m. and the program following at 9:30. Folks will hear from Robin Blood, flower farmer extraordinaire and entrepreneur. Reservations are due by noon Tuesday, Oct. 22: 817-573-2641.

GOOD READ

The Hood County Bookmobile will be at the PAC from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23. Patrons may both check out and return materials to the bookmobile.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON CROFT

The Pecan Plantation Tennis Association recently celebrated Oktoberfest with German-themed food, games, dress and of course, tennis. The evening brought much fun and fellowship. Furthermore, the tennis community bid farewell to Jo and Nick Conte who have been a part of Pecan's tennis community for 46 years. Pictured are Jo and Nick Conte among their PPTA friends.

FUN FOOD

Friday, Oct. 25 is "Prime Rib and Trivia Night" at the clubhouse with Monte Lewis hosting the evening. Call the clubhouse to reserve a spot: 817-573-2641.

TREAT TIME

With Halloween coming later this month, "Trunk or Treat" is on the PAC's calendar for Saturday, Oct. 26 in the PAC parking lot from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make the day happen, namely by providing candy for the plethora of trick or treaters. Call the PAC to sign up: 817-573-7952.

In addition to Trunk or Treat, a Halloween party will happen inside the PAC and the event will include a cupcake walk, games, crafts, balloon animals and a pumpkin carving contest. Contenders will compete in two age groups (13 and over and 12 and under) with prizes awarded for the top three places in each category. Pumpkins should be de-

livered to the PAC between 8 a.m. and noon on event day to be eligible for judging. Winners will be announced at the Halloween party.

FLU SHOTS

Pecan residents may receive their flu shots at the Charlie Lee Memorial Building on the emergency services compound from our EMS staff from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost per vaccine is \$25.

GOLF NOTE

For all golfers: the weekly LGA and MGA golf tournaments began teeing off at 9 a.m. on designated days of play last week. For more information on this change, contact the golf pro shop: 817-573-2645.

ELECTION TIME

Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service personnel is seeking volunteers to assist with its upcoming election

process. The group needs approximately 30 volunteers Thursday, Nov. 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. followed by assistance Friday, Nov. 8 beginning at 8 a.m. and running until all ballots are counted. Sign up has begun and will end at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in the EMS office. Volunteers should be adult residents of Pecan and may contact Dan Brunner for more information: dybrunner@gmail.com.

VETERANS DAY

A very special observance happens in Pecan Plantation in honor of Veterans Day and the event for 2024 will arrive Wednesday, Nov. 6. More details will come as the date moves closer, but for now, folks planning to attend should call the clubhouse to reserve a spot as attendance is limited, and spots will fill quickly: 817-573-2641.

HELPING HAND

The PAC is participating in Mission Granbury's annual food drive, "Pantries of

Plenty." A collection bin will remain by the front entrance through mid-November.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Susan Crawford and the membership committee of Pecan's Woman's Club recently hosted a terrific coffee, brunch and orientation for new members of the group. The food was "fabulous, as always," and the ladies had a wonderful time both getting to know each other and renewing friendships from last club year. The PPWC boasts a full calendar of activities in the community and fundraisers for its chosen philanthropies. Committees complete a large share of work in the club, and ladies are encouraged to join one, which in turn aids the causes of Woman's Club as well as helping members get to know one another better. Visit www.mypwcc.com for details on this present and active group in our neighborhood.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

'It is an interesting life'

BY CAROL GOODMAN HEIZER



Carol Goodman Heizer is an author who moved to Hood County from Louisville, Kentucky in 2019. She has had short stories and articles published in six editions of "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books. Her column for the Hood County News will appear every two weeks. She was a public school teacher for 17 years, earlier in her professional career.

Life is full of interesting facts that can prove to be both fun and educational. Therefore, fasten your cranial seatbelt and let's go for an interesting ride.

According to Imperial College, London, England, humans shed about 200 million skin cells each hour, and they have to go somewhere when we are indoors.

Sudan has 255 pyramids, while Egypt has only 138 — so the numbers are not even close.

Our circulatory system includes veins, arteries and capillaries. In children that measures 60 thousand miles if laid out in a straight line. In adults, it stretches 100 thousand miles.

Africa covers 12 million square miles.

Scientists at Harvard Department of Ophthalmology's Schepens Eye Research Institute reports that the eye's cornea and cartilage are the only tissues found in the human body that do not contain blood vessels.

The first animated feature film in Argentina was a full-length political satire titled El Apostol that was made up of 50 thousand drawings, with a running time of 70 minutes.

German chocolate cake was named after Sam German in 1852 and the "Dallas Morning Star" published the recipe June 13, 1957.

Not only is the Trans-Siberian Railroad the longest railroad in Russia, it is also

the longest one in the world. It passes through eight different time zones.

Discover Magazine reports that 99% of gold is found in the Earth's core — enough to coat our planet in one-and-a-half feet of the precious metal.

The Mississippi River is the third-largest watershed in the world with its length of 2,340 miles. That's a long way for one drop of water to travel!

A lot of the ladies in the Victorian era used arsenic-riddled cosmetics to enhance their skin. But before we condemn those folks, please know that in the 19th century, Dr. James P. Campbell's Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers — meant to be eaten — were claimed to rid one of freckles, blackheads and other facial problems.

Fifteen-year-old Annie Moore was the first passenger at Ellis Island when she and her two younger brothers disembarked the SS Nevada after it had departed from Queenstown, Ireland. Japan has one of the highest densities of vending ma-

chines in the world. Most of them sell different types of beverages, while others dispense ice cream, noodles and disposable cameras.

While a number of athletes had no business being in the Vaudeville entertainment industry because of their lack of ability in that area of expertise, it was not against the rules, and they took advantage of their name recognition.

Oranges originally came from Southeast Asia and were a tangerine-pomelo hybrid. In warmer regions today — such as Vietnam and Thailand — they still stay green through maturity.

Johnny Appleseed's apples were much more bitter than apples today, and he did not expect them to be eaten as they are today.

Imagine having to learn 421 Scottish words for "snow." Meanings range from "starting to rain or snow," "to swirl" and "a light snow."

One cannot shoot or kill an Armadillo because its shell is bullet-proof. The true story is told of a Texas man who

was hospitalized when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the shell and hit the shooter in the jaw.

The longest word in the English language is the full name for the protein nicknamed titin and would take three-and-a-half-hours to say. Really? That's what they say!

The giant Pacific octopus lays 56 thousand eggs at the end of her pregnancy over the course of about a month. At first, the babies float through the surrounding area but are unattached to one another or their mother. But then the mother gathers each egg — about the size of a grain of rice — and weaves them into braids, allowing her to keep an eye on everyone at the same time.

Kleenex tissues — originally made as a thin flat cotton substitute — were used as a filter in gas masks during World War I because of the shortage of cotton. After the war, the process was refined and resulted into what we use today.

ART

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readily been approached by artists from as far away as California who hope to be included next year.

The Coates family is honored that an art exhibition was born to honor Dan and Judy Coates. Their daughter, Courtney Coates Blackman, said her down-to-earth parents would be so surprised.

"My mom and dad would have never believed such a thing, and also would have said there is no need to do that and certainly no need to name it after us," shared Courtney Coates Blackman.

Part of the proceeds will benefit the Shanley Sculpture Garden. The Shanley Park Association is collecting funds to purchase a sculpture of Dan Coates created by well-known Granbury artist Mike Tabor.

The V.I.P. event is from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. The show is open again Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free to the public. For tickets to the V.I.P. event call 817-996-8669.

BOOK REVIEW

The second the door shut, you knew where your keys were.

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Not in your hands. No, they were on the kitchen table.

So you locked yourself out but no worries, your smart phone is tied to your door locks. Your house alarm is, too, as are the lights and the coffee maker. Technology is a wonderful thing, isn't it? Although, as in the new novel "William" by Mason Coile, having certain "smart" devices can be a dumb idea.

Once upon a time, Henry had a loving wife and a happy life.

Where did everything go wrong? Why did his wife treat him with such disdain? Was it because of the new baby coming, and Lily's feelings about it? No, their problems undoubtedly stemmed from Henry's agoraphobia; they hadn't left the house together in months.

Henry was only really comfortable within the confines of their expensive, uber-safety-enhanced Victorian-era home, in his attic laboratory, his creative space.

That was where he'd made the little robot that repelled Lily so much, though the butler-robot was basically harmless.

Not so with William, Henry's AI creation.

The attic laboratory was where William got out of hand. Henry knew about that, but he didn't want to tell Lily, in case it caused more problems between them.

Once, they'd been a team; with their technological talents and her money, they would change the world. And then she got pregnant, he stopped going outside, and she started looking at him in a way that made him worry that she didn't

love him anymore. Henry was, in fact, sure she was having an affair with one of her former co-workers.

When that co-worker and another of Lily's colleagues insisted on seeing his laboratory, Henry had a very bad feeling about it. He was aghast when William assaulted Lily, and threatened everyone else. And as his guests tried to escape a robot with a mind of its own, Henry was terrified when William took control of the house's doors and windows ...

So what do you know about artificial intelligence (AI)? The average person probably doesn't know much and might be somewhat nervous about its implications and possibilities.

"William" will make you feel even edgier about it. Even if your knowledge of the

subject is vast and wide, author Mason Coile will terrify you with this twisty tale of tech gone too far. Coile's Henry is a hot mess, unsure of himself, no confidence, and no guts and Lily is oddly cool, almost cruel in her dismissal of his anxiety. This seems menacing almost from the first page, and it plays out wickedly throughout the rest of the story. Readers shouldn't be blamed for thinking that Henry's robot is a truly bad idea, and you shouldn't feel guilty for wanting to pause and pace around awhile to settle your nerves.

Good luck with it.

If the early dusk each evening puts you in the mood for something dark and sinister, here's the quick novel you need. For fans of horror stories, "William" is key to a terrifying read.



"William" by Mason Coile, c.2024, Putnam, \$27, 224 pages

CINERGY

ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, 18 October - Thursday, 24 October

Average Joe (PG13)
Fri: 12:00PM, 2:40PM.
Sat: 10:00AM, 12:40PM, 3:20PM.
Sun: 10:30AM, 1:10PM, 3:50PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:35PM.
Thurs: 2:10PM

Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG13)
Fri: 12:00PM, 2:30PM, 5:05PM, 7:35PM, 10:05PM.
Sat: 11:30AM, 2:05PM, 4:40PM, 7:15PM, 9:50PM.
Sun: 10:30AM, 1:05PM, 3:40PM, 6:15PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:20PM, 4:55PM, 7:30PM.
Thurs: 4:50PM

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG13)
Thurs: 6:30PM, 7:55PM

Saturday Night (R)
Fri: 12:40PM.
Sat, Sun: 10:40AM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM.
Thurs: 2:25PM

Smile 2 (R)
Fri: 1:10PM, 4:05PM, 5:30PM, 7:00PM, 8:30PM, 9:55PM.
Sat: 10:15AM, 1:10PM, 4:05PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM, 8:55PM, 9:55PM.
Sun: 10:25AM, 1:20PM, 4:15PM, 6:30PM, 7:10PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:00PM, 4:50PM, 7:10PM, 7:40PM.
Thurs: 2:05PM, 5:00PM, 7:55PM

Terrifier 3 (R)
Fri: 4:05PM, 7:00PM, 9:55PM.
Sat: 1:15PM, 4:10PM, 7:05PM, 10:00PM.
Sun: 1:15PM, 4:10PM, 7:05PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 4:35PM, 7:30PM.
Thurs: 5:00PM

The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)
Fri: 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:15PM, 5:20PM, 7:25PM, 9:30PM.
Sat: 12:45PM, 2:50PM, 4:55PM, 7:00PM, 9:05PM.
Sun: 10:40AM, 12:45PM, 2:50PM, 4:55PM, 7:00PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 3:10PM, 5:15PM, 7:20PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:25PM, 6:25PM, 8:25PM

The Wild Robot (PG)
Fri: 12:00PM, 2:25PM, 4:50PM, 7:15PM, 9:40PM.
Sat: 11:20AM, 1:50PM, 4:20PM, 6:50PM, 9:20PM.
Sun: 11:20AM, 1:50PM, 4:20PM, 6:50PM.
Mon, Tues, Wed: 2:10PM, 4:40PM, 7:10PM.
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:25PM

The Wild Robot Sensory Friendly (PG)
Sat: 10:00AM

Venom: The Last Dance (PG13)
Thurs: 2:00PM, 4:40PM, 7:20PM

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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. Location is at 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.

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

HABITAT FOR Humanity Hood County building on the 4000 block of Sundown

Trail every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. No experience or tools needed. Join them anytime.

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.

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. Youth 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, from 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

HABITAT FOR Humanity Hood County building on the 4000 block of Sundown Trail every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. No experience or tools needed. Join them anytime.

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 Granbury Railroad Depot, 109 E. Ewell St. Contact Karen Nace at 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@hcnnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

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1 John 4:12*

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John 15:4

Romancing the Monarch

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The Lake Granbury Master Gardener's Association hosted the sixth annual Romancing the Monarch event Saturday, Oct. 8. Attendees of all ages learned about the monarch, Texas' state butterfly, and participated in engaging activities related to its conservation and life cycle.



GARDEN PATCH

Prepare for wildlife

BY PHYLLIS WEBSTER



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

Fall and winter are difficult seasons for wildlife. As flowers fade, nectar sources dwindle. Leaves drop leaving branches bare and reducing the protective shelter found in trees and shrubs. Gardens and landscapes are cleared of spent flowers and foliage, which strips away nesting materials and many food sources.

This fall, consider reevaluating your landscape practices with wildlife in mind. A few intentional shifts in how you manage your property will enable you to be a good steward of your land while protecting and benefiting wildlife such as birds, butterflies and mammals.

To begin, plant native grasses and other seed-producing plants. Native

grasses, such as Lindheimer muhly and little bluestem, provide excellent cover and seed for birds. These attractive, drought-tolerant grasses also provide overwintering habitat for various insects, which are essential to the wildlife food chain. Seed-laden perennials such as coneflowers serve as critical food sources for birds when allowed to go to seed and remain standing in winter gardens. Sunflowers and other reseeding annuals also produce seed that serves as winter forage.

Avoid the temptation to “clean” flowerbeds. Remove only enough debris to eliminate hazards. Leave seed heads intact for wildlife and leave fallen leaves where they lie whenever possible.

Beneficial insects including pollinators overwinter in leaf litter or under logs and rocks. Fallen leaves also create a natural mulch that helps to retain soil moisture. Don't rush to cut back flowering plants. Some perennials such as Salvia greggii continue to bloom until a hard freeze. Their nectar supports pollinators. Delay an overall cleanup until late winter/early spring.

Fall is also a good time to plant berry-producing shrubs and trees, such as native possumhaw and yaupon hollies and American beautyberry. While berries provide essential food for wildlife, they also add seasonal color to gardens.

Always keep a good balance of evergreen to deciduous plantings in landscapes. Evergreens (plants that do not lose their leaves) make excellent nest sites, provide windbreaks and shelter birds by hiding them from predators and offering safety during storms.

Plant spring, summer and fall-blooming, nectar-rich

flowers to ensure energy-rich food is available seasonally. And don't forget to add butterfly host plants. Milkweed, for instance, is the plant upon which monarchs lay their eggs. Passion vine is the host plant for Gulf fritillary butterflies. To avoid harming butterflies and other beneficial insects, avoid pesticide use.

Incorporating a mix of native trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials better attracts wildlife throughout the year. Oaks, for instance, produce acorns that are food for birds and small mammals. Lawn grass is not beneficial to wildlife. Replace as much of it as possible with native prairie flowers, grasses, groundcovers, trees, shrubs and other plantings.

Be sure to check local ordinances and homeowners association rules to ensure your property remains compliant regarding lawns, flowerbeds, etc. Work to change restrictions that do not support wildlife. For answers to your hor-



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Black fountain grass is an American native ornamental grass that produces useful seed for wildlife. Shown are the attractive seed heads.

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