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Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS board election sparks controversy

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Pecan Plantation's Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Auxiliary hosted a candidate forum Monday, Oct. 21, at the EEA hangar. The well-attended event allowed community members to meet new and current candidates on the ballot and hear the candidates' views on pressing issues firsthand.

Nine candidates have submitted their resumes but concerns about fairness and transparency have

arisen regarding the board's candidate selection process. The process deviates from the norm regarding bylaw nomination practices and voting procedures that do not appear to protect voter identity. Additionally, one candidate, Billy Wimberly, was excluded from the ballot with no reason provided, raising further suspicions among some residents about the board's integrity.

The upcoming election Nov. 7 has led to discussions about transparency, trustworthiness and candidate eligibility. Some candidates, including Janie Narducci, Gary

Guffey, Phillip Mayeux, and Gary Marks, did not attend the Oct. 21 forum, leaving the community wanting to hear from all candidates. The newly appointed VFD Chief and the EMS Chief were also absent.

CANDIDATES SELECTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Voting instructions accompanying the resumes revealed the candidate with the most votes for the category would occupy the first position, and the candidate garnering the next highest number of votes would automatically secure the

next position in that category.

Positions 1 and 2, financial management category: Jeanie Curry, Janie Narducci

Positions 3 and 4, business management category: Gary Guffey, Phillip Mayeux, Ken Vehstedt, (Billy Wimberly)

Position 5, emergency management category: Gary A. Marks, Laverne Franzen, Richard Beardsley

THE EXCLUSION OF BILLY WIMBERLY

A point of contention for many is the exclusion of Billy Wimberly from the official ballot. Wimberly, a 30-year volunteer Pecan firefighter

and current Granbury ISD board trustee, submitted his resume by the Sept. 17 deadline but was informed that his role on the GISD board presented a conflict of interest. Wimberly disagrees, stating, "This is patently false." He noted also that his resignation from the volunteer fire department Oct. 1 should have eliminated potential conflict.

Despite running a write-in campaign for Position 3 or 4, Wimberly noticed on social media a posting indicating that any write-in votes

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Strings of success: County honors Grand Master Fiddler Ridge Roberts with proclamation



ASHLEY TERRY | HOOD COUNTY NEWS Ridge Roberts, right, shares a laugh with Hood County Judge Ron Massingill as they reminisce about their first meeting when Roberts was only 7 years old.



Granbury resident Brad Yarborough's display in his front yard may look a little spine-tingling, but it's all for a good cause. This weekend and

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The Hood County Commissioners Court came alive Oct. 22, when local fiddler Ridge Roberts played a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" — turning an ordinary meeting into a heartwarming performance.

Roberts — who now holds the official title Grand Master Fiddler — was recognized during the meeting with a special proclamation to honor his outstanding achievements in the art of fiddling.

"We have Ridge Roberts here," Hood County Judge Ron Massingill announced Tuesday. "I think everybody here in this room knows who this guy is, because everybody in the nation does."

The 21-year-old Hood County native has been fiddling his way to the top ever since he started playing the fiddle at the young age of 7.

At the age of 9, Roberts began showcasing his talent at civic organizations in Hood County. Today, he still performs at local events in the area, but his exceptional skills have also taken him to venues across the country.

In 2013, at the age of 10, Roberts entered and won his first fiddle contest — and from that point on, the spotlight has followed him, as he quickly became a rising star in the fiddling community.

Roberts has since won more than 15 championships, including the Oklahoma State Championship, the Grand Lakes National Championship, and the World Championship in Crockett — all won in 2018 — and the Colorado State Championship in 2019.

He also won his first Grand Masters Championship at the age of 16 in 2019 and won the Grand Championship at the National Old-Time Fiddlers contest in Weiser, Idaho in June of this year.

But his most recent accomplishment is when he secured his second victory at the prestigious Grand Master Fiddle Contest held in Franklin, Tennessee, Sept. 1. This highly competitive event which attracts top fiddlers from coast to coast – is one of the most renowned events in the fiddling community.

To honor Roberts for his outstanding achievements, the court issued a proclamation that invites all Hood County residents to join in celebrating his dedication, extraordinary talent, and remarkable

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Halloween night, trick-or-treaters can visit Yarborough's home at 204 Donna Circle. Parents can donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital using the Skeletons for St. Jude fundraiser.

Spooktacular fundraiser transforms Halloween spirit into lifesaving support

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howling werewolf and a cackling witch are just some of the many characters on display in Bradley Yarborough's yard for Halloween — creating a haunting spectacle that will make even the bravest trick-or-treaters pause in their tracks.

But beyond the frights and fun, this spine-tingling display serves a heartfelt purpose — to raise funds and awareness for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"Halloween is my favorite holiday," Yarborough said. "I've been decorating for Halloween as long as I can remember, and then I heard about the Skeletons for St. Jude (fundraiser) ... It combines my two favorite things: helping kids and Halloween.'

The Skeletons for St. Jude



fundraiser was originally created by North Carolina resident Jeff Robertson in 2020, according to the St. Jude website. After building a "spookybut-fun" Halloween display in his front yard, his town took notice, with neighbors, friends and local media marveling at his work. Seeing the huge interest his Halloween display caused, Robertson decided to use the attention for good by starting a fundraiser for St. Jude.

Since then, the Skeletons for St. Jude fundraiser has drawn a Facebook community "like a bat to moonlight." A fundraiser that began with a single home in 2020 has since grown

exponentially, with 669 homes across the nation participating in the mission just last year.

"What started out as me having fun with a bunch of skeletons on Halloween unexpectedly turned into something much more meaningful," reads a quote from Robertson on the St. Jude website. "Meeting a St. Jude patient and her family as they visited our Halloween decorations motivated my family. And now over 1,000 incredible partners join us to do whatever they can to help St. Jude. I am so proud of what our team has accomplished."

So far, the fundraiser has generated a total of \$717,810 for the mission. In 2023 alone, the campaign raised an impressive \$264,297, and the 2024 campaign has already brought in \$79,657.

As the movement gains momentum, supporters like Yarborough are embracing the opportunity to make a difference in their local communities.

"I was reading about it on Facebook, and I was like, 'Man, I want to join this crusade,' and so I started doing it," Yarborough said. "Everybody who does a big (Halloween) display who wants to patake in it, they can email (Robertson), and you'll get a sign that you

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Yarborough's haunting display of decrepit headstones, spooky skeletons, and scary characters will make even the bravest trickor-treaters pause in their tracks this Halloween.



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NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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New Member Spotlight

Edward Jones

Edward Jones- C.J. Prater, Financial Advisor

As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time to understand what you're working toward before you invest your money.

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New Member Spotlight: Edward Jones-C.J. Prater. As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time to understand what you're working toward before you invest your money. Whether you're planning for retirement, saving for college for children or grandchildren, or just trying to protect the financial future of the ones you care for the most, we can work together to develop specific strategies to help you achieve your goals. Thank you for joining the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Member Spotlight: Waterview. We all deserve to live our retirement years in comfort, style, and luxury. What are you waiting for? Learn more about Waterview The Point Independent Living today to see if this independent living community has what you need to thrive in your golden years. All Waterview The Point Independent Living residents can feel like they're on vacation year-round by living in our luxury apartments. Thank you for being a member of the Granbury Chamber of Commerce!

Get out and VOTE!! Your VOTE matters!!

By the Granbury Chamber of Commerce

In Hood County we have had some close results when voting. While it often seems like voting may not make a difference, every vote counts.

In today's rapidly changing world, one of the most powerful tools at our disposal is the simple act of voting. As early voting has begun, it's crucial to understand why participating in this civic duty is not just important but essential for shaping our future.

Voting is an opportunity to express your beliefs and priorities. Each ballot cast is a declaration of what you value — be it education, healthcare, social justice or the environment. By voting, you empower yourself and your community, ensuring that your concerns are represented in the decision making process.

While national and statelevel elections often dominate the headlines, it is the local elections that have a direct impact on our daily lives. The decisions made by school board members and city council representatives influence our schools, streets, neighborhoods and public services. They determine property taxes, allocate budgets and set policies that impact the quality of life for residents.

Voting is not just about the present; it's also about the future. Decisions made today will shape the world that future generations inherit. By participating in elections, you play a role in determining the direction of policies that will affect the environment, economy and social structures for years to come.

Many people feel disillusioned with politics, believing their vote doesn't matter. However, every election has been decided by a surprisingly small number of votes. Your participation is vital. Engaging in the electoral process can help shift the narrative and foster a more vibrant democracy where every voice counts. As we approach the next election, remember that voting is not just a right; it's a responsibility. Your voice matters, and by exercising your right to vote, you help shape the future of your community and your country. Let's make a commitment to show up, speak out and make our voices heard. Get out and VOTE!!

EARLY VOTING

LOCATIONS AND TIMES Annex 1 meeting room:

1410 W. Pearl St. Granbury, TX 76048

Saturday, Oct. 26, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Nov. 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Action Methodist Church: 3433 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, TX 76048 Monday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Nov. 1, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

WHY VOTING IS IMPORTANT

1. Empowerment: Your vote is your voice. It's an

opportunity to express your opinions on issues that matter to you and influence the direction of your community and country.

2. Representation: Elected officials make decisions that affect your life. Voting helps ensure that those decisions reflect the values and needs of the community.

3. Change: If you want to see change — whether it's in policies, leadership or community initiatives voting is a crucial step in making that happen.

4. Civic duty: Participating in elections is a fundamental part of democracy. It's a way to fulfill your civic responsibility and contribute to the democratic process.

5. Impact on future generations: Your vote helps shape the future. Decisions made today can have lasting effects on future generations, so participating in elections is vital for long term progress.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Board Member Spotlight: Chad Ammons. We are so thankful for our Board Member Chad Ammons with A Plus Roofing & Construction!! Chad has been on the board for 1 year! When asked why do you like being a board member? Chad said "Anyone who knows me, knows I have a passion for supporting our incredible community and serving on the Chamber Board allows me ample opportunity to do so. Getting to serve along with the other board members and the hard working chamber staff has afforded me the chance to meet so many unique and respectable individuals that strive to better our business community." Fun Fact about Chad: Whether it's taking my family out on the boat, off-roading in my Jeep, or hunting in west Texas, I love being adventurous and in the outdoors. Thank you for serving on our Bard Chad! Southern Star.

COURTESY PHOTO



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stick in your yard, and you can donate however much you want."

At 204 Donna Circle in Granbury, Yarborough's house is decked out with some of the spookiest decorations, including menacing pumpkins, eerie fog, decrepit headstones, and a 12-foot-tall skeleton.

As trick-or-treaters approach his ghoulish display, however, they will not only be greeted by an impressive array of creepy figures, but also by a sense of community spirit. Nestled among "Halloween's" Michael Myers and rotting corpses is a sign depicting the St. Jude fundraiser, along with a QR code, allowing adults the opportunity to donate to the cause.

"They see the sign, they scan the QR code, and it'll take you directly to the St. Jude website," Yarborough explained. "Now, it's my page on the St. Jude website, but there is no middleman. Every dollar goes straight to St. Jude." While St. Jude accepts donations all year long, the biggest fundraising time is the month of October. Yarborough himself has already raised \$1,005 in the first few weeks alone.

"I raised almost \$800 last year, and it was off of just 5 or 10 bucks from people," he said. "Everybody sets a personal goal, and mine is \$1,500, so I'm hoping to reach that this year. Actually, I'm hoping to exceed that."

With this being Yarborough's third time to participate in the fundraiser, he is excited to welcome even more trick-or-treaters to his sprawling Halloween display.

"I welcomed over 400 trick or treaters last year," he said. "I have enough candy for 800 kids this year, so (I'll welcome) as many as I can get."

Yarborough mentioned that each year he aims to include something new and unique in his display, noting that this year, he hopes to enhance the graveyard scene.

Utilizing five fog machines, two fog chillers, and various special effects, Yarborough also relies on electricity from his two neighbors to power the impressive setup.

"It's all with their permission," he added. "We want people to come look at our cool display, but then donate at the same time — that's what I'm hoping for."

The special effects, lighting and moving parts will all be functional starting this weekend, as well as Halloween night: Thursday, Oct. 31.

While Yarborough's love for Halloween may have played a big role in his decision to join in Jefferson's mission, he said he also believes in St. Jude and its remarkable impact on children.

"It's an awesome, awesome charity," he added. "And something I'll be doing the rest of my life."

For more information about St. Jude and its fundraiser, visit stjude.org online. To donate to Yarborough's campaign, use the QR code on A1 or visit his personalized link at fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/ DIY/ DIY?px=7741938&pg= personal&fr_id=133399.

St. Jude signs will also be available at the Hood County Courthouse through Halloween night.

FROM MY FRONT PORCH Old memories that come back to life



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In the past I have written a column or two telling vou about my friend Javne Austin. She is soon to be 94 years old, and we have been amazing friends for almost 20 years. Jayne was born in Durant, Oklahoma but lived with her husband Marcus in Gainesville for the bulk of their married life. Marcus was a band instructor and later a school administrator, while Jayne taught music at the elementary school level. About two years ago, I moved Jayne to a care facility near my house so she could be closer, and I could

see her almost every day. It was hard for her to move from her longtime home, but with no living children, husband or family located anywhere nearby, she realized it made a lot of sense for us to be in the same town so I could see she was being taken care of properly and bring her the things she

needs. She has adjusted amazingly well to the move and has made several good friends at the facility where she is staying. She plays a lot of bingo and Yahtzee, and I enjoy stopping by

after work and seeing how her day went and how she is faring. We have a special friendship which I think can be a little confusing for some people. They don't understand how we can be so close when we are not from the same family. When asked the nature of our relationship, Jayne will commonly respond, "we are not related by blood, but we are related by love and that is even better." I think that probably says it all.

One day this week when I visited Jayne I got a real surprise. I walked into her room, and she looked up and before I could say anything she spouted, "You will never guess what happened today." Immediately my mind went to 1,000 places and frankly, most of them

were negative places. My confusion grew because Jayne seemed to be excited in a positive way.

She continued, "one of the aides came to tell me today that a person who is now living on the second floor thinks I taught her in school." Evidently the person in question is very shy, but somehow, she had heard the name Jayne Austin being talked about in the facility and she wondered if it could be the same Ms. Austin who taught her in school so many years ago. Jayne did not recognize the lady's last name because of course, it was her married name, but arrangements were made, and the lady made the trek from the second floor to Jayne's room on the first floor. Come to

find out, more than 70 years ago, the woman had indeed been in one of Jayne's classes! Even though the aide said the now 82-yearold woman was exceedingly shy, she sat and talked to Javne for more than two hours. They talked about some of the other children in the class and what had ever become of them as they grew up, while filling in the details of each other's lives. They laughed and listened, and for a few brief moments they were young again. They were a teacher and a student, and the respect and love were mutual.

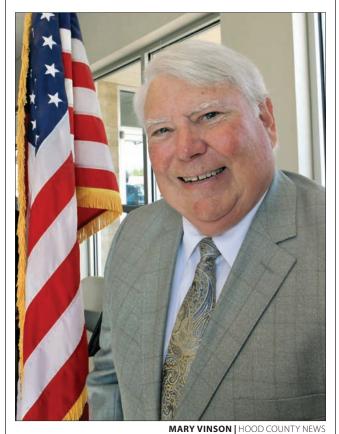
I am not sure when I have seen Jayne happier than she was that afternoon, and from the reports I got from the aides at the facility, the same was true of the longago student.

Who would have imagined the two would be reunited, so many years later, in a care facility 100 miles from where their paths had originally crossed? My lesson was you never know the impact you have on another person's life and how crossing paths might make an impression that lasts forever. Thank goodness for teachers and God bless the students who respect and never forget them.

Thought for the day: "Teachers affect eternity: no one can tell when their influence stops." - Henry Brooks Adams

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





Texas Secretary of State shares security measures for upcoming election



Voter fraud and election security has become more of a concern in recent years. According to the Texas Secretary of State's website, there is no evidence that any voting or the voting registration process has been compromised in past elections.

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When Texans register to vote, they must provide a driver's license or a social security number. Texas continually updates the statewide voter registration database, removing voters who are ineligible due to death, moving, felony conviction, or lack of U.S. citizenship

Ron Becker

Say hello to our neighbor, Ron Becker!

Cresson's Mayor Ron Becker has been living in the Parker County portion of Cresson since September 2005. He grew up in Stephenville, attended Texas A&M, and started working in the oil and gas business. Ron loves calling Cresson home because he believes the community has a strong volunteering spirit here in Hood County. Every day this spirit is reflected in Ron's service and actions. Ron's last job was as president of the second largest chain of convenience stores/truck stops in the United States, serving 8 million customers a day with 35,000 employees.

After he left, the company was subsequently sold for \$20 billion. Ron shares, "I was fortunate to retire at the relatively early age of 52." Nowadays, with time to enjoy his favorite pastimes with his loved ones, Ron says, "I like to fly, so when I retired we moved to Cresson where I could live with my airplane. We scuba dive all over the world, with Fiji being our favorite place." After moving to Cresson, Ron took up a third hobby, volunteer firefighting. "I've been the chief of the Cresson Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years; that hobby grew a little!" Ron says. "The Hood County News is unique, focusing on local news and people. I like the way the Hood County News tries to tell the stories of community members who are volunteering their time in so many ways to try to improve the place they live."

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As voters cast their ballots this week for the Nov. 5 election, Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson shares how the state has prepared for a secure election.

'Texas leads the way when it comes to election security, and I want voters to know our state and county officials are ready for the November election," Nelson said. "Many security protocols are new, and others have been around for decades, but Texans deserve to know the ways we are working to secure their votes."

Texas has put several security measures in place leading up to the election, including:

• Publicly testing voting systems before the machines are used in the election.

• Requiring background checks for all personnel

tion to access the statewide voter registration database.

• Annual cybersecurity training for any individual with access to the statewide voter registration database, mandatory reporting of any cybersecurity breach, and mandatory security assessments for county election departments.

During the election, no voting system is ever connected to the internet at any point. Before and after use each day, all voting systems are sealed and locked with devices containing unique serial numbers.

Other requirements at the polls include:

• Video recording and live streaming of all areas containing voted ballots in counties with a population of 100,000 or more.

• Election workers at the polling place must confirm that there are zero votes cast at the opening of vot-

the number of voters who have checked-in on the poll list.

Poll watchers are also allowed to observe at any early voting and election day polling locations and at the central counting station where ballots are being counted.

After the election, the state requires a post-election audit in counties that use paper ballots. The Texas Secretary of State's **Elections Division Audit** Program reviews and examines election records and documents maintained by county election officials to ensure election law and security procedures have been followed.

To further protect against voter fraud, voters must show an ID at the polls. Voters using mail-in ballots must also provide an ID or the last four-digits of their social security number.

Texans have the right to challenge the eligibility of any registered voter in their county.

Illegal voting is considered a felony in Texas.

Voter fraud and election security has become more of a concern in recent years. According to the Texas Secretary of State's website, there is no evidence that any voting or the voting registration process has been compromised in past elections.

Early voting ends on Nov. 1. To learn more about the voting process, visit VoteTexas.gov.

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County discusses financial implications of jail expansion

BY ASHLEY TERRY Staff Writer

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Voting is currently underway at the polls, with one of the county's biggest decisions hanging in the balance — the jail bond.

Back in August, the Hood County Commissioners Court voted to place the jail bond on the November ballot, which could facilitate the much-needed expansion and renovation of the county jail.

The bond, which will not exceed \$50 million, will enable the county to address overcrowding by funding the construction of additional jail space of 209 beds and refurbishing the current facility, which currently holds 192 beds — creating a total of 401 beds in the jail.

The proposal developed by DRG Architects outlines plans for a new jail facility that will accommodate up to 150 inmates in general housing, provide flex cell housing for up to 28 inmates (either male or female), and include special housing for up to 31 inmates.

The 30,606-square-foot jail addition will also feature a new laundry facility, an exercise area for administrative segregation, a general population exercise area, and multipurpose rooms.

Phase one of a 6,200-square-foot expansion for the sheriff's office is also part of the master planning budget. The interior renovations will encompass a new kitchen, a larger sally port, an expanded intake area, and upgraded inmate housing.

During a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hood County Commissioners Court Tuesday, officials discussed how the bond, if passed, will impact overall jail operating costs.

According to estimates from Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds and County Auditor Stephanie Matlock, the current operating costs for the existing 192-bed facility would nearly double, leading to an increase in expenses across several categories like additional equipment, medical expenses, groceries, and additional staff and training.

ASHLEY TERRY | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds presents a layout of the proposed jail expansion to the Hood County Commissioners Court during a regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 22.

"But we need one jailer per 48 inmates."

Cost of additional equipment, like washers, dryers, security systems and computers, will also need to be factored in, with an estimated one-time cost of computers and infrastructures of \$2,500,000 and an estimated cost for three washers/

dryers estimated at \$62,298. "The estimated cost on the computer infrastructure, I don't know that it's going to cost that much, but ... until we get the plans really drawn up, I don't think anybody can really say exactly what that (cost will be)," Deeds explained.

Once all costs are factored in, Deeds estimated the jail expansion will end up costing the county \$7,868,953.28, with an additional \$1,850,621.28 factored in for extra bedding, groceries and other necessities, as the number of inmates in the jail will practically double.

Deeds noted that the daily average number of inmates fluctuates, with the recent average being around 59. He emphasized that once the expansion is complete, inmates will no longer be housed out-of-county, so costs should stabilize, and the facility should be able to generate revenue.

With a 401-bed jail and plans to make 110 beds available to other counties at a rate of \$85 per day, Deeds estimated the county could start generating revenue of approximately \$3,412,750 annually. "I don't know the time frame for getting this done," he said. "I asked what that would be like, and it sounds like it'd be a two-and-a-halfyear project, so by the time we get there, I don't know the number of inmates we will have in our jail ... but we could bring in almost threeand-a-half million dollars." Deeds added that the

project timeline includes six months for design and bidding, followed by 12 to 14 months for new construction and eight months for remodeling — totaling approximately 28 months to complete.

He also emphasized that federal inmates cannot be housed while the facility is in debt, as accommodating them involves additional complexities.

"You can charge a lot more for them, but I think there (would be) a whole lot more problems, things that you got to do for the feds to get that done, so I'll just be happy when we can get everybody in one roof, so I'm not even thinking about federal inmates," Deeds said.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Kevin Andrews noted that this is a "multi-variable equation," as the county is currently at the mercy of other counties to house its inmates.

"I've joked around with Erath County and Joe Brown over there, that maybe you build a bigger jail over there so we can send more to you, but it costs money to send these people off," Andrews said. "Is there some chance that we could use those cells for federal inmates in the future and bring in a few more dollars that we're putting into it? I think that that is a possibility, but one of the things that's important here is the efficiencies of the way that they designed this thing."

Andrews explained that the requirement of having one jailer for every 48 inmates poses a challenge of managing larger groups in confined spaces. He noted that smaller cells would allow for quicker interventions in case of conflicts, adding that labor would then actually go down per inmate.

"Right now, whenever you consider the cost of the mortgage and everything that it would take to build this building and pass the bond, it's a little bit cheaper to keep them out of county ... but I believe that we're at a tipping point right now," Andrews said. "We've done our homework. We've got a good plan here. We're at a tipping point here where we can set our own path to be able to take care of this without the reliance or the sudden drop of counties saying, 'Hey, you've got to come pick your inmates up. I think that this iteration is very reasonable and that it gets us to where we need to be.'

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson noted the new design includes flexible cell areas that can accommodate "This gives us some flexibility and gives the sheriff department some flexibility in being able to maneuver certain cell blocks based on what the needs are," he said.

Deeds reiterated that the state's growing inmate population presents an opportunity for Hood County to generate additional revenue in the future by housing inmates from other counties with its additional jail space. He clarified that the daily cost of operating the jail is calculated based on bed availability throughout the year. He states that currently, costs are around \$8,588, but with the expansion and the addition of 60 new jailers, the cost per inmate is expected to decrease, due to additional bed space.

"We can charge pretty much whatever we want (to house other counties' inmates)," Deeds said. "As we found out with other counties, they charge \$75 to \$85 a day. Even on the small counties like Bosque, they get away with that and the jail is only a 60-bed jail anyway, so we'd be able to make a lot of money off that, if we have the space to do that with."

Wilson raised the concern that, given the 28-month construction timeline for the 209-bed facility and the subsequent need to relocate inmates from the current facility for renovations, the county is still approximately five years away from having any "true additional bed space."

Deeds clarified, however, that the 28-month expected completion date also includes the refurbishment, adding that in 28 to 30 months, "We'll be done."

He also explained that until the new facility is fully operational, the current budget allocates \$1.6 million for operating costs, excluding transportation expenses. He noted that the total cost for transporting inmates and housing them out-of-county could reach between \$2.25 million and \$2.5 million per year, which will continue until the new facility is completed.

"I know that our auditor and the sheriff have worked very closely on getting these numbers together," Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson said. "I know it was a short time to get together but thank you very much. I think this is important information."

CALENDAR

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THE GRANBURY Doll Club is looking for docents and volunteers on Fridays and Saturdays. Call 817-894-5194.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

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.

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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.

HARVEST MOON Festival of the Arts sponsored by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association. Fine art, food and fun. Events all day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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FIRST BAPTIST Church Fall Fest, trunk or treat, bounce houses and slides, petting zoo and more. Questions? Call 817-573-7137.

TRICK-OR-TREAT ON the Historic Granbury Square Dress up in your favorite costumes and head to the Historic Granbury Square for a safe and fun trick-or treating experience. Local businesses often participate, handing out candy and treats to the little ones. This year's trick-or-treat event is sponsored by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association.

"I figure we're going to need 16 new jailers, plus two booking clerks, but the corporals and sergeants, everybody else will stay the same," Deeds explained.

either male or female inmates, which he said will be helpful, especially concerning the recent increase in female inmates.

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success as a Grand Master Fiddler.

"Get your camera ready," Massingill joked. "I want my picture with this guy."

Massingill explained that he first met Roberts when he was about 7 years old, when Roberts participated in a friendly duel with "fabulous" fiddle player Eric Tull at their church. He noted that at the end of their performance, Tull laid down his fiddle, and the entire church "just started howling."

"This young guy, we knew he was something special back then," Massingill added.

Roberts expressed his gratitude to Massingill and the entire commissioners court, as well as the city of Granbury, for their unwavering support over the past decade. He also acknowledged his parents for their encouragement and for taking him to his lessons.

"I know I could not have done it without them (my parents), because they did everything for me," Roberts said. "My dad was the fiddle player, so he was the one that got me into it, so it definitely would not have happened without him, because who even learns to play the fiddle? But most of all, thanks to the Lord for giving me this gift."

"It's not as good as a recording contract," Massingill told Roberts when he presented him with his certificate. "But it's the next best thing."



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The Hood County Commissioners Court came alive Oct. 22, when local fiddler Ridge Roberts played a beautiful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" — turning an ordinary meeting into a heartwarming performance.



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TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

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for him will be invalid. However, Wimberly is encouraging supporters to write his name in any way. He suggests that residents wanting to vote for him should scratch out Phillip Mayeux's name and write his name in. He hopes the board will accept it.

CANDIDATES' PERSPECTIVES OFFERED AT THE FORUM

During the forum, candidates shared their plans to improve transparency, strengthen the department, and foster cooperation between the VFD and EMS services. Here are candidate responses to several forum questions:

What do you envision the duty of a board member of the Pecan Fire and EMS Board should be?

Billy Wimberly: "The most important duty of a board member is to have a good background in community service."

Richard Beardsley: "... but we need to make sure there's never a question on any of what we're doing, who we're doing it for, and why we're doing it."

Ken Vehstedt: "If money was no object, we probably wouldn't be having this meeting."

Laverne Franzen: "I think the two most important things that we need to do for our community is the fire chief and the EMS chief are an integral part of the board, and they bring ideas and thoughts to the board, and the board rules on whether they think it's a good idea or not."

Jeanie Curry: "So I think that just getting a trust factor built, working well with team members on the board is good."

Do you have any ideas that would increase the revenue for the Pecan Fire and EMS?

Richard Beardsley suggested exploring various revenue streams for Pecan Fire EMS, including the potential for billing insurance companies for damaged equipment. He emphasized the necessity of increasing monthly donations from

need to contribute more financially in the future. However, he emphasized trying other options first and expressed gratitude for the generous donations received from the community.

Jeanie Curry suggested several ideas to increase revenue for Pecan VFD and EMS. She emphasized the importance of reviewing the budget for potential cost-cutting measures, such as optimizing fuel, medicine and supplies expenses. While acknowledging the affiliate's current fundraising efforts, Curry expressed hesitation about asking members to contribute more financially. Instead, she recommended focusing on efficiency to make better use of existing resources, potentially reducing costs without necessarily increasing revenue.

Billy Wimberly highlighted the significant financial impact of Pecan VFD and EMS' status change from a 501(c)(3) to a 501(c)(4) in 2018, resulting in the loss of tens of thousands of dollars in grant funding. He argued that returning to 501(c)(3)status would enhance revenue potential and provide better tax incentives for donors. Wimberly noted that the EMS budget is between \$1.2 and \$1.3 million, with the current income from EMS services being insufficient. He emphasized the need for a stable funding source, as the fire department, which is all-volunteer, also relies on limited income and county funding, which is becoming uncertain due to a lack of certifications. Wimberly stressed that regaining 501(c)(3)status is crucial for financial stability moving forward.

What do you hope to accomplish, and what is your top priority if elected?

Ken Vehstedt: "To accomplish (something) would be to have a regular version of this meeting with two or three times as many people

"My top priority ... would be to not ever hear again that there are sides inside of Pecan."

Laverne Franzen: "We need to work together. We need to have the firemen work with the EMS and vice

qualification for serving on the board is a strong focus on financial management to ensure the effective use of

resources. Jeanie Curry believes the single most important qualification for serving on the board is cooperation and dedication to working harmoniously with others to develop and implement a cohesive plan.

Billy Wimberly believes the single most important qualification for serving on the board is having a servant's heart and a commitment to serving the community.

Richard Beardsley believes the single most important qualification for serving on the board is the ability to listen, understand differing opinions, and find common ground to create and implement a cohesive plan.

Ken Vehstedt believes the single most important qualification for serving on the board is the ability to listen actively to the community's expertise and concerns.

CANDIDATES' QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates and their qualifications for positions 1 and 2 — financial management positions:



PHOTOS BY LAUREN DAVIS Jeanie Curry is a candidate for positions 1 or 2 in financial management.

Jeanie Curry:

Professional and leadership roles:

• February 1994: Joined a pioneering house-flipping company in Dallas.

• Expanded house-flipping operations to Houston. negotiating a standalone business.

• Successfully flipped over 100 houses annually, implementing strict budget controls and accurate financial reporting.

into a stable nonprofit and

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issues. Studied accounting at East Central University, Ada, Oklahoma.

covering embezzlement

• Completed master's courses in business administration at California Coast University.

• Treasurer for Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS, 2024. • Member of the Granbury

Middle School Boise Olympics, 2023-2024. • Member of the Granbury Quilt Guild, 2013.

 Board member of Harvest Bank, 2007-2010. • Member of Duncan

Chamber of Commerce, 2005-2010. • Member of Kiwanis,

2004-2005. • Member of the Executive

Women's Golf Association, 2001-2003.

Candidates and their qualifications for positions 3 and 4 — business management positions:

Gary Guffey: Professional and leadership roles

• Served as chairman of the PPOA finance committee in 2004.

• Elected to the PPOA board of directors for three vears in 2005. • Served as president

of the PPOA board from 2007-2008. • Re-elected to the PPOA

board of directors in 2021, filling a vacancy for 18 months • Served as president of the PPOA board 2022-2023

Phillip Mayeux: professional and leadership roles:

• Current president of the Pecan Plantation Fire EMS board of directors.

 Served as a board member at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, participating in the Early Childhood Learning Center and church finance committee.

• President of the Wedgwood Civic Association for two years, successfully leading initiatives to create the Wedgwood Civic Association District to reduce crime.

• Served three years as chairman of the board for the Wedgwood Civic Association before relocating to Texas.

• Actively involved in improving accounting practicbudgets.

• Responsible engineer for fire safe shutdown analysis and NFPA plans at Indian Point III and Fitzpatrick facilities.

• Nuclear safety engineer at American Electric Power Plant from 1974-1983, focused on instrumentation and control set point development and post-DMI accident analysis.

• Education: Mechanical engineering degree from Stevens Institute of Technology

• Completed Covey Center for Principal Centered

Leadership training Candidates and their qualifications for position 5 emergency management position:

Gary A. Marks:

Professional and leadership roles:

• Graduated from Glen Rose High School in 1967. Earned a Bachelor of Science from Texas Weslevan University in 1971.

 Obtained a Master of Science in Healthcare

Administration from Trinity University.

• Served as chief executive officer and administrator at Glen Rose Medical Center for 39 years, 1974-2011.

 Led multiple building and service expansions at Glen Rose Medical Center totaling \$20 to \$25 million, including enhancements to emergency room, inpatient surgery, laboratory and radiology services.

• Established and managed multiple family practice groups in Glen Rose and Pecan Plantation.

• Received 2011 Grade A First Responder recognition from Care Plan in Dallas.

 Achieved trauma designation for Glen Rose Medical Center in the early 1990s.

• Coordinated annual health fairs in Pecan Plantation for over nine years in partnership with the Pecan Plantation VFD and EMS

• Established the Pecan **Plantation Family Practice** Clinic and Business Center over 20 years ago.

• Provided medical director support for Pecan EMS.

 Served as president of the Glen Rose ISD School Board for five years and was a board member for 11 vears.

the charter approved by residents in 1970.

• Completed EMT-B certification for Pecan Plantation EMS in 2006.

• Recognized by the CareFlite Dallas-Fort Worth council in 2010 as an outstanding EMT.

 Recognized as Outstanding EMT-B by Pecan EMS in 2010, 2011 and 2013, and named Crew Member of the Year in 2015.

 Worked with Pecan Plantation EMS from 2006 to 2021.

• Held master plumbing certifications in multiple states, including Colorado, California, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico, Georgia and Nevada.

• Active volunteer with PPOA infrastructure committee, 2013-present, and PPOA architectural control committee, 2015-present, serving as chairperson since 2019.



Richard Beardsley is a candidate for position 5, Emergency Management.

Richard Beardsley: Professional and leadership roles:

• Served two terms on the PPOA safety and security board.

• Retired professional firefighter with 39 years of service.

• Retired paramedic with extensive field experience. Small business owner.



the community, given the high costs of EMS and fire services. Additionally, he proposed that obtaining 501(c)(3) status could open up opportunities for grants to support the fire department and EMS, particularly for funding ambulances.

Ken Vehstedt acknowledged that he currently does not have specific ideas to increase revenue for PPVFD and EMS, stating that without reviewing financial documents, any suggestions would be mere guesses. He emphasized that revenue comes from two primary sources: the community and external funding. He reflected on the challenges of maintaining financial support, noting that while some community members have been extremely generous, many residents may not fully understand the true costs of fire and EMS services, which exceed the current \$20 monthly contribution per household. He concluded that addressing these financial realities should be a priority.

Laverne Franzen shared a few ideas to boost revenue for Pecan VFD and EMS. He mentioned exploring "balanced billing" for EMS services, which has not been promoted before, and increasing efforts to secure grants for the fire department's equipment needs. Franzen also acknowledged the rising costs due to inflation, which impacts medical and fire equipment, suggesting that residents might versa and not fight about everything that happened in here."

"I hope to support the fire department getting together again, and the firemen that we've had out here in the past with resignment, I hope a lot of them will come back and work with the board that's there now."

Jeanie Curry: "What I'd like to accomplish is unity, peace, understanding, listening to each other, working harmoniously together ... get a plan of action, and stick with it."

"My top priority if elected? Listening.'

Billy Wimberly: "I think the most important thing that we can do is take care of both fire and EMS independently.

"That \$579,000 (grant) is at genuine risk of being lost completely, and that would be my top priority is to ... get a board that can give them a lease, and we can build that \$579,000 addition for this growing community, which is very important for us.'

Richard Beardsley: "I would like to accomplish... trust and openness with the board. We need to put this back together and keep it as one board, one group.'

What do you think the single most important qualification for serving on the Pecan plantation fire and EMS board is?

Laverne Franzen believes the single most important

• Current co-president of PPVFD-EMS Auxiliary in her second term, active member since 2014.

• Board member of Hood County Republican Conservatives, serving as director of working groups.

Janie Narducci: Professional and leadership roles:

• Owner of a bookkeeping and accounting software consulting business from 1988-1998 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

• Branch manager of a commercial office furniture dealership from 1998-2003 in Fort Worth.

• Owner and director of Advanced Medical Supply from 2003-2010 in Duncan, Oklahoma.

• Director of solutions for Physician Practice Management at Duncan Regional Hospital, overseeing the opening of nine medical clinics in two years.

• Grew annual sales of Advanced Medical Supply from \$400,000 to \$2 million.

• Partnered with a local hospital to successfully sell the business, managing a staff of 18.

 Created centralized billing, accounting and purchasing departments, building support staff to train 75 physicians on medical EMR systems.

• Served on the Duncan, Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce Board 2005-2010, turning annual losses es for the Pecan Plantation VFD and EMS to meet PPOA and Hood County standards.

• Supporting the expansion of the firehouse with ARPA grant funds, collaborating with Fire Chief Mike Barrett.



Ken Vehstedt is a candidate

Ken Vehstedt: Professional and leadership

• Retired nuclear engineer with experience from 1974 to 1999.

• Owner's engineer

chanical and nuclear design analysis.

man of Shanghai Mechanical and Electrical, 1999-2006.

ager for Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plant and Indian Point III Nuclear Power Plant, supervising 150 staff and managing multi-million-dollar



Lavern Franzen is a candidate for position 5, emergency management.

Laverne Franzen: Professional and leadership roles:

• Owned with one of the largest plumbing companies in Denver, Colorado, overseeing multi-million-dollar projects for large apartment complexes, single-family homes, and commercial construction.

• Recognized as an upand-coming business owner in Colorado.

• Served on the South Adams County Water and Sanitation Board from 1974-1976, responsible for reviewing and improving multi-million-dollar contracts for infrastructure development.

• Elected to the City Council of Commerce City, 1970-1976, responsible for hiring the city manager and developing long-range plans and budgets.

• Participated in the City Charter Convention, helping to establish Commerce City as a home-ruled city with

Billy Wimberly is a non-boarded selected candidate seeking positions 3 or 4 in business management.

Billy Wimberly:

Professional and leadership roles:

• 30 years as a member of the Pecan Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as assistant chief.

 Bachelor's degree in agriculture economics from Texas A&M University.

• Master's degree in human resource management from Houston Baptist University, with coursework in accounting.

• Trustee and board secretary for Granbury ISD.

• Over 50 years of experience with the Boy Scouts of America.

• Ranch manager.

• Retired Delta Airlines captain with 31 years of service.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND VOTING INFORMATION

On Oct. 1, all Pecan Plantation Volunteer firefighters resigned, along with the chief, Mike Barrett, and assistant fire chief Billy Wimberly. While some have since returned, many community members remain concerned about the department's leadership and direction.

Pecan Plantation residents can vote and submit their signed paper ballots Nov. 7 at 9518 Monticello Drive. Ballots are due by Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

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County enters agreement with Pecan Plantation VFD/EMS following member resignations

BY ASHLEY TERRY Staff Writer ashley@hcnews.com

In response to recent resignations that have shaken the Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, Hood County has now entered into an interlocal agreement with the department to ensure continued fire protection and support for the community.

"We had some things that we're working through with Pecan," Fire Chief Jeff Young said during the Hood County Commissioners Court meeting Tuesday. "I believe all of those have been resolved, so I'm bringing forth their interlocal agreement so that we can ensure that we have fire protection for Pecan Plantation and the residents that they serve."

During the PPVFD and EMS board meeting Sept. 26, Chief Mike Barrett announced the fire department's members decided to resign Oct. 1, after struggling to work with a newly formed board that had been in place for less than six weeks. He highlighted that this marks the third board change within a year and voiced frustrations regarding the lack of respect from the Fire/EMS Inc. board toward volunteer fire services.

To secure fire protection for Pecan Plantation residents in light of these recent developments, the interlocal agreement which officially took effect Oct. 22 — includes a \$120,000 transfer to PPVFD and EMS to be used as the operational, maintenance and fuel budget of the fire department.

According to the agreement, Hood County and PPVFD will work together in the interest of the citizens of Hood County to provide fire protection and reduced insurance costs by reducing the ISO rating for Hood County. Mutual aid will also be provided by the fire department to any emergency service in Hood County that requests help per this agreement.

"The county really has to make sure that the \$120,000 that the county gives to the Pecan Fire Department is used for fire," Hood County Judge Ron Massingill said. "So, you're satisfied that this has been addressed and taken care of?"

"Yes, sir," Young said. "And they did send me a signed policy that ensures that the fire chief will have access to those funds, and he will be a signatory on it, and then second signature will not be unreasonably withheld, so they've met kind of what we've asked them to do. I'm satisfied with that, so I'd like to put it before the court."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jack Wilson then made a motion to approve and sign the interlocal agreement with Pecan Plantation Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services Inc., to take effect Oct. 22. Following a second by Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson, the motion passed unanimously.

The contract will continue until Sept. 30, 2025.

County celebrates Bob Lusk's induction into Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame

BY ASHLEY TERRY Staff Writer

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The Hood County Commissioners Court honored local aquaculture expert Bob Lusk Tuesday for "reeling" in the extraordinary honor of being inducted by the Texas Parks & Wildlife into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

According to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to freshwater fishing in Texas. Inductees are chosen by the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Committee from among those nominated by the public.

Lusk, a native Texan and Hood County resident, has devoted his life to the study of aquaculture and fisheries management.

With a degree from Texas A&M University in 1979, Lusk's work has included



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and I love to teach other people, but I love even more to watch them go do it."

According to the proclamation presented by the Hood County Commissioners Court, Lusk is a "true pioneer in the development and management of freshwater ponds and fisheries." It states that he has rightfully earned his reputation as "one of the country's foremost experts in the field," and that his "legacy of leading-edge research and innovation has had a profound impact on the anglers and fishery owners in Texas and around the world."

"What this career and what my clients have given me is a chance to never have a job — to follow my passion, and to be able to go out and keep that fire burning and never snuff it out," Lusk added in the video.

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife started this in the 70s or something," Hood County Judge Ron Massingill explained during the commissioners meeting Oct. 22. "There's 39 members in this hall of fame deal, so this is a very prestigious organization to get into."

revolutionizing the care and upkeep of ponds, as well as developing fish foods and feeding practices.

"He was doing pond management before pond management was even a term," said American Sport Fish Hatchery Team Coordinator Walter Bassano in a video created by Texas Parks & Wildlife. "People would call and ask how they could grow bigger fish in their pond, and he would say, 'Well, we need to implement some pond management practices,' and they'd say, 'What's that?'"

Lusk was recognized with the 2020 American Fisheries Society award for Excellence in Public Outreach and induction into the AFS Fisheries Management Section Hall of Excellence that same year.

He is also past president of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association and a recipient of the L.A. Wilke Award — the organization's most prestigious honor.

"It totally drives him every moment of every day," Bassano added. "Because he absolutely loves what he does."

Lusk is also the editor of Pond Boss Magazine — the nation's leading resource for private fisheries management and stewardship.

"We started at I think 600 people, of which 200 of them were my clients," Lusk said in the video. "I sent letters to customers, asking them for a check for a magazine that doesn't exist. I got 192 checks for \$24."

Within the first year, the magazine had grown to printing 750 copies — but

now, Lusk reveals that 4,200 copies are printed every edition.

"We're in 42 states, plus all the Bass Pro Shops that sell magazines," he said.

"The magazine has made a difference educating the customer how to successfully manage your pond," Bassano said.

"He's not afraid of anything," said Mike Otto, who is a contributing writer to Pond Boss Magazine. "One of his favorite sayings is, 'You get one chance to make a good first impression,' and he always does that.

"Bob's contribution to his field truly has been his knowledge and his leadership and the fact that he will gladly share all of the knowledge that he has learned with other people and do that willingly."

Lusk explained in the video that when he started, there were 750,000 private ponds and lakes — but now, there's 1.3 million.

"People need to know how to take care of that," he said. "I can't do that by myself. I love to share what I know The proclamation states that the court is honored to have Lusk representing the county on the Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

In addition, the court encourages all Hood County residents to join the court in congratulating Lusk on his induction to the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.

HCAD returns \$294,429 of excess funds to taxing entities

BY ASHLEY TERRY Staff Writer

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The Hood Central Appraisal District authorized the return of \$294,429 of excess funds to the taxing entities during its regularly scheduled meeting Oct. 16.A document from HCAD's meeting last week reveals the organization ended the 2023 fiscal year with excess funds that surpassed its expected budgetary needs. The excess funds resulted from various factors such as cost savings, lower than expected

revenues, or underspending in certain budget areas.

The board engaged in an open discussion to evaluate the best course of action to handle the excess funds ultimately voting to return the funds back to the taxing entities.

According to Hood County Judge Ron Massingill, Chief Appraiser Jeff Law delivered a check to the county Oct. 21 in the amount of \$69,773.

"I delivered the check to both the auditor and to the treasurer," Massingill said. "We received another check that was much larger than this for excess funds for the five previous years."

During a Hood County Commissioners Court meeting Oct. 22, Precinct 2 Commissioner Nannette Samuelson confirmed to the public that Granbury Independent School District also received a return of \$187,000, as the district represents a significant portion of local tax revenue.

After the discussion, resident Tina Brown inquired about how the county plans to utilize its portion of the funds.

"It hasn't been decided yet, but there's plenty of uses for it, I'll tell you that," Massingill told her. "I don't know, but it's in a fund. We had to get the money first, so we just got the money, and we will be deciding that in future commissioner courts."

HCAD has faced scrutiny in recent months over its financial management and past expenditures, with many taxing entities considering a forensic audit for the district.

The Hood County Commissioners Court, Granbury City Council and Tolar City Council each passed resolutions urging HCAD to undergo a forensic audit of the prior five fiscal years. The GISD board voted to suspend the resolution for an audit indefinitely due to cost concerns, while Lipan ISD chose to refrain from taking any action.

In a similar move, Hood County and the cities of Granbury and Tolar have also recently chosen to disapprove HCAD's 2025 budget, citing concerns over excessive spending, lack of transparency and over-budgeting.

Hood County's resolution also requested that excess surplus and reserve funds be returned to the taxing entities, and to refund monies paid for unapproved ventures that may be identified in a forensic audit of the prior five years of HCAD expenditures.

In contrast, the GISD board approved HCAD's 2025 budget with a 3:2 vote — reflecting differing views among local entities.

As this situation continues to unfold, local officials continue to emphasize the importance of accountability and transparency in managing taxpayer funds.



City honors Powered for Life students at council meeting

BY ASHLEY TERRY Staff Writer ashley@hcnews.com

Students enrolled in Forward Training Center's Powered for Life class received a warm welcome and recognition from city officials when they attended the Granbury City Council meeting Oct. 15.

The STARS Accelerated High School students are enrolled in the program to gain tools and skills necessary to gain future employment.

During the meeting, Mayor Jim Jarratt, City Manager Chris Coffman, and City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle spoke highly about the program and its students.

"One of the things that he (instructor Walter Wilson) does is ask us to come in and speak to this group,' Jarratt said. "Every time that we come, we always get this question: 'What's the best part of your job?' I guarantee you (the answer) is being right there, at that right time, and at that moment, because meeting with these young adults who are our future is the best part of the job."

Coffman explained that the interactions they have with the students offer a truly unique one-on-one experience, adding that he answers all types of questions – everything from, "What do you do?" to "How much do vou make?"

"It's a learning curve for everybody and we get to know each other," Coffman said. "Sometimes we get to hire somebody out of that



Granbury City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle speaks about Forward Training Center's Powered for Life program during a regularly scheduled Granbury City Council meeting Oct. 15.

group because they come and apply for a job, and that's always encouraging, so that's part of what we do, is try to mentor these folks right along."

"It's an incredible program," SoRelle added. "Every time Walt (Wilson) calls and says, 'Hey, can you

come out and talk to the kids?' I'm like, 30 minutes early. I love it. It's exciting, and I love interacting with them.'

SoRelle added that he appreciates the way Wilson personalizes the experience for each student — especially if they have a specific career in mind for the future. "I might not go for a few months, and then he'll call me up and say, 'Hey, we got a kid that wants to be a lawyer.' Great. I'm there," he said. "We go in and we have a great time."

"To have these people take time out of their day to come and donate their time to the kids is really something special and unique to this community," Wilson said. "You should all be proud of what they do, because they really do take the time to spend an hour-anda-half to two hours a day during the class and pour

into them."

Coffman congratulated the students on getting one step closer to completing the Powered for Life program, and also encouraged them to keep an eye on the city's job postings.

"We're always looking to hire people," he added.





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Residents got the opportunity to clear out stacks of old tax returns, old bills, bank statements and the like at the City of Granbury's free community paper shredding event Saturday, Oct. 19 at city hall. Approximately 79 vehicles drove through as Granbury Volunteer Fire Department Support Brigade members unloaded and nearly filled a shred truck. Attendees donated \$174 to the Fire Department/Support Brigade.









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OBITUARIES

Aurora Petersen

August 8, 1931 - October 15, 2024

It is with great sadness we share the passing of our amazing Aurora Petersen on Oct. 15, 2024, in Granbury, Texas at the age of 93. Aurora was born on Aug. 8, 1931, in Dallas, Texas, the youngest of five children to Pete and Dominga Vidales.

She is predeceased by her brothers Andy and James Vidales, and her sisters Lucy Jones and Isadora Vidales. She is survived by her loving husband Ron Petersen, daughter Lisa Davison (husband Charlie) and son John Tubbs (wife Noemi).

Aurora came from humble beginnings. Her father was a simple laborer with a large family to support. Despite a difficult start in life, Aurora succeeded in graduating from Crozier Technical High School in downtown Dallas, Texas, and proceeded to carve out a professional career through diligent hard work, a trait she would weld throughout her life. She eventually became an inventory specialist with Aerospatiale Helicopter in Grand Prairie, Texas. While there, she leveraged her Hispanic background to serve as Aerospatiale's liaison with their affiliate in Mexico City.

Aurora married Robert Tubbs on May 19,1963, and later divorced in 1975. In September of 1983, she married her husband of 41 years, Ron Petersen. Aurora and Ron made their loving home in Granbury, Texas, with a short time spent living in Phoenix, Arizona. They spent much time traveling together, including extensive trips to Mexico. Aurora was a devout Catholic, and with Ron they remained active in church activities and fundraising throughout their years in Granbury.

The hallmark of Aurora's life was her unbounded empathy and caring for others. Placing the concerns of others above her own was a way of life for Aurora. After retiring from



her professional life, she worked with Fossil Rim Wildlife Center and then became the director of the Granbury Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Aurora's passion for the Granbury community led her to become a leader and advocate for Habitat for Humanity, where she served for 13 years. This was a natural fit for Aurora and her joyful desire to help others. Not only did she embrace the hard work of physically building homes, but she was also very active in Habitat for Humanity's Family Support group. Aurora became the personal advocate for many of the families and endeared herself to them through her compassion, caring and genuine interest in their well-being. Once again, she leveraged her Hispanic background and served the critical role of interpreter, as many of the families did not speak English. Aurora remained connected to the families after they were placed in their homes, ensuring there was always someone invested in their well-being. Aurora's joyful loving spirit, tenacity and kindness are an enduring example of compassion and caring for all those who were touched by her life.

Funeral service will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 2301 Acton Hwy, Granbury, Texas on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at 11 a.m. (Rosary at 10:30 a.m.). Interment will immediately follow at Acton Cemetery, Granbury, Texas.

Susan Kinney October 21, 1938 - October 19, 2024

Susan Lynn Wilcox was born in Paris, Texas, on Oct. 21, 1938, to Leon Allen Wilcox and Frances Virginia (Devlin) Wilcox. Susan's parents loved her unconditionally and ensured she grew into adulthood healthy, happy, and well-educated. Susan received a degree in biology from the University of Texas in Arlington, certification as a medical technologist through All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth, and a BS in nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler. She also took special courses at the FBI Academy. While pursuing her education, Susan also was a full-time mother, raising three daughters, Francine, Gwen, and Alicia. During her career, Susan worked as a medical technologist, a forensic analyst, and a registered nurse. She also was employed in other positions.

In December 1990, Susan moved from Texas to Colorado Springs, where she received certification as a registered nurse, married Terry Philip Kinney, and lived for 21 years. Susan and Terry moved to Granbury, Texas, in 2011. During Susan's and Terry's marriage, they attended five different churches, the last being First Christian Church in Granbury. Susan was a faithful member of all five churches, holding various positions and working diligently at each. Susan had a deep love for Jesus and knew that He loved her.

Susan had a heart for God's people, supporting charitable works and working one-on-one with

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those in need. She had many friends whom she loved and who loved her. She was a good mother, a good wife, and a good human being. The world is diminished by her passing.

Susan died on Oct. 19, 2024, in Fort Worth, Texas, with her husband and her daughters by her side. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frances and Leon.

Surviving Susan are her husband, Terry; her daughters Francine Taylor, Gwen Martin (husband Mike and son, Chad), and Alicia Taylor; brothers Mark Wilcox and Mike Wilcox; grandchildren Jeremy and Ryan Davis; stepchildren Angela Simmons (husband Brent and sons, Christopher and Austin) and Philip Kinney; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Susan's Life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Granbury. In lieu of flowers or other mementos, Susan requested contributions to the Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County (www.UGM-TC.org) or the First Christian Church of Granbury.

Gloria Maria Canales

September 18, 1957 - October 4, 2024

On Oct. 4, 2024, Gloria Maria Canales was promoted to Heaven. Gloria was born on Sept. 18, 1957 in San Saba, Texas. Gloria and her husband Robert have lived in Granbury since 1987, and they raised their daughter Jennifer and son Tony here. Gloria worked for the Granbury ISD for more than 27 years, in the computer lab at Nettie Baccus Elementary, within the Human Resources Department at the Administration Building and in the Special Education Department. She retired from GISD in 2017. In these roles, Gloria positively touched many lives. Above all else, Gloria

loved her family. She was a wonderful wife, and an incredible mother and grandmother. Her hobbies were many. She loved traveling, boating, bowling, karaoke, volunteering at her church and elsewhere, scrapbooking and socializing. With every encounter, she made others feel special and important, always asking them how they were doing and all about their lives. When it came to her children and grandchildren, she never missed a birthday or holiday - she was a very thoughtful and tremendous gift-giver. She will be sorely missed by her family and all who know her.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Robert Canales



of Granbury; her daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Jeremy Cook of Roanoke, Texas, and their sons Boston and Navy; her son and daughter-in-law Tony and Cheyenne Canales of Burleson, and their son Legend; her grandson Noah Canales of Waxahachie; her stepdaughter and son-in-law Roxana and Victor Espinoza, and their children Destiny, Sydney, Stephanie and Robert; her sister Janie Moore and husband Dennis; her brother Alfred Soto and wife Shirley; her sister Rosie Liquori and husband Frank; her sister Mary Blackburn; her aunt Eugenia Bullock; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gloria's life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 2, 2024 at Acton Baptist Church, where flowers may be sent. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to Acton Baptist Church.

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Rebecca Jane Wood

December 3, 1970 - October 15, 2024

Rebecca "Becca" Jane Wood, 53, beloved mother, grandmother, and daughter, of Granbury, passed away on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, 2024, in her Granbury home, following a courageous fight against MS.

Funeral services celebrating Becca's life were held at 1 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, at the Wiley Funeral Center, 420 Highway 377 East in Granbury. Burial will be private.

Becca was born on Dec. 3, 1970 in Fort Worth, Texas, to Donald and Janie Hankins. Becca was fearless and courageous in everything she did. She was blunt and outspoken. Becca will be remembered for her contagious sense of humor and sarcastic personality. Becca was an LVN by profession. She cared immensely for her patients and was a caretaker for people in their time of need. Most of all, Becca will affectionately be remembered for her love



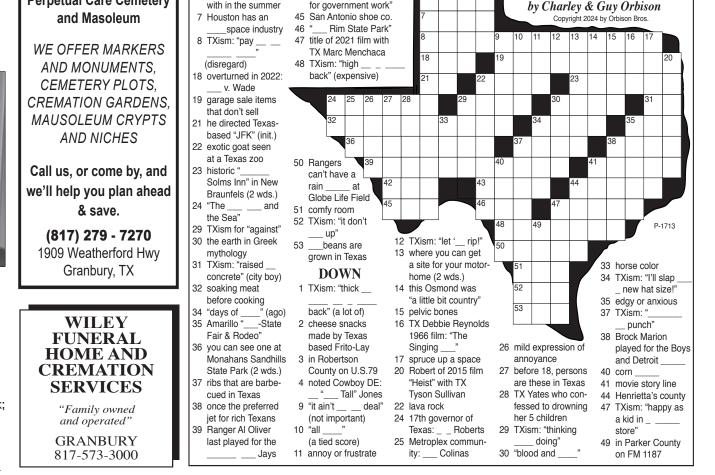
for her family - particularly her children and grandchildren to whom she was known as Grandma and "GiGi.'

Becca is survived by her daughters, Haleigh and husband Kevin Calderon, Taylor Wood, Lauren Wood, and Jordan Hendrix; her grandchildren, Taylor Grace, Elena Delight, Evelyn Rose, Zoe Leigh, Ethan Richard, Coraline Rose, Ruby Jaleeah, and Hendrix Daniel; her parents, siblings, and by numerous cousins and good friends.

SUBMITTING AN OBITUARY

Obituaries are submitted online at obituaries.hcnews.com. Advance payment is required and you may do so online when placing the obituary. Obituaries should come from the funeral home. Obituaries placed by next of kin must be verified with the facility handling the body or the church where service will be held. You must provide the contact info for verification when submitting the obituary. The Hood County News deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. Wednesday for the Saturday paper. Deadlines are subject to change during holidays.





Are your heirs ready to receive an inheritance?

TY ANDREW

Edward Jones Financial Adviser

In the popular imagination, receiving an inheritance always sounds like a good thing — after all, who doesn't want a financial windfall? And inheritances can certainly be life-altering events. But they can cause challenges, so you'll want to help your heirs be prepared.

To assist in this preparation, try to address some key questions affecting your heirs:

DO THEY KNOW WHAT'S IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS?

Your family and other heirs will be much better prepared to deal with an



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plans with everyone involved. You need to let them know the wishes and decisions you've expressed in your will and other legal arrangements, such as a living trust. Of course, sharing this information doesn't necessarily mean that all your heirs will be completely satisfied with your choices — but at least they won't be surprised, and perhaps will be less likely to cause disputes when the time comes to settle your estate.

WILL THEY KNOW WHAT TO **DO WITH THE MONEY OR OTHER ASSETS?**

You may be planning to leave your grown children a sizable amount of assets. possibly including cash, stocks, real estate, IRAs, 401Ks or other types of valuable personal property. But this inheritance brings with it several possible questions: Do your heirs already have an investment platform ready to accept inherited stocks? If you do leave behind rental property or a vacation home, can it be easily sold? These types of issues are generally not hard to resolve, but the more prepared your heirs are for their inheritance, the quicker they can take whatever actions are needed.

ARE THEY PREPARED TO HANDLE ANY TAXES THAT **MAY RESULT FROM THE INHERITANCE?**

Unless you have a very large estate, your heirs likely won't face federal estate taxes. (In 2024, the first \$13.61 million of an estate is exempt from federal estate taxes.) However, other types of taxes may apply. A few states assess state inheritance taxes, and your heirs could incur federal and/or state income taxes when they withdraw money from inherited assets funded with pre-tax dollars, such as some retirement ac-

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SUPPORT SYSTEMS

EVERY DAY

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

SUNDAY THROUGH FRI-DAY

ACTON 12 Step Group meets at 7 p.m. at 3609 Acton Highway (behind Madison Park).

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

STARTING A New Life grief support group meets from 3-5 p.m. for those who have lost a loved one through death, including the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or close friend. For the past 28 years, this group has helped people work through their grief process. Next session begins Oct. 20. Christian based, nondenominational and welcome all who are suffering. Parish Hall of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. For more information. call Phillis and Bill Brewer at 817-573-8915 or Sherry Bingham at 817-657-0822.

EVERY MONDAY

PROMISES AL-ANON group meets every Monday at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, fellowship hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

ACTON AL-ANON 12 Step

Group meeting noon to 1 p.m. Located in the Acton Library in the same building as fire department, 6430 Smokey Hill Court. For more information call 817-308-3300.

ONGOING PEDALING for

Parkinson's classes at the Hood County YMCA. Stop by front desk for paperwork packet and info. Doctor's release required before your first class. Classes are on stationary bikes and assistance is provided by certified instructors. Mondays and Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. Pedaling a bike from 80-90 RPMs for 40 minutes has been proven to help with Parkinson's symptoms. Call for more information 817-408-0559.

EVERY TUESDAY

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

GRIEFSHARE 14-WEEK semi-

nar. Next session begins Sept. 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Presented by StoneWater Church, Granbury, this program is a support group designed to help rebuild lives. Book for course, \$20, "Finding hope after the loss of a loved one." Register: Grief-Share.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175. May call anytime for help.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY,

Christ-centered recovery program. Free dinner 6-6:45 p.m., large group meetings 7-8 p.m., small group meetings 8-9 p.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. 817-573-2094. Questions: Tim White 817-223-0973 or Becky Pierce 254-396-5918.

ACTON 12 - Step Women's Group meets at 5:30 p.m. at 3609 Acton Highway (behind Madison Park).

EVERY THURSDAY

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

GRIEFSHARE RECOVERY

seminar and support recovery seminar and support group meets at 10 a.m. at Interim Hospice, 1314 Paluxy Drive, Suite 200. Childcare is not provided. Fee for Griefshare workbook is \$15. Details: 817-573-7474.

RE|ENGAGE MARRIAGE Enrichment meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at StoneWater

Church in Granbury. For more

information email to paige. kitchens@stonewaterchurch. com.

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EVERY FRIDAY

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, Christ-centered recovery program. 12 step groups 7-8 p.m., "Friday Night Live! Church" 8:15-9 p.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. 817-573-2094. Questions: Tim White 817-223-0973 or Becky Pierce 254-396-5918.

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FIRST MONDAY

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

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

FIRST TUESDAY

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS

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

SECOND MONDAY

LOCAL CHAPTER 238 of the **Disabled American Veterans** now meets at Charterhouse, 959 Charterhouse Circle, Granbury at 7 pm. The purpose of each meeting is to help the Veterans Administration keep its promise to take care of disabled veterans and to promote camaraderie among veterans, both men and women.

SECOND SATURDAY

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

THIRD MONDAY

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

THIRD TUESDAY

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FOURTH TUESDAY

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

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

FOURTH SATURDAY

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

SUPPORT SYSTEM calendar will feature recurring activities that provide group support and are open to the public. These items will run each Wednesday. Submit Support System listings to calendar@hcnews.com and include the day, date, time and location - including street address.

POLICE BLOTTER City of Granbury Police Department Criminal Activity Report

The following is a breakdown of activity that occurred through the Granbury Police Department during the period of Oct.15-21. While there were many incidents, this is a partial



7:52 p.m.: theft of prop-

erty on E. U.S. Highway

377 11:25 p.m.: criminal trespassing on E. U.S.

Highway 377 **Two major accidents nd 21 traffic stops oc-

LETTERS

DIFFICULT CHOICES

Looks like Hood County's loss of Dr. Blocker is because he followed the best options at the time to protect our people from the 2020 COVID-19 mess.

The unknown factors of the 2020 COVID-19 disease led to healthcare and elected officials making very difficult choices and laws to protect our people because in our history some diseases have gotten out of hand and cost many lives, especially the lives of children.

list of more significant activity.

OCT. 15

9:23 a.m.: driving with suspended license on W. Pearl Street 11:42 a.m.: assault on W. Pearl Street 12:56 p.m.: animal bite on Lipan Highway **Three minor accidents and 33 traffic stops occured this day**

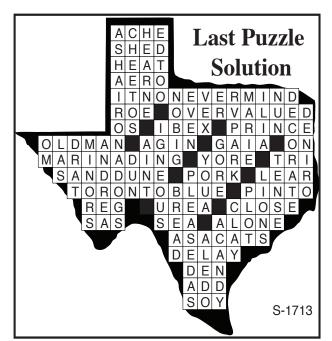
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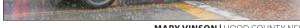
12:50 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377 6:23 p.m.: theft on Heather Drive 6:34 p.m.: burglary on E. Moore Street 7:20 p.m.: theft on E. U.S. Highway 377 11:12 p.m.: noise disturbance on N. Lambert Street

Two major accidents, one minor accident and 16 traffic stops occured this day

OCT. 17

9:23 a.m.: mental person on Meadows North Drive





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11:27 a.m.: SWAT called out on County Road 407, Somerville 11:33 a.m.: burglary motor vehicle on Second Street

2:29 p.m.: noise disturbance on Paluxy Road 3:09 p.m.: burglary motor vehicle on Shannon

Circle 3:46 p.m.: noise disturbance on Old Granbury Road

9:36 p.m.: theft of a firearm on N. Travis Street 11:53 p.m.: criminal mischief on E. U.S. Highway 377

Five minor accidents, a warrant service and nine traffic stops occurred this day

OCT. 19

Pearl Street 9:28 a.m.: theft over \$2,500 and under \$30,000 on Western Hills Trail 12:08 p.m.: custodial interference on N.E. Loop 567

chief on E. U.S. Highway

4:00 p.m.: theft on

4:56 p.m.: missing per-

6:11 p.m.: livestock out

8:34 p.m.: threats on W.

9:51 p.m.: noise distur-

10:03 p.m.: driving while

**One major accident,

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6:57 a.m.: theft on E.

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son on Arrowhead Lane

Sunflower Lane

on E. Pearl Street

Pearl Street

Lakes Drive

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OCT. 18

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11:06 a.m.: burglary motor vehicle on Shannon Circle

4:06 a.m.: minors in possession of alcohol on Old Granbury Road. 11:24 a.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377

> 12:08 p.m.: custodial interference on N.E. Loop 567

12:38 p.m.: suspicious activity on S. Morgan Street 12:59 p.m.: theft

of property on E. U.S. Highway 377 1:06 p.m.: theft under \$100 on E. U.S. Highway 377

curred this day**

OCT. 20

1:26 a.m.: driving while intoxicated on E. U.S. Highway 377

2:44 a.m.: driving while intoxicated on N.E. Loop 567

11:27 a.m.: criminal mischief on Tahiti Drive

5:58 p.m.: harassment on Kathy Lane

11:24 p.m.: noise disturbance on Crawford Court **Three minor acci-

dents, two warrant services and 20 traffic stops occurred this day**

OCT. 21

1:43 a.m.: possession of drug paraphernalia on Paluxy Road

3:13 a.m.: suspicious activity on S. Ables Street 4:19 p.m.: theft under

\$100 on Reunion Court 5:18 p.m.: hit and run on

E. U.S. Highway 377 7:12 p.m.: theft of service over \$100 and under

\$750 on N. Houston Street 8:43 p.m.: criminal mis-

chief on Sunflower Lane 11:41 p.m.: possession of a controlled substance

on Weatherford Highway 11:54 p.m.: noise disturbance on N. Travis Street

** One minor accident and 32 traffic stops occurred this day**

Looking at a disease that has passed, one can see what did and did not need to be done. Unfortunately, when faced with a new disease such as COVID-19 was, choices must be made to protect our people as best we can. That is what was done. None of us liked it, but we didn't want a huge number of deaths ... especially children.

Thank you Dr. Blocker for trying to protect our people and adhering to the law at that time.

Christy Massey, RN, BSN, MSN

DEAR EDITOR:

Regarding the "This is preposterous" article, I say this with all due respect and Christian love to Commissioners Eagle and Samuelson ... You must be insane! Or perhaps, simply misguided when it comes to pandemics as a whole.

First of all, I do not know Dr. Blocker or his pandemic knowledge. What I do know is that I was not around for the 1918 Flu pandemic, so I had nothing on which to base my knowledge of protection. That said, unless you were 102 in 2020, neither did you.

Yes, it was terribly inconvenient for everyone ... especially for those who died. I am certain that school children suffered from the abrupt changes to their routines.

Businesses failed and we were all scared. And FWIW, your Monday morning quarterback-ness is just idiotic. If you have a bone to pick with this fella, choose something else because this fight just makes you look foolish. There's an old adage that says "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We, as Americans, are resilient.

And if I hurt your feelings, I apologize. That was not my intention. I was simply stunned at your take on this subject. For all those who are standing on the Constitution, screaming your brains out about having to shutter your business or wear a mask when walking outside ... You're able to do this because you are breathing.

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GUIDELINES FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Submit letters to www.hcnews.com/forms/letters. Letters must include author's first and last name, and home address. Specific address will not be published.

Writers are limited to one letter every 30 days.

Letters should be 500 words or less. All letters are subject to editing. All submissions to the Hood County News will become the property of the Hood County News. Letters to the Editor will appear in the Saturday edition of the Hood County News.

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

HEIRS **FROM PAGE A9**

counts. They could also face capital gains taxes when they sell inherited assets, such as stocks, for more than they were worth at the time of the inheritance. In any case, inheritance-related taxes can be complex, so you and your

family and other heirs should discuss these issues with your tax advisor.

WILL THEY BE LIABLE FOR ANY **OUTSTANDING EXPENSES?**

If you have developed a comprehensive estate plan, it's unlikely your heirs will be on the hook for any outstanding expenses, such as credit card balances or funeral costs. If you do still carry a mortgage, though, and you are planning on leaving your house to your heirs, they may want to be prepared to act quickly to sell it.

When leaving an inheritance, there's a lot involved – emotionally, financially and

legally. So, do whatever you can to make the entire process as easy as possible for your loved ones. By communicating your wishes regarding the inheritance, and by considering all the issues that may arise, you can go a long way toward achieving the outcomes you desire.



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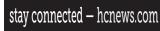


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General

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6030 Golf

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Guns

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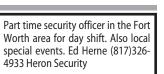
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Construction

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NOTICES

Public Notices

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, INDIVID-UALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF E.G. AND H.G., MINORS

NOAH SHAWN DYKES AND JACKIE LYNN DYKES

9031 **Public Notices**

M Trotter LLC dba Droptine Liquor is making application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a package store permit located at 3817 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Matthew A Trotter and Mark A Trotter are the managers of said LLC.

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 PUR-CHASE 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@granburyisd.org for clarifications and questions.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE Hood County, Texas will begin an online auction for the sale of a 2006 Acura MDX, 2006 Ford Exp, 2001 Honda MC, 2005 Ford TSE, 2015 Hyundai Sonata, 2000 Dodge Dakota PK,2011 Hyundai EGM, 1997 Ford F150 PK, 2006 Honda MC, 2008 Chevy Impala, 2005 Honda Civic, 2001 Dodge Dakota PK, 2010 Chrysler Town & Country, 2017 Ford Exp LL, 2006 Nissan Pathfinder, 2002 GMC LL, 2005 Chevy PK, 2008 Ford Ranger PK, and 2001 Ford Focus that have been declared surplus property of Hood County. Hood County online auction is with Rene Bates Auctioneer Inc. and will begin November 6, 2024 and run until

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Public Notices NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of KENNETH ORIN MCDOWELL, Deceased, were issued on October 9, 2024, in Cause No. P10506 pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: PENNY RENEE COSPER and

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

c/o: Steven G. Kuban Attorney at Law 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 DATED the 15th day of October, 2024 Attorney for Penny Renee Cosper and Wendy Anne Cockerell State Bar No.: 24078807 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: (817) 573-8872 Facsimile: (817) 579-1651 E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of PATRICIA MARY MCDOWELL, Deceased, were issued on October 9, 2024, in Cause No. P10500, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: PENNY RENEE COSPER and WENDY ANNE COCKERELL

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

c/o: Steven G. Kuban Attorney at Law 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 DATED the 15th day of October, 2024. Attorney for Penny Renee Cosper and Wendy Anne Cockerell State Bar No.: 24078807 107 E. Pearl St. Granbury, Texas 76048 Telephone: (817) 573-8872 Facsimile: (817) 579-1651 E-mail: skuban@kubanfirm.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Public Hearing will be held by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held within the Council Chambers of Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas.

1. Annex - Ordinance to annex 7.8acres of the W.G. Terrell Survey located at 4172 E US Hwy 377. per petition for voluntary annexation in the Cit of Granbury, Texas.

For more information, contact Community Development at 817-573-1114, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048

PUBLIC SALES Garage Sales 76048

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New Beginnings Resale Shoppe & Boutique



MISSION GRANBURY 817-964-3445 1204 Water's Edge Dr., Across from the Movie Theatre) #heretohelp Shop: Mon.-Fri. 9am - 5pm

Sat. 10am - 4pm Donate: Wed.-Sat. 10am-3pm PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE Rummage

Room Open Tues & Thurs, 8am-2pm, First Sat. of the month 9am-1pm 306 Kings Plaza. 817-573-7801.

Attention-First time ever Community Garage Sale in Blue Branch Ranch! One day only Sat 10/26, 8AM-4PM. From Hwy 4 in Thorp Spring, turn on FM 2580/Tin Top Hwy. Go North about 1/ 2 mile. No early sales.

405 Kinson St. Fri-Sat, Oct 25-26, 8:30am-3:30pm. Cancel if rain. Medium, large and extra large women's clothes. Girls clothes, size 8, 10, and 12. Shoes and tennis shoes. Living room table. Twin size mattress, like new.

607 S Harbor Ct- Multi-Family Sale: Fri-Sat, Oct 25-26, 8am-5pm. Check out the deals for the day!!! Lots of household items. Don't miss this sale!

YARD SALE: GRANBURY 207 S Cherry Lane- Welcome hoarders, junkers and dumpster divers. No credit cards accepted. Saturday, October 26, 8AM-1PM

3801 Kikaga Rd - Fri & Sat 11/1 & 11/2, 8am-4pm. Home decor, vintage cast iron, furniture and much more.

5707 Parkside Ct- Arrowhead Shores neighborhood sale Oct. 25th & 26th from 8am-5pm.



Granek Ct- Thanksgiving and Christmas Decorations. Bookcase and lots of other items! Saturday November 02 8 am- 3pm

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GARAGE SALE: GRANBURY 3911 Sunset Ct.- Great prices for great finds. Be sure and put this on your list. Furniture, antiques/collectibles, glassware, nice women's clothes, decor and seasonal trinkets. Laguna Vista subdivision, 8 -12. Saturday October 26

front and inside living room EVERYTHING MUST GO! *lawn mower *patio chairs table

and misc bridles, bits*

GARAGE SALE: GRANBURY 4320

Old Granbury Rd- ONE DAY ONLY -

Furniture, Fall and Christmas deco-

rations, western art, household

items and tools Saturday Novem-

GARAGE SALE: GRANBURY 6240



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TRANSITIONS: GRANBURY | OCT 24-

Lands End Ct.- food service/catering equip, seasonal decor. Longaberger baskets/accessories, Aggie memorabilia/decor, books, DVDs, VHS, crafting. 12p-5p THR 9a -4p FRI 9a-1p SAT

113 Kessler- Sat 10/26, 8AM-3PM. Furniture, toys & clothes.

Granbury 76049

Garage Sales 76049

Yard Sale at 4401 W Kenwood Ct. Thursday 10/24, Friday 10/25, Saturday 10/26.

Furniture, plants, seasonal. 8am-? **MOVING SALE: GRANBURY**

1816 Bentwater Parkway - Outside in

Wood bedroom sets *trundle twin set *couch *side tables *oak table 2 leafs 6-8 chairs *rocking horse *kids JD ATV

*kitchen misc *lamps *pony harness

Saturday October 26



Granbury 76048

Deadline: Saturday issue, 10 a.m. Wednesday | SATURDAY, October 26, 2024

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Pets Lost & Found

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IF YOU HAVE LOST OR FOUND AN ANIMAL, please contact Hood County Animal Control, 1550 Weatherford Hwy, Granbury, Texas 76048. 817-573-4277

EMPLOYMENT

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General

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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 attornev. You are hereby commanded to appear and defends such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of twenty (20) days from the date of the issuance hereof. If you or your attornev 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.'

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

CHEYENNE NICOLE GALINDO, INDI-VIDUALLY 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, INDIVID-UALLY 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 78521 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 Plaintiffs' 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

ovember 18, 2024. ders can access the auction at www.renebates.com. Questions concerning this online auction should be directed to Hood County Purchasing Department 817-408-3440.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Gandhari Enterprises Inc. dba Gandhari Enterprises Inc., to be located at 535 S Morgan Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of the corporation are Rakesh Gandhari, President.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by Gandhari Enterprises Inc. dba Gandhari Enterprises Inc., to be located at 2201 S Morgan Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of the corporation are Rakesh Gandhari, President.

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit by Whisker Creek Ventures dba The Twisted Whisker, to be located at 1901 S. Morgan Street, Granbury, Hood County, Texas. Officers of said corporation are Amber Hausler Co-Owner and Gayle McGuire Co-Owner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Sarah Hartley Babineau were issued on October 09, 2024 in Docket No. P10480, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to David Edward Babineau. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

c/o Riley Roden 827 West Pearl Street Granbury, TX 76048 Dated 10/18/2024 /s/ Riley Roden **Riley Roden** Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Sarah Hartley Babineau

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KNIEPER REALTY Do elections impact housing sales?



BY PAM KNIEPER

Pam Knieper, broker/owner of Knieper Real Estate, is and has been the #1 top producer in Hood County for more than 15 years and running. She is known as the waterfront expert and the authority on real estate.

YES ... ABSOLUTELY ... The list of things that can impact the housing market is long and sometimes exhausting, much like the campaign politics in a presidential election year. For as long as I have been a REALTOR®, the negative impact of a presidential election year has been a fact of life in real estate. Because the news surrounding the candidates and what is happening along the campaign trails affects everyone differently, it is only natural that some buyers and sellers may be wondering how elections might impact their plans to buy or sell a home right now

and in the coming months. Data from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the National Association of REALTORS® show that home sales do slow down in the months leading up to Election Day. But the good news is sales do not slow down for an extended period of time. Once the election is over home sales tend to pick back up. Research showed that for nine of the last 11 presidential elections, home

sales increased the following vear regardless of which side won or lost. The two years when sales decreased following an election were in the 1980s.

Another huge factor on homebuyers' minds is where mortgage rates are going. The mortgage market has been nothing short of a roller coaster for the last four years. Rates went unbelievably low and then doubled seemingly overnight to levels we haven't seen in decades. Currently many buyers and sellers are holding back on plans and watching to see where mortgage rates are truly headed.

Reviewing data shared by Freddie Mac, a large mortgage-backing entity in America, mortgage rates decreased from July to November in eight of the last 11 election years.

This year has fallen in line with the historical research trends. Mortgage rates have decreased since the begin-

ning of September. Many mortgage analysts are reporting they expect rates to continue to decrease in the near future. (Though no one can ever 100% accurately forecast where mortgage rates will go).

All these numbers are interesting and helpful to get some insight into how elections impact the housing market. But what is truly the best method for determining what the market is doing and how it will impact your personal decisions is to talk with a local Granbury REALTOR®.

So, give us a call and let's talk about what is going on with homes in specific neighborhoods where you are interested in purchasing a home, or how conditions and inventories in your neighborhood will impact the sale of your personal home.



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If you are ready to buy or sell a home in Granbury and would like to talk about what

that could look like, contact us anytime at 817-219-0456 or visit us online at www. WeSellGranbury.com.

LAKE GRANBURY MEDICAL CENTER Rising strokes among young adults

By Lake Granbury Medical Center

The word "stroke" may bring to mind someone elderly suffering from the condition in a movie. However, after 40 years of declining stroke-related mortality, strokes are on the rise among adults younger than 45. But before diving into why there's an uptick in the condition, it's important to know what a stroke is.

"Surprisingly to many, strokes are becoming more common in younger people," states Dr. Aaron Shaw, internal medicine physician with Lakeside Physicians, "It's important to know what a stroke is, the causes and the symptoms."

A stroke happens during disruptions in blood flow to the brain. This can be due to a clot, blockage or a blood vessel burst, leading to a brain bleed. And when the brain doesn't get enough oxygen and nutrients, brain cells die within minutes, causing permanent damage.

The most common age for strokes is 71 among

men and 76 among women. However, a recent study shows a disturbing trend of increasing intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH) stroke rates in young adults. These are the second most common type of stroke but also the most deadly. ICH stroke rates are also 43% higher among men than women.

In recent years, high blood pressure rates rose from 74.5% to 86.4%, which is an important connection because hypertension increases your risk of stroke. Other ICH risk factors include

being over 55, having liver disease, overuse of alcohol, smoking, using blood thinners, having a history of stroke and being African American or Asian.

Approximately 800,000 people suffer strokes yearly, and 15% are among people between 18 and 50. It's believed that the rising number of strokes in younger people is due to underlying diseases and declining health. Young people who have suffered from strokes also tend to have hypertension, diabetes or obesity.

While some genetic diseases can't be changed, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly and quitting smoking can reduce the risk of stroke. It is also essential to manage medical conditions contributing to stroke risk, including stress.

If you think someone is having a stroke because they are having trouble seeing, speaking, understanding speech, seem confused, or have weakness on one side of the body, use the F.A.S.T. method of

evaluation:

Face: Is one side of their face drooping?

Arms: Can the person lift both arms? Does one arm drift downward?

Speech: Is the person's speech slurred or strange? Time: Time is important. Call 9-1-1 right away.

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A second chance to dance

GHS moms rally to create alternative homecoming dance following ticket shortage

BY ASHLEY TERRY

Staff Writer ashley@hcnews.com

'hen Granbury moms unite, they are unstoppable -especially when it comes to their children's happiness.

Hood County News E

After tickets to the Granbury High School homecoming dance sold out faster than a hot new smartphone, local moms swiftly stepped in to organize an alternative dance to ensure every student could join in the celebration.

Ashley Wentworth, whose son is a senior at GHS, originally posted on the Granbury Moms! Facebook page Oct. 15, when she realized her son wanted to attend the homecoming dance for the first time ever. Unfortunately, by that morning, tickets had already sold out, which left Wentworth's son and several other hopeful attendees disappointed.

"I just was reaching out saying, 'Hey, does anyone have an extra ticket?' but there were so many people looking for extras, I kind of was like, 'OK, well, that's that,'" she said.

Once Wentworth posted about the situation, she found out through other comments that only 500 tickets had been sold, due to capacity concerns regarding the cafeteria where the dance would be held.

From there, the social media post spiraled, leading to numerous complaints from students and parents who felt frustrated by the limited ticket availability. The outcry eventually led to many suggestions that an alternative dance would solve the issue and ensure that every student would be able to attend.

The suggestion sparked an idea, which led to Wentworth teaming up with parent Stacey Bridwell Connor, where they both simultaneously posted on other Facebook group like Granbury Breaking News and Hood County Breaking News, as they searched for a venue to host a separate dance. It didn't take long for both posts to gain traction, leading to an even larger discussion about the situation. One comment raised the question of why only 500 tickets were permitted, arguing that every GHS student should have the chance to attend homecoming. Others proposed holding the dance on two separate nights one for freshmen and sopho-

mores and another for juniors and seniors.

Many comments criticized the school district for improper planning and for not holding the dance at a bigger venue to accommodate more students. Others were quick to defend, stating that students had more than enough notice to purchase their tickets and that the dance was moved indoors this year due to safety concerns.

Brianne Langdon, a culinary arts instructor at the high school, also commented on the post, confirming that students did have weeks to purchase tickets, as she encouraged students to plan ahead rather than waiting until the last minute. She also explained that safety is the school's top priority, and while the event could be held elsewhere, higher costs would make it less accessible for many students. She also touched on the rising student population and the ongoing challenges it presents to the district, as well as the amount of manpower, planning and time it takes to coordinate an event of this size.

"I promise you ... none of us are sitting around thinking about ways we can make the event crappy or less inclusive," Langdon's comment reads. "I know that it's not a perfect solution. I know that it sucks for some of the kids, but sometimes life lessons are learned best that way. All I ask is that you give us the benefit of the doubt before calling us out. We love your kids."

"I never wanted to start drama (with my post)," Wentworth told the Hood County News. "Of course, there's always drama, but I never wanted to start drama, and I didn't want the school taking any of the brunt of that. If they're doing what they can do, then that's fine. It is what it is."

Shortly after community concerns surfaced, however, GISD released a statement announcing that ticket sales were reopening and that capacity was extended.

"The GHS Homecoming Dance tickets were originally available Oct.



Chief Mitch Galvan delivers burgers to Granbury citizens Thursday, Oct. 17, during the Burgers and Badges fundraiser

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Jennifer O'Neill: Hollywood star, faith advocate to speak at Hewlett Park

7-18," the GISD statement reads. "Due to limited space and popular demand, tickets sold out before the sales window ended. We have heard your concerns and worked with our Safety & Security team to expand the capacity. We will re-open online tickets to accommodate additional students who would like the opportunity to attend the dance."

According to GISD Director of Communications Ryan Cox, the district did not sell enough tickets to

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BY LAUREN DAVIS Staff Writer lauren@hcnews.com

event at Grumps Burgers.

Jennifer O'Neill will host a special event at Hewlett Park, 650 E. Pearl St. in Granbury, Nov. 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Born in 1948 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, O'Neill gained fame as both an actress and model. IMDB cites that she is best known for her roles in "Summer of '42" (1971), "Scanners" (1981) and "Rio Lobo" (1970).

She also enjoyed a successful modeling career and served as a Cover Girl spokesperson for 30 years. Additionally, O'Neill is cataloged in the Smithsonian Institute's American History

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Museum, Center for Commercial Advertising.

Her upcoming public speaking event at Hewlett Park, "One Nation Under God," promises to unite attendees in prayer and reflection as she advocates for repentance and revival in a nation yearning for hope.

O'Neill's story is not just about fame; it's about a tortured soul, ravaged by the fires of life, pausing just long enough to hear the Lord calling for her with healing, grace and purpose.

Her life took a dark turn at 14 when she attempted suicide, resulting in a coma that lasted several weeks. At 15, she broke her neck and back in a horse-riding accident, sustaining the same neck injury that paralyzed Christopher

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O'Neill was married nine times to eight men — marrying for the first time at 17. MarriedCeleb. com reports her 1996 marriage to recording engineer Mervin Sidney Louque Jr. is "harmonious and enduring.

Her relationships have not been without problems — including nine miscarriages and an abortion. Suffering symptoms of postpartum, O'Neill checked herself into a mental institution, reports CloserWeekly.com. The actress also spoke candidly about the sexual abuse of her daughter by one of her husbands, adding another layer of pain to her already troubled past.

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Guest Speaker

Jennifer O'Neill

Actress, Model, Author & Speaker



JESSE RAMIREZ JR. HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury's annual homecoming parade brought a festive spirit to W. Pearl Street Monday, Oct. 21, as townsfolk lined the streets to cheer on an array of themed floats. Later, the excitement moved to Pirate Stadium, where a spirited pep rally culminated with the announcement of the homecoming court.

Scan QR code for the full gallery of the Homecoming parade.





The Annual 50 Fellas Foodfest drew a huge crowd to the Reunion Grounds Saturday, Oct. 19. The event was held to support the Granbury Education Foundation's fundraiser for grants and scholarships for teachers and students within Granbury ISD. Full gallery at hcnews.com.











PHOTOS BY LAYTH TAYLOR | HOOD COUNTY NEWS Music from local artist Steven Walker and smiling Granbury police officers filled the Grumps Pavilion Oct. 17. Grumps Burgers was home to the annual Burger and Badges fundraiser where proceeds from the event go to the Granbury Police Department. For full gallery go to hcnews.com





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

t's that time of year when you need to be prepared for both cool weather and sunny hot weather. Launching in the a.m. and running down the lake can be quite cool, but as the sun rises, you'll be shedding those jackets quickly.

I don't know how many times I have folks with me who are not prepared for the weather, even if I warn them beforehand. It is a good idea to have a jacket this time of the year that will keep you warm enough for that morning run down the lake. It is also a good idea that this jacket should be waterproof/ water resistant for obvious reasons. Even if there is no rain in the forecast, you might need some protection from water spray from potential wave action. I do keep a couple of extra rain jackets in the boat just in case. They are not insulated at all, but the vinyl will break the wind for the run down the lake and they will keep your upper torso dry.

Most boats are relatively dry inside, but on occasion water will get in the boat. Some boats have self-bailing decks that on occasion will allow a small amount of water

in the boat. Other days on the water, the wave action can cause water to splash into the boat. People climbing in and out of boats will also bring in water. For this reason, tennis shoes that can get wet are not the best choice on the boat. In the summer a shoe that is designed to get wet is a good idea. For the other times of the year, a good waterproof boat shoe/boot with good traction is a good idea. Having wet socks and shoes can make the day less favorable, especially if it is cold. Currently it is still fairly warm enough on most days that I still wear my shoes/sandals which are made to wade out in the water, but the time is near where I will use rubber boots when launching the boat to keep dry. Being wet when it's cold is not fun.

With these warm afternoons, don't forget the sunscreen. When on the water in the boat, you can still get burned. I believe the reflection from the water can actually be more intense than on land. The afternoons can still get pretty warm, especially if there is not any wind and we have had a bunch of days with no wind.

Bring plenty of water/fluids. Though the sun is not as intense in fall, you still need to hydrate. I know for me, I am more likely to have a headache if I don't hydrate. I know that after the day on the water is done, I am in a lot better shape if I drink plenty of fluids. It does make a difference.

It is also a good idea to have a first aid kit available on the boat. Bandages, antiseptic, aspirin/pain reliever and other items as needed. It may also be a good idea to keep the insect spray available, too. We haven't had a freeze yet and the bugs are still out.

I keep a lot of these items in the boat, but I keep many of these items in my truck. Some items, such as extra replacement batteries, sunscreen, insect spray and such I will keep in my truck tool box. If you can keep it all in the boat, that is a good thing but typically my vehicle is not out of reach if needed. If you are to venture far, it may be a good idea to put all you need on the boat.

HOOD COUNTY FISHING REPORT

Granbury water temperatures have been hovering around the middle 70s, depending on the time of the day, but will continue to cool with passing cool fronts. The lake is about 1.5 feet low and falling as we have had no rain in quite a while. The lake has turned over initially but will continue to turn as the surface cools. White bass (sand bass) are good to excellent on many areas of the lake on slabs and spinners. Lots of schooling small sand bass with some big ones mixed in. Striped bass are slow to fair to 10 pounds on live bait and trolled jigs from Blue Water

Shores to Indian Harbor. Largemouth bass are good in numbers with some good fish to 7 pounds possible. Largemouth bass are good on crankbaits and soft plastics fished in the back of sloughs near docks and near main lake points. Crappie, when located, are excellent on small jigs and minnows fished on structure from Indian Harbor to Bentwater. Catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits. Blue catfish are fair to good with an occasional fish over 30 pounds possible

Comanche Creek (formerly Squaw Creek) continues to boast of limits of eater sized channel catfish being caught on prepared baits. Black bass are also excellent to 8 pounds on soft plastics and crankbaits with many boasting 50 plus fish a day. Tilapia, I understand, are getting big and you can catch all you want. Best bait for Tilapia continues to be worms.

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Autumn delights: Cozy mysteries and giving back to the community



I think it's safe to say — it's finally here! We've all been eagerly awaiting (perhaps not so patiently) the arrival of autumn. The past two mornings have been crisp, brisk and simply beautiful. It's the perfect weather to curl up with a good book, especially a cozy mystery. Then again, I never need much of an excuse to settle in with a great read.

JENNIFER'S READING RECOMMENDATION

Speaking of cozy myster-

BY JENNIFER LOGSDON

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> ies, I have a recommendation for you — one I just finished with my book club, "How to Solve Your Own Murder" by Kristen Perrin. This mystery stands out with its intriguing premise. The main character, Frances, was given a fortune as a teen predicting her own murder. Since then, she's spent her life gathering potential evidence and motives from those closest to her, preparing for the inevitable. Fast forward 60 years — she updates her will and gathers her pos

sible heirs. When they arrive at her home, they find Frances dead, and yes, she has indeed been murdered. The potential heirs are given the task of investigating her death, with a twist — the one who solves the murder will inherit her fortune. This book is available at the library and on our Libby App.

FOOD FOR FINES

We're excited to announce that Hood County Library is partnering with Mission Granbury for their annual Pantries of Plenty food drive! Our library will serve as a collection location for this important cause, and we're adding a special twist — Food for Fines!

For every nonperishable food item brought to the library, or any item from the Mission Granbury Wish List, \$1 will be waived from accounts with existing fines. This applies to overdue fines and small fees related to tag or label replacements (not for lost or severely damaged books).

Bring your donations to the library, clear those fines, and help support our community in the process!

As the crisp autumn air settles in, there's no better time to indulge in a good mystery or give back to those in need. Whether you're curling up with a thrilling read like "How to Solve Your Own Murder" or dropping off donations for the Pantries of Plenty food drive, this season is all about warmth and community. Stop by the library, grab a great book, and help make a difference in Hood County — one page, and one donation, at a time.

WEEKLY CHILDREN EVENTS

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Nov. 8, 5-6 p.m.: Anime Club (12-18yrs)

Nov. 12, 6-7 p.m.: Craft Night (registration online one week prior) Nov. 13, 5-6 p.m.: Juvenile Book Club (8-12yrs)

Nov. 15, 6:30-8 p.m.: @D'Vine Wine Trivia Night: "King of the Hill"

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Nov. 23, 2:00 p.m.: STEM FIZZY FOAM

Nov. 25, 5-6:45 p.m.: D&D Club (12-18yrs)

Dec. 3, 6-7 p.m.: Novel Idea Book Club: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah



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"reach the new capacity number."

"It took us doing something like this and basically screaming from the rooftops for them to open up more tickets," Connor said. "It's like, 'Why didn't they do that in the first place?""

Connor shared that after the district reopened ticket sales, she debated on whether to proceed with plans for an alternative dance.

"I thought, 'Should we even do this since they've opened up more tickets?'" Connor reflected. "But both her (Wentworth's) son and my daughter expressed they still wanted to go to the high school dance because that's where all their friends were going to be."

She posted her uncertainty

online, asking for feedback, and was surprised to receive a strong response from the community — including students — who encouraged her to continue with the dance. Initially, Connor said she was leaning toward canceling, but the support made her reconsider.

"I messaged Ashley, and I'm like, 'What do you think?' and she's like, 'Let's do it,'" Connor said.

With the help of local veteran Kolton Krottinger — who generously offered his venue, Blue Branch Historic Ranch, for students to use for free — the event was officially formed.

"I felt so overwhelmed trying to find somebody to host us, but when he (Krottinger) said that he would host, I was ecstatic," Wentworth said. "I mean, that's the best way to put that. I was so ecstatic that these kids actually get an opportunity, and we have an opportunity to help the community."

But it wasn't only Krottinger who volunteered; numerous community members stepped up to offer their time and assistance, as well.

"Without even trying, we had so many people saying, 'I can do this,' 'I can do that,' and it was, like, almost planned within a couple of hours," Connor said.

Although the event was initially scheduled for the same day as GHS's homecoming Saturday, Oct. 26, it was moved to the following weekend, Saturday, Nov. 2, and named Autumn Fling (HOCO 2.0).

"We had so many people saying, 'I'll do this, and I'll help,' and we explained to everyone that if you're coming aboard, you're doing this for free, like we have no money," Connor said, chuckling. "We're trying to get some food trucks, but it's free admission ... They (students) don't have to pay for tickets. They can spend their money on the food, so the food trucks will make the money, but that's going to be the only money exchange."

The Autumn Fling will also be open to all ninth through 12th grade students in Granbury — including students who attend Premier High School, STARS Accelerated High School, and those who are homeschooled.

"We want to include everybody, like the band students," Wentworth said. "I know that that's been mentioned several times by several different parents. We want everybody to be able to come. Inclusion is definitely something that we need to focus on in this world."

While most of the event has

already been planned, some minor details are still in the works, including a DJ and some local vendors.

"If people can just come together a little bit more and help us, I mean, I think that it would go off without a hitch," Wentworth said. "And you know what? You never know. Maybe we could do this every year. Make it a Hood County Autumn Fling or a Granbury Autumn Fling."

"If 50 kids show up, it was a success," Connor said. "If 500 show up, fantastic, but if there's only 50, I still think it will be a success, because 50 kids would get to have fun." Wentworth said the entire

event is driven by a desire to create meaningful experiences for students — especially for those who have never attended homecoming before.

"I didn't expect it to really go anywhere, but I just want these kids to have fun and

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make memories," she said. "Because as I've always been told, making memories is number one."

As Connor and Wentworth have ultimately proven, the incredible power of moms joining forces is evidence enough that with determination and community support, anything is possible.

"Get a bunch of moms together, and this is what happens," Connor added, with a chuckle.

The Autumn Fling (HOCO 2.0) will take place at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at 2811 Clay St. near Lipan at Krottinger's Blue Branch Historic Ranch — home of Anxiety Solutions of America. Students are encouraged to "dress up or down" for the event.

For more information, follow the Facebook page called "Autumn Fling (HOCO 2.0)" or use this link: facebook.com/ share/UQEWLEv8Fdbv2ktV/.

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Drake Owens of the Tolar Rattlers hauls in a catch. Owens, a senior, is a multi-position standout on both offense and defense.



Tolar linebacker Drake Owens (33) brings down an opposing ballcarrier. He has over 250 tackles in his career, including over 17 for a loss.

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

Drake Owens' path to playing football was a vertical one.

"Me and my brothers growing up, we'd like to get on the trampoline and tackle each other," Drake said, adding with a laugh, "We went through a couple of trampolines."

They've also gone through quite a few opponents en route to being a part of arguably the most successful span in the history of Tolar Rattlers football. Blake, who graduated in 2023, left his mark and now Drake, a senior, is doing the same.

"I miss playing with him every second," said Drake, adding that Blake, who now works at the nuclear power plant in Glen Rose, tries to be in attendance at every home game to see his little brother shine.

"Even when we were in peewee, I'd play up so we could play together," Drake said. They have a young brother, Ty, who is in eighth grade and also plays football.

KNACK FOR THE BALL

Wherever the football is, there's a good chance you might find Drake. As a linebacker this season he has 61 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss, a sack with an interception and two fumble recoveries.

For his high school career — he's been on varsity all four seasons — he has 258 tackles, of which 17.5 have gone for a loss, with five sacks, six interceptions and six fumble recoveries.

"I always just swarm to the guy with the ball. Nothing matters but the guy with the ball," he said, adding about interceptions, "You read the quarterback's eyes. You try to put yourself in his head."

Often, however, he's the guy with the ball. In his career he has 29 catches for 411 yards and five touchdowns, including a career best of 12 catches, 251 yards and two TD this season. "I'm getting a fow more

"I'm getting a few more

chances this season. Sevenon-7 definitely helps with all the route running," Drake said.

Then he added, "If I had to truly pick one I'd go defense because I like to hit."

LEADERSHIP

First-year Rattlers head coach Blake Mouser praised Drake for being the kind of leader any new coach loves to inherit when he takes over a program.

"As much success as he's had, he's a well-rounded kid with great parents at home," Mouser said. "He comes from a really good family.

"He takes a lot of pride in what he's done. He's one of the best I've been around."

Mouser said Drake is exactly what a coach wants in a senior.

"One of the things I'm really proud of is the way he's led as a senior," Mouser said. "Between the whistles he's still a mad man, and he's a leader. He takes care of his friends."

MULTI-SPORT SUCCESS

In football, Drake was named the district defensive MVP last season, along with being named secondteam all-state by the Texas Sports Writers Association. However, he's also a standout in baseball, like his father, who played at Texas Wesleyan University, and his grandfather, a former minor

league professional player. Drake began playing baseball when he was around 4 years old. However, don't ask him to choose between the two sports.

"I get asked that a lot," he said, smiling. "For me, it's whatever sport is in season."

Mouser, who also grew up in a small town, understands Drake's passion for more than a single sport.

"I got to play everything growing up," Mouser said. "And that would have been my answer.

"Play it until they tell you you can't."

Wakey wakey: How people got up before the buzz of alarm clocks

BY MICKY SHEARON

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Before the delightful sound of an iPhone blaring in your ear at 6:30 a.m., people had to get a little more creative about waking up on time. Turns out, our ancestors were just as desperate to avoid oversleeping, but without the sweet mercy of a "snooze" button. From nature's subtle nudges to downright quirky inventions, let's explore the fascinating — and often bizarre — ways people dragged themselves out of bed before the invention of alarm clocks.

NATURE'S ALARM CLOCK: BLADDER EDITION

Let's start with a method that most of us can still relate to: the good ol' bladder alarm. In the days before mechanical clocks and electricity, people were more in tune with their natural rhythms, largely thanks to their circadian cycles. But, beyond nature's rhythms, there was the undeniable nudge from biology itself. Back then, many relied on their need to use the restroom as a surefire wake-up call. Forget 7 a.m., when your bladder was full, it was time to rise and shine — whether you liked it or not.

THE GREEKS WERE WHISTLING

But some people wanted a more reliable way to wake up than just waiting for the bladder to send a memo. Enter the ancient Greeks, always ahead of their time. They invented a water-based alarm system called the clepsydra, which was as fancy as it sounds. Essentially, it was a water clock that, after a certain amount of time, would whistle as the water reached a specific level. Imagine

your morning starting with a soothing (or probably shrill) whistle — though maybe not as effective as today's "Beep! Beep! Beep!" Still, not bad for ancient Greece.

YI XING'S TIMELY INVENTION

Meanwhile, in 8th-century China, the mathematician Yi Xing was perfecting one of the earliest mechanical clocks. His invention, built in 725 CE, was no pocket-sized gadget, but it did the job. It was a massive water-powered contraption that triggered gongs to signal the time. Let's be real: who wouldn't wake up to a massive gong sound echoing through their home? Subtlety was clearly not the goal here.

KNOCK KNOCK! IT'S TIME TO GET UP!

Fast forward to the industrial era, and things got even more interesting with the rise of "knocker-uppers" in England. You heard that right — actual people whose job was to wake up their neighbors. Armed with long sticks, they'd tap on bedroom windows until the unfortunate soul inside stirred. It's unclear how knocker-uppers managed to wake themselves up first, but hey, that's just one of life's mysteries. The practice was surprisingly widespread, with some people relying on it well into the 1970s. Because, why let an alarm clock do the work when you can pay someone to poke at your window every morning?

For those living on upper floors, don't worry — the knocker-uppers had longer sticks. That's right, a professional with a six-foot pole

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At 34, O'Neill's life began crumbling even faster — a 1983 UPI Archives article regarding the star stated, "The last eight months have been filled with plenty of bad luck.'

The report indicated that "O'Neill was driving her BMW when she lost control on wet pavement and collided with another vehicle, resulting in neck pain."

In that same period, she accidentally shot herself in the stomach with her unlicensed .38 caliber pistol, leading to charges of illegal possession with her husband, John Lederer. After pleading guilty in March that year, she received a conditional discharge. Shortly after, her husband accidentally slashed himself, requiring stitches.

The UPI article notes O'Neill also experienced fainting spells, prompting a hospital visit for tests. Amid these challenges, she struggled to sell her 22-room mansion, hindered by negative publicity. Rumors of marital issues had surfaced, and her NBC-TV series, "Bare Essence," was canceled after less than six months.

A recent article by Leonora Cravotta for The American Spectator revealed that O'Neill, who made more than 30 films, was blackballed in Hollywood after she found her faith.

"I was 38 when I came to God," she told the Times-Union, although she admits wanting to be the driving force in all outcomes and decisions, which led her to write a book, "From Fallen to Forgiven."

In a live interview on Pastor Allen Jackson's Culture and Christianity Podcast, O'Neill recounts an appearance on "The View," where she was attacked for her pro-life stance.

She explained that after discussing her "born again" experience on various shows, she took her pastor's advice and committed to years of Bible study before publicly speaking out again.

O'Neill's exploration of apologetics laid the foundation for her ministry efforts, including women's conferences and writing projects — she has authored over 20 books. She expressed that true peace only came after embracing Christ.

Recognizing her relationships often influenced her career decisions — according to IMDB.com — she famously stated, "My need for love owned me." Her journey toward healing and self-forgiveness is a central theme in her autobiographies.

O'Neill emphasized the importance of letting go of guilt and embracing forgiveness, particularly in her involvement with organizations like Silent No More, which aids women recovering from the trauma of abortion.

Today, O'Neill is a motivational speaker and a devoted advocate for faith-based initiatives. Through her nonprofit organization, Hope and Healing at Hillenglade, in Tennessee, she has provided equine-assisted therapy to veterans and first responders dealing with PTSD since 2010, reports Cristina Corbin for Fox News.

In the recently released movie "Reagan", O'Neill portrays Ronald Reagan's mother, who significantly influenced her son's faith and values. Reagan's use of his mother's Bible during his inauguration is noteworthy, O'Neill explained to Jackson, highlighting the relevance of 2 Chronicles 7:14 in today's culture and drawing parallels between the moral challenges of Reagan's time and those faced today. O'Neill's story exemplifies

O'Neill's story exemplifies how faith can guide individuals through life's darkest moments and lead them toward a fulfilling purpose, echoing Khalil Gibran's words: "Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars."

As she prepares for her event Nov. 3, O'Neill continues to inspire others to seek healing, hope and a deeper connection with God. The gathering will feature local leaders, praise, worship and fellowship, uniting the community as one body of believers. Attendees will come together in prayer for repentance, restitution, refreshing and revival in the nation as they seek to honor the Lord and His name.



COURTESY PHOTC

Jennifer O'Neill at her ranch, Hillenglade Farm, in Nashville, Tennessee. www.hcnews.com

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Tolar Football

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The Tolar Rattlers hosted the Dublin Lions for a conference game Oct. 18. The Rattlers dominated the Lions by a score of 56-14. To commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, players and students wore pink during the game to raise awareness about breast health. For full gallery go to hcnews.com.















n October 26th, individuals across the globe come together to make a positive impact in their communities as we celebrate Make a Difference Day. This special occasion serves as a reminder of the power we each hold to enact change and improve the lives of those around us.

Make a Difference Day encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in acts of kindness, volunteerism, and community service. Whether it's cleaning up local parks, organizing food drives, or lending a helping hand to those in need, there are countless ways to contribute and make a meaningful difference.

UNION

Participating in Make a Difference Day not only benefits others but also fosters a sense of connection, empathy, and unity within communities. By working together toward common goals, we can create positive change and build stronger, more resilient communities for all.

As we celebrate Make a Difference Day on October 26th, let's reflect on the importance of kindness, compassion, and civic engagement. Whether you're volunteering with a local organization, supporting a cause you're passionate about, or simply spreading kindness in your everyday interactions, every action, no matter how small, has the power to make a difference. Join the movement on October 26th by finding ways to give back and make a positive impact in your community. Whether it's through organized volunteer events or individual acts of kindness, let's come together to inspire change, uplift others, and make the world a better place for all. Together, we can truly make a difference and create a brighter future for generations to come.

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STEPHENVILLE – Tarleton State Soccer clinched its first WAC Tournament berth with its seventh shutout of the season, a 1-0 victory over Southern Utah Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, at the Tarleton Soccer Complex. The Texans (8-7-3) clinched a berth in the WAC Tournament for the first time in the program's three years of existence. The Thunderbirds (2-9-5) will play Utah Tech for a chance to reach the tournament next Saturday. The tournament begins Nov. 3 in Abilene.

Texan Volleyball notches first WAC victory against CBU

Tarleton State University

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Tarleton State Volleyball earned its first conference win Thursday, Oct. 17 against California Baptist. The Texans notched their first win in Riverside and extended their win streak to two matches against the Lancers.

Tarleton (6-14 overall, 1-6 WAC) took down CBU (1-18 overall, 1-6 WAC) in five sets (20-25, 25-21, 25-19, 18-25, 15-11).

Tatum Busch absolutely shattered her previous career high of 13 kills with a match-high 23 Thursday. Busch led the team in kills, followed by the birthday girl, Allison Bryant, with 20. This marked Busch's first career match of 20-plus kills and the first time this season two Texans recorded 20-plus kills in the same match. Bryant led the team in digs with 22, followed by Addison Goss with 17. This was Bryant's second match of the season with 20-plus digs, and Goss' seventh match of the season in double figures. Goss also led the team with four service aces.

Busch posted a team-high .347 attack percentage, while Bryant followed with an efficient .306 percentage.

Megan Hodges successfully recorded her 10th double-double of the season, becoming the fastest Texan this year to do so. Yuna Ansquer also notched her fifth double-double this year. Ansquer led the team with 28 assists, followed by Hodges with 25. This is the sixth match this season where the duo has accumuto hold off Tarleton's rally, taking the opening stanza, 25-20.

The Purple and White was able to turn the tide in its favor during the second period, taking a commanding 11-6 run to open up the second. CBU rallied back to the 13-12 mark, however, Tarleton answered with a 7-2 run that included kills from Madison Frank, Busch and Bryant. The Texans notched the match at one win apiece with a second set victory, 25-21.

The third frame was a testing battle for both squads, who exchanged up to 10 points back-and-forth without either team managing a run. Tarleton State was finally able to pull away at the 18-18 mark, going on a 5-0 run sparked by an ace from Goss. The Texans took a 2-1 advantage of the match with a 25-19 set victory. During the fourth stanza, Goss accumulated two consecutive aces to give the



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lated 20-plus assists each.

The Lancers came out hot during the opening set, taking an early 11-5 lead. The Texans battled back with a 6-0 run that included three consecutive aces from Ansquer to bring the Texans within one point, 18-19. However, CBU was able

Texans an early 7-5 lead. California Baptist rallied to tie the game at 11, and never let their foot off the gas from there, taking the fourth set, 25-18.

With the match tied in the fifth set, Tarleton was deter-

mined to receive its first conference win. The set began with a massive block from Emma Burke and Busch, followed by a CBU run to tie the set. Burke and Bryant registered back-to-back kills to put Tarleton ahead, 7-6. With the final game sitting at 11-10 and no points coming easy for either team, the Texans were able to pull through with a 4-1 run, clinching the match with a 15-11 fifth set victory.



Tarleton State Cross Country closed the regular season with its fourth-straight appearance at the Arturo Barrios Invitational hosted by Texas A&M at the Watts Cross Country Course Friday, Oct. 18.

Texan Cross Country finishes regular season at Arturo Barrios Invitational

Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE – Tarleton State Cross Country closed the regular season with its fourth-straight appearance at the Arturo Barrios Invitational hosted by Texas A&M at the Watts Cross Country Course Friday, Oct. 18. Men

The men's squad finished in 14th place, ahead of five top-15 ranked south central region squads. Tarleton finished ahead of South Central Region ranked Houston (No. 7), Rice (No. 9), Lamar (No. 10), UT Arlington (No. 12) and Sam Houston (No. 14).

For the first time this season, Angel Contreras led the men's pack. Contreras crossed in 51st place, in 23:44.5. Angel Gomez was the next Texan to cross, notching 54th place in 23:46.2. Jace Poole finished in 79th place in 23:58.8, followed by Toby Eaton in 88th place in 24:04.8. Kellen Frickel rounded out the scoring Texans crossing in 24:48.9.

Texas tech took home the team title, posting 62 points and registering the top two overall finishers. Boise State and Texas A&M rounded out the podium with 98 and 153 points, respectively.

On the individual side, Texas Tech's Solomon Kipchoge and Ernest Cheruyiot clocked in at 22:01.4 and 22:20.4 respectively. Oklahoma City's Evert Silva rounded out the top three finishing five seconds behind.

Women In a loaded competition,

the women's squad competed against 12 of the South Central region top 15 ranked programs.

Sage Lancaster led the Texans crossing in 21:41.4 to earn 162nd place. Freshman Kaitlyn Gale finished five seconds behind in 21:46.1 in 174th place. The top-scoring five was rounded out by Ella Smart (22:57.1), Georgina Balderas (23:22.1) and Kyla Zalit (24:06.1).

Gonzaga notched the team crown with 74 points. Boise State earned silver with 133 points and Georgia Tech earned bronze with 143 points.

Texas Tech's Juliet Cherubet won the individual crown finishing ahead more than 20 seconds of second place in 18:37.0. Oklahoma's Leah Jeruto and Arizona State's Judy Chepkoech rounded out the podium finishers.

Tarleton State will enjoy a two week break before lacing up at the WAC Cross Country Championships Nov. 1 in Orem, Utah. The race will be hosted by Utah Valley at Lakeside Park.

Tarleton Women's Golf secures 4thstraight top 10 finish

Tarleton State University

BOULDER CITY – After earning its second straight Texan Match Play championship, the Purple and White headed west for The Clash at Boulder Creek at the Boulder Creek Golf Course, finishing tied for eighth.

The Texans have been off to a record pace this year finishing in the top 10 throughout all four tournaments thus far including two top two finishes.

"Overall, the team played great golf from tee to green," said head coach Isabel Jimenez. "Unfortunately, we did not make as many putts as we would have liked, but we leave Nevada with many positives and a few things to work on before we head to Mississippi this upcoming weekend."

Mathilde Brogens led the Texans after 54 Tuesday finishing in the to -20 at 17th. She locked in her top 20 finishes after turning in 11 birdies, seven in her final round. The senior finished -4 (212, 71-74-67).

"Brogens played a great round today and a great tournament overall," continued Jimenez. "I am happy she was able to make some putts today and leave with a good mindset heading into next week."

Lou Deltombe and Louise Depadt rounded out the top 30 with Deltombe taking 25th and Depadt coming in 30th. Deltombe shot -2 (214, 73-68-73) while fellow Texan and teammate Depadt finished -1 (215, 69-75-71).

Darianys Guzman and Rebeca Fernandez rounded things out for the team side of things placing 65th and 74th respectively. Guzman shot +8 (224, 76-72-76) while Fernandez finished +10 (226, 78-74-74).

Elle Fox competed as an individual and finished in 41st after turning in a score of +2 (218, 72-75-71).

The Texans will have a short turnaround as they will head to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Oct. 28-29 for The Judson hosted by Southern Miss.





GHS Lady Pirates beat the Saginiaw Lady Rough Riders Tuesday, Oct. 22, 3 sets to 0. Find the full gallery on hcnews.com

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Lady Rattlers move into tie for district VB lead Lady Pirates positioning for playoffs

BY RICK MAUCH

Special to the Hood County News

The Tolar Lady Rattlers (27-9, 11-1 in District 8-3A) are closing in on their first district championship since 2021 — or at least a share. It would also be their first title at the Class 3A level.

The Lady Rattlers won 3-0 at Eastland Oct. 18 before returning home to win one of the biggest regular season matches in program history, topping perennial power Peaster 3-2 to move into a tie for the district lead.

It's the second thrilling match this season against the Lady Greyhounds, ranked 18th in the state in Class 3A by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Tolar fell 3-2 in Peaster Sept. 27.

"It was such a good match," first-year Tolar coach Amber Terrell said.

The Lady Rattlers overcame an 8-2 deficit in Game 5 to win 17-15. Tolar also rallied to win Game 4 by a 25-21 score to force a fifth game.

Tolar won the first game 25-22 before Peaster took the next two 28-26 and 25-20.

Standout against Eastland was Sophia Walters with sevPeaster finish tied for the district championship, if the teams will play a third time or flip a coin. Either way, Terrell said Peaster will enter the playoffs as the top seed from the league for Division I (large 3A) and Tolar will be the top seed for Division II (small 3A).

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Pirates (24-19, 7-3 in District 5-5A), having wrapped up a playoff berth, had a bye Oct. 18 and defeated visiting Saginaw 3-0 Oct. 22. Now they are positioning themselves for playoff seeding as the regular season winds down.

Following Tuesday, Granbury and Chisholm Trail were tied for second place in district behind league champion Aledo and a game ahead of fourth-place Azle. The Lady Pirates were hosting Azle at press time and finish the regular season at Brewer Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

Leaders vs. Saginaw Kills: Sienna Watts 10, Masyn Noe 9, Blakely Bleeker

Aces: Lilyan McCall 3 Digs: McCall 20 Assists: Allyson McCabe 34 Receptions: McAll 10, Megan James 8 Watkins three catches, 108 yards, two TD; Zane Terrell 20-yard TD catch; Brylen Feist three catches, 31 yards, TD.

Defensive leaders vs. Dublin: Caden Pate seven tackles; Cutter Cain six tackles; Noah Boulanger six tackles; Cash Clark four tackles, fumble recovery.

Special teams standouts vs. Dublin: Clark blocked punt, Brooks Stone 8-for-8 on extra points kicked.

Brady offensive players to watch: Sean Jacoby 533 yards, 10 TD, four interceptions passing, 287 yards, three TD rushing; Johnny Menefield 807 yards, 12 TD rushing, two TD receiving; Ashton Taylor 780 yards, seven TD rushing.

Brady defensive players to watch: Menefield 85 tackles, 14 for loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries; DeMarcus Reed 51 tackles, six for loss, two sacks.

This is the first meeting between the Rattlers and the Bulldogs. Brady, after taking a step back in 2023, is returning to the form of 2022 when the Bulldogs went 8-4 and reached the second round of the playoffs.

Tolar improved to 43-7 over its past 50 games.

Defensive leaders vs. Richland: Chase Cantrell 13 tackles, two for loss; Bryson Hager seven tackles; Cooper Cumba seven tackles; Anthony DeBello three tackles, one for loss, sack, fumble recovery.

Denton offensive player to watch: Terrance Lopez 691 yards, three TD, two interceptions, 171 yards, two TD rushing.

Denton defensive player to watch: Brian Michaud 57 tackles, six for loss, two sacks, interception.

The Broncos are taking a step back this season after reaching the postseason a year ago. They lead the alltime series with the Pirates 3-0, including a 42-13 win in their last meeting in 2015.

GRACE CLASSICAL FOOTBALL

The Gryphons (1-6 at press time) are hoping for another late-season surge following a 77-53 home loss to Azle Christian Oct. 18. They were hosting Brownsville Harvest Christian (2-4 at press time) and travel to Temple Centex Homeschool (1-5 at press time) Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Last season the Gryphons started 2-4 before winning four straight to capture the Texas Association of Independent Athletics Organization Division III state championship. Last season was the inaugural year for Grace Classical football. Centex won its matchup in a thriller, 26-25. 168

Brendan Thorne, 78th, 18:00;

Jacob Wolfe, 116th, 18:48;

and Sam Valadez, 160th,

20:09.

24:28.

Meet.

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Oct. 19.

Nolan Segars, 157th, 20:04;

Also for the Lady Pirates:

23:19; Alexie Patrick, 132nd,

23:46; Ziva Sedgwick, 140th,

24:27; and Kina Berry, 141st,

The Pirates and Lady

entire team by finishing

third in the District 5-5A

LIPAN CROSS COUNTRY

Court Gaylor and Wyatt

ed in the Class 2A Region II

Gaylor finished 44th with a

time of 19:08.70 over the 5K

course and Yates was 56th in

They qualified by finishing

fifth and seventh, respective-

ly in the District 11-A Meet.

The Pirates hosted the

Granbury Fall Classic this

Bend Friday, Oct. 18 and

Harbor Lakes on Saturday,

past weekend at DeCordova

GRANBURY BOYS GOLF

Meet at Grand Prairie Oct. 21.

Yates of the Indians compet-

Pirates each qualified their

Kambry Zschiesche, 83rd,

22:20; Josa Berry, 93rd,

22:36; Ava Stein, 122nd,

- Caden Davis 84-85 = 169 Briar rouse 86-88 = 174 Drew Haynes 88-89 = 177 Brayden Thackerson 85-93
- = 178 Braxton Pugh 88-92 = 180 Will Webb 94-91 = 185

Aiden matherne 93-101 = 194

Hunter white 85-withdrew.

GRANBURY GIRLS GOLF

The Lady Pirates hosted the Lady Pirate Invitational at Harbor Lakes Golf Club and DeCordova Bend Country Club Oct. 18-19. They finished fifth with a team score of 698 (353-345).

Halle Carr led Granbury with a 168 (89-79), followed by Clair Jordan at 171 (86-85). Also, Rylee Rainosek posted a 174 (87-87), Ariel Jimenez came in with a 185 (91-94) and Ava Redwine shot 222 (117-105).

The four lowest individual scores in each round comprise the team score.

The Lady Pirates and Pirates were playing in the District 5-5A Preview at Cross Timbers Golf Course in Azle at press time.

LIPAN BOYS GOLF

The Indians finished second in the Battle of the Creek at Squaw Creek Golf Course in Willow Park recently. They posted a team score of 334. Jack Smith of Lipan won the individual title, shooting a 2-over-par 73. His teammate, Tucker Tims, tied for fourth with a 79.

en aces and 11 digs.

Standouts against Peaster were seniors Walters, Abbie Soileau, Senne Imel, Allyson Dobbs and Kenzi McQuain.

The Lady Rattlers have two matches remaining in the regular season before starting the playoffs. They travel to Early Oct. 26 at noon and host Comanche Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Tolar is closing in on the program record of 28 wins in a season, previously reached in 2014, 2015 and 2019. Last season's team enjoyed the deepest playoff in program history, reaching the regional finals in 2A.

It had not been decided at press time, should Tolar and

TOLAR FOOTBALL

The Tolar Dattlere

The Tolar Rattlers (6-1, 2-0 in District 5-3A Division II) ran their league winning streak to 14 games dating to 2021 with a 56-14 win at home over Dublin Oct. 18. They were playing at Clifton (5-2, 2-0) at press time and host Brady (6-1, 20 at press time) Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., games that will decide the district championship.

Brady and Clifton end the regular season against each other Nov. 8 in Brady.

Offensive leaders vs. Dublin: Briton Rice 13-of-17, 233 yards, four TD, no interceptions; Peyton Brown 13 carries, 72 yards, TD; Dacen

GRANBURY FOOTBALL

The Pirates (1-6, 0-5 in District 3-5A Division I at press time) were hosting Azle (6-1, 4-1 at press time), hoping to play spoiler as the Hornets chase a playoff berth. They travel to Denton (1-6, 0-5 at press time) Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

The Pirates fell 51-14 at Richland Oct. 18, while the Broncos dropped a thrilling 42-40 contest at home to Fossil Ridge and were playing at crosstown rival Denton Ryan at press time. Offensive leaders vs.

Archer 2-yard TD run.

GRANBURY CROSS COUNTRY

The Pirates and Lady Pirates competed in the Class 5A Region I Meet at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock Oct. 22. Leading the Pirates was Gannon Dolan, who was 20th over the 5K course with a time of 16:48. The Lady Pirates were led by Aidalyn Hollis, who was 68th with a clocking of 21:51.

Also for the Pirates: Aiden Lemens, 71st, 17:55; "The courses were in great shape and we appreciate the pros and members for letting us host this event," Pirates coach Steve Ward said.

The Pirates played three teams in the event and finished in fourth, eighth, and 10th place.

Individually, the pirates were led by Henry Ballew with a 152 (72-80), fifth place individually. Also for Granbury:

Lincoln Sherill 80-74 = 154, seventh place

Parker Jones 78-78 = 156, 12th place

Jacob Reagan 82-79 = 161 Carter Martin 81-80 = 161 Quinn Bradley 84-80 = 164 Kamden Aparicio 83-85 = Also for Lipan, Darius Steed and Rabe Bolton each shot a 91. Colby Link came in with a 92.

The four lowest individual scores comprise the team score.

LIPAN GIRLS GOLF

Three-time state qualifier Hanna Gaylor competed in the Battle of the Creek. She tied for seventh with a score of 86.



PHOTOS BY JESSE RAMIREZ JR. | HOOD COUNTY NEWS On Tuesday, Oct. 15, the Lady Rattlers faced off against the Millsap Lady Bulldogs in a thrilling match at the Tolar gym. The Bulldogs fought hard, claiming the second set, but the Lady Rattlers secured the victory in the end, extending their winning streak to five games.



Diamondback Rattler Awards

Tolar Independent School District honored several staff members with their Diamondback Rattler Awards.



Brett Mouser, Tolar High School teacher, receiving his award.



Hoilee Shaffer Tolar ISD paraprofessional, receiving her award.



Jody Fleming, Tolar ISD paraprofessional Receiving her award.



Morgan Tallant, Tolar Junior High teacher, receiving his award.



Trista Reid elementary teacher, receiving her award.



Socorro Flores, Tolar ISD custodian receiving her award.

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of modern procrastination, allowing people to dream just a little longer before the realities of the day hit.

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As strange as these methods may sound today, they did the trick. Whether it was nature's biological rhythms, clever inventions like the clepsydra, or a friendly knocker-upper with a big stick, people found ways to rise on time and face their day. Sure, none of them had to contend with a blaring iPhone at the crack of dawn, but waking up has always been a struggle — regardless of the era. So next time you hit the snooze button for the third time, just be thankful there's not a guy with a long stick waiting outside your window. Although, considering how hard it can be to get out of bed these days, maybe we could all use a knocker-upper now and then!

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Shine on Harvest Moon 2024 Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts



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PHOTO COURTESY OF DENYS CRESPO Laramie Rhodes holds her grandfather Leon Rhodes' guitar at Chief Record Shop in Fort Worth, celebrating a cherished family legacy.

Premier of Lost in Texas Music Festival to debut new artists

BY LAUREN DAVIS

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Laramie Rhodes Hargrove, who goes by the name of Rhodes, is a passionate musician advocate making waves in the Texas music scene with her new venture, the Lost in Texas Music Festival, so named for its vastness.

Scheduled for Nov. 2 at Granbury's Reunion Grounds, the festival aims to provide a platform for emerging artists while featuring headliners like Wade Bowen and Dylan Wheeler.

"These younger artists will perform before the headliners, allowing them to showcase their talent to a crowd that might not know them yet," said Rhodes, president of Rhodes Entertainment Group.

The festival is not just a launchpad for artists; it reflects

Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts takes place Oct. 26-27. The 46-year-old festival offers a weekend full of activities on Granbury's historic square.

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One of Granbury's most beloved events transpires this weekend with the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts Saturday and Sunday Oct. 26-27 on Granbury's Historic square.

This year's event includes more than 100 artists from all over the country. Crowds come for miles to celebrate fine art and fine art craft, and to enjoy the somewhat cooler temperatures.

HISTORY

In the decades since its inception, the festival has gone through many changes. Previous to the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts was the 1974 Harvest Festival sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission to support its plans for the Bicentennial Celebration of 1976. The celebration included booths and barbeque.

In 1978 the first Harvest of the Arts Festival was celebrated. In 1988 the county celebrated the 10th annual Harvest of the Arts, sponsored by the Hood County Arts Council — one of at least three arts councils the county saw over the years.

The event was inherited by the Historic Granbury Merchants Association. By the 1990s the event was renamed The Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts.

The Harvest of the Arts/ Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts of earlier decades included children's art, featured artists and demonstrations, visiting book



Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts is one of the most popular events in Granbury. This year's event features more than 100 artists.

authors and book signings, scarecrow decorating contests, decorated pumpkin contests, tractor shows and races, light plant displays, country food contest and a harvest moon dance.

For some years, the vision of an event focused on fine art seemed to be lost. The 2000s brought more art tourism to Granbury and a return to a celebration of fine art and fine art craft at the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts. Artists would then be required to submit images of their work to be considered; this helped to maintain the high quality we see today.

TODAY

Granbury saw the fruition of the work of many people over many years in establishing Granbury as a destination for art tourism, and the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts was part of that grass roots movement. The event is now sponsored by the Historic Merchants Association in partnership with Visit Granbury and the Granbury Arts Alliance.

In 2023 during the Harvest Moon Festival, Granbury received a designation from the Texas Commission on the Arts for its Cultural Arts District. Cultural districts are designated zones that harness cultural resources to stimulate economic growth and community vitality.

"We are so excited for the 46th Annual Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts which is a vibrant celebration that showcases the incredible talents of over 100 juried artists circling around the beautiful Granbury Square. This festival not only highlights a diverse range of artistic expressions, but also fosters a sense of community and appreciation for creativity, making it a mustvisit event for art lovers and enthusiasts alike," shared Cheshe Langford, president of the Historical Granbury Merchants Association.

Visitors to the event look forward to the yearly tradition of the Harvest Moon year after year. Some art patrons have specific booths they look forward to visiting.

"Granbury Arts Alliance has our longstanding tradition of selling our 'moons' that are painted by local artists and art students. These moons are collected by many year after year. We

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Rhodes' vision for Texas music. Although the Lost in Texas Music Festival is premiering in Granbury, Rhodes has exciting plans to expand the festival to three other locations

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Gobble Give: CenterPoint Church offers Thanksgiving hope to families in need

BY LAUREN DAVIS Staff Writer lauren@hcnews.com

As Thanksgiving approaches, Granbury's CenterPoint Church is preparing to brighten the holiday for local families with its annual initiative, Gobble Give.

Reservations can be made by calling or texting the church office, and the deadline is Nov. 7. Families can pick up their boxes Nov. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Gobble Give program, launched in 2019, provides families in need with everything they require for a traditional Thanksgiving meal, emphasizing togetherness and community spirit.

Pastor Kevin Spencer, leader of CenterPoint Church, explained the mission behind Gobble Give. "We wanted to package everything so that a family could go home and cook their Thanksgiving meal to enjoy as a family."

Each Gobble Give box feeds up to six people and contains a whole turkey, stuffing mix, potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, mac and cheese, rolls, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail and brownie mix — everything needed for a festive feast and a chance to create holiday memories around the dinner table.

The initiative is designed to assist families struggling during the holiday season. "We ask people if they feel like they're in need that year or know someone who could use the meal to reserve a box," Spencer stated.

Over the years, Gobble Give has gained traction in the community. "The response has been encouraging," Spencer shared. "As word spreads, we've seen a growing number of families participate each year."

Community involvement is a vital part of the program. Local businesses, including HEB and Home Depot, have partnered with CenterPoint Church to support the initia-

Why we all need a little Great Pumpkin in our Halloween

BY MICKY SHEARON Special to the Hood County News micky@hcnews.com

As the crisp air settles in and the leaves crunch beneath our feet, we know that fall has officially arrived. For me, fall isn't just about pumpkin-spiced everything or the allure of cozy sweaters — it's about one iconic Halloween tradition: watching "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

This 1966 animated classic, featuring the beloved Peanuts gang, has become a staple of Halloween nostalgia. No matter how many new Halloween movies come out, from slasher flicks to feel-good family films, there's something special about the quiet charm and simplicity of this cartoon that brings a smile to my face every October.

LINUS AND HIS UNDYING FAITH IN THE GREAT PUMPKIN

The heart of the story centers around Linus, the blanket-toting philosopher of the Peanuts gang, and his passionate belief in the Great Pumpkin. While most kids his age are gearing up to collect mountains of candy, Linus takes a different path. He spends Halloween night sitting in a pumpkin patch, waiting for the Great Pumpkin to rise and bring toys to all the good boys and girls.

Is Linus delusional? Perhaps. But there's something undeniably charming about his unwavering faith in the unseen. As adults, we often lose that sense of wonder, so it's refreshing to see someone so committed to believing in magic — even if it's just a pumpkin deity that never shows up.

Of course, his friends and even his own sister, Lucy, think he's out of his gourd (pun intended). While the other kids are gleefully collecting candy, Linus remains steadfast in the pumpkin patch, missing all the action. This blend of innocent hope and comedic disappointment makes Linus a character we can't help but root for. And who among us can't relate to getting our hopes up, only to be met with crushing disappointment when reality sets in?

CHARLIE BROWN'S INFA-MOUS HALLOWEEN WOES

Meanwhile, poor Charlie Brown is dealing with his own misfortunes, as usual. His Halloween costume — a classic ghost sheet with far too many eye holes — ends up earning him nothing but rocks. Yes, rocks. Every single house he visits rewards him with a rock instead of candy, because, apparently, the universe just loves to pick on Charlie Brown.

As a kid, I couldn't help but feel bad for him. As an adult, I still do, but I also can't stop laughing. There's something about Charlie Brown's perpetual bad luck that manages to be both tragic and hilarious at the same time. His simple "I got a rock" is a line that never fails to get a chuckle, even decades later.

And let's not forget Lucy, who, despite her often bossy and self-centered ways, shows a flicker of kindness at the end of the night. She wakes up in the early hours to drag Linus back home after his long (and ultimately fruitless) wait for the Great Pumpkin. It's a subtle reminder that, at the end of the day, even bossy older sisters have a heart.

THE MUSIC, THE MAGIC, THE MEMORIES

Another thing that makes "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" so unique is its iconic music, composed by jazz pianist Vince Guaraldi. That cheerful, bouncy piano melody is instantly recognizable and adds to the lighthearted, whimsical tone of the special. There's something soothing about the soundtrack, which feels like the auditory equivalent of a warm blanket on a chilly fall evening.

Watching "The Great Pumpkin" is like returning to a simpler time, when Halloween was all about carving pumpkins, bobbing for apples, and wearing your mom's hastily throwntogether costume (which usually consisted of cutting two eye holes in an old sheet, just like Charlie Brown's). It reminds us that Halloween doesn't have to be scary or extravagant to be fun — it can be about silly traditions, childlike wonder, and, yes, a little bit of candy (hopefully not rocks, though).

WHY IT STILL RESONATES

So why has "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" stood the test of

time? I think it's because the Peanuts gang, with all its quirks and flaws, feels timeless. We've all known a Linus, who's a little too idealistic for his own good, or a Charlie Brown, whose well-meaning efforts always seem to fall short. We see ourselves in these characters and laugh because, deep down, we know that life is a little like trick-or-treating: sometimes you get the candy, and sometimes you get a rock.

As I settle in with my blanket, a cup of hot cider, and "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" playing on TV, I'm reminded of why this special is so dear to my heart. It's more than just an animated show — it's a celebration of childhood, of hope, and of the magic we carry with us, even into adulthood. Linus may never meet the Great Pumpkin, but for the rest of us, the joy of revisiting this classic every Halloween is enough to keep the magic alive.



Flying to Granbury for a walk-through of the Reunion Grounds for the Lost in Texas Festival. From left: Charlie Diggs, Laramie Rhodes Hargrove, and pilot and LIT Fest security manager Conrad Liles.

proached him, eager to collaborate. 'Hey, I want you to come play with me. I think you'd be a great fit,' he said.'" COURTESY PHOTO

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across Texas.

The friendly, relaxed vibe at the Reunion Grounds, with its indoor and outdoor rodeo arena, makes it a perfect place for new artists to connect with fans and showcase their music.

The venue has plenty of open areas for stages and seating, surrounded by green trees and lovely views of picturesque Lake Granbury.

Attendees will have an opportunity to bid on a piece of music history while supporting local education. Rhodes will auction off a wrapped guitar, signed by all the artists performing at the event. Proceeds will go to the Granbury Education Foundation.

There will be many food trucks and an assortment of retail vendors so people can enjoy a fun festival atmosphere.

CONNECTING ARTISTS AND FANS

Rhodes hopes to connect artists with audiences across Texas. "I want to help artists gain fans in every part of Texas. I'm not an agent," she stated. "It's about creating a network and a community, and my superpower is networking." Rhodes is well-connected in the music industry — not only in Texas but Nashville as well.

Rhodes assisted 14-yearold Alabama musician Maddox Batson after discovering him during a live online jam session with his dad. Captivated by their performance, she suggested Maddox perform in Texas.

Despite the challenges of booking a 12-year-old from another state, Rhodes made it happen. Since then, amassing over 2 million TikTok followers, selling out shows across the U.S., and signing with two major agencies.

"This time next year, I hope to be back in Granbury doing the second annual," Rhodes adds, "But really, I plan on doing one festival a quarter in each part of the regions of Texas."

Her extensive networking skills and unwavering dedication position her to significantly impact the Texas music landscape for performers and music lovers alike.

MUSIC IN HER BLOOD

Music runs deep in Rhodes' family. Her grandfather, Leon Rhodes, is a legendary self-taught guitarist who played with icons like George Strait, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson and more.

His dedication to music began as a child, watching his older brothers play the guitar. In a vintage video interview with Leon Rhodes upon his induction into the Nashville Hall of Fame as a "Nashville Cat," he explained that at just 17, he sold his bed to buy a guitar when his father couldn't afford one, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Fiercely determined not to let opportunities pass by, especially for the artists she works with, Laramie Rhodes says she didn't inherit her grandfather's musical talent. However, she has a keen ear and sharp eye for spotting potential in others — like a talent scout.

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES

Laramie Rhodes shared that her grandfather was playing a gig with Ernest Tubb and the Texas Troubadours. "Elvis apBut Leon Rhodes was loyal to Tubb and would chuckle recounting the story of an invitation from the King of Rock' n Roll.

"My grandfather turned down the offer, telling Elvis, 'Son, you'll never be as big as Ernest Tubb," Laramie Rhodes said, noting his decision occasionally left him pondering the "what ifs" of his choice.

Inspired by this story, Laramie Rhodes is committed to creating opportunities for aspiring artists and providing the support they need to succeed.

A SWEET START

Her journey into the music industry began unexpectedly while working as a bartender at the Sweetwater Grill. "They are really big and largely known for live music — usually every night of the week," Rhodes said. She discovered her passion for artist development after witnessing the challenges musicians faced.

"I would guide artists who know they can sing or play but need the tools and resources to thrive," she explained.

In 2015, Rhodes forged a fortuitous friendship with entertainment marketer Charlie Diggs, known for organizing up to 18 festivals a year and his commitment to giving back to the community. "Charlie basically taught me everything I know about festivals," Rhodes said.

Fast forward several years, and her experiences led her to create the Rhodes Entertainment Group, a platform that empowers fresh talent.

Rhodes' entrepreneur-



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ial spirit shines through in her plans for Rhodes Entertainment Group, which she envisions as a comprehensive resource for artists. From marketing and branding to booking and social media management, her goal is to provide aspiring musicians with everything they need to navigate the industry successfully.

As a mother of two, Rhodes balances her business aspirations with family life, drawing inspiration from her children's interests. "My daughter has a natural singing ability, and I'm keenly aware of the challenges of the music industry," she shared. "I want to guide her and other artists away from the pitfalls I've seen."

Diggs partnering with Rhodes for The Lost in Texas Music Festival represents the culmination of her efforts thus far to showcase talented newcomers alongside established acts.

Rhodes encourages music lovers to attend and support the next generation of artists making their mark in the industry. With this festival, she looks forward to embarking on an exciting journey for herself, the artists she supports, and music lovers everywhere.

Tickets for the festival are available online, with various options, including general admission and VIP packages. To order tickets, visit https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/lostin-texas-music-fest-tickets-908401502347?aff=HoodCou ntyNews.

Use the code: HoodCounty10 for 10% off your online ticket purchase.

Blue Horse Sanctuary open house

From Staff Reports

The Blue Horse Sanctuary will greet visitors for an open house Saturday, Nov. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. The sanctuary was founded by Mel Auberty on her family's ranch near Chalk Mountain in 2015. Auberty is also an equine artist. There will be a raffle for a chance to win an Auberty print, and prints will be available for purchase. Auberty has rescued 34 horses to date, as well as 14 donkeys. Working with Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society, law enforcement, and individuals who can no longer keep their horses or donkeys, the sanctuary gives a forever home to the injured, elderly and unwanted.

Featured at the open house will be renowned natural horsemanship trainer Michael Battenfield of Gorman at 1:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., Battenfield's daughter Brooklyn will display her skills in teaching as she uses body language to direct her horse without the use of a halter.

There will be opportunity

to pet and groom the horses and learn some tips on how to work more humanely and naturally with your horse. T-shirts, caps, etc. will be available for purchase with all proceeds used to support the sanctuary. The Blue Horse Sanctuary is located on WildWood Ranch, 1651 CR 1014, Bluff Dale. No dogs are allowed at this event. For more information about the sanctuary or to purchase prints or donate, go to bluehorsesanctuary. org.

Spices of the season: Hidden histories of fall's favorites

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As the air turns crisp and the days grow shorter, many of us reach for familiar spices like cinnamon, nutmeg and the ever-popular pumpkin spice to enhance our meals and drinks. These warming flavors are synonymous with fall, but did you know they carry a rich and fascinating history that spans centuries and continents? From guarded secrets to global trade, here are seven surprising facts about the spices that make autumn so irresistible.

1. Pumpkin spice: An American tradition with colonial roots

Pumpkin spice may seem like a modern craze, but its history goes all the way back to America's colonial days. In fact, the first known recipes for pumpkin pie, flavored with a mix of nutmeg, ginger and allspice, appeared in Amelia Simmons' American Cookery, published in 1796. The nowiconic spice blend gained even more popularity when canned pumpkin puree hit the market in 1929, and by 1934, McCormick had released its own version of pumpkin pie spice — a combination of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and allspice that remains unchanged to this day.

2. Cinnamon: A spice once wrapped in myth

Cinnamon is beloved for adding a cozy sweetness to everything from desserts to beverages, but its origins were once shrouded in mystery. Ancient spice traders spun elaborate tales, claiming that cinnamon was harvested from trees guarded by dangerous creatures, a story designed to inflate the spice's value. The truth? Cinnamon comes from the bark of Cinnamomum trees native to India, Sri Lanka and Myanmar. This valuable spice remained a closely guarded secret for centuries, fetching high prices on the international market.

3. Cloves: The original ancient breath freshener

Long before chewing gum or mints, cloves were used as a remedy for bad breath. In ancient China, visitors to the emperor's court would chew on cloves to ensure fresh breath before an audience with royalty. These aromatic flower buds, harvested from the Syzygium aromaticum tree, were also prized in Europe during the Middle Ages. Spice traders went to great lengths to maintain their monopoly on the clove trade, destroying trees to control supply. Today, cloves are still used in many fall recipes, adding warmth to dishes like pumpkin pie and spice cake.

4. Ginger: The cultivated cure-all

Ginger, a spicy root known for its medicinal properties, has been cherished for over 2,500 years. While it can ease nausea and digestive issues, ginger's legend grew out of proportion in medieval times when it was believed to cure the plague. Interestingly, ginger does not exist in the wild; it is a "cultigen," meaning early humans cultivated and bred it from its ancestral plants until it became the ginger we know today. This root eventually made its way to Europe, where it became a favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, who is credited with inventing gingerbread men.

5. Cardamom: A Nordic favorite

Though cardamom is native to India and is a staple in Indian cuisine, it has an unexpected fan base in Scandinavia. Norway and Sweden are among the world's biggest consumers of this spice, using it to flavor everything from sweet buns to traditional holiday drinks like glögg. Historians speculate that Vikings may have introduced cardamom to Scandinavia between the eighth and 13th centuries, and the spice has since become a key ingredient in many Nordic winter recipes.

6. Nutmeg: Once as valuable as gold

Today, nutmeg is a common addition to fall dishes, but centuries ago, it was a luxury spice worth its weight in gold. Native to Indonesia's Banda Islands, nutmeg was first cultivated over 3,500 years ago. By the 14th century, it was highly prized across Europe, so much so that wealthy individuals carried personal nutmeg graters to season their food on the go. While it's no longer reserved for the elite, nutmeg remains a quintessential spice for fall treats like pies and warm

drinks.

7. Allspice: One spice, many flavors

Despite its name, allspice is not a blend of spices but a single dried berry from the Pimenta dioica tree, native to the West Indies. The spice earned its name because its flavor is reminiscent of a mix of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. First brought to Europe in the 17th century, allspice quickly became popular in both sweet and savory dishes. Today, it's a staple of autumnal favorites such as apple cider and spiced wine.

These fall spices, whether used to enhance the flavor of pies, cakes or warm drinks, carry centuries of history and tradition with them. As you enjoy your favorite fall recipes, you're also partaking in a legacy of trade, discovery, and culinary innovation that has shaped the way we flavor the season.



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have the Coates Art Exhibition as well. Visitors can hop on the trolley to ride from the conference center to downtown and even to Shanley to see LGAA's art show. It's a big weekend of art in Granbury," said Teresa Houston, president of the Granbury Arts Alliance.

It seems the goal of becoming an art tourist destination has come to fruition as the festival adds not only value to the community but a draw for tourists to visit Granbury.

"Events like the Harvest Moon Festival power Granbury's tourism economy. Tourism is Granbury's number one industry. The added benefit of a festival dedicated to the arts really propels it to another level.

"The City of Granbury supports new events, and the growth of existing events by providing support through Visit Granbury. As the official 'Celebration Capital of Texas' and now the Cultural District Designation, it really showcases the level of commitment to art and our community provided from the City of Granbury/ Visit Granbury," said Tammy Dooley, director of Visit Granbury. Though the activities have changed over the years, the festival continues to provide education, entertainment and opportunities for patrons to meet artists.

Pick-up day: Families will pull up to Centerpoint Church to pick up their reserved "Gobble Give" family meal box.

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tive. "If someone wants to help partner with us and finance it or make a donation, that's always accepted," Spencer added.

Volunteers are always needed on distribution day, and interested individuals can contact the church office for more information.

Beyond providing meals, Gobble Give aims to create a supportive environment. Spencer noted that teams from the church are available to offer prayer and emotional support for those who seek it. "It's primarily about meeting the physical need, but we're also here for everything else," he explained.

The church is also working to reach families with schoolaged children. "We want to be more effective at getting the word out and ensuring that those who need help can access it," Spencer said.

The impact of Gobble Give is evident in the gratitude expressed by families who have benefited from the program in the past. Spencer shared, "Every year, there's always that one person that stands out. They come in on two wheels, and they had forgotten or didn't have a way to get their box ... all of their life circumstances seem to be going against them, and you're able to help them. "They're so thankful. They're so appreciative. They say, 'Thank you,' and you realize how much this means to them," Spencer explains. "There's always that mo-

ment where you have a volunteer who says, 'That was the one. If it was just one family that I came to do this for, that was the one.'"

These moments remind volunteers and church members of the difference they are making in the community.

FULL CIRCLE

"We have families that are here and attend now because of Gobble Give, or they came one year and received a box, and then they'll call us and say, 'Hey, when is Gobble Give?" Spencer said.

"They often call to ask when Gobble Give is happening, excited to pay for a box or help out as volunteers. One person explained, 'You guys helped me when I was in need, and now I want to make sure others get that same support" he said. "It's touching to see how someone can come full circle, moving from receiving help to giving it back, showing how much it means to them."

Gobble Give provides food and fosters a sense of belonging and hope. Reserving a Thanksgiving box is a sim-



Centerpoint Church volunteers pack Thanksgiving "Gobble Give" boxes for needy families.

ple way for families in need to ensure they can gather during the holiday season and share a meal.

Interested families should contact CenterPoint Church before the Nov. 7 deadline to reserve their Gobble Give box.

Call the CenterPoint Church office at 817-964-7400 to reserve a box or email gobblegivetx@centerpointchurch.tv. Provide your first and last name, address, phone number and email address.

To reserve a box in person, visit the church at 2201 Commercial Lane, Granbury, and fill out the Gobble Give form in the church office or at these other locations: Afterschool America Resale, the Brazos Pregnancy Center or Mission Granbury. "Additionally, art events have tremendous opportunities to grow and provide quality of life for our community. Art and events are powerful tourism dollar generators into the city." Dooley continued.

THE 2024 HARVEST OF THE MOON STAGE SCHEDULE

Live music both days on the courthouse stage. **Saturday**

10-11 a.m.: 11 a.mnoon: 1:30 p.m.:	Banter Grace Kelly Landon Hoffman and the Granbury Jazz Orchestra
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10-11 a.m.: 1-3 p.m.: 2:00 pm 3-4 pm:	Jackie Moore Gospel Hour Granbury Jazz Orchestra Sunday Live Band Musical Chairs for Cash Prizes Master Chi

THE ARTISTS OF THE HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

The highlight and purpose of the festival is to celebrate fine art. The artists who display around the courthouse are juried in. After they are selected, they pay a booth fee to be included. The work is diverse both in media and subject matter, and there is truly something for every taste. Booths are open during the day both Saturday and Sunday.

THE COATES WESTERN ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

This year's charity event will be held Saturday in the Lake Granbury Conference Center with the goal of providing sculpture for the Shanley Sculpture Garden. Sponsored by the Granbury Arts Alliance, the event brings both traditional and contemporary western artists to Granbury from far and wide. The show is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

LAKE GRANBURY ART ASSOCIATION 6-INCH X 6-INCH SALE

One of only two tax free fundraisers the nonprofit, 51 year-old organization is able to hold, the event includes 6-inch x 6-inch works of the Lake Granbury Art Association members. All pieces are priced at just \$30 each, and the artists donate their art to support the art association. Making art affordable for all, members are

THE IDLE AMERICAN Hope, Highways and Byways



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Bob Hope, beloved humanitarian, comedian and patriot, may have been America's best ambassador of international goodwill — ever. He was able to "localize" his jokes and stories no matter where he appeared.

Always on the road, this British-born icon became a naturalized American at age 4. He spent some 80 of his 100 years starring in vaudeville, on Broadway, in movies with Bing Crosby, and on both radio and TV. Little wonder he received more than 2,000 significant awards, including 54 honor-

ary doctoral degrees from universities, but - sadly never an Oscar. He spent most

Christmases on the road entertaining military personnel, often in war-torn places. Remembrances of this masterful entertainer make us smile. We are thankful for the memories ..

Hope was a frequent visitor to Texas, where he always had jokes — new, clean, clever and localized. He once said of West Texas: "Miles and miles of nothing but miles and miles.' He joked that if the snow

ever melted in Alaska, Texas would again be the biggest state.

My guess is that he (and his writers) keenly watched for joke ideas. They probably even took notes from the many Burma-Shave sign ditties once nailed to fenceposts across the nation. Maybe they also found material on iconic Route 66, America's "main street."

We so need Hope in these strife-pocked times.

We could use some Burma-Shave signs, too. And, how about some clean TV ads, like the late Clara Peller taking Wendy's to task about the beef location?

Instead, we get smutty innuendo ads, some by national companies that should know better ...

What little humor remains often is found on bumper stickers. Some have religious overtones, including one spotted on a rear bumper in heavy traffic. In small lettering, it asked, "Are You This Close to Jesus?" Another on a "five o'clock freeway" said:

"Jesus Would Let Me Merge." Admittedly, some are at the other end of the propriety spectrum. A couple appeared on trucks hauling sewage.

One identified its company, "Duty Calls." The other warned: "Back Off. We Ain't Haulin' Whipped Cream."

Then, there are real life situations involving churches AND, uh, sewage, in want of a better word.

I learned about one recently while addressing a senior adult luncheon in Bono, a tiny Johnson County community few people pass through on the way to town. Parishioners defused a

recent "duck problem," and

are at the ready to take on a nearby buffalo should it decide to storm a fence, looking for greener grass on the other side ...

A while back, ducks owned by a grandmotherly lady nearby took to meandering on the church yard.

Some days, uh, "duty" called, leaving church grounds untidy, fouled by the fowls. Bono folks practiced The Golden Rule concerning the issue. The duck owner was immediately sympathetic, positively responding in a manner akin to Granny on "The Beverly Hillbillies".

She cut to the chase, issuing terse instructions in a note on the front door of the church should the annoyance continue: "Shoot 'em." This little church, serving a picturesque rural area since 1876, is now "duckless," and no shots have been fired. Spotting the buffalo on my drive home, I sang, "Oh give me a home, where the buffalo roam, and the deer and the antelope play." ...

Now, with the election at hand, let's all exhale. Look for reasons to smile, even if we have to watch old Bob Hope re-runs, chuckle at dozens of old Burma-Shave ditties on its website or simply think of "what ifs," such as ducks learning hard lessons about trespassing.

Still another "what if" concerns Valley Ranch, home of the Dallas Cowboys, where there is said to be a buck that moves about aimlessly, but never stops.

It was Dallas columnist/author/speaker Dave Lieber's line: "God absolutely does NOT answer every prayer. Jerry Jones still owns the Dallas Cowboys." ...

VETERAN'S VOICE Pecan Valley launches veterans peer support group



BY LINDA MALLON

Linda Mallon, a retired Army master sergeant, found her niche working with veterans and their families in Granbury. She is a former claims administrator for Blue Shield of New Jersey and later senior personnel sergeant, taking care of soldiers' careers for more than 20 years. linda. mallon@co.hood.tx.us | 817-579-3292

Jeffrey Harz, veteran service coordinator at Pecan Valley Centers for Behavioral and Developmental Healthcare, notified us recently he is hosting a weekly Veterans Peer Support Group meeting covering new topics of discussion relevant to our veteran community. This is an excellent opportunity to get together and meet other veterans and connect with resources they can use or share.

Although we have a number of service organizations here in Hood and Somervell County, this group offers veterans a weekly meeting

to learn what Pecan Valley Centers is all about, work with its peer support staff and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with having served in the military. For more information, contact Pecan Valley Centers peer support line at 817-579-4489 ext. 3 or you may email

Jeffrey at jharz@pacanvalley.org. Pecan Valley Centers Veterans Peer Support is known for its grant to help with mental health care, drug and alcohol recovery, financial hardship and referrals but it is also a place to get to know other veterans, network and share life hacks veterans have learned over the years.

In other news, we are seeing letters coming from the Department of Veterans Affairs Pension Management advising veterans that their Pension benefit will be reduced based on the VA and Social Security data match. I addressed this last year when we were first notified there was a glitch in data matches from Social Security so the VA did not have accurate income verification and had corrected the problem, which meant veterans and surviving spouses had been overpaid. The VA is not penalizing those benefit recipients because the mistake was due to no fault of their own; however the benefits will be reduced based on social security offset. The best way we can get some of this pension increased is to make sure you keep track of all nonreimbursed medical expenses and report those annually to the VA.

Our office will assist you in preparing a VA form 21P-8416 Medical Expense report because nonreimbursed medical expenses, which include Medicare Part B, supplemental health insurance premiums, home care attendants (even if they are paid family members) and home care facilities to name a few, reduce your income for VA purposes. The VA counts total household income to qualify for pension benefits, which means it also counts total household nonreimbursed medical expenses including spouse's out-ofpocket medical expenses. If you are housebound or in need of aid and attendance, you will need a VA Form 21-2680 completed by your physician and this may also increase your benefit if you are just receiving pension alone.

Reminder: home care means assistance with daily living, not a housekeeper who does not assist with bathing, dressing, medica-

tion management, transferring and other modalities of daily living. As always, if you have any questions or you receive a letter stating that your benefits will be reduced, prepare for that if you can and call this office so we can assist with reporting any medical expenses the VA has not considered when determining your benefit amount.

The office will be closed Nov. 25-29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. You may call during that week and leave a message or email lmallon@HoodCounty.Texas. gov. Please note the new email address.

OPERA GUILD OF GRANBURY ANNUAL BINGO FUNDRAISER

PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Opera Guild of Granbury hosted its Annual Bingo Fundraiser at the David Southern Lake Granbury Conference Center Thursday, Oct. 17. The fun-filled event featured a delicious dinner, 10 exciting bingo games, and live entertainment by B-Ray & The Humans Band. Ticket holders could win door prizes and participate in live and silent auctions. The Opera Guild of Granbury is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization that supports the Opera House and Granbury Theatre Company in many capacities.

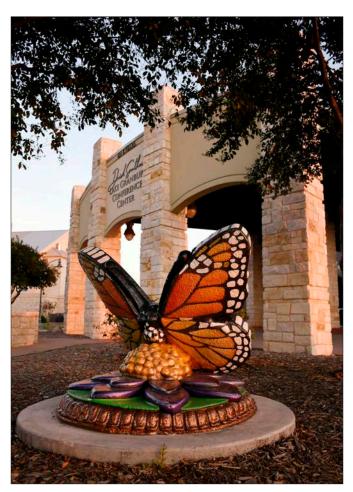
















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New fine art events

From Staff Reports

Two new events offer opportunities to collect art in the first weeks of November. The Lake Granbury Art Association presents the Spurlock Stewart Exhibition opening Nov. 1 at the Shanley House Gallery and the members of the Lake Granbury Art Association will show and sell their work at the Granbury Square Pavilion Sat. Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Spurlock/Stewart

Exhibition will feature the work of James R. Spurlock and his students and the work of recently deceased James Stewart and his students. These two longtime members of the Art Association have taught for many years.

Spurlock has taught multiple local artists, some of whom have reached professional status. Spurlock is a master artist working in 13 mediums, and his work is collected internationally. Spurlock's work can also

be seen Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Coates Western Art Exhibition and Sale at the Lake Granbury Conference Center.

LGAA will also honor the life and work of James Stewart with the last show and sale of his legacy of western art. His dedicated students will also participate in the art exhibition.

The Spurlock/Stewart Exhibition runs from Nov. 1 through Dec. 31; the work will be the feature of November's Gallery night

and will be on display during the Tour of Homes.

Art in the Granbury Square Pavilion is a new monthly event. LGAA artist work of all styles and mediums will be represented. Artists will be on hand to answer any questions about their subject matter, inspiration and media.

LGAA's Shanley Gallery is located at 224 N. Travis St.; the address for the Granbury Square Pavilion is 201 E. Pearl St.

Acton Nature Center Monarch Fest

PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

From the Acton Nature Center to Mexico, hundreds joined in the fun and educational activities to celebrate the monarch butterfly Saturday, Oct. 12. The event, presented by the Acton Nature Center of Hood County and Rio Brazos Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program, was a free and family-friendly celebration of the monarch butterfly migration to Mexico.









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SPARTAN RACE

PHOTOS BY JESSE RAMIREZ JR | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Folks from around the world gathered at Twin Canyons Ranch Oct. 19-20 to participate in the 2024 Dallas Spartan Trifecta, hosted by Visit Granbury. The event featured obstacle races for all ages, which tested the strength and vigor of every competitor. Beyond the races, attendees enjoyed a lively atmosphere at the main hub, complete with food trucks, local vendors, and a DJ providing music to keep the energy high for both racers and their supporters.



















ART MATTERS ART Celebrities and their events





Animals as a favorite topic of Artist Marc Burckhardt.



BY STACEY WATKINS-MARTIN AND CORA WERLEY

Stacey Watkins-Martin and Cora Werley are local artists and members with several others of the Granbury Cultural Arts Commission. Both work diligently with many other people and organizations to promote Granbury as the exciting arts destination it has become.

As you check out this column, let us be the first to welcome you to not just one, but two amazing art events. First, the iconic fine art event — HGMA's Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts starts this Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and runs through Sunday. This is the 46th year and the quality and availability of art is definitely worth the visit. Please don't miss it.

At the same time, the Coates Western Art Exhibition hosted by the Granbury Arts Alliance will open also at 10 a.m. This will be a wonderful showcase of Western art to view and buy, held at the large Granbury Conference Center close to downtown.

We've had this past week the opportunity to meet Marc Burckhardt, a Texas state artist. Burckhardt generously donated his time to teach a workshop at the Lake Granbury Art Association and offered these insights in an interview with Stacey Watkins-Martin:

"Like most kids, I never didn't love to draw; ever since I could pick up a pencil. My dad built a special table so I could watch TV and draw. My drawings were like any other kid's drawings, but I was obsessed, and just kept going to get better by doing it all the time.

"Sometimes I look back and see clues as to how I ended up this way. A lot of my drawings were done to get out of doing other things. Drawing was a way to communicate and get out of trouble. Art was my way of navigating life. Both my parents were professors at Baylor. By chance, they taught foreign languages in the same building as the art department, which gave me occasional instruction although I'm mostly self-taught.

"Now I live in Austin, Texas and northern Germany, and do a lot of traveling. I've spent my whole life in professional art. When I studied art in college, I realized I needed to give some structure to what I was going to do. So I sold everything and moved to New York where I could get commissions and work in publishing. I responded to stories in music and writing, doing many book covers, illustrations for books and the like. I would sometimes see 15 to 20

people a day with my portfolio to get work. I worked at Time, Rolling Stone, National Geographic, Gucci and countless others.

"My art feeds my soul. I create my own visual vocabulary to speak; balancing what I get from outside (like a commission) and my own interpretation. I have very clear ideas of my stories to tell - I paint for myself, whether or not others understand; I'm responding to something. Most of my work is autobiographical on some level; you connect to it, but I might have meant something else. I have had and achieved goals, and by far the coolest were those I couldn't have imagined or thought."

Texas has multiple State artists; you can locate them at Texas Commission for the Arts website: https://www. arts.texas.gov/initiatives/ texas-state-artist/currentstate-artists/. Enjoy!



Artist Marc Burckhardt teaching an LGAA workshop for local artists.

You're irresistibly attracted, like a moth

BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

You crave that light. You need it like you need food and oxygen; in fact, you don't feel entirely whole without it. If you can bask in its glow, you're good. Just be careful, as in the new book "We All Shine On" by Elliot Mintz, of the lure of the limelight.

Laurel Canyon, California, is still just where it's always been, a mile or so off Sunset Boulevard and up the hill. It's there, but not like it was in 1970, when Elliot Mintz was a resident.

Then, Laurel Canyon was affordable and rustic, and Mintz knew most of his neighbors: David Cassidy, Joni Mitchell, David Crosby, Mickey Dolenz, and others. Because he'd landed a job interviewing people on the radio and he was unimpressed by celebrity, it took a while for him to realize it wasn't your normal, everyday kind of neighborhood.

That ease with the limelight served him well: one afternoon at work, Mintz called Yoko Ono's record label and asked for an interview. Label execs said "yes" and just like that, he spent an interesting 40 minutes talking to the controversial wife of a former Beatle.

The following day, she phoned Mintz at home to thank him — which began an odd friendship: one call became another call, which became daily chats that sometimes lasted for hours as he and Ono discussed everything and nothing. Talking with her felt easy. Eventually, Mintz felt comfortable enough to ask to speak to John Lennon.

Lennon, too, began calling Mintz at home every day, also sometimes for hours.

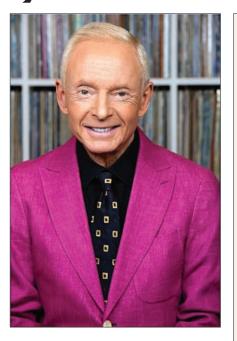
Through the years, Mintz was privy to Lennon and Ono's withdrawal from drugs, their infertility issues, anger and marital problems. He set up appointments for them. He introduced Lennon to other talents and acted as sleuth for Ono's hobbies.

And later, in the days after Lennon was shot and killed in Manhattan, Mintz catalogued the former Beatle's possessions

There are basically two ways to look at "We All Shine On." If you're a firm, at-all-costs fan of the Beatles or of Lennon and Ono in particular, you'll enjoy this insider's look at their lives.

If you've got an ounce of skepticism in you, however, you'll consider it differently.

Though his stories about his work in radio are lively and highly entertaining, author Elliot Mintz writes mostly here about his rather one-sided friendship with John Lennon and Yoko Ono. It's an account that seems to include a large amount of personal-assistanttype tasks done gratis, that ap-



Elliot mintz

pear to have gone largely unappreciated by their recipients.

This ultimately makes the tale feel uncomfortable, even cringey at times. Add the fact that this book is loaded with direct quotes from 50-plus years ago, which are most likely fictionalized, and you have a story that you'll want to read with eyes and mind both wide open.

Readers who don't care, who'll read anything Beatlerelated regardless, will enjoy this story. If you're doubtful at all about "We All Shine On," though, just let it be.

WE ALL Shine on



JOHN, YOKO, & ME ELLIOT MINTZ

COURTESY PHOTOS

"We All Shine On: John, Yoko, & Me" by Elliot Mintz, c.2024, Dutton, \$32, 304 pages



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Lipan Kickapoo Fest and car Show

PHOTOS BY MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

The Lipan community showed their love and support for the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department by hosting the annual Lipan Kickapoo Festival on Oct. 19 at the Lipan Tabernacle. The festival included D & D's Rockin' Rods Classic Car Show which attracted numerous entries and provided plenty of eye-catching vehicles for car enthusiasts. Activities featured a corn hole Tournament, BBQ Lunch, auction, vendors, and a gun raffle. All proceeds from the festival went to benefit the Lipan Volunteer Fire Department.



First Baptist Car Show & Pumpkin Fest

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The First Baptist Church on Weatherford Highway hosted its first annual Car Show Saturday, Oct. 21. The car show was free and featured four different food trucks on site. Attendees were also invited to enjoy the Pumpkin Patch, which offered plenty of fun for kids and photo opportunities for families. The Pumpkin Patch is free to enter, and pumpkins are available for sale. The folks at FBC are busy organizing for their upcoming Fall Fest Oct. 31. For over 25 years, they have been pleased to provide a safe place for families to "trunk or treat." All proceeds go toward FBC's children's and student activities, and mission trips, as well.















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also available to answer questions about what the LGAA offers.

MOONS OF THE HARVEST MOON

Be sure to visit the booth of the Granbury Arts Alliance where you can enter your silent bid on an original artwork. The "moons" are works created on round boards by local artists. Proceeds benefit the Granbury Arts Alliance, which is celebrating 10 years of fulfilling its mission to drive community prosperity through sustaining the arts and a vibrant cultural lifestyle.

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

MONDAYS

HEALTHY CONNECTIONS

exercise classes: 9 a.m. exer-

cise (strength and balance);

10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. ex-

ercise (strength and balance);

11 a.m. Tai Chi/Pilates; 5 p.m.

yoga. Location is at 1321 Wa-

ters Edge Drive, Suite 1001.

GRANBURY BRIDGE Club

duplicate bridge game at

will hold an ACBL-sanctioned

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

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warm up.

MASQUERADE PARTY

New to the Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts is the Masquerade Party Saturday, Oct. 26 from 7-10 p.m. on the square. The party will be a street dance with entertainment by Michael Hix, whose musical range spans from Bruno Mars to Bobby Darrin. Masks and costumes encouraged. This event is free and open to the public.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

A new event at this year's Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts is musical chairs, sure to be fun and a cause for laugher among participants and spectators. The event includes live music, cash prizes and, of course, art.

GO PLAY

FIRST MONDAYS

Location is the music stage,

Hosted by the Granbury

Wine Society, the tastings

will be Saturday 11 a.m. to

7 p.m. and Sunday noon

to 4 p.m. Guests will have

the opportunity to stroll

through the exhibits while

enjoying a 2-ounce tasting

wine pour from the wineries

present. Favored wines can

Barons Creek, Casual Friday,

D/Vine, OG Cellars, Stone

Trough and Whiskey Road.

Tickets for the event are \$35

and can be purchased at the

Wine Society Booth. Guests

can check-in at the ticket/

information tent on Bridge

be purchased by the glass

or by the bottle. Wineries

for this year's event are

2 p.m. on Sunday.

WINE STROLL

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.

Street one hour prior to tasting hours. Online presale tickets are available at ticketleap.events/tickets/havenone/harvest-moon-festival-of-the-arts-wine-stroll.

LAST SATURDAY **GALLERY NIGHT**

Harvest Moon Festival of the Arts coincides with Granbury's Last Saturday Gallery Night, a monthly event that takes place the last Saturday of every month. Galleries host various art events that can include exhibits, demonstrations and chances to visit with the featured artists. St. Helen's, D'Vine Wine, Your Private Collection, Baron's Creek Tasting Rooms, Shanley House and Studio E. Artistry are participating.

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.

Trail every Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. No experience or tools needed. Join them anytime.

ican Train) 11 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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

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: Hood-CountyChess.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.

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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.

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HABITAT FOR Humanity Hood County building on the 4000 block of Sundown **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.

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

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

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LAST THURSDAYS

MARINE CORPS League

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

SECOND SATURDAYS

SECOND SATURDAY

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

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



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Halloween soirée, pumpkin carving and trunk or treat at PAC today



BY DIANE LONG

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

With Halloween coming later this month, "Trunk or Treat" is happening today, Saturday, Oct. 26, in the PAC parking lot from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to make the day happen and provide candy for the plethora of trick or treaters who will attend.

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 delivered 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.

WELCOME HOME

Pecan's next new member class comes Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. in the Terrace Room of the clubhouse. The event is open to new neighbors as well as long-timers

ering neighborhood news and new books to read. dianedlong@ 1 817-579-9360 who would like a refresher on the amenities of our community. Contact Sarah

Lord for a reservation: 817-

573-2641 extension 335.

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. Folks planning to attend should call the clubhouse to reserve a spot as attendance is limited, and seats will fill quickly: 817-573-2641.

GIVE LIFE

The American Red Cross will be in the PAC gym Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a blood drive. Donors may make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter Pecanplantation; walkins are also welcome.

TEACHER MEETING

The Pecan Educators Network (PEN) will hold its second meeting Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pecan clubhouse. Refreshments will be provided. The group held its

first gathering earlier this month where it discussed organizational goals, shared stories, and enjoyed fellowship with other educators. PEN is a new, nonpolitical organization open to any Pecan residents who are currently working or have worked in education, including the positions of teachers, paraprofessionals and administration. For more information on the group or its upcoming event, contact Teela Watson: 817-393-3070.

ELECTION TIME

Pecan's Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service 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.

EVENING EVENT

Pecan Plantation's Widows and Widowers Club's next meeting is on the calendar for Thursday, Nov. 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a "thankful month" theme for the gathering. Folks will meet in the Pecan ballroom to share their many blessings as well as bring gifts for BeeHive Assisted Living and provide assistance to Joseph's Locker, both located in Granbury. Some folks have cards designating which group to support, but if not, attendees may choose one for a contribution. Joseph's Locker president Cindy Tow will be at the meeting to discuss how the organization supports residents of our community. To further promote the theme of thankfulness, Donna Thompson will present "Choose Gratitude" to

the attendees. Items helpful for BeeHive include toiletries (for men and women), magazines, games and playing cards. Joseph's Locker will also appreciate receiving the same items in addition to canned and boxed food items and paper products. Donations should be bagged and ready to add to the receptacle in the ballroom.

Reservations for the Nov. meeting are due by Wednesday, Oct. 30 to Caryl Mahaffey (caryl.mahaffey@ charter.net). Attendance is open to any widow or widower who lives in Pecan, and securing a seat is necessary.

GOLF GAME

Pecan's MGA will hold its annual breakfast and meeting Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 a.m. in the clubhouse ballroom. All MGA members are invited to attend as voting on future officers and making golf-related decisions are on the agenda for the day. Following the meeting, the MGA will host its monthly Saturday tournament at 9 a.m., and the competition's format is a twoman scramble/shamble, choose your own partner. Pecaners received an email with a sign-up link, and registration may also be completed in the golf pro shop.

TOURNAMENT TIME

A veteran-exclusive ninehole golf tournament is coming to Pecan's course Tuesday, Nov. 12 in honor of our neighbors who have served in our country's military. The tournament is a four-person scramble with an entry fee of \$10. Folks may assemble their own teams or be placed on one by the golf pro shop and scoring and a social gathering will happen in the pavilion following the tournament. Pecaners are invited to attend and cheer on our veterans playing in the tournament.

CLUB FITTING

A Titleist club fitting event is coming to the Pecan driving range Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Attendees must have an appointment. Residents received email with both a link and a QR code for securing a spot during the day.

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.

FLU SHOTS

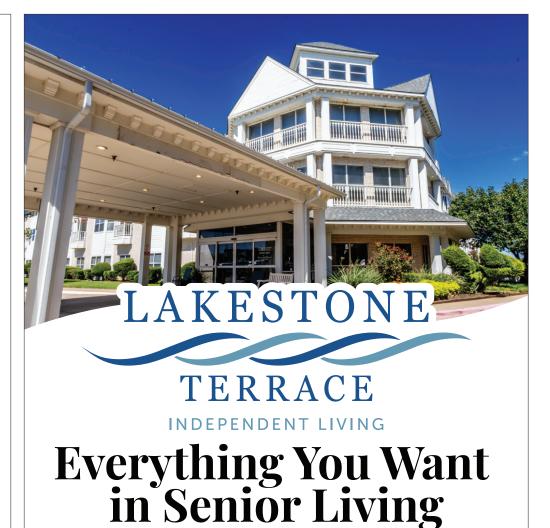
Pecan residents may receive their flu shots at the Charlie Lee Memorial Building on the emergency services compound from our EMS staff from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost per vaccine is \$25.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Road resurfacing work on Wedgefield Road is continuing, and culvert pipes are being replaced on Airpark Drive with the milling to follow in preparation for the road's new surface. In addition, new railings for the clubhouse front steps are a lovely addition, and since this is the final stage of the project, the front doors to the clubhouse should reopen (barring any setbacks) next week.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Patricia Garner, who passed away Oct. 16.



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. (The District does NOT fund or operate Lake Granbury Medical Center.)

26.7 percent of the county's residents are 65 and older. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 10.4% of its residents are 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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The Hood County Library hosted a Pumpkin Painting Contest on Oct. 19 and Oct. 20. Families teamed up to plan, design, and paint pumpkins. Participants left their painted pumpkins at the library for judging by volunteers from Friends of the Library. Prizes were awarded for Best Overall, Spookiest, Silliest, and Most Creative pumpkins.











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FROM THE PUBLISHER

FROM MY FRONT PORCH





BY SAM HOUSTON

Sam Houston is the publisher of the Hood County News. He is also an actor, author, playwright, performer and entertainment producer/promoter.

ur Best of Hood County 2024 section marks the official notification to the world of the winners of our Best of Hood County contest. This is the 15th year of the competition, and I believe the excitement of this year's event was even greater than it has been in the past. There is little reason to wonder why! With over 2,300 business entries in 139 categories, and a total of 76,106 votes cast, Best Of is a community event which people look forward to every year. Earning the right to display the Best of Hood County logo at a place of business allows the entity to serve notice to the world that they stand out and are a step above the competition. I have been present when business owners learn they have won the Best of Hood County and have seen tears come to their eyes or their voices raised in triumphant jubilation over their accomplishment. Smart business owners know and appreciate the value of the designation and are proud and sometimes overwhelmed to be recognized.

What makes Best Of so popular is the contest is a positive for both businesses and consumers. It allows the average citizen, the man or woman who spends their hard-earned money on a variety of different goods and services, to express their heartfelt belief about which company best meets their needs. They cast a vote because a company provides great value, terrific customer service, and how they relate to their customers.

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For a business, they know that when a consumer is looking to buy, they will shop with confidence when they shop at a location which is a Best Of award winner. Buyers know they are shopping with a time tested, proven commodity, and they can feel comfortable in their transaction. When new people move to town, Best Of winners are a good road map of places to shop first.

Thank you to all the entries and to the thousands of voters who participated. Congratulations to all!

Sam Houston Publisher, Hood County News



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Auto Paint & Body | Bolton Custom Auto Body | Runner-up

Auto Repair Shop | Christian Brothers

Automotive | Winner

Auto Repair Shop | Ron Cullers Automotive | Runner-up

Boat Rental | Stumpy's Lake Granbury Marina | Winner

Boat Rental | Sam's Dock Boat Rentals & Party Barges | Runner-up

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Oil Change | Valvoline Express Care | Winner

Oil Change | Christian Brothers Automotive Granbury | Runner-up

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Cell Phone Retail & Repair | iDoctor Phone & Tablet Repair | Winner

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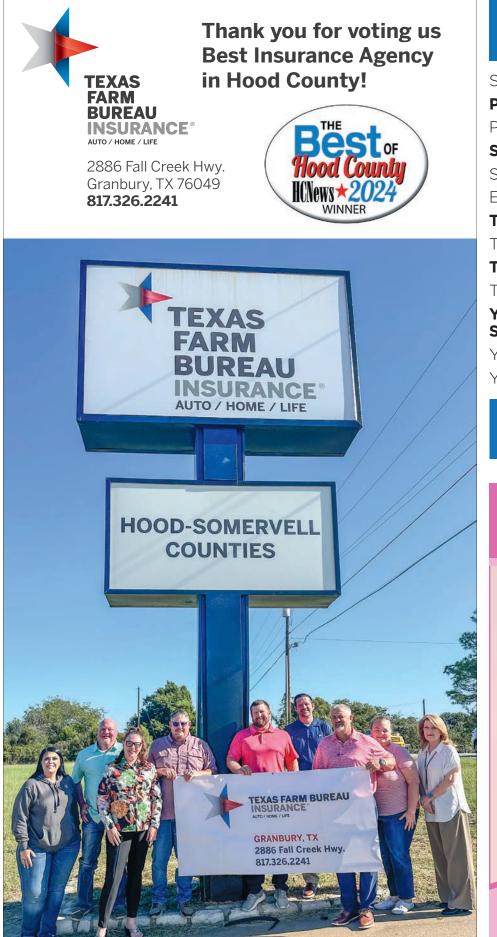
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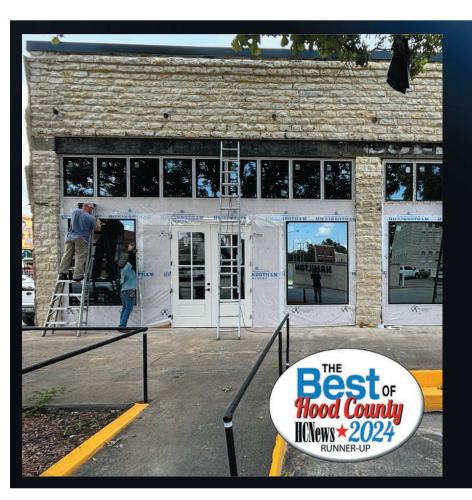


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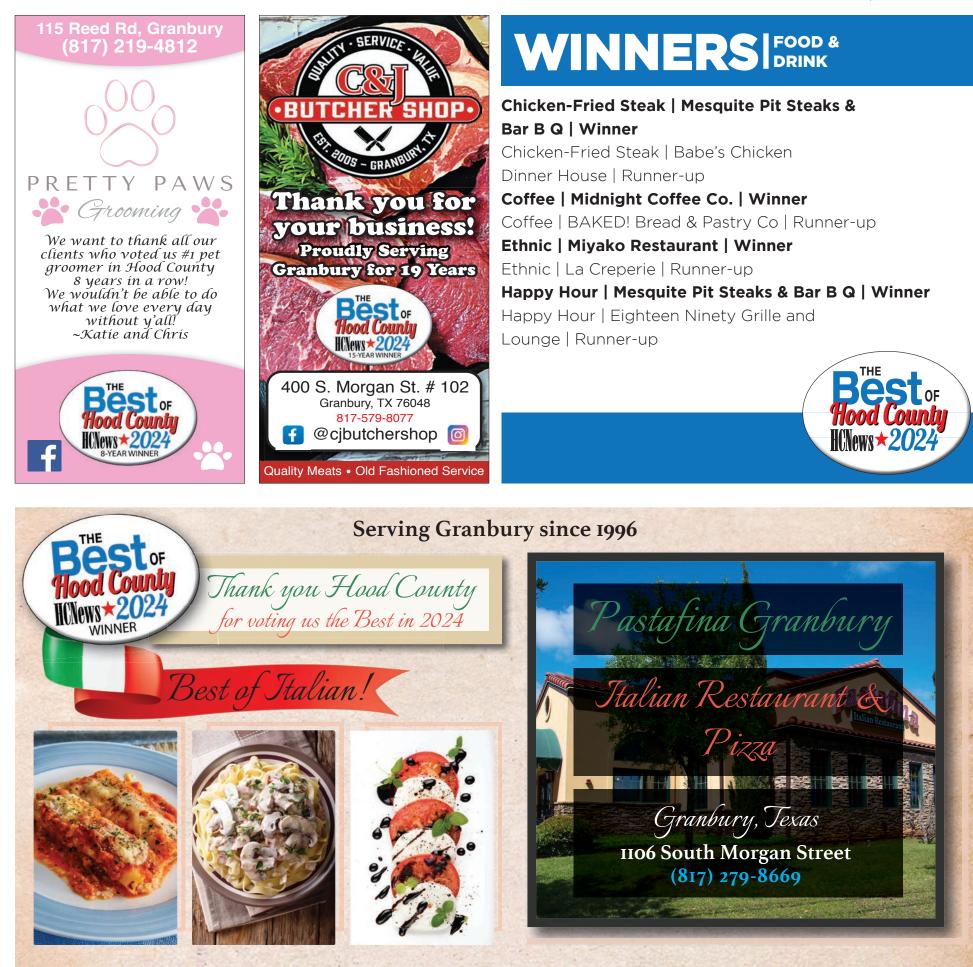
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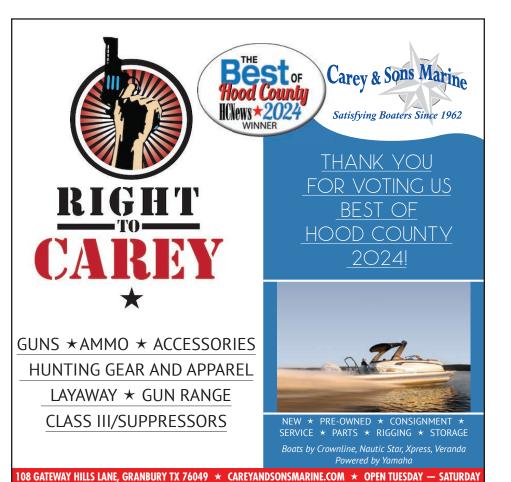
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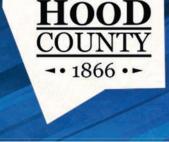
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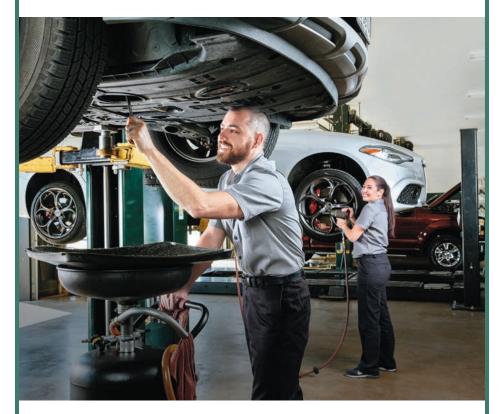


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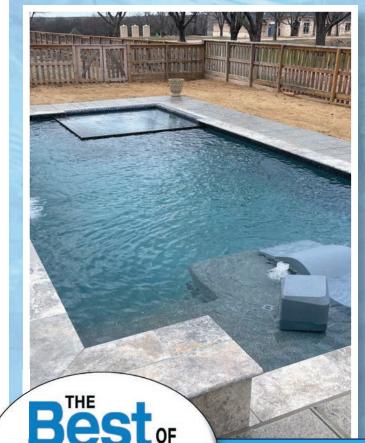
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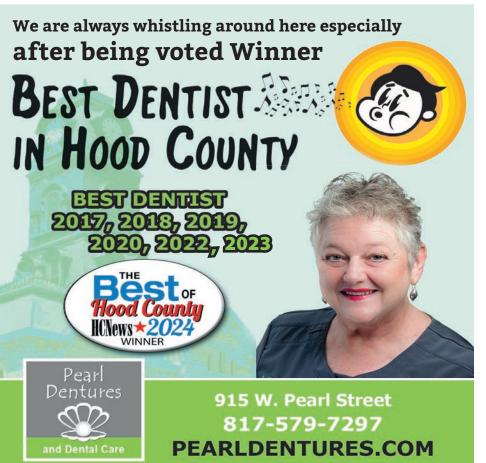
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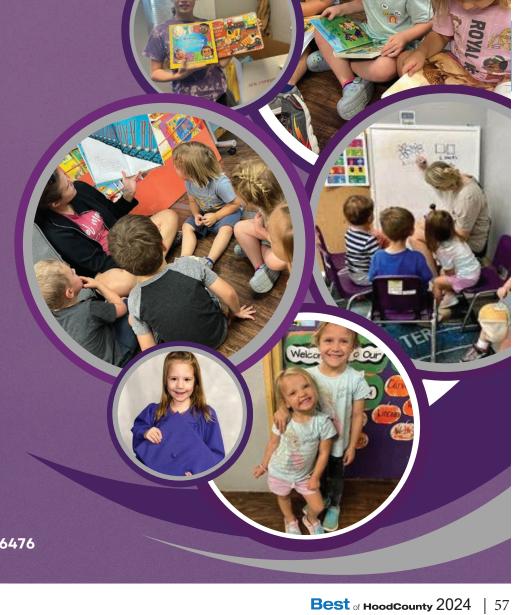
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