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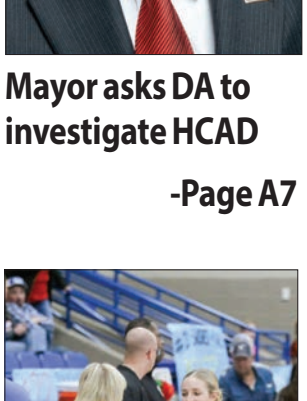


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Hood County prepares for winter weekend

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With true winter weather forecast Jan. 23-26, temperatures are expected to drop below freezing with rainfall. Hood County entities are preparing themselves and their essential services for residents' safety.

According to the National Weather Service forecast updated Wednesday, Jan. 21, Friday, Jan. 23, will start the cooler temperatures with showers likely in the morning and a high in the upper 40s that will drop to the mid-30s in the afternoon. Showers, freezing rain and sleet are likely for the evening with a low temperature in the mid-teens with 5 to 15 mph winds.

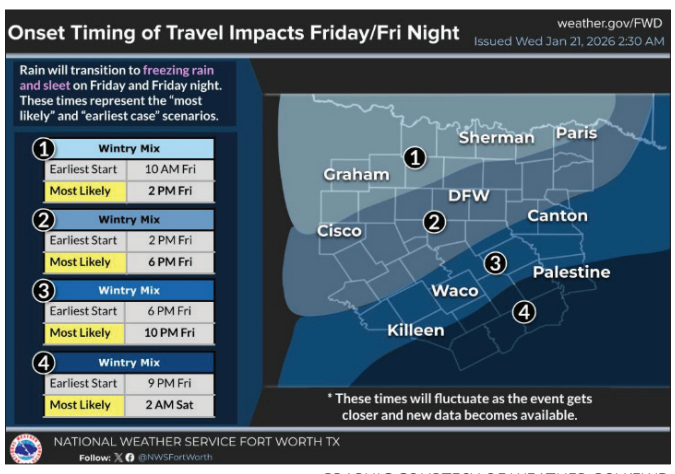
Saturday, Jan. 24, will keep the trend of freezing rain and sleet throughout the whole day and highs in the lower 20s. Chances of snow showers and sleet are 50 percent for the night.

Sunday, Jan. 25, will be mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow showers in the morning and a partly sunny afternoon. The highs will be in the mid-20s and drop, with lows being in the single digits.

City of Granbury

City of Granbury employees have cold-weather training and protective gear for working outside and will be inspecting backup generators for the critical facilities. City vehicles and facilities, including water, wastewater and police operations, have been winterized, according to Jeff Newpher, communica-

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Several participants await the plunge into the frigid waters of Lake Granbury Jan. 17 just before the sixth annual Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump at City Beach Park.

For Affonso, there's no substitute for full-time teaching

BY CHLOE LAING
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They say one never forgets their first — semester of teaching, that is. At least that's the case for Granbury Independent School District's newest ag teacher, Raychel Affonso.

Affonso has just completed her first semester as a GISD teacher, following several semesters of substituting.

She primarily serves at Granbury Middle School, where she teaches three periods of Principles of Agriculture, two periods of Project Success, and a career-development class.

However, the middle and high schools have split custody of Affonso's day. Her last class of the day takes her to Granbury High School, where she teaches small animal and equine science.

According to Affonso, she began working in ag about the time she began walking, as she was born to a ranching and roping family living in rural California.

"I grew up on a small farm out there and took all of the ag classes when I was in high school, and I really enjoyed them, and I was like, 'I don't think I want to leave it,'" Affonso said.

When she graduated from high

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Krottinger files suit against sheriff, deputy, DA, Hood County

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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Kolton Krottinger, who was arrested in November 2025 and charged with a felony impersonation crime following a Facebook post, has filed a 27-page lawsuit in federal court against Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds, Deputy James Luckie, District Attorney Ryan Sinclair and Hood County.

The lawsuit reads the defendants violated Krottinger's "clearly established constitutional rights."

It further reads, "Sheriff Roger Deeds was the driving force behind the investigation, arrest and prosecution of (Krottinger) — a local journalist and political critic — for posting a satirical political meme."

The lawsuit claims "District Attorney Ryan Sinclair, who knew (Krottinger) personally, participated in the investigation and directed prior restraint be imposed on all (Krottinger's) social media activity. When prosecution attracted public scrutiny, Sinclair fled — fabricating a false conflict of interest to escape accountability while prosecution continued."

The lawsuit reads the case collapsed when probable cause could not be established, adding "yet Sheriff Deeds doubled down, publicly defending the arrest as lawful and hiding critical comments on official social media."

The lawsuit indicates the defendants "seized (Krottinger's) cell phone, failed to list it on any inventory, never obtained or presented a search warrant and took months to return it, presumably after unlawfully searching it — depriving (Krottinger) of journalistic materials protected by the Privacy Protection Act. This lawsuit seeks to vindicate (Krottinger's) constitutional rights and deter weaponization of criminal process against political critics."

In the lawsuit, Krottinger is identified as "an honorably discharged U.S. Navy veteran, a community activist, an online journalist who operates several news pages on Facebook, and founder and president of Anxiety Solutions of America (ASA), a nonprofit mental health center that serves veterans and first responders."

It further reads Krottinger's journalism includes "reporting on local government, interviewing candidates for office and publishing political commentary and analysis to the public."

The lawsuit reads Deeds is being sued in his personal capacity as sheriff; Luckie is being sued as an investigator and deputy for the Hood County Sheriff's Office; Sinclair is being sued in his capacity as DA; and Hood County is being sued "for the unconstitutional policies and decisions of Sheriff Deeds, who serves as final policymaker for law enforcement in Hood County, and under the Privacy Protection Act ... for unlawful seizure and retention of (Krottinger's) journalistic materials."

The lawsuit reads "the timing of (Krottinger's) arrest — Nov. 5, 2025, one day after the election in which (Krottinger) had been actively involved — and the immediate imposition of a prior restraint on all social media suggest a coordinated effort to silence a political critic."

The lawsuit reads even if Krottinger, and not another person affiliated with his Hood County Sheepdogs website, made the post, "the affidavit failed to establish probable cause that the satirical meme violated Texas Penal Code 33.07, which requires proof that the defendant acted 'with intent to harm, defraud, intimidate or threaten any person." Political satire, by definition, lacks such intent."

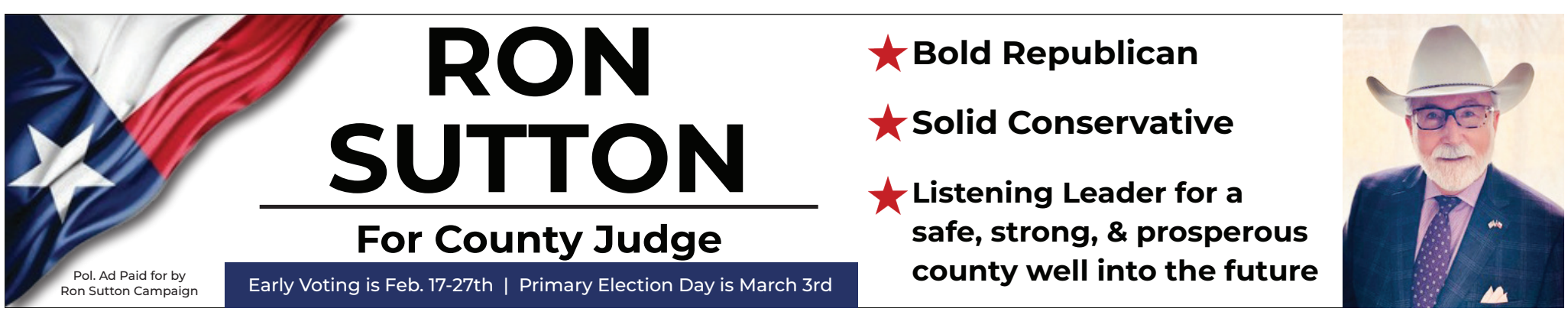
The lawsuit reads "a reasonable officer would have known that arresting someone for posting a satirical political meme violates clearly established First Amendment rights."

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GAR honors some 'real' award winners



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The 2025 Awards Presentations highlighted the Granbury Association of Realtors' 2026 Installation and Awards Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Lake Granbury Conference Center. The annual event mixes business and pleasure, kicking off the evening with a delicious dinner catered by Fat Mary's, followed by introductions, recognitions and installations of outgoing and incoming board members, presidents, and staffers. Award-winners, from left, are: Scott Bradley, Affiliate Representative of the Year; Gina and Steve Dieterichs, Caring Transitions Affiliate of the Year; Kathy Cheek, Realtor of the Year; Carly Sayer, Rising Realtor; Lisa Deaver, President's Award; and Lee Overstreet, Special Service Award



Incoming Granbury Association of Realtors Association President Erienne Higgins accepts thanks from outgoing President Kevin Watson.

KROTTINGER

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In the lawsuit, Krottinger said he was arrested "in a public parking lot, causing embarrassment and reputational harm," he was "booked into Hood County Jail" with bond set at $10,000, and that his cell phone was seized and not returned because it was "not on the inventory list."

Krottinger said his phone had an application he uses "to communicate with veterans experiencing mental health crises" as well as information he needed "to complete an application for a $400,000 grant from the Texas Veterans Commission," his journalistic work and personal photos, communications and information.

The lawsuit reads Dec. 22, "the prosecution was formally rejected for insufficient evidence," and there is "no legal basis for continuing to retain" Krottinger's phone, adding "continued retention of (Krottinger's) phone constituted an ongoing unreasonable seizure in violation of the Fourth Amendment and an ongoing violation of the Privacy Protection Act."

Krottinger's lawsuit claims "loss of liberty and unlawful detention; loss of employment and business opportunities; lost income and revenue; nominal damages due to First Amendment violations; deprivation of property; inability to perform his work as a journalist and serve veterans through his nonprofit; attorney's fees and costs incurred in defending against the criminal charge; severe reputational harm, public humiliation, emotional distress and mental anguish."

The "prayer for relief" included in the lawsuit seeks "compensatory damages in an amount to be determined at trial; punitive damages against defendants Luckie, Deeds and Sinclair in an amount sufficient to punish and deter; liquidated damages of not less than $1,000; reasonable attorney's fees and costs; a declaratory judgment that defendants violated (Krottinger's) constitutional rights under the First and Fourth Amendments; a declaratory judgment that Hood County violated the Privacy Protection Act; injunction to restore public commenting on (Hood County Sheriff's Office) Facebook page; such other and further relief as court deems just and proper."

In the lawsuit, Krottinger "demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38(b)."

Regarding the lawsuit, Deeds released this statement, "We appreciate the public's interest in this matter. Because it is now the subject of an ongoing lawsuit, we will not be commenting at this time. These issues will be appropriately addressed through the legal process. Through this process, it will become clear that the county and all its agencies deeply value and jealously guard the rights they were sworn to protect."

Krottinger said in a statement there are key reasons he believes it was important for him to file the lawsuit.

"This is not about spectacle. It is about accountability, transparency and ensuring Hood County move forward in a better direction..

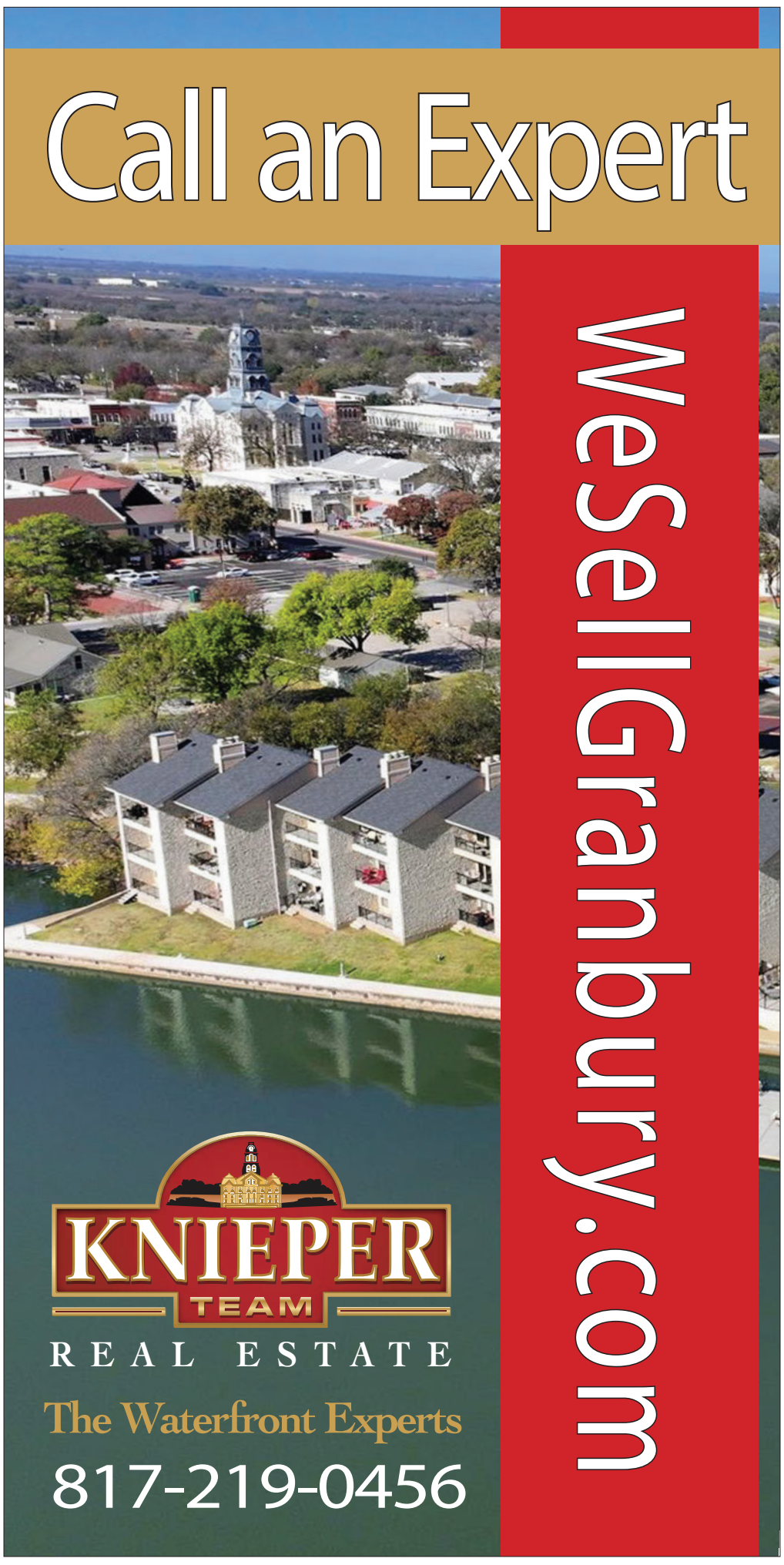
"The weaponization of law enforcement to target someone you don't agree with is not acceptable. What happened is textbook oppression, an abuse of office and the use of lawfare. This is why this has garnered national attention and all eyes are on Hood County now.

"I want to be clear that I support good law enforcement officers. I always have and I always will. Many of them are friends of mine that enjoy my ranch.

"They regularly visit the ranch to sight in personal firearms, camp, swim in the river and enjoy the amenities available. That commitment has not changed and it will not change.

"The mission of Anxiety Solutions of America will continue without interruption. Supporting veterans, first responders and mental health is not conditional, political or situational."

A message was left with District Attorney Sinclair's office seeking comment on the lawsuit, but as of press time no statement had been received.



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MY FRONT PORCH

Who are we voting for and why?



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.

Election day is right around the corner, and the political jabbering, complaining and mudslinging already is in full force. It is little wonder why so many voters become disillusioned about the entire election process. They simply grow tired of all the off-the-wall allegations, misleading social media promotion and outright childishness. Unfortunately, some voters seem to pick their candidates like they do their breakfast cereal; they don't really know the ingredients and whether it will be harmful or helpful, but they like the commercial they heard on television and the packaging is appealing, so they grab a box off the shelf and hope for the best. Maybe that is one of the reasons why people are frequently disappointed with the officials they elect.

Which candidates do you believe in and why?

For the average citizen, it is hard to know which candidates are truthful and purposeful, especially when the candidates do little to communicate their positions much less their plan. Voters are inundated with broad terms and slogans which give an impression to voters, but which may or may not be true or an actual reflection of the candidate. The candidates do little to clear the confusion because it is so much easier to sway votes and opinions by simply making wide-sweeping, generalized assertions which trigger a voter's fears or resentments. There is less to be accountable for when you never recite a clear plan of action. Once a candidate strikes a "nerve" with a voter, it is assumed they will get a vote.

In the years of politics gone by, candidates presented a platform where they clearly told the voters where they stood, and more importantly, what their goals were and the steps they would take to reach those goals. You don't see much of that nowadays. Now you hear slogans like "fighting for your liberty," or "fighting for you." Sounds appealing, but what does it mean? What are you fighting, who are you fighting, what are your specific goals and how are you going to unite people to accomplish those goals? How about a timeline of what you will accomplish and when? Most importantly, instead of blaming the world, the community and your political opponent for all the wrongs that exist, what are you, the candidate, going to do to solve problems? We all know that "political fires" exist. How about someone telling us how they are going to put them out and having the backbone to get the job done?

Historically, political parties did not endorse a slate of candidates in the primary. They allowed the election process to play out and then supported the candidates the members of their party selected to move on to the general election. In the last couple of years, multiple candidates who have been endorsed by the local party during the primary season and have been a major disappointment, with some ending their political career in jail or charged with criminal activity. It seems to me it is wiser to trust your own judgement than the judgment of others who have their own motivations and political goals. Is it best to vote for the best candidate or to blindly follow someone's endorsement?

What would you say would be the biggest political issues for the county? Traffic and roads, economic development, jobs, a development of our community with well-thought-out objectives to achieve? All of these may be good issues for political discussion, but instead of being out front and talking about problems, some politicians will be making sweeping statements which do not depict a plan of action; they only depict pandering for votes.

Candidates, for goodness' sake, tell us what you believe, what your goals are and how you are going to go about doing your job. Give the voters a chance to make an informed decision.

Your vote is sacred and a tremendous responsibility. Think for yourself. Ask yourself which candidate is going to work to bring people together to solve problems and make our collective life better.

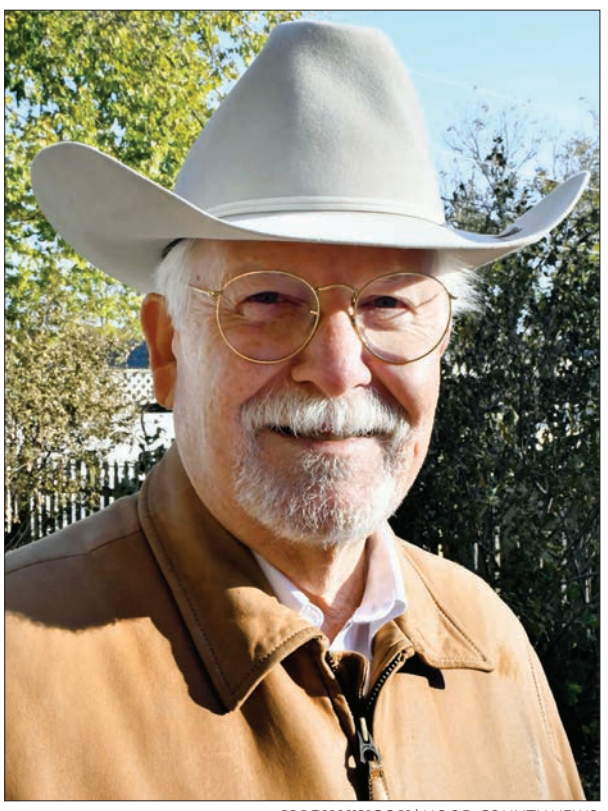
We will live with the consequences of our poor choices.

Thought for the day: Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and money from the rich, all while protecting each side from the other.

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

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Folks around town



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Say hello to our neighbor, Jim Lilly!

Jim Lilly and his wife, Laurie, have called Pecan Plantation home for the past 10 years. They relocated from Southlake to enjoy retirement after Laurie's career in senior living and his career in architecture, city planning and telecommunications.

"I love the small-town atmosphere and how individuals can have a positive impact if they are willing to get involved," Lilly said. Here they both are deeply involved in organizations addressing underserved and underemployed populations.

Lilly, a Vietnamera U.S. Army veteran, feels lucky to have lived a life of civic involvement, which has in many ways allowed him to give back to the community.

"I was fortunate to serve as a reservist with FEMA for five years, serving a stint in central Georgia a few years ago," he said. Here in Granbury, he is a member of the Optimist and Rotary clubs, and serves as a director and past chair of the board of the Forward Training Center of Hood County.

"I love how HCN focuses on local news and delivers insight about local individuals and organizations," he said. Lilly also shared he's an avid fan of Formula 1 auto racing.

WEATHER

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tions manager for the City of Granbury. "Staff are verifying emergency contact information and planning staffing coverage for the city's 24/7/365 services, so help is available when residents need it," Newpher said. "Public Works crews are preparing to respond quickly to issues such as water line breaks. As always, police will be staffed and ready to respond to emergencies."

The city and TxDOT have reviewed internal communication protocols to coordinate roadway conditions. Timely shared safety tips and preparations will be shared with residents through the official city communication channels to help the community stay safe during the cold weather, Newpher said. Residents are encouraged to visit granbury.org and click on the "Notify Me" button to sign up for "Communications and News Releases" at the bottom of the page to receive city emails and/or texts.

The city shared precautions residents should prepare for. Residents should be prepared for hazardous travel conditions — especially on bridges and overpasses — and possible power outages due to ice on power lines and trees. Extreme cold may damage unprotected pipes, threaten pets and livestock, and become life-threatening for those without adequate heat.

- Monitor weather updates closely;
- Make winter preparations to your home and business before Friday;
- Protect pipes, bring pets indoors and plan for livestock care;
- Have an emergency kit ready;
- Check on elderly neighbors and other vulnerable friends or family; and
- Consider delaying or adjusting weekend travel plans.

Mission Granbury

During the cold temperatures, Mission Granbury will be providing blankets, food, cots, heaters and bottled water to the following warming stations listed below:

- Pecan Plantation EMS (open 24 hours Saturday and Sunday);
- YMCA (open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday); and
- First Christian Church (open 24 hours Saturday and Sunday as emergency shelter).

Case workers will be remotely working throughout the event, and if someone calls the main number for Mission Granbury and does not receive an answer, leave a message so the call can be returned. Select hotel rooms will be available Friday through Sunday night for people in need.

"Our 24-hour crisis hotline will be available for those in crisis. If anyone needs a heater or food bags delivered Saturday or Sunday, direct the neighbor to call the non-emergency police number. Local law enforcement will be delivering heaters and food bags from Mission Granbury. If the person needs a heater or food bag and can travel during the event, the warming stations and emergency shelters will have heaters and food delivered from Mission Granbury to give out," executive director of Mission Granbury Kurt Turner said.

Granbury ISD

"The district's primary focus is the safety of students and staff. This includes safe transportation to and from school, safe conditions on campuses and clear communication with families so they can plan accordingly," said Ryan Cox, director of communications for Granbury ISD. Maintenance and custodial teams have taken steps to protect buildings and their infrastructure, while the transportation department monitors the roadway conditions. As weather conditions develop, all teams are in close communication to adjust their response efforts, Cox said.

Assessment of conditions takes place across the district, including bus routes, campuses and major travel areas. If any operational changes such as delays or closures are needed, those instructions will be communicated directly to families through district official channels, including text alerts, email, the district website and social media.

Cox shared the district's severe-weather protocols:

- Continuous monitoring of weather forecasts and road conditions;
- Coordination with local law enforcement, emergency management and transportation officials;
- Early-morning and overnight assessments of road safety and campus conditions;
- Review of bus routes, bridges and rural roadways;
- Decision-making by district leadership with student and staff safety as the top priority; and
- Timely communication to families and staff regarding delays, closures or schedule changes.

"Granbury ISD encourages families to keep their contact information updated in Skyward and to rely on official district communication for accurate information during winter weather," Cox said.

Tolar ISD

"Our main focus is making sure our students/employees are safe traveling to and from school. With that, we will monitor the weather forecast to make the best determination we can regarding safe travels. If it is determined that school needs to be delayed or canceled, we will send out messages to all of our families via ParentSquare (email and text), post on social media and post on our webpage," Travis Stilwell, Tolar ISD superintendent, said.

Lipan ISD

The safety of students and staff is the primary focus. Lipan ISD monitors local weather stations to get the most up-to-date information when making decisions regarding school delays, closings or travel for extracurricular events, Jimmie Dobbs, Lipan ISD superintendent, said. They also rely on their staff to access road conditions and conditions on district property in real time. Decisions will be made as early as possible to allow parents the time to plan accordingly.

"We communicate any closures or delayed starts to parents through a service called Blackboard that sends out a text and places a call to each parent with the appropriate information. We also post the information on the elementary and high school Facebook pages, as well as running the information on Channel 5 News," Dobbs said.

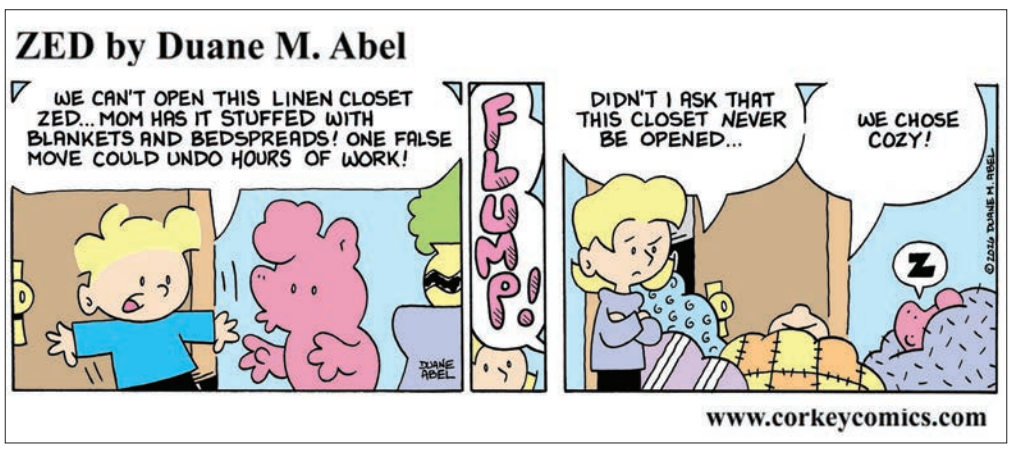
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will be offering relief throughout the entire weekend for people affected by the cold weather. The post is located at 3670 W. U.S. Highway 377 and will be open to all seeking shelter from the freezing temperatures and precipitation. Goods such as water, blankets and a heated break from the outdoors.



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Paralegal soon to be raising the bar

BY CHLOE LAING
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Wayne Baker saw the fruits of his labor Jan. 14 when he received his first opportunity to represent clients at Hood County court.

At the age of 43, Baker will achieve his life-long dream of becoming a lawyer — a dream he's held since the age of 5 and built a career on the fringes of — but could never quite find the time to make his reality.

"Life had other plans for me until now. I was a paralegal in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps and have been working in the legal field most of my career, including nearly a decade at the Hyde Law Firm. Going to school full-time, while supporting a family and working full-time, was not possible — until recently."

To realize his dream, Baker enrolled in St. Mary's University School of Law, the first JD program in the nation to be approved by the American Bar Association for an accredited online law school program.

"I'm in the second cohort of that program, which has made going to law school possible," Baker said. "I work full-time by day and go to law school at night and on the weekends."

According to Baker, the process has been long and strenuous as he strives to find balance between his studies, his career and his family.

"My wife, Sarah, and I have three teenagers at home, so raising a family while working full-time and going to law school nearly full-time is far from easy," Baker said. "It has been a very tough journey, but it will be well worth it in the end."

Baker will graduate from his law school program in December and take the bar exam in early 2027, but his most recently achieved law accomplishment was acquiring his Supervised Practice Card.

This designation allows law aspirants to attend hearings and represent clients under the supervision of established attorneys.

He first got the opportunity to pull out this card Jan. 14 when he represented Hyde Law clients in several hearings under attorney Riley Roden in the Hood County Court.

"It was an amazing experience to represent clients at the hearings I did last week," Baker said. "It made it feel like the dream is finally coming true, and it really helped me see the light at the end of the tunnel of this long and difficult journey. I'm just sprinting to the finish line now."

Following law school, Baker will continue his tenure at Hyde Law Firm and practice primarily in and around Hood County. Early in his practice, he will dabble in various law practices, but said he is most looking forward to working in probate and estate-planning, civil litigation, personal injury, and business law.

"I've overcome a lot of hurdles in life to get to where I am today," Baker said. "I'm looking forward to achieving a lifelong goal, which I had all but given up on until a few years ago. I'll be 43 when I start practicing law, but it is never too late to chase your dreams."



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Law-school student Wayne Baker (left) was able to hold his first hearings in Hood County under the supervision of Judge Ron Massingill (center) and attorney Riley Roden (far right).

Giving a 'bear hug' to senior citizens











COURTESY PHOTOS

Within the past two weeks, the student council and ambassadors of Acton Elementary have been collecting teddy bears to distribute to a few of the local nursing homes for National Hug Day.

"We had the opportunity to visit a few local nursing homes and deliver the bears to the residents. There were sweet hugs, funny stories, and so many joyful smiles shared along the way. Our students truly showed what service, compassion, and community are all about," said a post by Acton Elementary about their student's efforts.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce held the Wake up with RLG Breakfast on Jan. 21, a ribbon-cutting at KIA Granbury and Wind Down Wednesday at Back Nine.

The chamber also welcomed new members and renewing members in December.

New members in December
- Standpoint Promotions
- Daddyo's Burgers
- Lady May's
- Los Cazadores
- The Water Shop
- Scott's Window Cleaning
- Alpha and Omega Dent Repair and Collision
- L&A Refrigeration Pros LLC
- Cassidy Boggs Social Media Management

Renewing members in December
- Addington Jones CPA
- Pecan Plantation Country Club
- Cook Children's Physicians
- Granbury Independent School District
- Glenn Aire Company
- Pruitt Plumbing & Repair
- American Red Cross
- Lakeview Dental
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New Year's financial resolutions: Making them stick

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As the calendar flips to a new year, millions of Americans pledge to improve their financial lives. But without a concrete plan, those well-intentioned resolutions often fade quickly.

Financial goals consistently top the list of New Year's resolutions. A2025 CFP Board study shows financial resolutions are prominent, with saving more money (45 percent) and reducing debt (32 percent) ranking among the top three goals.

Unfortunately, most resolutions don't last. A 2023 Forbes Health poll found more than half of people give up on resolutions by the four-month mark and only 1 percent make it the full year.

The challenge isn't a lack of desire for change. People may set the same resolution year after year, revealing a disconnect between intentions and action. Or it may be that they try to tackle too many goals at once, or aim higher than is realistic, setting themselves up for disappointment.

Set smart financial goals. Before crafting your action plan, consider which financial priorities matter most to you. If you need ideas, here are some areas where you may want focus in 2026:
- Regularly review your financial goals and track progress toward meeting them
- Increase your 401(k) contributions or max out your IRA and/or HSA contributions
- Pay down debt strategically and negotiate lower interest payments
- Build an emergency savings fund of six to 12 months
- Save more consistently

Be specific. Vague resolutions like "save more money" rarely succeed. Instead, it can help to make goals specific and measurable. For example, rather than making a resolution to "start an emergency fund," commit to a specific goal, such as, "I will put $100 a month into an emergency fund."

This shift from general to specific transforms wishful thinking into actionable steps. When goals are attainable, it's easier to track progress and stay motivated.

Find an accountability partner. Don't go it alone. Having someone to check in with can help you stay on track. This could be a spouse, friend or family member who shares similar goals.

Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you create a realistic plan, monitor your progress and adjust strategies as needed. A professional can provide expertise and accountability, making it easier to stay on track throughout the year.

Start small and build momentum. Rather than overhauling your entire financial life all at once, focus on one or two priority areas. Identify where the largest gap exists between your current situation and where you want to be, then concentrate your energy there.

Breaking larger goals into smaller, manageable actions makes them less overwhelming and more achievable. Each small win builds confidence and momentum for tackling the next challenge.

The new year offers a fresh start and renewed motivation to improve your financial health. With specific goals, a solid action plan and the right support system, this could be the year your financial resolutions finally stick.

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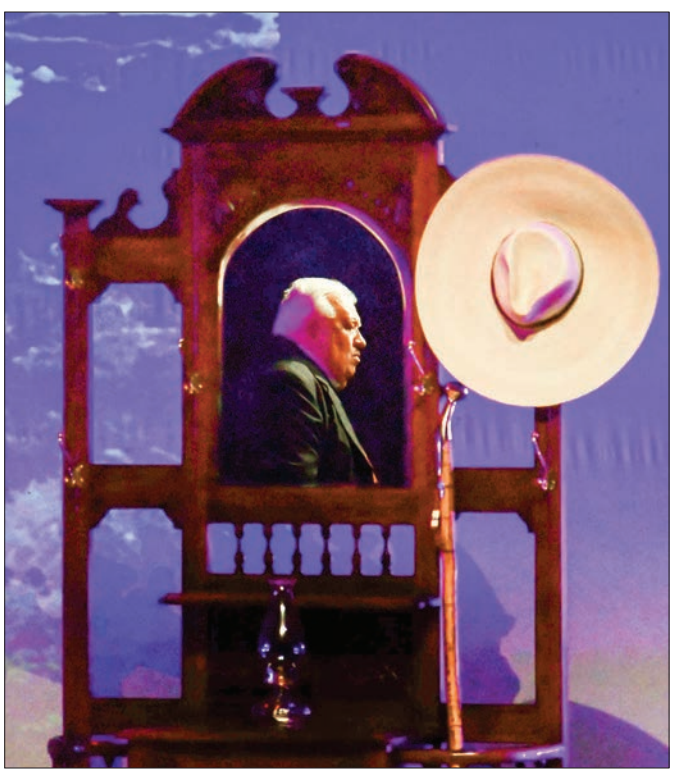
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Hood County News' own Sam Houston took the Granbury Opera House stage Jan. 16-17 in a one-man show, bringing to life the story of his famous namesake, Gen. Sam Houston. The legendary Sam Houston of Texas commanded the Texian forces at the decisive Battle of San Jacinto, went on to play a leading role in the Texas government, and later served as president of the Republic of Texas, as well as governor and U.S. zenator representing the state of Texas. Houston presented a masterful performance highlighting his namesake's military leadership, political career, and enduring impact on Texas history.









What Untreated Hearing Loss Is Really Doing to Your Brain

5 Medical Benefits of Taking Action + 7 Hearing Loss Prevention Tips



The Medical Benefits of Treating Hearing Loss

Treating hearing loss is about more than just improving how well you hear — it's also a critical component of overall health and well-being. Here are five medical benefits of treating hearing loss:

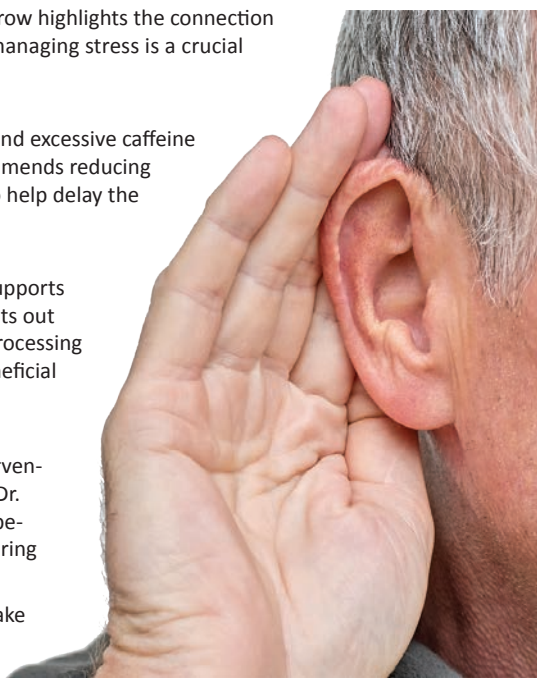
1. **Increase in Quality of Life**
   People who treat their hearing loss often report feeling more connected, confident, and socially active. Better hearing supports relationships, work productivity, and emotional health.
2. **Reduce the Risk of Falling**
   Untreated hearing loss is associated with a greater risk of falls due to decreased spatial awareness and balance. Treating hearing loss can help improve physical safety and coordination.
3. **Increase Cognitive Function**
   Prescriptive hearing technology and other treatments help reduce the cognitive load required to process sounds, freeing up mental energy and supporting clearer thinking, memory, and focus.
4. **Reduce the Experience of Tinnitus**
   Tinnitus often coexists with hearing loss. Treating hearing loss — especially with prescriptive hearing technology — can reduce the severity and impact of tinnitus symptoms for many individuals.
5. **Reducing the Risk of Dementia**
   Numerous studies have linked untreated hearing loss to a higher risk of cognitive decline and dementia. Addressing hearing loss early may help protect long-term brain health.

7 Hearing Loss Prevention Tips

Hearing loss is a prevalent condition that can significantly impact an individual's quality of life. While some causes of hearing loss are unavoidable, there are proactive measures one can take to delay its onset. Drawing insights from Dr. Keith N. Darrow's book, *Preventing Decline: Advances in the Medical Treatment of Hearing Loss and Tinnitus*, here are seven steps to help preserve your hearing health.

1. **Protect Your Ears from Loud Noises**
   Exposure to loud noises is a leading cause of hearing loss. Consistently using ear protection, such as earplugs or noise-canceling earmuffs, in noisy environments can safeguard your auditory system. Dr. Darrow emphasizes the importance of minimizing exposure to loud sounds to prevent damage to the delicate structures of the inner ear.
2. **Maintain Cardiovascular Health**
   Good circulation is vital for the health of the inner ear. Regular exercise and a balanced diet contribute to overall cardiovascular health, which in turn supports auditory function. Dr. Darrow notes that conditions like hypertension and diabetes can negatively affect hearing, underscoring the importance of managing these health issues.
3. **Avoid Ototoxic Medications**
   Certain medications are known to be ototoxic, meaning they can cause hearing loss or tinnitus as a side effect. Dr. Darrow advises patients to consult with their healthcare providers about the potential auditory side effects of prescribed medications and to explore alternatives if necessary.
4. **Manage Stress Levels**
   Chronic stress can exacerbate tinnitus and may contribute to hearing difficulties. Implementing stress-reduction techniques such as mindfulness, meditation, or yoga can have a positive impact on your hearing health. Dr. Darrow highlights the connection between stress and auditory issues, suggesting that managing stress is a crucial component of hearing preservation.
5. **Limit Exposure to Ototoxic Substances**
   Beyond medications, certain substances like nicotine and excessive caffeine can negatively affect hearing health. Dr. Darrow recommends reducing or eliminating the consumption of these substances to help delay the onset of hearing loss.
6. **Stay Socially Active**
   Engaging in social activities stimulates the brain and supports cognitive functions related to hearing. Dr. Darrow points out that social isolation can lead to a decline in auditory processing abilities, so maintaining an active social life can be beneficial for hearing health.
7. **Schedule Regular Hearing Check-Ups**
   Early detection of hearing issues allows for timely intervention, which can slow or prevent further deterioration. Dr. Darrow advocates for regular hearing assessments, especially for individuals over the age of 50, to monitor hearing health and address any concerns promptly.

By incorporating these steps into your lifestyle, you can take proactive measures to delay the onset of hearing loss and maintain optimal auditory health.



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Annexation, development highlight Granbury's outlook

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Annexation is a dirty word to some and a beautiful word to others, but either way, it's one of the issues involving city government that can ignite fires of controversy and bring people out in force to voice their impassioned views on the issue.

That was one of the topics discussed by Granbury City Manager Chris Coffman and Hood County News publisher Sam Houston during a conversation earlier this month recorded by HCN Videographer Micky Shearon.

Before a Jan. 6 City Council meeting that lasted three hours and in which several local residents offered their strong views on annexation issues, this was a topic discussed at the meeting between Coffman and Houston.

One key point Coffman emphasized is the days of cities being able to annex occupied areas against people's will (residents living in that area) is a thing of the past.

When Houston asked Coffman to explain some of the benefits and costs to the city regarding annexation issues — three of which were on the Jan. 6 council agenda — Coffman said "In 2019, the (Texas) legislature prohibited any city from doing involuntary annexation."

He said, "In the old days, you could do involuntary annexation whether property owners liked it or not."

People who live outside the city limits are not subject to city jurisdiction and do not have to pay city taxes. However, their property also may not have some of the amenities those living within a city limits would have.

However, people who own property outside a city can voluntarily request for their property to be annexed, which was the case with three requests for annexation into the city on the Jan. 6 Granbury City Council agenda.

The request by Granbury Reddy Land Partners, which petitioned for 2,090 acres of property to be annexed into the city, and which many speculate could be the future location of a data center inside the city limits, was the item that drew the most attention — before, during and after the meeting.

One person who attended the meeting said there had been a lot of chatter on social media before the meeting, which stirred people up. The person said while a few people usually attend City Council meetings, on Jan. 6 "the entire room — every seat — was full and people were put in the lobby so they could watch the meeting on screens. It was literally standing room only. Social media got the crowd there, and there was a lot of misinformation on Facebook."

Rumors about a potential data center were rampant, and some members of the crowd accused city leaders of not divulging information related to plans for the 2,090 acres of property, located not far from Lake Granbury Medical Center and Tractor Supply.

"There were 30-40 speakers and 95 percent were under the impression the city is condoning the building of a data center," the person said.

The day after the meeting however, one city representative said City Manager Chris Coffman, City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle and Mayor Jim Jarrett had not received any decision from a data center that might want to locate there.

Any proposed data center would have to be announced once details were confirmed, and that would make that developer subject to the same processes and regulations that anyone else would have to follow regarding property development within the city limits.

"A lot of misinformation fed fears, but the city can't comment on speculation and rumors," one city representative said.

While some expressed concerns that environmental studies haven't been conducted on the 2,090 acres within the county, the city cannot require that until the property was annexed into the city.

Coffman, in his conversation with Houston, said when someone who owns property outside the city asks for that property to be annexed into the city limits, city leaders look at the potential benefits and drawbacks to the proposed annexation.

"Why would a city, if asked to annex a property, not look at (the possibility)?" he said.

One reason, he said, is because the city may not be able to adequately provide utilities to a site; however, that is not the case with the three areas annexed into the city Jan. 6.

Coffman said some people have accused the city of acting too quickly to annex the property. "We received the voluntary annexation request in December, and state law requires that within 20 days we have to post (information) on our website and in the Hood County News. It's a quick turnaround, but we're doing what state law requires us to do."

"People on social media are accusing us of being sneaky and trying to pull something over. We are only doing what is required by state law. We are not sure what will go there, but we think we know. We don't know what's going to happen until we know what's going to happen."

Coffman said the city cannot annex a property on the condition of what might locate there. However, after the fact, if conditions are not favorable, within 30 days of annexation, the city "would rewind that."

He said the requirements to locate inside the city limits are more stringent than the requirements to locate in the county.

As with other communities trying to steal a business away from Granbury (see the State of the City, Part 2 article, which appeared in the Hood County News Jan. 10 for details), the city constantly is at work trying to retain the businesses here and to bring new ones to the area.

"Economic development is a highly competitive sport," Coffman said. "These companies want to hold their cards close to the vest (when determining where to locate). They're out to make money, and the seller is out to make money."

However, money isn't the only factor involved.

"We're going to make folks follow our development code," Coffman said. "They put in water, utilities and streets to our standards and there are environmental traffic studies. ... We are looking at what's best for Granbury. I can't tell you how good the council is. They know what's going on. There's so much potential — we're a hallmark community."

When looking at development opportunities, "We have a strategic plan for economic development and just about everything we do," Coffman said. "We've got to do things more creatively and find a way to get businesses here that want to be here. There are developments going to the Midlands of the world (flush with West Texas oil money) that have all the money in the world to make an offer."

So what does Granbury have to offer? Location, location, location, as real estate agents say. The proximity to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, natural resources and the placement of natural gas lines make development in this area attractive to many potential developers.

Coffman said not only are businesses looking to locate here, but residential properties are being built in the area, as well.

"Developments are going in," he said. "There's going to be people continuing to move to Granbury and we need to help them find jobs here. We have a viable city industrial park. We don't want just any industry – we don't want smokestacks."

Coffman said it's important developers' projects line up with the city's goals and not disrupt the area's natural beauty and rural flavor. He said the city can afford to be choosy when considering which businesses and developments to pursue.

With residential developments, "we require green space and parks with every subdivision," Coffman said. "Our strategic plan is to someday build an aquatic center" and provide the best possible amenities to Granbury residents and visitors.

He said the city has a "great 40-acre Frisbee park that people may or may not know about." He said the city received a substantial grant to help pay for that park, which is located behind the Granbury police station.

Another grant helped the city lift its sewer moratorium in October 2025 and unlocked the door to future development. The $57.8 million grant from the Texas Water Development Board will pay for a substantial amount of the cost of the city's new wastewater treatment plant. Without that, the moratorium that prohibited much of the current spike in development likely would be in place.

Coffman described that grant as "manna from heaven" that will benefit every man, woman and child who lives in Granbury, as well as visitors to the city.

He said city leaders "are looking at what's best for Granbury. There is so much potential. We are a hallmark community."

Coffman said Granbury's four-time designation as the Best Historic Small Town was the result of a lot of planning, prioritizing and hard work by many in the community, and he said city leaders will work to promote and protect that type of recognition. He said in 1970, the area had boarded-up windows downtown, but people's foresight and dedication resulted in big changes for the better.

"We are planning things," Coffman said. "This is Granbury. We're going to do things right."

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school, Affonso enrolled in Cal Poly, where she originally intended to become a pest-control advisor. To achieve this dream, she started down the plant-science path, but soon realized she missed the field she was raised in — no pun intended.

"I was like, 'You know what, I really enjoy learning about agriculture. I love both plants and animals, and I think I want to go back to that,'" Affonso said. "So, I took the ag-education route, and by my junior year was like, 'I think ag teaching is for me,' and then I kind of stuck with it after that."

Following graduation, Affonso and her now-husband followed his family to Central Texas. She admitted the culture of Hood County is a bit different than California, but to her it's all for the best.

"I love it. It's a big change, but we love it," Affonso said. "It fits our lifestyle a little bit better, too. We had a little bit of that (agriculture) out in California — we lived out in a small town — but out here, it's just way bigger, and there's so much more for us to do."

Affonso said she began her teaching journey as a substitute teacher at GHS, where she taught numerous subjects and had the chance to interact with nearly all the campus' students.

It was the sheer number of students she got to interact with daily that made Affonso's tenure as a substitute for GISD so fulfilling and made her want to continue with the district.

"I started out at the high school, and so it was fun getting to see every single kid because I was in so many different classes every single day — that's what I loved about it — I got to meet so many new kids," Affonso said.

However, the scattered schedule of substitute teaching and having to learn and teach new material every day got old, and Affonso admitted she is so grateful to have established more solid roots in her tenure as a GISD teacher.

"It (subbing) was just kind of hard," Affonso said. "You know, being in a new classroom every day and trying to step into that role of being a teacher was a little bit challenging. Now that I have my own class and my own kids, it's really made such a difference and has made it so much easier."

But it's not just the more stable schedule that's made Affonso's transition easier — she also cites the supportive and engaging community of teachers and staff at GISD for her good first semester.

"I mean, with a younger teacher kind of deal, I try to bring in my new ideas, and I feel like everyone is so open to me being here with those new ideas," Affonso said. "I love the staff here. I think they're all so amazing."

However, while she now may be a full-fledged teacher, that doesn't mean she doesn't still have a few things to learn.

One thing she began improving during the fall semester was developing relationships with her students' parents and filling them in when their students did something good, not just when there may be cause for concern. She said this is a skill she wants to further develop not only through the spring semester, but during the rest of her career as a teacher.

"I think it's really important to talk to parents and build that community," Affonso said. "I want to try and talk to those parents more often when I have something positive to say, because I really think that connection is good. I did it a couple times last semester, and I saw a good impact with that, so I think this semester I'm going to try and keep that positive communication going."



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Raychel Affonso just finished her first semester as GISD's newest agriculture science teacher.

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Council to forward HCAD concerns to DA

Purchase of fire truck approved for $880,000

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Following a discussion in executive session Jan. 20, Granbury City Council voted to send evidence of concerns related to alleged financial irregularities within Hood County Appraisal District to the Hood County District Attorney.

The council received a detailed report from Mayor Jim Jarratt, who focused on past financial irregularities by the Hood County Central Appraisal District (HCAD). There were items both in a recent fiscal audit and previous audits to which Jarratt referred.

He said within a period of years, HCAD added more than $4.2 million for expenses without the approval of taxing entities (primarily the city of Granbury, Granbury Independent School District and Hood County).

"Those are my words, but that's exactly what happened for that period of time," Jarratt said.

A more detailed story on this concern will appear both online and in an upcoming issue of the Hood County News.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner Dave Eagle addressed the council during the public comments portion of the meeting, also voicing his concerns about the HCAD irregularities.

Eagle expressed his view, saying those previously involved in making decisions for HCAD set up a "straw man" in relation to real estate, creating a third party to hold land for a future purpose and concealing the owner's purpose. This statement was made in regard to HCAD's purchase of land and expenditure of funds to build a new office, before eventually abandoning that plan.

"Disclaimer — this is not aimed in any way at the current chief appraiser or the (current) HCAD board," Eagle said. "In May 2021, the Home Office Corp. was set up — it never got to the (Texas) secretary of state (for approval). You can find it on the May 13, 2021, agenda for HCAD.

"It appears it was set up to circumvent having to go through taxing entities (to allocate funds for a new HCAD office)."

Eagle asked why the HCAD board would "decide to do this in this manner?"

He also challenged District Attorney Ryan Sinclair to "do something about this and not leave it sitting on his desk (indefinitely)."

A message seeking comment was left with Sinclair's office.

Chief Appraiser Jeff Law did have comments about the Home Office Corp., saying it was "a shell entity recommended to the board many years ago," but which never officially was set up through the Secretary of State's office.

"After I came here in September 2023, an action I took was getting the board to rescind all decisions made (with respect to the Home Office Corp.) with Chairman Eddie Rodriguez (then also serving as a City Council member) and the board."

Law said during a Dec. 4, 2025, HCAD board meeting, Mark Lowery, a candidate for Hood County judge, asked questions about the Home Office Corp., and Law was able to confirm then it never officially was set up. Law said he also asked the forensic auditors if any money ever was transferred from HCAD to that corporation, and the auditor said, "No."

Regarding his summary of the forensic audit report, which, along with the full report and an executive summary are posted on the HCAD website, Law said: "Once we got the audit report back from Weaver (a Texas-based national accounting firm), we wanted to get it out to the public as soon as possible. We put it on our website the very next day."

"I wanted to provide the general public with a summary of that audit," Law said. "It was not sugarcoated; it was intended for somebody, if they didn't want to read the whole audit, to see a summary. We made the full complete audit available as well."

He said, "People can read it and make their own conclusions on whether the short summary is any different from the executive summary. I think the auditors did a good job and were very thorough. They had a tremendous amount of documents and papers to pore through. Nothing of substance was found."

He said $1.9 million was returned to taxing entities that had not been allocated for HCAD purposes.



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Fire Chief Matt Hohon and the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department are awaiting the delivery of a new pumper fire apparatus that will replace other aging trucks, including one made in 1996.

In other business, council approved the purchase of a new pumper fire apparatus will replace aging fire protection equipment in the coming months.

The council approved the purchase of the firefighting equipment from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for up to $880,000. A grant from the Texas Forest Service will cover $300,000 of the cost.

Deputy City Manager Michael Ross said city staff sought and received multiple quotes for the apparatus, "and determined the best overall proposal meeting the city's specific needs" led to the selection of Siddons-Martin's bid.

Fire Chief Matt Hohon said the new apparatus will replace two trucks — one of which is a 1996 model and another of which already has 500,000 miles on it.

Hohon said the new truck could be located at Station 1, Station 2 or Station 3.

"When the truck delivers, it will take the spot of another that will go into reserve," Hohon said. "Two stars are kind of crossing there for one truck."

Councilman Greg Corrigan said, "The purchase came about because of the grant. For anyone who has ever dealt with emergency vehicles, there is no such thing" as a cheap option.

Hohon said delays caused by the COVID crisis and its aftermath led to production issues, so "manufacturers started to create more demo trucks. The city of Granbury had the opportunity to buy one truck already in production."

For non-demo trucks, the wait time from manufacturing to delivery can be as long as 52 months, and for the type of truck Granbury is purchasing, the usual wait time can be 24-36 months.

"Since it's already in production, 4-6 months is the wait time we can expect," Hohon said. "The caveat is that we can't customize it, or the wait time goes to 24-36 months."

He said the city can remove a pumper worth $20,000 and some tools to one of the trucks to add to the new apparatus.

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Data center concerns dominate Commissioners Court focus

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Packed courtrooms and City Council chambers and long lists of people signing up to make their voices heard are a testament to the strong feelings people have regarding concerns of a potential influx of data centers into Hood County.

One speaker at the Jan. 13 meeting at Hood County Commissioners Court claimed the speed with which the suggested development process appears to be happening, combined with the number of proposed developments, seems like a "blitzkrieg" on the county's peace, resources and ability to catch its breath to formulate a plan to manage all the proposed developments.

Commissioners Court has scheduled a public hearing Feb. 10 to address the rampant concerns, and to discuss and possibly take action on changing the county's regulations regarding proposed developments. The end result could be a moratorium on these proposed large-scale developments until studies can be conducted and more concrete answers received on the impact to the county's population, visitors and tourist industry, environment and natural resources.

While Chapter 231, Subchapter K of the Texas Government Code seems to offer a ray of hope for those who want to slow down — or even stop — the proposed data centers and power plants from locating in Hood County, there are differing opinions on the legal ramifications of how the regulations, laws and directives are to be interpreted and carried out.

That difference of views was visible when developer Ryan Hughes, of West Palm Beach, Fla., who is managing partner of Sailfish Investors, and Precinct 4 County Commissioner Dave Eagle verbally sparred during the Jan. 13 meeting.

Hughes said he is seeking to purchase land and help facilitate the building of a 3-gigawatt data center near Tolar that is opposed by neighbors in both Hood and Somervell counties concerned about how that development will impact their lives, their property and the very way of life and rural character of the area.

Eagle is one of the county leaders looking to balance growth and accompanying financial benefits with the ability to protect the people, animals, water, air and land of the area, he said.

During the recent meeting, when Hughes and Eagle disagreed on the legal interpretation of the Subchapter K, Eagle suggested a decision from the Texas Attorney General's Office could help clear up the matter; Hughes appeared to acquiesce.

It hasn't been an easy road for county leaders or citizens to navigate, and the questions and conflict about just how land and resources should be used in Hood County appear to be far from being resolved.

Gary Foreman voiced his concerns during the meeting by asking, "What's the return on investment? They obviously want our money (for tax abatements). Knowing technology is right around the corner — that will change everything very quickly."

John Highsmith focused on noise-level concerns, saying the "noise level with eight turbines (at the proposed Comanche Circle development) running at 79.03 decibels would be quite a bit noisier than 70 decibels. It's not 12 percent louder, it's twice as loud. It's not linear."

He said when the plant is built in phases, "the monster will get louder and louder and reach out further and further and affect more and more citizens."

Highsmith referenced the Marathon bitcoin mine and described the constant noise there as "just a travesty," and added his hope the county would avoid allowing what he described as a similar mistake and asked the commissioners to vote for a one-year moratorium.

Cindy Highsmith commended Commissioners Court on the recent passage of the $149 million jail bond and road bond package.

"Both bonds were presented to Hood County residents who had many opportunities to voice their views and concerns to the court," Cindy Highsmith said. "On that, the county did it right."

She said the same level of attention needs to be given to proposed data centers and power plants.

"It takes time to get it right," Cindy Highsmith said. She expressed concerns about "four massive data centers and accompanying power plants," adding "environmental studies have not been presented to this court. The (Hood County) Development Commission just formed," and hasn't had time to explore the issues in depth.

"I'm asking the court to act with great caution. Do your homework, go slow, get it right," she said.

In response to a recent vote by Granbury City Council to annex land that could house a future data center, she told Commissioners Court, "You can't fix stupid, but you certainly don't need to repeat it."

Greg Harrell told the commissioners, "There are some things we truly know. Each and every one of you on this Commissioners Court loves Hood County."

He said the ability to protect the county's resources was divinely provided.

"By the hand of the Lord God Almighty, about 26 years ago, the Texas State Legislature saw fit to pass a law, Chapter 231, Subchapter K," he said. "The Dillon Rule (a legal principle that limits the powers of local governments) prevents most counties from enforcing regulations in unincorporated areas of the county."

Harrell said because of Subchapter K, Hood County is not limited as much as other counties. He said Hood County's designation as a countywide watershed by the state, and the state's charge to local leaders to protect public safety, promote recreation and protect the county's resources, allow Hood County leaders to address many issues that are usually only available to oversight by cities.

He said the county had "the foresight to employ a high-powered law firm (Bracewell) and asked the court "to take no action on anything presented to you from this point forward related to large-scale developments, including data centers, until you can get an opinion from Bracewell. You will act legally if you approve a moratorium."

Kate Kiley identified herself as a filmmaker who has worked for Warner Brothers and Walt Disney Studios. She said she was going to produce a film "about data centers' rapid expansion across our country."

She said, "If you're going to make a project, you have to be passionate about it and have an audience."

Kiley said she was "not pushing an agenda. This is a moment in time, and it's going to be part of our history."

She urged Commissioners Court to make decisions in the public interest, "and not deplete our resources. There are reasonable ways we can do this, balancing) AI progression and the community. It's important to hear everybody's voice."

Carolyn Reeves said she was concerned about the impact of development on limited water resources.

"You can't live without food, water or air, which these data centers would pollute," Reeves said, saying the only ones in favor of the large-scale developments proposed are those who will profit from them.

"You swore an oath on the Bible to serve the people and not these data centers," Reeves said. "This would destroy our homes ... the politicians sold our little town out. We don't want to be like California. Don't let the data centers in. They'll destroy us."

Rachel Jacobson said, "What's happening in Hood County right now does not feel thoughtful and does not feel measured."

She compared the rapid rate at which the developments are being proposed locally to being "like drinking from a firehose," saying these proposed developments are "massive and coming at us quickly. Why here? Why now?"

Jacobson expressed concerns about "the strain on our limited power supply and water" and the potential "noise pollution, health concerns, property values and quality of life."

She said she was "not fear mongering" but basing her concerns on having lived in different areas of the state and seeing development impacts there.

"We want a moratorium," Jacobson said. "A pause isn't anti-growth; it is pro-responsibility and pro-community."

"We don't care if the county gets sued. Hood County has issued a moratorium in the past. It's not something to shy away from in protecting your citizens. This community is not a sacrificial lamb. We don't want these projects in our backyard," she said.

"I ask you to slow down and choose stewardship over speed," Jacobson said. "Remember who you serve."

Ron Sutton said he is "pro-development and pro-technology that benefits our citizens and our county," adding, "I will oppose any development and technology that does not benefit the citizens of our county."

Sutton said he does not believe the proposed data centers will benefit the county and will "scar our beautiful county."

He referred to Subchapter K as being "so special and one of many tools to protect our citizens and our county. We should probably call it Subchapter Special K.

Sutton closed his comments by saying, "I believe there's not one person who would want (a data center) right next to them."

Jim Bell said he had talked to people in Abilene who had experienced the 5-gigawatt Stargate data center being built there.

"I believe we need to slow down," Bell said. "The people of Abilene say it's not what they thought it would be. I was told everybody hates it."

He said he is not opposed to new businesses coming to the area, but said, "We'll miss the small town I moved into, and we really don't know what we're up against."

Bell said an expert told him there are pollutants from data centers that cannot be filtered out. John Hattenbach A retired chemist later disputed Bell's claim, saying he knows the pollutants can be filtered out because he had been doing that as part of his job.

Hattenbach said there are many types of technology that can be used to remove pollutants, saying, "I've done it. I know it's possible with chemicals, much less water."

All I'm asking is we slow down and take a look at what we're up against," Bell said. "To be honest, I think we're being snookered."

Hattenbach said he supported data centers coming to the area because it would improve the local job market.

"Young adults in the community can't be here (at the Commissioners Court meeting) — they have to work to pay the bills," he said "They need living-wage jobs. No one has brought forth the suggestion of what to do to bring in jobs for the community."

Hattenbach said the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality already regulates air and water quality "and the county can't take that over."

Wendy Bonnell said she is a nutritionist and "the more research I've done on the impact of data centers on health the more I'm concerned. Children are uniquely vulnerable to chemicals, noise and heat. Data centers rely on constant energy use and backup generators."

She said it would have an impact on asthma rates and severity, and chronic noise exposure, along with the potential of chemicals leaking into the watershed also were concerns.

Bonnell asked Commissioners Court not to approve large industrial developments such as Project Spectrum, Project Patriot, Fort Spunky and Comanche Circle.

BRIDGE STREET HISTORY CENTER

Gravel, gridiron and giant catfish: The life and lessons of coach Gerald Hayworth

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is based on an interview conducted by The Bridge Street History Center, which is available to view on our YouTube Channel. Provided by The Bridge Street History Center Team with AI assistance.

On a quiet Thursday in October 2025, the Bridge Street History Center sat down with a local legend who is as much a part of Hood County as the courthouse square itself. Gerald Hayworth, a self-described "1937 model" born and raised in the Mambrino community, shared a treasure trove of memories that range from the grit of country schools to the glory of Granbury Pirate football.

A start in Mambrino

Growing up in a family where his father was one of 16 children and his mother one of 13, Hayworth never was short on cousins. Despite the hard work of farm life, he jokingly remembers himself as a "spoiled little brat" whose parents let him do as he pleased.

Life in the south Hood County community of Mambrino was a masterclass in "toughing it out." Hayworth recalls the country school's outdoor latrines, saying when it was cold, you didn't "sit down for very long" — and the gravel basketball courts — "You really learned how to control the ball," he said, because a stray rock meant the ball rarely bounced straight back to you. It was this environment that prepared him for his first-ever football game, which, in a classic small-town twist, also was the first football game he had ever seen.

Lessons from the "forest"

After a brief stint at Texas Tech and finishing his education at Tarleton State University and Texas Wesleyan University, Hayworth returned to his roots to coach. Though he led the Granbury Pirates to back-to-back district championships in 1976 and 1977, Hayworth remains remarkably humble.

He compares his time coaching legendary athletes like Harold Ames and the Mitchell boys to standing in a dense forest. "Sometimes when you go into the forest, you look at all the trees and you think, 'Golly, there's a lot of trees in here.' But you can't see the trees for the forest," he said, admitting he didn't fully realize the extent of his players' talent until years later.

His former players, Roger Enlow and Cody Martin, remember him as more than just a coach. Even when Hayworth was teasing them, telling Roger he should have played him at quarterback rather than tight end, his influence was profound.

Algebra and "noodling"

The interview also touched on Hayworth's time in the classroom as a math teacher, where his wit was as sharp as his whistle. Cody Martin recalled a time he finally got an algebra problem right, only for Coach Hayworth to ask, "Now who'd you copy that off of?"

Beyond the field and the classroom, Hayworth was known for a particular hobby: noodling for catfish in the Brazos River. He often would show up to practice with his arms "Raw as they could be" from reaching under rocks and into the mouths of giant catfish. "I still have places that won't get well from getting a hold of those catfish," he said.

A legacy of humility

Perhaps the most touching moment of the afternoon was Hayworth's reflection on his late wife, Shirley, a talented coach and English teacher in her own right. In a rare moment of vulnerability, he admitted he wished he had stepped aside to let her pursue her coaching career more fully, praising her "knack" for getting the best out of students with her quiet, "ladylike" authority.

As the interview concluded, Enlow and Martin reminded their old coach his real legacy isn't just the wins on the scoreboard, but the "good people" his students became under his watch. With a new great-grandson on the way — to be named John Ross Hayworth after Gerald's father, the Hayworth story in Hood County is far from complete.

As Coach Hayworth might say, he's just a man who has had "a lot of really good times" and finally realized how much fun he was having while it was happening. And coaching a team of diverse personalities is like navigating a river to find a catfish: you have to be willing to get your hands a little "skinned up" and dive beneath the surface to find the prize everyone else misses.

PECAN PLANTATION BITS

Winter months Bring on a full calendar of happenings in Pecan Plantation



BY DIANE LONG

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Daylight hours may be short and temperatures cold, but residents of Pecan Plantation are not lacking busyness during the first month of 2026.

Happy feet

Western line dance lessons with instructor Kim Wallin are coming to the PAC beginning Tuesday, Jan. 27, for an eight-week course. A beginner class will run from 1-2 p.m. with intermediate instruction from 2-3 p.m. Register by calling the PAC: 817-573-7952.

Recycling spot

Now that the fall holiday season has passed, the monthly operating date for Pecan's collection station will return to the final Saturday of the month, the next of which is Jan. 31. The center is open from 4-6 p.m. each Wednesday for branches and recyclables only. Residents may contact Pecan's Operations Office for full information on operating hours and items accepted: 817-408-3511.

Good cooking

Lessons by Chef Jordan Ray on the skills of cooking are on Pecan's 2026 menu, with classes happening from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays with time slots. Participants will receive one-on-one training in various culinary areas (with offerings including soups, sauces, barbecue prep and meat and fish fabrications) with advanced-level cooking mastery classes (in tooling skills, protein preparation and sauce mastering) also available. Registration currently is happening, and aspiring chefs may contact Shelby Looney with questions and for pricing information: sfoster@ppoaweb.com.

Good read

The Hood County Bookmobile will be from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the PAC. Patrons may both check out and return library materials to the bookmobile.

Dinner delight

Chef Jordan Ray announces "Finding Resonance," a wine pairing dinner on Pecan's calendar at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Terrace Room of the clubhouse. The event promises an enchanting evening consisting of a four-course meal, each dish being perfectly paired with exquisite wines from Resonance Vineyards. Participants will experience the artistry of flavors and the charm of storytelling – an unforgettable culinary adventure. Reservations are required. Secure a spot at sfoster@ppoaweb.com.

Meeting date

Pecan's next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, in the clubhouse ballroom. Members are invited to attend.

Committee signup

Signing up for the 2026-27 Election and Bylaws Committees is happening now online. Links for both groups may be found under the Owners Association tab on the PPOA website. For complete information about the duties and responsibilities of serving on these committees, direct inquiries to Marilyn Amos: marilynamos@ppoaweb.com or 817-573-2641, extension 340.

Crafty evening

A "Galentine's Craft Night" for the ladies of Pecan is happening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the PAC. Gals will craft with Creative Connections while designing a door hanger. Paint, lace, ribbon, and laughter will abound. Space is limited; sign up at the PAC: 817-573-7952.

Tasty treat

Cookie decorating with a Valentine's Day theme comes from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the PAC. Facilitated by 11th Green Bakery, this holiday event is for participants ages 18 and older. Sign up for this event also at the PAC.

Pet painting

Pecan artist Kathy Yoders will lead an art on canvas class from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb.8, and participants will have the opportunity to paint their own dog. Photos of forward-facing canines with features clearly visible should be emailed in advance of the class. Sign up at the PAC to receive full instructions for the event.

Neighborly group

The next meeting of Pecan's Neighbors Helping Neighbors is planned at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the EMS meeting room located on Monticello Drive. A pot-luck dinner and social time commence at 6. In addition, a new phone number is in operation for folks seeking more information about the group or needing assistance: 817-382-7111.

Election events

The list of candidates for the 2026 Pecan Board of Directors is complete and vying for spots to serve our community are William "Alan" Cramer, Jacqueline Davenport, Charles Horton, Paul Knudsen, Randy Larson, William "Mike" Mahaffey and Abel Ochoa Jr. Best wishes to these neighbors as they pursue the good of our neighborhood. Pecaners have received email with candidates' biographies and two scheduled appearances are on the calendar. Breakfast Club from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the clubhouse ballroom will feature the candidates, and registration is available through the events page on Pecan's website as well as the mobile app.

In addition, a final candidates' forum in a town hall question/answer format comes Tuesday, Feb. 17, also in the clubhouse ballroom. The event will be moderated, and residents are invited to submit questions in advance. More details and instructions for submitting questions will arrive in members' email boxes as the date comes closer.

Good gift

Pecaners will have the opportunity to give the gift of life at our community's next blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the PAC gymnasium. Appointments may be made by visiting redcrossblood.org and entering Pecanplantation. Last year's drive proved an all-time record for donations in our community, and several places are providing items for participants. The Nutcracker is offering "buy two get two free" rounds of golf, Board and Cork is donating a discount coupon, and Deja Brew will give a free coffee to all donors.

Exercise class

A yoga class for the fellows of Pecan will happen at the PAC weekly from 4-5 p.m. beginning Thursday, Feb. 12. Certified yoga instructor DeDe Lamont will lead "Grumpy Old Man Yoga" where participants will embark on a beginner-friendly program designed to deliver better movement, help participants feel better and promote staying active.

Each class will focus on a different "grumpy" area (back, hips, neck, shoulders) through simple mobility, strength and stretching, in addition to practical hints to try both at home and on the golf course. All fitness levels welcome; no prior yoga experience necessary. Call the PAC front desk to register: 817-573-7952.

Game on

Folks may mark their calendars for Valentine's Day Bingo Thursday, Feb. 12, at the clubhouse.

Sweet dance

A combined father/daughter and mother/son dance day from noon to 2 p.m. is planned for Saturday, Feb. 21, at the PAC with the theme of "My Forever Valentine." Music, ballroom instruction, refreshments and a photo booth will make the day memorable for participants. Formal attire is welcome but not required. Space is limited, and spots fill quickly. Call the PAC to make a reservation: 817-573-7952.

Meal time

Our community boasts numerous dining options within our gates, and 2026 holds specific hours for them.

Breakfast service runs from 7-10:30 a.m. and lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday in the 19th Hole. The Brazos Room serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 4-9 p.m. (full menu) and buffet hours from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Wednesday evening brings a blue-plate feature from 4-9 p.m. The Pit serves breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and lunch and dinner service runs from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Richard Burns, who passed away Dec. 23.

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Cresson VFD remembers David Hendrix

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The men and women of Cresson Volunteer Fire Department gathered Friday, Jan. 23, to honor the life and legacy of their friend and fellow hero David Scott Hendrix, who died Jan. 15, ending a two-year battle with a form of cancer that is believed to have originated from his work as a firefighter.

"Dependable, knowledgeable, dedicated, adventurous, solid, smart and a fast learner all describe David Hendrix," CVFD Chief Ron Becker said.

Hendrix was a dedicated member of the Cresson Volunteer Fire Department, where he served for nine years.

"David Hendrix was the kind of volunteer firefighter who doesn't come around every day," Becker said.

According to a CVFD press release issued after his death, Hendrix " fought valiantly, finished the race — and kept his faith."

Hendrix is survived by his wife, Andrea Fittz Hendrix; his children, Ryan Hendrix, Taylor Hendrix and Reid Hendrix; his sister, Susan Hendrix; sister-in-law, Jennifer Fittz Gonzalez; and many nieces and nephews.

The family is requesting memorial donations be made to the Cresson Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 42, Cresson, TX 76035.



COURTESY PHOTO

Cresson Volunteer firefighter David Hendrix is on the scene of a recent fire. Hendrix died Jan. 15 after a two-year battle with cancer.

POLICE BLOTTER

Granbury Police Department criminal activity report

The following is a breakdown of activity occurring through the Granbury Police Department during Jan. 11-17. While there were many incidents, this is a partial list of more significant activity.

Jan. 11

1:16 a.m.: report of drug possession near Cleburne Highway and Fall Creek Highway.

2:53 p.m.: report of fraud in the 700 block of Rolling Terrace Circle.

4:17 p.m.: report of a disturbance in the 900 block of Paluxy Road.

6:58 p.m.: report of an animal near W. U.S. Highway 377 and Pirate Drive.

8:59 p.m.: K-9 sniff in the 800 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

police reported 65 incidents, including one traffic accident involving vehicle and pedestrian, one minor traffic accident and four traffic stops.

Jan. 12

8:49 a.m.: report of fraud in the 100 block of Watermark Boulevard.

10:45 a.m.: report of theft between $100-$750 in the 700 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

10:52 a.m.: report of a parking problem near Easy Street and Paluxy Road.

2:43 p.m.: report of a disturbance in the 200 block of S. Morgan Street.

5:32 p.m.: report of a panic alarm in the 1500 block of N. Plaza Drive.

6:59 p.m.: report of a disturbance in the 1200 block of Crawford Court.

8:53 p.m.: K-9 sniff in the 3100 block of Lipan Highway.

10:19 p.m.: report of drug possession in the 1000 block of Quiet Cove.

police reported 104 incidents, including one major traffic accident, one minor traffic accident, one hit and run traffic accident and 19 traffic stops.

Jan. 13

9:36 a.m.: report of an animal in the 900 block of Loop 567.

9:50 a.m.: report of an animal bite in the 1800 block of Acton Highway.

11:10 a.m.: report of theft between $2,500-$30,000 in the 400 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

2:24 p.m.: report of road rage in the 4400 block of Rob Drive.

3:37 p.m.: report of an animal in the 100 block of Siesta Court.

4:39 p.m.: report of identity theft in the 2300 block of River Road.

8:17 p.m.: report of a disturbance in the 400 block of E. Pearl Street.

police reported 69 incidents, including two major traffic accidents, one hit and run traffic accident, one minor traffic accident and 17 traffic stops.

Jan. 14

3:13 a.m.: report of drug possession in the 700 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

11:16 a.m.: report of a parking problem in the 100 block of S. Crockett Street.

1:46 p.m.: report of theft between $750-$2,500 in the 1500 block of Sunflower Lane.

1:51 p.m.: report of an animal in the 100 block of S. Morgan Street.

3:11 p.m.: report of an animal near S. Morgan Street and Paluxy Road.

3:21 p.m.: report of a criminal trespass in the 1700 block of Swale Lane.

6:28 p.m.: report of threats in the 1700 block of Swale Lane.

9:14 p.m.: K-9 sniff in the 1500 block of S. Morgan Street.

police reported 127 incidents, including two minor traffic accidents and 36 traffic stops.

Jan. 15

12:37 a.m.: report of drug possession in the 1000 block of S. Morgan Street.

2:41 a.m.: report of harassment in the 1300 block of Paluxy Road.

9:56 a.m.: report of a violation of protective order in the 1500 block of N. Plaza Drive.

10:11 a.m.: report of drug possession in the 2000 block of W. Pearl Street.

5:10 p.m.: report of an assault in the 1200 block of W. Pearl Street.

6:44 p.m.: report of a DWI in the 700 block of S. Morgan Street.

6:51 p.m.: report of an animal in the 200 block of N. Jones Street.

9:12 p.m.: report of a disturbance in the 1000 block of Quiet Cove.

11:11 p.m.: report of criminal trespass in the 3400 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

police reported 79 incidents, including one major traffic accident, two hit and run traffic accidents, five minor traffic accidents and 35 traffic stops.

Jan. 16

3:41 a.m.: report of an open door in the 2000 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

9:57 a.m.: report of an animal in the 100 block of S. Houston Street.

3:21 p.m.: report of a parking problem near Loop 567 and Elliseo Drive.

6:47 p.m.: report of a theft of more than $2,500 in the 700 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

12:17 p.m.: report of a panic alarm in the 1300 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

10:42 p.m.: report of a prowler in the 4700 block of Topaz Lane.

11:25 p.m.: report of a DWI in the 1500 block of N. Plaza Drive.

11:26 p.m.: report of a DWI in the 1400 block of Lipan Highway.

police reported 104 incidents, including 55 traffic stops.

Jan. 17

6:06 a.m.: report of a parking problem in the 600 block of E. Pearl Street.

4:11 p.m.: report of criminal trespass in the 700 block of E. U.S. Highway 377.

police reported 81 incidents, including one major traffic accident, two minor traffic accidents and 25 traffic stops.

TPWD releases report on November 2025 boating death

BY JEFF OSBORNE
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The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has released a 292-page report regarding the boating death of Lee Shifflett, whose boat struck a pipe in the water Nov. 15, 2025, on Lake Granbury.

According to an official report filed by Game Warden Travis Nickel, who investigated the accident: "Mr. Shifflett was traveling north along Lake Granbury near the U.S. Highway 377 bridge. Mr. Shifflett struck a dredging pipe that extended out from a barge, into the channel of the lake, and then back onto land to discharge the material. When Mr. Shifflett struck the pipe, his outboard motor caught the pipe, shearing the motor off at the transom, causing the motor to flip into the boat. When the motor flipped into the boat, it struck Mr. Shifflett in the back of the head and back. When Mr. Shifflett was struck by the motor, the motor pushed Mr. Shifflett into the console of his boat bending the steering wheel and crushing the console."

The injuries Shifflett sustained resulted in "blunt force trauma to the back of the head and body," according to the incident report.

The incident report reads that, although there were warning buoys set in the water, Shifflett's boat struck a dredge pipe. Two workers from Dredge America witnessed the accident and called 9-1-1. They also used a company barge to tow Shifflett's boat to shore, where law enforcement and Texas EMS personnel were waiting. The time of the accident was recorded as 8 a.m. After first being taken to Lake Granbury Medical Center, Shifflet was eventually taken to a Fort Worth hospital. The time of his death was listed as 12:57 p.m.

Shifflett retired as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and was known for his strong devotion to family and friends, as well as being a servant leader who was a faithful member of the Masons.

Shifflet was enjoying one of his hobbies, fishing and boating on Lake Granbury, when his boat struck the pipe near a construction site.

Shifflett was born Dec. 16, 1950, in Baltimore, and immediately after graduating from high school he joined the Marines and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the military for more than 20 years.

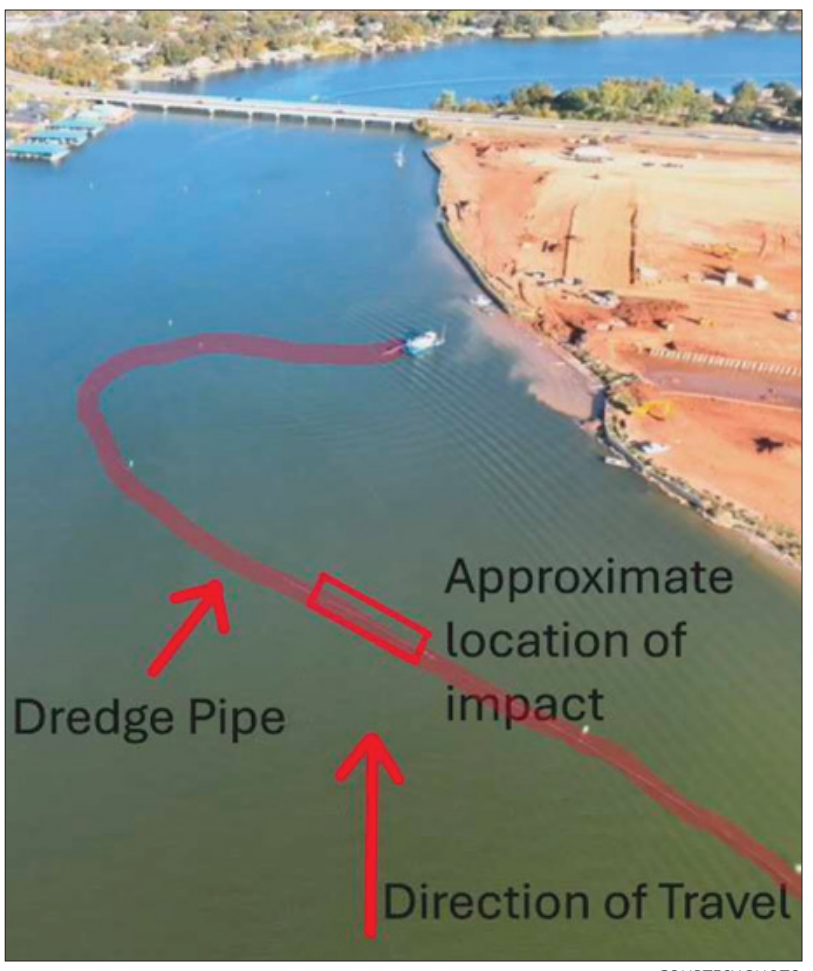
As a Marine, Shifflett was a mustang officer. He earned a promotion to gunnery sergeant after six years of service and was the youngest Marine to hold that rank. After 11 years of service, he was promoted to master gunnery sergeant, obtaining this rank at a much earlier stage of his military career than is usual.

Because of his outstanding service and dedication, the Marine Corps selected Shifflett to pursue a career as an officer. After becoming a warrant officer, he graduated first in his class in Quantico, Virginia. He then was promoted to first lieutenant and then to captain.

Shifflett served in the logistics branch for Naval Air Systems Command in the CH-53E Sikorsky Super Stallion helicopter program. After he retired from the Marines, Sikorsky Aircraft hired Lee and assigned him to the Presidential Helicopter Program. Bell Helicopter later recruited Lee to help lead its V-22 Osprey program.

Shifflett and his wife, Cindy, were married for 53 years. In addition to his love for family and friends, he was a dedicated Mason who served for more than 40 years with that organization, including as grand master of the Granbury Masonic Lodge.

Shifflett's family has retained the services of Jason Stephens, a Fort Worth personal injury attorney who specializes in wrongful death lawsuits. As of press time, no comment from Stephen's office was available.



COURTESY PHOTO

This marked exhibit is shown in a report issued by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department into a boating accident Nov. 15 on Lake Granbury that resulted in the death of Lee Shifflett later that day at a Fort Worth hospital.

TARELTON STATE UNIVERISTY

Dick Smith Library expansion open at Tarleton State

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University marked a major milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the expanded Dick Smith Library. The event celebrated the first phase completion of a transformative project designed to enhance student success, collaboration and study opportunities on campus.

The expansion adds about 10,000 square feet of modern academic space across two levels of the library, creating an environment designed to support a wide range of student needs and learning styles.

"The Dick Smith Library expansion is more than new square footage — it's a vibrant hub for learning, connection and innovation," Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley said. "This space embodies our dedication to providing Texans with exceptional environments that support their academic journey."

New features include a 24-hour student commons with flexible furniture for individual study and small-group work, as well as small-group study tables equipped with presentation technology to encourage collaboration. The expansion also offers a multifunction meeting and classroom space for instructional use and group gatherings, an inviting exterior patio with seating for outdoor study and relaxation, as well as a striking new front entrance off Texan Trace that enhances access and visibility for the campus community.



Tarleton State University recently opened an expansion of the Dick Smith Library.

"A great university library isn't just a place to store knowledge, it's where students engage with the subject matter and each other," said Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Barry Lambert. "With this expansion, we're giving students more ways to learn, practice and collaborate, in spaces designed for the pace and demands of higher education today."

Named for philanthropist and scholar Dick Smith, the Dick Smith Library has long served as the academic heart of the Stephenville campus. From its early years in shared campus spaces to its first dedicated building in 1956, the library has received multiple expansions, including a major renovation in 1985 that doubled its size and added modern amenities such as an audio-visual room, computer lab and meeting spaces.

The new expansion is part of the university's broader efforts to enhance campus infrastructure in response to sustained enrollment growth and evolving student needs, reinforcing Tarleton State's commitment to the student experience.

TSU earns 2026 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification

STEPHENVILLE — Tarleton State University has received the 2026 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, reaffirming the university's long-standing commitment to community engagement, service and partnership. The designation was first awarded to Tarleton State in 2020.

Tarleton State is one of 277 colleges and universities nationwide — and the only school in the Texas A&M System — that currently holds the designation.

The Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, administered by the American Council on Education and developed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, recognizes institutions that demonstrate meaningful collaboration between campuses and their local, regional, national and global communities. The designation highlights practices that support shared partnerships, address community-identified needs and enhance teaching, learning and scholarship.

"This designation affirms what our communities have long known: Tarleton State is deeply committed to service and to creating meaningful impact beyond our campus," Tarleton State President Dr. James Hurley said. "By embedding community engagement into the student experience, we ensure our graduates are prepared to lead, serve and succeed in an ever-changing world."

The 2026 endorsement reflects years of continued growth in outreach, service-learning, community-based research and institutional coordination across academic and administrative units. The effort began in January 2024 and was guided by a Community Engagement Council representing faculty, staff and leadership from across the institution.

"Being awarded reclassification of the Carnegie Community Engagement is a testament to the dedication our students, faculty, staff, and community partners have invested together to address vital community needs while engaging our students in high-impact learning experiences," said Dr. Misty Smith, Community Engagement Council committee chair and associate dean for Faculty Affairs and Development. "Many thanks to Tarleton's cross-divisional Community Engagement Council for guiding this initiative and showcasing the vital work happening throughout our institution and within our campus communities."

Tarleton State University remains committed to strengthening partnerships that improve quality of life, expand educational opportunity and advance economic and social well-being throughout Texas and beyond.



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Tarleton State is one of 277 colleges and universities nationwide — and the only school in the Texas A&M System — to earn the 2026 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.

Tarleton State uses fourth-quarter comeback to overcome deficit, win game

STEPHENVILLE — Shooting 63.6 percent in the fourth quarter, Tarleton State overcame a late deficit and completed the comeback to defeat Utah Tech 64-60 Jan. 17 at the EECU Center for the Texans' second straight win.

The Texans made five of their final six shots, taking the lead for good with about two minutes to play in the game. With Tarleton State's starters accounting for 73.8 percent of the scoring entering Saturday's contest, big bench contributions pushed the Texans past the Trailblazers. The Texans had 27 points from players off the bench, their most in Western Athletic Conference play this season.

Juniors Tessa Engelman and Caroline Lyles ignited the fourth quarter comeback coming off the bench, scoring a combined seven points in the last two minutes to lift the Texans. Lyles, who hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:07 left in the game, finished with a season-high 10 points. Engelman, who knocked down back-to-back baskets to put the game away, tallied a season-high 12 points to go with seven rebounds.

Senior guard Jakoriah Long scored 7 points to lead all scorers, hitting three 3-point shots to tie Brianna Bledsoe (2010-14) for ninth on the program's all-time career 3-pointers list. Junior forward Shadasia Brackens had her seventh double-double of the season with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

"Give a lot of credit to Utah Tech. They play hard and run a style where it forces true post players to defend on the perimeter," head coach Bill Brock said. "I thought Tessa had a great game. I thought Tessa and Caroline hit some big shots. I'm very glad Caroline got to play like that in front of her dad. Jakoriah took over at times like a senior should and played like someone that has been with me for three years. I thought we really stepped up as a team in the fourth quarter and had some big stops to get this win."

Tarleton men's basketball

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Tarleton State fell behind early and was never able to recover, falling to Utah Tech, 75-71, Jan. 17 in Burns Area.

The Texans (2-4 in conference play and 11-8 overall) dropped the first of three meetings with the Trailblazers (now 3-3 and 10-10) this season, with this being the only game in St. George, Utah. The Purple and White will host Utah Tech in the EECU Center twice in the final 12 games of the season.

Cam McDowell led the Texans in scoring for the fourth time this year with his seventh game scoring 20 or more. The senior finished game high 25 points, in his second start. He shot 10-24 from the floor and was 4-5 at the free-throw line. McDowell had a team-high five assists and also tied for the team-lead with three steals. He had three rebounds.

Two other Texans also scored in double figures. Dior Johnson scored 11 off the bench and Chris Mpaka had 11 as well, his third-straight game in double figures. Johnson had two steals and two rebounds in about 18-and-a-half minutes of play. Mpaka improved his record to 8-0 on winning opening tip-offs on the road and had a team-best seven rebounds.

Head coach Billy Gillispie was not with the team, as he was under the weather. Associate head coach Glynn Cyprien filled in on the bench for Gillispie.

Tarleton State track and field

LUBBOCK — The Tarleton State program broke three school records, two national records and set 23 top 10 program bests in the two-day Corky Classic at the Texas Tech Sports Performance Center.

The majority of the Texans' indoor squad opened their season at the Corky Classic. The first day was highlighted by two school records, as well as two new national records. Malak Rashwan broke her own score record as well as the Egyptian National Record in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.46 seconds. Newcomer Emma Holmes set the new school record in the 400 meters in her Texan debut. The Memphis transfer crossed in 55.18 seconds to break Amandine Estival's record from last year. Lauren Roy was one of four Texans to qualify for the 60-meter semis. In the semi-finals her time of 7.25 seconds set the new Northern Ireland National Record and improved her second-best time in program history. Her time also is the third fastest all-time in all of Ireland.

"I'm extremely proud of how our program opened the indoor season at Texas Tech," head coach Bobby Carter said. "We didn't come here to participate; we came here to compete, and it showed. Breaking multiple school records while lining up with Power 4 programs confirms the direction of Tarleton State Track & Field. This team is built to challenge standards, not chase them. And make no mistake, we're coming with something every single meet."

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salaries and related costs) for the work you do," City Manager Chris Coffman told Hohon.

The council approved the purchase by a 6-0 vote.

In other action, the council:

Recognized successes in multiple city departments related to accomplishing major goals of the city's strategic plan for 2024-25.

Coffman said all seven areas in the plan have been completed.

"We need fresh ideas and direction," he said. "We need people to come to strategic planning meetings and give their ideas (in the coming months).

"It's a pretty big victory to get a strategic plan and go through with so much success in a two-year period," Coffman said.

More details will appear both online and in print at a later date.

Heard a report from Tammy Dooley, director of the Granbury Convention and Visitors Bureau, about recent successes of that entity, which includes bringing home eight major awards for its excellence in marketing the city's amenities. Dooley spoke to the Lions Club earlier Jan. 20 to provide plenty of details, and a story on this will appear both online and in print.

Approved a $266,003 purchase for 25 Axon Taser 10 less-lethal energy weapons and accessories, and a VR training system. More information on this, including comments from Chief Mitch Galvan, will appear online and in print.

Renewed a contract with Canon Solutions of America for office copies, printers and maintenance services for up to $288,277 during a 66-month term.

Made appointments to city boards, commissions and committees, and continue to seek nominations to certain boards, including the Charter Review Commission, which meets for a six-month term once every four years. Details on board positions and how to volunteer can be found on the city's website, granbury.org.

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Principal shares highlights for Granbury High School

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While there are still challenges to overcome and proverbial mountains to climb, Granbury High School is making strides toward providing an outstanding education to each student who enters the doors of the school.

That was the message first-year Principal Duane Fish gave to members of the Granbury Independent School District Board of Trustees during a Jan. 12 school board meeting.

Just past the midpoint for the 2025-26 school year, Fish told the board, "We're really proud of the work we're doing. We have 154 teachers and an incredible support team with an associate principal and three assistant principals. Thank you for supporting us and the work we do."

Fish said GHS earned a B rating and had 2,207 students enrolled as of Jan. 6 — 45.6 percent of whom are considered economically disadvantaged.

"One of the things we're particularly proud of in our (Texas Education Agency) ratings is closing the gaps," Fish said. "Shout out to our special population team, which is special education as well as (English language learners). We have to make sure students who are challenged with disabilities or who are learning English have a chance to be successful, too."

The goal is "empowering every Pirate to achieve academic excellence," Fish said. "We believe in being involved, working hard and being kind."

"We want to make sure we connect every single Pirate to their purpose, to be successful at GHS and beyond."

One of the benchmarks for GHS is Academic All State recognition, Fish said.

"We had 16 athletes in the fall season obtain that," he said. "That's pretty impressive. We want to be really good in all we do, but we don't want to sacrifice academics. We had 47 athletes earn Academic All-District. Every single girl on the volleyball team made Academic All-District. That's pretty impressive."

The focus on being involved "is going strong at Granbury High School, and I'm proud to build on that success in place here."

He said more than 94 percent of students have been involved in career and technical education classes at some point, and 84 percent meet the College Career and Military Readiness requirement set by the TEA.

GHS also has a strong dual credit program.

"We've had 629 students who have had the opportunity to earn college credit, two National Merit Scholars and one who was among the Top 300 scholars in a national science recognition program," Fish said.

There also are 23 Advanced Placement scholars, he said.

"Our GHS teachers strive to provide an innovative and rigorous education every day," Fish said.

Pirate Study Coordinator April Allison "provides extra instruction for those who are struggling," he said, saying 166 GHS students have recently been helped through that program.

Students also participate in the Be Kind initiative.

GHS students have the opportunity to put together social contracts and outline who students will treat each other.

Through this, Assistant Principal Brenda Pickett said, students are encouraged to try, have a clear purpose and a positive culture to rely on.

"We want to help students feel engaged and welcome," she said. "Kindness is taught as leadership at GHS."

Leading up to the Christmas holiday break, students wrote notes of affirmation to teachers and fellow students, which were hung on garlands in the hallways.

"We've made strong progress in building positive relationships and environment," Pickett said. "Kindness is intentional and inclusive on campus."

School board President Courtney Gore said she appreciated all the efforts to create a positive and encouraging environment at school.

"Thank you for pouring positive things into our kids, and thank you for everything that y'all do," Gore said.



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Granbury High School Principal Duane Fish updates the Granbury Independent School District Board of Trustees on what is happening at GHS during a Jan. 12 board meeting.

Tolar's got spirit; yes, they do: cheer team makes state apperance

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Tolar High School's cheer team made its debut in the competitive cheer scene Thursday, Jan. 15, at the 2026 UIL State Spirit Competition in Fort Worth.

According to Tolar's cheer coach, Renee Hawthorne, the UIL State Spirit Competition is an annual event where Texas high school cheerleading teams showcase sideline skills in categories like crowd leading, fight song and band chant.

It also is the only opportunity for varsity cheer programs to compete against other teams in their district and display their skills outside of solely cheering for their school's sports.

The 2026 UIL State Spirit Competition represented the first time in school history the Tolar cheer team had the opportunity to compete together as a team. The team went to Fort Worth with only four senior members with competition experience.

"This was our first time competing as a team," Hawthorne said. "While we didn't make it in the top 20, I am incredibly proud of all that they did to get prepared for the competition."

Hawthorne said that while they may not have placed, she's proud of all that her fledgling team was able to accomplish, learn and overcome.

"We were all nervous. I am sure knowing that their coach had never been to competition probably created more nerves on top of it all," Hawthorne said. "Initially, we were all disappointed. Our music messed up at the beginning, which didn't count against us, but ultimately had an impact. However, as we processed all that we accomplished — where we started and where we ended up that day — we really made a ton of growth in sign work, transitions, lines; I could go on and on."

Hawthorne repeatedly commented on the fact it was her honor to lead and coach this group of young women, saying each of them was "strong" and "determined," both in the way they showed up and out at the UIL competition, but also in their everyday lives.

"My squad is nothing short of amazing. They walked onto that mat and left every ounce of determination out there. They were loud, spirited, but beyond all that, they pushed themselves beyond my expectations as well as their own expectations — and for that I am so very proud."

Hawthorne and the Tolar cheer team used their inaugural competition as a learning opportunity, but are ready to embrace the next season ready to fight.

"I am excited to see what we will accomplish in the future. We definitely have some great years ahead of us," Hawthorne said.



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The Tolar cheer team performed together competitively for the first time at the 2026 UIL State Spirit Competition.



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Lake Granbury Honey creating 'buzz'

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A wise man once said, "You catch more flies with honey, but you catch more honeys being fly" — but according to Lake Granbury Honey's co-owner, Mandy Cagle, one can't get much flier than dabbling in the honey game in the first place.

Lake Granbury Honey opened its gates in April 2025. In the nine months since then the team has worked to make the 15-acre farm a central hub for locally sourced goods and a beacon for the conservation of North Texas land and all the creatures that call it home.

At the heart of this bold mission — the humble honeybee.

Cagle's business partner, Jan Neilson, has been the queen bee of Hood County's beekeeping community since she began keeping hives 17 years ago.

Her passion for the honeybee began during her tenure as a U.S. Army nurse working in a burn unit. Part of the treatment regimen for severely burned patients involved applying a thin coat of honey on skin grafts, which significantly aided in the grafting and healing process.

After her service, she started in beekeeping by acquiring two hives — an operation which has grown exponentially.

She began to advise other landowners on how to incorporate beekeeping into their land ventures, managing and educating them through their beekeeping journeys, and being as hands-on or off with each operation as each individual landowner would like.

Seventeen years down the line, Neilson now maintains and manages more than 100 hives across nine properties in Hood County.

Each summer, a beekeeper's busiest season, for the last 12 years, she would bring on an intern to help her manage and process her landowner's hives, and in return, the intern that year would learn everything there is to know about the extensive — and crucial — world of beekeeping.

This is where Cagle enters the story.

Cagle admitted all she's ever wanted was to feed people.

Because of this desire, in a past life she worked as a chef and nutritionist. However, Cagle said after long days, weekends and holidays of coming in the back door of restaurants, she decided she wanted something more.

So, she re-enrolled in school and began earning a degree in horticulture.

To graduate, she needed to complete an internship in the field. But according to Cagle, every door of opportunity she tried to open remained firmly shut, which she now has come to see as a "God thing."

"I've always kind of been on the fence when it comes to religion, but one day I hit my knees in my garage, and was like, 'Take it — I need an internship. I need to graduate; will you help me?' I just was bawling on my floor," Cagle said. "By the time I woke up the next morning, Miss Jan had emailed me. She had found my resumé on the Tarleton job postings and was like, 'Are you interested in an internship beekeeping?'"

The two spent the summer working the hives in tandem, and by the time fall rolled around, Cagle decided she would pitch the idea of making their working relationship official.

Cagle said, "The end of summer hit, and I said, 'What are we doing?' She'd never kept anybody on after summer, but she said, 'Well, long term, I want to have a bee education facility. I'd really like to teach beekeeping classes, I'd really like to interact with the younger kids, the next generation, and I want to create a sense of community around bees.' I said, 'Oh, well, I've got this 30-page business plan that's a farm where I want to host classes and field trips.'"

So, the pair set to work. They purchased a raw plot of land on the outskirts of town.

There, they reworked the land to create an ecology chock-full of beneficial, native plants. They planted eight raised vegetable beds and 80 trees, including apple, pear, plum, pomegranate, almonds and persimmons. In addition to edible plants, the team also planted more than 200 species of native wildflowers that would help support their honeybee hives and other pollinators.

"I just wanted to feed people. Now, it's water tables and bugs and native plants," Cagle said, laughing. "I really just wanted to grow food, but now I grow everything — at least, if it's Texas native."

They built a shop on the site and collaborate with vendors, all located within an hour's distance, to stock the shelves with an array of organic and hand-produced goods like tallow-based skincare products, quilted homewares, candles, farm-fresh produce, eggs, crocheted flowers and — of course — a vast array of honey and honey products, both from the Lake Granbury Honey farm, and also from the various hives the team manages.

"So, the goal with the storefront is to kind of be like your one-stop farm shop, like a farmers' market," Cagle said. "Most things are made either in Hood County, or the absolute furthest vendor we sell to is an hour away."

But the team has no intention of stopping there.

Cagle said as their farm grows, strengthens, and is able to support more self-sufficient projects, the hope is the primary source of produce for the shop will come from the beds, trees and hives located directly outside of its doors.

They also hope to reach a point where the farm is producing at a quantity to provide the excess to supply local beekeepers with more than knowledge by stocking their shelves with beekeeping basics like hive boxes, feeders, wax — and one day potentially even live worker bees and queens.

"So right now, we really want to keep ourselves running and going, but as we start to get surplus, we'll kind of move into those spaces where we can share and sell resources," Cagle said.

In the meantime, in addition to their on-site shop, the team at Lake Granbury Honey also holds instructional classes, workshops and field trips on beekeeping, horticulture and conservation.

Their goal is to give the local community the knowledge and resources to be the best caretakers of the land they can, and to bring up the next generation to do and think the same.

"We usually do one to two field trips a month, as well as homeschool groups and after-school care programs," Cagle said. "We do workshops once a month as well. Now, those ones are paid, and those do typically target beekeeping."

According to Cagle, these workshops are open to the general public and cost $20 for each hands-on lecture. Each lecture is announced each month on Lake Granbury Honey's social media accounts and on their website, lakegranburyhoney.com.

Lake Granbury Honey is located at 4320 Dunn Ct. They are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

"We want to be communal. We really want to bring people in. I would love for people to just sit on my porch and lean back in one of the rocking chairs, drinking their coffee and just talk," Cagle said.





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Jan Neilson and Mandy Cagle have worked in tandem native Texas honeybees in order to preserve Texas' ecosystems — all while producing the best honey products around.



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Star freshman season is underway for Macy Price

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A major contributor to the Lady Rattlers' 5-2 district record and 16-9 overall (as of Jan. 19) record is Macy Price. This freshman has been splitting the point guard responsibilities with her junior backcourt partner Jaycee Jones and shooting a lot of three-point shots. She's only been a "serious" basketball player since the sixth grade, but started playing around the fourth grade.

While she is going to try softball, track and golf in high school, other sports didn't really work for Price. Basketball wasn't a seamless fit either, but it was something she enjoyed and wanted to train for.

"I thought I could really be good at this if I worked at it. If I put any work and effort, then I could go somewhere with this," Price said.

Sixth grade started her experience with Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) teams. Her time in AAU summer teams and tournaments focused on her shooting and spacing for her team. Head coach Ericka Halfmann has seen her AAU team and videos from Price's summer training, so fitting Price in to thrive on this team has been a focus.

"It's a benefit, because she's growing in all areas. We want her to shoot, but she's a great passer too, sometimes too much. I've watched her AAU team a lot, and she gets to just fill in everywhere and do whatever they need," Halfmann said.

The summer before her eighth-grade year, AAU took Price all across the Lone Star State, and she felt "10 times better" going into her last junior high season. All the summer games allowed her to be consistent with her shot and increased her speed.

Her jump to varsity wasn't expected, but she hoped she would get her chance. Her older teammates knew she was varsity material, but Price wasn't so sure and didn't want to get her hopes up.

"I talked to our returners, and they kind of giggled, 'She doesn't think that she's on varsity.' She had no idea what her role would be. I really did appreciate that she would show up, and if 'I'm on JV, if I'm on varsity, she just wanted to compete and play basketball," Halfmann said.

"I love competing with all my teammates. I love all my teammates on this team. I think training and just playing my best for them is a lot of fun," Price said. "I'm just blessed. They took me in so easily. I didn't really have to prove anything to them. They were super nice and took me everywhere and invited me to do stuff with them. At a lot of schools, I don't think that happens."



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Freshman starter Macy Price greets Lipan head coach Amber Branson during introductions.

"The girls brought her on and never skipped a beat. It's tricky sometimes having a freshman on varsity; we really are blessed at Tolar to have some great girls. We really are trying to ensure that everybody understands how valuable they are, every role matters, and everybody has a spot," Halfmann said.

With a new school, team and level of play for Price, she put a lot of pressure on herself to uphold the standard of "Tolar basketball."

Having an experienced running mate in Jones has made the transition and new position easier for Price.

Jones has been able to create a lot of open shots for Price, allowing her still to work on her shot and not fully worry about making plays for her teammates. The two guards started working out and building their chemistry together in the fall.

"Sometimes I look down on myself because I don't make it, but I just have to remember I'll make the next one, because if you stop shooting, you lose. My form has gotten a lot better throughout the years. I used to push it really badly, and now it's more consistent," Price said.

While she feels she's been "OK" in her new role, she still is looking to improve her strength for passes and her ball handling. Halfmann continued to brag about Price's work ethic, telling how during cross country she would be the last student off the bus because she was cleaning the seats and asking to help her and other coaches. This work ethic was instilled by her parents who always encourage Price before the game and help fix things after the game.

"She's always looking to help somebody out and push everybody to be better. That work ethic and looking to be better for herself and for our teammates, I think, has led to our team dynamic. In our culture of everybody wants to get a little better each and every day, I think that she doesn't realize how much she brings," Halfmann said.

Granbury powerlifters win home meets

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Pirate Powerlifting opened its season strong by taking the Granbury Invitational Championship.

Individual medal winners in their respective weight classes:

· Gauge Labelle placed third;

· Lucas Dimas, Colt Kitching, JD Good and Brooks Meyer placed second; and

· Gary Osko, Gavin Osko, Garrett Noah, Rodrigo Padron, Cade Cummings and Oscar Tovar placed first.

Granbury girls powerlifting

Lady Pirate Powerlifting opened up its 2026 season by taking the Granbury Invitational Champion title.

Individual placings in their respective weight classes:

· Brynlee Chastain and Naraceli Villegas placed third;

· Gabby Flores, Fiona Doss, Sierra Morisette, Chasity Foster, Raedyn Miller and Harmony Burns placed second;

· Taylor Gastring, Preslee Carnes, Audry Dobbs, Estrella Diaz and Kat Goodner placed first; and

· Returning State Champion runner-up, Diaz, was named Outstanding Lifter of the meet with a lifting total of 985 pounds (420-pound squat; 230-pound bench; 335-pound deadlift).

Granbury girls soccer

The Lady Pirates recorded a 3-0 record at a tournament at North Crowley High school.

Granbury beat Crowley 2-0. Ruth Power scored off an assist from Jillian Williams and Emilee Walls scored with an assist from Molly Thompson.

The Lady Pirates beat Arlington Sam Houston 4-0. Betsy Sanchez scored with an assist from Ava Stein. Thomas had a hat trick of three goals with two assists coming from Ari Gamez and one assist from Jobee Ellis.

Granbury won 6-0 against Seguin. Williams scored two goals and one assist. Thompson scored one goal and two assists. Brooke Crump scored two goals. Avery Crump scored one goal.

The Lady Pirates lost at Fort Worth Paschal 1-0 Jan. 20.

Granbury boys basketball

Granbury falls to Chisholm Trail 48-37 Jan. 16. Sophomore Brannon Burns had 10 points. Senior Miller Schenewark had eight points. Juniors Tyler Harrison and Kylan Loving had seven points each.

The Pirates fall to 0-5 in district after a 65-58 loss to Fossil Ridge Jan. 20. Schenewark had 17 points. Loving had 15 points and Burns had 10 points.

Granbury girls basketball

The Lady Pirates lost 50-46 to Chisholm Trail Jan. 16. Senior Jillian Williams had 15 points. Senior Hannah Dafoe had eight points. Senior Jayla Hayes had six points. Seniors Jolie Hayes and Bently Sherrill had five points each.

Granbury improved to 5-2 in district with a 49-43 win against Fossil Ridge. Freshman Jenna Marquardt had 12 points. Dafoe and Hayes had nine points. Williams had eight points.

Granbury boys soccer

Granbury recorded a 0-3 record at the Crowley ISD Winter Classic Jan. 15-17.

The Pirates lost 2-0 to Dayton Jan. 15. Granbury lost 1-0 to Birdville Jan. 16.

The Pirates lost 3-1 to Crowley Jan. 17. Gio Tovar scored the lone tournament goal with Erick Esquivel assisting.

Granbury lost to North Central Texas Academy 5-0 Jan. 20.

"They're a very good program. They haven't lost a game all year, and you come out and make a couple mistakes early, they'll put it on you. We're going to learn from it, but that's why you play them. It gets you ready for the Aledos and Saginaws in our district. That's the caliber type of team we have to go out and try to beat," head coach Joshua Croft said. "I thought the defense played well. When you give up a bad goal to start the game, we didn't wake up early and then you give up an unlucky goal, you get down. The difference was they capitalized on their chances, and we did not capitalize on ours."

Tolar boys basketball

Tolar played Comanche Jan. 16 and left with a 64-19 victory. Junior Madok Delgado had 16 points (four 3-point shots). Junior Cayden Abrego had 13 points. Junior Lucas Mills had eight points. Junior Kelvin Murray scored seven points. Junior Briton Rice had six points.

The Rattlers improved to 5-1 in district after a 76-61 win against Dublin Jan. 20. Delgado had 19 points. Abrego had 16 points. Sophomore Nic Merkle had 14 points. Murray had seven points.

"It was a track meet, we were able to withstand their big pushes, they're relentless in pressure and how they run, which is different than how we play. I've got some big guards who are able to handle that. We knew there would be some ups and downs, and we were able to withstand the third-quarter big run they had and turn it around for us," head coach Andy Atkins said.

Tolar girls basketball

The Lady Rattlers lost 60-58 to Comanche Jan. 16. Freshman Macy Price had 22 points and two rebounds. Junior Jaycee Jones had 11 points, six rebounds, two steals and 10 assists. Sophomore Atley Kolb had 15 points, 15 rebounds and two steals. There were nine lead changes.

Tolar improved to 6-2 in district with a 66-22 win against Dublin Jan 20. Jones had 15 points, three steals and four assists. Price had 12 points, six rebounds, two steals and two assists. Junior Allie Terrell had 12 points, two blocks, 13 rebounds and three steals. Sophomore Reilyn Brown had nine points, five rebounds and four steals.

"We look for them to play hard and scrappy. We have to learn to be disciplined on things and we're still working on that. I was proud of the girls for not letting up having the energy every single quarter," head coach Ericka Halfmann said.

Tolar girls powerlifting

The Lady Rattler powerlifting team competed at a Tri-meet in Weatherford Jan. 8. Tolar had two first-place finishes and seven students placed in the top four of multiple events.

· Taylor Vaughn placed second in the 132-pound weight class with a 700 total;

· Claire Clemons placed third in the 132-pound weight class with a 605 total;

· Olivia Johnson placed fourth in the 132-pound weight class with a 580 total;

· Haylee Priess placed third in the 148-pound weight class with a 565 total;

· Debra McCarrell placed first in the 165-pound weight class with an 860 total;

· Camryn Thompson placed first in the 181-pound weight class with an 810 total; and

· Emma Gamez placed third in the 198-pound weight class with a 585 total.

Lipan boys basketball

Lipan beat De Leon 83-40 Jan. 16.

Lipan girls basketball

The Lady Indians won 74-19 against De Leon Jan. 16. Senior Finley Shockley had 18 points. Junior Kynzi Callaway had 16 points. Junior Jacy Bolton had nine points. Freshman Skylar Harrison had nine points. Freshman Sydni Gaylor had seven points.

NCTA boys soccer

The Pioneers improved to 10-0-3 with a 5-0 victory against Granbury Jan. 20.

Junior Alvyn Sano scored one goal. Senior Vladyslav Panchenkov scored one goal. Junior Luka Ivankovic scored two goals and sophomore Blazo Martinovic scored one goal.

"This is probably one of the better games our boys will play together. They were really connecting the ball all across the field together, moving as one unit. Sometimes it can be a little difficult when you have guys that are from different countries," head coach Nathan Ellis said. "Granbury has a great team. The defense was really good. I think that's why we had to kind of slow it down and take advantage of what space we can find."





MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Granbury's own Charlie Brewer was among the brave who took a seriously frigid dip, knowing that a warm-up party at the Hilton would be next on the list.



LAYTH TAYLOR | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

This shot from above shows the frigid waters of Lake Granbury at City Beach Park before the sixth annual Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Mighty Marsha Dickens, the Dino-rider, gained momentum in the action-packed Goosebump Jump Mascot Race.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

It was near-freezing fun for everyone Saturday, Jan. 17, when the bold took the plunge into the frigid waters of Lake Granbury at City Beach Park for the sixth annual Lake Granbury Goosebump Jump.



MARY VINSON | HOOD COUNTY NEWS

Brenda Overdier (right) wins top honors in the Chili on the Beach chili cook-off presented by Accent Rock. Executive Director of the Granbury Convention and Visitor's Bureau Tammy Dooley presents Overdier with her award.



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– TAMMY DOOLEY, DIRECTOR VISIT GRANBURY CVB

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Organizations (501C3) With the most Jumpers

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2. Kiwanis of Granbury - **54 Participants**
3. Mission Granbury - **46 Participants**

*Preliminary Results

COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

- Best Kids Costume – **The Purple Dragon**
- Best Adult Costume – **Ursula - Glenda Dooley**
- Best Couple Costume – **Snowcialites - Holly Martin and Taylor Hatfield**
- Best Group Costume – **Duck, Duck, Goose - Four Pillars Hospice**

CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS

- People's Choice – **Good for Hood**
- Best Dressed – **Siren's Call**
- 3rd Place – **The Bomb Squad**
- 2nd Place – **Neptune's Revenge**
- 1st Place – **Speith Street Chili Bellies**

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Sunday through Friday
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 at 10 a.m. every Saturday at 301 W. Bridge St. For more information, call 317-772-8124.

Every Monday
Promises Al-Anon group meets at 6 p.m. every Monday at First Presbyterian Church, fellowship hall, west entrance, 303 W. Bridge St.

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Acton Al-Anon 12 Step Group meeting noon to 1 p.m. Located in the Acton Library in the same building as the fire department, 6430 Smokey Hill Court. For more information, call 817-308-3300.

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

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GriefShare 14-week seminar. Next session begins 6:30-8 p.m. Sept. 10. Presented by StoneWater Church, Granbury, this program is a support group designed to help rebuild lives. Book for course, $20, "Finding Hope After the Loss of a Loved One." Register: GriefShare.StoneWaterChurch.com or call 817-579-9175. May call anytime for help.

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Celebrate Recovery is a 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.

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WeightWatchers, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Fun, supportive group for achieving a healthy weight, with or without GLP-1 medication. At Healthy Connections, 1321 Waters Edge Drive, Suite 1001, Granbury.

Every Thursday
Take Off Pounds Sensibly or TOPS. 8:45-10:30 a.m. Lakeside Baptist Church, room 133, 500 W. Bluebonnet Drive. For information, call 262-227-7144.

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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.

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

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Men's prayer group meets 7-8 p.m. in the Outreach Center at Lakeside Baptist Church in the building to the right of the main church, 500 West Bluebonnet Drive in Granbury.

Every Friday
Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered recovery program. 12-step groups meet 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 Saturday
Grief support group for anyone grieving a loss in their life. This is an informal gathering for breakfast. Please join us for conversation and community, location varies. Call for info: Amy Dwight 817-894-2449 or Danny Dwight 817-219-9833.

Second Monday
DAV Granbury Memorial Chapter 238 monthly chapter meeting at 7 p.m. at 959 Charterhouse Circle. DAV Granbury assists veterans and their families in getting the benefits they have earned. The group can assist in filing claims and navigating the Veterans Administration process for benefits. Contact info: 682-719-5560; davgranbury@gmail.com.

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

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

Fourth Tuesday
Parkinson's Support Group, 1 p.m. at Lakestone Terrace, 916 E. U.S. Highway 377. Open for those with Parkinson's Disease and their families who want 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 for breakfast. Please join us for conversation and community. Location varies. Call for info: Amy Dwight 817-894-2449, or Danny Dwight 817-219-9833.

THE IDLE AMERICAN

Same song, second verse: Eardrums challenged for those entering 'geezerhood'



BY DON NEWBURY

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

It should come as no surprise to those of us who have reached "geezerhood" that our eardrums are challenged annually by random sounds — from up and down, here, there and all around. It's the sounds of New Year's resolutions crashing against the floor. Sometimes we cry, creating a tear-filled pond en route to becoming an ocean.

Like comic strip character Charlie Brown always "flubbed" in his football-kicking attempts, we blunder each new year on the resolution thing. And, thinking we are made of stronger stuff, we fail again. But at least we try.

Maude, my Uncle Mort's bride, also tasted defeat early on, and it wasn't even New Year's. Still a teen, she dreamed of a career in sales. She tried selling cosmetics door-to-door as her boss watched nearby. On her very first call, the responding lady said, "I love beauty."

"So do I," Maude said. "I can barely wait for every sunrise and sunset, when ribbons of color compete for brightness … I look forward to seeing springtime's first robins … Roses and daffodils catch my eye, as do flocks of geese, flying in formation on a beautiful fall afternoon ... I love to watch ripples in the stream, and on good days, see frogs frolic and water bugs skitter about, as if intent on making the pond even more beautiful." Abruptly, the prospective customer interrupted. "Why do I need cosmetics? I'll just look around and claim free beauty like you do."

That was "the short of it" for Maude. Similarly, Benny Mayo, a college classmate and longtime friend, didn't spend long in the profession he trained for. For him, the "short of it" was learning to play the guitar at age 13, running track in high school and college and winning the Texas Electrical Co.'s statewide talent contest in 1954.

He was one of the "main hoots" at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Guitar in hand and songs at the ready, he was as well known in student circles for his talent, then someone might say, "And he runs track, too?"

I heralded from Early and he from Winters, so we could swap country stories until the cows considered meandering home, but, with his musical talents, girls flocked to him. He majored in education, planning to teach and coach. When he finished college, he and his late wife of 60 years, the former Saundra Snipes, moved to Comanche, where they expected to "settle in." She'd continue working for the phone company and he'd have numerous coaching roles at Comanche High School. But full-time Christian service beckoned, so it was on to seminary, then 57 years on church staffs — mostly in Dallas — until his retirement eight years ago. She died at age 77 in 2016. They have two daughters, Penny Varian, of Georgetown, and Kitty Ynterna, of Atlanta, Georgia, as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. (It should be noted Saundra was a basketball star at Early High School).

Now 91, Benny still handles life "sunny side up," even if he has to look below rocks. When his doctor sees him coming, he knows a familiar verbal exchange must occur before getting down to business. "How you doing, Benny?" Answer: "I'm four days older than Elvis, and still vertical and ventilating," Benny says laughingly.

They still love him at the church, even though his official duties are completed.

Benny remembers when Elvis came to Brownwood, long before he was a household word. "We had front row seats, and Saundra caught several drops of Elvis' sweat," Benny said. "She didn't shower for a week."

Elvis was about three years old when I was born, and when he was featured at the Brownwood concert, I'd have gone if I'd had the 50-cent admission charge.

Uncle Mort never heard tell of Elvis until he saw him in a newsreel they had in movie theaters decades ago. Upon Elvis' wiggling and shaking, Mort was shocked. "When our hound dogs acted up like that, we gave 'em worm medicine."

Dr. and Mrs. Newbury reside in the Metroplex. Speaking inquiries, newbury@speakerdoc.com, phone 817-447-3872.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Rev. Benny Mayo stands in the Sun Studio in Memphis, Tennessee. He's standing behind the same microphone used by both Elvis and Johnny Cash.

SENIOR CENTER MENU

The following is this upcoming week's menu for the Hood County Senior Center's Lunch Club program. Anyone 60 and older is invited to dine during the Lunch Club's service, held every weekday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. While payment is not required, the Lunch Club is made possible by the generous donations of the community, with the average donation per meal equating to $5.

Mon, Jan. 26
Autumn butternut squash soup with a tuna salad sandwich, sliced beets and a sidekick ice fruit cup.

Tues, Jan. 27
Red chili pork posole with corn and black bean salad, tortilla chips, picante sauce and lemon buttermilk cobbler.

Wed, Jan. 28
King Ranch chicken casserole with squash medley, a tossed salad and cinnamon pears.

Thurs, Jan. 29
Sloppy joe on a bun with sweet potato puffs, coleslaw, onion slices and a fruit cup.

Fri, Jan. 30
Beef stir fry with broccoli, brown rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, a roll and mandarin oranges with cherries.

GRANBURY GONEBY



BY JOSH BURTON

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Jan. 20, 1966
60 years ago

The Brazos River Authority board of directors voted to accept a recent Federal Power Commission order for final plans for the DeCordova Bend Dam with the aim of advertising for construction bids in the fall of 1966. The board also voted to purchase the American Canal Co.'s pumping and canal system.

H.R. Poor is donating the use of the Palace Theatre for the showing of a first-run film Jan. 25-26 for the band boosters club. The Battle of the Villa Fiorita, starring Maureen O'Hara and Rosanno Brazzi is a film which all the family will enjoy, Poor said.

Congressman W.R. Poage, B.M. Myers, regional director of the post office department and J. Allen DuPree, assistant regional director, will take part in the dedication of the new Granbury Post Office Jan. 22. J.T. Maness, postmaster and employees of the post office, are inviting the public to attend the program.

Jan. 19, 1986
40 years ago

Four Granbury residents, charged with assaulting three Granbury police officers during a disturbance in August 1984, were acquitted Jan. 16 after a two-day trial.

Granbury City Council members will meet Jan. 21 to consider a request from financial director Mike Easley two write off $35,541 in outstanding bad debts. According to Easley, the debts, incurred as a result of the non-payment of utilities, have been in the hands of a collection agency for the last eight months, with little success in the collection of money.

· Deposits in the four Hood County banks rose to a record $165.9 million at the close of fourth quarter business Dec. 31. The increase reflects the continual boom in the local economy. The four county banks reported deposits up $21,222,667; assets up $20,836,005; and loans up $10,594,342, when compared to the figures a year ago.

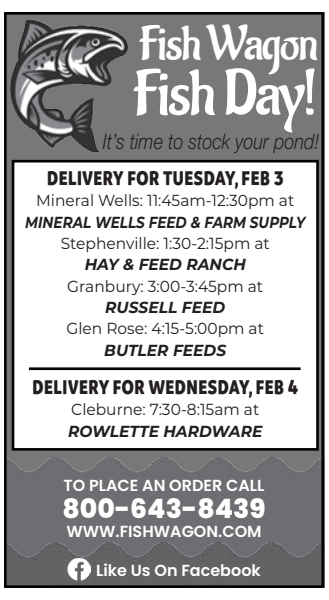
Jan. 19, 2006
20 years ago

Several hundred parents appeared to have little disagreement with proposed changes in grade locations in the Granbury school system at public meeting Jan. 16. With 3,000 students predicted at Granbury High School in the near future, the proposed five-year plan changing grade locations allows time for planning future needs, according to Granbury Superintendent William Harris.

For the second time Jan. 17, wildfires came with inches of Cap and Shelley Preston's home, but didn't touch it. Their doublewide stands pristine in a charred field of blackened earth southeast of Granbury. Some would call it pure luck, but Shelley Preston said "The grace of God is the only thing it can be."

Granbury Mayor David Southern posted a letter Jan. 18 to Cresson Mayor John Carroll. "We're offering the city of Cresson a compromise to avoid continuing litigation in the district court," Southern said. The city of Cresson filed suit against the city of Granbury in November 2005 for its annexation of 6,000 acres along U.S. Highway 377 east of FM 167.





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Psalm 94:18-19

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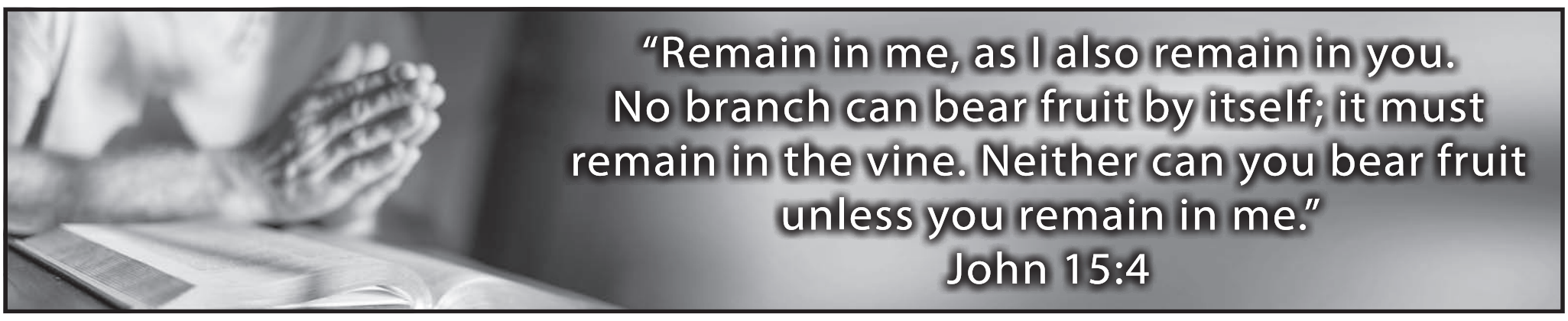
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1 Caiman Cody	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Steer	Humble Energy Services, Pressler Cattle Co., Shottenkirk Ford, Stonewater Church
2 Ethan Erwin	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	E4Southdowns, G-Force & Assoc., Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating Inc., Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Stonewater Church
3 Paxtyn Smith	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Swine	G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating Inc., Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Kim and Janna Sullins, Rafter B Concrete
4 Leddi Tuggle	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, First National Bank of Lipan, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund, Santo Propane, Taco Casa
5 Landree Harrington	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, G-Force & Assoc., Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Hard 8 BBQ, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Lynn Struthoff, Strutty's Feed and Pet Supply
6 Saylor Bagley	Tolar FFA	Sr. Art (14-19)	Brazos Metal Building Systems, Rafter B Concrete
7 Kallen Rogers	Granbury FFA	Jr. Food (8-13)	First National Bank, HEB
8 Braden Neal	Granbury FFA	Broilers	First National Bank, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, James Robinson, Janet Brown, McKenzie Family Medicine & MedSpa, Shottenkirk Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Stonewater Church
9 Carter Jones	Cornerstone 4H	Pen of 3 Rabbits	Ferguson Plumbing, Humble Energy Services, Shottenkirk Ford, Stonewater Church
10 Madison Werner	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church
11 Callan Nix	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Steer	BC Insurance of Texas, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Humble Energy Services, Jerry Durant, Julie Davis, Rafter B Concrete
12 Breck Boyce	Lipan FFA	Market Lambs	Brad Harrison-Clark Real Estate Group, Humble Energy Services, Lipan Fair Fund, Don's Towing, Humble Energy Services, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Rafter B Concrete, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, The Equipment Barn
14 Kelin Boyce	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Brad Harrison-Clark Real Estate Group, Lipan Fair Fund, Wanda Boyce
15 Trace Coker	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, First Financial Bank, First National Bank, Gibson Heavy Haul, Humble Energy Services, Laura Potts, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Shottenkirk Hyundai, Taco Delight
16 Paityn Graham	Tolar FFA	Sr. Crafts (14-19)	Arly Kramer, Brazos Metal Building Systems, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Joshua Animal Clinic
17 Alaina McPhate	Lake Granbury 4H	Jr. Art (8-13)	First National Bank, Shottenkirk Hyundai
18 Garrett Neal	Granbury Jr FFA	Broilers	Don's Towing, G-Force & Associates, Heavy Haul, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Janet Brown, Jerry Durant, Joshua Animal Clinic, McKenzie Family Medicine & MedSpa, Stonewater Church
19 Alexander Traylor	Cornerstone 4H	Pen of 3 Rabbits	Pinnacle Bank
20 Malachi Bowden	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	Butler Built Homes LLC, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church, Superior Remedies Group LLC
21 Zane Donaghey	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Steer	BC Insurance of Texas, First National Bank, G-Force & Associates, Humble Energy Services, Jerry Durant, Little Rattler Preschool & Childcare, Rafter B Concrete, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Rollin H Construction, Stonewater Church, Texas Recip, Blake Team- KW Realty
22 Vivian Jennings	Cornerstone 4H	Market Lambs	Fall Creek Ranch, Ferguson Plumbing, JW Ranch, Larry Potts, Laura Potts, Pinnacle Bank, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Stonewater Church, True Grit Ranch
23 Braylee Kirkpatrick	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	G-Force & Associates, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Kim and Janna Sullins, Rafter B Concrete, Taco Casa
24 Jett Powell	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	API Roofing and Exteriors, Ferguson Plumbing, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Prime Sod, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Rockin F Excavation, Stonewater Church, The Blake Team- KW Realty
25 Grady Molder	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, First National Bank, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Laura Potts, Outlaws Trading, Rafter B Concrete, The Blake Team- KW Realty
26 Dalton Ogle	Cornerstone 4H	Sr. Food (14-19)	Rock Solid Restorations, Stonewater Church,
27 Travis Huebinger	Food & Fashion	Jr. Crafts (8-13)	Compressor Elements,
28 Paxtyn Smith	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Lambs	Don's Towing, First National Bank, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Jerry Durant, Joshua Animal Clinic
29 Braylee Kirkpatrick	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	BC Insurance of Texas, Don's Towing, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Joshua Animal Clinic
30 Dakota Freeman	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Lipan Fair Fund, Penthouse Pro Rodeo
31 Kash Rogers	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, Brad Harrison-Clark Real Estate Group, First National Bank, Humble Energy Services, Joshua Animal Clinic, Lynn & Bruce Morgan, Mallory Vincent, Shottenkirk Hyundai
32 Eli Erwin	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	Daffan Cooling and Heating, E4Southdowns, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Stonewater Church
33 Cole Cherry	Tolar 4H	Market Swine	Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Meyer's Kwik Stop, Rockin F Excavation



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2. Ethan Erwin, Lake Granbury 4H Grand Champ Market Lamb



3. Paxtyn Smith, Tolar Jr. FFA, Grand Champ Market Swine



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35 Callan Nix	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Steer	First National Bank, Rockin F Excavation, Taco Casa, Texas Recip
36 Ethan Erwin	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	All American Ins Associates/ The Harris Agency, Daffan Cooling and Heating, E4Southdowns, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Stonewater Church
37 Kylee Jo Lane	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	API Roofing and Exteriors, Brazos Metal Building Systems, Compressor Elements, First National Bank, G-Force & Associates, Pressler Cattle Company
38 Rhyder Morris	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	First National Bank of Lipan, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund
39 Austin Reeves	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, First National Bank, Gibson Heavy Haul, Molder Electric, Rafter B Concrete, The Blake Team- KW Realty
40 Hadley Shockley	Lipan FFA	Sr. Food (14-19)	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Lipan Fair Fund
41 Adalyn Kemp	Granbury FFA	Jr. Food (8-13)	Dr. Gary and Glenda Cooper, Rock Ridge Homes,
42 Hailey Oldham	Tolar 4H	Market Steer	BC Insurance of Texas, CA Stembridge Enterprises- 5S Services, First National Bank, Gwen Coker, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, B Concrete
43 Drew Jennings	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	Acorn Endeavors, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Ferguson Plumbing, JW Ranch, Laura Potts, Stonewater Church
44 Jaylee Dear	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	First National Bank, Shottenkirk Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, The Blake Team- KW Realty
45 Tenli Gfeller	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Don's Towing, Kim and Janna Sullins, Meyer's Kwik Stop, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church
46 Kolten Smith	Tolar FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, DT Roofing, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Joshua Animal Clinic, Kim and Janna Sullins, Mallory Vincent, No Cattle, Stoenwater Church, Taco Casa
47 Braidyn Creecy	Granbury FFA	Sr. Crafts (14-19)	JP Laura (Sissy) Freeman, Compressor Elements, First National Bank, Lee Overstreet, Molder Electric, Ron Sutton, Taco Casa
48 Olivia Stewart	Cornerstone 4H	Jr. Crafts (8-13)	G-Force & Associates, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, IMS Payments, Jerry Durant, Joshua Animal Clinic, Larry Potts, Laura Potts, Mallory Vincent
49 Caiman Cody	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Steer	G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Laura Potts, McKenzie Family Medicine & MedSpa, Southwest Specialty Welding, Texas Recip
50 Rhiyann Wood	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	Amy Houston Bearden, Amy Houston Gaddis, BC Insurance of Texas, Humble Energy Services, Santo Propane, Superior Remedies Group LLC
51 Leddi Tuggle	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Clark Real Estate Group, Dalton & Amy Nix, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Hotel Lucy, Santo Propane
52 Caden Rand	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, Compressor Elements, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Gibson Heavy Haul, M2 Fleet Communications
53 Levi Morales	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Garnet US Inc, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund
54 Tenli Gfeller	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Brazos Metal Building Systems, Don's Towing, Gavin Jones, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Rollin H Construction, Stonewater Church
55 Kane Aguado	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, HEB, Plains Capital Bank
56 Blake Tarpley	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund
57 Jayden Kacal	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, The Pearl
58 Colt Cason	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Jana Reed, Meyer's Kwik Stop
59 Maverick Cody	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Steer	Gary Merritt, Humble Energy Services, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, McKenzie Family Medicine & MedSpa, Pressler Cattle Company, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Rockin F Excavation, Texas Recip
60 McCoy Fabrizio	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Daffan Cooling and Heating, First National Bank, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church, The Blake Team- KW Realty
61 Reed Warner	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Swine	BC Insurance of Texas, Butler Built Homes LLC, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Jana Reed, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church
62 Jett Powell	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	First National Bank, Gibson Heavy Haul, Laura Potts, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Southwest Specialty Welding, Stonewater Church
63 Zachary Derrick	Granbury Jr FFA	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	DT Roofing, Rock Solid Restorations LLC
64 Ariana Tribble	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Ferguson Plumbing, First National Bank, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Southwest Specialty Welding
65 Breck Boyce	Lipan FFA	Market Lambs	Wanda Boyce
66 Breighton Cudd	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Garnet US Inc, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund
67 Garrett Neal	Granbury Jr FFA	Market Goats	AgTexas Farm Credit, Barbara Jenny, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, James Robinson, Janet Brown, Joshua Animal Clinic
68 Carly Roy	Granbury Jr FFA	Rabbits	Gibson Heavy Haul
69 Eli Erwin	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	E4Southdowns, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, The Handmade Heifer
70 Landrey Grove	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Branson Fooring & Remodeling, Diamond G Contractors, First National Bank of Lipan, G-Force & Associates, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Les Branson Companies, Sloan Gill, The Pearl
71 Leslee Ashmore	K-9 & Kids	Market Goats	Acorn Endeavors, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
72 Bailey Roy	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Gibson Heavy Haul, Juie Davis
73 Vivian Jennings	Cornerstone 4H	Market Lambs	Daffan Cooling and Heating, JW Ranch, Laura Potts, Rock Solid Restorations LLC
74 Jenna Overcash	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	All American Ins Associates/ The Harris Agency, Plains Capital Bank, The Blake Team- KW Realty
75 Adelynn Dry	Cornerstone 4H	Rabbits	Laura Potts
76 Macy Castillo	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	First National Bank of Lipan, Frank Scott, Heather Donaldson
77 Breana Caballero	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Clark Real Estate Group, National Bank of Lipan, Garnet US Inc, Kristin Bazan, Lipan Fair Fund, Russell Feed & Supply
78 Layla Langdon	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Performance Feeds
80	Hannah Weber	Granbury FFA	Market Swine Brazos Metal Building Sys ems, Gibson Heavy Haul, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Rafter B Concrete, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, The Blake Team- KW Realty
81 Violet Bischel	Cornerstone 4H	Rabbits	HEB
82 Kezia Fleming	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Cotton & Carolyn Howell
83 Morgan Wiseman	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	First Financial Bank, Propane
84 Maverick Cody	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Swine	Kristin Bazan, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Rafter B Concrete
85 Gabriel Richter	Cornerstone 4H	Rabbits	Cindi, Ferguson Plumbing, Russell Feed & Supply, Sandy Richter
86 Jase Sweeney	Tolar Jr. FFA	Rabbits	Russell Feed & Supply
87 Sela Burnett	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, First National Bank of Lipan, Harrison/Reynolds Cattle & Hay
88 Jocee Viducic	Lipan FFA	Market Steer	Brad Harrison-Clark Real Estate Group, Branson Flooring & Remodeling, First National Bank of Lipan, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant
89 Kynlee Greene	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Compressor Elements, First National Bank, Hotel Lucy, Joshua Animal Clinic, Kristin Bazan
90 Lena Tibljas	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	First Financial Bank, Humble Energy Services, M2 Fleet Communications, Stonewater Church
91 Tate Williamson	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	HEB, Stonewater Church
92 Logan Ferguson	Cornerstone 4H	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	BC Insurance of Texas, DT Roofing, Ferguson Plumbing, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Southwest Specialty Welding
93 Lincoln W Tibljas	Granbury Jr FFA	Rabbits	BC Insurance of Texas, First Financial Bank, M2 Fleet Communications, Stonewater Church
94 Kelin Boyce	Lipan FFA	Market Steer	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Lipan Fair Fund, Texas Recip
95 Jackson Grossman	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Brian & Mary Thomas, Glen Rose Nursing & Rehab
96 Addison Tarpley	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	First National Bank of Lipan, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Les Branson Companies, Lipan Fair Fund
97	Raiden Stewart	Tolar FFA	Market Goats Brian & Mary Thomas, Home Designs by Marcy, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Sarah Dearman
98 Kash Rogers	Granbury FFA	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Hotel Lucy
99 Conley Castillo	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, First National Bank of Lipan, Frank Scott, Heather Donaldson
100 Lena Tibljas	Granbury FFA	Market Steer	A&A Steel and Supply, Clark Real Estate Group, First Financial Bank, First National Bank, Kristin Bazan, Little Rattler Preschool & Childcare, M2 Fleet Communications, Steve McVay
101 Kayla Cardwell	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Daffan Cooling and Heating, First National Bank, Kristin Bazan
102 Lucas Morales	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Garnet US Inc, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
103 Steven Cook	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Brian & Mary Thomas, Brian Gaffin Architect, HEB, Jana Reed, Lynn & Bruce Morgan, Stonewater Church, Taco Casa
104 Adalyn Kemp	Granbury FFA	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	Santo Propane
105 Zoey Periman	Tolar Jr. FFA	Rabbits	Clint Head, Compressor Elements, Kerry Hale
106 Davin Reinke	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Ashley Harvey, Brandon Reinke, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Kathy Bell
107 Lucyellen Warner	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	BC Insurance of Texas, Butler Built Homes LLC, HEB, Jana Reed, Julie Davis, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church
108 Kegan Hayworth-Fowler	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Goats	First National Bank
109 Owen Grider	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Molder Electric
110 Scarlett Marciniak	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Lambs	Bryan & Mary Orms, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Hard 8 BBQ, Julie Davis, Martin Marciniak, Rafter B Concrete, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church
111 Kylie Bruncati	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Kristin Bazan, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
112 Madison Werner	Tolar FFA	Market Goats	Star Hollow K9, Stonewater Church
113 Luke Burnett	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	First National Bank of Lipan, Harrison/Reynolds Cattle & Hay
114 Collin Jennings	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	Cindi Breazeale, Daffan Cooling and Heating, JW Ranch, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Stonewater Church
115 Larry Trey Wilkins III	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	BAM Trucking LLC, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Jerry Durant, Kristin Bazan, Lynn & Bruce Morgan, Molder Electric, Rafter B Concrete, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Sarah Dearman
116 Casher Rhodes	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Ashley Harvey, Financial Bank, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Yvonne Tarrant
117 Lucca Montoya	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	First National Bank, Kristin Bazan
118 Kylee Jo Lane	Tolar FFA	Market Lambs	BC Insurance of Texas, G-Force & Associates, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Superior Remedies Group LLC
119 Cutter Looper	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Lipan Fair Fund
120 Zeke Reynolds	Lipan Jr FFA	Rabbits	Ashley Harvey, Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Don & Mary Lively, First National Bank of Lipan, Harrison/Reynolds Cattle & Hay, Mark Lowery
121 Breana Caballero	Lipan FFA	Market Lambs	Clark Real Estate Group, Lipan Fair Fund, Russell Feed & Supply

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122 Wayde Harvey	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Clark Real Estate Group, Lipan Fair Fund, Stephanie Meyer
123 Zain Reynolds	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	Ashley Harvey, Don & Mary Lively, First National Bank of Lipan, Harrison/Reynolds Cattle & Hay, Mark Lowery
124 Chloe Calhoun	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Daffan Cooling and Heating
125 Emily Bruncati	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Compressor Elements, Kristin Bazan
126 Isaac Sparks	Cornerstone 4H	Rabbits	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, IMS Payments, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
127 Chloe Calhoun	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Gibson Heavy Haul, Kristin Bazan, Vistra Corp
128 Stockton Reuther	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	BC Insurance of Texas, Brazos Metal Building Systems, C4 Construction & Dirt Work, Headquarters 2.0, Rafter B Concrete, Rockin F Excavation
129 Ty Talbot	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	API Roofing and Exteriors, BC Insurance of Texas, Butler Built Homes LLC, CA Stembridge Enterprises- 5S Services, First National Bank, Gavin Jones, Heavy Haul, Gwen Coker, Hard 8 BBQ, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Little Rattler Preschool & Childcare, McKee Family, Molder Electric, Rafter B Concrete, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church, The Equipment Barn
130 Brooke Barber	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	Lipan Fair Fund
131 Clayton Harvey	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Garnet US Inc, Granbury Optimist Club, Stephanie Meyer
132 Riley Crow	Cornerstone 4H	Rabbits	Berney Beckworth Auctioneer, Granbury Masonic Lodge #392, Hard 8 BBQ, Stonewater Church, Daffan Cooling and Heating
133 Makenze Boyce	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium
134 Tyler Linker	Lipan Jr FFA	Rabbits	Clark Real Estate Group, Ferguson Plumbing, Garnet US Inc, Lipan Fair Fund, Stacy Nimmo, Zola Cruse
135 Alissa Watkins	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Kristin Bazan, Taco Delight
136 Loryn K Wienecke	Tolar FFA	Market Steer	Don's Towing, Fall Creek Ranch, G-Force & Associates, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Harold & Sandra Price, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Jerry Durant, Russell Feed & Supply, Stonewater Church, Texas Recip
137 Emily Joann Sain	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Dale Moore, Derek Tanner, Fall Creek Ranch, Granbury Optimist Club, Laura Potts
138 Travis Huebinger	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Swine	C4 Construction & Dirt Work, IMS Payments, Vistra Corp
139 Creighton Skinner	Lipan Jr FFA	Market Goats	Santo Propane
140 Emily Musick	Tolar FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Superior Remedies Group LLC
141 Alayna Nation	Tolar FFA	Broilers	Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Rafter B Concrete
142 Kodee Miller	Tolar 4H	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	Lacey Robbins, Little Rattler Preschool & Childcare, Ramblin Trails Custom Boots
143 Katherine Daniels	Tolar Jr. FFA	Rabbits	Ferguson Plumbing, Shady Oaks Properties, Stonewater Church, The Hay & Feed Ranch
144 Zane Donaghey	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Steer	Hard 8 BBQ, Stephanie Tibljas, Stonewater Church, The Hay & Feed Ranch
145 Alysha Fabrizio	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	BAM Trucking LLC, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Kristin Bazan, The Blake Team- KW Realty
146 Landrey Grove	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Brazos Metal Building Systems, Clark Real Estate Group, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Lipan Fair Fund, Sloan Gill
147 Chloe Skinner	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Santo Propane
148 Austyn Gomez	Lipan FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, First National Bank of Lipan, Les Branson Companies, Santo Propane
149 Carter Pickens	Tolar FFA	Meat Pen (Pen of 3) Rabbits	API Roofing and Exteriors, Masonic Lodge #392, Kristin Bazan, Rafter B Concrete
150 Bethany Rose	Food & Fashion	Rabbits	Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
151 Kyndell Hooser	Tolar 4H	Market Steer	A-1 Carpet Cleaning, Brazos Metal Building Systems, Gibson Heavy Haul, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Little Rattler Preschool & Childcare, Mary Lankford, Rafter B Concrete, Stonewater Church, Texas Recip, Vistra Corp
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154 Dakota Freeman	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Harrison/Reynolds Cattle & Hay, Lipan Fair Fund
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156 Dallan Taylor	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	C4 Construction & Dirt Work, Gwen Coker, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Rafter B Concrete
157 Kyndell Hooser	Tolar 4H	Market Steer	BC Insurance of Texas, Brazos Metal Building Systems, First National Bank, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Stonewater Church, Superior Remedies Group LLC
158 Drew Jennings	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Lambs	Cindi Breazeale, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, JW Ranch, Ryan & Laura Huebinger
159 Shelby Beech	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Leslie & Patsy Mabery
160 Lynlee Lockridge	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Goats	Daffan Cooling and Heating
161 Caleb Castillo	Lipan FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, First National Bank of Lipan, Frank Scott, Rapid Ready Mix
162 Lexi Langdon	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	AgriTech Animal Health, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch, Performance Feeds
163 Charlie Kuhn	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Steer	Ramblin Trails Custom Boots, Santo Propane
164 Moriah Marciniak	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Lambs	Bryan & Mary Orms, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Lynn & Bruce Morgan, Martin Marciniak, Rock Solid Restorations LLC, Stonewater Church, The Hay & Feed Ranch
165 Tymbyr Ballard	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Darryl Woods, Plains Capital Bank
166 Braden Neal	Granbury FFA	Market Goats	AgTexas Farm Credit, James Robinson, Janet Brown, Joshua Animal Clinic
167 Parker Wiedebusch	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Granbury Masonic Lodge #392
168 Kylie Bruncati	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Julie Davis, Daffan Cooling and Heating
169 Carleigh Kohls	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Taco Delight
170 Steven Cook	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	AV & Security Systems, Brian Gaffin Architect, Stonewater Church, Taco Casa
171 Trace Coker	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Compressor Elements, First Financial Bank, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, The Blake Team- KW Realty
172 Jackson Westbrook	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Lambs	CA Stembridge Enterprises- 5S Services, Clark Real Estate Group, Debbie Westbrook, Hotel Lucy, Lipan Fair Fund
173 Audrey Ann Mckee	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Brad Harrison-Clark Real Estate Group, Gibson Heavy Haul, Rafter B Concrete
174 Holt Kramer	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Quality Stone, Rafter B Concrete
175 Bristol Taylor Morgan	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Kristin Bazan, Lynn & Bruce
176 Kayley McPhate	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Derek McPhate, Gilbert Environmental
177 Alayna Nation	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
178 Tyler Linker	Lipan Jr FFA	Market Goats	Lipan Fair Fund, Lone Bull Shaved Ice, Michael H Johnson, Stacy Nimm, Zola Cruse
179 Walker Flynt	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	Ramblin Trails Custom Boots, Stonewater Church
180 Jackson Westbrook	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Lambs	AV & Security Systems, AV Showgoats, CA Stembridge Enterprises- 5S Services, Debbie Westbrook, Hotel Lucy
181 Blake Tarpley	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Ashley Harvey, Lipan Fair Fund
182 Erin Huebinger	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Swine	Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Russell Feed & Supply
183 Emma Farrell	Granbury FFA	Market Goats	Compressor Elements, Kristin Bazan
184 Rhiyann Wood	Tolar FFA	Market Swine	Amy Houston Bearden, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium
185 Carlee Crawford	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Amy Crawford, Compressor Elements, Kristin Bazan, Michael Stakes
186 Allison Periman	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Swine	Granbury Optimist Club, Kerry Hale
187 Parker Cudd	Lipan FFA	Rabbits	Ashley Harvey, Garnet US Inc, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins
188 Carleigh Kohls	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium
189 Vanessa Lewis	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Taco Delight
190 Charlie Kuhn	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Steer	Lipan Fair Fund, Ramblin Trails Custom Boots
191 Emily Bruncati	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Kristin Bazan
192 Creeden Looper	Lipan Jr FFA	Market Swine	Lipan Fair Fund
193 Anna Stetler	Tolar FFA	Market Goats	Ramblin Trails Custom Boots
194 Larry Trey Wilkins III	Granbury FFA	Ag Mechanics	A&A Steel and Supply, Daffan Cooling and Heating, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Julie Davis, Oxford Farm & Ranch, Southwest Specialty Welding
195 Mikayla Mains	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Gibson Heavy Haul, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
196 Loryn K Wienecke	Tolar FFA	Market Steer	Emmett & Judy Whitefield, Granbury Excavating, Inc, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Rollin H Construction, Russell Feed & Supply, Stonewater Church
197 Brynlee Rager	Granbury Jr FFA	Market Lambs	GC's Mobile RV Repair, LLC, Gibson Heavy Haul, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Jerry Durant, Kristin Bazan
198 Audrey Dunstan	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Daffan Cooling and Heating, First Financial Bank, Kristin Bazan
199 Breighton Cudd	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Ashley Harvey, Branson Flooring & Remodeling, Lipan Fair Fund
200 Leslee Ashmore	K-9 & Kids	Market Goats	Brian & Mary Thomas, Larry Stewart Bar L Ranch
201 Ryker Ashmore	Sharp Shooters 4H	Rabbits	Acorn Endeavors
202 Jonathan Chavez	Granbury FFA	Market Steer	Kristin Bazan
203 Miley Wood	Tolar FFA	Market Lambs	Ramblin Trails Custom Boots, Superior Remedies Group LLC
204 Jaylee Dear	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Sarah Dearman
205 Brody Wilkins	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Molder Electric, Oxford Farm & Ranch, Ryan & Laura Huebinger, Southwest Specialty Welding, Warren's Backyard
206 Karli Candella	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Lipan Fair Fund
207 Chloe Fowler	Lipan Jr FFA	Rabbits	R Ranch
208 Kuper Stevens	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	GC's Mobile RV Repair, LLC, Hood Somervell County Farm Bureau Ins, Kristin Bazan, Vickie Boothe
209 Carlee Crawford	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Amy Crawford, Kristin Bazan, Michael Stakes, Taco Delight
210 Lucas Morales	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Lipan Fair Fund
211 Baylor Ashmore	Sharp Shooters 4H	Market Goats	Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium
212 Cailyn Pickens	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	API Roofing and Exteriors, Gilbert Environmental
213 Levi Rager	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	AV & Security Systems, GC's Mobile RV Repair, LLC, Gibson Heavy Haul, Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Michael Stevens
214 Caylie Hannah	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Lipan Fair Fund, R Ranch, Superior Remedies Group LLC
215 Erin Huebinger	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Swine	C4 Construction & Dirt Work, Homer Robertson- Texas Cowboy Symposium
216 Kelsey Cardwell	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Kristin Bazan
217 Kannyn Williamson	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Granbury Excavating, Inc, Meyer Bros Farms- Jay & Aaron Meyer, Stonewater Church

Lot/Seller Name	Club	Division	Buyers
218 Jace Madrigal Jerry Durant	Granbury FFA	Rabbits	Henson's Metal & Steel Supply,
219 Davin Reinke	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Brandon Reinke, Kathy Bell
220 Hadley Shockley Henson's Metal & Steel Supply, Les Branson Companies, Mark Lowery	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	First National Bank of Lipan,
221 Beau Kramer	Tolar FFA	Market Goats	Quality Stone
222 Karoline Spillman Cowboy Symposium	Sharp Shooters 4H	Rabbits	Homer Robertson- Texas
223 Bailey Roy	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Gilbert Environmental
224 Lucca Montoya Bureau Ins, Leslie & Patsy Mabery, Sarah Dearman	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Hood Somervell County Farm
225 Parker Cudd Supply	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Lipan Fair Fund, Russell Feed &
226 Raeleigh Donaghey Childcare, Ramblin Trails Custom Boots, Stonewater Church	Tolar FFA	Rabbits	Little Rattler Preschool &
227 Abigail Landin	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Fall Creek Ranch, Kristin Bazan
228 Weston Dearman	Granbury Jr FFA	Market Swine	Sarah Dearman
229 Abigail Landin Burke, Victor Landin	Granbury FFA	Market Lambs	Gilbert Environmental, Jessica
230 Colton Hennessy	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Kristin Bazan, Sarah Dearman
231 Alex Richards Cowboy Symposium, Meyer Bros Farms- Jay & Aaron Meyer	Granbury FFA	Market Goats	Homer Robertson- Texas
232 Tate Williamson Meyer, Stonewater Church	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Meyer Bros Farms- Jay & Aaron
233 Tay Coker Kristin Bazan	Granbury FFA	Market Swine	Henson's Metal & Steel Supply,
234 Kegan Hayworth-Fowler Cowboy Symposium, Jerry Durant	Lake Granbury 4H	Market Goats	Homer Robertson- Texas
235 Cutter Looper	Lipan FFA	Market Swine	Jerry Durant, Lipan Fair Fund
236 Kannyn Williamson Durant, Meyer Bros Farms- Jay & Aaron Meyer, Stonewater Church	Tolar Jr. FFA	Market Goats	Granbury Excavating, Inc, Jerry
237 Rhyder Morris LLC	Lipan FFA	Market Goats	Jerry Durant, Tarpley Services
238 Izabella Gutierrez L Ranch	Granbury FFA	Broilers	Jerry Durant, Larry Stewart Bar

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10. Madison Werner, Tolar FFA
Grand Champ Rabbits



11. Callan Nix, Lake Granbury 4H
Reserve Champ Market Steer



13. Cole Cherry, Tolar 4H, Reserve Champ Market Swine



12. Breck Boyce, Lipan FFA
Reserve Champ Market Lambs



14. Kelin Boyce, Lipan FFA
Reserve Champ Market Goats



15. Trace Coker, Granbury FFA
Reserve Champ Ag Mechancs



16. Paitlyn Graham, Tolar FFA
Grand Champ Sr. Crafts (14-18)



17. Alaina McPhale, Lake Granbury 4H
Reserve Champ Jr. Art (9-13)



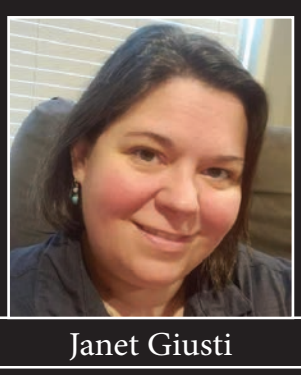
18. Garrett Neal, Granbury Jr. FFA
Grand Champ Broilers



19. Alexander Trayler, Cornerstone 4H
Reserve Champ Pen of 3



20. Malachi Bowden, Tolar FFA
Reserve Champ Rabbits

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 24

The Granbury Theatre Company presents "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" at 7:30 p.m. Comedic genius Ken Ludwig transforms Arthur Conan Doyle's classic "The Hound of the Baskervilles" into a murderously funny adventure. Sherlock Holmes is on the case. The male heirs of the Baskerville line are being dispatched one by one. To find their ingenious killer, Holmes and Watson must brave the desolate moors before a family curse dooms its newest heir. Tickets can be purchased at granburytheatrecompany.org.

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Granbury Live presents Know Return: A Kansas Tribute at 7 p.m. Hailing from the Philadelphia area, Know Return performs today's most authentic tribute to Kansas. With powerful vocals, a pro violinist and talented instrumentalists, Know Return delivers the hits, jaw-dropping epics and deep cuts synonymous with the band that defined American progressive rock in the 1970s and continues to wow audiences everywhere. Tickets can be purchased at granburylive.com.

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Applications for the Habitat for Humanity program will be accepted from 9-9:30 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. at the Rancho Brazos Community Center, located at 3701 Sundown Trail.

Sunday, Jan. 25

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Friday, Jan. 30

Granbury Live presents Grand Illusion STYX Tribute at 7 p.m. Grand Illusion is DFW's first and only tribute to the great music of STYX. From powerful ballads like Babe and Lady, to rockers like Renegade and Blue Collar Man, you will be singing along to every song. Tickets can be purchased at granburylive.com.

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Granbury Live presents Chad Prather and the Ragamuffins at 7 p.m. The comedian, musician and armchair philosopher is an unapologetic champion for anyone looking for a reason to smile. Prather's God-given gift to entertain and inspire has made him a household name, and he's grown accustomed to captivating millions of viewers on any given day. Tickets can be purchased at granburylive.com.

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The Granbury League of Women Voters will be conducting a voters registration event at Arts and Letters Bookstore 11-3 p.m. on Granbury Square.

Sunday, Feb. 1

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Tuesday, Feb. 3

The Opera Guild of Granbury will hold its monthly meeting with social time beginning at 4 p.m., entertainment at 4:30 p.m. and the business meeting at 5 p.m. at Harbor Lakes Golf Club, 2100 Club House Drive. Reservations required by noon Jan. 29. For more information, email granburyog@gmail.com or call 817-776-2898. The Guild is an all volunteer organization whose mission is to support the Granbury Opera House and its allied arts.

Friday, Feb. 6

Granbury Live presents Gone Country, The Best Tribute to Alan Jackson at 7:30 p.m. Gone Country is a Dallas-based Country Band that was formed from local musicians who love the traditional country music sound written and performed by the living legend Alan Jackson. Tickets can be purchased at granburylive.com.

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ONGOING

Forward Training Center offers a beginner typing skills class. Call 817-573-6677 or email info@forwardtrainingcenter.org.

Mondays

Healthy Connections exercise classes: 9 a.m. exercise (strength and balance); 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise (strength and balance); 11 a.m. Pilates. 5-6 p.m. intro to meditation, private class. The location is 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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Granbury Bridge Club will hold an ACBL-sanctioned duplicate bridge game at noon each week at Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury, 76049. Entry $8 per person. All are welcome; come with a partner and compete for ACBL master points. Information and reservations: 225-933-4074.

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Sons of the American Legion Post 491 of Granbury Burger Night, 5-7 p.m. at American Legion Post, 3409 Davis Road. Funds raised are used to support veteran and community youth programs. Open to members and guests. Details: 515-554-6498.

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

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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: 9 a.m. Weight Watchers (join at weightwatchers.com); 9 a.m. yoga (private class, reservation only); 10:30 a.m. lifelong 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 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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

Wednesdays

Hand and Foot card game day. 10 a.m.; Dominoes (Mexican Train) 11 a.m. Healthy Connections, 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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Healthy Connections classes: 9 a.m. exercise class; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilts of Valor (third Wednesdays) contact Kathy Cosand 618-407-9914; 10 a.m. cards; 11 a.m. dominoes. 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

Wednesdays, Saturdays

Habitat for Humanity of Hood County is building in the 3700 block of Canyon Drive from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. No experience or tools needed. Lunch is provided for volunteers. Join them anytime.

Thursdays

Healthy Connections: 10 a.m. Tai Chi; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11 a.m.; noon to 3 p.m. Quilting classes (second and fourth Thursdays, private fee required) 682-529-7492; noon to 3 p.m. newcomer's cards; Pilates; 5 p.m. lifelong yoga (private class, reservation only). 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

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Melody Belles singers of Granbury, a women's choral group, is seeking new members who love to sing three-part harmony. Also seeking an experienced piano accompanist. Weekly Thursday rehearsals for Spring concert season are from 10 a.m. to noon starting Feb. 5 at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall (the Annex), 301 W. Bridge St. Concerts performed during first two weeks of May. If someone enjoys singing, contact the group for more information at evebehan@charter.net.

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

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Granbury Jam now at Revolver Brewery (after five years at Brock's) from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday. Gator and the All-Stars open the show, and then folks from the community can sing and/or play — sing with the pros. Revolver Brewery is located at 5650 Matlock, four minutes from Acton Highway/Fall Creek intersection.

Fridays

Healthy Connections: 9 a.m. exercise. 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

Saturdays

Hood County Hummers Walking Club, 8 a.m., meets every Saturday at Hilton Garden Inn, 635 E. Pearl St., for 5K or 10K walk for fun, fellowship and fitness. Details: 972-567-3278.

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Running Bear Running Club: 7:30 a.m. social run every Saturday, rain or shine, in front of Hewlett Park Pavilion, 650 E Pearl St. Any distance and any pace. All abilities welcomed.

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Healthy Connections: 10:30 a.m. yoga for a mission (free with food donation); 10 a.m. Mexican Train. 1321 Water's Edge Drive, Suite 1001. Details: 817-579-2979.

First Mondays

Hood County Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday each month at the Hood County Emergency Operations Center, 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive.

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

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

First Tuesdays

Granbury Doll Club meeting at 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 will meet at 10 a.m. at the Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy (Hwy 167). Enter the door at the front of the building clearly marked as "Administration." Everyone is welcome.

Fourth Tuesdays

Hood County Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday each month (except November and December) at the Historic Granbury Railroad Depot, 109 E. Ewell St. Contact Karen Nace at 817-279-2995 for additional details.

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Monthly meeting of the Granbury branch of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club at 7 p.m.at the Bentwater Activities Center, 1800 Emerald Bend Court. Those with questions can call 817-910-8174.

Third Wednesdays

Lake Granbury Area Master Gardeners meet at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month except December; meetings begin with a one-hour educational horticultural program, which is free and open to the public. Location typically is United Co-op, 320 Fall Creek Highway, Granbury. Check the website txmg.org/hcmg or call the Hood County Extension Office at 817-579-3280 for more info.

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

Granbury Woman's Club, a service organization, meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month, beginning with dinner. Join us at the Woman's Wednesday Club building, 306 N. Travis St. For information dmengel1973@gmail.com.

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Hood County CERT meets at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the Emergency Operations Center located at 401 Deputy Larry Miller Drive. HoodCoCert@gmail.com.

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The Granbury EWMA, Chapter P motorcycle group meets for dinner and fellowship at 6 p.m. and an informal meeting is at 7 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque, 317 W. U.S. Highway 377. Group of pleasure riders who love to ride in Texas and beyond. Many Goldwing riders, also two- and three-wheelers, any and all riders are welcome.

Third Thursdays

The Hood Somervell A&M Club meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday (except June, July and August) at Spring Creek BBQ located at 317 W. U.S. Highway 377 Granbury, dining/social, 6:30 p.m. meeting. Other activities, fundraisers and meeting changes can be found at hscaggies.org.

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The Hood County Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. each month at 1410 Pearl St., Annex No. 1. Questions? Call 817-233-5453.

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The Pecan Plantation Genealogy Group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Acton Methodist Church, 3433 Fall Creek Hwy (Hwy 167). Enter the door at the front of the building clearly marked as "Administration." Everyone is welcome.

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.

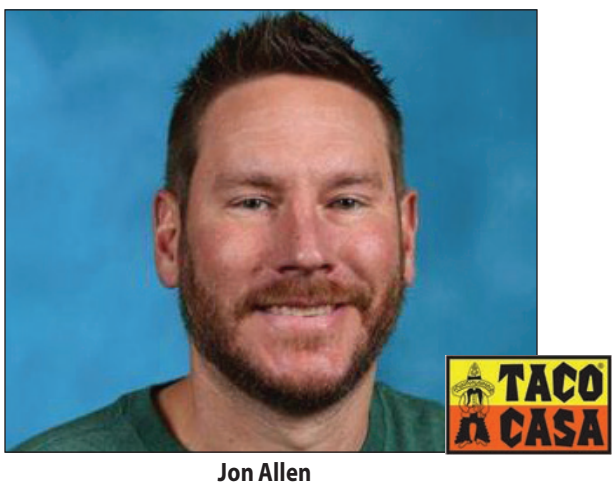
FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS

The Granbury Doll Club is looking for docents and volunteers for Fridays and Saturdays. Call 817-894-5194.

Second Saturdays

Second Saturday Showoff 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 115 W. Pearl St. Car show.

Jon Allen is 'A.C.E.s'



Jon Allen

Jon Allen has been chosen as this week's winner of the Hood County News A.C.E. (Achieving Campus Excellence) Award.

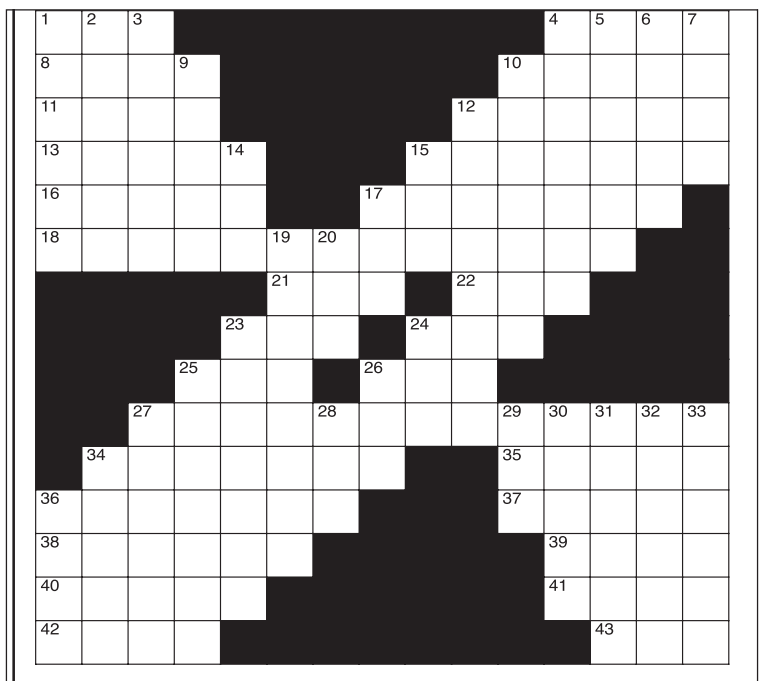
Jon teaches engineering at Granbury High School. He was nominated by Leilani Sisco and Caiden Crites.

Leilani has this to say about Jon: "He is a very kind, patient, funny and understanding teacher. He helps whenever anyone doesn't understand and goes over all of our work with the class so we can understand. He is very kind and patient. He understands when we are confused and how we have many other classes as well. He makes sure to go over things when people don't understand and goes over the work at the end of class."

Caiden has this to say about Jon: "Coach Allen is the funniest teacher I have ever had. He acts like one of us and doesn't treat you like a kid, he treats us like an adult and actually holds us accountable for our mistakes. He's my favorite teacher that I've had."

About A.C.E.

Hood County schools are filled with incredible people who go above and beyond every day, and now we're celebrating them with the A.C.E. Award — Achieving Campus Excellence. Nominations are open from 5 p.m. Monday through Friday each week to students, parents and colleagues. Nominate your favorite teacher or staff member from any district across Hood County. The winner will be announced and featured in the next edition of the Hood County News.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Racket sport pros
4. Make tea
8. City South of Moscow
10. Spanish bullfighting term
11. Egg-shaped
12. Could not remember
13. French modernist painter
15. Persons
16. Painful intestinal obstruction
17. Professions
18. Is up to the task
21. Wood or metal bolt
22. Tax collector
23. A way to save for the future
24. Georgia rockers
25. Midway between north and northeast
26. High schoolers' test
27. Does not accept responsibility
34. One who prepares
35. Gout-indicative deposits
36. Place to play games
37. Book of Genesis character
38. Cleans oneself
39. Unloaded for money
40. Genus of flowering plants
41. Take a puff
42. Congressmen
43. God of battle in Scandinavian mythology

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of bomb
2. South Pacific islands
3. Celestial body
4. Negotiates
5. Consider in a specified way
6. Type of group in organic chemistry
7. Buddhist monasteries
9. Inhabitant of Bering Sea island
10. Body part
12. Milestone birthday
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. More (Spanish)
17. Chicago ballplayer
19. Leaves a place
20. Cannot be found
23. One's internal body parts
24. Tell on
25. North American peoples of southwest
26. Soviet Socialist Republic
27. Extract used for jams and jellies
28. Greek goddess of the dawn
29. Old English letter
30. A way to exaggerate
31. Get up and leave
32. "Boardwalk Empire" character
33. More generous
34. Hanging cloth used as a blind
36. Ancient Greek sophist

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Level: Advanced

HOROSCOPES

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20
Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21
Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21
Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22
Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23
Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22
Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both side. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23
Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22
Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21
Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20
Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18
Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20
Pisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can.

kids' corner

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.



Answers: 1. Baskets on bottom 2. Teapot on second left shelf 3. Different basket on top center 4. Labels are missing on white bags

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JAN 28

1813: Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" is first published in the UK.

1878: "Yale Daily News" becomes the first independent daily college newspaper in the United States.

1915: An act of Congress creates the United States Coast Guard.

Health FACT:

Getting organized can help reduce this, which is good for personal health.

Answer: Stress

NEW WORD

NEAT

arranged in a tidy way

"How they say that in..."

English: Clutter
Spanish: Desorden
Italian: Disordine
French: Désordre
German: Unordnung

Did You KNOW?

Creating a folder structure with logical names and using consistent names for individual files can help organize computer content.

Get the PICTURE?



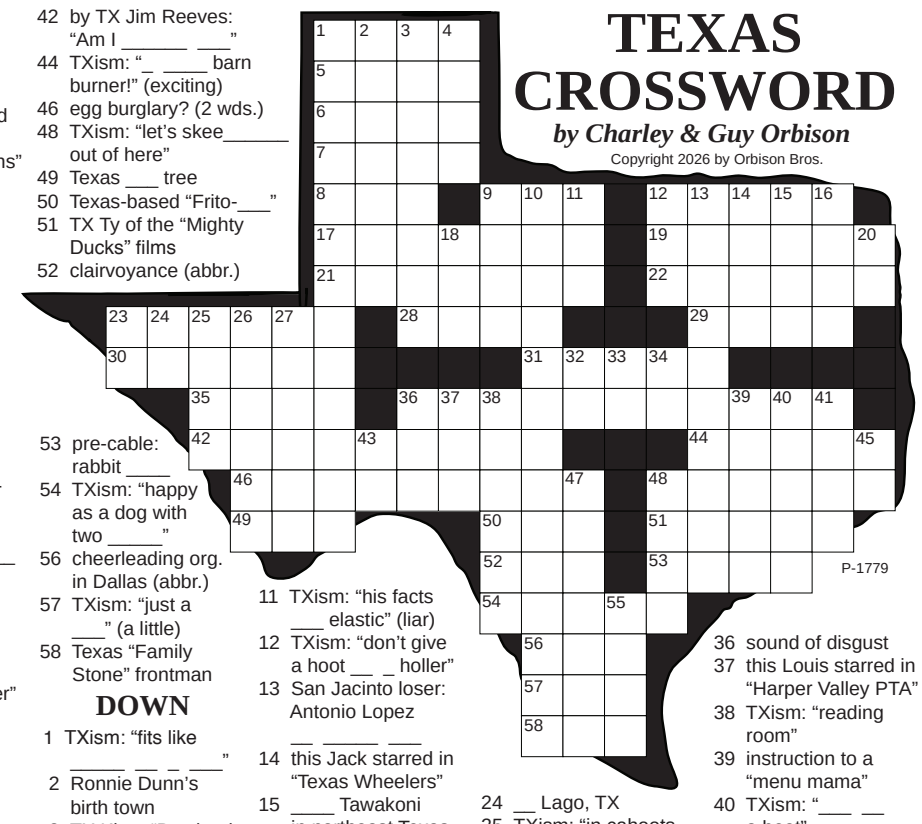
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Closet shelves

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ACROSS

1 TX Billy Sol con
5 holder of Texas Blue Bell scoops
6 TX Burnett starred with this Alan in "The Four Seasons"
7 TXism: "____ a hand" (assist)
8 Tex-Mex mafia: "La ___"
9 state nurses' org.
12 first president of Rice: Edgar _____ Lovett
17 Edwards Aquifer protector: "____ ___ Springs"
19 big track meet: "Texas _____"
21 Del Wilber's manager career with Rangers (2 wds.)
22 TXism: "restless __ _ ___ in church"
23 TXism: "she's got ____ __ her bonnet" (mad)
28 Texas-based film "Two ___ Together"
29 TXism: "camps out in the ____ corner" (religious)
30 Oak Ridge Boys 1981 hit
31 star-shooting wand that you see on the 4th: _____ candle
35 TXism: "will miss __ __ you blink" (small town)
36 one of many in book "On Texas Backroads" (2 wds.)
42 by TX Jim Reeves: "Am I _____ ___"
44 TXism: "_ ____ barn burner!" (exciting)
46 egg burglary? (2 wds.)
48 TXism: "let's skee_____ out of here"
49 Texas ___ tree
50 Texas-based "Frito-___"
51 TX Ty of the "Mighty Ducks" films
52 clairvoyance (abbr.)
53 pre-cable: rabbit ____
54 TXism: "happy as a dog with two _____"
56 cheerleading org. in Dallas (abbr.)
57 TXism: "just a ___" (a little)
58 Texas "Family Stone" frontman

DOWN

1 TXism: "fits like _____ __ _ ___"
2 Ronnie Dunn's birth town
3 TX King: "Buy land ___ _____ sell"
4 Bell____, TX
9 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny ____"
10 TXism: "_____ __ ____ on a dead worm"
11 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
12 TXism: "don't give a hoot __ _ holler"
13 San Jacinto loser: Antonio Lopez __ _____ ___
14 this Jack starred in "Texas Wheelers"
15 ____ Tawakoni in northeast Texas
16 TX Don Henley tune: "____' Eyes"
18 some Texans have a big one
20 Texas actress, Duncan (init.)
23 TX Buddy Holly's "That'll __ the Day"
24 __ Lago, TX
25 TXism: "in cahoots with the devil"
26 TXism: "he can't ___ __ _ stick horse" (dude)
27 Texas perennials
32 "good __' boy"
33 Texas doc (abbr.)
34 TXism: "ugly __ sin"
36 sound of disgust
37 this Louis starred in "Harper Valley PTA"
38 TXism: "reading room"
39 instruction to a "menu mama"
40 TXism: "___ __ a beet"
41 TXism for "all of you"
43 Bible part (abbr.)
45 French "the"
47 normal, ordinary
48 TXism: "____ a bull give milk?" (no)
55 Claudette Colbert film "Texas ____"

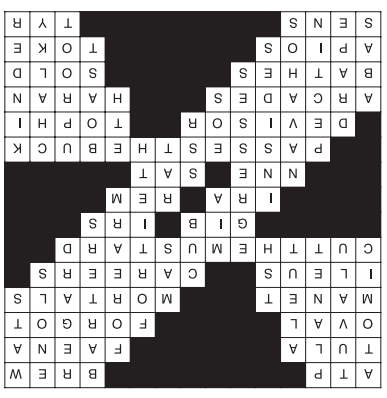
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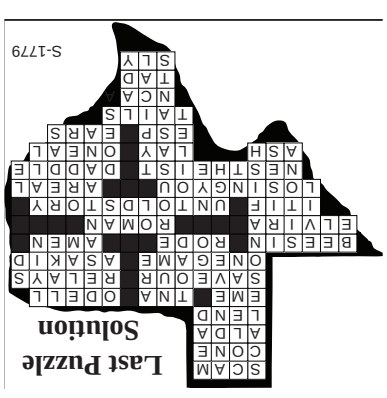
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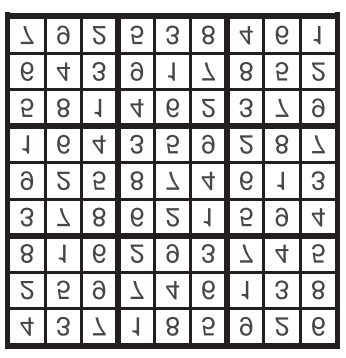
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BACKBOARD
BASELINE
CLOCK
COURT
CROSSOVER
DEFENSE
DRIBBLE
DUNK
FOUL
FREE THROW
JUMP SHOT
LAY-UP
OFFENSE
PIVOT
REBOUND
SCREEN
SHOT
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TIMEOUT
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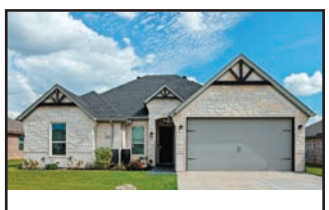
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Granbury Independent School District is issuing a Request for Proposals under RFQ 2026-39 HVAC Test and Balance. The specifications are available online on https://granbury.ionwave.net. Submissions will be accepted until closing February 13th at 2pm. All questions regarding the bid should be submitted online in Ionwave. If you have technical issues connecting to Ionwave please contact the purchasing office at 817-408-4087 or Bradee.Drake@granburyisd.org

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - RFQ2026-03 RADIO NETWORK CONSULTANT SERVICES: The Commissioners' Court of Hood County is soliciting statements of qualifications from individuals or firms with the necessary qualifications, experience, and professional expertise to provide objective, technically sound analysis and guidance regarding the future County's P25 land mobile radio (LMR) communications system. Sealed statements of qualifications subject to the conditions and requirements of RFQ2026-03 will be received at the Hood County Purchasing Office, 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, Texas 76048 not later than 10:00 am on Monday, February 9, 2026. Submittals received after that date and time will be rejected regardless of reason, including delayed delivery. Proposers will be read at that time in a public meeting and held by the Hood County Purchasing Agent's Office. After evaluation of completeness, qualifications, and experience, it will be awarded by the Commissioners' Court at a future Court date. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all submissions and to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court. Electronic Bids are preferred and can be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com/ . It is free to register and to bid. Hard copy submissions may be submitted by downloading a bid packet at https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/bids and can be submitted to: Hood County Purchasing, RFQ2026-03, 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048. Facsimile and e-mail transmissions will NOT be accepted. Any questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to the Hood County Purchasing Agent at gtilleman@hoodcounty.texas.gov no later than January 30, 2026.

North Central Texas Council of Governments is processing a new application for the installation of a 187 ft. AGL (1232 ft. AMSL) lattice communications tower located at 32∞23'44.65"N, 97∞55'6.75"W. The physical location of the structure is 400 Redbud Lane, Tolar, TX 76476 (Hood County). Interested persons may review the application by going to www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 File Number listed below. Comments are sought regarding any environmental concerns about this project, particularly any specific reasons that the tower may have a significant environmental effect pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.1307. Interested persons may file a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) within 30 days of the date on which this notice is published. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Please use File Number: [A1358416] to refer to this specific application.

Hood County Commissioners' Court has received an application to consider a revision of the plat for: THE LANDINGS EAST, Lot 3759-R2. The Hood County Commissioners' Court will meet to consider the application and to hear any protest to the revision on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, at 9 a.m. in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048.

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The Granbury Housing Authority will open its housing waitlist on January 19, 2026. The waitlist will remain open until further notice. Applications will be accepted online only through the applicant portal at https://portal.wacopha.org.

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CAUSE NO. CV22600009 PLANTATION STORAGE, LLC V. ESTATE OF DOROTHY KOCHER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIR OR ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE DEFENDANT, IN THE JUSTICE COURT PRECINCT 2, HOOD COUNTY. TEXAS. CITATION (EVICTION CASE). THE STATE OF TEXAS. TO: DEFENDANT in this case: ESTATE OF DOROTHY KOCHER AND ANY UNKNOWN HEIR OR ESTATE REPRESENTATIVE. This citation is issued based on a petition filed by Plaintiff on January 9, 2026. In addition to possession of the property the Plaintiff is seeking the following relief in this case: back rent; attorney's fees; court costs; other (specify-Plantation Storage, LLC units- Unit # A4, G19 & G26). Plaintiffs attorney's name and address, or Plaintiffs address, if they have no attorney, are Riley Roden, Hyde Law Firm, PLLC, 827 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048. You must appear in this court. Hood County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Located at 1200 W. Pearl Street. Granbury. TX 76048. on January 30, 2026, at 10:00am. SUIT TO EVICT: THIS SUIT TO EVICT INVOLVES IMMEDIATE DEADLINES. A TENANT WHO IS SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY MAY HAVE SPECIAL RIGHTS OR RELIEF RELATED TO THIS SUIT UNDER FEDERAL LAW, INCLUDING THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT (50 U.S.C. APP. SECTION 501 ET SEQ) OR STATE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 92.017, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE. CALL THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS TOLL-FREE AT 1-877-9TEXBAR IF YOU NEED HELP LOCATING AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL ASSISTANCE. DEMANDA PARA DESALOJAR: ESTA DEMANDA PARA DESALOJAR INVOLUCRA PLAZOS INMEDIATOS. UN INQUILINO QUE ESTA EN SERVICIO MILITAR ACTIVO PUEDE TENER DERECHOS ESPECIALES O SOCORRO EN RELACION CON ESTE TRAJE POR LA LEY FEDERAL, INCLUIDOS LOS MIEMBROS DEL SERVICIO CIVIL RELIEF ACTUAR (50 U.S.C. APP. SECCION 501 Y SS.) O LA LEY DEL ESTADO, INCLUIDA LA SECCION 92.017, TEXAS CODIGO DE LA PROPIEDAD. LLAME AL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE TEXAS (STATE BAR OF TEXAS), LLAMADA GRATUITA AL 1-877-9TEXBAR USTED NECESITA AYUDA PARA LOCALIZAR A UN ABOGADO. SI NO ESTA A SU ALCANCE CONTRATAR A UN ABOGADO, USTED PUDIERA SER ELEGIBLE PARA ASESORIA LEGAL GRATUITA O DE BAJO COSTO. YOU HAVE BEEN SUED FOR EVICTION FROM YOUR RESIDENCE. THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF SEEKS POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES AND THE OTHER RELIEF STATED ABOVE. YOU MUST APPEAR IN PERSON FOR TRIAL IN COURT AT THE LOCATION STATED ABOVE AT 10:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 30, 2026. YOU MAY, BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO, FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE COURT ON OR BEFORE THE DAY SET FOR TRIAL UPON TIMELY REQUEST AND PAYMENT OF A JURY FEE NO LATER THAN THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE DAY SET FOR TRIAL OR THREE (3) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SERVICE OF THIS CITATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER, THE CASE WILL BE HEARD BY A JURY. DO NOT IGNORE THESE PAPERS. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT BEING ENTERED AGAINST YOU. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONSULT RULE 510 OF THE TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND ALSO AT THE COURT LISTED ON THIS CITATION AND www.TexasLawHelp.org. ISSUED AND SIGNED on Jan. 9, 2026. Jeff Kelly, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2, HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

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A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 9 a.m. during the Hood County Commissioners' Court in the Central Jury Room of the Ralph H. Walton Jr. Justice Center, 1200 West Pearl Street, Granbury, Texas 76048. The Commissioners' Court will meet to discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the updates and/or revisions to Section I, Development Permit Regulations.

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Notice of Public Sale: Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code, DONE Storage, located at 4508 Old Granbury Road, Granbury, TX 76049 will begin an online auction at www.LockerFox.com of contents to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will begin online on February 7, 2026. Unit contents will be sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash only. Cleanup deposit is required. Contents must be removed from the property within 72 hours of the winning bid. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid or withdraw the property at any time before the sale. All units contain household items unless additional items are noted. Contents from the following tenants will be sold: Shireen Rehman, Mitzi M Gray, Richard Wood.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: The following Public Hearings will be considered by the PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION of the City of Granbury on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearings will also be considered by the GRANBURY CITY COUNCIL on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. All Public Hearings will be held at Granbury City Hall, 116 W. Bridge Street, Granbury, Texas. 1. ZONE-25-16 Zoning change from Interim Holding to Planned Development base Residential Estate District located at 1010 Holly Hills Cemetery Rd. 2. CP-25-5 Comprehensive plan amendment from Low Density Residential to Retail Office; located at 105 S Hawthorne. 3. ZONE-25-20 Zoning change from R-10 Single Family Residential to Light Commercial; located at 105 S Hawthorne. 4. SUP-25-14 Specific Use Permit to allow Parking Lot, Truck; located at 5901 E US Hwy 377. 5. PLAT-25-38 Replat of Lots 1A and Lot 1B Blk 2 South Grove Addition; located at 901 Meadowlark Lane. For more information, contact Community Development at 682-279-8250, Granbury City Hall, 116 West Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Chris J. White, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2026, in Cause No. P10820, pending in the County Court of Hood County, Texas, to: Brenda Kay Huffman (fka Brenda Kay White). 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: Brenda Kay Huffman (fka Brenda Kay White) 9701 Ravenswood RD, Granbury, Texas 76049 SIGNED on January 15, 2026. E.Mark Piland, Attorney for Brenda Kay Huffman (fka Brenda Kay White), State Bar No.: 16008870, 1107 W Pearl St. Ste. 101, Granbury, TX 76048. Telephone: (817) 579-0207, Facsimile: (866) 406-4629, Email: markpiland@pilandlaw.com

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ2026-04 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT / OWNER'S AGENT SERVICES: The Commissioners' Court of Hood County is requesting statements of qualifications from experienced firms to serve as an independent Construction Management / Owner's Agent for a bond funded public-sector jail expansion project, providing professional management and advisory services through project closeout. Sealed statements of qualifications subject to the conditions and requirements of RFQ2026-04 will be received at the Hood County Purchasing Office, 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, Texas 76048 not later than 9:00 am on Monday, February 9, 2026. Submittals received after that date and time will be rejected regardless of reason, including delayed delivery. Proposers will be read at that time in a public meeting and held by the Hood County Purchasing Agent's Office. After evaluation of completeness, qualifications, and experience, it will be awarded by the Commissioners' Court at a future Court date. Hood County reserves the right to reject any and all submissions and to waive formalities for the best interest of Hood County. All invoices shall be paid at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Hood County Commissioner's Court. Electronic Bids are preferred and can be submitted through Hood County's page on the BonFire website at http://co-hood-tx.bonfirehub.com/ . It is free to register and to bid. Hard copy submissions may be submitted by downloading a bid packet at https://hoodcounty.texas.gov/bids and can be submitted to: Hood County Purchasing, RFQ2026-04, 1402 W Pearl St, Ste 1, Granbury, TX 76048. Facsimile and e-mail transmissions will NOT be accepted. Any questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to the Hood County Purchasing Agent at gtilleman@hoodcounty.texas.gov no later than January 30, 2026.

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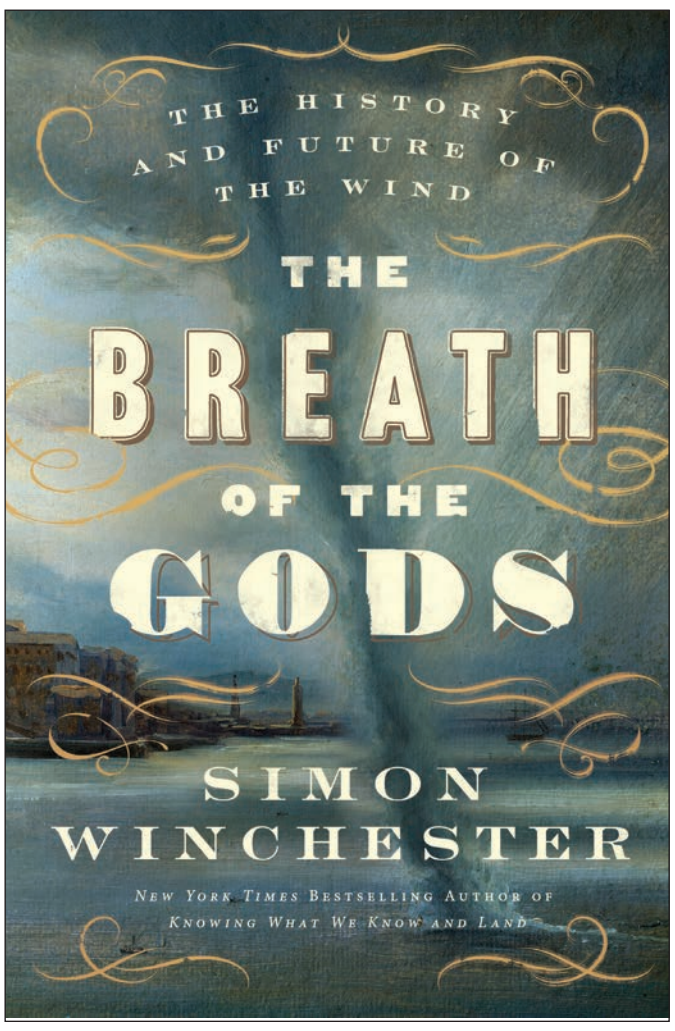
BOOK REVIEW

‘The Breath of the Gods’ documents the power of the wind



BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

Terri Schlichenmeyer, aka The Bookworm, has been reading since she was 3 years old and she never goes anywhere without a book. She lives on a prairie in Wisconsin with a spoiled little dog, one patient man and 23,000 books.



COURTESY PHOTO

“The Breath of the Gods: The History and Future of the Wind,” by Simon Winchester, is for sale for $35.

Well, you blew it.

You’d spent all that time making sure your ‘do was perfect, not a hair out of place — and then you went outside. The wind took care of your work, making your head look like you’d coiffed it with an eggbeater. It billowed around your body, it stung your face, and in “The Breath of the Gods” by Simon Winchester, you need that to happen again.

Imagine trying to describe wind to a Neanderthal.

It can’t be seen, but it’s there. It can be heard, but sometimes it can. You can feel it, but you can’t touch it. On many days, you don’t notice it, and sometimes you can’t miss it, like when it’s ferocious enough to destroy forests, stir water and kill. There are places on Earth where it’s windy all the time and places where it’s hardly ever windy, which is “unsettling.”

It’s believed early humans who lived in areas of high, constant wind “tended to flourish,” while those who lived in calmer places were worse off, overall. Ancient scientists in larger societies tried to understand wind and even could measure it; the Sumerians named different kinds of it as did the Chinese. Other cultures had their own names for the winds they felt, and those words entered lexicons and literature.

Still, Winchester said, “Only wind’s consequences are visible, not the wind itself.”

Wind can carry smoke from hundreds of miles away, and it can carry deadly radiation above continents. It’s the only way some plants can spread seeds. Wind can destroy, it can be put to work, and it needs constant watching because it changes. It can ruin broadcasts, make music both naturally and through instruments, assist flight, heat and cool, move a ship (or help sink it) and change the outcome of a war.

And, Winchester said, on at least one occasion, wind moved tons of land from middle America to the East Coast, changing the country forever.

Outside, trees sway, snowflakes look like ants scurrying through the air, and the reason for it often goes unheeded. Chances are, in fact, you don’t much think about wind unless it’s biting, strong or remarkable, like a tornado, hurricane or windchill. But now’s the time to read “The Breath of the Gods,” and you’ll never go outside again without noticing that thing you cannot see.

Just beware: though the book’s first few pages are rough going, they set the tone for a promise. Author Simon Winchester takes readers on a breezy journey from ancient caves to modern meteorological laboratories, in equal parts history and science, with an easy-to-grasp narrative. Promise: you won’t be overwhelmed. Instead, you’ll find tales that will make you informed, things that could terrify you and facts that might make your life a little easier.

Armchair meteorologists and weather-watchers will need this book in their laps this week. So will history lovers and readers of offbeat subjects, and if you’re concerned about climate change, grab “The Breath of the Gods.”

It’s a fascinating way to blow some time.



Hood County High Five Athlete of the Week Carson Jones

Cornerstone Christian Academy - Carson Jones had 37 points, seven assists and six steals against Weatherford Express Homeschool Jan. 9. (Credit: Layth Taylor)

Hood County High Five, sponsored by Taco Casa, is all about celebrating the athletes who inspire us with their talent, dedicatation, and sportmanship. Eash week, our community has the chance to cheer on local standouts and give them the recognition they deserve. Shining a spotlight on Hood County's athletes — this is where home town pride meets athletic achievement. To vote, go hcnews.com and click on the "Local Contest" link at the top of the page.

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OUTDOORS

Dead of winter fun is different up north



BY LUKE CLAYTON

Luke Clayton is an outdoors enthusiast. Email him through his website www.catfishradio.org.

I've got a good buddy who traveled up to Minnesota to spend a few days ice fishing for walleye and spearing northern pike. Yes, spearing pike is a thing "up north," using a multi-pronged spear that resembles a pitchfork.

Anglers have specialized little portable "fish houses" complete with heaters, where they fish vertically through the ice during the dead of winter. I've never ice fished, but think spending a few hours in a comfy tent with a heater, dunking minnows or jigs for walleye would be a great way to spend a cold winter's day. Being a devout fish cooker, I'd probably bring the essentials for a meal of very fresh blackened walleye.

Here in Texas, we have a plethora of activities to keep us busy during our coldest part of the year. "Cold" takes on an entirely different meaning the farther north one goes. Here in Texas nowadays, a skim of ice on a stock tank is about as "wintery" as it gets.

We occasionally have a couple days of freezing weather, but those days are not nearly as common as they used to be. I remember winters were much colder when I was a boy growing up in northeast Texas. I can recall ice thick enough for my friends and I to skate on back in the late 1950s.

I love this brief period we call winter here in Texas. I live in the heart of some very good wild hog hunting, and can be setting above a corn feeder a half mile from my house in a matter of minutes. My farmer friends who allow me to hunt their land are happy for every hog I kill.

Sows give birth to pigs throughout the year, but it seems everyone will have a litter of piglets from now until spring. Now is a great time to do some hog hunting and put some prime pork in the freezer. I used to skin and quarter every hog I shot, but now often remove only the backstraps and hind quarters.

If I have a request for pork from someone, I will field dress and quarter the porker, but my marching orders from my friends are to "get those darned hogs off my land," so I often just take the choicest cuts. If you've never enjoyed a meal of thick-cut backstrap steaks well-seasoned with garlic and jalapeno and cooked in a cast iron skillet with butter, you've been missing out.

I have a new ATN Corp. Thor 6 mini thermal scope coming in this week, so I expect I'll be spending some time out in the night woods later this week. With night temperatures in the 30s, I can leave my pork in the back of the truck overnight and do my butchering mid-morning the next day when it's a bit warmer. Few endeavors are more relaxing than sitting out all bundled up in the woods in my winter clothes, on a night with a crescent moon and the sky so black every star appears close enough to touch.

But wild porkers don't occupy all my time, I'm also stocking the freezer with blue catfish fillets for our seventh annual outdoor Ron-De-Vous at the Top Rail Cowboy Church in Greenville, March 28. Our goal is to have enough catfish fillets to feed everyone, which is quite a challenge, but winter fishing has been good, and it appears plenty of crispy fillets will be hitting the hot oil.

Now also is a good time to get ready for the upcoming white bass run. I begin watching the weather closely beginning mid-February. This is when an influx of run-off water from heavy rains creates current in feeder creeks and causes spawning white bass to move upstream for the spawn. A good friend has land adjacent to a good spawning creek. We set up a little cooking camp stocked with dry wood, cast iron skillets, potatoes, corn meal, potatoes, cooking oil, etc., everything needed for a fish fry.

We then walk upstream a quarter mile or so and fish our way back to camp. If we time the annual outing correctly, we always have the makings of a big fish fry when we get back to camp. Crispy fried white bass fillets taste mighty good on the banks of a remote creek on a crisp day in late winter. Soon, I will be restocking on eighth-ounce roadrunner jigs and respooling my spinning reels, making sure the drag system works perfectly. Those solid two-pound white bass pull hard after several days fighting the current in the creek.



PHOTO BY LUKE CLAYTON

It's time to start making ready for the white bass run, which can begin in a matter of weeks.

Spring turkey season only is a little more than a couple of months away. Our area was restocked with Rio Grande turkeys several years ago, and although hunting is not allowed, the birds give me a great opportunity to capture some great photos. After the recent warmer than normal weather, several of the gobblers began strutting and displaying.

I will set up my pop-up blind soon, put out a hen decoy and do some "hunting" with my Nikon camera. I've learned these hunts with a camera are almost as much fun as hunting with a bow or shotgun. What is lacking is those golden fried turkey nuggets prepared at turkey camp, but that will come later.

I've got an old hen decoy I've named Heneretta. Her paint is not as bright as it once was. I'm currently pursuing Amazon for a new decoy. I just don't have the heart to retire Heneretta. She has helped me dupe many a gobbler through the years. I will just purchase a new shiny decoy to set beside her.

Some buddies and I are planning a squirrel hunt next week. Donny Lynch, the noted squirrel dog breeder from Uncertain on Caddo Lake, is coming up to Becker to hunt the Becker Bottom Ranch owned by my friend Edgar Cotton. We will ride through the woods and let the dogs out in likely areas to hopefully tree a "mess" of squirrels.

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Time to talk spawning white bass as time to start approaches



BY MICHAEL ACOSTA

As a licensed professional fishing guide, Michael Acosta shows you how to find them. A Granbury resident of more than 35 years, he has been fishing all of his life, and has been a licensed guide since 1998.

It soon will be time for the spawning run that draws anglers out in numbers typically between February and April. In Texas, many of these sandbass may start their trek in January, depending on the weather. This year, the warmer weather may have the fish spawning earlier. Moving upstream timing also is impacted by water flows and water levels. With Granbury near full pool, the white bass can travel.

These fish can be caught in most every reservoir in the state, so you don't have to travel far to find these tasty fish. Lake Granbury has a decent white bass population as well as many other local reservoirs, such as Lake Proctor, Benbrook, Whitney, Possum Kingdom and many others.

Many of these fish can and will move up to or close to their spawning areas at the first cold snap in November; others will stay in the main lake. These fish may travel back to the main lake and back to the river several times before actually spawning. Eventually, however, the spawning ritual takes place in these same areas year after year. These fish like to congregate in numbers, making it relatively easy to sack up a limit.

Typically, with the water temperatures around the low to middle 50s and if there is sufficient water flow, the sandbass will make their trek. As I mentioned earlier, this spawning evolution usually starts around the first part of February and may run through March and April. Sandbass and striped bass require moving water to spawn. The males tend to move up first and then the larger females usually follow with rising temperatures.

The official name for a sandbass is a "white bass" but here in Texas, "sandbass" generally is used by most. These fish are relatively easy to catch and are excellent table fare. You can catch them anytime of the year, but in the early spring/late winter, they concentrate for the spawn on the upper portions of reservoirs or rivers, making them easier to locate.

Large majorities of sandbass on Granbury migrate up the Brazos to around the Tin Top area. With all the water we have, they will not be impeded on their travels. Some sandbass may not make the trek upstream and may spawn in other creeks and some may spawn on wind-blown banks in the main reservoir. On Lake Whitney, the best known areas, in my opinion, are on the Brazos River above Kimball Bend and on the Nolan River near the Hwy 174 bridge (the Nolan runs into the Brazos River below Kimball Bend). Other tributaries may contain spawning fish as well. Tres Rios in Glen Rose is known as a spawning ground if water exists. Tres Rios is where the Paluxy, the Brazos and Squaw Creek merge together.

Sandbass grow very fast in Texas waters and have a relatively short life span. These fish will reach 9-10 inches their first year and get to 12-13 inches their second year. These fish rarely live beyond five years. The legal size for sandbass has been standardized to 10 inches on all Texas lakes to make enforcement easier. Years back, there were some differences in the limit size.

Don't confuse sandbass with small hybrid stripers or stripers. The easiest way to identify these fish is to look at their tooth patch. The sandbass will only have one, where the striper and hybrid striper will have two distinct patches. Pick up a TPWD rulebook where fishing licenses are sold and read the details. You don't want to be caught with an illegal fish.

Sandbass can be caught on a variety of artificials and live bait. Small minnows/shad placed below a bobber or the use of a small one-sixteenth to one-fourth-ounce jig head with rubber tails in chartreuse, white, and yellow can be used. Small roadrunner jigs are one of my favorites. Slabs and spoons can be effective as well. Try some Berkley PowerBait grubs on your jig heads.

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Granbury water levels are close to full pool. Water temperatures are currently in the middle 50s and water clarity is good in the main lake as well as in the upstream Brazos River. Striped bass to seven pounds and sandbass to two pounds are slow to fair midlake from near Indian Harbor to in town by the city beach. Look for suspended fish in deeper water on those colder days. Some sandbass are being caught in the river near Tin Top. Striped bass are best on live shad and/or 5-inch soft plastics fished real slow near channel breaks. Best Crappie action continues to be from Bentwater to above Hunter Park on small jigs and minnows. Look for suspended crappies on standing structure and below deeper docks. Best blue and yellow catfish action continues to be on cut bait from near Water's Edge to Hunter Park. Bigger blues are in shallow water adjacent to river/creek channels. Black bass continue to be fair to good to 5 pounds on soft plastics around main lake points and near laydowns in the river above Granbury. Best action for blackbass are on those warmer days/afternoons.

Comanche Creek (formerly Squaw Creek) largemouth bass and channel catfish are extremely abundant. The warm water from the power plant draws in anglers from all across the state. Tilapia mania continues on Squaw Creek if you are looking for table fare. This power plant lake continues to be a breeding ground for this invasive species. Best tilapia catching method is a piece of night crawler on a small hook fished under a bobber.

