



COUNCIL SEEKS STREET FINANCING PLAN



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\$20 MILLION

First-phase financing proposal

10 YEARS

Repayment plan requested

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury City Council voted 5-0 May 5 to request a ten-year debt-service plan for the first phase of its Street Capital Improvement Plan.

City Manager Chris Coffman presented Hilltop Securities options for \$20 million in certificates of obligation with either ten-year or twenty-year repayment. Council discussed projected savings and the

anticipated tax-rate calculation before choosing the shorter option for further planning.

The vote directed staff to bring back a plan; it did not issue the debt.

Source: Granbury council minutes, May 5

RESIDENT TAKES ZONING COMPLAINT TO RANGERS

HCE STAFF WRITER

A Granbury-area resident filed a complaint with the Texas Rangers over the city's industrial rezoning, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported May 8.

Kellie Chewning alleged that zoning notices did not adequately identify the affected land or give

residents proper notice. She also alleged undisclosed conflicts of interest. Those claims were allegations, not findings.

A Texas Department of Public Safety spokesperson told the newspaper May 7 that the Rangers were reviewing the information but

had not opened a formal investigation. Chewning gave the newspaper a different account of the review's status.

City spokesperson Jeff Newpher said he had not seen the complaint and declined to comment on it.

Source: Star-Telegram, May 8 corrected report

CITY REVIEW & YOUNG ENTERPRISE

02

CHARTER REVIEW
FLAGS WORDING ISSUES

ARTICLES 1-6

Sections under review

MAY 6

Commission discussion

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Charter Review Commission discussed Articles 1 through 6 of the city's home-rule charter May 6, identifying wording questions and possible corrections for continued review.

The minutes note possible codification errors in Section 5.06 and a grammatical error in Section 2.01. City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle identified corrections needed in Sections 2.05 and 2.14, with possible revisions to be discussed at the following meeting.

Members also requested clarification of Sections 2.10 and 4.07. The record describes review work, not adoption of charter amendments. Six members attended; no member of the public signed up to speak.

Source: Granbury charter-review minutes, May 6

AUTO-SITE EXPANSION GETS APPROVAL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Council voted 5-0 May 5 on both a Heavy Commercial zoning change and a specific-use permit for 4301 E. U.S. Highway 377.

Matt Powell's request adds land for vehicle inventory and permits a new detailing building. No one spoke during the public hearing.

Source: Granbury council minutes, May 5

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS PREPARE TO PITCH

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD scheduled a Lemonade Day Shark Tank session for fifth-graders May 5, from 4-7 p.m. at 217 N. Jones St., as the community prepared for its May 16 Lemonade Day.

The local program teaches students to plan a small business, set a budget and profit goal, serve customers, repay investors and give back. Its curriculum encourages participants

to divide earnings among spending, saving and sharing.

The district calendar placed the public Lemonade Day activity from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 16.

Source: Granbury ISD May calendar; Lemonade Day Granbury program

COMMUNITY & LOCAL SERVICE

FREE PHYSICALS
FOR GISD STUDENTS

200+ STUDENTS

Exams by 11 a.m. / May 4

NO COST

For families or schools

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lakeside Physicians and Lake Granbury Medical Center reported providing physicals to more than 200 Granbury ISD students by 11 a.m. May 4, at no cost to families or schools.

The medical center’s announcement said the annual outreach had served local students for more than fifteen years. The exams help students meet requirements for athletics and other school activities.

The release also listed additional sessions planned for Granbury Middle School May 6 and Granbury High School May 12. CEO Curt Junkins said the effort was intended to reduce barriers to participation.
Source: Lake Granbury Medical Center, May 4

FIREFIGHTERS ON MEMORIAL LANE PROGRAM

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury scheduled its International Firefighters Day ceremony for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at Memorial Lane and Jim Burks Memorial Park, 561 N. Travis St.

The city’s announcement invited residents to honor firefighters’ service and remember their sacrifices. The program was presented as an opportunity to

recognize the people who protect the community.
Source: Granbury firefighter ceremony notice

DUCKS UNLIMITED LISTS GRANBURY DINNER

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Ducks Unlimited dinner was scheduled for 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, at La Bella Luna, 7700 Glen Rose Highway.

The conservation organization’s event listing showed a 9 p.m. ending time.
Source: Ducks Unlimited Granbury event listing

SCHOOLS & ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

04

MORATH VISITS
GRANBURY CLASSROOMS

ALGEBRA I

Bluebonnet instructional materials

AUTO TECH

Career-and-technical education

HCE STAFF WRITER

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath visited Granbury High School May 6, joining district leaders and Education Service Center Region 11 representatives for a morning focused on classroom instruction and career training.

The group observed Algebra I classes using Bluebonnet instructional materials and visited the school's Auto Tech career-and-technical education program. District leaders also discussed the systems supporting instruction.

Superintendent Courtney Morawski described the visit as a chance to show the district's work at the state level. Region 11 Executive Director Brad Schnautz emphasized the value of bringing state, regional and local education leaders together to understand school needs.

Source: Granbury ISD, May 6 visit report

ACADEMIC BANQUET HONORS SENIORS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Education Foundation held its 14th annual Academic Recognition Banquet May 7 at the Lake Granbury Conference Center, honoring students in the high school's Class of 2026 Top 25 program.

The students also recognized GISD employees who influenced their education. Written tributes were read aloud, highlighting staff from several campuses and departments during Teacher Appreciation Week.

First National Bank of Granbury and Hard Eight BBQ in Stephenville underwrote the banquet. The foundation supports teaching grants, scholarships and academic achievement with community donations.

Source: Granbury ISD, May 8 banquet report

STUDENT HONOREES / GISD'S PUBLISHED LIST

CLASS OF 2026

Kenna Black, Grace Blevins, Raegan Boling, Joselin Briones, Nicholas Carlsen, Carli Carlton, Erin Chenault, Paislee Cogburn, Kate Crum

CLASS OF 2026

Hannah Dafoe, Jennifer Espinoza-Rangel, Scarlett Farner, Aaron Gomez, Elyse Jernigan, Parker-Pete Jones, Reagan Lloyd, James McKelvy, Amya Page

CLASS OF 2026

Ruth Power, Miller Schenewark, Sara Swor, Molly Thompson, Anna Urquiza, Paisley Walker, Nathan Walters, Aidan Windham

COUNTY BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

WALL ENDS TOLAR'S AREA-ROUND RUN

WALL 5

TOLAR 4 / May 6 / Eula

WALL 11

TOLAR 5 / May 8 / Eula

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar's baseball season ended with an 11-5 loss to Wall May 8 in Eula. The Hawks swept the area-round series after winning its May 6 opener 5-4.

The Rattlers led the opener 2-0 after the first inning. Wall tied it in the

third and scored three more in the fourth. Tolar rallied for two runs in the seventh but finished one short.

In Game 2, Tolar briefly led 2-1 in the second inning. Wall moved ahead and built an 11-2 advantage through

six. The Rattlers scored three times in the seventh before the Hawks secured the final out.

Source: MaxPreps, Tolar May 6; MaxPreps, Tolar May 8; San Angelo LIVE, May 7; San Angelo LIVE, May 8

RATTLERS WON BI-DISTRICT DECIDER

TOLAR 6

HENRIETTA 4 / May 2

BIRDVILLE ELIMINATES GRANBURY

SERIES 2-1

Birdville advances / May 2

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar advanced from the baseball bi-district round with a 6-4 victory over Henrietta May 2, taking the best-of-three series two games to one.

The Rattlers scored three runs in the third inning to build a 5-2 lead. Henrietta cut the margin to one before Tolar added a run in the fifth. The last two innings were scoreless.

In the earlier series games, Tolar won 5-2 April 29 before Henrietta answered with a 1-0, eight-inning win May 1.

Source: MaxPreps, Tolar April 29; MaxPreps, Tolar May 1; MaxPreps, Tolar May 2; Scorebook Live, bi-district bracket

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's baseball playoff run ended May 2 when Birdville won the deciding game of their Class 5A Division I bi-district series.

The Pirates had opened the series with a victory April 29. Birdville answered in the April 30 rematch, forcing the third game, then advanced two games to one.

Source: MaxPreps, Granbury April 29; MaxPreps, Granbury April 30; MaxPreps, Granbury May 2; THSB bi-district results; Granbury athletics result index

SOFTBALL POSTSEASON

LADY INDIANS REACH REGIONAL FINAL

LIPAN 3

PETROLIA 1 / May 7

ONE-GAME PLAYOFF

Graham High School

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan defeated Petrolia 3-1 in a one-game Class 2A Division II softball regional semifinal May 7 at Graham High School.

The Lady Indians scored all three runs in the first inning. Petrolia scored in the sixth on a wild pitch, but Lipan protected its lead through the seventh.

The victory sent Lipan to the regional final.

Source: MaxPreps, Lipan May 7; KAUZ, May 8 game report; KFDX, May 3 playoff schedule

TOLAR'S FORMER OPPONENT WITHDRAWS FROM PLAYOFFS

MAY 6

Jacksboro reports eligibility violation

WALL REINSTATED

Regional semifinal berth

HCE STAFF WRITER

Jacksboro, the team that eliminated Tolar in softball's bi-district round, withdrew from the playoffs May 6 after reporting an eligibility violation.

The UIL confirmed the withdrawal to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Jacksboro ISD said a review found that a player had exceeded participation limits; the district described an unintentional tracking

error and said coaches had not sought a competitive advantage.

Wall, which lost to Jacksboro in the area round, was reinstated to face Canadian in the regional semifinals.

Source: Star-Telegram, May 6; KAUZ, May 7

LAKE & LOCAL BUSINESS

07

LAKE GRANBURY
LISTED 100% FULL

Lake Granbury in NASA World Wind. Public-domain geographic archive uploaded in 2006; not a May 2026 photograph. | NASA World Wind / Wikimedia Commons

692.62 FEET

Elevation / May 6

133,248

Acre-feet stored / May 6

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lake Granbury was listed at 100% full in the Brazos River Authority's May 6 reservoir report, with an elevation of 692.62 feet and 133,248 acre-feet in storage.

The main-stem subsystem, combining Possum Kingdom, Granbury and BRA storage in Whitney, held 693,232 acre-feet, or 95% of capacity. The authority bases

drought-trigger levels on the combined storage of that subsystem.

Across the BRA system, storage totaled 1,820,640 acre-feet, or 94%.

Source: BRA reservoir report, May 6

THEATER BOOSTERS ON BENEFIT CALENDAR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy's Lakeside Grill listed the Granbury High School Theater Booster organization as its May 6 Chow Down for Charity partner.

The restaurant's program designates a community organization for a day and commits a percentage of sales to that partner. The calendar

also identified Granbury Young Farmers for May 13.

Source: Stumpy's community-event calendar

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

MOCKINGBIRD PREVIEW
EXPLORES EMPATHY

Granbury Opera House, June 2018. File photo; cropped. Photo adaptation: CC BY-SA 4.0, creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/. | Michael Barera / Wikimedia Commons

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury Theatre Company's May 4 podcast previewed "To Kill a Mockingbird," scheduled to open May 8 at the Granbury Opera House.

Host Matt Beutner and director Micky Shearon joined cast members

Matt Victory, who plays Atticus Finch; Calvin Lawrence, Reverend Sykes; and Stevie Morgan, Scout. The episode focused on empathy, justice and the story's continuing relevance.

The company's announcement directed ticket inquiries to its website and the Opera House box office at 817-579-0952.

Source: Acting Up with GTC, May 4 episode

JAKE TYLER SMITH AT THE PUB

HCE STAFF WRITER

Jake Tyler Smith was scheduled to perform on the Hooley Stage at The Pub McDonough from 7-10 p.m. Friday, May 8.

Visit Granbury's event listing placed the show at 529 N. Houston St. and described a musical mix spanning folk, bluegrass, Americana, jazz, R&B and Irish influences.

Source: Visit Granbury, Jake Tyler Smith listing

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