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HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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TOWN HALL RAISES DATA-CENTER CONCERNS



Hood County Courthouse, June 2018. File photo; cropped. Photo adaptation: creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/. | Michael Barera; perspective correction by Jim Evans / CC BY-SA 4.0

MAY 13

Granbury community forum

WATER & POWER

Among residents' concerns

HCE STAFF WRITER

Water use, noise and electricity demand brought residents and political figures from both parties to a crowded Granbury town hall May 13, according to KERA's report the following day.

The discussion focused on proposed large-scale data-center development and residents' concerns about long-term environmental

effects. Hood County Republican Party Chair Greg Harrell and Democratic agriculture commissioner candidate Clayton Tucker described the issue as one crossing party lines.

Residents called for more time to assess projects and stronger local control. The gathering followed unsuccessful efforts earlier in the

year to enact a county development moratorium. County leaders have disputed the extent of their authority under state law.

The concerns voiced at the forum were community positions, not findings that a particular proposal had violated environmental standards.

Source: KERA, May 14 town-hall report

HISTORIC PANEL SPLITS HOUSE, STUDIO VOTES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Historic Preservation Commission split its decisions on a proposed home and accessory building at 520 W. Bridge St. May 14.

Members voted 5-0 to approve the residence and fence, then 5-0 to deny

the accessory structure. The proposed pottery studio was 25 feet tall and 450 square feet. Staff said its height exceeded the accessory-building limit and would require additional Zoning Board of

Adjustment approval if pursued unchanged.

The main house was proposed at 34 feet. Commissioners discussed scale, materials and compatibility with nearby buildings before voting.

Source: Historic commission minutes, May 14

PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION

02

P&Z BACKS HOLLY HILLS
ZONING PROPOSAL

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

259.485 ACRES

Private golf course and homes

5-0

Recommendation / May 11

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-0 May 11 to recommend planned development with residential-estate zoning for 259.485 acres at 1010 Holly Hills Cemetery Road.

The proposal combines a private golf course with homes for family and friends. Residents raised concerns about keeping the road available for travel and recreation.

Staff said road abandonment was a separate matter expected before City Council June 2. Chair Reda Kay emphasized that the commission could not approve abandonment of a right of way.

Source: Granbury P&Z minutes, May 11

MEANDER ROAD HOUSING ZONING ADVANCES

HCE STAFF WRITER

P&Z also voted 5-0 May 11 to recommend R-7 single-family zoning for 701, 801 and 901 Meander Road.

Project representative Chad Wallace said roughly 30 acres were in the floodplain and no homes would

be built there. Voluntary annexation of the northwestern corner remained under review.

Source: Granbury P&Z minutes, May 11

PERGOLA, TRAVIS STREET FENCE APPROVED

HCE STAFF WRITER

The historic commission voted 5-0 May 14 to approve an 80-square-foot detached pergola behind a home at 307 Mary Lou Court.

It separately approved a six-foot wood privacy fence at 207 S. Travis St., also 5-0, with the finished side required to face the street.

Source: Historic commission minutes, May 14

CITY PREPARES FOR MOSQUITO SEASON

4 SPRAY ZONES

One section per evening as needed

8:30 P.M.-12:30 A.M.

Typical operating window

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury’s May 14 bulletin outlined its coming seasonal mosquito-control program, with spraying to be scheduled as mosquito activity and weather warrant.

The city said operations generally run from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and typically continue through

September. Crews divide Granbury into four spray zones and treat one section per evening as needed. Rain or unsuitable winds prevent spraying.

Residents were asked to remove standing water from buckets, gutters, flowerpots, birdbaths and other

containers. The bulletin also advised keeping a safe distance from spray vehicles.

Email and text notices are available through the city’s Notify Me service; the mosquito-control webpage includes a spray-zone map.

Source: Granbury city bulletin, May 14

TWO AIRLIFTED AFTER HIGHWAY 144 CRASH

HCE STAFF WRITER

Two drivers were flown to a Fort Worth hospital with serious injuries after a three-vehicle collision on Highway 144 South May 13,

according to a police account reported by DFW Scanner.

Granbury police, fire and Texas EMS responded about 7:13 a.m. in the

3000 block near Rock Harbor Drive. Traffic in both directions was diverted for approximately two hours before the road reopened.

Source: DFW Scanner, May 13 police report

MAY 9 FAMILY DAY LISTED AT TWIN CANYONS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Twin Canyons Ranch Resort scheduled a May 9 family day supporting Martha’s Foundation at 7631 Hayworth Highway.

The noon-to-8:30 p.m. listing advertised an indoor adventure barn, catch-and-release fishing and hiking trails, with food available for

purchase at Black Star Grille. Visitors planning to fish were asked to bring their own equipment.

Source: Twin Canyons Ranch event listing

SCHOOLS & STUDENT SUPPORT

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS
TOTAL \$355,460

132 SENIORS Graduating recipients	365 AWARDS Scholarships presented	\$355,460 Combined scholarship value
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HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School’s Senior Awards Night recognized 132 graduating seniors with 365 scholarships worth a combined \$355,460, the district reported May 15.

The support came from businesses, community groups, colleges, universities, scholarship foundations and individual donors. The ceremony also recognized achievement in academics, athletics, fine arts, leadership and career-and-technical education,

along with military commitments and community involvement. Superintendent Courtney Morawski thanked the donors and community partners for helping students prepare for their next steps. Source: Granbury ISD, May 15 awards report

STARS EMPLOYEES EARN CUSTOMER CARE HONORS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Nicole Lewis and Juanita Brawley received EECU Customer Care Awards during a May 14 visit to STARS Accelerated High School by district administrators and school board members. Principal Margaret Rodriquez recognized Lewis for supporting

students and colleagues, organizing campus work, community service and her role as Military Connected Liaison. Brawley was honored during her first year at the campus, where she had taken on several assignments and was serving as a long-term

substitute. Rodriquez highlighted her consistency and relationships with students. EECU provided gifts for both recipients. Source: STARS, May 14 EECU awards

TOLAR SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS ON CALENDAR

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Tolar Memorial Scholarship Foundation scheduled applicant interviews for the evening of May 14 at the high school library, following its April 30 application deadline.

The foundation’s guidelines called for individual interview times to be emailed to eligible applicants. College students unable to attend in person could interview by

conference call or Zoom. Former Tolar High graduates, including previous recipients, could apply again if they met the eligibility requirements. Source: Tolar Memorial Scholarship guidelines

STATE TRACK & SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

05

COUNTY ATHLETES
COMPETE AT STATE

7TH / 6 FT. 2 IN.

Miller Schenewark / 5A high jump

9TH / 16 FT. 3½ IN.

Jacy Bolton / 2A long jump

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury senior Miller Schenewark cleared 6 feet, 2 inches to finish seventh in the Class 5A boys high jump at the UIL state meet May 15 in Austin.

The official results show Schenewark clearing that height on his first attempt before missing three tries at 6-4. It was his second appearance at the state meet, held at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus.

Source: UIL official state track results; UIL state meet information, May 6; State track results, USA Today/Yahoo; NTX Varsity, May 12 preview

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan junior Jacy Bolton finished ninth in the Class 2A girls long jump at the UIL state meet May 15.

Her best mark was 16 feet, 3½ inches, reached on her third attempt. The official series lists four measured jumps followed by two fouls. Bolton represented Lipan in the nine-athlete final in Austin.

Source: UIL official state track results; UIL state meet information, May 6; State track results, USA Today/Yahoo

MUENSTER ENDS LIPAN’S REGIONAL-FINAL RUN

MUENSTER 7

LIPAN 0 / May 14 / Game 1

MUENSTER 11

LIPAN 1 / May 15 / Five innings

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan’s softball season ended in the Class 2A Division II regional final as Muenster won the best-of-three series in two games May 14-15.

Muenster took the opener 7-0, then closed the series with an 11-1 victory

in five innings. The second win eliminated the need for the conditional third game listed for May 16.

The matchup was scheduled at Eagle Mountain-Saginaw High

School. Muenster’s school district announced its regional championship May 15.

Source: MaxPreps Lipan softball results; Star-Telegram regional final results; Muenster ISD softball announcements

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

06

SEVEN PIRATES SIGN FOR COLLEGE

7 ATHLETES

Academic All-State recognition for every signee

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School celebrated seven athletes’ college commitments during Spring Signing Day May 13, with families, coaches, teammates and friends joining the ceremony.

The district said all seven also earned Academic All-State recognition in their respective sports. Their college destinations

span swimming, powerlifting, basketball and cheer.

Source: Granbury ISD, May 13 signing day; THSPA Granbury team standings

SPRING SIGNING DAY / MAY 13

- Cameron Ward / Swimming / McMurry University
- Estrella Diaz / Powerlifting / Missouri Valley College
- Gavin Osko / Powerlifting / Missouri Valley College
- Lucas Dimas / Powerlifting / University of Arkansas
- Jolie Hayes / Basketball / Howard Payne University
- Jayla Hayes / Basketball / Howard Payne University
- Raegan Boling / Cheer / Abilene Christian University

YOUNG FARMERS ON RESTAURANT BENEFIT CALENDAR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy’s Lakeside Grill named Granbury Young Farmers as its May 13 Chow Down for Charity beneficiary.

The restaurant describes the Wednesday program as donating a share of a full day’s sales to a local organization. Its calendar identifies

the beneficiary; it does not report a dollar amount raised.

Source: Stumpy’s charity-event calendar

LAKE & LOCAL ECONOMY

LAKE GRANBURY
AT 99 PERCENT FULL



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

692.6 FEET

Elevation / May 13

133,086

Acre-feet stored / May 13

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Brazos River Authority’s May 13 reservoir report listed Lake Granbury at 692.6 feet, holding 133,086 acre-feet of water, or 99 percent full.

The combined BRA storage in the Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Whitney main-stem subsystem was 691,347 acre-feet, or 95 percent. The report bases that subsystem’s

storage-related drought triggers on the reservoirs’ combined supply. The Whitney figure counts only BRA storage there, not the lake’s entire volume.

Source: BRA reservoir report, May 13

TOURISM CERTIFICATION MARKED AT BRUNCH

HCE STAFF WRITER

Visit Granbury reported receiving its Tourism Friendly Texas certification during the May 12 Friends of Tourism Celebration Brunch, alongside local partners, businesses and community leaders.

The ceremony marked an honor announced by the governor’s economic-development and tourism office January 28. The designation recognizes completion of a certification process intended to strengthen tourism partnerships and local economic development.

Granbury also held the state’s Film Friendly and Music Friendly certifications. The May gathering celebrated the tourism designation rather than a new award decision.

Source: Visit Granbury, May 12 brunch recap; Texas governor’s office, Jan. 28

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

CHORUS PROGRAM PAIRS
LOSS WITH COMFORT

Granbury Opera House, June 2018. File photo; cropped. Photo adaptation: CC BY-SA 4.0, creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/. Arts-district archive; the chorus venue was Acton Methodist Church. | Michael Barera / Wikimedia Commons

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury Civic Chorus placed John Rutter's Requiem at the center of its May 14 spring concert at Acton Methodist Church.

The program, titled Introspection and Inspiration, paired music about

loss with works reflecting peace, beauty and comfort. The concert was scheduled for 7 p.m., with free admission and donations welcomed.

The chorus's announcement described it as the second concert led

by artistic director Barry Scott Williamson and part of the ensemble's twenty-fifth year. The organization later added a link to the performance recording.

Source: Granbury Civic Chorus spring program

FRIDAY MUSIC ON BRIDGE STREET

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Historic Granbury Merchants Association's calendar listed live music at Barons Creek's tasting room May 15 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The venue at 115 E. Bridge St. advertised recurring Friday and Saturday evening music. The listing did not name a performer for that date.

Source: Historic Granbury merchants calendar

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