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CITY POSTS NOTICE FOR UP TO \$20M IN ROAD DEBT



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\$20 MILLION

Maximum proposed principal

July 21 / Consideration date

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury published notice May 21 that City Council would consider issuing as much as \$20 million in certificates of obligation for street-related improvements at its July 21 meeting.

The proposal covers work on streets, alleys, culverts and bridges, including associated drainage, erosion control, sidewalks, lighting

and traffic signals. Land, equipment, rights of way and related professional services are also included in the stated purposes.

The notice describes repayment from property taxes and a limited pledge of net revenue from the combined water, sewer and electric system. It estimates total principal and interest on the proposed

certificates at \$32,083,667 and sets August 15, 2046, as the maximum maturity date.

Consideration is scheduled for 6 p.m. July 21 at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St. The May notice announces a proposed borrowing action; it does not report a completed debt sale.

Source: Granbury debt notice, May 21

482 GRANBURY SENIORS CROSS THE FINISH LINE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School graduated 482 seniors May 22 at Pirate Stadium, with the class's top two academic students among the evening's speakers.

Valedictorian Grace Blevins plans to attend the University of Texas at

Austin to study molecular and cellular biology. Salutatorian Nathan Walters also plans to attend UT, studying mathematics and music performance and joining the Longhorn Band. Trustees recognized both students at their May 18 meeting.

Principal Duane Fish and Superintendent Courtney Morawski spoke, and the GHS Varsity Choir performed under Kendra Fisher's direction.

Source: Granbury ISD, May 22 graduation; Granbury ISD, May 19 spotlight

CITY GOVERNMENT & CHARTER

02

CHARTER PANEL KEEPS
15% RECALL THRESHOLD

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

MAY 20

Charter commission review

6 MEMBERS

Unanimous support for 15%

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Charter Review Commission agreed May 20 to leave the existing recall threshold at 15 percent after discussing whether to recommend raising it to 20 percent.

City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle told commissioners that a 2018 proposition had lowered the percentage from 40 percent of qualified registered voters to 15 percent. Chair John Grace polled the

six members present, who unanimously favored keeping that level.

The panel also discussed correcting the published city-manager absence provision to reflect an earlier voter-approved change, along with a punctuation error in the utility-rate section.

Review of the finance article remained unfinished. The minutes

said the finance department needed additional time and expected to finish its work before the next meeting. Commissioners also discussed the bond article, much of which SoRelle said came from state law.

The meeting was part of the commission's ongoing review of the city charter; the discussion did not enact a new recall requirement.

Source: Charter commission minutes, May 20

COUNCIL APPROVES GEAR, AGREEMENT CHANGES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury City Council approved up to \$25,000 in seizure funds May 19 to equip 39 department-owned police pistols with red-dot optics and flashlights. The authorization passed with the consent agenda, 6-0.

That vote also adopted changes to the city fee schedule and amendments to the fiscal 2025-26 budgets for the General, Utility,

Tourism and Granbury Historic Properties funds.

After returning from executive session, council voted 6-0 to authorize City Manager Chris Coffman to enter a development agreement with Link Clifton entities for development of a tax increment reinvestment zone.

A separate 6-0 vote authorized Coffman to execute a second development-agreement amendment with Babe's addressing terms and days of operation. Both authorizations were made in open session. The minutes do not detail the revised operating schedule or financial terms of either agreement.

Source: Granbury council minutes, May 19

DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC INFORMATION

03

CITY CLARIFIES STATUS OF REDDY PROPERTY



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 21

City's application-status statement

NO APPLICATION

City says none submitted

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury said May 21 that it had not received a development application for the Reddy Land Partners property, setting out its position in a public statement about potential data-center development.

The city said the property remained privately owned and industrially zoned. It described annexation as a request initiated by the owner and

said annexation itself did not approve a specific project.

The statement also said no tax abatements connected to a potential data-center project had been submitted to or approved by City Council. Conversations between economic-development staff and prospective businesses did not constitute approval or an incentive commitment, the city said.

Granbury listed noise controls, site planning, water systems, fuel and battery storage, traffic and lighting among subjects covered by its development regulations. Officials said a formal application would begin public review of a proposed use. The statement's application-status claim was expressly dated May 21.

Source: Granbury data-center statement, May 21

CITY DISPUTES ADULT-BUSINESS PERMIT CLAIM

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury issued a statement May 20 disputing a social-media claim that the city had approved a strip club. The city said it had neither authorized nor issued a permit for an adult-oriented business.

According to the release, no application for such a business had been received in at least eleven

years. The city also said sexually oriented businesses were prohibited within its limits.

The statement described zoning and permitting requirements as the basis for reviewing proposed businesses. Uses requiring variances, special-use permits or other discretionary decisions must receive

the applicable public review, the city said.

Residents were directed to published meeting agendas and adopted ordinances for official information about development decisions. The release presented the city's response to the online claim.

Source: Granbury permit statement, May 20

GRADUATION ACROSS HOOD COUNTY

04

STARS CELEBRATES
SPRING GRADUATES

25 GRADUATES

Reported by Granbury ISD

MAY 21

GHS Fine Arts Auditorium

HCE STAFF WRITER

STARS Accelerated High School held its spring commencement May 21 in the Granbury High School Fine Arts Auditorium. The district reported that 25 graduates were recognized.

JoAnna Walker, who graduated from STARS in spring 2025, returned as the ceremony’s guest speaker. Earlier in the week, Principal Margaret Rodriguez and counselor Megan Guidry briefed trustees on STARS and the Behavior Transition Center. STARS has served district

students since 1994, offering smaller classes, flexible pacing and individualized support. The May 18 presentation described attendance, attitude and achievement as central to the campus’s approach. Source: STARS graduation, May 22 report; Granbury ISD, May 19 spotlight

TOLAR GRADUATES 67 SENIORS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar High School’s Class of 2026 graduated May 22, with 67 seniors completing their high school years. Valedictorian Callan Nix and salutatorian Emma Jackson

addressed the ceremony. Nix plans to attend Texas A&M University, while Jackson plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

The class closed the ceremony by singing the school song together, according to Hood County News’ coverage. Source: Hood County News, May 30, A11

LIPAN MARKS RECORD 49-MEMBER CLASS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan High School graduated a record 49 seniors May 22, Hood County News reported. Valedictorian Darius Steed was among the graduating class. Guest

speaker Kellie Brian Drake, Lipan’s valedictorian 20 years earlier, encouraged graduates to be resilient. The ceremony also recognized Ryan Atkinson, who had earned an

associate degree while still in high school. A Ranger College representative congratulated her on the achievement. Source: Hood County News, May 30, A11

SCHOOLS & SPORTS RECOGNITION

05

HALL OF FAME

NOMINATIONS OPEN

MAY 20

2026 nomination window opens

JUNE 26

Nomination deadline

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD’s 2026 Academic and Athletic Hall of Fame nomination period opened May 20, with submissions due June 26.

The athletic program accepts nominations in four categories: Modern, Legend, Team and Friend. Former athletes must be at least five years past graduation from Granbury High School or STARS. The Legend category recognizes former district employees with at least 10 years of service who influenced student-athletes. Teams and community supporters have their own categories.

The academic program recognizes former students, former staff, community supporters and legacy contributions. The district’s timetable calls for selection and notification in July and August, announcements in September, and recognition before the Oct. 23 homecoming football game at Pirate Stadium.

The nomination form and full eligibility descriptions are available on the district’s Alumni & Hall of Fame webpage.

Source: GISD Hall of Fame timeline

TRUSTEES ADOPT UPPER-LEVEL MATH MATERIALS

7-0

May 18 adoption vote

2026-27

Materials for the coming school year

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD trustees voted 7-0 on May 18 to adopt upper-level mathematics materials for the 2026-27 school year.

McGraw Hill resources will be used for Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. Algebraic Reasoning will use materials from Cosenza & Associates.

The selection followed a teacher review that began Feb. 4, according to the district’s adoption memo. Teachers evaluated vendor options, developed a scoring rubric and considered presentations before recommending McGraw Hill for Geometry and Algebra II.

The memo identified only one approved option each for Pre-Calculus and Algebraic Reasoning. Materials under consideration were posted on the district website for public review. Mike Moore made the adoption motion, and Tim Bolton seconded it.

Source: GISD minutes, May 18; GISD math-adoption memo

COMMUNITY & LOCAL GIVING

06

YOUNG ENTERPRISE
ON THE MAY CALENDAR

4TH ANNUAL

Lemonade Day Granbury

MAY 16

District calendar / 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's fourth annual Lemonade Day was scheduled May 16, giving young participants a day to operate stands around the community.

The local organizer listed a 10 a.m. start, and Granbury ISD's calendar

set the event window at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The district directed families to the Granbury Chamber of Commerce for program information.

The organizer's event page recapped the prior year's participation and sales while

announcing the 2026 date. Those earlier totals do not establish how many stands operated or how much money participants earned this year.

Source: Lemonade Day Granbury event page; Granbury ISD May 16 calendar

STAMPEDE PAIRS RIDING WITH A LOCAL CAUSE

CHARITY RODEO

Reunion Grounds / May 16

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

Named event beneficiary

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Hood County Stampede paired professional bareback riding with a local charitable purpose on its May 16 schedule at the Reunion Grounds in Granbury.

The organizer described the event as a PRCA-sanctioned bareback charity rodeo. Sponsor HANK FM identified Hood County Christmas for

Children as the beneficiary and promoted a 7:30 p.m. show following a 6 p.m. gate opening.

The advertised program included mutton busting, vendors and music by MYLA after the riding. The beneficiary provides holiday support for local families.

The announcements establish the event program and intended beneficiary; they do not report competition results or a final donation total.

Source: Hood County Stampede organizer prospectus; HANK FM May 8 Stampede announcement

LAKE & WATER SAFETY

LAKE GRANBURY LISTED AT 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

692.64 FEET

Elevation / May 20

133,410

Acre-feet stored / May 20

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lake Granbury was listed at 100 percent full in the Brazos River Authority’s May 20 reservoir report. The lake stood at 692.64 feet with 133,410 acre-feet of water in storage.

The combined BRA storage in the Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Whitney main-stem subsystem was 688,627 acre-feet, or 94 percent full. The authority operates those reservoirs together and bases the

subsystem’s storage-related drought triggers on their collective supply.

The report’s Whitney total covers BRA storage rather than the reservoir’s entire volume.

Source: BRA reservoir report, May 20

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM AT ROUGH CREEK

HCE STAFF WRITER

Free life jackets and water-safety education were the focus of the Brazos River Authority’s May 16 program at Rough Creek Park on Lake Granbury.

The authority scheduled its annual Water Safety Awareness Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food, activities and

children’s life jackets were advertised at no charge, with jackets available while supplies lasted.

Participating organizations listed by the authority included the Granbury Fire Department, Hood County Emergency Management, local EMS, Texas Parks and Wildlife

game wardens and the American Red Cross. A blood-donation opportunity also appeared in the announcement.

The program emphasized choosing a properly fitting, Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Source: BRA Water Safety Awareness Day

ARTS & COMMUNITY

08

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
PREPARES TO OPEN

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 photography exhibition was at Shanley House Gallery. | Michael Barera / Wikimedia Commons

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Lake Granbury Art Association set aside May 20 for hand-delivery of work for its national juried photography exhibition at Shanley House Gallery.

The prospectus scheduled installation for May 21-22 ahead of a

May 23 opening at 224 N. Travis St. The exhibition was listed as free and open to the public, with an awards reception planned for May 30.

The competition accepted original, lens-based work in color, black-and-white or monochrome,

and digital-composite categories. Its rules permitted digital editing while excluding AI-generated imagery and visual elements created by others.

The preparations put photography at the center of a dedicated national exhibition in Granbury.

Source: LGAA photography exhibition prospectus

IRISH MUSIC ON BRIDGE STREET

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Irish Music Session was listed for May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at D'Vine Wine, 107 E. Bridge St.

The merchants' association described the monthly gathering as

an informal session for regional Irish musicians.

Source: Historic Granbury merchants May 16 listing

RETROSPECTIVE EDITION

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FORWARD TRAINING CENTER BENEFIT

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy's Lakeside Grill designated Forward Training Center as its May 20 Chow Down for Charity beneficiary. The Wednesday

program donates part of daily sales to local organizations; its calendar reported no donation total.

Source: Stumpy's charity calendar, May 20