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HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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DISTRICT HONORS TEACHERS & STAFF

LORI WILLIAMS

Elementary Teacher of the Year
Oak Woods School

AUVA BALL

Secondary Teacher of the Year
Acton Middle School

JOSH EVERTS

Employee of the Year
Safety and Security

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD announced its 2025-26 district award winners May 28, recognizing educators from Oak Woods School and Acton Middle School along with a member of the district's safety and security staff.

Lori Williams of Oak Woods was named Elementary Teacher of the Year. Auva Ball of Acton Middle School received the Secondary Teacher of the Year award, and Josh Everts earned Employee of the Year honors.

The three were recognized at Summer Launch that morning. Shottenkirk Ford Granbury General Manager Misty Sneed and dealership representatives presented gifts to the winners.

Source: Granbury ISD district awards, May 28

SQUARE REMEMBRANCE CENTERS ON LOCAL FALLEN

HCE STAFF WRITER

Names of Hood County's fallen service members took center stage at the Granbury Square Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony May 25.

Hood County News' photographic coverage showed names displayed on the stage and Arthur Nutt performing

Taps. Organizers said the ceremony would name people born or raised in Hood County who were killed in action or missing in action, with service periods reaching back to the Spanish-American War.

The focus was on those remembered rather than recognition of sponsors or participating organizations. The remembrance followed the merchants' association's holiday-weekend activities around the square.

Source: Hood County News, May 30, A2

COUNTY GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

AUTHORIZED HOUSING
UNITS RISE IN 2025

258 UNITS

Hood County / 2025

141 UNITS

Hood County / 2024

HCE STAFF WRITER

An annual federal building-permit series updated May 28 recorded 258 housing units authorized in Hood County during 2025, up from 141 in 2024.

The increase was 117 units, or approximately 83 percent, according to an HCE calculation using the

Census Bureau figures published by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

The same series listed 110 units in 2023, 119 in 2022 and 291 in 2021. The 2025 figure exceeded each of the previous three annual totals but remained below the 2021 level.

The data concern permit authorizations, rather than completed homes or home sales. They are annual figures, not seasonally adjusted. May 28 was the data-update date; the newly displayed annual count describes activity in 2025.

Source: Census housing permits via FRED, May 28

COUNTY ACTS ON ELECTIONS OFFICE

\$78,000

Annual salary
June 15 / Start date

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County Commissioners Court approved a \$78,000 annual salary May 28 for newly appointed elections administrator Jamie Flynn, with a June 15 start date.

During the special meeting, the court heard that the elections commission had interviewed five candidates before selecting Flynn. The salary motion received a second and passed on a voice vote.

Flynn introduced herself as relocating from Florida. She told

commissioners she holds a master's degree in business administration and had worked for 20 years in government housing administration.

The court also thanked outgoing administrator Stephanie Cooper for her work and help with the transition. The meeting's recorded discussion distinguished the elections commission's selection of Flynn from the Commissioners Court action setting her compensation.

Source: Hood County court recording, May 28

COURTS & CITY SERVICES

03

SUPREME COURT
DECLINES CASE REVIEW

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 26

Supreme Court order

REVIEW DENIED

Certiorari petition

HCE STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Supreme Court denied review May 26 in *Gordon Ray Lewis v. Ryan Sinclair*, District Attorney of Hood County, Texas, according to the court's official docket.

Lewis had asked the justices to review a February 3 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth

Circuit. The Supreme Court petition was filed February 19 and docketed March 24 as case 25-7097.

The petition was distributed for the justices' May 21 conference. The May 26 docket entry records the denial without a separate explanation of the court's reasoning.

The court's published order list also includes the case among petitions denied. The denial was not a ruling on the merits of the underlying dispute; it meant the justices declined to review the lower court's decision.

Source: Supreme Court docket 25-7097

WATER REPAIRS AND BRIDGE WORK ON CITY NOTICES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury alerted residents May 28 that crews were handling water problems in several locations, with repairs either finished or still underway. The city said some customers could experience unusual pressure or discoloration until late Thursday night and said the water remained safe to drink.

The notice did not identify affected neighborhoods or report that every repair was complete.

Separately, the city announced May 29 that overhead-banner replacement would cause a brief delay on Pearl Street Bridge at 6:30 a.m. Monday, June 1. An earlier notice issued May

26 had scheduled similar work for Wednesday, May 27, also at 6:30 a.m.

Drivers crossing the bridge Monday should allow for the announced interruption.

Source: Granbury water notice, May 28; Granbury bridge notice, May 29; Granbury bridge notice, May 26

SUMMER LEARNING & MEALS

04

SUMMER MEALS
SET TO RETURN JUNE 2

JUNE 2-25

Breakfast and lunch / Monday-Thursday

3 PICKUP SITES

GHS, Acton Elementary and Brawner

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD and Neighbors Feeding Neighbors plan to provide free summer meals beginning June 2, helping families bridge the break between school years.

The district's schedule lists breakfast and lunch Monday through Thursday from June 2-25, followed by

lunch-only service July 6-16. Children age 18 and younger are eligible and must be present to receive a meal.

Pickup sites listed by the district are Granbury High School, Acton Elementary and Brawner Elementary. Families should confirm

serving times before traveling. Site information is available through SummerFood.org or by calling 2-1-1; local program questions can be directed to 817-408-4085. Purple arrow signs will help families find the sites.

Source: Granbury ISD 2026 Summer Meal Program

GHS CREDIT RECOVERY BEGINS JUNE 2

IN PERSON

Coursework at Granbury High School

THROUGH JUNE 25

Counselors to contact families

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School's summer credit-recovery program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, June 2, and continue through Thursday, June 25, with sessions held Monday through Thursday.

The program serves students who did not successfully complete a

course during the previous school year and need to regain credit toward graduation. All coursework must be completed in person at GHS.

The district says counselors will contact students and parents or guardians directly about individual needs, expectations and timelines.

Doors open at 7:10 a.m. for breakfast, and lunch is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Source: Granbury ISD Summer 2026 Credit Recovery

SPORTS & SUMMER PLANNING

05

TOLAR PREPARES
FOR JUNE CAMPS

JUNE 15-17

Football camps

JUNE 22-24

Softball instruction

JUNE 23-25

Rattler basketball

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar ISD's planned June sports camps include separate football sessions for younger and older students, followed by softball and basketball instruction later in the month.

Playmaker Football Camp for incoming seventh- through

ninth-graders and Football Passing Camp for incoming third- through sixth-graders are scheduled June 15-17. Softball hitting and fielding for grades three through nine is set for June 22-24. Rattler Basketball Camp for grades one through nine follows June 23-25.

Grades refer to the 2026-27 school year. Participants must live in Tolar ISD or be approved transfers. Families can register through the district's athletic summer camps webpage and pay online or at the door. The district says camp payments are nonrefundable.

Source: Tolar ISD 2026 athletic camp schedule

GRANBURY CAMP GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES

REGISTER ONLINE

Rank One via the athletics website

HCE STAFF WRITER

Families planning for Granbury ISD's 2026 athletic summer camps can register through Rank One using the link on the Granbury High School athletics website. Camp dates, grade ranges and daily schedules vary by sport.

The district's camp guidance recommends arriving 10 to 15

minutes early. Directors will email drop-off and pickup instructions before each camp begins, using the address supplied at registration.

Walk-up registration is allowed, although families must still complete the Rank One process. Camp shirts are included in the registration fee. Participants should bring water,

wear suitable athletic clothing and use sunscreen for outdoor activities. Refund requests go to the camp director; refunds are not guaranteed once a camp has started.

Source: Granbury athletics 2026 camp information and FAQ

COMMUNITY & LOCAL BUSINESS

06

FRIDAY PREVIEW
FOR SPRING FLING

MAY 29 / 6-9 P.M.

VIP market preview

\$10 TICKETS

Conference center / Friday program

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lake Granbury's Spring Fling Market placed a Friday-evening shopping preview on the May 29 calendar at the Lake Granbury Conference Center.

The host-promoted listing advertised a 6-to-9 p.m. VIP session

with \$10 tickets, early vendor access, music by Edwina Gray, samples and giveaways. Indoor and outdoor vendors were to offer handmade goods, clothing, art, jewelry, home decor and food.

The two-day program was scheduled to continue May 30 with free admission from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference center is at 621 E. Pearl St. The published program did not establish a final attendance or sales total.

Source: Conference Center Spring Fling listing

COMFORT KEEPERS MARKS OPENING

HCE STAFF WRITER

Comfort Keepers of Granbury marked its opening with a Granbury Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting May 28.

The in-home care agency's services include assistance with daily activities, transportation and companionship for seniors, according to Hood County News' later account of the opening. Its

office is at 1009 Paluxy Road, Suite 1009-B.

The chamber's dated calendar also listed the May 28 ribbon cutting.

Source: Hood County News, June 13, A6; Granbury Chamber May event calendar

MEMORIAL LANE ON REMEMBRANCE SCHEDULE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury invited residents to a separate Memorial Day remembrance May 25 at Memorial Lane and Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park.

The city's announcement set an 8:30 a.m. ceremony to honor members of the armed forces who died in service and the families carrying on their memory. The notice emphasized

remembrance, reflection and gratitude.

Source: Granbury Memorial Day announcement

LAKE & LOCAL GIVING

07

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 27

133,086

Acre-feet stored / May 27

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lake Granbury stood at 692.6 feet with 133,086 acre-feet in storage in the Brazos River Authority's May 27 reservoir report. The lake was listed at 99 percent full.

The combined main-stem subsystem, comprising BRA storage at Possum Kingdom, Granbury and Whitney, held 688,973 acre-feet, or 94 percent. Storage-related drought triggers for those reservoirs are based on the combined supply.

The report counts only BRA storage at Whitney. Across the full BRA system, reported storage totaled 1,858,132 acre-feet, or 96 percent.

Source: BRA reservoir report, May 27

YOUTH CHEER NAMED IN WEDNESDAY BENEFIT

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy's Lakeside Grill named Pirate Youth Cheer Association as its May 27 Chow Down for Charity beneficiary. The recurring

Wednesday program directs part of the day's sales to local organizations.

The restaurant also listed a May 23 benefit for Folds of Honor. Its

calendar did not report donation totals for either date.

Source: Stumpy's charity calendar, May 27

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

TRIBUTE NIGHT
AT GRANBURY LIVE

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; Granbury Live and Silver Saddle Saloon are separate venues. | Michael Barera / Wikimedia Commons

DOUBLE VISION

The Foreigner Experience / May 29 / 7 p.m.

HCE STAFF WRITER

Double Vision: The Foreigner Experience was listed for a May 29 performance at Granbury Live.

The venue's official box office identified a 7 p.m. Friday show at 110 Crockett St. The archived ticket page

retains the performance date after online sales closed.

Source: Granbury Live box office, May 29

CAMERON HAVENS ON SILVER SADDLE PROGRAM

HCE STAFF WRITER

Silver Saddle Saloon advertised Cameron Havens for a May 29 show on the Granbury Square.

The Visit Granbury listing scheduled music from 8 to 11 p.m. at

124 N. Houston St., with free admission and all ages welcome. The announcement offered a live-music option for the final Friday evening of May.

Source: Visit Granbury, Cameron Havens listing

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