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WEEKLY / JUNE 6-12 IN REVIEW

HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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COMANCHE CIRCLE MOVES TO NEXT STAGE

3-1 VOTE

Commissioners Court / June 9

SITE PLAN REVIEW

Next stage for the proposal

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County Commissioners Court voted 3-1 June 9 to allow the Comanche Circle data-center proposal to advance to the site-development-plan stage.

The approved motion found that Sailfish had satisfactorily responded to the county's conditional-approval letter. The motion received a second before passing.

Residents challenged whether earlier conditions addressing drainage, wastewater, water resources and downstream effects had been met. Legal advice presented to the court distinguished preliminary concept review from the more detailed requirements of site-development review.

The vote moved the proposal into that next stage. It was not a final construction approval. The recorded discussion left a clear divide between residents seeking more information before advancement and officials who supported proceeding under the county's review process.

Source: Hood County court recording, June 9

STATE GRID-COST DIRECTIVE DRAWS CITY RESPONSE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Gov. Greg Abbott directed state utility regulators June 10 to require data centers to fund the electric infrastructure needed for their operations, protecting residential customers from those costs.

The Public Utility Commission and ERCOT were directed to identify additional protections and deliver a joint memorandum by July 17.

Abbott also proposed work with legislators on water-efficient cooling, resource-use reporting and neighborhood protections.

Granbury responded the same day by pointing to its April data-center ordinance. The city said its existing standards address noise, landscaping, water conservation,

lighting, inspections and emergency coordination.

The governor's announcement separated immediate regulatory directions from measures he intends to seek from the Legislature. Granbury's statement did not announce a new local ordinance.

Source: Texas governor announcement, June 10; Granbury data-center statement, June 10

ROADS & PUBLIC SAFETY

RADAR EQUIPMENT MISSING AT U.S. 377

OLD ACTON HIGHWAY

Temporary signal timing / Traffic delays

HCE STAFF WRITER

Missing vehicle-detection equipment was contributing to backups at U.S. 377 and Old Acton Highway, Granbury reported June 12 after contacting TxDOT.

New signals had been activated, but radar equipment was not yet

installed. Temporary timing therefore could not respond to actual traffic, and the left-turn phase onto Old Acton was delaying through traffic, particularly during busy periods.

The city said TxDOT had contacted its district office and contractor. Installation was expected during the week of June 15. As of the Friday update, that remained an anticipated correction rather than completed work.

Source: Granbury traffic update, June 12

21 COMPLETE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

TEN WEEKS

Weekly sessions about police work

CONTINUED SERVICE

Alumni association supports the department

HCE STAFF WRITER

Twenty-one participants completed Granbury's Citizen Police Academy, the city reported June 9, after ten weeks of weekly sessions examining local law enforcement.

The program introduced residents to routine police responsibilities and

specialized operations. Topics included the SWAT team, K-9 work, criminal investigations and active-shooter response.

The graduates join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, which supports the department

through volunteering and community involvement. The city's announcement described a public-engagement program that gives residents a closer look at police work and an avenue to remain involved afterward.

Source: Granbury academy report, June 9

CITY LAND USE & ELECTIONS

03

HOLLY HILLS ACTIONS
ADDRESS LAND & ACCESS

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

JUNE 8

Planning recommendation

JUNE 2

Council road decision

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Planning and Zoning Commission voted 5-0 June 8 to support a requested comprehensive-plan amendment changing the Loop 567 portion of a Holly Hills Cemetery Road property from retail-office to low-density residential.

The request concerned a 259.485-acre site. Staff said the change would align that frontage with the designation on the rest of the property. No one spoke during the public hearing.

In an earlier June 2 action, the City Council voted 6-0 to abandon roughly 1,220 feet of Holly Hills Cemetery

Road east of Parker Court. The owner sought to join land on both sides. The council discussion included an emergency-access arrangement with The Peninsula subdivision. The vote did not establish that the road had already closed.

Source: Granbury council minutes, June 2; Granbury planning minutes, June 8

CANDIDATE FILING WINDOW POSTED

JULY 18-AUG. 17

Deadline / 5 p.m. August 17

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury posted its candidate-filing notice June 12, setting July 18 as the opening date for applications for a place on the city's general-election ballot. The deadline is 5 p.m. August 17.

Applications may be filed at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St., Granbury, TX 76048, or mailed there to the city

secretary. The notice also lists citysecretary@granbury.org and fax 817-573-8291.

Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. City Secretary Carla Walker is identified as the filing officer.

Source: Granbury candidate filing notice, June 12

GRANBURY SCHOOLS

GISD REVISES
PAY TABLES

1%

Pay-grade minimums, midpoints and maximums

7-0

June 8 approval

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD trustees voted 7-0 June 8 to approve 2026-27 pay-table adjustments for professional, administrative, paraprofessional and auxiliary employees.

The administration’s compensation memo called for a 1% increase to the

minimum, midpoint and maximum of each pay grade, along with changes to the placement of some positions within pay grades.

Human Resources Executive Director Tim Rocka submitted the proposal as part of the district’s staff

recruitment and retention work. Mike Moore made the approval motion, and Calvin Lawrence seconded it.

Source: Granbury ISD approved minutes, June 8; GISD June 8 compensation memo

2027 GRADUATION DATES CHANGE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD trustees unanimously approved a revised 2026-27 calendar June 8, moving spring commencement closer to the end of classes.

Granbury High School’s ceremony is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, May 22,

2027, at Pirate Stadium. STARS Accelerated High School’s spring ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 21, at GHS.

May 21 is also the last student day, with early release. The district’s calendar memo said the previous

graduation schedule left about a week between the end of instruction and commencement.

Source: Granbury ISD approved minutes, June 8; GISD June 8 graduation-calendar memo; GISD calendar draft approved June 8

SIX FFA TEAMS EARN BOARD RECOGNITION

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School FFA students and advisers received recognition at the June 8 school board meeting after six Career Development Event teams reached state competition.

The district reported an eighth-place state finish for the range team and 15th for land judging. Horse evaluation, entomology, dairy cattle and wool teams also advanced.

Additional honors included State Star Award finalists Erin Huebinger

and Kash Rogers; Lone Star Degrees for Rogers and Emma Farrell; and state proficiency awards for Rogers and Caden Campbell. The district published its recognition report June 9.

Source: Granbury ISD June achievement spotlight

CAMPUS & COLLEGE PLANS

05

LIPAN TEAMMATES

CHOOSE HOWARD PAYNE

PEYTON LAWRENCE

May 30 report

FINLEY SHOCKLEY

May 30 report

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan seniors Peyton Lawrence and Finley Shockley plan to continue playing basketball together at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, according to a Hood County News report published May 30.

The report said both had signed with the university. The friends described their familiarity with each other’s game as a help in preparing for college basketball, and both pointed to a welcoming team culture during their visits.

Shockley said she planned to study kinesiology and pursue a coaching career, with an interest in eventually working at the college level.

Source: Hood County News, May 30: Lipan signings and Lemonade Day; Howard Payne official women’s basketball roster

TOLAR SETS MORNING CAMP HOURS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar ISD’s June athletic calendar scheduled separate morning Camp Rattler sessions for junior-high and high-school students during the week of June 8.

Jr. Camp Rattler for incoming seventh- and eighth-graders was listed from 7-8 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 8-11. Camp Rattler for incoming ninth- through 12th-graders followed from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on those days.

The district’s summer guide lists both as all-summer programs. Grade levels refer to 2026-27, and participants must live within Tolar ISD or be approved transfers.

Source: Tolar ISD June camp calendar; Tolar ISD 2026 camp eligibility and programs

BLACK HOLE LEMONADE RECOGNIZED

HCE STAFF WRITER

Brawner Elementary students Hank Scott, Jase Brooks and Bentley Bedwell were recognized at Granbury ISD’s June 8 board meeting for their Black Hole Lemonade business.

The team received the district’s Top Entrepreneur of the Year honor through Lemonade Day. Chamber CEO Holly Martin recognized the students’ work, according to the district’s June 9 report.

In a separate recap published May 30, the Granbury Chamber of Commerce reported that the stand earned \$1,439 in net profit.

Source: Granbury ISD June achievement spotlight; Hood County News, May 30: Lipan signings and Lemonade Day

OUTDOORS & COMMUNITY GIVING

06

EL TESORO OPENS
SUMMER CAMP CALENDAR

JUNE 8-12 First nature-camp session	K-5 Entering grades / Fall 2026	\$240 Published weekly fee
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HCE STAFF WRITER

Camp Fire Camp El Tesoro’s 2026 nature day-camp schedule opened with a June 8-12 session devoted to the Texas coast. The announced program paired lessons about tides, shells and ocean wildlife with outdoor play.

The Granbury camp, at 7710 Fall Creek Highway, listed weekly sessions through July 31 for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade in fall 2026. Activities included nature hikes, art, kayaking, archery, horseback riding and swimming.

The published fee was \$240 per week, including a hot lunch and two snacks daily. Families could add a Wednesday overnight for \$30. Camp Fire listed weekday hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
Source: Camp Fire El Tesoro 2026 day-camp program

RUTH’S PLACE ON JUNE 10 BENEFIT CALENDAR

CHOW DOWN FOR CHARITY

Stumpy's Lakeside Grill / Daylong sales benefit

HCE STAFF WRITER

Ruth’s Place was the designated June 10 beneficiary on Stumpy’s Lakeside Grill’s Chow Down for Charity calendar, putting the local organization into the restaurant’s weekly community-support program.

Stumpy’s describes the arrangement as a donation of a percentage of sales for an entire day to a selected club, team or organization. Its published calendar did not report a dollar total for the Ruth’s Place date.

The June schedule listed HappyKats next, on June 17, followed by the Opera Guild of Granbury on June 24. Those dates were announced benefit plans.
Source: Stumpy’s 2026 Chow Down for Charity calendar

LOCAL BUSINESS

07

THREE AFTERNOONS
OF RIBBON CUTTINGS

JUNE 10

Cabi-Alison Southern Ullom

JUNE 11

Park Hollow Mortgage

JUNE 12

Bogeys & Stogies anniversary

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce scheduled three ribbon cuttings on consecutive afternoons June 10-12, with each notice listing a 4 p.m. start and a half-hour event window.

The June 10 notice described a grand-opening celebration for Cabi-Alison Southern Ullom at 226 E. Pearl St. Park Hollow Mortgage's June 11 ceremony was listed at The Bubble Bar, 109 W. Pearl St.

Bogeys & Stogies followed on the June 12 calendar at 110 N. Lambert St. The Chamber described that occasion as an anniversary celebration.

Source: Chamber Cabi ribbon-cutting notice, June 10; Chamber Park Hollow Mortgage notice, June 11; Chamber Bogeys & Stogies notice, June 12

COFFEE & CONNECTIONS AT THE WILEY CENTER

JUNE 11 / 9-10:15 A.M.

Scheduled program / \$10 members; \$20 general admission

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's June Coffee & Connections event was scheduled for June 11 at The Wiley Center, 420 E. U.S. Highway 377, with Kingdom Builders named as presenting sponsor.

The Chamber's program called for coffee and a light breakfast before

introductions and activities designed to connect local businesses. Attendees were invited to share upcoming events during a round of brief updates.

The published event window was 9-10:15 a.m. Admission was listed at \$10 for members and \$20 for other

guests. The notice required payment during registration and said cash would no longer be accepted at the door.

Source: Chamber Coffee & Connections notice, June 11

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

LEGALLY BLONDE
AT THE OPERA HOUSE

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 is a separate venue. | Michael Barera / Wikimedia Commons

JUNE 5-JULY 5

Listed production run / Broadway on the Brazos

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury Theatre Company's early-summer program placed "Legally Blonde" at the historic Opera House for a June 5-July 5 run, spanning the second weekend in June.

The Broadway on the Brazos musical follows Elle Woods into law

school, where she faces skeptical classmates and discovers ambitions beyond winning back a former boyfriend. The stage adaptation is based on Amanda Brown's novel and the film.

The published production listing advertised floor seats at \$44 and

balcony seats at \$39. The theatre, at 133 E. Pearl St., provided ticket information through its website and box office at 817-579-0952.

Source: TheaterMania Legally Blonde production listing; Granbury Theatre Company Broadway on the Brazos

WATSON & AC/DC TRIBUTE ON LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM

HCE STAFF WRITER

Gene Watson and the AC/DC tribute Back in Black occupied opposite ends of Granbury Live's June 6-12 concert calendar. Both shows were listed for 7 p.m. at the downtown venue.

The official box office advertised Watson for Saturday, June 6, and Back in Black for Friday, June 12. The

tribute show's published ticket tiers were \$55 for VIP seating and \$45 for prime seating.

The venue listed its address as 110 N. Crockett St. and its box-office telephone number as 800-340-9703.

Source: Granbury Live Gene Watson box-office listing; Granbury Live Back in Black box-office listing

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