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NRG WITHDRAWS TOLAR AIR APPLICATION

JUNE 18

Withdrawal requested

JUNE 23-25

Announcement & response

HCE STAFF WRITER

Reports published June 23-25 described NRG's June 18 withdrawal of the Tolar Power Center air-permit application, changing a major piece of the proposed Comanche Circle development near Tolar.

The company requested withdrawal June 18, according to KERA's June 25 report and the Star-Telegram's June 23 report,

updated June 24. Protect the Paluxy Valley announced the development June 23 and welcomed it as a victory for residents opposing the plant.

NRG spokesperson Erik Linden told KERA the decision reflected the company's routine evaluation of sites and development options, rather than public opposition.

The natural-gas plant was proposed to supply Comanche Circle. The permit withdrawal did not establish that the separate data-center proposal had ended; that project remained active in the contemporaneous reporting.

Source: KERA report, June 25; Star-Telegram report, June 23-24

COUNTY SEEKS DEVELOPMENT JOB DESCRIPTION

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County Commissioners Court voted unanimously June 23 to ask human resources to develop a job description for a temporary development coordinator.

The motion called for service through September 30, 2026,

reporting to Commissioners Court, with funding capped at \$50,000 from contingency.

Discussion focused on handling the county's development workload and defining how the coordinator would work with the development director.

Speakers sought sufficient expertise and clearer responsibilities as larger industrial proposals moved through county review.

The action began preparation of the position. It did not identify a person hired to fill it.

Source: Hood County court recording, June 23

CITY PRESERVATION & COUNTY FINANCE

02

PRESERVATION PANEL
CLEARS FENCE & SIGN

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

BAKER STREET FENCE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Historic Preservation Commission approved a fence request at 315 S. Baker St. by a 6-0 vote June 25.

Rusty Terrell sought permission to remove part of an existing chain-link fence east of the residence and install a new four-foot chain-link fence to the south. Staff recommended approval after presenting the site plan and landscape guidelines. No questions were raised in the public hearing.

Source: Granbury preservation minutes, June 25

PEARL STREET SIGN

HCE STAFF WRITER

A new freestanding sign at 221 W. Pearl St. received unanimous preservation-commission approval June 25.

Cindy Bertrand's proposal specified a four-foot-square sign face, six feet in overall height, on steel posts. The design used colors from a historic palette. Staff recommended approval, and the commission voted 6-0 after a public hearing with no questions.

Source: Granbury preservation minutes, June 25

COUNTY OKS \$21,968 INSURANCE PAYMENT

HCE STAFF WRITER

Commissioners approved payment of a \$21,968 workers' compensation shortage invoice June 23. The 5-0 vote

directed payment from Fund 104, identified in the motion as the Hood Central Appraisal District refund fund.

Source: Hood County court recording, June 23

APPRAISAL & DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

03

PROPERTY PROTESTS
ON HEARING CALENDAR

JUNE 22 & 26

8 a.m. / 1902 W. Pearl St.

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Hood Central Appraisal Review Board posted taxpayer-protest hearings for June 22 and June 26, both beginning at 8 a.m. at 1902 W. Pearl St. in Granbury.

The notices called for open sessions to hear and determine taxpayer protests or motions. Public-comment rules allowed three minutes per speaker, with a combined

15-minute limit; the board could not deliberate on non-agenda items.

These were hearing notices, with individual property decisions to be made through the board's review process.

Source: Hood appraisal board notice, June 22; Hood appraisal board notice, June 26



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

JUNE 22 APPLICATION DATE STARTS NEXT CYCLE

HCE STAFF WRITER

June 22 was the 3 p.m. submission deadline in Granbury's published zoning and specific-use-permit calendar for the cycle aimed at August planning review.

The schedule called for development-review comments July 9 and all comments cleared by July 17 to move

forward. It listed August 10 for Planning and Zoning and September 1 for City Council. Those were scheduled review dates, contingent on complete applications.

Source: Granbury 2026 development calendar

SCHOOLS & STATE CURRICULUM

04

STATE ADOPTS
REQUIRED READING LISTS

HCE STAFF WRITER

The State Board of Education adopted required literary works lists June 26 for Texas public schools, including biblical passages.

The classroom rollout is phased: kindergarten through fifth grade in 2030-31, sixth grade in 2031-32,

seventh and eighth grades in 2032-33, and high school in 2033-34.

Among the adopted changes is a Jonah selection for first grade. The rules also encourage printed texts and preserve local selection of additional works to support English language arts instruction.

Public comments raised concerns about costs, reading-list length and diversity. The board's response emphasized the phased schedule and districts' ability to add other texts.

Source: Texas Register record of June 26 literary-list adoption, pp. 5794-5795

HISTORY STANDARDS
EMPHASIZE CHRONOLOGY

HCE STAFF WRITER

The State Board of Education's June 26 social studies action centers on teaching history chronologically and adds an eighth-grade Texas history capstone.

The Texas Education Agency's announcement said the course would follow Texas from its founding to the

present, including the influence of Enlightenment ideas on the Texas Constitution.

The agency described the broader approach as connecting people, events and institutions across time. The standards are part of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, the state curriculum framework.

Source: TEA June 26 announcement of state curriculum action

ACCELERATED COURSES
FACE JUNE 25 DEADLINE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD's Summer 2026 Acceleration program set midnight June 25 as the deadline for students to complete their accelerated coursework.

The program permitted current GISD students to earn up to two full credits. Courses could be completed remotely, but the district would not

supply technology for off-campus use.

Incoming freshmen could choose World Geography, World History, Spanish I, Spanish II, Art I or physical education. Older students were directed to discuss course selection with counselors.

The published fee was \$50 per semester credit, with reduced charges for economically disadvantaged students and no charge for students covered by McKinney-Vento.

Source: Granbury ISD Summer 2026 Acceleration Courses

SUMMER ATHLETICS

05

TOLAR FLAG FOOTBALL
LISTS FALL SIGNUPS

GRADES 1-6

Published fee: \$175 / Registration through Aug. 5

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar Youth Athletic Association's 2026 fall flag-football schedule lists a registration window of June 18 through Aug. 5 for children in first through sixth grades.

The program separates players into first- and second-grade, third- and fourth-grade, and fifth- and

sixth-grade groups. The published registration fee is \$175.

Games are planned on weeknights in Stephenville through SPARD, with weeknight practices in Tolar. The association lists the program period as Aug. 1 through Oct. 31.

The registration notice says there will be no uniform fittings and asks families to choose jersey sizes accordingly. Team information is to be distributed through the TeamSideline app.

Source: Tolar Youth Athletic Association 2026 flag-football registration

LIPAN & GRANBURY
ON BOYS SHOWCASE ROSTER

JUNE 26-28

TABC summer program

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan and Granbury appeared on the official team roster for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Boys Showcase, scheduled June 26-28 at sites across the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The organizer's team report was dated June 22. The event guide listed

courts in Duncanville, Cedar Hill and Mansfield for the high-school showcase.

NFHS Network's broadcast archive listed Lipan against Farmersville at Cedar Hill High School at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 26.

The showcase was organized to bring high-school teams before college coaches, parents and fans. Admission was listed at \$10 per day, with children 8 and younger admitted free.

Source: TABC Boys Showcase official team roster; NFHS Network Lipan June 26 showcase broadcast listing; TABC Boys Showcase official event guide

COMMUNITY & HOLIDAY PLANS

06

A HOMETOWN FOURTH
FOR AMERICA'S 250TH

JULY 3-5

52nd annual celebration / Historic Granbury Square

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's 52nd annual Hometown Fourth of July celebration was scheduled for July 3-5 around the historic square, with the nation's 250th anniversary shaping the program.

The chamber's announced theme was Red, White & Celebrate - 250 Years. The Dan Coates Family was named parade grand marshal. Planned attractions included the hometown parade, fireworks over the lake, vendors, live entertainment and a 5K run or walk.

The organizer also advertised limited parade bleacher seating sold in blocks of ten, with locations near Red's and Shaw's Southwest or beside the announcer booth. The celebration was still a week away as this reporting period closed.

Source: Chamber July 3-5 celebration program

SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE SQUARE

JUNE 21 / NOON-5 P.M.

Merchants' published program

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Historic Granbury Merchants Association listed Sunday FUNday for noon-5 p.m. June 21 on the square.

The invitation highlighted shopping, dining and wine tastings, and suggested a Sunday matinee at the Opera

House. It also pointed families toward the Hood County Old Jail Museum and the Yeats-Duke cabin museum.

The listing presented an informal downtown outing, with individual businesses and attractions offering their own activities.

Source: Historic merchants June 21 calendar

WATER POLICY & LOCAL BUSINESS

07

DATA-CENTER WATER
ON HOUSE PANEL AGENDA

JUNE 23

Natural Resources Committee / Invited & public testimony

HCE STAFF WRITER

Data-center water demand was on the Texas House Natural Resources Committee's June 23 hearing agenda, a topic of direct interest amid Hood County's development debate.

The official notice scheduled invited and public testimony on

direct and indirect water use, water-efficient development, permitting and infrastructure, particularly in water-stressed areas. The session was set for 10 a.m. in Capitol Extension room E2.036 under Chair Cody Harris.

Separate invited-testimony topics covered Texas Water Development Board oversight, water-infrastructure legislation and financial-assistance capacity. The notice also provided an online route for Texas residents to submit comments until adjournment.

Source: Texas House hearing notice, June 23

FARINA'S LISTED FOR NETWORKING HOUR

JUNE 24 / 5-6 P.M.

Chamber gathering / No admission charge

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce scheduled its June 24 Wind Down Wednesday at Farina's Winery & Cafe, 202 N. Houston St., from 5 to 6 p.m.

The come-and-go networking hour was open to all with no admission charge, while food and beverages were

available for purchase. Members were encouraged to bring business cards.

The monthly gathering rotates among local businesses and was advertised as an informal chance to meet other chamber members without a formal agenda.

Source: Chamber Wind Down notice, June 24

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

SOUTHERN ROCK
& COUNTRY TRIBUTES

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 20 & JUNE 26

Lone Star Skynyrd / Alabama Sunset

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lone Star Skynyrd's artist event archive listed a June 20 appearance at The New Granbury Live. The Dallas-based group presents music associated with Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Granbury Live's box-office listing placed Alabama Sunset on the June 26 program at 7 p.m. The show was

billed as an Alabama tribute at the venue on Crockett Street.

The two dated listings bookended the reporting week's live-music schedule.

Source: Lone Star Skynyrd artist event archive; Granbury Live box-office archive, June 26

IRISH MUSIC SESSION AT D'VINE WINE

HCE STAFF WRITER

D'Vine Wine's June 20 Irish music session was listed for 6-9 p.m. at 107 E. Bridge St.

The Historic Granbury Merchants Association's calendar described an informal gathering of regional Irish

musicians. The invitation emphasized a changing mix of performers and instruments rather than a fixed concert lineup, with listeners welcome to enjoy the music in the winery setting.

Source: Historic merchants Irish-session notice

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