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HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS

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RESIDENTS DELIVER NO-CONFIDENCE PETITIONS

JULY 7

Requests presented to council

NO ACTION

Before meeting adjourned

HCE STAFF WRITER

Daniel Piatt presented petitions seeking no-confidence action against City Manager Chris Coffman and City Attorney Jeremy SoRelle at Granbury's July 7 council meeting. The council took no action before adjournment.

KERA reported that more than 800 residents supported the effort, citing concerns about transparency, public records and the proposed Project

Patriot data center. The Coffman petition sought his removal; the SoRelle petition requested a formal performance review.

The petitions also referred to a pending lawsuit alleging open-meetings violations. Those allegations had not been proven in court.

City spokesperson Jeff Newpher had previously said the charter

contains no mechanism requiring council action on a citizen no-confidence petition. He also said pending litigation limited what officials could discuss publicly, KERA reported.

The submission put residents' demands before the council without changing either official's employment status at that meeting.

Source: KERA report, July 8

CITY REQUESTS UP TO \$21 MILLION FOR WATER

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury City Council voted 5-0 July 7 to request up to \$21 million from the Texas Water Development Board's Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants program.

Public Works Director Chris Sharp said no local match was required and staff was working with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd on a project list.

Resolution 26-08 authorized a request for water-system improvements, not an award of state money.

Source: Granbury council minutes, July 7

LOCAL REVENUE & CITY DECISIONS

02

JULY TAX RECEIPTS
SHOW MIXED LOCAL TRENDS

LIPAN +14.27%

July payment: \$10,851.06

TOLAR +11.85%

July payment: \$23,876.63

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan's July sales-tax allocation reached \$10,851.06, up 14.27 percent from the comparable payment a year earlier. Its \$78,753.26 year-to-date total nevertheless remained 1.80 percent below 2025, Texas Comptroller records show.

Tolar received \$23,876.63, an 11.85 percent increase, while Granbury's \$1,122,757.62 payment was up 4.23 percent. Their year-to-date receipts rose 4.14 percent and 3.28 percent, respectively.

Cresson moved in the other direction: its \$131,462.67 allocation

was 12.44 percent below the prior July payment. Its cumulative receipts were down 3.97 percent.

The comparison separates a single distribution from the longer trend. Lipan's stronger July payment, for example, had not erased its year-to-date shortfall.

Source: Texas Comptroller July allocation data



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AUDITOR SELECTED

HCE STAFF WRITER

The council selected Forvis Mazars, LLP on July 7 for fiscal 2026-28 auditing services, with options for two additional years. The 5-0 vote followed review of three proposals. Staff cited the firm's proposed 500 hours and collaborative reporting software.

Source: Granbury council minutes, July 7

NO CHARTER REVISIONS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Council members accepted the 2026 Charter Review Commission report 5-0 July 7. The panel found no legal updates or suggested revisions necessary after its April-June review. Acceptance discharged the commission.

Source: Granbury council minutes, July 7

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT & STREET NOTICES

03

COUNTY TO POST
DEVELOPMENT POSITION

\$50,000 CAP

Temporary job through Sept. 30

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County Commissioners Court voted 3-0 July 8 to approve a revised development-coordinator job description and direct human resources to post the temporary position.

The job was to end with the budget year on Sept. 30, with up to \$50,000 from contingency funds. The special

meeting moved the proposal beyond the June request to prepare a job description.

Discussion centered on administrative responsibilities, development regulations and the technical knowledge needed as complex projects reach the county. The action authorized recruitment; it did not name a person hired.

Source: Hood County court recording, July 8



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

WELL VARIANCE

HCE STAFF WRITER

At the same July 8 meeting, commissioners approved without opposition a variance allowing an existing well on a 1.96-acre tract. Discussion concerned dividing a 3.96-acre property and the county's two-acre minimum.

Source: Hood County court recording, July 8

MORGAN LANE NOTICE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's July 6 bulletin scheduled closure of the northbound right lane of Morgan Street, or SH 144, from South Meadows Drive to Service Road on July 7 and July 13. The announced hours were 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Source: City bulletin, July 6

SLUDGE BID DEADLINE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's bid notice set 10 a.m. July 8 as the deadline for annual sludge transportation and disposal proposals under RFP 25-26-28.

The city directed submissions to the Municipal Service Center, 401 N. Park St., with public opening to follow. The notice reserved the city's right to reject proposals or waive informalities. It established a procurement deadline, without naming a winning contractor.

Source: City bid notice in HCN, June 20

SCHOOLS & SUMMER SERVICES

04

SUMMER LUNCHES
ON THE JULY CALENDAR

JULY 6-16

Published pickup calendar

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD's summer meal program scheduled its July lunch service to begin July 6 and continue Mondays through Thursdays through July 16.

The district partnered with Neighbors feeding Neighbors. Free meals were available to children 18 and younger, with one meal per child and a requirement that the child be present at pickup. The published

family information identified Granbury High School, Acton Elementary and Brawner Elementary as pickup sites.

Purple arrow signs were intended to help families find the distribution points. The program's information line was 817-408-4085.

Volunteers had to complete a district background check, civil rights training and the program

information acknowledgment before participating. The July service block provided lunch only.

The volunteer page also provided a step-by-step presentation for completing meal-distribution site paperwork. The July schedule followed a June 2-25 block that included breakfast and lunch.

Source: GISD 2026 summer meal information for families; GISD 2026 summer meal volunteer requirements

THERAPY PROVIDER
PROPOSALS DUE JULY 10

RFP 2026-4

District purchasing notice

HCE STAFF WRITER

July 10 was the published 2 p.m. deadline for proposals under Granbury ISD's RFP 2026-4, covering physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and bilingual speech-language pathology.

The district's legal notice directed providers to obtain specifications and submit bid questions through its Ionwave system. Technical help was available from the purchasing office at 817-408-4087.

Source: GISD legal notice, HCN June 20 classifieds, page B11

SUMMER SPORTS & HOMETOWN RUNNING

05

TOLAR SOFTBALL TARGETS PITCHING & CATCHING

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar ISD scheduled its softball pitching and catching camp for July 7-9, serving incoming third- through ninth-graders.

The district's 2026 camp notice used grades for the 2026-27 school year and limited participants to

Tolar-zoned students or approved transfers. Registration was listed from May 11.

Payments could be made at the door with cash or check payable to Tolar ISD, or online through HomeTown Ticketing. The notice said no refunds would be issued.

Source: Tolar ISD 2026 athletic summer camp calendar

BOYS BASKETBALL SETS THREE-DAY CAMP

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar ISD's Boys Basketball Elite Camp was listed for July 7-9 for incoming seventh- through ninth-graders.

The summer program also listed Camp Rattler for grades nine through 12 and Jr. Camp Rattler for grades seven and eight throughout the summer.

Lady Rattler basketball for incoming second- through ninth-graders was planned July 21-23, and volleyball for third- through eighth-graders July 27-29.

Source: Tolar ISD 2026 athletic summer camp calendar

FIRECRACKER RUN LISTS JULY 4 STARTS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lake Granbury Kiwanis scheduled its July 4 Firecracker 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run at Tidwell Field, 2000 W. Pearl St.

The organizer's program called for a 7:15 a.m. 5K and a 7:20 a.m. fun run, with race-day registration and packet

pickup from 6:15 to 7 a.m. Access instructions directed drivers along Howard Clemmons Drive by the airport.

The published program described a measured 5K course and chip timing by Race Day Event Services. Awards

were planned after the 5K, with overall male and female prizes and age-category medals. Early packet pickup was listed at the YMCA July 2 and 3.

Source: Kiwanis Firecracker July 4 race program

COMMUNITY AFTER THE FOURTH

06

PARADE VIDEO
OFFERS A SECOND LOOK

JULY 8

City releases edited recording

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury published an edited recording of its July 4 parade July 8, giving residents a post-holiday way to revisit the Independence Day procession online.

The city's newsletter directed viewers to the recording on its official YouTube channel. It also linked a separate City Council video segment covering a July 4 recap and recognition of city staff's work.

Source: City of Granbury July 8 parade-video release

FALLEN OFFICERS
ON REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM

JULY 7 / 8:30 P.M.

Memorial Lane / Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's July 6 notice invited the community to remember Texas law-enforcement officers at 8:30 p.m. July 7 at Memorial Lane in Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 550 N. Travis St.

The announcement asked residents to honor and remember fallen officers and linked a city-produced remembrance video. Its accompanying poster identified the time and park location.

Source: City July 6 bulletin and fallen-officer remembrance poster

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY GIVING

07

STUMPY’S PAIRS DINING WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT

JULY 4 & JULY 8

Folds of Honor / Leadership Granbury

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy’s Lakeside Grill listed two community beneficiaries during the holiday week: Folds of Honor Foundation on Saturday, July 4, and Leadership Granbury on Wednesday, July 8.

The restaurant’s Chow Down for Charity program assigns a club, team or organization a day on which a

share of sales is designated for that group. Its published description covers sales across the full day, giving diners a way to participate through their ordinary restaurant purchases.

The calendar also includes special Saturday fundraisers on patriotic holiday weekends. Stumpy’s

describes Folds of Honor as supporting educational scholarships for families of veterans and first responders disabled or killed in the line of duty.

Source: Stumpy’s official 2026 Chow Down for Charity calendar

JULY TAX DISTRIBUTIONS REFLECT MAY SALES

\$1.2 BILLION

Statewide July allocations / Up 5.6 percent

HCE STAFF WRITER

Texas announced \$1.2 billion in July local sales-tax allocations on July 8, a 5.6 percent statewide increase from July 2025.

The distributions were based on May sales reported by monthly filers. They therefore measure an earlier period

of business activity rather than shopping during the Fourth of July holiday.

Cities statewide received \$760.4 million, up 4.7 percent; counties received \$75.2 million, up 6.3 percent. Transit systems and special-purpose districts received the balance.

Source: Texas Comptroller release, July 8

ARTS & LIVE MUSIC

08

A BACKSTAGE HAT CARRIES GTC HISTORY



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

JULY 2 / ACTING UP WITH GTC

HCE STAFF WRITER

A July 2 episode of Granbury Theatre Company's Acting Up with GTC podcast turned attention from the stage to a drum major's hat hanging backstage at the Opera House.

In the company's description, the hat began as part of a Legally Blonde costume and had remained

untouched since the summer of 2020. The episode presents it as a reminder of resilience and appreciation for the return of live theatre after a difficult period in the company's history.

Micky Shearon narrates the installment, which runs nine minutes and 38 seconds.

The current Legally Blonde production's published run was June 5-July 5 at the Granbury Opera House, 133 E. Pearl St. Its scheduled final weekend coincided with the Independence Day holiday.

Source: GTC July 2 podcast episode and original publisher RSS; TheaterMania Granbury Legally Blonde run listing

FRIDAY DINNER & MUSIC AT TWIN CANYONS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Twin Canyons Ranch Resort's July 10 listing advertised an evening of dinner and live music at Black Star Grille & Music Venue, 7631 Hayworth Highway.

The restaurant program was open to the public from 4:30 to 9 p.m., with a full menu and bar. Live music was

scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., placing the entertainment within the dinner service rather than in a separately described concert.

The organizer also advertised a 4:30-6 p.m. happy hour with \$2 off drinks and appetizers.

Source: Twin Canyons organizer's July 10 dinner-and-music listing

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