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RECALL PETITIONS MOVE TOWARD COUNCIL



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

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury agreed to move five recall petitions forward after previously rejecting them, according to an August 27 KERA report.

In an August 24 letter to the Second Court of Appeals, the city said further legal review led it to promise that City Secretary Carla Walker would

present the petitions to City Council within 15 days.

The petitions, submitted July 13, target Mayor Jim Jarratt, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Wadley and councilmembers Greg Corrigan, Skip Overdier and Zeb Ullom.

Petitioners' attorney Art Martinez de Vara said the timetable should run

from July 13. He continued seeking court guidance on holding a November election after the ordinary August 17 ordering deadline had passed.

The agreement advanced presentation of the petitions. It did not announce a recall election date or remove an official.

Source: KERA recall report, August 27

CITY STARTS VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury began Stage 1 voluntary water conservation August 28, asking residents to reduce lawn and landscape watering and avoid unnecessary water use.

The city said the stage is triggered when water production reaches at least 4 million gallons daily for five consecutive days. Its stated

production capacity is 6.5 million gallons per day.

The requested watering days are Sundays and Thursdays for even-numbered addresses and Wednesdays and Saturdays for odd-numbered addresses. Residents were encouraged to avoid watering during the hottest part of the day.

The city explained that much of its park irrigation uses non-potable sources, including groundwater and sometimes lake water. It said conservation now could help reduce the need for more restrictive measures.

Source: Granbury conservation bulletin, August 28

DRY WEATHER & FIRE RESPONSE

02

ROSS FIRE SMOKE REACHES GRANBURY

HCE STAFF WRITER

Winds carried smoke from the Ross Fire into Hood County and Granbury early August 26, the city reported. The wildfire was burning in Palo Pinto and Jack counties.

The city urged residents to stay alert and call 911 to report flames or other suspected fire activity.

Its notice also requested bottled water, electrolyte drinks and individually packaged snacks for the Granbury Volunteer Fire Department. Suggested items included granola bars, protein bars, chips and crackers.

Donations could be dropped off at 1701 W. Pearl St. or 500 Whisper View Circle. The department’s information number was 817-579-1111.

Source: Granbury smoke and fire-relief notice, August 26

LAKE GRANBURY IN DROUGHT WATCH

90-DAY BURN BAN

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Brazos River Authority declared a Stage 1 Drought Watch August 27 for customers drawing water from lakes Granbury, Whitney, Aquilla and Limestone.

The authority cited drier-than-normal conditions and said the monthly Palmer Hydrologic Drought Index for each reservoir area had fallen below its minus-2.4 trigger.

The watch aims to increase awareness and encourage a voluntary five-percent reduction in water use. BRA asked customers to consider activating their own drought plans, expanding conservation education and notifying the people they serve.

The release said the authority would continue monitoring conditions and notify customers and the public if additional action became necessary.

Source: BRA drought-watch release, August 27

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County commissioners voted 5-0 August 25 to impose a 90-day burn ban effective immediately.

Commissioner Dave Eagle made the motion, with a second from Commissioner Andrews.

Source: Hood County court recording, August 25

AUGUST 25

Unanimous 5-0 vote

County ban took effect immediately

COUNTY FINANCES & STREET PLANS

03

COUNTY ADVANCES
32.5-CENT TAX PROPOSAL

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

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County commissioners voted 3-2 August 25 to advance a proposed property-tax rate of 32.5 cents per \$100 of valuation.

The action established a proposal for the tax-setting process; it was not final adoption of the county budget or tax rate.

Discussion included competing spending plans, employee compensation, technology costs and sheriff's-office overtime. Commissioners later voted unanimously to table three budget-related agenda items while that work continued.

Source: Hood County court recording, August 25

LABOR DAY
STREET CLOSURES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury announced August 28 that Bridge and Crockett streets around the Historic Square would close for Labor Day events September 4-8.

The notice scheduled the closure to continue through 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 8, and asked drivers to plan alternate routes.

The city asked motorists to respect barricades, follow posted signs and watch for pedestrians and event workers around the Square.

Source: Granbury Labor Day road notice, August 28

PRESERVATION BOARD
APPROVES SIGNS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Historic Preservation Commission approved two sign requests August 27, each by a 7-0 vote.

At 120 N. Houston St., a 24-square-foot sign was approved for mounting on the front wall, with no drilling into limestone and no additional brackets. The outward-facing hanging sign originally requested exceeded the 12-square-foot guideline.

At 137 E. Pearl St., commissioners approved a new wall sign using existing support, with no additional holes or brackets.

Source: Granbury preservation minutes, August 27

SCHOOLS & STUDENT HONORS

04

LIPAN ADOPTS

BUDGET & TAX RATE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan ISD trustees adopted the 2026-27 budget and a tax rate of \$1.0469 per \$100 of property value Aug. 27. Both votes were 6-0.

The levy consists of \$0.7469 for maintenance and operations and \$0.3000 for interest and sinking, the district’s debt-service component.

Janelle Grau presented the budget and proposed rate during a public hearing; the minutes record no questions.

Trustees also unanimously approved final amendments to the 2025-26 budgets and changes to the coming year’s pay structures.

Separate 6-0 votes approved the teacher-appraisal calendar and appraisers, along with extracurricular status and adjunct-staff appointments connected to the Hood County Extension Office.

Source: Lipan ISD August 27 approved minutes

CADETS EARN

13TH HONOR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School’s Marine Corps JROTC program earned its 13th consecutive Naval Honor School designation for the 2025-26 school year, the district announced Aug. 24.

The battalion also received the Marine Corps Reserve Association Award and ranked first in its national school-population category for a sixth consecutive year, according to Granbury ISD.

The designation authorizes the senior Marine instructor to nominate qualified cadets to the Naval Academy, Air Force Academy and West Point. A nomination does not guarantee admission: cadets must still meet each academy’s academic, physical, medical and character requirements and compete for an appointment.

Source: GISD August 24 MCJROTC announcement

FIVE PIRATES

ON AVCA LISTS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Five Granbury High School volleyball players received national watch-list recognition, Granbury ISD announced Aug. 24.

Amelia Feao, Kyleigh Huggins and Masyn Noe were named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association’s 2026 Girls High School All-America Watch List. Kyndal Cardwell and Kailynne Sermarini, both in the Class of 2028, were named to the Phenom Watch List.

The senior list identifies previously recognized players in the Class of 2027. The Phenom list identifies standout underclassmen; selected uncommitted athletes are invited to the association’s college-preparatory program. Watch-list selection is recognition ahead of subsequent awards and recruiting opportunities.

Source: GISD August 24 volleyball watch-list announcement

AUGUST 26

RUNNING PLANS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan and Tolar’s published cross-country calendars both listed Keene for Aug. 26. Tolar’s entry specified junior-varsity and varsity competition at 9 a.m.

A meet-entry preview published Aug. 24 listed Lipan runners Austin Skiles, Court Gaylor and Ryan Skiles, along with Tolar’s Carson Caban. The preview described entries as unofficial and subject to change.

Acton Middle School’s separate Aug. 26 plan placed runners at Brock High School. Its event notice listed four 1.5-mile races, separated by seventh and eighth grade and by boys and girls, with a rolling race schedule beginning at 6 p.m.

Source: Lipan ISD high-school cross-country calendar; Tolar ISD August 26 cross-country calendar; MileSplit August 24 Keene entry preview; Acton Middle School August 26 meet notice

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL

54-27
PIRATES WIN

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury defeated Cleburne 54-27 on Aug. 28, opening its football season with a road victory.

The teams were tied at 21 after the first quarter. Granbury then held Cleburne scoreless through the middle two periods and led 41-21 entering the fourth.

Caleb Johnson passed for 183 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 173 yards and three scores.

The Pirates scored in every quarter, with 13 points in the final period.

Source: NTX Varsity September 1 Granbury report; Granbury-Cleburne August 28 football box score

33-26
BOYD PREVAILS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar opened its football season with a 33-26 loss at Boyd on Aug. 28.

The Rattlers' seven-point defeat came at Yellow Jacket Stadium.

Tolar's published schedule listed a home game against Clyde on Sept. 4 as its next assignment.

Source: NTX Varsity September 4 Boyd report; Dave Campbell's dated Tolar football schedule

GRANBURY
BEATS AZLE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury volleyball defeated Azle 3-0 on the road Aug. 28.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Pirates received a forfeit victory over Wichita Falls Legacy on Aug. 25.

Source: NTX Varsity September 1 Granbury report; Granbury dated volleyball match schedule; GM Sports Media August 30 volleyball scores

LIPAN ADDS
TWO WINS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan defeated Bridgeport 3-1 at home Aug. 28 after a 2-0 tournament victory over Eastland on Aug. 27.

The Lady Indians had lost 3-0 at Saint Jo on Aug. 25.

Source: KFDX August 25 Texoma volleyball report; Lipan dated volleyball match schedule; GM Sports Media August 30 volleyball scores

TOLAR'S COURT
RESULTS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar beat Krum 2-0 in tournament play Aug. 27.

The next day brought a 2-0 victory over North Hopkins, a 2-1 win against Gunter and a 2-0 loss to Springtown.

Source: GM Sports Media August 30 volleyball scores; Tolar dated volleyball match schedule

SUMMER BASH MARKET PAIRS MAKERS & MUSIC

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Lake Granbury Summer Bash Market was advertised for Aug. 22 with indoor and outdoor vendor areas at the David Southern Lake Granbury Conference Center, giving local makers a lakeside setting for a Saturday shopping program.

CCMarkets4Days Events listed free admission and hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 621 E. Pearl St. The announced offerings included handmade goods, boutique clothing, artwork, jewelry, home decor and food vendors.

Live music was scheduled in the Main Ballroom, with morning and afternoon sets. The tourism notice also promoted free trolley access between the historic downtown area and the conference center.

Source: Visit Granbury Aug. 22 market notice; DFW Craft Shows dated market listing

RADIO SHOW AT SILVER SADDLE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Silver Saddle Saloon scheduled a live Texas Red Hot Radio broadcast of the Ship Show for Aug. 25, naming Carson Clay and Elle Townley as the musical guests.

The free-admission program was listed from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 124 N. Houston St. on the Granbury Square. The venue's announcement described a family-friendly evening with music, food and Texas craft ice cream available.

The dated notice placed the broadcast on a Tuesday evening, adding a midweek music option to the downtown calendar.

Source: Visit Granbury Aug. 25 radio notice

SUMMER CRAFT HOURS REACH FINAL DATES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Craft House's published summer Crafty Hour schedule ran through Aug. 27, placing its final listed Wednesday and Thursday sessions on Aug. 26 and 27.

The afternoon program offered a half-price children's craft-menu item with the purchase of any one Craft Cafe menu item, limited to one discounted children's item per visit.

Sessions were scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at 205 Kings Plaza, Suite 100. The shop welcomed all skill levels. Admission to the program carried no separate charge, while craft purchases were required for the discount.

Source: Visit Granbury summer Crafty Hour calendar

LATE AUGUST MUSIC

07

COUNTRY TRIBUTE & BLUES
ON GRANBURY LIVE BILL

AUGUST 22

CONWAY TWITTY TRIBUTE
David Lee / scheduled 3 and 7 p.m.

AUGUST 28

TEXAS FLOOD
Scheduled 7 p.m. blues program

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury Live's late-August calendar paired a Conway Twitty tribute with a blues booking, scheduling David Lee's tribute performances Aug. 22 and Texas Flood on Aug. 28.

The official ticket calendar listed the Conway program at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday. Texas Flood's venue page gave a 7 p.m. Friday start.

Both bookings were at Granbury Live, 110 N. Crockett St. The venue billed Texas Flood under its Blues Forever/Forever Blues program and identified David Lee as the performer portraying Twitty.

Source: Granbury Live dated August listings; Granbury Live official Conway ticket calendar

SHANE & AARON BROOKS AT TWIN CANYONS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Shane Brooks and Aaron Brooks were the announced performers for Twin Canyons Ranch Resort's Aug. 28 music program, with the evening listed from 7 to 9 p.m.

The free-admission show was scheduled at the property's Black Star venue, 7631 Hayworth Highway. The

notice offered both free seat reservations and admission without a ticket.

The resort also advertised a pre-show happy hour and a full food menu available until 8:15 p.m. Food and drinks were separate from the advertised free admission.

Source: Visit Granbury Twin Canyons Aug. 28 notice

NIGHT SKY

08

EARTH'S SHADOW
CROSSES THE MOON

96.3%

Moon's disk inside the dark inner shadow at greatest eclipse

NASA / partial lunar eclipse / August 27-28

HCE STAFF WRITER

A deep partial lunar eclipse crossed the night of Aug. 27-28, placing Hood County within the broad American viewing region described by NASA.

At greatest eclipse, about 11:13 p.m. Thursday in Central Daylight Time, 96.3 percent of the moon's disk was

within Earth's darker inner shadow, according to NASA's Scientific Visualization Studio. A narrow portion remained outside that shadow, keeping the event partial.

NASA distinguished the area of the disk covered from eclipse magnitude,

which measures the share of the moon's diameter inside the shadow. Its explainer described a growing shadow followed by a coppery appearance as observers' eyes adapted.

Source: NASA Aug. 27-28 eclipse explainer

LATE THURSDAY

Peak about 11:13 p.m. Central Daylight Time on August 27

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