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COUNTY RESETS SAILFISH PERMIT APPEAL



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 postponed a September 8 item concerning the on-site permit status of Sailfish projects, including Comanche Circle, until October 13.

The meeting discussion identified the matter as an appeal of prior county rulings. Commissioners were told county development rules require a public hearing on

that appeal and that the September 8 item had not been noticed as one.

The court reset the matter for the later meeting. The action did not grant a construction permit.

Source: Hood County Commissioners Court, September 8; NBC DFW report, September 8

COUNTY TAX QUESTION MOVES TO SEPTEMBER 22

HCE STAFF WRITER

After a September 8 hearing on the proposed 32.5-cent property-tax rate per \$100 of valuation, Hood County commissioners voted 4-0 to move the rate question to September 22.

The auditor reminded the court that the next regular meeting was its final opportunity to adopt a budget and rate. Neither was finalized during this discussion.

Source: Hood County Commissioners Court, September 8

CITY DEVELOPMENT

02

CITY REPORTS NO
DATA-CENTER APPLICATION

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 said in a September 9 update that it had not received a development application or approved a site plan for a data center.

The city's new question-and-answer section, posted with its Project Patriot information, said no data-center construction had been authorized. Any future proposal would have to undergo municipal

review and meet applicable zoning and development requirements.

The city also said no utility agreement had been approved and no data-center tax abatement or incentive agreement had been authorized. Potential utility demands would be reviewed if a proposal arrived.

The update distinguished annexation from project approval: bringing privately owned land into city limits places it under municipal rules but does not authorize a particular development. These statements describe the city's reported status on September 9.

Source: Granbury data-center FAQ, September 9

SEPTEMBER 1 CARRYOVER

PEARL STREET HOTEL WINS USE APPROVAL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury City Council voted 5-1 September 1 to approve a hotel Specific Use Permit at 830 E. Pearl St., with Greg Corrigan opposed.

The decision followed an August 10 Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to deny the request, which passed 4-1. At the council hearing, residents raised concerns about neighborhood traffic, parking,

emergency access and compatibility with nearby homes and the historic area.

Applicant representatives addressed access, engineering and design questions. City tourism officials described advantages of another hotel near the Lake Granbury Conference Center.

The vote approved the requested use with conditions. Community Development Director Cody Nolen explained that platting, engineering and a Facilities Improvement Agreement would follow. He also said the site-plan-specific permit would expire after six months without advancement.

Source: Granbury City Council record, September 1

PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ROADS

03

STATE OPENS COMMENT
ON TWO TANK CASES

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality published two proposed agreed orders involving GPM Southeast LLC facilities in Granbury in the September 11 Texas Register.

Each underground-storage-tank case carries a proposed \$1,875 penalty. The docket numbers are 2026-0403-PST-E and 2026-0419-PST-E.

Both list Hood County locations and enforcement coordinator Kensington Mikulenska.

The notices open a public-comment period rather than announce final approval. Written comments must be postmarked by 5 p.m. October 12. Comments may also be emailed to ENFCOMNT@tceq.texas.gov.

The proposed orders can be located through TCEQ's eFiling system or Commissioners' Integrated Database using the docket numbers. The commission may withhold or withdraw approval if comments show that a proposed settlement is inappropriate or inadequate.

Source: Texas Register proposed agreed orders, September 11

SEPTEMBER 1 CARRYOVER

CITY CREATES
LEGISLATIVE GROUP

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury City Council approved creation of a five-member Legislative Task Force at its September 1 meeting.

The city's September 2 recap said the group would help develop municipal legislative priorities and support advocacy with state lawmakers. Local citizens and community stakeholders are to provide input on issues affecting Granbury and help communicate the city's priorities.

Membership does not require residence inside Granbury's city limits, according to the announcement. The action established the group's framework; the recap did not announce a completed roster.

Source: Granbury council recap, September 2

REGIONAL TRAVEL

FM 917 BRIDGE
WORK PLANNED

HCE STAFF WRITER

TxDOT plans to begin reconstruction and widening of the FM 917 bridge over Interstate 35W on September 18, according to a September 11 Granbury city notice.

The bridge is between Burleson and Alvarado, outside Granbury, but the work could affect residents who use that route. Construction is expected to continue until fall 2030.

The notice advises drivers to anticipate lane shifts and occasional weekday lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., allow extra travel time and watch for changing work-zone traffic patterns.

Source: Granbury regional roadwork notice, September 11

SCHOOLS & READING

04

DISTRICT BEGINS
FACILITIES REVIEW

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD's Future Planning Committee began work Sept. 8 with a review of aging buildings, maintenance demands and the financial pressures facing the district.

Karin Holacka and Superintendent Courtney Morawski facilitated the first meeting. Maintenance and Facilities Director Hailey Veron

described a district spanning 251 square miles, with 7,877 students and 1.5 million square feet of facilities on 535 acres, according to the official meeting summary.

Chief Financial Officer LaTisha Griffin discussed a balanced budget alongside \$5.7 million in state recapture requirements and revenue pressure from declining enrollment.

Members raised concerns about unpredictable repair costs and the effect of infrastructure on student learning. They agreed to work toward district-wide solutions and use a consensus-building process.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 22 to examine facility needs and possible responses.

Source: GISD Sept. 8 facilities-planning summary

SEPTEMBER 4 CARRYOVER

HALL OF FAME
CLASS ANNOUNCED

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury ISD announced its 2026 Athletic and Academic Hall of Fame class Sept. 4, with recognition planned before the Oct. 23 homecoming football game at Pirate Stadium.

The athletic honorees are football coach Kevin Atkinson, volleyball coach Tammy Clark, former volleyball player Aubrey Ezell Nichols, soccer coach Larry Mayo, professional bullfighter Frank Newsom and longtime Pirates broadcaster David Youker. The 1997-98 Lady Pirate basketball team also was selected.

Academic honorees include educators Willie and Wanda Crossland, Granbury graduate and dentist Ashley Tello, and the Hood County Children's Charity Fund.

Youker's work included play-by-play and public-address duties across multiple sports, while the Crosslands spent decades in Granbury education.

The district's announcement set the homecoming game's kickoff for 7 p.m.

Source: Granbury ISD Hall of Fame announcement, Sept. 4

SEPTEMBER 11-18

LIPAN
BOOK FAIR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan ISD's library book fair was scheduled for Sept. 11-18, bringing the school's fall reading event into the new month.

The district's Aug. 24 announcement directed families to an online book preview and shopping page supporting the Lipan library. It also described Scholastic's eWallet option for students to shop without carrying cash and for teachers to build classroom libraries.

The school's notice offered both online and library-based ways to browse books during the fair.

Source: Lipan ISD Scholastic Book Fair notice

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL

55-20
PIRATES WIN

SEPT. 11 / SEPT. 4 CARRYOVER

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury defeated Irving 55-20 on the road Friday, Sept. 11, finishing with a 35-point margin.

The victory followed a 28-24 home loss to Waco on Sept. 4. That earlier game, the Pirates' home opener at Johnny Perkins Field, was listed as Senior Night on the school schedule.

Granbury's next scheduled assignment was a Sept. 18 home game against Aledo at Pirate Stadium. The school listed a 7 p.m. kickoff and Officials Night recognition.

Source: GM Sports Media Sept. 11 football scoreboard; MaxPreps Granbury-Irving Sept. 11 game; Granbury Athletics dated football schedule; NTX Varsity Granbury report, Sept. 8

41-26
TOLAR WINS

SEPTEMBER 11 / AT MART

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar defeated Mart 41-26 in a road nonconference football game Friday, Sept. 11. The Rattlers finished 15 points ahead of the host Panthers.

Tolar's published calendar listed a return home Sept. 18 against Millsap at Rattler Stadium, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Source: GM Sports Media Sept. 11 football scoreboard; MaxPreps Tolar-Mart Sept. 11 game; Tolar ISD September calendar

GRANBURY
SPLITS PAIR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury lost to visiting Aledo 3-0 on Sept. 8, then won 3-0 at Arlington Bowie on Sept. 11.

The Lady Pirates took the Bowie match 25-19, 25-9, 25-21. Aledo had prevailed 25-17, 25-13, 25-19 in Tuesday's district opener.

Source: NTX Varsity Granbury report, Sept. 8; GM Sports Media Sept. 8 volleyball scores; GM Sports Media Sept. 11 volleyball scores; MaxPreps Granbury dated volleyball records

TOLAR
SWEEPS TWO

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar won both of its opening district volleyball matches in straight sets, beating Breckenridge 3-0 on the road Sept. 8 and Millsap 3-0 at home Sept. 11.

Source: Tolar ISD September calendar; GM Sports Media Sept. 8 volleyball scores; GM Sports Media Sept. 11 volleyball scores; MaxPreps Tolar volleyball schedule

LIPAN WINS
AT HAMILTON

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan defeated Hamilton 3-1 on the road Sept. 8. The Lady Indians dropped the opening set before taking the next three.

The match finished 22-25, 25-17, 26-24, 25-22, giving Lipan the non-district victory in four sets.

Source: GM Sports Media Sept. 8 volleyball scores; MaxPreps Lipan-Hamilton Sept. 8 box score and dated schedule

HOLIDAY & LOCAL GIVING

06

LABOR DAY FESTIVAL
ON HOLIDAY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 5-7

Holiday-weekend schedule on the historic square

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Historic Granbury Merchants Association scheduled its Labor Day Festival for Sept. 4-7, with vendors, shopping and live entertainment around the downtown square.

Activities in this issue's coverage week were scheduled for Saturday through Labor Day, Sept. 5-7. Visit Granbury

advertised free admission and programs around the historic square and plaza.

The organizer's listing placed the event at 100 E. Pearl St. and scheduled the festival to close at 4 p.m. Monday.

Source: Visit Granbury Labor Day notice; HGMA official festival listing

TWO CAUSES ON THE CHARITY CALENDAR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Stumpy's Lakeside Grill named Folds of Honor and Friends of Memorial Lane as beneficiaries on its early-September community calendar.

For Saturday, Sept. 5, the restaurant pledged 10 percent of that day's proceeds to Folds of Honor, which provides educational scholarships for families of military

members and first responders killed or disabled in service.

Friends of Memorial Lane was listed for the Sept. 9 Chow Down for Charity program. The restaurant describes its Wednesday benefit as a percentage-of-sales donation; it did not publish a total raised for either date.

Source: Stumpy's dated community calendar

MUSIC AROUND GRANBURY

07

BEATLES TRIBUTE
ON OPERA HOUSE BILL

Granbury Opera House, 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 Theatre Company's September concert schedule paired the historic Opera House with the music of the Beatles.

Liverpool Legends was booked for a 7:30 p.m. performance Sept. 11 at 133 E. Pearl St. Two additional shows were advertised for Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The tourism notice listed the engagement as a tribute concert and directed group reservations through the theater's box office. The three-show booking was a concert offering separate from the company's Broadway on the Brazos musical productions.

Source: Visit Granbury Liverpool Legends notice

CREEDENCE TRIBUTE
AT GRANBURY LIVE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Texas Clearwater Revival was listed for a 7 p.m. Sept. 5 show at Granbury Live, bringing a Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute to the downtown concert venue.

The official ticket calendar identified the Saturday performance at 110 N. Crockett St. It was part of a two-date Labor Day weekend booking.

Source: Granbury Live official ticket calendar

B RAY & THE HUMANS
AT TWIN CANYONS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Twin Canyons Ranch Resort advertised B Ray & The Humans for a free Sept. 11 evening at its Black Star music venue, 7631 Hayworth Highway.

The listing scheduled music from 7 to 9 p.m. and said no ticket was needed. Food service was advertised through 8:15 p.m., giving listeners the option of dinner during the set.

Source: Visit Granbury Sept. 11 Twin Canyons notice

SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE

08

GRANBURY REMEMBERS
SEPTEMBER 11

25 YEARS

Patriot Day gathering scheduled at Memorial Lane

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury's Patriot Day observance was scheduled for Sept. 11 at Memorial Lane, marking 25 years since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The city invited residents to gather at 6:30 p.m. at Jim Burks Firefighters Memorial Park, 550 N. Travis St. Its

announcement called for remembrance of those who died, recognition of the people who responded and reflection on the unity that followed.

Source: City Sept. 1 Patriot Day announcement

VALOR PLANS A DAY ON THE LAKE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Valor Initiative's September calendar included a Granbury watersports program for veterans and first responders.

Stumpy's and Lake Granbury Marina advertised wakeboarding and wakesurfing for Sept. 10, with the

restaurant providing food. The host described Valor's work as support for people who experienced physical or mental trauma in the line of duty.

Source: Stumpy's dated community calendar; Valor Initiative Sept. 10 event

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