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RECALL MANDAMUS DENIED AS MOOT



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

The Second Court of Appeals denied a request for mandamus relief in Granbury's recall dispute as moot September 21. The two-page opinion also denied Daniel Piatt and Janet Logsdon's request for attorney's fees.

The ruling ordered the named respondents, acting in their official capacities, to pay the proceeding's court costs. They are Mayor Jim

Jarratt, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Wadley, council members Greg Corrigan, Skip Overdier and Zeb Ullom, and City Secretary Carla Walker.

The court's disposition did not decide whether the recall allegations were true, and it did not set an election date. Its distinction between attorney's fees and court costs

matters: the petitioners did not receive the requested fee award, while costs were assigned to the respondents.

The case is *In re Daniel Piatt and Janet Logsdon*, No. 02-26-00530-CV, an original proceeding from Hood County.

Source: Second Court of Appeals, Sept. 21

COUNTY ADOPTS 29.425-CENT TAX RATE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Hood County commissioners unanimously adopted a 2026 property-tax rate of \$0.29425 per \$100 of valuation September 22, according to Hood County News. Hood Central Appraisal District's adopted-rate table confirms the figure.

The total was \$0.2797 in 2025. The new rate combines \$0.25521 for the general fund, \$0.03241 for lateral roads and \$0.00663 for the library. Property values and exemptions also affect individual bills.

Source: Hood CAD adopted rates; Hood County News via Muck Rack

DEVELOPMENT & CIVIC AFFAIRS

02

PROPELL PROJECT
ENTERS STATE RECORD

\$21.34 MILLION

Estimated manufacturing project cost in September 22 registration

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A September 22 state registration describes a proposed \$21.34 million manufacturing development at 5480 Discovery Drive in Granbury. Red Cedar LLC is the owner listed for the Propell Super Plant in the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's architectural-barriers database.

The filing covers 153,000 square feet. Its scope identifies Buildings A and B, a future north building, parking, utilities, accessible routes and employee-support areas. The record identifies private funding and names CSL Professional Engineering and Consultants as the design firm.

The applicant supplied September 14, 2026, and December 31, 2027, as

the construction schedule. Those dates and the \$21,340,440 estimate describe the filed plan. Registration does not establish that construction began, that a building permit was issued or that the facility is operating.

The state record is TABS2027001634.

Source: TDLR September 22 filing

TOLAR HOLDS
50-CENT RATE

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar's City Council adopted its budget and retained a property-tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 of taxable value September 21, Hood County News reported. Hood Central Appraisal District lists the same city rate for 2025 and 2026.

An unchanged rate does not guarantee an unchanged bill: taxable property values and applicable exemptions determine the amount owed.

Source: Hood CAD adopted rates; Hood County News via Muck Rack

HIGH-RISK SCENES
ON TRAINING BILL

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tactical Police Officers Association scheduled a two-day scene-management course at Granbury Police Department September 21-22, with Marco Lopez listed as instructor.

The classroom program was designed for patrol officers and tactical units confronting fast-changing incidents in buildings, vehicles and outdoor areas. Its outline covered command-post communication, containment, legal considerations, medical response and coordination when SWAT personnel arrive.

The announced schedule ran from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Group exercises were to end with debriefings on lessons learned, giving officers a chance to discuss decisions before facing similar situations on duty.

Source: TTPOA September 21-22 program

PUBLIC SERVICE & ELECTIONS

03

CITY SETS NOVEMBER
CLEANUP PLANS

NOVEMBER 7

Cleanup volunteers, document shredding and bulk collection

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury and Keep Granbury Beautiful announced Sept. 21 that their cleanup, document-shredding event and bulk-trash collection will return Saturday, Nov. 7.

Cleanup volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 116 W. Bridge St. Organizers want teams of at least

four people, with participants age 7 or older. Volunteers should bring leather gloves; the city will supply bags, safety vests and grabbers.

Shredding is scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at American Town Hall, 220 N. Travis St., ending sooner if the truck fills. Residents may bring three

Bankers Boxes of paper, without clips or staples. Bulk items must be curbside by 7 a.m.; each household is limited to six items. Tires, paint, oil, liquids, construction debris and masonry materials are excluded.

Source: Granbury Sept. 21 cleanup notice

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AT STONEWATER

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury police and Stonewater Church will partner for National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 6, the city announced Sept. 22. The gathering is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church, 911 E. U.S. Highway 377.

The city's announcement lists food, live entertainment, games and giveaways, along with opportunities to meet officers, neighbors and community organizations. The national campaign encourages relationships between residents and law enforcement. Texas and some other areas observe it on the first Tuesday in October, according to the National Association of Town Watch.

Source: Granbury Sept. 22 notice; National Association of Town Watch

VOTER DEADLINE
APPROACHES

HCE STAFF WRITER

Residents who need to register for the Nov. 3 election have until Oct. 5, Granbury reminded voters in a Sept. 21 notice. The Texas Secretary of State confirms that deadline and offers an online tool for checking an existing registration.

First-time applicants using the state's online application form must print, sign and mail the completed form to their county election office. They may also contact or visit the county voter registrar to complete the process. Existing Texas voters who have moved within the state or changed their names can use the state's separate online update service. Registration information and the status-check tool are available through VoteTexas.gov.

Source: Granbury Sept. 21 voter notice; Texas Secretary of State; Texas registration instructions

SCHOOLS & YOUTH

04

MCKETHAN EARNS LEADERSHIP HONOR

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury High School academic associate principal Stefanie McKethan received Granbury ISD's first Leadership Impact Award at the Sept. 21 school board meeting. The district recognized her in its Student Achievement Champion category.

In announcing the award Sept. 22, GISD credited McKethan with leading the high school's academic improvement plan and changing the master schedule to give teachers more time to collaborate. The district also cited her support for Algebra I teachers implementing the Bluebonnet curriculum.

Her work included coordinating with counselors, administrators and teachers to identify students needing additional support on the TSIA2 college-readiness assessment. GISD said the new award will recognize leadership contributions in different areas throughout the year.

Source: GISD Sept. 22 award announcement

NINE STUDENTS EARN AP HONORS

HCE STAFF WRITER

Nine Granbury High School students received recognition at the Sept. 21 school board meeting for earning College Board AP Scholar honors. The recipients were Ojasbi Aryal, Monica Barto, Rebecca Blair, Lelan Brown, Emma Farrell, Sean Kim, Emery King, Nolan Porter and Carmen Wright.

The award requires scores of at least 3 on three or more Advanced Placement exams. Blair, Kim and Wright also earned AP Scholar with Honor, requiring qualifying scores on at least four exams and an average of 3.25 or better across all AP exams taken.

Source: GISD Sept. 22 student honors

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

HCE STAFF WRITER

Sierra Morisette was recognized as Granbury High School's Shottenkirk Autogroup Senior of the Month at the Sept. 21 school board meeting. The district said she has earned an A in every class.

Morisette completed a business practicum with A+ Roofing and now takes an engineering practicum. She has reached state and international DECA competition, served as co-president and held leadership roles in the National Honor Society and Granbury Jr. Optimist Club. She plans to study architectural engineering at Texas A&M.

Source: GISD Sept. 22 student honors

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS OPEN

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury Athletic Association opened registration Sept. 21 for its 2026-27 youth basketball program, which serves children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The association's regular registration period runs through Oct. 31.

Regular fees are listed at \$150 to \$165. Late registration is listed through Nov. 7, with fees of \$160 to \$175. The program is scheduled to run from Dec. 1, 2026, through March 6, 2027.

Families can find the enrollment options on the association's current-programs page at granburyathletic.com.

Source: Granbury Athletic Association

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL

BOWIE EDGES GRANBURY

41-35 / SEPTEMBER 25

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury lost 41-35 to Arlington Bowie on Friday, Sept. 25, at Choctaw Stadium in Arlington. The Pirates finished the game 2-3 overall and 0-2 in District 3-6A.

Granbury has an open week before its next scheduled game. The Pirates are set to host Arlington at Pirate Stadium at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8.

Source: GM Sports, Sept. 25; MaxPreps Bowie recap; DCTF Granbury schedule; GISD football schedule; MaxPreps Granbury schedule

TOLAR WINS AT COMANCHE

42-24 / SEPTEMBER 25

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar defeated Comanche 42-24 on the road Friday, Sept. 25, evening its District 5-3A Division II record at 1-1. Both teams finished the game 2-3 overall.

The Rattlers enter an open week before their next scheduled district game, a home meeting with Rio Vista at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Source: Brownwood News, Sept. 26; DCTF Tolar schedule; Pigskin Prep Tolar schedule

GRANBURY VOLLEYBALL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Granbury swept both home varsity volleyball matches during the week, defeating Arlington Sam Houston on Sept. 22 and Arlington Lamar on Sept. 25.

The Lady Pirates beat Sam Houston 25-8, 25-8, 25-12 at James Wann Center, then beat Lamar 25-16, 25-11, 25-13 there Friday. Both matches were District 3-6A contests.

Source: GM Sports, Sept. 22; MaxPreps Sam Houston match; GM Sports, Sept. 25; MaxPreps Lamar match; GISD volleyball schedule

TOLAR VOLLEYBALL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Tolar split its varsity volleyball matches during the week, beating Early at home Sept. 22 before losing to Peaster Sept. 25.

The Lady Rattlers defeated Early 25-9, 25-16, 25-20, handing the Lady Horns their first defeat of the season. Peaster won Friday's match 3-1.

Source: GM Sports, Sept. 22; Brownwood News, Sept. 22; MaxPreps Early match; Big Country Preps, Sept. 30; MaxPreps Peaster match

LIPAN VOLLEYBALL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Lipan defeated visiting Poolville in three straight sets Friday, Sept. 25, winning 25-17, 25-22, 25-23 in District 9-2A volleyball.

The home match followed an open varsity date Sept. 22 on the school's schedule. Lipan's next scheduled varsity match is at Chico at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Source: GM Sports, Sept. 25; Big Country Preps, Sept. 30; MaxPreps Poolville match; Lipan ISD schedule

COMMUNITY & LOCAL GIVING

06

CAREER GROWTH ON SUMMIT PROGRAM

FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMIT

Chamber program links leadership, career risks and connections

HCE STAFF WRITER

Career advancement, leadership and personal resilience shaped the published program for the Granbury Chamber of Commerce's fifth annual Women in Business Summit, scheduled Sept. 22 at Lake Granbury Conference Center.

The chamber listed Amy Vanderoef as keynote speaker, with a presentation titled Necessary Endings. Whitney Carpenter's session focused on professional advocacy and connections, while a panel paired Jacque Gordon, Maggie Walton and Monica Hays to discuss taking career risks.

Krissy White also appeared on the program, which included breakfast, lunch and afternoon networking at the Hilton Garden Inn. The chamber advertised an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. day at the conference center, 621 E. Pearl St.
Source: Granbury Chamber summit program

TWO BENEFITS NAME PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

HCE STAFF WRITER

People Helping People appeared on two community-support calendars during the week. Stumpy's Lakeside Grill designated the nonprofit for its Sept. 23 Chow Down for Charity program, which directs a share of a day's restaurant sales to a selected organization.

Fabulous Women of Granbury separately scheduled its Sept. 24 gathering in support of the same charity. The group's announcement listed a 6 p.m. event at Iron Horse Inn B&B.

People Helping People has served Hood County since 1983. The volunteer-run organization operates a food pantry and resale shops whose proceeds help purchase food.
Source: Stumpy's charity calendar; Fabulous Women September notice; People Helping People

AROUND HOOD COUNTY

07

WESTERN TRADITIONS
ON SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

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

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The fourth annual Texas Cowboy Symposium was scheduled to begin Friday, Sept. 25, at Warren's Backyard, with a two-day program extending through Sept. 26.

Visit Granbury's listing placed the gathering at 2901 Weatherford Highway and described a family-oriented mix of Western swing, cowboy poetry, shopping and

demonstrations. The advertised chuckwagon food festival called for 14 wagons, with offerings including chicken-fried steak, beans, potatoes, Dutch oven bread and peach dessert.

The weekend program also listed a fiddle contest, Dutch oven demonstrations and evening music and dancing.

Source: Visit Granbury symposium listing

CHAMBER CALENDAR MARKS
BUSINESS MILESTONES

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Chamber of Commerce's week included three ribbon-cutting listings highlighting a business, a clinic and an anniversary.

Porch Patches was on the Sept. 21 calendar for 11:30 a.m. at Baked, 401

Cleveland Road. On Sept. 25, the chamber listed a 10:30 a.m. ceremony for Pecan Valley Centers' new clinic at 1200 Second St.

That afternoon's schedule included G&G Electric and Beacon Generators

at 3805 Weatherford Highway. The listing advertised a 40th-anniversary celebration from 3 to 5 p.m.

Source: Chamber Sept. 21 listing; Chamber Pecan Valley listing; Chamber G&G anniversary listing

ARTS & DOWNTOWN STAGE

08

KIWANIS SINGING BENEFIT
PUTS AUDIENCE IN CHARGE

12 SINGERS

Opening-round format advertised for September 24 at Granbury Live

HCE STAFF WRITER

The Granbury Kiwanis Club's singing fundraiser, The Voice, was scheduled for Sept. 24 at Granbury Live, with an advertised format giving the audience a role in choosing who advanced.

The venue listed 12 singers for the opening round, six for a second round and invitations for the top three finishers to a January main event. A \$250 prize was listed for the top finisher. Each audience member was to receive three voting tokens, with additional votes priced at \$10.

The 7 p.m. program at 110 N. Crockett St. listed both seating categories at \$30. Proceeds were designated for Kiwanis charitable work.

Source: Granbury Live Sept. 24 listing

SANTANA TRIBUTE ON
FRIDAY'S DOWNTOWN BILL

HCE STAFF WRITER

Soul Sacrifice was listed for a 7 p.m. Santana tribute at Granbury Live on Sept. 25. The venue advertised a repertoire reaching from Santana's Woodstock era to more recent recordings.

Its program description named Black Magic Woman, Oye Como Va and Smooth among the music associated with the act, alongside guitar and Latin percussion.

The show listing priced VIP seats at \$60 and Prime seats at \$50. Granbury Live's box office is at 110 N. Crockett St.

Source: Granbury Live Sept. 25 listing

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