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***Airport News* from Pat Stewart, Granbury Aviation Director**

It's going to be a very exciting year here at the Airport. After many years of planning and about three years of construction we have started the final runway phase.

The current target for completion of the runway/taxiway project is November 2022. When flying into Granbury don't be confused by the visual from the air, it looks like a beautiful 5200 ft concrete runway but it's not, **we have not started paving**. (Photos below.) Runway 14/32 will remain the active runway until project completion.

If you're looking for a great flying destination, Granbury is the place. Here at the airport, we have four courtesy cars available for your use. Within two miles of our airport, we have dozens of restaurants, hotels, and shopping, so come

see us.

As always, we have a great airport support team here to help.



2022 Pancake Breakfast Schedule

30 April 21 May 25 June 23 July
27 August 24 September





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Hello aviators and friends, we have enjoyed almost six years as tenants in the airport terminal. Our team is excited about the new runway and community growth!

The last couple years our focus has been large acreage data capture utilizing the most advanced VTOL drones for mapping and surveying – the Wingtra GenII. We can capture 400+ acres/hour, rendering topographic models with down to 1cm absolute accuracy.

Our client base continues to grow and expand across industries, including civil engineering, land development, construction aggregates, grading contractors, environmental engineering – solar and hydro, asset verification and project management.

Stop by and see us anytime!



GHS Students Building 4th Airplane

Twenty-five Granbury High School students enrolled in the Aeronautical Engineering classes are well on their way to completing the school's fourth full-sized, flyable amateur built airplane. This year's airplane is an all-aluminum tri-gear RANS S-21.

It is a very capable cross country and backcountry airplane. It will be equipped with large "Tundra" tires. The plane will accommodate two people sitting side by side. It will be fully equipped with the latest technology "glass screens" that will display all facets of aircraft performance and engine parameters and an



auto pilot. Power will be a new 180 hp engine.

The students are mentored by a very dedicated and committed team of 12 mentors from all walks of life, many who have built their own planes. The mentors are the heart of the program. Workdays on the project are usually two partial days a week. To date, this school year the students and mentors have put in 1,440 man-hours. When complete, the project will consume about 2,200 man-hours.

Construction on this year's plane began in late August 2021 and completion is expected very near this school year's end.

The program, which is part of the ISD's Career and Technical Education curriculum, isn't devised to produce pilots or maintainers. It provides students with an opportunity to create with their hands, plan and problem solve. The students all work on different aircraft subassemblies with an eye towards the goal of a finished and flying airplane.

This year's RANS aircraft follows three previous Van's Aircraft RV-12s previously built and flown through this program's six years. Another RANS S-21 is already on order for the 2022-23 school year!

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Flight School has successful take-off

Aviate at The Lake Flight School has had a successful first year in business. This last year we have had nine students pass their checkrides, eight of which were on the first attempt! Our school has seen many solos this past year and we have a number of students preparing for their checkrides in the coming months. We would like to inform the community that we will be offering another Private Pilot Ground School Course starting February 16 at 6pm. This class is an 8-week course held every Wednesday night at 6pm. The class will prepare students to pass their private pilot knowledge test. Also, a great course for those wanting a refresher course. If you are interested in attending this class, please email aviateflightschool@gmail.com. We want to take a moment to thank our instructors, Chase Wakefield and Trey Gargis, who go above and beyond to provide quality instruction to our students and have proved to be valuable members of our team. Thank you, gentleman, for all your hard work.



Lastly, we want to thank John Gladych, who has been both a mentor and a

friend in the development of our business. In truth, he gave us the most valuable advice when we first started our business, which was to create a mission statement and stick to it. Our mission statement is: “To provide structured and personalized flight training to the highest standards exemplified through our instructors, students, and aircraft maintenance to ensure safe, proficient and knowledgeable operations.”

We are proud to say we have stuck to our mission statement and the success of our flight school proves the value in this statement. We look forward to another great year and many thanks to those who continue to support us in this journey (the list is too vast to mention).



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