

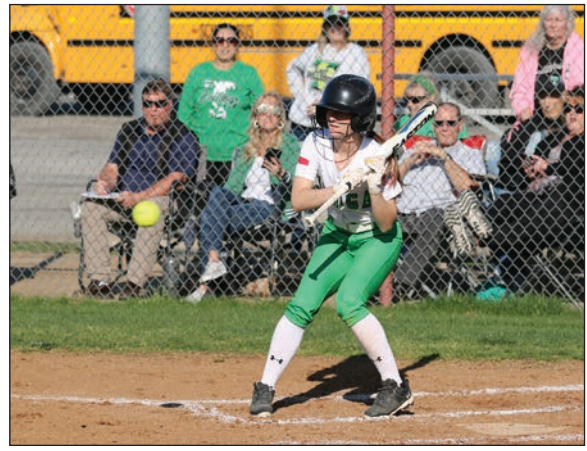
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## One for the record books

## Council forms governance subcommittee

By Abigail Allen  
Editor & Publisher

To include the mayor or not to include the mayor—that was the question at the Pilot Point City Council meeting on March 14.

The council voted to establish a governance committee, with the mayor being the only dissenting vote.

“Right now, we have a governing document,” Mayor Elisa Beasley said. “The city charter governs how the behavior of the council, the role of the city manager, it has the role of the city secretary. So how does that work? I mean, it’s like we’re creating a board for the board.”

The response came from Tracie Shipman, who was counseling the council on what the composition and start of a governance subcommittee would be.

“That’s exactly what a governance committee does,” she said. “It is an extra set of eyes, focus and drilling down, because your city charter, yes, is your scaffolding, but there are going to be a number of things that it does not provide you with guidance.”

Meeting flow was one example she used.

“It just says you will run meetings, but it doesn’t say how, and governance provides you with the additional structure around how do we want to do that and do it well,” Shipman said. “... Most communities, especially at this stage in your development, have established governance subcommittees and governance policies in order to run as effectively and

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Aubrey girls powerlifting head coach Ron Gathright, left, stands with state championship medalists Emma Gillum, Brooke McAlister, Matiana Walter, Naomi Nkwodinma and assistant coach Doc McAlister.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

## Four Aubrey powerlifters reach state podium

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

In a state where football reigns supreme, it is often easy for more niche sports, such

as powerlifting, to be overlooked.

The Lady Chaps’ performance had all eyes on them as they won two state championships and placed fourth as a team at the 4A Division 2 state championship meet on March 15 at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

“We did excellent,” head coach Ron

Gathright said. “We had a lot of girls get personal records [and] a lot of girls medal this year that didn’t last year. Having two state champions is awesome.”

The Lady Chaps were represented by 11 lifters and competed against 57 other

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## Woodard, Clay compete for seat

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

Providence Village Town Council incumbent Jordan Woodard will share a ballot with Dustin Clay in the May election.

Clay, chief operating officer for a personal injuries law office and member of the Providence HOA board and Providence Village Planning and Zoning committee, said he’s interested in taking a seat behind the dais to help raise the commitment level of the rest of the council.

“I come to these meetings and watch and think there is a voice I can come out and provide, that I can help [bring],” Clay said. “Commitment will be my number one asset. I will read the packet; I will be informed. I’ll know what our ordinance says. I want to be able to finish our town manager’s sentences.”

Public accessibility to the same packet, save confidential information, as far as posting it a week in advance, is one request he’s made of the council and a goal he has in mind should he be elected.

“Other municipalities around us post all the information—anything they possibly can,” Clay said. “I think we have the infrastructure we need. I think it’s easy to grab a PDF document and throw it into this agenda, so I don’t know why, but I’m willing to go [to those cities] and figure out how they did it. If we’re going to have an open meeting, the people should be able to look at it and figure out what they want to come talk about.”

He also said he’d like to see more outreach from the town administration to bol-

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## Spring Fling returns to JB Unit

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

The Johnson Branch Unit of the Ray Roberts State Park hosted its annual Spring Fling event on Saturday to celebrate the start of spring.

Visitors joined with the rangers at the park’s Nature Center to participating in various games and activities.

Although Saturday’s program coincided with a wetter-than-usual day, the festivities continued.

“Today’s event is going better than expected,” Park Interpreting Ranger Izzy Mabry said. “We knew the rain was going to play a big [factor]. We were determined to not cancel it and do everything we could to move it inside or have the programs earlier.”

Beach yoga, which was held at the start of the event before the rain hit, provided a flexible start to the day.

“Being able to be flexible [was key],” Mabry said.

Most of the events and vendors were set up under the 3-year-old Nature Center’s

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TPWD Aquatic Education Specialist Keira Quam, right, and Johnson Branch staff member Nathaniel Almaguer guide park visitors through the macroinvertebrate exhibit during Spring Fling.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

## Tioga ISD to reopen closed wing

By Abigail Allen  
Editor & Publisher

Tioga ISD is on the road to reopening its eight-classroom wing of the elementary campus by the next academic year.

The work, which was started through the generosity of community members donating time and materials, will be able to continue thanks to an insurance payout of \$77,206.

“Thanks to the good deeds of many of our community members and a little bit of money from TASB, we will have

an eight-classroom wing reopened for student use in August,” Superintendent Josh Ballinger said.

Having those classrooms reopen provides the district with room to grow.

“We are well documented in being a long way from any new construction in this district,” he said. “Once they’re redone, there’s going to be absolutely nothing wrong with those classrooms. ... That’s going to hold us, I feel like, for the next four or five years at least.”

That’s barring an explosive jump in

student population, he added.

Ballinger again expressed his appreciation for people like Jimmy Anderson, who was in attendance at the meeting, who have not charged for the work they have done to help restore the building’s integrity.

“This time, we’re going to pay him,” Ballinger said.

He estimated that the volunteer work has added up to at least \$25,000.

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efficiently as possible.”

City Attorney Brenda McDonald compared the subcommittee to the Charter Commission, which had council member involvement and on which the mayor did not serve.

“There was a really deep dive for a number of hours into subjects and then they made a recommendation to the council and ultimately the council selected those recommendations that it felt like should go on the ballot, and some things didn’t make the cut,” she said, adding that in the council meetings, “I don’t know that there’s time allocated for that kind of activity.”

After the council voted 6-1 to create the subcommittee and council member Elizabeth Jones had floated the names of Chad Major, Ray Dane and Brian Heitzman as the three-person board, Beasley said, “the mayor is the head of the body, and so I think the mayor should be one of the people ... on that committee.”

In response to Beasley’s assertion that the subcommittee creation violated the charter by not including the mayor, McDonald read the portion of the city charter pertaining to the role of the mayor.

Jones’ motion to name Major, Dane and Heitzman to the subcommittee passed 6-1 as well.



Development Services Director John Taylor presents a crystal award to JoAnn Wright in honor of her 25 years of service to the city of Pilot Point at the March 14 council meeting.

Near the start of the meeting, the council recognized JoAnn Wright’s 25 years of dedication to the city.

“JoAnn started here in 1999,” Development Services Director John Taylor said. “In 1999, we had 30 employees. Right now,

we have 88.”

Throughout the course of her work with the city, Wright has “probably worked with every department that exists in the city,” Taylor said.

Wright only had a small bit to say after she was presented her crystal award.

“I don’t know if I’ll make another 25, but I’m not leaving tomorrow,” she said.

Code Compliance Manager Leo Bonanno provided an overview of the proposed property maintenance code.

His goal with the changes is to make the

code easier to navigate for community members, to clarify the language used in the law and to help bring the city’s code laws into compliance with changes to state law.

“This will be a much better resource for our community, our citizens, our property owners, and

code easier to navigate for community members, to clarify the language used in the law and to help bring the city’s code laws into compliance with changes to state law.

I thought it was really well done,” McDonald said of the draft she has reviewed.

Bonanno also asked for input to help finalize the draft he will bring to council.

Part of the discussion focused on junk vehicles versus inoperable vehicles, and he added information that some members of the public may not know.

“There is no exemption for car repair facilities,” Bonanno said. “If you think about how the state defines them and looks at them as so unsafe, well, they’re unsafe whether they’re in my driveway, your driveway or in the parking lot of an auto repair place. They’re still junk vehicles.”

Also at the meeting, the council provided direction to Wendy Haun, the city’s social media manager, on the proposed versions of a city flag so she can bring revised drawings back to the council.

The council also discussed the city’s current policies regarding food trucks as well as a desire for some sort of food truck court.

After the executive session, the council voted to “authorize the city manager to execute purchase contracts for real property as discussed in executive session,” Dane said.

## Communication is key

Listening before speaking is true communication.

Have you heard the saying, “communication is key”? I have heard it so many times throughout my life but it wasn’t until recently that I had an “AHA” moment with that saying.

Key to what? Key to freedom. Progress. Improvement. Understanding. Empathy. And so many other things left to name.

When there is true communication, it is amazing to watch what happens. But communication means we need to utilize our TWO ears more than our ONE mouth. Listening is the key part of communication.

Have you ever had a conversation with someone and despite it being an hour conversation, you felt unheard? Communication didn’t truly happen.

We live in a fast-paced world where the keyboard has been the microphone.

The big issue with that is regardless if on your phone or computer, our fingers fly with our sentiments quicker than our eyeballs to read and brain and heart to understand.

I know I have been guilty of that numerous times. I text back or comment back on something and the other person says, “you didn’t read what I

wrote, that is exactly what I said.”

I could have spared my heart the emotion of that moment and my mind having to frame up the response if I used my eyes as diligently as I used my fingers!

Just some humble thoughts from a person who is learning to be better every day!

Escuchar antes de hablar es la verdadera comunicación.

¿Has escuchado el dicho “la comunicación es

clave”? Lo he escuchado muchas veces a lo largo de mi vida, pero no fue hasta hace poco que tuve un momento “AHA” con ese dicho.

¿Clave para qué? Clave para la libertad. Progreso. Mejora. Comprensión. Empatía. Y tantas otras cosas que quedan por nombrar.

Cuando hay verdadera comunicación, es sorprendente observar lo que sucede. Pero la comunicación significa que necesitamos

utilizar nuestros DOS oídos más que UNA boca. Escuchar es la parte clave de la comunicación.

¿Alguna vez has tenido una conversación con alguien y, a pesar de que duró una hora, no te sentiste escuchado? La comunicación realmente no sucedió.

Vivimos en un mundo acelerado donde el teclado ha sido el micrófono.

El gran problema con esto es que, independientemente de si estamos en nuestro teléfono o computadora, nuestros dedos vuelan con nuestros sentimientos más rápido que nuestros ojos para leer y nuestro cerebro y corazón

para entender.

Sé que he sido culpable de eso en numerosas ocasiones. Le respondo un mensaje de texto o comento algo y la otra persona dice: “no leíste lo que escribí, eso es exactamente lo que dije”.

¡Podría haberle ahorrado a mi corazón la emoción de ese momento y a mi mente tener que formular la respuesta si hubiera usado mis ojos con tanta diligencia como usé mis dedos!

¡Solo algunos pensamientos humildes de una persona que está aprendiendo a ser mejor cada día!

Elisa Beasley is the mayor of Pilot Point. She can be reached at [ebasley@cityofpilotpoint.org](mailto:ebasley@cityofpilotpoint.org).

### OPINION



ELISA BEASLEY

## Tioga ISD bond should pass

I have had a front-row seat to see the work the Tioga ISD school board has been doing to try to correct the financial bind it has been in.

I’ve seen the tough decisions the administrators and trustees have been making. I’ve watched the community step in to help.

I’ve also heard the direction that the state has given the board—that it must restructure the debt that it still owes for the high school building.

There’s a choice facing voters who live within Tioga ISD on the May 4 ballot.

That choice is whether they should approve a bond election for \$26,305,000.

That amount matches the debt owed for the high school, which the district is already paying for.

When the district opted to build the secondary campus, it used a lease-purchase financing option, which is an uncommon but allowed method to fund construction of instructional buildings.

When that method was selected, it was done with the projection that Tioga ISD would have a much faster growth rate, which held true until around 2019.

When growth started to slow down naturally, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, the district wasn’t able to draw in the number of

students that had been projected.

That triggered a big mismatch in the amount coming from the state and how much should have been issued, which then caused a major budget deficit.

This is the simplified version.

Because of the way the debt is currently structured, the fund that would usually pay for debt is not available to legally pay down the debt for the high school.

That’s what is typically

known as the debt service fund.

Instead, the money for that school is drawing out of the general fund, which is the same side of the budget where teacher salaries and other recurring expenses typically draw from.

That budget issue has contributed to the F’s the district has received on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.

The bond, if approved by the voters, will help correct

that situation over the next decade or so.

It will allow TISD to consider the remaining debt on the high school as voter-approved debt, which will allow the district to move over chunks of the debt to the debt service side as its bonding capacity allows.

The bond can also only be spent on paying down the amount TISD owes for the high school.

The details of exactly how much each portion of the bond will be sold for won’t be clear until after the bond election happens.

If the bond doesn’t succeed, the district will still be required to restructure the

debt, but it will owe more in interest payments.

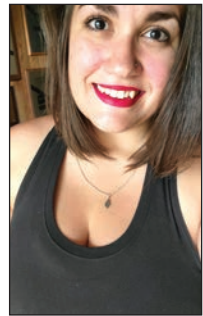
That’s the explanation the Texas Education Agency Conservator Dr. Karen Wiseman gave at the Monday school board meeting.

A no from voters wouldn’t instantly put the district at risk, but it would damage its ability to recover.

Voting yes on the bond is in the best interest of Tioga ISD and the community that it serves.

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  - Friendship Baptist Church. 220 S. Ray Roberts Parkway, Tioga. Rev. Justin Elwell, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m.; Bible study Wed., 7-8 p.m. 940-437-2000.
  - Green Valley Baptist Church. 9901 FM 428, Aubrey. Pastor Frank Lott. Services: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship/Message at 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 940-391-4283. www.greenvalleyaubrey.org.
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  - New Hope Baptist Church. Cross Roads, U.S. 377. Pastor Aaron Ashlock. Worship: Sundays at 11 a.m. 940-365-2542. www.newhopeaubrey.com.
  - St. James Baptist, Pilot Point. Pastor C.D. Lockhart. 469-215-7527. facebook.com/SJBPP

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- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. 925 N. Charcut., Pilot Point. 940-686-2088. Mass schedule: Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. (Spanish). Confessions heard Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
- Church of Christ. 426 S. Jefferson, Pilot Point. Craig Tullis, minister. Sun. worship 10:45 a.m., Sun. Bible class 9:45 a.m. Wednesday. Bible class 7:00 p.m. 940-293-5620.
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- Grace Point Nazarene Church. 611 E. Liberty, Pilot Point. Sundays 10 a.m. Rev. Dwayne Edwards. 760-518-6732. gracepointnaz.net.

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- Restored Faith Church of God in Christ. 535 E. Walcott St., Pilot Point. Elder M.L. Johnston, pastor. Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Thursday School, 7:30 p.m. online via Free Conference Call at 844-744-0213. 940-230-9966.

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- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
- Aubrey First Assembly of God. Pastor Gary Sweatman. 940-300-6169.
  - Cowboy Country Chapel. McKinney and Morrison Streets, Pilot Point. Rev. Carl Smith. Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m., Sunday night Bible study, 5 p.m., Wed. prayer meeting, 6-7 p.m. 214-957-6111.
  - Tioga Community Church, 501 Cutler Street, Tioga. Mark Arrington, senior pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday. worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday. Bible studies begin at 6:30 p.m. 903-821-7152.

- METHODIST**
- Aubrey First United Methodist Church. 113 W. Plum, one block west of Main. Pastor Rev. Ernesto Sanchez. Sunday: youth and adult classes, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; fellowship following worship. 940-365-3024.
  - Bethel Methodist Church of Denton County (an Independent Methodist Denomination) 3126 FM 2931, Aubrey. Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. 409-543-8444. www.betheldenton.com.
  - Grace Chapel. 14632 Fishtrap Rd. Traditional worship, 9:30 a.m. Modern worship, 10:45 a.m. 940-440-6626. www.grace380.org.
  - Oak Grove Church of Little Elm, FM 720W south of U.S. 380, Aubrey. Rev. Kevin McClain. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m. 940-365-3027.
  - Pilot Point First United Methodist Church. 217 S. Church St., Pilot Point. Rev. Cindy Kennedy, pilotpointfumc@gmail.com. Sunday School, 10 a.m., Sun. worship, 11 a.m., 940-686-2338. www.pilotpointfumc.org.
  - Tioga Shiloh. Porch Street, Tioga. Senior Pastor Mead McGee. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Sunday worship, 10 a.m.

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  - Cornerstone Church of Aubrey. 7850 FM 2931 (near Mustang Water office), Aubrey. Sunday, prayer, 10 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, Bible study, 7 p.m. Pastor Dan Franke, pastordfranke@ccaubrey.com. 972-742-3308. www.ccaubrey.com.
  - Green Valley Community Church. FM 2153, Aubrey. Wendell Lillard, pastor; James Grider, youth minister. Sun. School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m. 940-440-9469.
  - Living Faith Bible Church of Aubrey, Texas. 700 N. Harmon, Aubrey. Pastor Clarence Dalrymple. Sun. 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 940-365-9360.

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- Pilot Point Seventh-Day Adventist. 990 W. Walcott, Pilot Point. Pastor Carlos Rodriguez. Wed. prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Sat. church service, 9:15 and 11 a.m. 651-263-4259.




## Chipping away

A construction crew strips the top layer of asphalt from Main Street in Providence Village on March 14. Current construction is being done to resurface FM 2931, which is set to eventually be widened. The widening project is set to go out to bid in 2026.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

# Verizon pushes for tower spot



Company engineer Lewis Martin, center, joined by lawyer Patton Hahn gives insight into the research Verizon did before choosing the site along Liberty Road for their new stealth monopole cell tower during the Providence Village Town Council's Tuesday evening meeting.

Basil Gist/The Post-Signal

**By Basil Gist**  
Staff Writer

Hands tied, the Providence Village Town Council approved a special use permit for a large cell tower near Liberty Road.

Though three members of the community voiced concerns chiefly with the health concerns related to the tower being built near residences, a federal law from 1996 preempted the city from denying the tower, which otherwise meets the town's ordinance parameters, on grounds of health and safety concerns.

"It may cause increased cancer risk, headaches, memory lapses, sleep issues, as well as genetic changes to the reproductive system," town resident Tyrone Ray said. "Moreso, it makes children more vulnerable as it has a deeper impact on their brain and body development."

Tasha Cotton, who's daughter Ariel Porter recently passed away after contracting pediatric brain cancer, also spoke against the tower, urging the council not to make a decision that could raise to potential of other families suffering the heartache she had.

Patton Hahn, a lawyer sent by Verizon, who is installing the tower, spoke during the public hearing first to address concerns before reminding council of the law.

He was joined by Lewis Martin, who explained the company had looked into several other even less obtrusive locations for the tower before settling on the proposed location as the best possible option.

City Attorney Cameron Saenz, following inquiry by Mayor Linda Inman, followed the pair in reminding council about the restriction put on cities regarding the

rejection of telecommunications towers.

"There is a level of pre-emption by the federal communications commission," Saenz said. "What they've said is, 'we've regulated a lot of concerns and now local governments cannot.'"

With rejection off the table, council member Wes Dautrich inquired as to what a motion to table to request would look like for the town, feeling the 16 mailers exclusively to residents within 200 feet of the potential town might not have invited enough opportunity for discourse from the rest of the town.

Council member Kelly Nelson and Inman disputed, saying the issue was on the council's agenda and was posted in the paper for the general public to see.

Council member Stojan Bacev spoke decisively on the matter.

"At this point, they followed the ordinances," Bacev said. "We can't just come up with stuff to deny them. I know there are risks, whether proven or not, but it's part of progress. Yeah, this might be killing me, but I still use it every day. I'm sure everyone else does. We can't stop progress."

In the end, after an extended pause from the dais, Nelson made the motion seconded by Jordan Woodard and approved unanimously.

The council additionally had a lengthy executive session agenda which included consultation with the attorney on the fire protection agreement with the city of Aubrey and the water districts; a claim by Maria Alvarado, Daria Vasquez and Uriel Vasquez; and multiple development agreements.

No action was taken on any of the above topics.

## ELECTION

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ster community development and, by proxy, improve public safety.

"It's a way to tie together what the police department is saying about tightening up crime," Clay said. "If we can do that at a town level, it certainly won't hurt."

Woodard, who was initially appointed in 2020 before being elected to another term, works for the Justice of the Peace Courts in Denton County and has extensive experience on municipal boards in the town of Cross Roads.

"My knowledge in municipal government, working for or volunteering in, if you totaled it up, is a little more than 40 years of experience

if I was to serve one after another instead of all at the same time," Woodard said. "A lot of these issues we face as a small town, we're not equipped to handle the same way as big cities. We have to do it."

Alongside his municipal experience, Woodard cited the relationships he's formed and his ability to use them to the town's benefit as a key

tool he brings to the table.

"It's not only my experience, but I can also leverage the experience of some of our elected officials or anyone in the county that may have a contact that can help us with whatever issue we're having," Woodard said. "I can make that call and say, 'Do you know someone? Can you send them our way?'"

Woodard's primary focus

as a council member, he said, is expediting the road expansions affecting the flow of traffic through town, chiefly FM 2931.

"It's our main thoroughfare through town," Woodard said. "One of the things I've been working with Rep. Patterson's office on is trying to prioritize our strip for the construction—whether that's the milling that's being done now or the future expansion—and getting it done as fast as possible so that our citizens are not impacted over the long run."

Early voting dates and times for the May 4 election were not yet available on votedenton.gov as of press time.



**DUSTIN CLAY**



**JORDAN WOODARD**

## CORRECTION

Several of the cutlines on page 10A of the March 15 issue regarding Aubrey softball are incorrect. In the top picture, Molly Reid is on first base, not Judah Van Rijn. In

the third picture, Claire Rose is leading the runners, not Sophia Place. We regret the error.

# Around Town

## Aubrey Community Center to close for updates

The Aubrey Community Center will be closed for the next 90 days for renovations and updates.

## Dutch Oven Cooking at Johnson Branch

The Ray Roberts Lake State Park Johnson Branch Unit, 100 PW 4153 in Valley View will offer Skins and Skulls, 11 a.m. Saturday, Kid Fish Pond, and Solar Eclipse Prep, 11 a.m. March 30, Nature Center.

The Isle du Bois Unit, 100 PW 4137 in Pilot Point will have Dutch Oven Cooking, 10 a.m. Saturday, Pavilion 2; Become a Junior Ranger, 2 p.m. Saturday, Lost Pines Amphitheater; Settler Women, 2 p.m. March 30, Lost Pines Amphitheater; Nature Center Exploration Day, 10 a.m. April 6, Nature Center; and Eclipse Watch Party, noon-2:30 p.m., April 8, Day Use Area.

All events are free with a paid entrance fee into the parks. For more information, call 940-637-2294 or 940-686-2148.

## PP library to offer native plants, pollinators

The Pilot Point Community Library at 324 S. Washington St. will have Native Plants and Pollinators, 2 p.m. Friday; Movie: "Peter Rabbit," 11 a.m. Saturday; Walk N Talk, 2 p.m. Wednesday; Steam Lab: Eclipse Pinhole Viewers (ages 6-12), 4 p.m. April 4; and Game Day Saturday, 9:30 a.m. April 6.

For more information or to register for classes, call 940-686-5004.

## Sensory Series at Aubrey library

The Aubrey Area Library at 226 Countryside Drive will have Who Dunit? Book Club Murder Mystery Party, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Sensory Series: Watercolor Relax (ages 13 and up), 11 a.m. Saturday; and Sensory Series: Slime DIY (ages 4-12), 4 p.m. Wednesday.

For more information or to register for classes, call 940-365-9162.

## PP Chamber sponsors Mom & Pop Shop Hop

The Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Mom & Pop Shop Hop through March 29.

Participants can pick up a card from Martin General Store, 101 S. Jefferson St., and spend \$10 or more at local businesses in a row on the card for one chance to win or fill the card for five chances to win the drawing at 6 p.m. March 29.

## Aubrey Chamber has annual Clay Shoot

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Fourth Annual Clay Shoot at 10 a.m. Friday at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds, 7282 N. FM 51 in Decatur. Cost is \$150 per person, and sponsorships begin at \$50.

To register or for more information, go to [aubreycoc.org](http://aubreycoc.org) or email [chamber@aubreycoc.org](mailto:chamber@aubreycoc.org).

## PP Elementary PTO

## kickball game

The Pilot Point Elementary PTO will be hosting the first annual mothers vs. sons kickball game from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the soccer fields behind the elementary school. Rollin' Woodfired Pizza DFW will be available for purchase from 5-6 p.m. Water will be provided.

This is a cash only event with registration \$8 each.

## Flower Festival on the PP Square

Pilot Point Main Street will have the annual Easter egg hunt and Flower Festival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, starting at Old City Park. There will be photo ops with the Easter bunny.

The Flower Festival will be held on the Pilot Point Square with vendors selling flowers and gardening equipment for spring. There will also be an Easter bonnet contest, gardening workshops, live music, chalk art and an antique quilt teddy bear parade by the 19th Century Club.

## Easter egg hunt in Aubrey

The city of Aubrey will host the annual Easter event from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at Veterans Memorial Park including bounce houses, Dutch Bros Coffee, petting zoo and Easter bunny pictures followed by an Easter egg hunt at 11:30 a.m.

## Cross Roads seeks Eggstravaganza volunteers

The Town of Cross Roads is needing volunteers for the 2024 Eggstravaganza from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at NorthRock Church, 8690 Liberty Road. To sign up, go to the Cross Roads Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Easter egg hunts will be at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for each age group through 12 years old. There will be a cookie walk, carnival games, face painting and bounce houses.

## Legion poker run, cornhole fundraiser

The American Legion Post 550 will sponsor a poker run, cornhole and pulled pork fundraiser Saturday to benefit Paula Byler at 905 Foundation Drive in Pilot Point.

The poker run will start at 10 a.m. with a \$20 entry and \$5 for an additional rider. The cornhole tournament will start at 3 p.m. and costs \$50 per team. The pulled pork sandwich/dinner will be \$10 a plate.

## Blue Sky to have volunteer training

Blue Sky Therapeutic Riding and Respite will offer spring volunteer training from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at 5098 U.S. 377.

To register, contact Wes at 940-597-5164 or [wes@blueskytexas.org](mailto:wes@blueskytexas.org).

## PP Friends and Family of FFA, 4-H auction

The annual Pilot Point Friends and Family of the FFA and 4-H dinner and auction will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Pilot Point High School cafeteria.

If interested in donating to the auction,

email [PPFriendsandFamilyBooster@gmail.com](mailto:PPFriendsandFamilyBooster@gmail.com).

## Spring into Mountain Springs community fundraiser

The Mountain Springs Community Center will host Spring into Springs chili and soup fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday at 173 Mountain Springs Lane in Valley View. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

## Live music at Coffee House

The Pilot Point Coffee House will have live music featuring John Grubbs, 8 p.m. Saturday; Todd Barrow, 8 p.m. March 30; Jam & Java with Deanie Deal, Dave Hollowell, Shelley Justine and Greg Hargrove, 8 p.m. April 5; and Bronwyn, 8 p.m. April 12 at 110 W. Main St.

## PointBank Business Breakfast set for Pilot Point

The next PointBank Business Breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the PointBank Community Center, 739 E. Liberty St. featuring guest speaker Andy Singleton with CyberTrend Consulting.

To RSVP, go to [pointbank.com/business-breakfast/](http://pointbank.com/business-breakfast/). Member FDIC.

## Jeff Smithart Band to perform at Post 550

The American Legion Post 550 will feature the Jeff Smithart Band 1836 at 8 p.m. March 30 with no cover charge at 905 Foundation Drive in Pilot Point.

## Choice Learning Academy has flower fundraiser

Choice Learning Academy is having a flower fundraiser through April 4. All proceeds will go toward the student's account for a camp experience next school year. Delivery date will be April 24 between 3:30-5 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 125 N. Jefferson St.

To place an order, go to the Choice Learning Academy Facebook page.

## Tioga ISD to hold bond election meetings

The Tioga ISD Board of Trustees will have Town Hall meetings to discuss the upcoming school bond election from 6:30-8 p.m. April 4 and May 1 at the secondary school cafeteria. This will provide a platform for community members to share their thoughts and concerns about the upcoming school bond election.

## Coffee, Connect, Cultivate with Aubrey Chamber

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce along with the Aubrey Municipal Development District will be hosting the networking opportunity, C3 – Coffee, Connect, Cultivate, featuring guest speakers, coffee and donuts from 7:30-9 a.m. April 5 at 205 S. Main St.

## Bearcat 5K, 1K run fundraiser set

The Pilot Point National Honor Society

will present the Bearcat 5K and 1K run at 11 a.m. April 6 at the Pilot Point High School Field House, 1300 N. Washington St.

There will be top finisher awards for all ages. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Entry cost is \$20. A culinary flower fest will follow at 1 p.m.

## Red and White Gala planned for April

The Aubrey Education Foundation Red and White Gala will be held at 6 p.m. April 6 at Lonestar Lodge and Marina, 2200 FM 1192 in Pilot Point. There will be a live and silent auction, BBQ dinner and live music featuring Isaac Hoskins.

## Mural contest available in Aubrey

The Aubrey Municipal Development District is seeking artists interested in painting a mural on the side of the Aubrey MDD and Aubrey 380 Area Chamber office building on Main Street. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. April 8.

For more information, go to [AubreyMDD.com](http://AubreyMDD.com).

## 'Taking Anger Seriously' at 19th Century Club

The 19th Century Club will host guest speaker George Quinn in presenting "Taking Anger Seriously" at 1:30 p.m. April 10 at the Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. The public is invited to attend.

## GDT to present

### 'How the Other Half Loves'

The Garage Door Theater will perform "How the Other Half Loves" written by Alan Ayckbourn and directed by Rodney Dobbs at 7:30 p.m. April 12-13, 19-20 and 2:30 p.m. April 21 at 110 S. Washington St.

To purchase tickets, go to [pilotpointopera-house.org](http://pilotpointopera-house.org).

## Aubrey, Pilot Point to provide joint forum

A joint community forum with Aubrey Mayor Chris Rich and Pilot Point Mayor Elisa Beasley will be held at 6 p.m. April 16 at Bebo's Café, 8470 U.S. 377.

Only the first 200 people will be able to attend this event as capacity is limited.

## City Center Churches to present 100 Hearts

The Pilot Point City Center Churches is starting 100 Hearts modeled after 100 Women Who Care. The group is interested in finding individuals who will agree to give \$100 to a deserving organization/project to make a difference in the Pilot Point area.

Applications are available on the City Center Churches Facebook page. The meeting to select a deserving organization will be held at 7 p.m. April 18 at the Pilot Point Community Center.

*Around Town is published weekly. Submit information to [aallen@postsignal.com](mailto:aallen@postsignal.com).*

# Sculptor brings new life to dead tree

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

Where most may see a lopped tree, Kevin Roach sees a work of art, waiting to be carved away one whirring motor and ripping chain at a time.

After a post oak tree near the Fishtrap-facing entrance of the Cross Roads Community Park had to be topped, the Parks and Recreation board saw an opportunity to make something more of it.

"We were either going to have to take it down for safety reasons or do something with it," P&R representative Ron Zohfeld said. "It's working out great; he does fantastic work. We found him through one of our local residents through work he'd already done."

Roach started seven years ago on a whim, he said, but for four years has made it his living.

"I just saw it randomly somewhere and decided to try it at home for fun as a hobby," Roach said. "You start with small free standing carvings, learn design, technique, your tools."

The artist is largely self-taught with a few workshops under his belt in recent years.

The town, he said, contacted him after seeing some of his other work.



Nathan Roach turns a topped post oak into a work of art for the town of Cross Roads as Ron Zohfeld, a member of the Parks and Recreation board, stops by to watch the work in progress.

Basil Gist/The Post-Signal

"We came out [and] looked at the tree before it was cut down," Roach said. "Then, through the course of meeting with the city,

we finally set up a time and plan to do it. It's going to be woodland creatures—wildlife native to Texas. We're going to fill it, work

our way all the way to the top."

Roach said the project has come together one section at a time.

"This one has come together by imagination," Roach said. "Sometimes the best ones are where you get free range to go with it, do whatever comes out. I was fortunate enough with the project to do that."

He explained a piece this size could easily end up as a larger bit than a given artist can chew and that, though self-taught, he's been careful not to sign up for things he can't handle over the years.

"Some people in the industry can easily take on a project beyond their ability and then the project doesn't turn out right," Roach said. "It takes a little self-control."

He said knowing when to call it a day is a crucial skill.

"I get here around 9 every day and leave when the saws start getting heavy," Roach said. "When you start getting fatigued, then your quality of work goes down because you're not controlling your tools like you should be."

As of March 15, Roach planned to have the project completed by the following Monday.

"It's something to talk about, something to see," Roach said. "It's a destination point for people to come and gather."

# Providence woman turns dream into reality

By Abigail Allen  
Editor & Publisher

A dream that Karen Davis has had for 20 years has become a reality.

Having grown up in the Seattle, Washington, area, Karen has wanted to own her own coffee shop.

"I went on a retreat this last summer, and I shared my dream with some of the ladies, and one of the ladies was like, 'I want to invest in you,'" Karen said.

She was shocked at the offer of help, which was indeed serious.

"I came back, and I hit the floor running," Karen said.

The trailer, wrought iron table and two chairs—all royal blue—have become the start of her own coffee shop, Sister Friends Coffee Bar, which sits under the Providence Village water tower along Main Street.

"One of my friends and I had literally just been talking about a dream of a bakery and a coffee shop," she said.

She and that friend, Hannah Davis, had bonded over being mothers to young children, having grown up in the Pacific Northwest and loving caffeinated beverages, and they launched into creating the business together.

The duo perfected the menu together, with categories based on areas back home.

That included spending four hours perfecting their chai recipe.

"We tweaked and plotted for four hours, and then we came up with that," Karen said. "We went to the Providence Vil-



**Karen Davis, who founded Sister Friends Coffee Bar with her friend Hannah Davis, demonstrates the area she has set up for her patrons to sit and enjoy their refreshments next to her coffee trailer.**

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

lage Christmas Festival and we just sold our chai because we didn't have the trailer all done yet. But it was cool because a lot of people were like, 'This is the best chai

ever!'"

Their business name, too, came out of the connection between the two Davis families.

"She has a daughter who started calling my twins sister friends, so that's kind of how it came to be," Karen said.

Unfortunately, Hannah will soon be moving out of state, but Karen will keep Sister Friends going.

With a professional background in social work, Karen hopes to use the business to help bless the lives of single mothers and other women who need help landing on their feet because she feels "that's kind of one of the missions of the business."

"I feel like my whole life has been about women and sisters and friendship, so even though Hannah's leaving and this was kind of our name, I have a big connection to it," Karen said.

Sister Friends opened in February and already has a cadre of regulars who love to visit the trailer.

"The community is super supportive," Karen said.

One of her customers, Dacia McGee, loves having the mini coffee shop in town.

"There's nothing else like it," she said. "All of her drinks are completely special."

She hopes to see Karen's business grow and succeed, saying she's "rooting for the dream and rooting for her."

For more information about the month-old small business, visit Sister Friends Coffee Bar on Facebook.

Karen hopes to eventually be able to move into a brick-and-mortar location in Providence Village.

"We'll see when that comes," she said.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

These listings are based on information provided to The Post-Signal and are subject to change. Call ahead to verify meeting dates, locations and times.

**Friday, March 22**

•8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.

•10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

•10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime (ages 2-4). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•10:30 a.m. Tai Chi and Meditation. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.

•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.

•11:30 a.m. Baby & Me Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•2 p.m. Native Plants and Pollinators. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.

•7:30 p.m. Who Dunnit? Book Club Murder Mystery Party. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

**Saturday, March 23**

•9 a.m. Blue Sky Therapeutic Riding and Respite Purpose Mercantile, 5098 U.S. 377, Krugerville.

•10 a.m. Clifton and Nadene Irick Museum, 201 S. Jefferson St., Pilot Point.

•10:30 a.m. The Aubrey Area Museum opens for walk-in tours. Tours can also be scheduled by appointment. 209 S. Main St. 940-343-1313.

•11 a.m. Sensory Series (ages 13 and up). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•11 a.m. Movie: "Peter Rabbit." Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St.

940-686-5004.

**Sunday, March 24**

•10 a.m. Krugerville Farmers Eggstravaganza Market. Woodland Park, 5200 U.S. 377, krugerville.org.

•1 p.m. American Legion Membership meeting. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point. 972-816-4353.

**Monday, March 25**

•8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse. 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.

•10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.

•6 p.m. Aubrey Board of Adjustment. Aubrey City Hall, 107 S. Main St. 940-440-9343.

**Tuesday, March 26**

•8:30 a.m. Positive Pilot Point meets for breakfast and fellowship. Bebo's Café, 8470 U.S. 377.

•10 a.m. Game Day. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

•10 a.m. Mountain Springs Garden Club. Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane. 940-902-5457.

•10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•10:30 a.m. Tai Chi and Meditation. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.

•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.

•Noon. Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club. Lizzy-Gator, 12222 Massey Road, Pilot Point. 940-765-1965.

•4:15 p.m. Storytime with Mrs. Carter. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•6 p.m. Pilot Point Lodge No. 1025 Order of the Eastern Star. Ford Masonic Lodge No. 270 AFAM, 824 U.S. 377.

•6:30 p.m. DivorceCare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.

•6:30 p.m. Providence Homeowners Association board. Providence HOA Clubhouse, 809 Oakcrest Drive, Providence Village. 940-440-2200.

•7 p.m. Mountain Springs Book Club. Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane. 940-902-5457.

**Wednesday, March 27**

•8 a.m. Pilot Point PointBank Business Breakfast. PointBank Community Center, 739 E. Liberty St.

•8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse. 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.

•9:30 a.m. Mountain Springs Quilters. Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane. 940-736-8013.

•10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

•10 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5). Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.

•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.

•1:30 p.m. Local Vocals Community Singers. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.

•2 p.m. Walk N Talk AgriLife Extension program. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.

•4 p.m. Sensory Series (ages 4-12). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•5 p.m. Aubrey Book Club. Aubrey Area Library, Community Center, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•6 p.m. Krugerville City Council. Krugerville City Hall, 5097 U.S. 377. 940-365-5833.

•7 p.m. Karaoke Wednesdays with Pam and Dave. Lowbrows Saloon, 200 S. Washington St.

•7 p.m. Pool tournament. Vaughn-Walling

American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

**Thursday, March 28**

•10 a.m. Painting Group/Crafting Day/Bingo. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

•10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•10:30 a.m. Little Reader's Book Club (ages 2-6). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•11 a.m. Yarn Buddies. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.

•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.

•11:30 a.m. Senior Social Hour. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive, Aubrey. 940-365-9162.

•4 p.m. VITA Income Tax Assistance. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.

•6 p.m. GriefShare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.

•6 p.m. Aubrey City Council. Aubrey City Hall, 107 S. Main St. 940-440-9343.

•6:30 p.m. Ford Masonic Lodge No. 270 AFAM, 824 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.

•6:30 p.m. Pilot Point City Council. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.

**Friday, March 29**

•Libraries and municipalities closed for Easter.

•7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

Community Calendar is published weekly. To add or change a listing, email aallen@post-signal.com.

## AROUND THE AREA

### Denton Market open on Saturdays

The Denton Community Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 317 W. Mulberry St. There are over 80 vendors.

### Gainesville Parks & Rec to sponsor Expo

The Gainesville Parks and Recreation will present the Gainesville Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the Gainesville Farmers Market, 200 N. Chestnut St.

To become a vendor or for more information, call 940-668-4530 or email hskinner@cogtx.org or pmcage@cogtx.org.

### Women's Self-Defense class in Gainesville

A R.A.D. Women's Self Defense class will be held from noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Steven K. Fleming Public Safety Center, 201 Santa Fe St. in Gainesville. The course includes lecture, discussion and self-defense techniques suitable for women of all ages and abilities. To register, email rad@gvps.org.

### Denton Kiwanis plans Taste of North Texas

The Denton Noon Kiwanis Club will host the Taste of North Texas at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Triangle Mall to sample delicious offerings from local restaurants and beverage establishments.

Advance tickets are \$25 per person for ages 13 and

up, and \$15 per person ages 6 to 12 with children 5 and under free. Tickets at the door will be \$28 for ages 13 and up and \$18 for ages 6 to 12. To purchase tickets, go to the Denton Noon Kiwanis Taste of North Texas Facebook page.

### Easter Eggstravaganza at Civic Center

The Denton Civic Center and Quakertown Park will have an Easter Eggstravaganza from 9 a.m.-noon March 30 at 321 E. McKinney St. There will be egg hunts, Easter bunny, bounce houses, story time, magician, petting zoo, food trucks and face painting.

### Fishin' for Funds in Valley View

The Valley View Volunteer Fire Department will host the 2024 Fishin' for Funds from 5-11 p.m. April 5 at The Gardenia Venue, 683 S. Pecan Creek Trail in Valley View.

There will be a live/silent auction, fish fry dinner, live music and entertainment for the kids.

### Gainesville Farmers Market set for April

The next scheduled Gainesville Farmers Market will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 13 at 215 W. Elm St.

The movie "Wonka" will start at dark. To become a vendor, email ksimmons@cogtx.org.

### Water color, pickleball in Gainesville

North Central Texas College at 1525 W. California St. in Gainesville will have a water color class from 6-8 p.m. April 11. The cost is \$40. A pickleball class will be offered from 9-11 a.m. April 13. The cost is \$35.

To register, call 940-668-3373, text 940-353-1098 or email ace@nctc.edu.

### NCTC offers CDL skills training program

North Central Texas College continuing education will offer a new commercial driver's license class A and/or class B 4-week training program starting April 15 in Denton. To learn more or register, call 940-668-3373, text 940-353-1098 or go to nctc.edu/ce/cdl.

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roof. That shift “made it possible for, instead of programs getting canceled, them to be modified to where we can still do something and park guests can still be active during the day versus feeling hunkered down,” Mabry said. The festivities were geared around educating participants on the natural world and on the various teams that help keep their park running smoothly.

“Normally our table groups are in the parking lot, but with the rain coming, I gave them the choice if they wanted to be out there or if they wanted to be in here, inside,” Mabry said.

Aquatic Education Specialist Keira Quam operated a macroinvertebrate exhibit that allowed visitors to get up close and personal with some of the park’s tiniest inhabitants.

Samples of water, plants and insects were gathered in a clear specimen bin that gave viewers a glimpse of the world beneath the surface of the water.

The Texas Master Naturalists were also on hand sharing information about their organization and looking for potential new members.

“This is one of the big-



Johnson Branch Interpreting Ranger Izzy Mabry, left, takes on park visitor Tyler McCullough in a game of tumbling blocks.

gest volunteer organizations in Texas for the Texas Parks and Wildlife [Department],” member Lin Hamilton said.

“They have a huge army of people that assist in anything nature.”

Texas Master Naturalists

help keep parks clean, protect wildlife and offer educational programs for the kids.

With multiple chapters

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal all over the state, Texas Master Naturalists can be found in a wide variety of locations, with a member from the

McKinney chapter happening to stop by the table.

Outside of the vendors, games and challenges took place around the nearby pavilion.

Families took part in popping bubbles and sack races.

Johnson Branch Assistant Office Manager, Celia Flores, helped get the ball rolling with arts and crafts projects once the activities shifted inside the Nature Center because of the rain.

Games also continued indoors where Tyler McCullough challenged Mabry to a lengthy tumbling blocks match.

Multiple families and visitors passed through the event, with some even using the opportunity to take refuge from the weather.

The day concluded with an activity called seed bombing.

Mabry instructed participants to combine potting soil, red clay and various types of flower seeds into two to three balls.

The balls were then thrown into the garden outside of the Nature Center.

Mabry hopes that the process will facilitate the restoration of the area’s natural flowers and encourage butterflies and hummingbirds to return to North Texas.

# TISD

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Superintendent Josh Ballinger, board Vice President Dallas Slay and board Secretary Ryan Walters listen to Tioga ISD’s conservator, Dr. Karen Wiesman, at the Monday evening board meeting.

Being able to restore those rooms to a usable condition means the district will have a choice regarding the grade level structure.

Trustee Brandon Miller asked whether the district might expand the pre-K program into one or two of the rooms.

Trustee Trina Colter-yahn expressed her desire for all teachers to have a designated room at every grade level, if possible.

The trustees did not make any decisions regarding what grades might be reallocated.

Ballinger also thanked the volunteers who have worked to improve the softball and baseball fields, the work for which he estimated is worth \$20,000.

“Our volunteerism in this school district is fantastic, and I really feel like a lot of it is to do with people that may not live here and pay taxes here but feel like they need

to contribute their resources here,” he said.

The board also discussed its banking options, as the branch of Cadence Bank in Tioga closed, and the nearest location is in Celina, adding that the bank has been good to the district.

“But, it is a trip, and it’s not going to be a trip that gets any easier over the next year or two,” Ballinger said.

PointBank has been courting the district, Ballinger also said, and it would provide a local option for checks to be processed more quickly than is currently possible.

Conservator Dr. Karen Wiesman said the district can open an account with PointBank without changing its depository mid-school year.

Two town hall meetings have been set by the board to help inform the public about the \$26,305,000 bond election on the May 4 ballot.

“Even if the interest

rate goes up, you have no choice but to refund the bonds for the next five years regardless [of the election outcome],” Wiesman said.

Those are set for April 4 and May 1 at Tioga High School.

Patty Wheeler, who is challenging Vice President Dallas Slay for his board seat, asked for additional information about the bond during the second public comment section.

President Stacy Price asked her to email her questions to him so he can provide her with the answers she’s seeking.

Ballinger also in-

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

formed the board and public that the state will provide a \$500,000 payout to the district to help balance the local revenue loss caused by the increased homestead exemption.

In addition, Wiesman is so far assigned by the Texas Education Agency to be the district’s conservator until June of 2028.

Also at the meeting, Ballinger shared that the bond rating through Moody’s held steady instead of being downgraded again.

“No downgrade [means] things are stabilizing,” he said.

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# Mad Scholar

The Mad Scholar of the week is Lily Cooper. A sophomore at Pilot Point High School, she participates in school and travel softball and is a member of National Honor Society.

Lily’s favorite classes are small animal management and equine science because she has loved animals ever since she was little and dreamed of being a vet.

Her favorite teacher is Coach Neal, saying, “not only is he a great softball coach, but he is excellent at making math more fun and easier to understand.”

Some of Lily’s hobbies include being in the outdoors whether it is hunting, fishing, hiking, taking long walks with her dogs or going to the shooting range with her dad and grandpa. She also enjoys baking and cooking as well as spending time with family.

The daughter of Craig and Amy Cooper, Lily’s future plans include attending college at either Texas Tech University or Texas A&M University to pursue being a surgical certified veterinarian.

Her future plans at PPHS include continuing to excel academically, helping the softball team make playoffs, and continuing to build and improve herself physically and mentally.

If she could have one day to do anything, she would drive up to her family farm in Kansas and fish and hunt with her grandparents.

Her words of wisdom are “do everything with a full heart and expect nothing in return.”

Congratulations, Lily. Keep up the good work!

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**POLICE REPORT**

Aubrey Police Department logged 167 calls from March 11-17. Cross Roads Police Department received 37 calls for service between March 11-17. Krugerville Police Department reported calls the week of March 11-16. Pilot Point Police Department had 170 events from March 10-15.

**HIT AND RUN** – A woman, 30, reported to Cross Roads PD on Sunday that an unknown driver hit her vehicle and left the scene while she was stopped at a traffic light at the intersection of U.S. 380 and Naylor Road.

**ASSAULT** – On Sunday, a woman, 36, was arrested by APD on a charge of assault by contact family violence in the 900 block of Alton Drive.

**POSSESSION** – At 1:42 p.m. Sunday, a Krugerville police officer made a traffic stop in the 6300 block of New Hope Road. A probable cause search of the vehicle located multiple drug paraphernalia items including a scale, a glass pipe containing methamphetamine residue, a pair of syringes and an unlabeled medicine bottle containing a crystal-like substance. A credit card belonging to a female was also found, according to the report. The Decatur man was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, less than 1 gram, and fraudulent use/possession of identifying information. He also received citations for an open alcohol container, improper displaying a license plate and driving while li-

cense invalid.

**CRASH** – A crash was dispatched to CRPD on Saturday near the intersection of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.

**TRAFFIC** – On Saturday, a traffic stop investigation by Cross Roads police resulted in the discovery and seizure of drug paraphernalia in the 9000 block of U.S. 380.

**WARRANT** – A Dallas man was arrested on a warrant charge for driving while intoxicated from Dallas County during a traffic stop investigation by KVPD around 8 a.m. Saturday in the 5200 block of U.S. 377. He was taken to the Denton County Jail and released the same day.

**DEADLY CONDUCT** – A man, 19, was arrested by Aubrey police March 15 on a warrant charge of deadly conduct in the 10000 block of Boston Harbor Drive.

**CITATIONS** – Around 8 p.m. March 15, a traffic stop by Krugerville police resulted in a probable cause search after the officer noticed the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle in the 800 block of Sherry Lane South. The driver, 20, received citations for minor in possession of an e-cigarette and failure to maintain financial responsibility. The passenger, 18, was given citations for minor in possession of an e-cigarette and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION** – Pilot Point police investigated an ordinance violation at 7 p.m. March 15 in the 9700 block of Zipper Road.

**WELFARE CONCERN** – A welfare concern call was received by Pilot Point PD at 12:50 p.m. March 15 in the 1700 block of North Washington Street.

**TRAFFIC** – An Aubrey man was arrested by KVPD during a traffic stop investigation at 12:45 a.m. March 15 in the 5200 block of U.S. 377. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A probable cause search was completed with nothing being found, according to the report. He was arrested on a Georgia warrant charge for parole violation and taken to the Denton County Jail.

**AGENCY ASSIST** – Pilot Point police assisted an outside agency at 6:43 p.m. March 14 in the 8000 block of East Sherman Drive.

**ASSAULT** – An assault was reported to Pilot Point PD around 4 p.m. March 14 near the intersection of East Division Street and South Church Street.

**WARRANTS** – A woman, 51, was arrested by APD on March 14 on warrant charges of false report to a peace officer and damage to a vehicle \$200 or more in the 100 block of East Elm Street.

**DWI** – A Sanger man was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated open container by Krugerville police around 11:30 p.m. March 13 during a traffic stop investigation in the 5200 block of U.S. 377. He was taken to Medical City Denton for a blood draw and then transported to the Denton

County Jail where he was released on Monday. The driver also received citations for expired vehicle registration, no driver's license and no insurance.

**RECKLESS DRIVER** – Pilot Point police responded to a reckless driver call at 4:39 p.m. March 13 near the intersection of U.S. 377 and Emberson Chapel Road.

**BURGLARY** – A burglary was reported to Pilot Point PD around 6:30 a.m. March 13 in the 1100 block of Enterprise Drive.

**ANIMAL COMPLAINT** – An animal complaint was reported to PPPD around 10 p.m. March 12 in the 16000 block of Fritcher Road.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS** – Pilot Point PD received a criminal trespass call at 3:50 p.m. March 12 in the 400 block of East McKinney Street.

**ACCIDENT** – A two-vehicle accident was reported to Cross Roads PD on March 11 near the intersection of U.S. 380 and Naylor Road. No injuries were reported.

**CRASH** – Cross Roads police investigated a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries on March 11 near the intersection of U.S. 380 and Fishtrap Road.

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – A suspicious person/vehicle was dispatched to PPPD at 3:43 a.m. March 10 in the 1800 block of U.S. 377.

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# Sports

## Football camp provides new skills

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

Josh Wilcox wanted to bring a big opportunity for young athletes to a small town.

To do so, he partnered with a former Dallas Cowboy and his son to provide a week-long football camp at Massey Field in Pilot Point.

"[In] small towns, there's not always that regular chance of opportunity, and I wanted to bring that to Pilot Point," the owner of Wilcox Fitness said. "And I was like, 'Let's do a camp for these kids and see if we can let them see what it's like, making the big time.'"

Open to all ages, the camp consisted of five days of various football-related drills guided by on-site coaches and had 18 attendees in its inaugural session.

Using cones, padded tackling dummies and hurdles, Wilcox and his team used hands-on instruction to help young athletes in the area gain more knowledge and sharpen their technique.

The camp was headlined by NFL legend and five-time Super Bowl Champion Charles Haley.

Wilcox highlighted how much representation mattered to him growing up and hoped that having Charles at the event would increase attendance and help the lessons resonate more deeply with the participants.

"When I was growing up, I didn't have a lot of role models to look up to," Wilcox said. "So doing a camp where kids can meet an actual NFL player, somebody



Tioga Bulldogs Cason Serna, left, and Manuel Molina square off as camp creator Josh Wilcox looks on.

who's been the best of the best—when I got the opportunity, I just took advantage of it."

Wilcox connected with Charles through coaching football in Highland Park with his son, C.J. Haley.

As the son of a profes-

sional football player, C.J. was keenly aware of the privilege his background allowed him to have and emphasized how important it is for him to share what he's learned with the next generation.

"A lot of kids are not

growing up in an NFL Hall of Fame atmosphere," he said. "Teaching them at this age, high school and down, gives them more of an opportunity to be successful on the field but, more importantly, off the field."

Wilcox and C.J. agreed that the lessons learned on the gridiron can be valuable in other areas of life.

"The biggest takeaway is you can make it," Wilcox said. "If they put their minds to it, there's nothing they can't accomplish."

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Wilcox and his team's effort to motivate the young players was on full display as they powered through the drills.

The smile never left Tioga High School student

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## Pirates prevail over Dogs



Tioga Bulldogs pitcher Johnny Dorpinghaus winds up to deliver fast-ball versus Collinsville.  
Martin Edwards/  
The Post-Signal

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

Despite a strong showing, the Tioga Bulldogs came up short losing at home to the Collinsville Pirates 9-5.

This marks the Bulldogs' sixth loss of the season.

"You've got to make the routine plays to win ball games," head coach Slayton Holland said. "That's ... some of the things that killed us."

The Pirates drew first blood in the matchup with Logan Jenkins scoring the first run on a ground out from Rylan Newman.

Gage Anderson tied the score 1-1, stealing home at the bottom of the first inning.

The Pirates regained the lead, 3-1, at the top of the

third inning when Cash Morgan scored on a double by Jenkins.

Jenkins was able to cross home plate himself shortly after on another ground out by Newman.

The Bulldogs scored another run in the fourth inning, with Hayden Hilliard scoring on a line-drive single to center by Landon Bingham.

The fifth inning would see the scoring pace pick up for both teams.

The Bulldogs also made a pitching change at the top of the inning, putting Hilliard on the mound to relieve starting pitcher Johnny Dorpinghaus.

The Pirates capitalized on miscues from the new pitcher

by scoring two runs on batters being hit by pitches.

The Bulldogs fought their way back into a 5-5 tie in the bottom of the fifth on back-to-back doubles from Hilliard and Dorpinghaus that brought in three runs.

In spite of the Bulldogs' strong performance at the plate, the Pirates were able to exploit gaps in the Bulldogs' defense and close out the game with a 4-0 streak in the sixth inning.

"We gave them 12 free bases and [had] a couple errors," Holland said. "That's [play] good arms like that."

Holland was positive about his team's performance and hopes this will be a useful experience as the

Bulldogs proceed further into the district portion of their season.


"We outhit that team," he said. "When you're outhitting a team with those arms, that's good news."

Holland highlighted the play of Dorpinghaus and Hilliard, who combined for six of the 10 hits the Bulldogs collected on the day.

"Hayden Hilliard went 3-for-4 and hit a couple [of] big RBIs," he said.

He added that Dorpinghaus had a strong game despite needing to be relieved on the mound, also going 3-for-4 at the plate.


Tioga will look to even the series versus the Pirates at 5 p.m. Friday on the road in Collinsville.




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# CAMP

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Manuel Molina's face as he shared his thoughts on the camp.

"[We're] learning new skills that we haven't been taught before," Molina said.

Molina's fellow Tioga Bulldog, Adrian Calderon, spoke even more highly about his experience at the event.

"The thing I enjoyed most is how there is no negativity," Calderon said. "Everybody here is super friendly, and it was all-around amazing."

Wilcox and his team are looking to build the camp into an annual event in Pilot Point.

They also plan to host an additional camp in the summer.

"I want these [camps] to be an annual thing that I'm able to put on for specific sports and have people learn, not only from people who have done it, but [also from] people who have been great in that sport," Wilcox said.

Football camp instructor C.J. Haley looks on as a camp participant makes a perfect tackle.

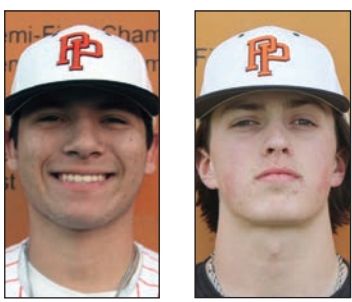
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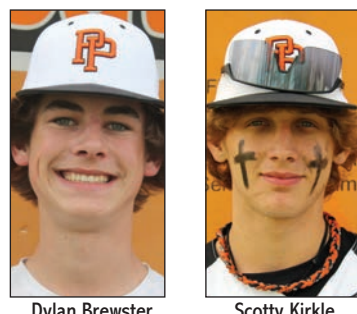
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Lady Chap Emma Gillum, center, secures state championship as head coach Ron Gathright cheers her on in the background.



Lady Chap Brooke McAlister makes history with state record-breaking squat of 415 pounds.

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schools. Those state qualifying lifters were Matiana Walter, Zoe Fikes, Jentri Phipps, Brooke McAlister, Emma Gillum, Emma Grisel, Carmen Alexander, Naomi Nkwodimma, Lexis Jones, Maggie Fawks and Haylee Moon. Four of the Lady Chaps left the Comerica Center with medals: Brooke, Gillum, Naomi and Walter. Gathright largely credited his assistant coach, Doc McAlister, with the Lady Chaps' string of success. "Doc is the numbers guy," Gathright said. "He has done a phenomenal job of putting our workouts together." A former competitor now in his 17th season of coaching, Doc has worked hard to make sure his lift-

ers' minds were as strong as their bodies. "I tell them the only person you have to beat is yourself," he said. "So proper mental preparation coming into this and just focus[ing] on one lift at a time [are key]." This season was especially notable for Doc as he guided his youngest daughter, Brooke, to her second state championship. "Brooke is our youngest, so to see her progress and her drive, ... that's pretty satisfying," Doc said. Brooke's fire was on full display as she set new state records in the 114-pound weight class not once but twice with squats of 405 and 415 pounds. "The energy for squat was just [through] the roof," Brooke said. That spark was clear for the

crowd to see as she came up smiling on her second record-breaking lift. As a two-time state champion, Brooke will now be the first Lady Chap enshrined in the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Hall of Fame. "It's always been a goal of mine to get into the Hall of Fame [as] a two-time state champion," Brooke said. "It's definitely been a big season for me." Brooke was also awarded first place for Best Bench Press in the lightweight division. Gillum secured the Lady Chaps' second state championship medal of the meet taking first place in the 123-pound weight class. "I feel like I did really well," she said. "I got a new total personal record, and I'm really proud of how I


did." Gillum's standout performance saw her set new personal records in both squat and deadlift and marked her as the second women's powerlifting state champion in Aubrey's history. "It came down to the wire," Gillum said. "The adrenaline rush was crazy." Naomi and Walter brought home the Lady Chaps' final two medals. Naomi finished fifth in the 198-pound weight class, earning her first medal in her second appearance at the state-level meet. "Overall I've worked so hard this year, and I'm so proud of what I've done," she said. Walter finished fifth in the 97-pound weight class, earning her first medal in her second appear-

ance at the state-level meet. "I've come a long way since last year," she said. "I've been putting in effort the whole year, and I'm proud of myself." Walter, a second-generation powerlifter, dedicated her performance to her grandmother, who passed away recently. Gathright gushed with pride as his team prepared to head home after their outstanding performance. "We are proud of our girls' hard work," Gathright said. Gathright expressed thanks for several people who he said provided their invaluable support during the meet: Teresa McAlister, Dana McAlister, Riley Herron, Xavier McCoy, Nate Nkwodimma, LaNise Heath and coach Broussard.

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Lady Bulldog Bella Dennis watches for a throw to hold off Lady Pirate Bailey Miller during their game on Tuesday. Tioga routed Collinsville, 17-6.

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Proposals shall be received no later than April 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM. The proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time and place. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened. Address proposals to Charles Kreidler, City Manager.

The project entails the installation of a prefabricated pedestrian bridge with supporting concrete structures, concrete sidewalk, post-tensioned concrete sports court slab, site furnishings and associated landscape and irrigation improvements.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be examined without charge at Aubrey City Hall, 107 S Main St, Aubrey TX 76227 or at Westwood Professional Services, Inc., 7557 Rambler Rd Suite 1400, Dallas TX 75231.

Further information regarding this project may be obtained by contacting

**Clint A. Bissett, P.E.** at [clint.bissett@westwoodps.com](mailto:clint.bissett@westwoodps.com).

Advertisement and bid phase information for

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the Project can be found at the following web site: [www.civcast.com](http://www.civcast.com).

Contract Documents may be downloaded or viewed free of charge at this web site. It is the downloader's responsibility to determine that a complete set of documents, as defined in the Instructions to Bidders are received. Printed copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased at the website for the cost of printing. The cost for printed Contract Documents is not refunded.

This web site will be updated periodically with addenda, planholders lists, bid tabulations, additional reports or other information relevant to bidding the Project.

To be accepted, a bid must be accompanied by a bid security instrument payable to the City of Aubrey, Texas, in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total base bid, in the form of either (a) a cashier's check or certified check on a Texas bank or thrift with FDIC insurance or (b) an acceptable bidder's bond with a surety authorized to operate in the State of Texas.

Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating bid/proposal prices, the City of Aubrey reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after the date on which bids are opened.

**CITY OF AUBREY**  
Chris Rich  
Mayor  
Mr22-2t

**CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS NOTICE TO BIDDERS 2024 STREET REHABILITATION**

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 107 S. Main Street, Aubrey, Texas 76227 until **2:00 P.M. Monday,**

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**April 22, 2024** then publicly opened and read for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and performing all work required for furnishing all materials, labor, supervision, tools, equipment, and all incidentals required for the 2024 Street Rehabilitation project for the city of Aubrey. This project includes approximately 1,526 reinforced concrete pavement, 387 linear feet of reinforced sidewalk, street striping and crosswalks, along with all necessary appurtenances, as shown in the drawings.

The successful bidder must furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety. Should the total contract price be less than \$25,000.00, no performance bond or payment bond will be required.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures on the forms provided. The City of Aubrey reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the bids, the City of Aubrey reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable (or "unbalanced") unit prices will authorize the City of Aubrey to reject any bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Bidders are required to submit a cashier's or certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Aubrey, or a Bid Bond (with proper Power of Attorney) from a surety licensed to do business in the State of Texas, payable without recourse to the City of Aubrey, in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the total amount of the proposal

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submitted to insure that the successful bidder will enter into a contract and execute all necessary bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of the contract to him. **This bid security must be included in the bid envelope for the bidder to be considered responsive.** The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance, Payment and Maintenance Bonds as described in the bidding documents.

Plans, specifications, and bidding documents will be available on CIV-CAST at [www.civcast.com](http://www.civcast.com). They may also be purchased at the office of Birkhoff, Hendricks & Carter, L.L.P., located at 11910 Greenville Ave., Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75243. The cost for the plans and specifications are \$35.00 per set (non-refundable). Bidding documents downloaded from plan rooms or third-party websites shall be at the Bidder's sole risk. No guarantee of receipt of addenda or clarifications will be made for third-party downloads. **Andrew Mata, Jr., P.E.** may be reached with general questions at (214) 361-7900. No questions will be answered from questions posted on CIV-CAST.

Advertisement Dates: Friday, March 22, 2024 Friday, March 29, 2024 Questions Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 Last Addendum Released: Friday, April 12, 2024 Mr22-2t

**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: B.R.D. Case No.: JU-2021-386.02 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS NOTICE TO: DARLA DANE and ALAN MICHAEL DANE, SR.**

You are hereby given notice that a Petition has been filed by the Etowah County Department of Human Resources seeking to terminate your parental rights to

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minor child B.R.D., born to Darla Dane on August 4, 2010. You must file an Answer to the Petition with the Clerk of the Etowah County Juvenile Court within fourteen (14) days from the date of last publication of this notice. If you fail to file an Answer within the allowed time, a judgment by default may be entered against you. You are further notified that you have the right to have an attorney represent you in this matter, and if you cannot afford to hire an attorney, one can be appointed by the Court to represent you. A hearing will be set at a later date.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2024. Cassandra Johnson DISTRICT / JUVENILE COURT CLERK Laura T. Lloyd Attorney for Etowah County DHR P.O. Box 81 819 West Main St., Suite C Centre, AL 35960 (256) 266-1416 Mr1-4t

**REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL**

Sealed proposals addressed to the City of Pilot Point shall be received at City of Pilot Point City Hall, 102 East Main Street, Pilot Point, TX 76258 until **2:00 P.M. local time, Tuesday, 16 April 2024**, for the construction services per proposal instructions and specifications:

**RFCSF Fire Station No. 3**. Includes site work, general construction, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and finish out for a complete and operational Fire Station.

This is a best value procurement being procured from competitive sealed proposals. There will be a non-mandatory **Pre-Proposal Conference on Tuesday, 02 April 2024, at 2:00 PM**, including a full site visit. The Pre-proposal Conference will be held at City of Pilot Point Central Fire Station at 1789 North Washington Street, Pilot Point, Texas 76258. Sub-contractors who expect to be associ-



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ated with the project are invited.

Proposals received later than the specified time and date will be not be considered. The proposals will be officially ranked by the criteria, which includes price, as set forth in the RFCSF documents. Negotiations may be held with the highest ranked Offeror. This procurement will be awarded by City Council based upon best value per the selection criteria.

All proposals, as well as Payment and Performance Bonds, must be made on the provided document forms included in the bid package. The submitted proposal shall not be altered, withdrawn, or resubmit-

ted within sixty (60) days from and after the date of the proposal opening.

Qualified prospective Offerors may obtain copies of the Request for Proposals with information to Offerors regarding proposals upon emailing Richard Mason with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. at [rmason@bciaep.com](mailto:rmason@bciaep.com). Copies of the above documents may be reviewed at the office of the Brandstetter Carroll, 100 W. Mulberry Street, Denton.

Evaluation and Selection Process: Proposals will be reviewed by a Selection Team. The Selection Team will include members from City staff. The Team shall also serve as a steering committee throughout the

duration of the review process. Selection for the construction services in this Request will be made on the basis of best value in accordance with the selection criteria. The prices proposed under the contract must be consistent with and not higher than the recommended practices published by the applicable associations. These prices may not exceed any maximum provided by law. The Contractor ranked the highest and responsive to the City of Pilot Point's need may be invited for negotiations, if necessary.  
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# Booster club puts clubs to good work

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

The promise of bad weather didn't stop the Aubrey ISD Sports Booster Club and its supporters from hitting the greens at Wildhorse Golf Club on Saturday.

Twenty-three teams, around 90 participants, played as many holes as they could before enjoying lunch, a raffle, prizes and a short auction to conclude with over \$12,000 in donations to the district's athletic programs.

"This booster club supports eight sports right now," said Darren Montgomery, Booster Club golf chairman. "The way the club sets it up is they provide money for banquets, equipment the coaches ask for, [etc.]. The budgets for individual sports are pretty low, so we help to supplement when we can for those extra needs."

The club has to get creative in generating money from the event thanks to the

expensive nature of getting so many people on the course.

"We keep the [ticket] pricing really low so people can play," Montgomery said. "After the fees we pay for the golf course, it's kind of a wash. The money we generate is all through donations, sponsorships, raffle tickets, prizes and games to go along with the golf."

One interesting method is letting teams pay for an advantage, Montgomery said.

"We have a Chap Drive, so on a long hole they can move their ball up a little bit," Montgomery said. "Everybody bought a Chap Drive."

The drive and mulligans are sold as ways for the golfers to get an edge and work in tandem with the scramble format of the tournament, where among the team of four, every set of strokes is taken from where the best previous stroke landed.

"It gets everyone playing," Aubrey golf coach Tyler

Walterscheid said. "When you have bad shots, you get someone else who can help you out. Most of the 'non-competitives' are scramble tournaments."

Playing on tickets donated by Sarah Duncan with RE/MAX DFW associates, Walterscheid played alongside a community member and former student, who took the victory.

"It's good for me because I get to see some people that I coached 10-15 years ago and the community who helps everyone out with their donations," Walterscheid said.

On its second year, and second success, Club President Jennifer Polen said the golf tournament will likely return.

"Who doesn't love golf," Polen said. "It's a totally different dynamic. It was a huge hit last year, so we knew we had to do it again."



Early in the Aubrey Sports Booster Club Golf Tournament on Saturday, Garrett Blevins lines up a shot at the green as Kennedy Brandstetter looks on.

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