



Damaged but grateful

Tornado wrecks marinas, causes property damage

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

The tornadoes that devastated Valley View and Celina on Saturday night caused chaos and damage in Pilot Point.

Affected residents and property owners, city staff, volunteers and professionals have worked together since the storm dissipated Saturday to clear the debris throughout the city.

"It's just been overwhelming," City Manager Britt Lusk said. "It's been amazing. I can't say enough about how great everybody that's been involved has been."

Several cities sent



Brandon Stinchcomb assesses a downed mature oak visible from Washington Street in Pilot Point on Tuesday.

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crews to help—public works teams from cities including Aubrey, Carrollton, Denison, Frisco, Grand Prairie, Sherman and Richardson, largely dispatched through the Public Works Emergency Response Team, as well as the Fort Worth Community Emergency Response Team.

Crews of volunteers met with city staff on the Pilot Point Square early Sunday morning before dispersing throughout Pilot Point to help remove damaged trees.

Pilot Point resident Wendell Mize was one of the first to arrive.

"We've got a bunch of people in this community that can't help themselves, and small towns thrive off of [helping each other]," he said.

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Recall petition comes to council

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

The Pilot Point City Council accepted a recall petition that aims to remove council member Elizabeth Jones at its May 23 meeting.

Filed by resident Kelley Burgess and bearing 105 verifiable addresses of Pilot Point residents, the petition states "[Burgess] and the attached signers demand her immediate removal from her position as Councilwoman."

Jones' term expires in May 2025.

"Tonight, the council is not voting on whether to call a recall election," City Attorney Brenda McDonald said. "Tonight, the council is receiving the petition."

The charter grants Jones the opportunity to ask for a public hearing within seven days.

"Regardless of the public hearing, the next city council meeting will have an agenda item to call a special election in November of this year," she said, adding, "I'll have additional comments at that meeting regarding that agenda item."

Based on the charter, 95 signatures were necessary because Jones received 381 votes when she ran uncontested on the ballot. There were 124 signatures submitted but 19 were disqualified because they either could not be validated or were signed by non-city residents.



Elizabeth Jones

The charter in section 6.11 says if the council does not call such a special election, "then a District Judge of Denton County, Texas, shall discharge any of such duties herein provided to be discharged by the person performing the duties of City Secretary or by the City Council."

During the course of the meeting, 20 people spoke or submitted a statement in support of Jones, out of concern about the nature of the petition or both.

Amy Lanier spoke to the charges made in the petition.

Those are of "misconduct by accepting payment from the city for the use of her venue, Lizzy Gator's Venue" and of "general misconduct and behavior unbecoming of a city council member," according to the petition.

Lanier said she knew Jones

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Ready to move on

Raelee Wales, left, and Isaac Cervantes advance their tassels at graduation on May 24. To read about the ceremony, see Page 1B.
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In honor of great sacrifice

CrossFit raises money for PPFD through Murph

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

Kainos Community CrossFit hosted its annual Murph Fundraiser event on Saturday in Pilot Point.

The third annual event saw participants from all over the local area race against the clock in an effort to honor the troops and raise money for the Pilot Point Fire Department.

"It was great," gym owner Jordan Harr said. "I thought we had a great turnout, good events and [it] keeps growing every year. Anything we can do to bring our community together we're excited to do it."

The hero workout is done on Memorial Day weekend
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Jordan Harr of Kainos Community CrossFit congratulates a member of the community after a morning of exercise during the Murph Fundraiser on Saturday.
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Aubrey council discusses expansion

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

After several years on the back burner, the Duck Point development saw some forward momentum during the Aubrey City Council's May 23 meeting.

The first step for the development was a public hearing regarding the Public Improvement District, during which Senior Project Manager Zoe Iorio gave a short presentation about

PIDs.

Sean Terry, vice president of entitlements for Centurion American, spoke about the development as a whole.

"We've owned this property for four or five years now working with the city with some right of way issues we've had," Terry said. "It's a very challenging site because there is a lot of

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One of the residents who received the help, Louise “Lu” Edland, said she appreciated the assistance.

“My hubby and I are both in our 80’s,” she said. “He’s 88 and just got out of the hospital, so it means a lot.”

The crew of Public Works employees Shannon O’Rear, Otis Jackson and Joseph Teichmer took to the street.

O’Rear and Teichmer gathered the limbs and cut up large sections of tree limbs for Jackson to lift with a skid steer that looked like an extension of himself.

One of Pilot Point’s newest residents, Kimmi Mounts, moved into town from Arkansas less than a week before the storm.

“I have actually never been in a tornado,” she said. “... Luckily we have a very welcoming community and a helpful community to help us out today.”

Her landlord, Ted Fisher, was on the roof Sunday morning, cutting down the tree that fell on the house’s roof.

Several professional tree service companies came to town to lend their expertise, including Brandon Stinchcomb of Stinchcomb Lawn and Tree.

“We’ve all got to band together,” he said. “Small communities have all got to take care of each other.”

Disaster Aid USA and Lutheran Disaster Care were a couple of the organizations that came out as well to help.

The storm, which killed seven and injured more than 100 in Valley View, was projected to head straight to Pilot Point, but it took a turn north instead, cycling from one tornado into a new one east of Pilot Point, said Meteorologist Allison Prater with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

“We call this a cyclic supercell,” she said. “So, it recycled rotation. The initial rotation that went through Valley View ... was supposed to go directly towards Pilot Point. ... Pilot Point was in the path of the storm.”

It weakened as it turned toward Tioga, Prater said.

“A secondary area of rotation ended up forming a little further east of Pilot Point and went toward Celina,” she said.

There was also another distinct but brief EF1 tornado that hit Lake Ray Roberts, destroying the Ray Roberts Marina and the homes near it in Sanger.

An EF1 and an EF3 satellite tornado made their way to Celina.

The Valley View tor-



The ship store and dock show the damage caused by the tornado Saturday night, as does the Jordan boat ramp.

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Ted Fisher mans the chainsaw as Gene Fisher and Cooper Fisher look on during the cleanup efforts on Saturday.

Members of the Aubrey Public Works volunteer to help Pilot Point residents at the direction of Pilot Point Public Works Director Trent Vandagriff, second from left, and Pilot Point Fire Chief Heath Hudson.

nado was an EF3, which is the storm that dissipated and weakened over Pilot Point.

When the National Weather Service releases its full findings about the rating, wind speeds, path length and width of the tornadoes, that data will be available at apps.dat.noaa.gov/stormdamage/damageviewer.

People with damage from the storm can go to disasterassistance.gov or can call 800-621-3362 to apply for help from FEMA.

Denton County is willing to offer help, the county said, through emailing the person’s name, address, phone number and damage description to emergency-management@denton-county.gov.

Property owners and residents are also encouraged to fill out an iSTAT Damage Survey at damage.tdem.texas.gov.

“Donations for Valley View residents are being accepted at the Ag barn behind the football field on Lee Street in Valley

View,” the county said in a release. “The only items they need are paper towels, Gatorade, laundry soap, tarps, duct tape, rope, brooms, dust pans, mops, hammers, nails, zip lock bags and coolers.”

United Way of Denton County is accepting donations for Denton County victims at ow.ly/CEC950RWevp, and First United Bank in Gainesville is accepting donations under the VOAD Disaster account.

Community means showing up for each other

“As humans, we are absolutely at our best when we work together to help others.”

That’s what Dawn Dooley shared with the Aubrey High School graduates on Friday.

What a prescient statement.

The communities of Sanger, Valley View, Pilot Point and Celina were rocked by a series of tornadoes on Saturday evening.

Pilot Point was the luckiest of the communities, with Valley View experiencing a devastating loss of seven lives as well as more than 100 people injured.

My heart aches for them.

On Sunday morning, I witnessed something beautiful.

People from through-

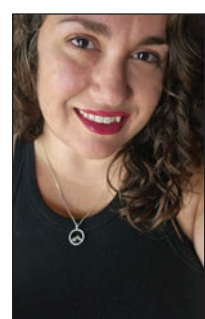
out the area and beyond poured into Pilot Point to help the area’s residents bounce back from the storm.

Some were Pilot Point residents who were relatively untouched by the damage. Others made their way from surrounding cities such as Aubrey to lend their muscle and machinery to the cause.

Throughout the entire process, the Pilot Point city staff members showed their heart and dedication to the community they serve.

Police, fire, public works and parks departments all jumped into action as the storm wound

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down, and they have continued working to restore the area since late Saturday night.

The city leadership and the social media manager worked to keep information flowing, and the city’s elected officials pitched in to help, too, both in distributing information and in hands-on efforts.

So many businesses have fed volunteers or sprung into action to handle clean-up efforts themselves.

Neighbor helped neighbor.

All without any expectation of something in return, but instead because

that’s what they hope would happen if they were in need.

Some in Pilot Point who fared better through the storm opted to buy and take supplies to Valley View, as did some residents from Providence Village.

That is the true strength of a close-knit community.

That is what makes working through tragedy—big or small—possible.

There is still more help needed, especially as Texas keeps gracing us with these storms.

Be good to each other and do good for one another.

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Report storm damage for residence, business

Residents suffering damages or losses from Saturday's storms for residential, commercial or agricultural property are encouraged to complete the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool Damage Survey under "Spring Severe Weather and Flooding Event" at damage.tdem.texas.gov.

Current closings, availability at Lake Ray Roberts

The Ray Roberts Lake State Parks suffered significant damage from last weekend's storm. This is a list of closings and open park facilities.

- Greenbelt FM 455 and FM 428 Access Parks – hard surface trails, picnic sites and fishing basin.
 - Isle du Bois – boat ramp launching only, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
 - Johnson Branch – closed until further notice.
 - Jordan Park – boat ramp open launching only, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- For more information, go to Ray Roberts Lake State Park Facebook pages.

Summer programs at PP library

The Pilot Point Community Library at 324 S. Washington St. will kick off the Summer Reading Program from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday for kids and adults. Participants can drop in to enjoy an ice cream sundae bar.

The library will offer Game Day Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday; Storytime (ages 0-5), 10 a.m. on Tuesdays; Wacky Wednesdays, 10 a.m.; Saturday Movie: "Trolls Band Together," 11 a.m. June 8; STEAM Lab (ages 9-12), 2 p.m. June 13; and Cookbook Club (adults), 2 p.m. June 14.

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

Library Land Game at Aubrey library

The Aubrey Area Library at 226 Countryside Drive will have a live action Library Land Game (all ages), 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday; Bishop Brigade (ages 6-12), 2 p.m. Tuesday; Medicare with Wes, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday; Throwback Movie: "George of the Jungle," 4:30 p.m. Thursday; and STEAM Safari Stops (ages 5-12), 11 a.m. June 8.

The library is needing volunteers ages 13 and up to help during the Summer Reading Program for 2-4 hours a week.

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

Karaoke, comedy, music at the Coffee House

The Pilot Point Coffee House will have Karaoke Night, 7 p.m. Saturday; Jam and Java with Deanie Deal and Dave Hollowell, 8 p.m. June 7; live music with Dan Roark, 8 p.m. June 15; Comedy Night, 8 p.m. June 21; live music with Warren Floyd, 7 p.m. June 22, and Vince Lujan, 7 p.m. June 29 at 110 W. Main St.

Summer Music Series

continues in Aubrey

The city of Aubrey will host the Summer Music Series from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday featuring Texas Harmony, Ryan Anderton and Shane Hamilton, and 6-9 p.m. June 15 featuring Payton Howie and Clay Hollis at Veterans Memorial Park, 301 S. Main St.

Pet vaccines offered at Atwoods

Penny Paws will be offering a pet vaccine clinic on Saturday at the Cross Roads Atwoods, 3401 U.S. 377.

For more information or to make an appointment, go to pennypaws.com/book-mobile-vaccination or call 817-993-1234.

29 Acres to have first annual fest

The first annual 29 Acres Fest will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at 3000 Moseley Road in Cross Roads. There will be food, games and a fun run. Volunteer opportunities are available.

For more information, go to 29acres.org or call 214-550-8831.

EquiFest to host concert, fundraiser

EquiPoint Equestrian will host EquiFest, a grand opening fundraiser to benefit Equi-Hope Therapeutic Riding Program, from noon-4 p.m. Saturday at 10415 Friendship Road, featuring Sadie Bass and Deanie & Dave. Admission is free.

There will be food trucks, mechanical bull, vendors, live and silent auctions, and Equi-Hope Rider Showcase.

Annual reunion to be held in Aubrey

The annual Aubrey school reunion will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Aubrey High School cafeteria, 510 Spring Hill Road.

The class of 1974 will be honored at this year's reunion by celebrating 50 years. This is open to all former and current students who have attended Aubrey schools.

Movie in the Park in Cross Roads

The town of Cross Roads will have Movie in the Park: "Wonka" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Cross Roads Town Park, corner of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.

Collinsville Elementary plans Splash Bash

The Collinsville Elementary PTO will host a Splash Bash event from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Pelphrey Field, 409 E. Woodland St. Concessions will be available. No outside food or beverages will be allowed except water.

Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$12 per child with ages 2 and under free.

Free online courses at Rooted In

Rooted In in Pilot Point will be offering free online courses: Cool Off with Shade Gardening, 6 p.m. Tuesday, and Sprinkler Systems 101, 9:00 a.m. June 15.

To sign up or for more information, go to rootedin.com/take-a-class.

First Wednesday coffee, donuts

Selz & Henzler Insurance will have the first Wednesday coffee and donuts from 8-10 a.m. Wednesday at 103 S. Jefferson St.

Coffee, Connect, Cultivate with Aubrey Chamber

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce along with the Aubrey MDD will host a networking opportunity with Coffee, Connect and Cultivate at 7:30 a.m. June 7 at 205 S. Main St. There will be guest speakers, coffee and donuts.

Market Day planned at Mountain Springs

Market day will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. June 8 at the Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane in Valley View. For more information, go to Mountain Springs Community Center Facebook page.

Gab & Grub free event on the Square

The next Gab & Grub free community event will be held at 6 p.m. June 14 in downtown Pilot Point. There will be a free pizza party, lawn games and a chance to get to chat with neighbors.

GDT to present 'Charlie Brown'

The Garage Door Theater will perform "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" with a kids cast at 7:30 p.m. June 14 and 2:30 p.m. June 22-23 with adult performances at 7:30 p.m. June 15, 21-22 at 110 S. Washington St.

To purchase tickets, go to pilotpointopera-house.org.

Art in the Park at Cross Roads

The Town of Cross Roads will offer Art in the Park 2024 with Foam Printing, 9-11 a.m. June 15, and Community Weave, 9-11 a.m. July 20 at the corner of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.

Schools, businesses offer summer camps

There are several summer camps open throughout to help families fill their free time.

•PYE (Pooky's Young Engineers) Club is now enrolling for summer camps including coding, robotics and automation for ages 10-14 taught by engineers and grad students. Classes will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, go to pyeclub.com.

•Aubrey ISD will offer summer athletic camps. For more information, go to aubreyisd.net/page/summer-athletic-camps.

•Christie's Golf Ranch has opened registration for the 2024 summer junior golf camps (ages 7-12) at 920 U.S. 377. For more information, go to christiesgolffranch.com.

•Starbright Music and Performing Arts will host Summer Camps at 110 S. Washington St. For more information, go to starbrightmpa.com or call 940-647-4461.

Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels

Volunteer drivers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels one day a week Monday-Friday for 2 to 2 1/2 hours from 10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in Aubrey, Krugerville and Pilot Point.

For more information, call Cindy Faris at 972-838-3259.

Ray Roberts Rotary flag program

The Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club will place an American flag in a yard or business for six holidays during the year for a \$50 annual fee. The program helps fund senior scholarships for Aubrey ISD and Pilot Point ISD, Shepherd's Storehouse, Love Pacts, Hopes Door, dictionaries for third graders, Pilot Point Angel Tree, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and International Polio Drive.

To sign up, email lc0x@cityofpilotpoint.org or call 940-324-5027.

Cumberlands congratulates newest graduates

The University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky, congratulates the following Aubrey students on receiving a degree in fall 2023 or spring 2024: Oyesola Akinyemi, Renuka Bhardwaj, Sneha Bindu Erumadi, Poojitha Gade, Sri Harsha Kandala, Kritin Kondru, Prathiba Kotla, Muni Kumar Pulikanti, Nirali Vikaskumar Shah, Avanthi Sompalli and Venkateswara Rao Vyamasani.

Borden earns Dean's Honor Roll

Angela Borden of Aubrey was named to Southern New Hampshire University's winter 2024 Dean's List in Manchester, New Hampshire. To be eligible, a student must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a grade point average of 3.50-3.699 for the semester.

Aubrey student named to President's List

Christin Walker, a software development student of Aubrey, was named to the Champlain College President's List for the fall 2023 semester in Burlington, Vermont. Students on the President's List must achieve a grade point average of 4.0 during the semester.

UE announces Dean's List

Olivia Bordere of Aubrey was named to the University of Evansville Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester in Evansville, Indiana. To merit the honor of being placed on the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 or more hours and earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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Fuller, Worrell share PPISD updates, goals

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

Pilot Point ISD's new athletic director and superintendent teamed up on May 22 to tell community members the game plan during the PointBank Business Breakfast.

Chad Worrell, a 1990 PPHS alumnus-turned-athletic director, spoke about his eagerness to return home with a career of success to bring back to the community.

"I've been in the coaching and education business for 28 years and always felt like my path would lead me back to Pilot Point," Worrell said. "I think over time we're going to build something that the community can take pride in."

He spoke about hiring and the types of coaches he's looked for to fill his roster.

"It's been a busy month for us," Worrell said. "We've been busy trying to hire staff, and I'm proud of the coaches we've hired at this point. We're trying to fill our roles with people who love this community and have had experiences here. We're going to fill the coach-



ing staff with familiar faces that I think people will be proud of."

When Dr. Shannon Fuller spoke, she opened by asking those in attendance what exactly they expect from their school district, and she received a bevy of answers including kindness, character, work ethic, re-

spect, best versions of themselves, excellence, producing winners, effort, integrity, salaries for staff, competitive education, and class in loss.

"One of the things we're really working towards is accountability," Fuller said. "I'm responsible for being consistent in my actions,

the way I show up, the way I treat people and the way I do my best work. If we model that for the adults, we model that for our students. They learn it from adults by seeing it day in and out."

Fuller explained building a strong district in her eyes starts with a strong staff.

"We have been relentless about quality," Fuller said. "We are not going to settle until we find the right people; then it's about building a team. When I met with staff, one of the biggest pieces of feedback I got from them is they are very much asking for training. They want to be poured into

and have the knowledge and skills to do a good job."

She said she's committed to doing exactly that but urged the community to have patience as she, Worrell and the rest of the leadership work to rebuild the district.

"Building a team is hard," Fuller said. "It takes time, so the biggest thing I'll leave you with is let's come together, have the conversations and work together. I feel the heart and passion of Pilot Point. The people in the community care, so there is nothing more I want for this district than to come together."

She used the example of Chinese finger traps to demonstrate her point, saying that though people's instinct is to pull apart when they feel confined or troubled, the key is to come together to solve the problem.

"It's not going to happen tomorrow, but you will see a change over the next year," Fuller said. "It takes time to figure out the newness, but then the work really happens—the trust and the team-building happens. ... Then, the magic happens."

John Gomez of Banc Card of America and Tracy Glover, vice president of the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce, work to free themselves during the Point-Bank Business Breakfast at Pilot Point on May 22.

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AROUND THE AREA

Gainesville to offer summer concert series

The first free concert in the Gainesville Summer Sounds will be from 7-10:30 p.m. Friday at the Gainesville Farmers Market, 201 N. Chestnut St. featuring Desperado with special guest Elevation Band.

Downtown Sanger to host market

The next Downtown Sanger Farmers Market will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Stephen Baker Field.

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.

Texas A&M to hold horsemanship school

The Silver Saddle 4-H Club will host the Texas A&M Summer Horsemanship School from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 10-11 at Jim-A-Dee Ranch in Sanger. Cost for 4-H members is \$120 and non-members is \$150.

To register or for more information, email silversaddle4h@gmail.com by Saturday.

Healthcare classes to begin in June

North Central Texas College will offer classes in the healthcare industry including central service technician, medical administrative assistant, clinical medical assistant and pharmacy technician starting in June at Champions Circle, 3440 U.S. 114 in Fort Worth.

For more information or to register, call 940-668-3373, text 940-353-1098 or email ace@nctc.edu.

Bring-a-Blanket Storytime at Denton library

The Denton Public Library will offer Bring-a-Blanket Storytime at 10 a.m. June 3 for ages 1-5 at Quakertown Park, 700 Oakland St. In case of inclement weather, it will be held inside the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland St.

NCTC to offer ESL summer class

North Central Texas College will offer English as a Second Language on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. from June 4-July 30 at the Gainesville campus.

To register, call 940-669-3373, text 940-353-1098 or email ace@nctc.edu.

Butterfield to perform 'Legally Blonde'

The Butterfield Stage Players will perform "Legally Blonde The Musical" at 7 p.m. June 6-8 and 14-15 with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. June 8-9 and 15-16 at 201 S. Denton St. in Gainesville.

To purchase tickets or for more information, go to butterfieldstage.org.

Low cost pet vaccines at D&L in Celina

D&L Farm and Home will offer low cost pet vaccinations with Vax Shack from 9 a.m.-noon June 8 at 811 N. Louisiana Drive in Celina. No appointment is needed. For more information, go to vaxshack.com.

Denton County Farm Heritage Day

The Denton County Office of History and Culture will be hosting the fifth annual Denton County Farm Heritage Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 8 at the Denton County Historical Park, 317 W. Mulberry St.

This is a free educational event and open to the public. There will be antique tractor displays provided by the Denton County Antique Tractor Club, multi-era displays and crafts.

Gainesville Lion's Club golf tournament

The Gainesville Lion's Club Golf Tournament will have registration at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start June 15 for a 4 man scramble format at the Gainesville Golf Course. For more information or to register, call Brian Pearson at 940-634-1234.

Submit information for Around the Area to aallen@postsignal.com.

**Sip's up**

Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Evon Lusk, left, chats with performer Vince Lujan and Main Street Advisory Board Vice Chair Debbie McEwen at the Margarita Trail event on Saturday on the Square.

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**Legacy lives on**

Barry Meguiar speaks about the legacy and inheritance carried by followers of Christ and the responsibility they have to spend it sharing and speaking on God's love. Meguiar and some of his family joined the congregation at Grace Point Nazarene Church on Sunday to participate in a revival.

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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, May 31

•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.
•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
•11 a.m. Summer Reading Program Kick-off. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
•11:30 a.m. Baby & Me Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•2 p.m. Little Readers Roundup. Aubrey Area Library, Community Center, 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, June 1
•8 a.m. Cross Roads Community Farmers Market. Cross Roads Town Park, corner of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.
•9:30 a.m. Saturday Game Day. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
•10 a.m. Clifton and Nadene Irick Museum, 201 S. Jefferson St., Pilot Point.
•10:30 a.m. Library Land Game (all ages). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•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.
•Noon. Pioneer Baptist Food Bank. Pioneer Baptist Church, 100 Cumberland Trail, Valley View.
•7 p.m. Karaoke Night. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
•8 p.m. Backroad Travelers. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
Monday, June 3
•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. Pilot Point Main Street Meeting. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.
Tuesday, June 4
•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. Storytime (ages 0-5). Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
•10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•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. LizzyGator, 12222 Massey Road, Pilot Point.
•2 p.m. Bishop Brigade (ages 6-12). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•4:15 p.m. Storytime with Mrs. Carter. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•5:30 p.m. Aubrey Area Library Advisory board. 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•5:30 p.m. Pilot Point Municipal Development District. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-342-5023.
•6 p.m. Aubrey Parks and Recreation board. Aubrey City Hall, 107 S. Main St. 940-440-9343.
•6:30 p.m. Providence Village Economic Development Corporation. Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main St. 940-365-9333.
•7 p.m. Cross Roads Planning and Zoning. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste. 105. 940-365-9693.
•7:30 p.m. Providence Village Town Council. Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main St. 940-365-9333.
Wednesday, June 5
•8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
•11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
•12:30 p.m. Medicare with Wes. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•1:30 p.m. Local Vocals Community Singers. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.
•6 p.m. Romantics Bookclub. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•6 p.m. Cross Roads Parks and Recreation. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste. 105. 940-365-9693.
•7 p.m. Karaoke Wednesdays with Pam and Dave. Low-brows Saloon, 200 S. Washington St.
•7 p.m. Pool tournament. Vaughn-Walling American Le-

gion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
Thursday, June 6
•10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
•10 a.m. Crafting Day. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
•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.
•11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch. First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Pilot Point. 940-686-2338.
•4:30 p.m. Throwback Thursday Movie: "George of the Jungle." Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•6:30 p.m. Pilot Point Planning and Zoning. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.
Friday, June 7
•7:30 a.m. Coffee, Connect and Cultivate. Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce, 205 S. Main St., Aubrey. 940-365-9781.
•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.
•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.
•12:30 p.m. Little Readers Roundup. Aubrey Area Library, Community Center, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
•2 p.m. Friends of the Pilot Point Community Library. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
•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@postsignal.com.

POLICE REPORT

Aubrey Police Department logged 206 calls from May 20-26. Cross Roads Police Department received 60 calls for service between May 20-26. Krugerville Police Department reported calls the week of May 20-25. Pilot Point Police Department had 120 events from May 19-24.

CITATION – A traffic stop investigation by Cross Roads police Sunday resulted in the discovery of drug paraphernalia near the intersection of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road. A man, 24, was given a citation.

ASSAULT – Aubrey PD arrested a woman, 41, on a charge of assault by contact family violence in the 800 block of Fueller Drive.

DWI – A man, 54, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated after Cross Roads PD investigated a crash near the intersection of U.S. 380 and Walmart Drive.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – On Saturday, a woman, 54, was issued a criminal trespass warning by CRPD after engaging in a verbal altercation with store employees in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

CRASH – Cross Roads

police investigated a two-vehicle crash with no reported injuries Saturday near the intersection of U.S. 377 and Fishtrap Road.

FORGERY FRAUD – A forgery fraud was reported to PPPD at 4:23 p.m. May 24 in the 900 block of South Washington Street.

POSSESSION – A man, 28, was arrested by Aubrey police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1, less than 4 grams, in the 9900 block of Wethers Field Circle.

MISSING PERSON – A missing person was reported to CRPD on May 24 in the 1400 block of Stone Trail. The person was later found.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – A man, 18, was arrested by Cross Roads police May 23 on a charge of criminal trespass in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

ASSAULT – A man, 24, was arrested on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence by APD on May 22 in the 9800 block of Concord Drive.

DWI – A man, 54, was arrested May 22 by Cross Roads PD during a traffic stop investigation on a

charge of driving while intoxicated second in the 11900 block of U.S. 380.

ASSAULT – Aubrey police arrested a teenager May 22 on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence in the 11200 block of Blaze Street.

MOTOR ASSIST – A Krugerville police officer observed a driver trying to change a tire in the 5300 block of U.S. 377 around 9 p.m. May 21. Upon speaking to the woman, the officer noticed the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A probable cause search located an unused joint with a green leafy substance as well as one partially smoked joint in the ashtray, according to the report. She was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON – Pilot Point police were dispatched to a suspicious person/vehicle at 6:50 p.m. May 21 in the 400 block of South College Street.

ANIMAL COMPLAINT – An animal complaint was investigated by Pilot Point PD at 6:43 p.m. May 21 in the 500 block of South College Street.

TRAFFIC – Krugerville PD assisted with a crash

around 3 p.m. May 21 in the 8700 block of Ike Byrom Road. The driver received warnings for improper passing using turn lane access, loose materials, no Texas CDL license and an unauthorized temporary tag. He was also given warnings for no driver's license and expired registration.

CRASH – A two-vehicle crash was dispatched to CRPD on May 21 near the intersection of U.S. 380 and FM 424. No injuries were reported.

BURGLARY – Around 9 a.m. May 21, Pilot Point police received a burglary call in the 100 block of Cole Lane.

THEFT – A theft was reported to PPPD at 10:06 p.m. May 20 in the 500 block of West Neal Street.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE – Pilot Point PD responded to a domestic disturbance at 9:16 p.m. May 20 in the 1100 block of South U.S. 377.

TERRORISTIC THREAT – A terroristic threat was dispatched to Pilot Point police at 9:16 p.m. May 20 in the 1100 block of South Jefferson Street.

ASSAULT – A teenager was arrested May 20 by

APD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence in the 3200 block of Buckskin Trail.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – A man, 19, was given a criminal trespass warning for soliciting on private property by Cross Roads police May 20 in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

ASSAULT – A woman, 35, was arrested by Aubrey police May 20 on a charge of assault by contact family violence in the 3900 block of Sunflower Drive.

WELFARE CONCERN – A welfare concern call was reported to Pilot Point PD at 9:42 p.m. May 19 in the 900 block of North Anna Street.

DISTURBANCE – At 5:42 p.m. May 19, PPPD responded to a disturbance

call in the 1200 block of North U.S. 377.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON – A suspicious person/vehicle was investigated by Pilot Point police at 5 p.m. May 19 in the 1300 block of North U.S. 377.

THEFT – A theft was reported to Pilot Point PD around 1 p.m. May 19 in the 1200 block of U.S. 377.

INTOXICATED PERSON – Around 5 a.m. May 19, PPPD were dispatched to an intoxicated person in the 700 block of East Roewe Street.

AGENCY ASSIST – Pilot Point police assisted an outside agency around 1:30 a.m. May 19 near the intersection of Baker Road and Howell Road.

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Pirates set sail

The Pirates toss their caps in celebration during graduation at the Collinsville High School gym on May 24. Bad weather forced the ceremony to move inside.

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Looking the part

Alex Malagon enjoys a photo op after graduating from fifth grade on Tuesday at Pilot Point Elementary School.

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A big step for little Cats

Mishell Valladares stands among her classmates during their graduation from kindergarten on May 21 at the Pilot Point Early Childhood Center.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET & PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pilot Point Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, June 14, 2024, at the Pilot Point Independent School District, 829 S. Harrison, Pilot Point, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 0.75750 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.26876 / \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	9.51% increase
Debt service	0.01% increase
Total expenditures	8.21% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 2,191,467,588	\$ 2,578,392,548
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 140,448,408	\$ 169,032,014
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 1,534,888,170	\$ 1,888,866,131
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 98,743,602	\$ 161,381,415

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 64,745,900

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.75750	\$ 0.26876	\$ 1.02626	\$ 12,595	\$ 5,650
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.26311	\$ 0.24357	\$ 1.50667	\$ 12,325	\$ 4,951
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.75750	\$ 0.26876	* \$ 1.02626	\$ 11,917	\$ 5,160

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 443,061	\$ 384,373
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 300,147	\$ 245,527
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.02626	\$ 1.02626
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,080.29	\$ 2,519.75
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ -560.54

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$ 1.02626. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$ 1.02626.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 8,086,683
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 3,508,888

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Sports

For the Brand

Eighth-graders sign to play for Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

Tioga ISD athletics held its second annual ceremonial signing day program for the next generation of Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Athletic director Zach Birdwell continued the event that he started when he arrived last year.

“I knew whenever my time came to run a program, [it was] something I wanted to do,” he said. “I want to build a total program from junior high to high school that’s elite in every sport. For that vision to become a reality, these kids [have] to see [the vision], and they [have] to see it as quickly as possible. For them to sign their letter of intent says if they follow that set guideline, they’re gonna have a chance to have elite opportunities.”

Eighth graders put on various Tioga High School jerseys before signing commitment letters that signified their dedication to the athletic program—the “T”—and the program’s dedication to them.

Birdwell was inspired to start the event after his time as an assistant coach at Lubbock Coronado.

Now with his first full year in Tioga coming to a close, Birdwell shared the role the ceremony played in the success of last year’s freshman class.



The next generation of Bulldogs made their commitment “For the Brand” clear on Tuesday. The Tioga athletics program held its second annual eighth grade signing ceremony in the school gym.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

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Lady Eaglettes knock down Lady Chaps

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

Aubrey fell to Canton, losing the Regional Finals two games to none on May 21 and 23 in Royse City.

The Eaglettes pounced on the Lady Chaps early and didn’t let up, winning Game 1, 11-4, and Game 2, 14-1.

“Hats off to Canton,” head coach James Ramsey said. “They [have] a great group, and they came out and played really well this week. We weren’t ever able to get things going. Right out of the gate tonight, they jumped on us, and it was all [downhill] from there.”

Canton got on the scoreboard first, 1-0, with a line-drive single to center from first baseman Katrina Morphis in the bottom of the first inning.

Aubrey jumped back into the lead in the top of the third inning after catcher Abby Lynch-Buxton ripped a line-drive double to left field, bringing in two runs.

The Eaglettes tied the game at 2 in the fourth inning with a ground ball single hit by their catcher Kara Pride.

The Eaglettes’ offense took off in the fifth and sixth innings, breaking the tie by scoring nine unanswered runs.

Canton’s scoring barrage was aided by multiple errors by Aubrey’s defense, including a three-run inside-the-park home run in the fifth.

The Lady Chaps closed the gap in the



Lady Chap Brynlie Dunkin winds up to deliver the pitch against the Eaglettes at Royse City Field. Canton defeated Aubrey two games to none to advance to the state tournament on May 23.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

top of the seventh when Lynch-Buxton hit another double that allowed Brynlie Dunkin to get home.

Lynch-Buxton was able to cross home plate herself a few plays later after a wild pitch got away from the Lady Ea-

glettes catcher.

Canton was able to withstand Aubrey’s late-game push, winning Game 1, 11-4.

The Eaglettes were in full flight on both sides of the ball in Game 2, blitzing

the Lady Chaps with two home runs and seven runs in the first inning.

Pride got things going early for Canton with a two-run homer to right field.

That was followed by a double from Morphis that brought in another run.

Right fielder Rylee Busby kept the scoring streak going with a ground ball single that brought in one run.

Canton’s shortstop Chloe Howe delivered the blow that put the Lady Chaps on the ropes with a three-run homer to left field.

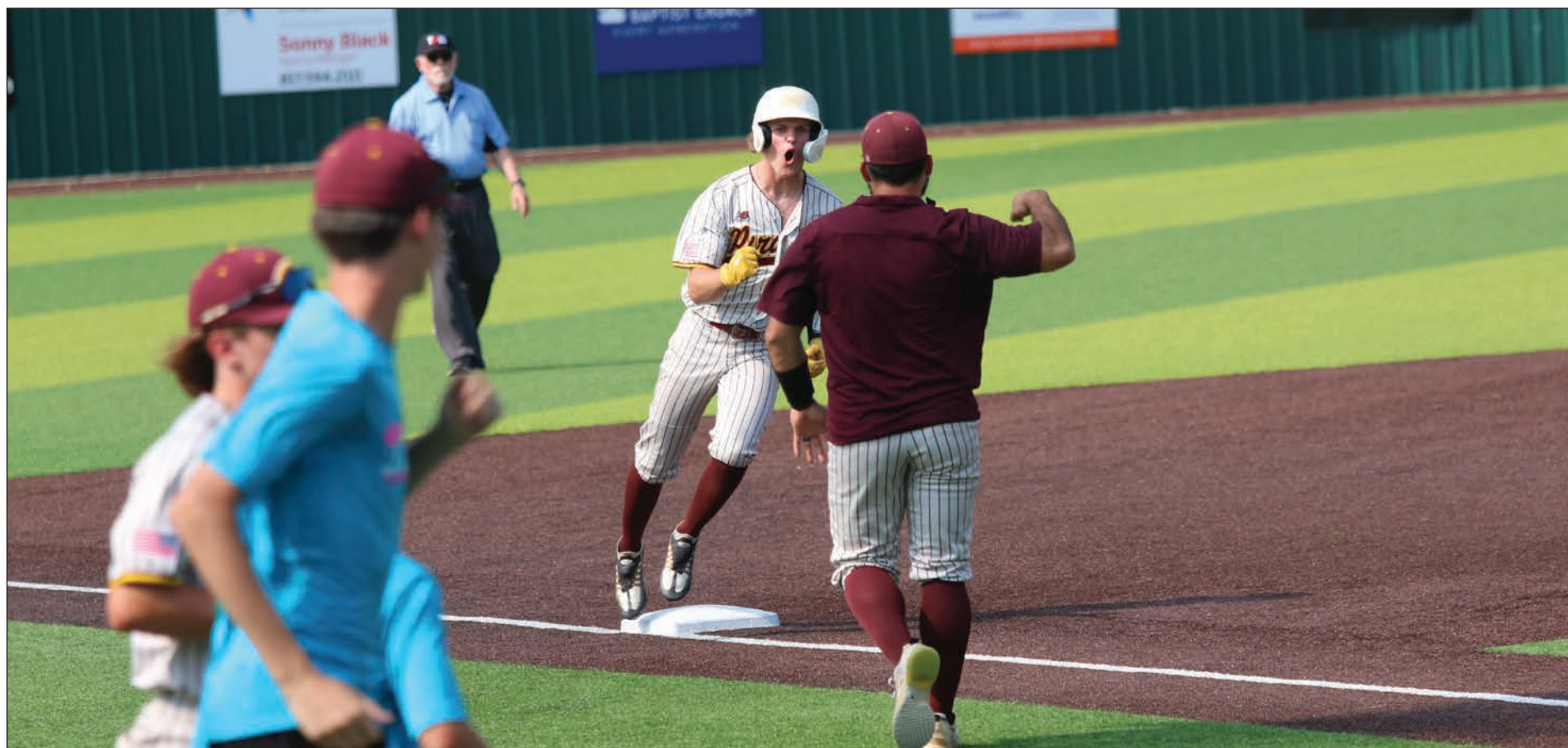
Aubrey found a little juice of its own with Mya Cherry hitting a solo home run to left field in the second inning.

After that, it was all Canton with the Eaglettes scoring seven more runs, winning Game 2, 14-1.

“They’re a tough group to deal with offensively, and then they’ve got great pitching as well,” Ramsey said. The Eaglettes’ tough pitching was on full display with Jaycee Bullard putting on a clinic with five strikeouts and holding the Lady Chaps to one run.

Despite the loss, Ramsey praised his team’s performance this season.

“I just told them that I love them,” he said. “I’m proud of them and really appreciative of all of them. [I] told the seniors thank you so much for all they’ve done for us the last few years, and I’m going to miss those [girls], but [I’m] just super proud of the whole team.”



Pirates triumph

Rylan Newman celebrates as he rounds third. Collinsville defeated Axtell two games to none to advance to the Regional Finals on May 23.

Jenna Agerlid/
The Post-Signal



Locked on target

Cannon Birdwell brings the wood in a tackling drill on Bulldog Field. Tioga athletics held a football camp for area kids first-sixth grades on May 22-24.

Photo Courtesy of Tioga ISD

SIGNING

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“When they signed last year, they saw an opportunity to come in and make an impact from the beginning, and they did,” Birdwell said. “They bought in, and then you look up. We’ve got freshmen on every single varsity team and every single program, and not just on it, but contributors winning awards and excelling.”

The Bulldogs had multiple standout freshmen on the football, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball and track teams.

One of them, Kyndall Whitely, competed at the state track meet in Austin earlier this month.

With last year’s crop of freshmen flourishing under his watch, Birdwell emphasized how his vision for the students and the Tioga athletic program starts at home.

“We knew we wanted to get the parents involved,” he said. “At the end of the day, we’re building this program around five pillars, and one of those pillars is the parents.

Without them, none of this exists.”

Tioga Middle School and High School Principal Keith Kirkland spoke glowingly about the event.

“[The ceremony] went well,” he said. “Anytime we get to recognize [our] kids and celebrate them and their goals, ... it really sets the tone and gives them something to look forward to.”

With the fall semester only a couple of months away, the time for the class of 2028 to shine could be right around the corner.

Birdwell hopes the signing ceremony will lay the groundwork for them and continue to do so for the classes that follow.

“We talked about loving the process—the process being the work they put in every day,” he said. “At some point, the process is going to love you back, and you don’t know when that time is coming, so it’s good for them to see that vision right now.”



This fall’s newest members of the Lady Bulldogs commemorate signing their letters of intent to Tioga athletics.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 6, DIVISION 2, “RECORDS MANAGEMENT”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING SECTION 1.06.042, “ELECTRONIC STORAGE OF RECORDS”;

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PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 23RD DAY OF MAY, 2024.

APPROVED: CHRIS RICH MAYOR

ATTEST: JENNY HICKS CITY SECRETARY My31-1t

CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 851-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, ANNEXING THE HERINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF AN APPROXIMATE 1.078 ACRE TRACT, BEING A PART OF THE EXISTING 60-FOOT WIDE ROW OF REDFEARN ROAD AND THE NEW VARIABLE WIDTH ROW ON THE EAST SIDE OF US HIGHWAY 377, SOUTH OF REDFEARN ROAD, SITUATED IN THE F. TREVINO SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1243, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS AND ANY ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATED RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIM-

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ITS; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREMISES, AMENDING OF THE OFFICIAL CITY MAP, AND ACKNOWLEDGING A SERVICE PLAN; REQUIRING THE FILING OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK; PRESCRIBING FOR EFFECT ON TERRITORY, GRANTING AS APPROPRIATE TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS; PROVIDING CUMULATIVE REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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The Town of Providence Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing,

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on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., and the Town Council of the Town of Providence Village will hold a public hearing **on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.,** each at the Providence Village Town Hall, located at **1755 Main Street, Providence Village, Texas 76227,** to consider testimony and take action regarding adoption of the Multifamily Residential District (MF) zoning of the approximately 14.078 acres tract of land, generally located south of Fishtrap Road and west of Angel Lane, identified as Denton CAD Property ID’s 254104, 131834, 167670 and 121919 situated in the Marsella Jones Survey, Abstract No. 662, Tracts 41A, 43, 44 and 45B, Denton County, Texas. Changing the zoning classification from Agriculture District (AG) to Multifamily Residential District (MF).

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Patriotic parade

The children of Mobberly Farms take to the streets on Sunday to show their patriotism with a bike parade.

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across the country to honor the memory of Navy Seal and Medal of Honor recipient Michael Murphy who lost his life in Afghanistan in 2005.

It typically consists of a one-mile run, 100 pullups, 200 pushups, 300 squats and another one-mile run while wearing a 20-pound weighted vest, which is the average weight of body armor soldiers wear in the field.

"It's done nationwide," he said. "So to get to do it, and then use it as an opportunity to highlight and support our firefighters has been a good thing for us. Hopefully, it continues to grow more and more."

To encourage participants, Kainos also offered lower-impact exercises—rowing machines and ring rows—to help athletes of various levels.

Harr highlighted the improvement he saw in this year's group of participants.

"This year our group as a whole had much better times than the previous two years," he said. "It's fun to see people progressing in their fitness journey. They're getting stronger, they're getting faster and [they have] more endurance."

The proceeds from the event were donated to the Pilot Point Fire Department.

"Our goal was \$5,000, which we fell short of," Harr said. "We'll keep trying to get the community involved through sponsorships, t-shirt sales and general donations. We have a great city, [and] a lot of them love to support our fire department."

Along with supporting the local fire department, the Murph Fundraiser also allows the Kainos staff the chance to highlight and remember friends, commanding officers and more members of the military who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Honoring the troops is ex-



Murph workout participants battle through the one-mile run.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

tra significant for gym co-owner and Harr's wife, Hallie Crawford.

Crawford served 12 years of active duty with the Marine Corps and eight years as a reserve member in Houston and Fort Worth.

"While the workout doesn't come close to the sac-

rifice that they gave for us, it definitely helps keep it at the forefront [of our minds]," Harr said. "To be able to do it with our community and everybody across the country is such an honor and a constant we look forward to every year."

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The Aubrey Education Foundation celebrated its 24th year of supporting the teachers and students of the Aubrey Independent School District by hosting their annual Red and White Gala in April.

Thanks to the awesome attendees, sponsors and donors of auction items, the event was a success. The Foundation granted \$37,355 in Innovative Teaching Grants and \$44,500 in senior scholarships to 29 graduating seniors.

The Inductees into the Chaparral Elite for 2024 were honored at the event. The Chaparral Elite celebrates remarkable people exhibiting exception character in the community. The three for 2024 were Ms. Marilyn Hampton, Mr. Tracy TY Yarbrough and Mrs. DeAnn Hellman Morris.

We are tremendously thankful for the continued support of our fast-growing community. None of this would be possible without our sponsors, AISD Staff Giving, those who attend our annual fund-raising event and all of the volunteers.

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Waves of emotion



Harleigh Arnold waves at her loved ones while waiting for the Aubrey High School commencement ceremony to start on May 24 at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

AHS graduates for Class of 2024 walk stage together

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

More than 200 Aubrey High School graduates crossed the stage in the Comerica Center in Frisco on May 24.

The theme of the day was embracing challenges and making the best of any situation.

"I pray that we can look back at the memories we have made at Aubrey," Senior Class President Isaac Cervantes said as he opened the ceremony in prayer. "I pray that you continue guide and bless us all as we continue the plan you have in store for us."

He was followed by Senior Class Vice President Lexie Ermei, who led the pledge, before Principal Brett Phipps welcomed the graduates and their loved ones as well as the AISD staff and the school board.

"Throughout your years at Aubrey High, you've shown immense determination and resilience," he said of the class, which entered high school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He reminded them that self-doubt in the face of major life changes is common.

"The reality is that you've been preparing for this moment your entire life," Phipps said.

When Salutatorian Luke Travascio took to the stage, he shared how much his faith has helped forge his way.

"As young adults, we often fall off the path and lose sight of our goals," he said. "Google defines a goal as an aim or a desired result. ... No matter your education or career choice, you need to stay in line with your values."

He encouraged his fellow graduates to find something to keep them accountable for stay-



AHS teacher and coach James DuMond participates in the wave during a break in the graduation ceremony caused by a glitch in the senior video.

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The Top 6 graduates watch the traditional senior video that shows the formal photo and a baby photo for the graduates.

ing focused on their goals.

A perennial favorite graduation speaker, teacher Dawn Dooley, was up next.

"It's important to take a moment and bask in the enormity of your achievement," she said. "You survived, and you triumphed. I knew there were moments you thought you wouldn't make it through, but I always knew you would make it to this day."

She urged the students to focus on "what's most important."

"That is the strength of community," Dooley said.

She spoke of the strength the graduates and their younger counterparts have helped infuse into her.

"As humans, we are absolutely at our best when we work together to help others," she said. "That is when our best qualities surface. That is when we become stronger—mentally, physically, emotionally. ... I would encourage you to find strength in the people around you who love and support you."

She finished with an Irish prayer.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand," Dooley read.

Valedictorian Petrus "Pieter" Koeman shared his perspective that hard work is more valuable than just being smart most of the time.

He experienced frustration and difficulty when he came to the U.S., he said in the speech.

"I moved here 9 years ago, not knowing any English, nor having been to the U.S. ever before," Koeman said. "It was hard at first, because I couldn't understand any of you. Just imagine being in a classroom full of people but not being able to understand or interact with them."

He came determined to succeed through hard work.

"Academic success and success in general ... is contingent on your ability to work hard," Koeman said. "When I look into the audience today, I see a group of young people full of potential that can make a difference



Sophie Huggins cheers as one of her friends flashes on the big screen in the Comerica Center.

in this world, something we desperately need."

After the traditional senior slideshow, which was interrupted partway through, the graduates made their way from Phipps to Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor as their names were called to receive their diplomas.

Senior Class Secretary Kayden Anderson closed out the ceremony with his benediction address.

"Like Pieter said, success is not dependent on how smart you are, but on how much work you put in to achieve your goals," he said. "And like Luke said, it's critical that you never stop trying, staying persistent as you work toward your goals."

He told the group, "You will always be capable of great things."

"As you head into whatever the world has in store for you, never let yourself forget, you were raised a Chaparral, ready to take challenges head on," Anderson said. "Sometimes that might require a helmet, but either way, you'll come out of there victorious."



David Lopez-Castillo, left, and Joshua Louis search the crowd for their families and friends on May 24.

Koeman, Travascio named top graduates

Valedictorian feels pride in growth at Aubrey

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

Petrus “Pieter” Koeman has come a long way since his childhood, both literally and figuratively.

The Aubrey High School valedictorian for the Class of 2024 plans to draw on his international roots—having moved to Aubrey from the Netherlands nine years ago—in his future endeavors.

“I’m planning to major in political science but focus on international relations,” he said.

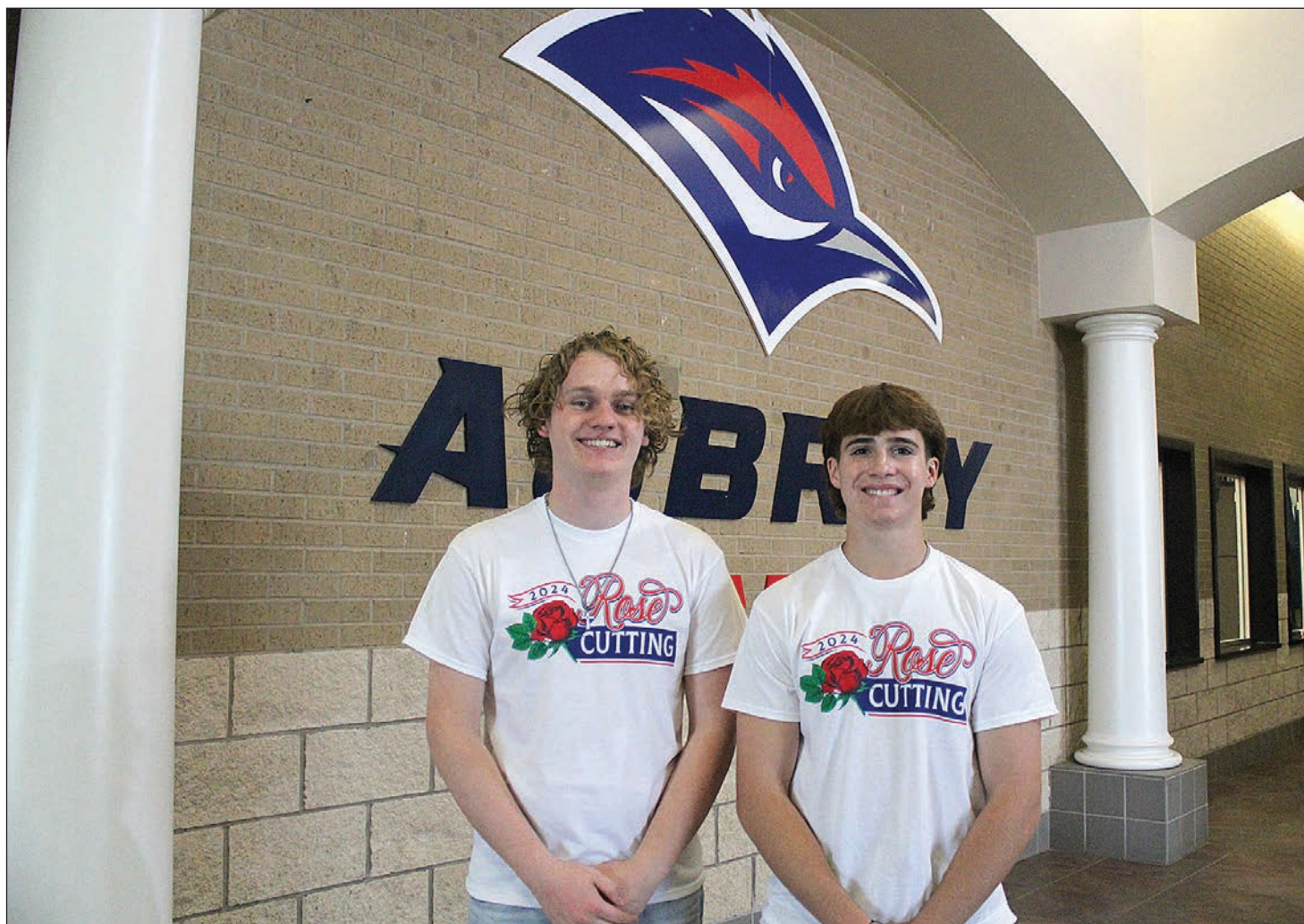
That will prepare him, he said, for a career working for the State Department, the United Nations or the European Union.

“I’m from there, so I can use my experience from both of those places to my advantage,” Koeman said.

Koeman, who had a GPA of 4.554 as of May 17, spoke about the challenges he faced in immigrating to the U.S.

“I came from not knowing any English to being the valedictorian of this class, so I was really proud,” he said.

Koeman played trumpet throughout his time at Aubrey High School, and he also participated in National Honor Society, Student Council, Beta Club, debate, FCCLA



Valedictorian Petrus Koeman and Salutatorian Luke Travascio stand together at the close of their friendly academic competition.

and UIL academics during his high school career.

Set to attend Columbia in New York City in the fall, Koeman hopes to explore diplomacy as his career path.

“It’s an Ivy, one of the best schools, and has a lot of research opportunities, lots of resources that can help me achieve my aspirations for my fu-

ture,” he said. “And also New York has a lot of opportunities for diplomacy—the UN, embassies, consulates.”

Koeman credited his parents with helping him succeed.

“Without their support, I would not have been here,” he said. “The teachers, too, they’ve been really amazing.”

Salutatorian to head to College Station

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

Since he was a kid, Aubrey Salutatorian Luke Travascio has dreamed of attending Texas A&M University.

That goal grew out of the

respect he had for a friend’s family, who showed him the rich traditions that are part of that school.

“The spirit in their house was just great, and they always talked really highly of A&M and the culture there, and it sounds like a blast,” he said. “I love the campus; it’s really pretty. And the people there are nice.”

Travascio, whose GPA

was 4.383 as of May 17, was proud of the work he did to finish second in class rank.

“My parents have really pushed me, and it just feels good to be able to say that I was salutatorian,” he said. “I’ve had to compete for it. A lot of hard work paid off.”

Having attended Aubrey schools throughout most of his life, Travascio has grown with the district.

He was part of the Aubrey soccer, baseball and golf teams as well as Beta Club and National Honor Society.

When he joins the ranks of his fellow Aggies, Travascio will study biology with the goal of becoming either a pediatrician or an anesthesiologist.

“Everyone always says you need a career that you love, and I’ve always loved science,” he said.

His sister studied biology, which caused him to research the major and to realize it can help him with his goals.

He expressed his gratitude to God, “because without that, I can’t be here.”

“And then, second of all, would be my parents,” he said. “Starting in elementary school, they really pushed academics and really made me have that motivation.”

He was also excited to be surrounded by his friends, Petrus “Pieter” Koeman and Jonathan Caleb McWhorter, as the class’ Top 3 graduates.

“We’ve all just been competing the whole time,” Travascio said. “It’s a healthy competition. ... It’s been a lot of hard work, and they definitely deserved it.”

Class of 2024 celebrates moving forward

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

Parents, staff and students of Aubrey ISD joined to say a preliminary farewell to the class of 2024 on May 17.

In Chaparral tradition, speakers from the present and past each bid the students adieu with words of wisdom after Principal Brett Phipps opened the ceremony.

“Rose Cutting is a longstanding tradition at Aubrey High School,” Phipps said to the graduating class. “You are following in the footsteps of many Chaparrals before you.”

The speaker from the present was math teacher and coach Jason McNabb.

McNabb, who imagined he’d had each and every graduating senior in his class at one point or another, reminisced on their successes and struggles.

“This is a special class,” McNabb said. “You didn’t just push for success, you pushed to build a culture of success.”

He also urged students not to see successes as endpoints but rather milestones to build on.

Following McNabb, recent Rose Cutting staple, coach and social studies teacher Toby Perkins took the podium as speaker of the past.

McNabb urged the students to stretch now that they were entering adulthood, encouraged them to experiment, adventure and, much to Phipps’ dismay, reminded them the Chaparral dress code was now a thing of the past for them.

He brought on an air of cheer with one jab or jock after the other which kept the students chuckling.

Attendees were then treated to a collection of class memories via the senior slideshow. Students leaned close to their classmates to laugh at



The Aubrey graduates stand to show the length of time they have been part of Aubrey ISD schools.



Aubrey High School seniors Luke Hughes and Elissa Housewright hold their roses in preparation of cutting the ribbon that binds them together.

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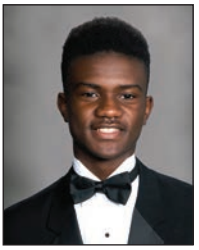
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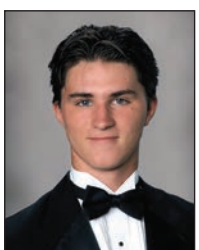
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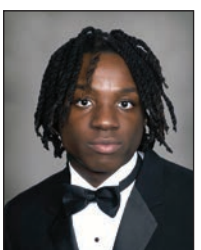
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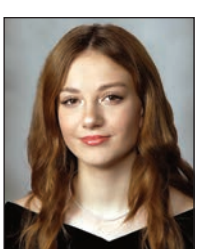
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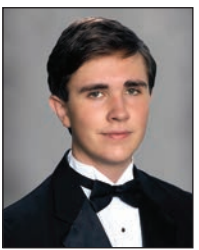
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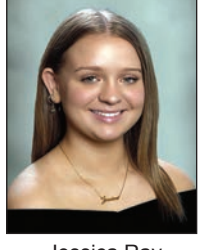
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and with one another and tear up at tender moments as children narrowed their eyes at parents when a particularly embarrassing photo flashed across the screen.

Finally, led by their student council—President Isaac Cervantes, Vice President Lexie Erney, Secretary Kayden Anderson, Reporter Carolina Green and Representative Caleb McWhorter—students spread to each corner of the gym.

At some places piled 15 seniors to a foot and at others holding a pair of roses instead of one, students smiled and laughed as they snipped their ribbons, hugged their classmates and welcomed their families down to the floor for photos before filtering out of the gym and off campus in short order.



AHS Reporter Carolina Green speaks to her fellow graduates near the close of the Rose Cutting Ceremony on May 17 in the Aubrey High School gym.
 Basil Gist/
 The Post-Signal

Aubrey High School Class of 2024

Isabella Robinson	Tanner Robinson	Tyler Robinson	Celena Rodriguez	Juan Rodriguez	Nancy Romero-Ostorga	Heidi Ross	Kayden Ruiz	Shelby Ruiz	Adan Rupani
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Josie Six	Robert Slaughter	Avry Smith	Hunter Smith	Joshua Smith II	Logan Smith	Walker Smith	Helena Smith-Dear	Chayse Solomon	Katherine Sondota
Michael Sosa	Olivia Starr	Angela Stephens	Camden Stephenson	Lacey Stevenson	Clark Stewart	Andrew Stotts	Kamila Suarez-Ramirez	Randall Szostek	Aaron Taylor-Ferreras
Madison Temple	Luke Travascio	John Velasquez	Emanuel Villalobos-Rodriguez	Raelee Wales	Kaitlyn Walters	Liberty Warren	Brooklyn Weier	Branden West	Garrett Whitley
	Michael Wright	Shelby Wright	Ethan Yarter	Hayden Young	Jorge Zamudio Yanez	Elizabeth Zavala			

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Seniors earn scholarship money for future



Several Aubrey High School athletes display their scholarship from the Aubrey Athletic Booster Club.

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer
The Aubrey Education foundation presented over \$45,000 in scholarships to seniors on May 14. At senior night, after members of the class of

2024 crossed the auditorium stage and took their seats, local organizations such as CoServ, DATCU, Pogue Construction and many individual trusts took the chance to award their bevy of annual schol-

arships. "Congratulations seniors and all new award recipients," AISD teacher Dawn Dooley said. "Thank you to all our representatives for presenting tonight's scholarships and

awards, and thank you especially to the Aubrey Education Foundation and its donors. All of these funds that support our students and staff are raised locally, so thank you so much." Students from the class

of '24 wore cords and stoles denoting participation in extracurriculars as far reaching as National Beta Club and as niche as the National Forensics League. Top 10 students for the year included Camden Ste-

phenson, Magdalyne Fawks, Nicolas Devoir, Lexie Erme, Colton Klingsporn, Alexa Brockett, Kayden Anderson, Jonathan McWhorter, Salutatorian See SENIORS on Page 8B

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The Aubrey High School honor graduates group together for a picture in front of the Aubrey Education Foundation backdrop on May 14.



AHS senior Colby Hendricks gives Kai Gamez-Lewis a fist bump as Lina Gamez looks on. Hendricks received the Coby Lewis Memorial Scholarship in honor of Gamez' husband.



Kayden Anderson stands with teacher and Aubrey Education Foundation representative Juniper Wingert on May 14.

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Luke Travascio and Valedictorian Petrus Koeman. "We are extremely proud of the skills and accomplishments of the class of 2024," Dooley said. "We are just as proud that the young men and women in this graduating class have exhibited world class character and represent our school and their families well."

Among the local scholarships, one was funded by the teachers themselves and presented by Juniper Wingert, a teacher at the middle school. "It comes directly from Aubrey ISD employees' donations," Wingert said. "This includes administrators, teachers and various staff who choose to give money from their paychecks in order to support these amazing and well-deserving students."

The 2024 scholarship, which went to Anderson, totaled \$4,500 and was among one of the largest local scholarships presented during the evening. "This graduating class

has excelled academically as evidenced by the number of college acceptances and scholarships offered to our students," Dooley said. "In addition to those awarded tonight, [we are also proud of] the number of students entering the workforce with skills and knowledge to support their goals."



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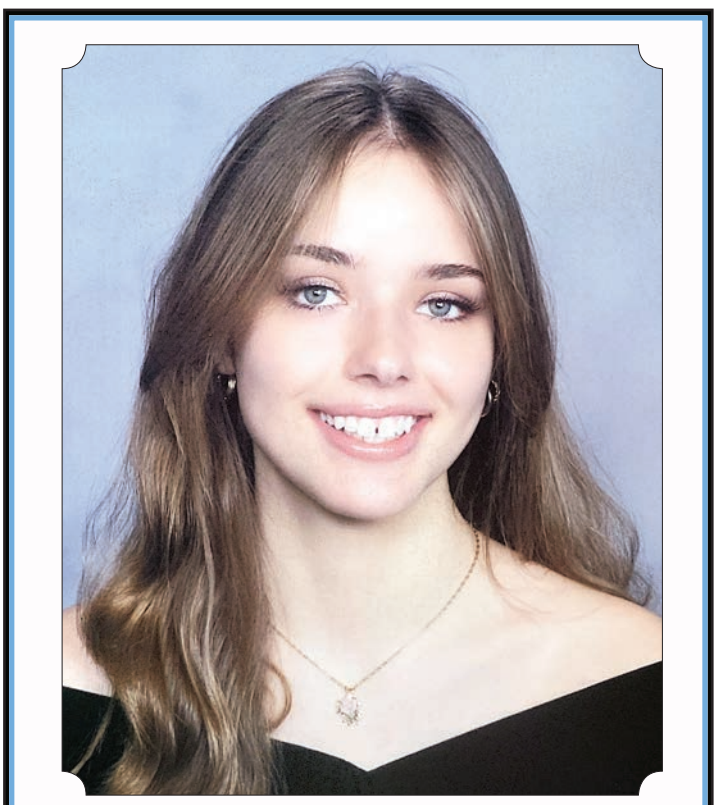
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