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## Leaving city in good hands

### Vandagriff retires from city after 20 years

By Abigail Allen  
Editor & Publisher

For 20 years, Trent Vandagriff has been a crucial component of the Pilot Point Public Works Department.

He would tell you that's because every person in the department is crucial.

"The coolest thing is I got to help a lot of people while I was here," Trent said.

That's the culture and legacy of this Pilot Point giant.

"What people don't realize about Public Works is how colorful the misfits are," Trent said. "We've had guys work with us with master's degrees, we've had guys that graduated high school and went into mechanics. We've

had guys that were military veterans—Marines and Navy...[and]Army.

"We've got people that have done a lot of cool stuff in Pilot Point. I don't know what that magnet was that drew them there. I guess something in the water."

Trent hesitated in 2004 when approached by Mario Cisneros about joining the Public Works staff as the family business—a sport truck shop—closed.

"I said, 'I don't think I'm city material,'" he said. "Lo and behold I ended up taking the job, and I started at the wastewater plant."

Although the department has grown to more than 20 people, with the Parks Department separated off as its own branch, the staff was much smaller in 2004.

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## Aubrey moves toward plant



Sean O'Neil, left, Collin Cook, Clayton Cooper and Cody Perkins are sworn in by Mayor Chris Rich during the July 25 meeting of the Aubrey City Council. The city also celebrated the promotions of Rob Capule and Chase McClurg to AFD engineers.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

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Aubrey is closer to constructing a new, \$70,250,000, 2.25-million-

gallon wastewater treatment plant.

The council heard from Hilltop Securities' Jim Sabonis, about the finance plan.

"This plan is something that we've been working on for over a year with intense study on costs, growth and how a project is moving forward," he said.

The breakdown for the plant's cost is \$2 million

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## Council submits resolution

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

After an executive session at the top of the meeting, the Pilot Point City Council approved both a resolution against the recall petition for council member Elizabeth Jones and engaged Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam to litigate.

Mayor Elisa Beasley remained the only voting member against sending the petition to a district judge as the rest of council has cited a collection of flaws in both the petition's content and the way signatures were obtained.

"I've not said much about this recall, and I'm going to state my statement on this tonight," Beasley said in her opening comments. "There are some that say this recall is my doing and that I have 'people.' Kelley Burgess is her own person, and the 100 people that signed are their own people."

She continued, citing the charter's wording of action the "council shall" take regarding recall elections as she has during meetings past.

"I believe us not putting it on the ballot is not doing the will of the people," Beasley said. "However, some members of the council believe the petition is not correct, and I honor their request to continue to move it forward. As for a judgment, the judge will decide and say if we're to call the election, ... or the judge will say the petition is not valid."

Following the meeting, the city posted a link to both the meeting, the resolution and the original petition, which includes the names and addresses of those who signed. Though this information was already public information when Burgess filed, some expressed discontent with their information being posted as such.

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## Krugerville invests in new equipment

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

The Public Works department will have new equipment on the way after authorization from the Krugerville City Council during its July 24 meeting.

After a report from Public Works Manager Randy Forester, the council approved an expenditure of \$65,000 for a mower, tractor and tools.

"The mower we've got right now, I'm piecemealing it as you see in the expenses," Forester said. "I'm throwing parts at it to keep it rolling."

Council member Rodney Cagle was skeptical on the necessity for a new tractor until Forester shared the internal hydraulics problem.

"It has an internal bleed," Forester said. "I can be driving down the way and the bucket will just drop, so I'm having to keep it up while I'm driving."

He explained that before he came on, regular maintenance was not being done or logged, so he believes the equipment, especially the tractor, will have a longer life moving forward.

"From this point on, we will

know how it's looking and how it's been cared for," council member Stacey Sasser said.

Mayor Jeff Parrent reminded the community how the city of Krugerville uses its tractor.

"If you're wondering why the town of Krugerville needs a tractor, it's because we do all of TxDOT's job," Parrent said. "Everything on the highway that TxDOT's supposed to do, we do so that our town looks nice, because if you wait on them, they come once a year."

He further referenced Certified Public Accountant Steve

Lacy's previous financial report regarding the required funds.

"You've heard Steve our CPA [say] revenue is up, expenses are down month after month, so the money is there in this year's budget," Parrent said.

Earlier in the meeting, council approved an update to an expansion to Southern Floors on recommendation of Planning and Zoning, receiving a presentation on the renovation from Clayton Scarborough and David Britt, after approving the plans.

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## City celebrates start of second station

By Abigail Allen  
Editor & Publisher

Pilot Point celebrated its next milestone, the construction of a new police and fire station that will serve the eastern reaches of the city.

The station, which will sit in front of Creekview Meadows, will house three six-person fire crews and give the police department an annex to grow by as much as triple its current size.

"We are not just building a structure," Fire Chief Heath Hudson said. "We are building the future of public safety and community service. The new fire station represents more than just concrete and steel. It stands as a symbol of our commitment to providing the highest level of emergency services to our community."

It's a dream for Hudson, who grew up in the city he gets to serve.

"I started out volunteering in 1989 with this department," he said. "The city of Pilot Point put me through the fire academy and paramedic school, and I worked for the city for about a year and a half before I went to work for Denton."

During his 31 years working for Denton, Hudson also became



the part-time fire chief for Pilot Point in 2010.

He became the full-time chief in April.

"This will [almost] double our size," Hudson said.

Assistant Chief Bryan Cox,

too, is thrilled to see the growth of the department on which he's served since 1999, starting as a volunteer.

The new facility will allow the city to hire 18 additional firefighters, and it will dramatically re-

duce the response time it takes to serve such communities as Creekview Meadows and Moberly Farms.

"When I hired on [in 2007], I

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# Say 140

CEO Raymond David and President Ray David and Aubrey Branch Manager Shannon Black, joined by Point-Bank employees, customers and Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce members, celebrate the bank's 140 years of serving Denton County.

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# Moore gives message of Pilot Point positivity

By Basil Gist  
Staff Writer

Positivity and the importance of communal identity was the topic of conversation for G.A. Moore at the PointBank Business Breakfast on July 24 in Pilot Point.

He spoke about Positive Pilot Point, an organization bound by positivity, and the town's identity as he saw it growing up and would like to see it again.

"If you were from Pilot Point, you were special, and that's just the way it was," Moore said. "The thing I loved and the thing that made us special were the people who would come up, pat you on the back, and say, 'partner, you did a good job.'"

Moore said he discovered the town's identity in high school, playing football.

"I fell in love with football, and I fell in love with Pilot Point," Moore said. "Every week it seems like some of those old farmers would come up and say, 'Hey, I was sure proud of you last night. That builds you up, and it doesn't ever get to the point where you don't need to do that.'"

He spoke about a game his sophomore year against the Lewisville Fighting Farmers, who were far larger than the Bearcats even then.

"[My coach] called us in and said, 'We don't have a chance according to everybody, but I think you can always win if you want to bad enough and get ready,'" Moore said. "We were so prepared that Lewisville ran a kickoff back down the sidelines the last three games for a touchdown the opening kickoff. We had four guys going down each sideline and these suck-



G.A. Moore talks Positive Pilot Point during the July 24 Point-Bank Business Breakfast.  
Basil Gist/  
The Post-Signal

ers ran up the middle, didn't nobody touch them."

As the audience chuckled, he continued, explaining that they went on to win that game.

"You can do anything if you want to bad enough," Moore said. "It's the same thing in life and the same thing in church."

He said that whether it be in your faith, your sport or your practices, if you aren't any better today than you were a year ago, "You

better check your scope."

In Moore's eyes, Pilot Point has begun to lose that identity, as shown in his time at the coffee shop in 2017, listening to people come and go.

"Ninety percent of them that came in were griping about something," Moore said. "They were either griping about the city council or school or their wife or mother-in-law or someone and we got to thinking, 'why in the world can't we have an organization where you can't

say anything bad.'"

That's where Positive Pilot Point sprang from.

"We got every preacher in town to come and got everyone excited about it," Moore said. "This was years ago, but that thing grew. We met every Tuesday morning for a while. You couldn't say anything negative about anyone. We just went around and everyone said one thing, but it had to be something positive."

The pandemic slowed the movement down. "People were afraid of getting sick," Moore said. "I never was afraid because I figured I was ready to go if things happened."

He explained that a positive hand goes much further than a negative word.

"Someone on the city council does something good, tell them about it. They do something bad, leave them alone," Moore said. "There is a system to the way you get rid of them, the way democracy is supposed to work, but I won't get off on that."

That idea of pushing people forward with positivity and letting them be accountable for their own mistakes is important in all aspects of life and was at the heart of the town when he was young.

"Don't regret growing up and not doing what you ought to do," Moore said. "And it doesn't hurt to walk up to some of these kids at school, put your arm around them, and say, 'I'm proud of you and I'm going to be watching you,' and this was the best place in the world for that."

## 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, Aug. 2**  
•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.

•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.  
**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
•8 a.m. Cross Roads Community Farmers Market. Cross Roads Town Park, corner of FM 424 and Fish-trap Road.  
•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. Movie screening: "Luca." Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.  
•Noon. Pioneer Baptist Food Bank. Pioneer Baptist Church, 100 Cumberland Trail, Valley View.

•7 p.m. Pool tournament. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.  
•8 p.m. Backroad Travelers. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

**Monday, Aug. 5**  
•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. Cross Roads Town Council. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste.105. 940-365-9693.  
•6 p.m. Pilot Point Special City Council Workshop-Governance Committee. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.  
•6 p.m. Pilot Point Main Street board. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 940-686-2165.  
**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
•10 a.m. Game Day. 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.  
•Noon. Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club. Lizzy-Gator, 12222 Massey Road, Pilot Point.  
•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, Aug. 7**  
•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.  
•1:30 p.m. Local Vocals Community Singers. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.  
•6 p.m. New Romantics Book Club. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.  
•6 p.m. Cross Roads Parks and Recreation board. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste.105. 940-365-9693.  
•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, Aug. 8**  
•8 a.m. Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce board. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-5385.  
•10 a.m. Crafting Day. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.  
•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.  
•6 p.m. Aubrey Planning and Zoning. Aubrey City Hall, 107 S. Main St. 940-440-9343.  
•6 p.m. Cross Roads Municipal Development District. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste.105. 940-365-9693.  
•6 p.m. Pilot Point City Council. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.

**Friday, Aug. 9**  
•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.  
•7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

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**POLICE REPORT**

Aubrey Police Department logged 207 calls from July 22-28. Cross Roads Police Department received 58 calls for service between July 22-28. Krugerville Police Department reported calls the week of July 22-28. Pilot Point Police Department had 161 events from July 21-27.

**WARRANT** – Cross Roads police assisted an outside agency with an arrest warrant Sunday.

**CRASH** – A three-vehicle crash with one reported injury was dispatched to CRPD on Sunday near the intersection of U.S. 380 and FM 424.

**TRAFFIC** – An Oak Point man, 60, was arrested by Krugerville PD at 6:45 p.m. Saturday during a traffic stop in the 5000 block of U.S. 377. A TCIC/NCIC search revealed multiple convictions for driving while license invalid dating back to 2014. He was taken to the Denton County Jail and released the next day.

**ACCIDENT** – A multi-vehicle crash was reported to Cross Roads police Saturday in the 8800 block of U.S. 380. Upon arrival, the officers discovered all lanes blocked with debris and a small

fire in one of the vehicles. One person was found deceased.

**HIT AND RUN** – On Saturday, a hit and run accident involving two vehicles and one reported injury was received by CRPD near the intersection of U.S. 377 and Fishtrap Road.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS** – A criminal trespass call was investigated by Pilot Point police at 1:30 p.m. July 26 in the 500 block of East Carol Street.

**ANIMAL COMPLAINT** – An animal complaint was dispatched to Pilot Point PD around 10 a.m. July 26 in the 300 block of East Grove Street.

**ORDINANCE VIOLATION** – Pilot Point police responded to an ordinance violation at 5:18 a.m. July 26 in the 600 block of North Church Street.

**THEFT** – A retailer reported to CRPD that a woman took clothing without paying for it and left in a black pickup truck in the 3400 block of U.S. 380 on July 25.

**ASSAULT** – A man, 27, was arrested by Aubrey PD on July 25 on charges of assault causes

bodily injury family violence and assault household member impeding breathing/circulation in the 1500 block of Waggoner Drive.

**CRASH** – Cross Roads police responded to a two-vehicle crash July 25 with two injuries in the 9100 block of Liberty Road.

**RECKLESS DRIVER** – A reckless driver was reported to PPPD at 12:39 p.m. July 25 near the intersection of U.S. 377 and FM 455.

**CRASH** – A two-vehicle crash was investigated by Cross Roads PD on July 25 near the intersection of U.S. 377 and Fishtrap Road. No injuries were reported.

**PERSON WITH A GUN** – Pilot Point police responded to a report of a person with a gun at 10:39 p.m. July 24 in the 500 block of Mbs Way.

**CITATIONS** – A man, 17, was issued citations for no driver's license and minor in possession of an e-cigarette by KVPD at 8:23 p.m. July 24 during a traffic stop investigation for no registration sticker in the 5200 block of U.S. 377.

**HARASSMENT** – Pilot Point police responded to a harassment call at 3

p.m. July 24 near the intersection of Vest Lane and Massey Road.

**THEFT** – At 1:41 p.m. July 24, a theft call was received by Pilot Point PD in the 100 block of Cole Lane.

**SUSPICIOUS PERSON** – A suspicious person/vehicle was reported to PPPD at 11:12 p.m. July 23 in the 1200 block of North Saint Charles Avenue.

**ARREST** – A Gainesville man, 40, was arrested by Krugerville PD during a traffic stop investigation for speeding around 4 p.m. July 23 in the 9000 block of Arvin Hill Road. A probable cause search resulted in finding approximately 9.5 grams of methamphetamines, syringes and other drug related items, according to the report. The driver received charges of driving while license invalid with previous convictions, suspension without financial responsibility and possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1.

**AGENCY ASSIST** – Pilot Point PD assisted an outside agency around 12:30 p.m. July 23 in the 900 block of East McDonald Drive.

**ASSAULT** – A woman, 41, was arrested July 23 by APD on charges of assault household member impeding breathing/circulation, assault causes bodily injury family violence, interference with emergency request and continuous violence against the family in the 10200 block of Franklin Drive.

**FORGERY FRAUD** – A forgery fraud was dispatched to Pilot Point police at 11:21 a.m. July 23 in the 1000 block of North Industrial Boulevard.

**THEFT** – A theft was reported to PPPD at 10:12 a.m. July 23 in the 14500 block of Flossie Street.

**WELFARE CONCERN** – Around 1 a.m. July 23, Pilot Point PD received a welfare concern call in the 300 block of North Prairie Street.

**SHOPLIFTING** – A woman, 57, was arrested

by Cross Roads police on a charge of shoplifting July 22 in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

**CRIMINAL TRESPASS** – Aubrey police arrested a woman, 39, on a Denton County warrant charge of criminal trespass in the 900 block of U.S. 377 on July 22.

**AUTO THEFT** – An auto theft was reported to PPPD at 2:09 p.m. July 22 on U.S. 377.

**ASSAULT** – A man, 61, was arrested July 22 by Aubrey PD on charges of aggravated assault family violence with a weapon and assault family violence previous conviction in the 1000 block of Mason Street.

**MISSING PERSON** – Pilot Point police assisted on a missing person call around 7:30 a.m. July 21 in the 1200 block of U.S. 377.

– Kim Fleming

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# Sports

## Area athletes earn top spots at state meet

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

The North Texas Track Club powered its way to a strong finish at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation State Championship meet July 25-28.

The statewide event, which hosted track and field athletes ages 6-18, was held during the 2024 Summer of Games in Brownsville.

"We threw really, really well," throwing coach Mike Hall said.

Hall said the weather strongly influenced the performances on the day with high levels of rainfall going into the events, making the footing problematic, followed by high temperatures and humidity.

"It rained almost all day Thursday," he said. "When I got there at 6:15 Friday morning, it started raining [again] and rained until about 8:30. They moved everything back an hour and ... where you walked it was so muddy."

Meet staff spread straw over the mud to help expedite the drying process Hall said.

Despite the challenges presented by the weather, the team was able to find success.

Nick Cox of Collinsville led the way for the team's throwers, earning a silver medal in the 18-and-under shot put with a distance of 46-feet-11-inches.

Cox missed first in the event by less than a foot after his third attempt was disqualified for stepping out of the throwing ring.

"It would have won it all," Hall said. "It was the best throw he's made in a while. He got his foot caught on an edge. That happens, sometimes, when you rotate."

Cox just missed making



Lindsey Byler of Tioga launches the shot put at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's State Championship meet. Byler placed fifth in the event which was hosted during the Summer of Games in Brownsville.

Curtis Byler/Contributing Photographer

the podium earlier in the day, placing fourth out of 17 in the discus with a distance of 131-feet-6-inches.

"He competed well," Hall said. "... When we started, he was about 120-foot discus [thrower]. Now that he's been 150 in a meet and we've thrown some 160s in practice, he's going, 'You know, I might like to do this at the next level.' ... It's nice to see him think about doing something like this when he may have never thought about doing any more sports after high school."

Tioga's Lindsey Byler served as the team's lone representative in the girls' events.

She continued her positive trajectory while recovering from a knee injury.

Byler placed fourth out of 10 in discus in the 18-and-under group with a distance of 104-feet-2-inches.

"She threw really well in the discus," Hall said.

Byler also placed fifth out of 11 in the shot put with a distance of 31-feet-4-inches, missing out on a second fourth-place finish by half an inch.

Russell Carney and Cooper McMillan, both of Collinsville, represented the club's throwers in the 16-and-under group.

Carney placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 45-feet-3-inches and seventh in the discus with a distance of 124-feet-3-inches.

"Russell has a big upside because he does everything to help his throwing," Hall

said. "I root for him because he reminds me of me."

McMillan placed ninth in the discus with a distance of 118-feet-7-inches and 10th in the shot put with a distance of 39-feet-8-inches.

"I got real high expectations for Cooper because I think he's got the size," Hall said. "He struggled early, and we've really worked hard, and he's getting better and better. Once he makes that big jump, [he's] going to be right in the middle of the hunt."

The youngest member of the team to qualify for the meet, Max Zielinski of Gunter, placed 12th in the 14-and-under group's discus event with a distance of 88-feet-5-inches.

Hall highlighted how



Nick Cox, right, of Collinsville shows off the silver medal and ribbon he earned at the State meet with throwing coach Mike Cox. Cox placed second in the shot put and fourth in the discus in the 18-and-under group at the event.

Matt Cox/Contributing Photographer

even a year's difference in age could make a big difference for Zielinski, who is 13.

"That age group is tough because puberty hasn't really kicked in [at 13]," Hall said. "At 14, puberty has kicked in, so there's such a big difference in the size of the kids. He's going to blow up next year because he's going to grow, and his fundamentals are getting better and better. He's going to be really good."

The club's lone representative in running events, Garrison Black of Tioga, finished 15th in the 1600-meter run

for the boy's 16-and-under group.

Garrison expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to compete against some of the best runners the state has to offer.

"It felt good to be out there with those guys," he said. "[I] raced out faster than any race I had ever run before. It showed me I am not where I want to be, but I am also not too far away from them either. I just have to put in more work and practice to

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## Bearcat prep

Pilot Point offensive line coach Robby Perez, center, leads a bag drill with the help of two varsity football players. Bearcats athletics hosted a football camp for area kids second through ninth grades at the high school July 22-24.

Photo courtesy of Pilot Point ISD

## Chaps get ready to play

By Martin Edwards  
Staff Writer

Aubrey's athletic program crossed a preseason marker on its way to the start of fall football, hosting its annual equipment handout event on Tuesday.

New and returning members of the football team gathered with the coaching staff at the Aubrey field house to receive helmets, pads and uniforms.

"It really goes all the way back to the springtime," said Keith Ivy, Athletic Director and head football coach. "Going through our weight program, our track program, and our boot camp, everything that we do [has] built up to this moment, and it's really exciting to see these kids come in. ... You can see the smiles on their faces, and they're pumped."

Ivy emphasized equipment handout day's impact goes beyond being an annual marker for returning players, also serving as

a welcoming ceremony for new players.

"It's always been a big night for us," Ivy said. "The older guys know the expectations, but it's also great to see these young guys coming in. They're a little bit nervous, but at the same time, they're excited. We want to introduce them to our family and make them a big part of what we're doing."

Ivy shared how the event's familial environment can be seen with the presence of some of the athletes' family members.

"We'll have some parents come in as well, [and] they're as excited or more excited than the kids," he said.

Ivy shared how that passion was on full display during the summer conditioning camp.

"Our senior leadership was outstanding this summer," he said. "They came in, and they set the pace for those younger guys. They

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Dustin Wilson, left, Aubrey Middle School boys athletic coordinator, offers returning varsity player Naylor Larman a word of advice. Larman, along with other members of the team, was fitted for pads and helmets during the Chaps' equipment handout event on Tuesday.

held each other to a high expectation of hard work, and they got after it."

The Chaps roster is also a good place to see the excitement and growth with the number of players increasing from 155 to 184 members on the initial roll sheet.

"Kids are showing up each and every week," Ivy said. "[They're] wanting to come here. It's a growing community, [and] the athletic program has been very successful in all sports. That says a lot about our program, [and] we're very proud of it."

Ivy said that he's thrilled by the growth in the community and hopes the trend continues.

"We welcome all these new families coming in," he said. "We want them to be Aubrey Chaparrals, and I think that it's really important to have open arms for them."

Ivy expects the upperclassmen to continue setting the tone and providing positive examples for younger members of the team to learn from.

"That's really going to be the key to our season, having them," he said. "It's going to come from those senior leaders and coaches instilling those expectations. ... We've lost one district game in four years, so the expectations are there. ... We're going to have to be on

it every week."

Two of the seniors that Ivy highlighted, starting wide receiver and cornerback Tyler Brown and starting middle linebacker Toby Davis, have already answered their coach's call.

"We've been working real hard," Davis said. "I try to push the guys that are coming up to varsity to be the best person they can be. I want to get everybody to their maximum potential."

Brown echoed the team-first mindset of his fellow senior.

"The first thing is trusting our coaches," he said. "Being here going on four years, we have a great coaching staff. So the main

thing is trusting in the process, taking it day by day and building together, mentally and physically."

Ivy stressed that the athletic department and Aubrey community place a great deal of trust in all of their athletes.

"We hold it in high regard to wear that Aubrey uniform," he said. "It's a big deal. We're known, not just throughout North Texas, but throughout the state in multiple sports. ... We don't carry that lightly. These guys that come out, they're dedicating themselves to a bigger cause, ... and [it's] real important that they understand how significant that really is."



## Tioga's ace

Emily Ballinger of Tioga was elected to the Texas High School Coaches Association Super Elite Team for her outstanding performance on the tennis court this season.

Photo Courtesy of Tioga ISD

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get there."

Garrison's father, Mitch Black, who has been helping him train this summer, also shared his thoughts on his son's performance.

"It was awesome watching him get out there and compete," Mitch said. "One of his goals going into the season was to make it to state. It [was] great to watch him reach that goal while also pushing himself even harder to reach other goals he has set for himself. I couldn't be prouder of him."

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Hall spoke highly of the club's growth over the summer and shared his dreams for their future.

"I hope they had fun doing it," Hall said. "Because you've got to have fun, and you've got to be excited about it, or you don't want to keep doing it. Sometimes, I chew on them a little, ... but I keep explaining to them, I'm 62 years old and I'm running out of days we can do this and be great, [and] I want them all to be great."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF AUBREY ORDINANCE NO. 861-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONSISTING OF AN APPROXIMATELY 159.941 ACRES OF LAND, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF FM 428, WEST OF FM 1385 AND EAST OF COFFEY ROAD OUT OF THE F.H. POLLARD SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 995, TRACT 34, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED AND SHOWN IN MORE DETAIL IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", INTO THE EXTRATERRITORIAL AND CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF THE PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING THE INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, ACTS, AND REGULATIONS OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXATION INCLUDING PUBLIC HEARINGS, NOTICES AND OPEN MEETINGS HAVE BEEN MET ACCORDING TO LAW; PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR CORRECTING THE OFFICIAL MAP AND BOUNDARIES OF SAID CITY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND CUMULATIVE CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ATTEST:  
JENNY HICKS  
CITY SECRETARY

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CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 854-24 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 801-23, ADOPTING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO BALANCE REVENUE SURPLUS, EXPENSE SURPLUS AND SHORTFALL; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXHIBIT "A" HERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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was the only full-time guy on duty," he said. "So, in 17 years to go from one full-time guy to two stations [with] 12 guys on duty a day next year, that's a big deal. That's an accomplishment that most members of organizations don't get to experience."

Interim Police Chief Charles Kimble is excited that the new facility will "futureproof policing" for the city, saying "it's all about making our community safer" and providing "room to grow."

"It's all about efficiency, cooperation and collaboration," he said. "For the city leaders to make sure this was not just a fire building but [also] a space for police where we can enhance our efficiency, to enhance our community service, our community outreach. Now we have another space for the residents that live in this area."

Denton County Judge Andy Eads also said it's "a milestone for the county" before the ceremony began.

"I'm glad that the county could participate in the construction of this project financially," he said. "... It's really important to expand fire protection to this part of the county as we welcome all these new residents to the county. We know they don't bring their roads or their fire stations with them, so we've got to have those services ready to meet them."

Mayor Elisa Beasley addressed the crowd first.

"I was talking to Abigail from the paper, and this is the good stuff," she said. "When we talk about growth, there's a lot of negative stuff that comes with it. ... Growth is a good thing, especially when you can plan for it and be prepared for it. Britt and the team and chiefs have done an incredible job helping the city for years and years be prepared for these moments."

Council member Chad



**Pilot Point leaders and Mayor Elisa Beasley's daughter, Cara Beasley, joined by representatives from Plyler Construction and Brandstetter Carroll prepare to break the ceremonial dirt at Pilot Point's Station No. 2 groundbreaking on July 25.**  
Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

Major then offered a prayer for the facility and the staff that will work within it.

City Manager Britt Lusk talked about what was happening in 2020 in relation to the area in which the station will sit.

"The city of Celina was presenting to our council, trying to purchase this piece of property from the city," he said. "Trying to get this out of our ETJ and into theirs."

He added that the city is grateful for its chance to grow with the residential growth that has come its

way. "We're so thankful for this council, the previous councils and our partnerships," Lusk said during the ceremony.

Now, the area is within the Pilot Point city limits.

State Rep. Jared Patterson touched, too, on the growth of the area, saying "10 or 15 years from now, there's going to be residents of Pilot Point that may have never gone up and down Highway 377."

"Growth, as the mayor said, can be a great thing," Patterson said. "That

means more firefighters, more police officers, more teachers, more helpers in your community. But it's up to each and every one of you that are here today to keep that spirit of Pilot Point alive as we know it today."

Eads also spoke to the crowd, touching on his family's tradition of service.

"My dad was a fireman for 32 years, my uncle was a fireman, my brother-in-law's a fireman," he said. "Some of my favorite childhood memories were going to be with my dad on duty."

He talked about the pro-

found impact firefighters have on the quality of life of a community.

"The lives that will be saved because of this project because of the shorter response time, the property that will be saved," Eads said.

David Plyler, the president of Plyler Construction, and David Robinson, lead architect for the project with Brandstetter Carroll, formerly Kirkpatrick, also spoke about their excitement for the project.

FM 1385 resident Meri-

ter, Julia Parker, attended the ceremony and are glad for several reasons to see the station go up.

Meridith, too, mentioned the importance of improved response times.

Julia serves on the Tioga Volunteer Fire Department, and she's hopeful that this new station could be a place she could work someday.

"It's great, ... them expanding, getting more jobs and getting more people being able to work where they want to work to help people," Julia said.



**Pink Sheep Design owner Simone de Santiago Ramos, left, does business with Pilot Point resident Dorcas Boerner during the final market of the year at the Pilot Point Square on Saturday.**

**A sunny ending**



**The Little Piglet Bakery and Scoops owner Kailey Rice refills Randy Killham's mimosa during the farmer's market and Mimosa Mosey on Saturday.**

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