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Pilot Point tower nears completion

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The city of Pilot Point gained an eye-catching landmark on Tuesday after raising the bowl on its newest elevated storage tank.

The tank, which will allow the city to store an additional 1 million pressurized potable gallons of water above ground completes the town's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for water service.

"This one is specked to complete the CCN," said Trent Vandagriff, the former Public Works director and current employee of Wall Engineering. "It's about 10,000 homes in the air. Your Public Works has done an amazing job during the summertime and severe events to sustain that, and this tower is going to help ease strain on the water system."

Wall Engineering President Brandon Wall, head of the firm who engineered the tank, explained getting the water in the air is crucial from faucet pressure to fire suppression.

"Until you get it up in the air, you can't use it for fire protection or pressurized service," Wall said. "This represents multi-day backup water supply in the air under pressure. This is something that will protect the city for years to come. For every gallon that's in that tank, 1 million gallons can be used for fire protection."

Current Public Works Director Nestor Ramirez praised his predecessor for his work making the tank a reality and further gave thanks for having him available as he acclimated to his new position with the city.

"It was great and a valuable resource to have him onboard from the beginning conception point," Ramirez said. "It's been



Former Pilot Point Public Works Director and current Wall Engineering employee Trent Vandagriff pauses before addressing the crowd as the city's new elevated storage tank rises in the background.

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District renames AMS

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

Aubrey ISD Deputy Superintendent Terrie McNabb received a gift from the district she's spent 35 years growing on Jan. 6.

When naming the new Owens Middle School in September, the board also chose to rename the existing middle school for the woman who was principal during its opening in 2003.

"Our board takes the privilege of naming our facilities," Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor said. "Anyone that's really made an impact on Aubrey ISD schools, a long tenure of career or the community, is who they consider. It's just somebody who we have great pride in."

McNabb deserves that honor, Saylor explained.

"She thinks what she does is not special and unique—'Doesn't everyone do this?'—and no they don't," Saylor said. "They don't have that background of counseling and kid knowledge and staff knowledge. She's a great guiding light."

Saylor used a staff-wide "State of the District" address, coupled with a lack of yearly district Christmas party, as cover for the announcement.

"I honestly did not have any idea," McNabb said. "I kind of assumed this was a way to get the entire district together and give Dr. Saylor an opportunity to see everybody. I don't remember the board typically being there, but we didn't have a district Christmas party."

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PPISD looks to call bond

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The district's most recent long range planning effort came to its conclusion on Jan. 8 as the Pilot Point ISD board received a report on the process from several committee members during its meeting.

The planning committee, consisting of district stakeholders, community leaders, residents, business leaders and select students, worked to develop a roughly \$27 million bond issue, which the committee advised the board to bring to the community in November of 2025.

"For those who may be wondering, this is for a new elementary school that would be located in Moberly Farms," committee representative Laci Olson said. "The Pilot Point ISD Bond Planning Committee recommends the Pilot Point Board of Trustees call a bond election for Nov. 4, 2025. The committee had a pretty robust discussion on whether May was too soon, and the information could be put out there and also looking at the political climate."

PPHS senior Kaylen Stewart, joined by a pair of eighth graders who shared many of her sentiments, Julises Najera and Leah Tavera, opened the presentation with their thoughts.

"I've been a student at Pilot Point my whole life and have seen the schools

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Aubrey council, MDD discuss future plans

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

The full Aubrey City Council and Municipal Development District board sat together Tuesday evening to compare notes on their goals for Aubrey's future.

Executive Director Christine Gossett and President Holly Drew told the council the board wants to align its goals and approach to overlap with those of the council and staff.

"Lots of things we can do with the MDD funds," Gossett said. "Some of those things, again, will take some planning in advance and some commitment of budget."

The MDD board and staff mentioned

possibly changing the required amount for which the board must get approval from council from more than \$10,000 to \$30,000 in the grant program "as long as they fit within the statute and they don't fall within a certain statute that will always require public hearings and council readings," Gossett said.

Council member Erin Allen confirmed that there is a line-item cap for the annual amount the MDD can distribute in grants, which was correct.

Gossett also provided a brief overview of the types of projects an MDD is allowed to fund with input from the board and its attor-

ney.

The board and council members perked up when recreation facilities came up as a possible project that can be funded with MDD money.

The MDD can also contribute funding to a targeted area for infrastructure projects that could draw sales-tax generating businesses.

Brooks Stoy brought up the arena in Graham as a type of facility that could create quite a draw for Aubrey.

Mayor Chris Rich spoke about a two-story building he would want to see at the corner of Main Street where the Aubrey Area Museum

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Throw the snow

Ryan Millard tosses a chunk of snow into the empty street in Providence Village on Jan. 9. To read and see more, see Page 6A.

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great. I feel blessed to be a part even at the very end of it.”

As the bowl slowly elevated, Vandagriff spoke more to the tower’s value and location.

“It’s not because we wanted to put it so close to the highway; it’s about utilizing existing infrastructure,” Vandagriff said. “This is one of the few places in town that’s got all new water lines. When the day comes that the town has to transition to surface water as an aspect of what they drink, this is directly here on the highway. We can tie in and do things we need to segregate and proportion to housing developments.”

City Manager Britt Lusk added additional value to the tower as a landmark for the municipality.

“Landmark Structures is the one that constructed this, and they are named appropriately,” Lusk said. “This is something you see whether you’re coming in from



City staff poses for a photo in front of the rising bowl of Pilot Point’s new elevated water storage tank.

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north, south, east or sitting on the lake. As we grow and look forward to

our water needs here in Pilot Point, this is going to have a huge impact to have

this amount of water in elevated storage for us, especially with water be-

ing such a major concern for everyone across North Texas.”

His sentiment was mirrored by Wall as well as by the Public Works team.

“A lot of what we do as a water and wastewater engineering firm is invisible—it’s underground, out of sight,” Wall said. “It’s always nice for us to be involved with something that has the visibility of an elevated tank.”

The public event saw attendance from several members of the community as well as council representatives Ray Dane, Chad Major, Elizabeth Jones and Everett Cummings, who joined the community and city staff in watching the tank’s steady ascension.

Pilot Point resident Janice Sheppard said she’s “been watching it go up since [she] moved in February,” and that as an artist she loved seeing the painting process.

“I’ve been watching this being built,” Pilot Point resident Janice Sheppard said. “When you look out my back window, this is what you see.”

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throughout that time,” Stewart said. “Many of the classes have felt like they were bursting at the seams with teachers needing to find extra desks or move things just to fit all the students. While we aren’t at the max capacity for our schools yet, it feels as though we are.”

Mobberly Farms resident William Harrison addressed the board regarding the bond earlier in the meeting.

“There are two issues that were brought up and discussed during the meetings that I’m very concerned about,” Harrison said. “I learned at the meetings that the elementary school and the early education building ... cannot withstand the 250 mile an hour winds required when you are building modern buildings. I want y’all to please consider if there is any way possible to get these two projects done for the safety of

the kids.”

Later in the meeting, the board approved its 2025-26 calendar.

“A couple of drafts were created, which went out to all stakeholders, the community, staff, anyone who would like to participate, to gather additional feedback,” Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Alicia Bonnett said. “We’re kind of excited that 467 community members gave input on the calendars.”

Fifty-three percent preferred option 2 for the calendar, which features a teacher workday on homecoming, a fall break tied into Thanksgiving to maintain a full week off and the teachers returning to work on July 30.

“When you look at fitting the 187 days [we have to have], there are only so many ways to slice and dice them to make it fit,” Bonnett said.

“Giving that entire week of Thanksgiving off, those other days had to fall somewhere. When you’re bound by state regulation, there are only so many ways we can change it up.”

The board was open to trying the new homecoming plan, though board member Coby Chandler encouraged staff to find a solution for students who would not be able to drive themselves up to school for the parade.

He suggested a bus route. “I’d hate for those trailers to get thinned up because of it,” Chandler said.

Board member Mandy Kirby abstained from the vote after expressing concerns regarding the voting method, saying she’d heard people could vote more than once on the surveys.

She declined to comment further.



Pilot Point ISD Superintendent Dr. Shannon Fuller, left, finds Kim Dunlap’s certificate among those of the other Bearcat BEST teachers of the month while Dunlap, right, and board member Craig Bickers hug.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Here’s my side of it

My response to the article titled, “Mayor faces ethics filings.”

Monica David filed two complaints against me to the Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) in August.

Through the PP grapevine, it was communicated to me that Monica was saying, “Elisa must be guilty because she has lawyered up.”

I didn’t lawyer up. The first complaint was DISMISSED immediately.

I have been working intently with the TEC since August.

This case is not closed because it must go to the commission in March, but my work is done.

The TEC’s comments were, “Based on her (Mayor Beasley) response to the complaint and conversations with TEC staff, there is no reason to believe that the respondent deliberately attempted to conceal or obscure her activity. Rather, these violations appear to stem from the respondent’s failure to fully inform herself of her reporting obligations. Additionally, a significant portion of the amount were funds that the respon-

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dent deposited into her campaign account from her personal funds. Since the funds did not come from a third-party and the respondent had no intention of reimbursing herself she did not realize that she had to report these deposits. The respondent also took steps to correct her reports and even proactively filed missing reports that were not identified in the complaint.”

I will always take accountability.

I did not file all the reports.

I am now fully knowledgeable of reporting and intend

to be the leader in precise and accurate financial reports.

I hope the *Post-Signal* will be encouraged to latch on to headlines like, “Mayor helps bring Home grant to Pilot Point residents” or “Mayor works with Small Businesses across the country to make a home in Pilot Point.”

These aren’t just delicious headlines, they are life-giving to our community!

Elisa Beasley
Pilot Point

Journalism has to get to the point

So much can change in a year.

A little over one year ago, my family invested in the *Post-Signal*, taking over ownership of the oldest business in Denton County.

Although my title went from editor to editor and publisher, my duties largely only changed on the business side of the newspaper.

That’s because I have largely been at the helm of the editorial decisions of the paper since early November of 2019.

I’m grateful my family invested in these communities we serve by buying the paper.

That’s because having a newspaper transition from a longtime owner to a new owner is a challenge in this industry.

Fewer papers are being purchased by independent owners, like our family.

One of the things we invested in is the paper archives we have that stretch back to 1967.

Throughout the 146 years

we have been in print, the newspaper has provided a continuous view of the priorities and events important to the communities we serve.

I don’t take that responsibility lightly.

Although my title changed with the purchase, my approach to our coverage did not.

I have and will continue to remain committed to unbiased, non-sensationalized coverage of our communities.

Claims otherwise are just that: claims. That includes when the mayor said online that “The Post could have chosen their words better but I get the sensational sells papers.”

Someone asked me on Tuesday why we decided to run the piece Mayor Elisa Beasley referred to in her letter to the editor this week.

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ABIGAIL ALLEN

The impetus was a Facebook Live video the mayor published that was quoted in last week’s issue, in which she claimed that the complaints filed against her were that Monica David “basically filed a lawsuit against” Beasley.

I wasn’t planning to write about the complaints until there was a resolution.

The mayor herself made them news.

As for the headline being considered sensationalism, headlines are supposed to be short but descriptive and written in present tense.

It’s hard to get more accurate but even-keel than “Mayor faces ethics filings” in the first piece we published about the ethics filings the mayor faced in a tight space.

It is the responsibility of a newspaper to pursue truth

and to give people context about the issues that affect their lives.

We do so in a limited medium, so we can’t tell every story, include every detail of every interview or have lengthy headlines.

What we can do is shed light on certain situations and provide, we hope, enough context that people curious for answers know where to delve deeper.

Our articles don’t tell people what to think.

In fact, if you line up 10 people with wildly different views and have them read the same article, you’ll likely get 10 wildly different takes on the report they read.

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mas party, which is typically when they would see our entire staff, so my mind just automatically said, 'Oh, they're here to see the staff.'"

Saylor elaborated on the impact McNabb has had on the growing district over the years and going back to her time first as a teacher and then counselor before moving to an administrative role.

"I attended new teacher academy in the class of 1997 and that had an impact on me as an educator and the support I received," Saylor said. "I can recall getting a card in the mail from her [when I was hired on] welcoming me, and I hadn't even met her yet. That was huge for me, and therefore I do that today for our new staff."

Mentorship is a driving theme for McNabb.

"I'm deeply grateful and humbled," McNabb said. "I of course had amazing mentors I wish I could name for you now, but they made a significant impact on me and the naming, I hope, is reflective of their work as well. Thank you also to all the amazing people I've had the privilege to work alongside throughout my career."

Saylor was keen to keep McNabb from deflecting.

"The expectations



Aubrey ISD Deputy Superintendent Terrie McNabb, joined by her friends and family, poses for a picture commemorating the renaming of Aubrey Middle School in her honor Jan. 6.

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we've had for staff in her 35-year tenure is driven a lot from her seat and her role," Saylor said. "I know she had mentors that

trained her in that regard. However, she's the one that has carried it."

The surprise itself, followed by the honor

she's received, is one McNabb struggled to find words for.

"It was an incredible moment, unforgetta-

ble and life-changing," McNabb said. "More than just the building, I hope my legacy is in the people that follow me and that

they continue the greatness we have here in Aubrey ISD."

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sits.

He added that such plans would also need to provide a guaranteed home for the museum, which the board and council agreed needs to happen to help retain the history of the community with the city shoring up the museum's resources to ensure it continues.

"There's going to be a transition in the future as we start moving municipal facilities out of downtown and re-allocating it to commercial use," Rich said.

City Manager Charles Kreidler estimated that 35-40% of downtown is city-owned.

"While that's a challenge now, that's a positive later," he said.

He also spoke of wanting to have an overlay district to "keep our heritage downtown" as it changes.

Drew spoke of Roanoke with its downtown restaurant, retail and business center that stretches down a single road as a model to consider.

Building up the downtown business scene, retaining businesses in Aubrey and identifying property the MDD could invest in by purchasing were the primary goals discussed throughout the night.

Business retention might be especially key along U.S.



Aubrey Municipal Development District Vice President Erin Bogar, left, listens as President Holly Drew looks to Executive Director Christine Gossett, who shares the entity's goals with the Aubrey City Council on Tuesday.

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377 when the expansion project kicks off, Vice President Erin Bogar said.

"We had talked about some type of proactive measures ... to make sure those businesses still have the amount of traffic that's required," she said.

Gossett also spoke of a "business incubator, which would be a place where businesses can come and work together."

"We have 30% of people in Aubrey [working] from home, and a lot of them are in tech," Gossett said.

MDD member Tim Heit-

man spoke to the board's desire to work in concert with the council.

"It's like Monopoly," he said. "If we're over here playing at Vermont Avenue, but you guys are really more interested in Pennsylvania Avenue, it really doesn't serve everybody."

The possibility of the MDD using bonds to increase its ability to act was also preliminarily discussed.

The council and board agreed to meet at least every six months to communicate about their goals.

ACROSS

- home of Marching Green Pride band in Tarrant County
- state ____ has "a star of five points"
- a SE Asian deer found in Texas
- TXism: "up and ____ juice" (coffee)
- Ross State University in Alpine
- TX Jerry Fuller wrote "Travelin' ____" sang by Ricky Nelson
- TXism: "he's fast enough to ____ yesterday"
- grunting while sleeping
- TXism: "hot ____ tar in July"
- Zaragoza Seguin was born in what is today Goliad, Texas
- this Stephenson was in soap opera "Texas"
- TX Charley Pride hit: "Angel Good Mornin'"
- TXism: "he could shoot the eye out of a ____" (good shot)
- TXism: "he couldn't ____ plastic worm" (bad fisherman)
- organized church singers
- to fish on a Texas lake, get ____

DOWN

- JFK was born on 11/22/1909
- New Braunfels
- popular Austin body of water (2 wds.)
- this Jack was in "4 for Texas" (1963)
- TXism: "gentle ____ merry-go-round"
- study of society
- short letter (2 wds.)
- obscene language
- to falsely incriminate someone (3 wds.)
- "we ____ out for pizza"
- Texas high school football night (abbr.)
- mineral in Texas, used in makeup
- TXism: "got ____"
- finger" (nervous)
- "Stop-____" convenience store this Smith was a "Texas Troubadour" before his solo career
- TXism: "slippery ____"
- Matt Damon was Texas Ranger LaBoeuf in 2010
- "____ Grit"
- in Comanche: "Old ____ Courthouse"
- TXism: "he's got a ____-trigger temper"

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Aubrey Country Church. 3000 Rock Hill Road, Aubrey. Pastor Scott Stevens. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. 940-230-2954.

Bethel Baptist Church. 210 E. Main, Pilot Point. Pastor Buddy Garland. Sunday School 9:30; Morning Worship 10:30; Evening Service 6 p.m. 903-429-3661.

Calvary Baptist Church. 117 W. Walcott St., Pilot Point. Interim Pastor Scott Jordan. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Night Meals, 5:45-6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; Youth Bible Study/Activities, 6:30 p.m.; J.A.M. (Jesus and Me Children's Bible Study), 6:30 p.m. 940-686-2274. calvarypilotpoint.org.

County Line First Baptist Church. 512 E. Walcott St., Pilot Point. Rev. B.W. McClendon Jr. 512-698-0659.

First Rock Fellowship. 201 N. Cherry St. Pastor Christopher Walden. Sunday Services: 8:30, 11 a.m. 940-365-2445. firstrockfellowship.org.

First Baptist Church. 5021 U.S. 377, Krugerville. Pastor Sam Redfeam. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Tuesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, AWANA & 24/7, 6:30 p.m. 940-365-2444. fbckrugerville.com.

Friendship Baptist Church. 220 S. Ray Roberts Parkway, Tioga. Rev. Justin Elwell, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Bible Study Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. 940-437-2000.

Green Valley Baptist Church. 9901 FM 428, Aubrey. Pastor Frank Lott. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship/Message, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. 940-391-4283. www.greenvalleydenton.org.

Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Mustang. 8153 FM 1385, Pilot Point. 903-893-7976.

Midway Church. 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. Pastor John Theisen. Sunday Services: 9:30, 11 a.m.; Spanish Sunday Service: 11 a.m.; Wednesday Activities: 6:30 p.m. 940-365-9312. midwaychurch.org.

Mountain Springs Fellowship Bible Church. 14777 S. FM 372, Valley View. Pastor James Reid. Sunday Fellowship 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. 940-395-2777. msfbc.net.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. 27260 FM 121, Tioga. Pastor Allan Strickland. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m., AWANA 4:30 p.m. 940-437-0039.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 1940 CR 203, Collinsville. Pastor Tony Norman. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. 940-393-6821.

Mustang Baptist Church. 13335 Mustang Road, Pilot Point. Pastor Coach G.A. Moore Jr. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. mustangbaptistchurch.org.

New Hope Baptist Church. 5800 U.S. 377, Aubrey. Pastor Aaron Ashlock. Sunday Worship: 9, 11:30 a.m. 940-365-2542. newhopeaubrey.org.

St. James Baptist. 554 E. Burks St., Pilot Point. Pastor C.D. Lockhart. 469-215-7527, 214-449-1296.

CATHOLIC

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. 925 N. Charcut St., Pilot Point. 940-686-2088. Saturday Reconciliations, 3:30 p.m. Mass Schedule: Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 8, 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish). 940-686-2088. office@sttp.org.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ. 426 S. Jefferson St., Pilot Point. Craig Tullis, minister. Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Bible Class, 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Class, 7:00 p.m. 940-293-5620.

Church of Christ. 307 Gene Autry Drive, Tioga. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Grace Point Nazarene Church. 611 E. Liberty, Pilot Point. Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. Rev. Dwayne Edwards. 760-518-6732. gracepointnaz.net.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church. 410 N. Main St., Aubrey. Rev. Sara Beckham. sarajonathan217@gmail.com. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Aubrey First Assembly of God. 819 W. Sherman Drive, Aubrey. Pastor Gary Sweatman. 940-300-6169.

Cowboy Country Chapel. 603 S. Morrison St., Pilot Point. Rev. Carl Smith. Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Night Bible Study, 5 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m. 214-957-6111.

Tioga Community Church, 501 Cutler St., Tioga. Senior Pastor Mark Arrington. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. 903-821-7152.

METHODIST

Aubrey First United Methodist Church. 113 W. Plum, Aubrey. Rev. Ernesto Sanchez. Sunday: Youth and Adult classes, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Fellowship, 12:15 p.m. 940-365-3024. firstumcaubrey.com.

Bethel Methodist Church of Denton County (an Independent Methodist Denomination). 3126 FM 2931, Aubrey. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. 409-543-8444.

Grace Chapel. 14632 Fishtrap Road, Aubrey. Sunday: Traditional Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Modern Worship, 10:45 a.m. 940-440-6626. www.grace380.org.

Oak Grove Church of Little Elm (Global Methodist Church). 4725 FM 720 W., Aubrey. Pastor Brad Humphrey. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. 940-365-3027. oakgrovechurchle.com.

Pilot Point First United Methodist Church. 217 S. Church St., Pilot Point. Rev. Cindy Kennedy, office@pilotpointumc.org. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. 940-686-2338. www.pilotpointumc.org.

Tioga Shiloh. 301 N. Porch St., Tioga. Senior Pastor Mead McGee. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. 940-230-6627.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Cornerstone Church of Aubrey. 7850 FM 2931 (near Mustang Water office), Aubrey. Sunday Prayer, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Pastor Dan Franke, pastoffranke@ccaubrey.com. 972-742-3308. www.ccaubrey.com.

Green Valley Community Church. FM 2153, Aubrey. Pastor Wendell Lillard; Youth Minister James Grider. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. 940-440-9469.

Living Faith Bible Church of Aubrey, Texas. 700 N. Harmon, Aubrey. Pastor Clarence Dalrymple. Day Services: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 940-365-9360. aubreyfaith.org.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Denton First Seventh-day Adventist. 11010 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. Senior Pastor Dr. Denton Rhone. Saturday Service, 10 a.m. 940-488-9656. dentonfirstsda.org.

Pilot Point Seventh-day Adventist. 990 W. Walcott St., Pilot Point. Pastor Carlos Rodriguez. Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Saturday Services: 9:15, 11 a.m. 651-263-4259.

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Around Town

Dutch Oven Cooking at Isle du Bois

The Isle du Bois Unit, 100 PW 4137 in Pilot Point will offer Dutch Oven Cooking, 10 a.m. Saturday, Pavilion 2 in Day Use Area, and Winter Wildlife, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nature Center.

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

Cookbook Club, movie at PP library

The Pilot Point Community Library at 324 S. Washington St. will host Cookbook Club: A Place at the Table by Kelly Minter, 2 p.m. Friday; movie screening: "Despicable Me 4," 11 a.m. Saturday; Coding Club (ages 6-8), 4 p.m. Tuesday; Teens: Vision Board, 4 p.m. Thursday; Adult Craft: Vision Boards, 2 p.m. Jan. 24; and Game Day Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Jan. 25.

Income tax preparation will be offered through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program Thursdays starting Jan. 30 from 4-6:30 p.m. for households earning less than \$64,000/year. This is a free program, and no appointment is needed.

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

Lego Club, meditation at Aubrey library

The Aubrey Area Library at 226 Countryside Drive will have Lego Club (ages 4-14), 12:30 p.m. Friday; Meditation Hour (ages 16 and up), 5:30 p.m. Tuesday; Lego Club (ages 4-14), 4:30 p.m. Jan. 24; Saturday Storytime (all ages), 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25; and Family and Friends Puzzle Contest, 10:30 a.m. Jan. 25.

Recipes will be accepted for the Aubrey Sweethearts Recipe book through Jan. 31.

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

GDT to hold auditions for 'Seussical'

The Garage Door Theater will have auditions from 6-8 p.m. Sunday and Monday in the showroom for "Seussical the Musical" at 110 S. Washington St. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 21-22, 28-29 and 2:30 p.m. March 23 and 30.

Business Breakfast set for Pilot Point

The PointBank Business Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday at 739 E. Liberty St. Guest speaker will be Pilot Point ISD Superintendent Dr. Shannon Fuller with achievements in 2024 and bond updates for 2025.

Participants need to RSVP to Lisa Cave at leave@pointbank.com.

Aubrey college football parent meeting

The Aubrey Football Recruiting Parent Information meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 415 Tisdell Lane to discuss new changes in the world of collegiate football recruiting.

Valentine's Ladies Night at Southern Junkiez

Southern Junkiez will host Ladies Night from 4-7 p.m. Thursday for a Valentine's Day-themed sweatshirt making session.

Blood drive scheduled at PPHS

The Pilot Point Student Council invites all community members to participate in the upcoming blood drive from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 24 in the high school library at 1300 N. Washington Street.

To register, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter PPHS.

Penny Paws pet clinic at Atwoods

The next Penny Paws Animal Clinic will be held at 9 a.m. Jan. 25 at Atwoods Ranch & Home Goods, 3401 U.S. 377 in Cross Roads.

To schedule an appointment, go to pennypaws.com/book-mobile-vaccination or call 817-993-1234.

Volunteer Work Day at Blue Sky

Blue Sky will host a Volunteer Work Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 25 at 5098 U.S. 377 in Krugerville.

To register, email volunteer@blueskytexas.org.

Seed, plant swap at Rooted In

A Seed and Plant Swap will be held from 1-4 p.m. Jan. 25 at Rooted In, 12804 Pelzel Road.

For more information, go to rootedin.com.

CRPD to offer citizens police academy

The Cross Roads Police Department will offer a Citizens Police Academy from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 29 at the Cross Roads Police Department, 1401 FM 424.

Any Cross Roads resident, business owner or employee can participate. Outside applicants will be considered if space is available. To apply, go to crossroadstx.gov/cpa.

AHS to present 'Willy Wonka'

Aubrey High School will present "Willy Wonka" at 7 p.m. Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 with a matinee at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at 510 Spring Hill Road.

Purchase tickets at our.show/aubreywonka.

Tioga FFA, FCCLA to hold dinner, auction

The Tioga FFA and FCCLA will have the annual BBQ dinner and auction at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Tioga High School cafeteria.

Pre-tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door. The auction will begin at 6 p.m. To-go plates will also be available.

Tic-Tac-Toe Leap in February

The 2nd annual Tic-Tac-Toe Leap will be held during the month of February. Participants can pick up a game card at Martin General Store, 101 S. Jefferson St.

Chamber Cash Stampede at Coffee House

The next Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce Cash Stampede will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.

Pilot Point FFA reschedules show

The 2025 Pilot Point FFA local show has been rescheduled to 8 a.m. Feb. 8.

Daddy Daughter Dance planned in Tioga

The Tioga varsity cheerleaders will sponsor a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Tioga High School cafeteria. All ages are welcome. Cost will be \$20 per dad/daughter with \$5 for each additional daughter.

Galentines to be held on Gene Autry

Downtown Tioga businesses will host Galentines for a girl's night out from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 12.

Aubrey Disco Dazzle Father Daughter Dance

Aubrey ISD will host the Aubrey Father Daughter Dance Disco Dazzle from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 15 at the UNT Gateway Center, 801 N. Texas Blvd. in Denton. Tickets cost \$50 with additional siblings \$10 and can be purchased through myschoolbucks.com.

PPFFA to have local rabbit show

The Pilot Point FFA will host a local rabbit show starting at 9 a.m. Feb. 22 at the PPSD ag barn.

PP Educational Foundation

to sponsor gala

The Pilot Point Educational Foundation invites the community to the Denim & Diamonds Gala at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the University of North Texas Gateway Center in Denton. Tickets cost \$65.

RSVP by Feb. 14 to ppeducationalfoundation@gmail.com.

Texas Farm Bureau opens scholarships

Texas Farm Bureau has opened scholarship applications for high school seniors and college students.

Application details and eligibility information can be found at txfb.us/scholarships25. Deadline to apply is March 3.

NETPA scholarship deadline information

The North & East Texas Press Association, in conjunction with the Texas Press Association, will award two \$1,500 scholarships to eligible candidates. Applicants must be from the geographic area served by NETPA and have a declared major in journalism/communications/photojournalism with preference given to print majors.

To apply, go to netpa.org. Applications must be postmarked by March 14.

Lovepacs requests donations, drivers

Lovepacs is requesting the following donations: cereal, canned pasta, chili, spaghetti sauce (canned), tuna, peanut butter, jelly (plastic jars), ramen, mac and cheese, soup, instant oatmeal packets, microwave popcorn, snacks and granola bars.

Area drop-off sites include Brookshire Brothers and Martin General Store in Pilot Point; Patrick Nolin Farmers Insurance Agency and The Peanut Gallery in Aubrey; and One Mane Place in Krugerville.

Delivery drivers are needed every Wednesday morning for about an hour as weekend bags are delivered to schools in the Aubrey, Pilot Point and 380 Corridor. For more information, email aubrey@lovepacs.org.

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.

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Helpers feeding helpers

19th Century Club provides community workers lunch

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The 19th Century Club of Pilot Point took the time Jan. 8 to recognize community workers as part of an annual tradition.

At its annual Community Workers Appreciation Luncheon, municipal workers from police and fire to Public Works and office staff joined the ladies of the 19th Century Club and various community leaders for a spread of myriad soups, chilis and desserts as the club's way of saying thank you.

"We have a lot of chilies, soup, deserts, cookies, crackers, chips, and all the fixings for those things," 19th Century Club President Paula McCoy said.

The workers were all smiles as they mingled with the ladies, enjoyed lunch and took a load off while taking a moment to be served by members of the community they serve every day.

"We always appreciate free food," Public Works employees Steven McGuire said. "It's always nice feeling loved. Usually, we'll get some when we have a water leak or something, people will say something nice, but this is a little different than someone passing out bottles of water."

Although the smorgasbord



Members of the Pilot Point Fire Department make their way down the line as the 19th Century Club members make sure they've got all the fixings for their bowls of chili and soup.

Basil Gist/The Post-Signal

was the larger gesture, the ladies of the club were also quick to make sure no one took a seat without a drink in hand as they

moved from table to table, smiling all the while.

"This is a way that we like to honor the city employees, be-

cause they do so much for us," McCoy said. "We honor them, and we also honor the senior citizens because they are once upon

a time volunteers, too. It's a way to pay it back. It's just a small gesture, but we enjoy doing it."



Aubrey students Brock Temple, left, Grace Michael, McKenna Thompson and Zechariah Bush pose flanked by AHS Principal Brett Phipps and Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club President Whitney Delcourt after the club invited the students to join its meeting on Tuesday.

Photos by Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

Rotary recognition



Pilot Point Superintendent Dr. Shannon Fuller, left, and Principal Marzia Infante join counselor Teana Coffman and Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club President Whitney Delcourt on either side of Pilot Point students Hannah Warren and Quevin Aguirre after the club invited the students to join its meeting on Tuesday.

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, Jan. 17

- 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 and Me Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 12:30 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4-14). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 2 p.m. Cookbook Club. 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, Jan. 18**
- 9 a.m. HOPE Food and Clothing Ministry distribution. 819 Sherman Drive, Aubrey.
- 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: "Despicable Me 4." Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
- 8 p.m. Tony Coulter Band. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
- Sunday, Jan. 19**
- 1 p.m. American Legion Executive meeting. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point. 972-816-4353.
- Monday, Jan. 20**
- Municipalities closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 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 p.m. Recovery Care Group. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
- 7 p.m. Tioga ISD board. 405 N. Florence, Tioga. 940-437-2366.
- Tuesday, Jan. 21**
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse. 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
- 9:30 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. PointBank Community Center, 739 E. Liberty St.

- 4 p.m. Coding Club (ages 6-8): Debugging Maze. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
- 4:15 p.m. Storytime with Mrs. Carter. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 5 p.m. Pilot Point Library and Cultural Arts meeting. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
- 5:30 p.m. Meditation Hour (ages 16 and up). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 6 p.m. Cross Roads Town Council. Town Hall, 3201 U.S. 380, Ste. 105. 940-365-9693.
- 6 p.m. DivorceCare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
- 7 p.m. Pilot Point Community Opera House board. Pilot Point Community Opera House, 110 S. Washington St. 817-403-3821, 940-686-0737.
- 7:30 p.m. Providence Village Town Council. Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main St. 940-365-9333.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22**
- 8 a.m. Pilot Point Bank Business Breakfast. PointBank Community Center, 739 E. Liberty St.
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse. 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
- 9 a.m. Mountain Springs Quilters. Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane. 940-736-8013.
- 10 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5). Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
- 10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.

- 10:30 a.m. Bilingual Storytime (ages 0-2). 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.
- 1:30 p.m. Local Vocals Community Singers. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.
- 6 p.m. Krugerville City Council. Krugerville City Hall, 5097 U.S. 377. 940-365-5833.
- 7 p.m. Karaoke Wednesdays with Pam and Dave. Lowbrows Saloon, 200 S. Washington St.
- 7:30 p.m. Pool tournament. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
- Thursday, Jan. 23**
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse. 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
- 10 a.m. Bingo/craft. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
- 10:30 a.m. Little Reader's Book Club (ages 2-5). 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 a.m. Tioga Senior Center open for refreshments, games and bingo. 305 N. Porch St.
- 4 p.m. Teens: Vision Boards. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
- 6 p.m. Aubrey City Council. Au-

- brey Council Chambers, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-440-9343.
 - 6 p.m. GriefShare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
 - 6:30 p.m. Ford Masonic Lodge No. 270 AFAM, 824 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
 - 6:30 p.m. Pilot Point City Council. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.
 - Friday, Jan. 24**
 - 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 and Me Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 2 p.m. Adult Craft: Vision Boards. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 - 4:30 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4-14). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
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It is a powerful reminder of how much what Christ had to offer has changed not only individuals and churches, but the world that we live in.

As the New Year unfolds, I invite you to find ways to reflect on where Christ is calling you to deepen and broaden your faith. And join me in the conversation.

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Snow brings Ranch Cities area to halt

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

Series of fluffy snowflakes and wintry mix blanketed the Ranch Cities area as part of Winter Storm Cora on Jan. 9, closing schools and city offices with most of the area's residents opting to stay home.

The area received from 4 to 6.5 inches, with KDAF CW33 reporting 5.5 inches in Pilot Point at 8:12 a.m. on Jan. 10 and 6.5 inches in Collinsville at 11 p.m. Jan. 9.

"[People are] playing it smart," Providence Village resident Mike Hehl said. "I don't see a whole lot of people out, which is good, because we don't have the infrastructure to support that. It's good to see most people staying home."

Ryan Millard, who was outside of his Providence Village home with his three children and a collection of neighbor kids, worked to clear the snow from his car and driveway on Cranston Court.

Originally from Buffalo, New York, Millard enjoyed having a chance to spend a sweet snow day with his family.

"It's amazing, especially with how far apart these are," he said on Jan. 9. "It's a special thing, being able to be home from work and not have to stress about going in. That's the No. 1 thing. Still waiting on word for tomorrow, though, so fingers crossed."

Sharing the experience with his kids was fun because snow days were "second nature to [him] growing up."

"Obviously, I haven't been in New York for a long time, so it's new to me, too, even though I'm used to it. I'm glad they get to experience something that I was raised on."

Just a couple of blocks away, Jordan Peel was out in front of her home, building a snowman with her little boy Kory Peel that was the same height as him.

Kory peeked around the snowman, grinning for his mom before popping back and around to the other side.

Further down Rodgers Lane, Mike and his wife Janet Hehl put their personalities on display with their creations.

Mike, who is from Missouri and thus has some practice making snowmen, crafted a snowman nearly as tall as him, which he topped with a straw cowboy hat.

"Today has been great," Providence Village resident Mike Hehl said. "We took the golf cart out with the GoPro, and we've had a great day."

Janet, who grew up in Houston and said "I don't know anything about this" about the snow, went on a mission for snowman parts, bringing back limb arms and acorns to fill out the faces of their snowmen after carefully placing a leaf scarf around the neck of hers.

Near the intersection of Rodgers and Prospect Lane sat a classic Frosty the Snowman, missing just the old silk hat to come to life.

Although another hard freeze is predicted for the Ranch Cities area with the dip in temperatures to begin overnight Friday, according to weather.com, the chance of precipitation is lower.



The bowl of Pilot Point's elevated storage tank rests during its final days on the ground before being raised on Tuesday.

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Kory Peel peeks around his snowman buddy while his mom, Jordan Peel, takes a video.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal



A frigid family of five guards the front door of a house on Cranston Court in Providence Village.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal



Frosty the Snowman grins despite the loss of his magical hat.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal



Nathanael Trejo poses with his Bearcat Spirit snowman family.

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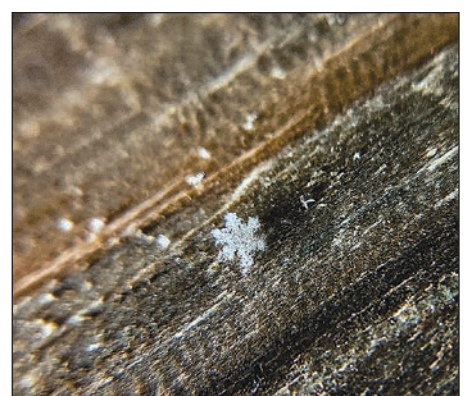
Few Pilot Point residents brave the roadway Jan. 9 during fresh snowfall.

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Anabelle Hernandez, left, and Olivia Hernandez work on a frosty addition to their yard.

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A single snowflake rests delicately on its wooden perch.

Photo Courtesy of Traci Hagler

POLICE REPORT

Aubrey Police Department logged 159 calls from Jan. 6-12. Cross Roads Police Department received 44 calls for service between Dec. 30-Jan. 5. Krugerville Police Department reported calls the week of Jan. 6-10.

DISTURBANCE — A woman, 28, reported a disturbance Sunday to CRPD involving her mother in the 1600 block of Alamandine Avenue.

ROAD RAGE — A man, 68, reported to Cross Roads police Sunday that a driver got out of his vehicle near the intersection of U.S. 380 and FM 424 and broke the reporting man's mirror.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT — On Saturday, APD arrested a woman,

20, on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the 10300 block of Waterbury Drive.

THEFT — A store employee reported to CRPD that a man took a battery and other merchandise Saturday and left in a white vehicle driven by a woman in the 13000 block of U.S. 380.

ASSAULT — Aubrey PD arrested a man, 32, Saturday on charges of assault causes bodily injury family violence and interference with emergency request for assistance in the 11100 block of Summer Rain Boulevard.

ASSAULT — A man, 35, was arrested Saturday by Aubrey police on a charge of assault causes bodily injury

family violence in the 10000 block of Waterbury Drive.

TRAFFIC — A man, 20, was arrested Jan. 10 by CRPD during a traffic stop investigation for displaying a fictitious license plate in the 11900 block of U.S. 380.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE — A domestic disturbance was reported to KVPD at 9:30 p.m. Jan. 10 in the 800 block of Squires Lane.

FRAUD — A woman, 51, reported to Cross Roads police Jan. 10 that someone sent a text in reference to an iCloud account in an attempt to defraud her.

CRASH — Cross Roads PD investigated a single-vehicle crash that hit a utility pole Jan. 9 in the 9000 block

of Liberty Road. No injuries were reported.

POSSESSION — A man, 30, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 and possession of marijuana Jan. 9 by Aubrey PD in the 2800 block of Main Street.

CRASH — A single vehicle hit a highway sign Jan. 9 near the intersection of U.S. 377 and FM 424. No injuries were reported according to Cross Roads police.

ASSAULT — A woman, 33, was arrested Jan. 9 by APD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family violence in the 9900 block of Marthas Vineyard Circle.

CRASH — A two-vehicle crash was reported to Cross

Roads PD with no report of injuries Jan. 8 in the 12000 block of U.S. 380.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE — A domestic disturbance call was dispatched to Krugerville police around 10:30 p.m. Jan. 6 in the 800 block of Squires Lane.

EVADING — Aubrey police arrested a man, 25,

on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle Jan. 6 in the 200 block of West Sherman Street.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE — At 7:47 p.m. Jan. 6, KVPD received a domestic disturbance call in the 800 block of Squires Lane.

-Kim Fleming

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Sports

Side by side

Pair plans to work glove-in-glove with baseball team

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

A new era is on the horizon for Pilot Point baseball, with the new coaching duo of head coach Tyler Vernon and coaching mentor Terry Wolf manning the dugout this spring.

Vernon and Wolf aim to turn around a Bearcats baseball program that won three games in district play last season.

“It has to come with attitude and accountability,” Vernon said. “We want everyone to have a positive attitude when you come to this field, from the coaches to the players. Everything here is about baseball, and we’re here to give 100 percent and hold everyone accountable.”

Vernon, who is in his second year at Pilot Point, attended the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas, where he was a four-year member of the Eagles’ baseball team.

After finishing his playing career, Vernon started his coaching career working as an assistant coach with the Eagles before becoming a private baseball coach in the Denton



Pilot Point’s new coaching duo of coaching mentor Terry Wolf, left, and head coach Tyler Vernon beam with excitement as they prepare to start a new era of Bearcat baseball.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

area.

Vernon, who served as the Bearcats’ assistant

coach last season, said he was inspired to accept the head coach position by what he saw

from the players and the community.

“It was a tough year, but the kids always gave effort,” he

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Chaps defeat Indians

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

The Aubrey Chaparrals varsity soccer team is rounding into form, steamrolling the Sanger Indians 5-0 at Chaparral Memorial Stadium on Tuesday night.

The Chaps turned in a strong performance on both ends of the field, shutting out their opponent and finding the back of the net for 5 goals to secure their first win of the season.

“[I’m] very proud of how we played tonight,” head boys soccer coach James Dumond said. “They’ve worked hard. We still

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Team receives medals

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

Aubrey ISD hosted an awards ceremony in Aubrey High School’s auditorium on Jan. 8 to commemorate the Lady Chaps’ varsity volleyball team reaching the 4A Division II State Semifinals.

In previous years, the teams that made the Final Four were awarded medals during the state tournament, but that practice came to an end after the University Interscholastic League’s recent realignment.

“Our girls didn’t get the true experience at the end of our state semifinal game,” girls athletic coordinator Ron Gathright said. “They usually present the medals after the game is over with, and it didn’t seem right when our girls just had to walk off the floor. We felt like they deserved a ceremony to celebrate their season.”

Aubrey administrators, staff and the families of the athletes gathered while the Lady Chaps were presented their state semifinals trophy and medals by Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor.



Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor, left, presents the Lady Chaps varsity volleyball team with the trophy to commemorate their run to the Final Four of the 4A Division II State Championship Tournament.

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ond state medal, and that just says a lot about the time, the effort and

“This is our senior class’s sec-

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Lady Cats down Callisburg

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

The Pilot Point Lady Cats battled the Callisburg Lady Wildcats on Monday evening, with Pilot Point coming from behind to take a 33-31 victory.

Callisburg won the first meeting 38-21, but Pilot Point relied on its defense and timely shot-making to take the rematch, and its second district win of the season.

“The first time we played them we didn’t play within ourselves,” head girls basketball coach K.J. Stastny said. “... This time, our kids were prepared because we had a solid game plan going in, and they stuck to it. They were meticulous about what we wanted

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ALLIYAH SMITH (#35)
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Jackson played a smart offensive game and rebounded well.

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Eft had great energy and also hit a big 3 for us.



CADON DAVID (#5)
JUNIOR GUARD

David came off the bench with great defensive energy.

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to do, and I could see they were calm and focused.”

The two teams started slow, with Callisburg holding the slight edge with an early 4-point lead near the end of the opening quarter.

The Lady Wildcats continued to extend their lead to 8 points with a 10-6 run that brought the score to 14-6 midway through the second quarter.

Pilot Point found its footing on both ends of the court, shutting Callisburg's offense down and scoring 7 unanswered points to make it a 1-point game at 14-13 at the half.

The two squads traded buckets to open the second half, but the Lady Cats continued to close the gap, taking a 21-19 lead on a three-pointer from point guard Madison Coronado with under three minutes left in the third quarter.

The game went into the final quarter with Pilot Point up 25-23.

The contest continued to be hotly contested, with Callisburg coming from behind to tie the score at 27 with 6 minutes left in the game.

Callisburg broke the tie, but Pilot Point refused to go away, finding ways to draw fouls and get to the free throw line, which allowed them to retake the lead.

The game came down to a final shot from Callisburg with Pilot Point forcing a miss and securing the rebound to seal the game at 33-31.

“All the stuff we've been working on since August is paying off right now,” Stastny said. “We've had two really close home games, [and] this time I could see the wheels turning in their heads. They were like, ‘We've been here before. We're good.’”

Junior guard Sanaa Jackson led the Lady Cats with 14 points; along with big contributions from Coronado, who hit



Lady Cat junior guard Sanaa Jackson soars to the rim during Pilot Point's 33-31 win over Callisburg Monday night. Pilot Point followed up the win over Callisburg with a 85-20 loss against the Ponder Lady Lions, who are the district's top ranked team.

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three three-pointers, and Brailen Brocato, who helped spark the Lady Cats ofense with 4 points in the second quarter.

“We work on everything in practice, and we try to improve every day,” Jackson said. “I like to work on driving to the hole, so when I get the ball in my hands and get to the rim in the game, my teammates trust me with it.”

Stastny also highlighted the energy from her team's bench and the low post duo

of sophomore centers Alliyah Smith and Jissel Esparza, who made their presence felt in the paint.

“Coming off of the bench, I try to motivate my team by always hustling and making sure their energy stays high,” Smith said. “I love helping my team, and whenever we're playing together, everything flows better.”

After a slow start to the season, the Lady Cats have won two of their last three

games, but Stastny said the team is focused on taking things one possession at a time.

“We're taking it game by game,” she said. “Hopefully, this gives them even more of a confidence boost. ... This is a new era in Pilot Point [athletics]. We haven't had anything like this in a while. I just hope they carry that confidence, that teamwork, and that competitive spirit with them.”

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said. “... I really wanted to come back, and I knew they had a bunch of potential, so I wanted to help put a good mark on them and the program. Hopefully, I can give them the knowledge I've learned from the game of baseball, and we can see what kind of impact we can make together.”

Wolf brings with him over 35 years of baseball coaching experience, with a career record of 664 wins and 133 losses.

Wolf, who is a 2020 Texas High

School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame Inductee, said he was convinced to come out of retirement by his good friend Chad Worrell, Pilot Point athletic director and head football coach.

“He proposed that I help mentor his new head coach,” Wolf said. “I told him there's no way I would do it if Coach Vernon wasn't ok with it, but Coach Vernon accepted me right from the start and has taken the things we've talked about and run with them.”

Vernon shared how excited he is to absorb as much knowledge as he can from his legendary mentor.

“I want to learn everything I can from him,” he said. “His record speaks for itself, but seeing what he's accomplished and the players he's coached is a testament to the impact that he's had. We're all going to learn a lot from him.”

Wolf emphasized that the duo plans to rebuild Bearcat baseball from the ground up.

“Coach Vernon and I both agree

our major focus this season is learning the basics,” he said. “We're going to make sure that we know baseball because that's the only way to appreciate just how much fun this game is. ... We want our [players] to see how much pride we have in the game, and we want them to carry that with them. As long as they're getting better each week, we want them to understand that's the first step to becoming a good team.”



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have some things to clean up going into district next week, especially with the district we're in, but I'm proud of them. We had good chemistry, and it was a good senior night."

Senior and team captain John Serrano broke the seal on the net, scoring Aubrey's opening goal after poaching a steal from a Sanger defender to give the Chaps a 1-0 lead after the first half of play.

The Chaps poured on the points in the second half with back-to-back goals from senior Kevin Prado.

Serrano added his second goal a few minutes later, bouncing the ball past Sanger's goalie and extending Aubrey's lead to 4-0.

The highlight of the game came when senior Aidan Pearson broke away from the Sanger defenders and found Prado for his third goal, allowing Prado to complete his first hat trick in an Aubrey uniform.

"It's senior night, and a bunch of my family is here, so it felt good to do that in front of them," Prado said. "I've watched a lot of film and worked



Aubrey senior Aidan Pearson swipes the ball away from a Sanger player during the Chaps' 5-0 win Tuesday night.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

on my movement off the ball, [but] I couldn't have done it without my teammates."

Pearson emphasized

how well the Chaps played as a unit in the second half of the win.

"It's been a bit since we played our last game,

but going into the second half, we locked in and really worked together,"

he said. "It's our chemistry. We've been together a

while now, and we're like a family."

The Chaps had 11 upperclassmen—Serrano, Prado, Pearson, Jack-

son Goble, Zachery Eaton, Connor Gourd, Aaron Smith, Vladyslav Dryshliuk, Sebastian Soto-Colon, Donovan Rodriguez, Shukurani Kamungo; and team managers Alex Palencia and Diego Mora—recognized during senior night.

Dumond spoke highly of the Chaps' crop of seniors.

"These guys have each other's backs," he said. "We don't have bickering in-house, and we have a clean locker room. They're setting a good example for the younger kids on how to work."

Despite the big win, Dumond said the Chaps are focused on building consistency.

"It was a great performance, but we have to do it day in and day out, week in and week out," he said. "... Going forward, we're going to clean up our mistakes and continue to get better."

Aubrey was scheduled to return to the field to face off against the 2-1 Mineral Wells Rams at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Burkburnett Tournament. Results were not available by press time.

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just how resilient this team is," head volleyball coach Whitney Stout said. "These seniors were very proud to leave the volleyball program better than they found it. They wanted to continue the legacy and winning tradition that was handed to them, so we're pleased they can walk away with that accomplishment."

Stout also shared the Lady Chaps' appreciation for the outpouring of love and support they received from the Aubrey administrators and community.

"I've said it for years, this is a special and great place to be, top to bottom," she said. "The parents are incredible. The administrators are incredible. We had so many people pulling us, wanting us to win and to come back and have them put this together to make sure the kids got the special night they deserved was perfect."

Senior libero Samantha Williams echoed her coach's sentiments toward the Aubrey faithful.

"The support we've had all four years, especially this year, was [incredible]," she said. "We accomplished a lot



The Lady Chaps varsity volleyball team and coaching staff glow with pride as they celebrated the end of another phenomenal season for Aubrey's volleyball program with friends and family during the awards ceremony held Jan. 8.

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and proved how amazing we could be, and a lot of that was thanks to our school and our families."

Senior middle blocker Kynadi Hall said she was overwhelmed by the energy

that filled the event.

"Tonight was amazing," she said. "It was definitely full of emotion. I got really emotional watching the [highlight] video, and I realized how much I'm going to

miss playing for this school and this community."

Senior outside hitter Abby Wright added how happy she was to come together with her teammates and coaches one more time.

"It was awesome because I've grown up playing with these girls, and I've known these coaches for a long time," she said. "I feel like during the season people didn't realize how good we

were until we got to state, so being able to come back and celebrate with them is really special."



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Lady Chaps defeat Sanger on pitch

By Martin Edwards
Staff Writer

The Aubrey Lady Chaps varsity soccer team took care of business, with a dominant 6-0 win over Sanger Tuesday night at Chaparral Memorial Stadium.

The Lady Chaps controlled the time of possession and kept the ball in Sanger territory en route to their fourth consecutive win.

“Having our tournament canceled last weekend set us back a little bit, but towards the second half we really hit our stride and started to find the back of the net,” head girls soccer coach Kelli Baker said. “We’ve really worked on shooting because that’s been our Achilles’ heel lately, and it’s really shown up in the past two outings with the girls taking the chances to shoot.”

Aubrey senior forward and co-captain Macy

Childers got the night started for the Lady Chaps, scoring the game’s first goal on a penalty kick earned by freshman Daniella Dominic-Etul.

Aubrey junior and the team’s other captain, Brynnee Bohannon, kept the momentum going when she scored on a breakaway a couple of minutes later, giving the Lady Chaps a 2-0 lead as the teams went into halftime.

Bohannon also led the Lady Chaps with 3 assists.

The Lady Chaps hit the ground running in the second half, with Childers finding Dominic-Etul for the team’s second breakaway goal, taking a 3-0 lead with 35 minutes remaining.

Childers added her second goal off of an assist from Bohannon, pushing Aubrey’s lead to 4-0.

Senior midfielder Alison Fleming closed things out for

Aubrey with two more goals during the final 15 minutes of regulation, sealing the 6-0 victory.

“Our defense definitely played well,” Childers said. “Them winning the ball, getting it to the midfield, and then our forwards were able to make runs and create space for us to get the ball and put it in the net.”

Baker spoke highly of his group of upperclassmen—Childers, Fleming, Payton Johnson, Andrea Anez, Emma Gillum, Andrea Cavazos and Breelyn Corgrove—as they were honored on senior night.

“They’ve created a close-knit group,” he said. “We have five freshmen, a couple sophomores, a couple juniors and then our seven seniors. They have taken everybody else under their wing and said, ‘Hey, this is how we do it here at Aubrey,’ and they are



Lady Chap freshman Daniella Dominic-Etul slips the ball into the net with a defender on her hip to give Aubrey a 3-0 in the opening minutes of the second half against Sanger Tuesday night.

Martin Edwards/The Post-Signal

where our leadership comes from.”

Fleming shared just how special it’s been being a founding member of the Lady Chaps soccer program.

“I started as a sophomore,

and watch all my friends that are lowerclassmen keep playing.”

Baker said he hopes the win helps the Lady Chaps learn how to play their best no matter the opposition.

“We want them to take care of business against teams that we’re better than,” he said. “Stepping out, taking control of the game and not playing down to the other team’s level is something we’re really preaching. We have Braswell on Friday, so that will be another opportunity against a 6A school to see how well we can play against that level of competition.”

The Lady Chaps will conclude the non-district portion of their schedule in a matchup with the 0-3 Braswell Lady Tigers at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Carrico Stadium.



Pushing through

Bearcat junior forward Kade Stuckly tries to dribble through a Wildcat defender during Pilot Point’s 51-38 loss to Callisburg on Monday night. Pilot Point lost 72-27 to the Ponder Lions Tuesday night.

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