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PPEF leverages fun night for funds

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

After a year of changes at the district level, the Pilot Point Educational Foundation looked to continue raising money for Pilot Point students the way it knows how.

The annual Fundraising Gala and Auction, in its 25th year as of Saturday, is the only fundraising event the foundation holds each year gathering, last year, over \$70,000 for students and staff.

"We're very fortunate to live in pilot point because we've been able to raise tremendous funds over the last 25 years," Educational Foundation President Lee Ann Ray said. "We don't have all the totals in yet but are guessing in the mid \$55,000s."

Ray said some of the big-ticket items included a trip to Broken Bow, a fishing trip in Colorado, a \$1,000 case of homemade wine and matching set of two-dozen cinnamon rolls from Monica David that sold for over \$600 dollars each.

"That's quite a lot for cinnamon rolls, but that just goes to show the generosity of the people of Pilot Point," Ray said.

Both the cinnamon rolls and the fishing trip were doubled by the donor at the last minute to encourage further donations.

"We're here to support our alma mater and have a great time," Kyle Blalock said. "We bought the Colorado trip last year, so we'll see if anyone can outbid us for it."

The auction lineup featured items donated both by local businesses and individuals and things donated by grade lev-

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Nichole Downs, left, and Ashley Tessem take a gander at the items on offer before the bidding begins at the Pilot Point Educational Foundation fundraiser and gala on Saturday.

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Council condemns downtown building

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The city council received a telling report about the state of the pair of dilapidated buildings on the north side of the Square at its Feb. 22 meeting after code enforcement joined a building inspector and engineer in a walkthrough.

Code Enforcement Manager Leo Bonanno pulled no punches in his report on the small building wedged between Notoriously Yours and the big red building on the corner.

"102 is an imminent hazard to the public, as in it wouldn't surprise anyone that visited that building if it were to tip over," Bonanno said. "All of us in there that day were really uncomfortable."

The building consists of a front and back façade, a roof and a floor that is "more kindling than floor," Bonanno said, with the external walls of its neighbors acting as its own walls.

"We discussed this afternoon even closing off a portion of the sidewalk because the front is tipping over onto the sidewalk," Bonanno said "The file has been left with our attorneys, ... they are going to examine what has been done before and recommend a plan for moving forward."

City Manager Britt Lusk gave additional insight as to legal action.

"Council has given the direction to go to district court with it and, in talking with [city litigator Will Pruitt] today," Lusk said. "Once we get the documentation, ... it could be two weeks before he would be ready, so it's a pretty short turnaround for Will. Once he gets the documentation, he needs to get it to district court."

The big red building next door on the other hand is in better shape, Bonanno said, still substandard but not an imminent hazard.

"Big Red does have some issues on the interior," Bonanno said. "There is fire damage

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Aubrey moves ahead with stations

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

Construction is moving forward on Fire Station No. 3 for the Aubrey Fire Department.

The winter weather has caused some delays for the construction.

"I know we normally like the rain, but in this one instance we don't need it," AFD Chief Eric Schlotter said.

More work has been done to prepare for the building foundation.

"If you've gone by there, you can see the work that's going on," he said. "It's starting to take shape and you can tell where the building is going to be now."

He also discussed plans for Fire Station No. 2, which he hopes will be ready for a construction bid in March.

"The funding for that station was received yesterday—\$5 and 1/2 million," Financial Director Mike English said.

Longtime member of the Aubrey

Police Department Jeremy Johnson earned a promotion to be the department's first assistant chief and as commander of the APD operations bureau.

"He has been an integral part of the success of APD," Chief Richard Brooks said. "From the moment we met, we've shared a vision for Aubrey PD, which has made my transition into my role so successful. ... You all know him and the level of professional service he provides the citizens we serve and that he provides you."

Brooks also announced the promotions of Daniel Huerta as the community outreach and education sergeant and of Ryan Downs as a sergeant in the patrol division.

Brooks also announced a change to the speed to correct "a safety issue on Sherman Drive."

"This has been a journey, so tonight I'm very excited to announce the jour-

ney is complete," he said.

The change will make the speed 45 mph from U.S. 377 to Blackjack Road.

At Blackjack Road through to the school zone, the speed limit will be 30 mph.

The school zone in front of Aubrey Middle School will be 30 mph when in effect and 45 mph outside of those hours to Blackjack Oaks Road.

Leanne Wilson, the director of public works and development services, introduced Public Works superintendent Miguel Gutierrez during the meeting.

The council also approved the re-funding of the Jackson Ridge Public Improvement District, which was handled by Jim Sabonis of Hilltop Securities and the PID management team.

"Gentlemen, I just want to say good job for your team in saving our tax-

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Friendly forum

LJA consultant Abra Nusser speaks with Pilot Point resident William Harrison regarding the future of the town at the first of the three community forums on Saturday.

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Denco 9-1-1 asks for input

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

In the case of a cardiac arrest episode, access to an automated external defibrillator can help make a lifesaving difference.

For 9-1-1 dispatchers to help members of the public find and use an AED in an emergency, the Denco Area 9-1-1 District is asking residents to register the devices' locations on a free app or the district website.

"Denco is pleased to partner with the local public safety agencies to provide this additional resource for emergency response," Denco Area 9-1-1 District Executive Director Greg Ballentine said in a release. "By working together to create this crucial database, lives will be saved."

The app—PulsePoint AED—was built through a partnership between Denco and the nonprofit PulsePoint.

To add an AED to the database via the web-

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Community forum draws over 100 visitors

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

More than 100 people gathered to give their input about what they want Pilot Point to look like moving forward on Saturday.

The city held the first of three community forums for the master plan process, asking input on items ranging from community priorities to plans for the downtown area to the current commercial landscape.

“The feedback is going to inform the next steps in the process, so Community Forum 2 is going to be built from the ideas that come out from here or the issues that people bring up,” said Abra Nusser of LJA. “Whether it’s traffic or certain roads or certain areas of town, that’s really what we want to dig into in Community Forum 2.”

The various stations throughout the room allowed participants to flow from one to the other, starting with the information about what area is already within the town’s city limits, as well as what area is currently in the extrajurisdiction.

“People have told me this is a great process, this is a great idea,” City Manager Britt Lusk said. “They’re so appreciative to actually have an opportunity to say something, to have a little piece of the pie to say, ‘This is the direction we think we should



Cannon and Harlowe Long do some mapping of their own at the community forum on Saturday in Pilot Point.

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go.”

Brian and Dorcas Boerner provided their input Saturday, and Brian said he liked the process.

“I appreciate the transparency that we’ve got here today,” he said, adding that he loved the open invitation to the community to participate. “... With the area growing, I think there’s the realization that it’s not just the city of Pilot Point—it’s

the ETJ, it’s everything from Frisco almost over to Sanger that we’ve got to look at being part of that process and not just an island standing alone.”

For Craig Branch, who moved back to the area in 2022 after growing up here, having the chance to give his input was important to him.

“I’m deeply invested in the history of Pilot Point,

because my family moved from Tioga to Pilot Point,” he said. “They shared with me what went on before I was born—what happened on the Square, the drawings and whatnot. I moved back home to Pilot Point in order to help it grow but yet keep the historic values and issues of importance.”

For Janice Sheppard who moved into Pilot Point in early February from

Denton being part of the process was invaluable.

“Not only do you get to have some input and participate, but you get to meet people in the community, you get to meet the movers and shakers that are doing things for this area,” she said. “... Having this opportunity to meet your neighbors and visit with nice people is just great.”

Even the smallest Pilot

Point community members got involved.

Cannon and Harlowe Long shared their input on what they’d like to see in downtown Pilot Point. Cannon drawing an arcade and ice cream shop on the Square, with Harlowe seconding the vote for the ice cream shop.

Cannon’s idea was “for kids to have more fun and have a variety of choices [of things] to do,” she said.

Her grandfather, Development Services Director John Taylor, was on hand throughout the event to answer questions and to have conversations with participants.

“It’s really helpful because, as the consultant will always say, the more people we have participate, the better the plan is,” Taylor said.

Typically, 50 people attending a forum is a good sign.

City Planner Darrell Gentry manned the children’s area and interacted with people of all ages who came through.

“It’s an excellent turnout, and it reflects what the community thinks about this effort,” he said. “It sends a very strong message that they want to see the kind of planning that has to be done for the future.”

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on the second floor; there are issues on the floor and walls. The building does meet the definition of a substandard building, however, the Staffords, who own the building, are delightful people and joined us during the inspection and shared some of their thoughts and plans about the building.”

Having recently acquired the red building while still rebuilding the old hotel on the other side of the Square, Bonanno said the Staffords aren’t presently ready to begin repairs on Big Red.

“They are currently working on another building on the Square, the old ho-

tel building,” Bonanno said. “Since the old red building is not an eminent hazard to the public right now, what code compliance is going to do is step back and let them finish the project they’re currently working on then get with them again to talk about Big Red.”

Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Ambrosio asked for further clarification on the Stafford’s timeline regarding code enforcement’s leniency.

“The longer we wait to get that building to compliance, the more it’s going to deteriorate,” Ambrosio said. “Have you considered putting a timeline on that?”

Bonanno explained one of his reasons for giving leniency was the city’s current work streamlining and better codifying its own ordinances in addition to new legislation being reviewed by the state.

“The law is going to be updated because our stuff is pretty old,” Bonanno said. “Once the new law passes, assuming it does, then I would go back to the Staffords. My goal is to just wait till the new law is in place. I don’t want to throw any curve balls, that would not be fair to them.”



The Pilot Point City Council joins a collection of Community Center volunteers after the group receives the Life on Point for the month of February.

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State shouldn’t sue Denton ISD

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed a lawsuit against the Denton ISD trustees, Superintendent Dr. Jamie Wilson and two elementary school principals.

Lindsay Lujan, principal of Alexander Elementary and DISD director of special programs, sent an email that said, “We need to do our part for our Texas Public Schools! Here is a list of candidates and whether or not the[y] support or oppose Public School Education,” according to Exhibit 1 of the lawsuit filed by Paxton.

In it, she also encouraged the staff to register to vote in the Republican primary and to vote, adding

that there would be coverage during the school day for teachers to vote on Feb. 21 and 26.

In another email cited in the suit, this one sent by Borman Elementary School Principal Jesus Lujan, coverage to vote was again mentioned.

He also wrote, “Voting in Republican Primaries is especially important because the votes cast in primaries inform issues that the party will prioritize,” according to Exhibit 2. “... Thus, vote for candidates who support public education and school funding in the Republican primaries, no matter what your party affiliation is, Republican or Democrat.”

He went on to encourage

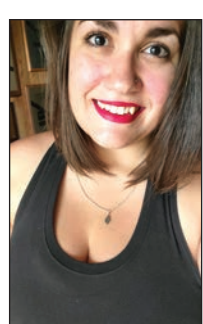
the staff to have “a ‘purple’ mindset in future elections, voting for the candidate that will support public ed and funding in the future, despite their party affiliation.”

Now, mind you, I don’t have a law degree, nor am I an expert about what qualifies as electioneering.

However, I don’t see how the emails sent by those principals violates Sect. 11.169 of the Education Code that regulates school districts’ actions.

The law reads, “Notwithstanding any other law, the

OPINION



ABIGAIL ALLEN

board of trustees of an independent school district may not use state or local funds or other resources of the district to electioneer for or against any candidate, measure, or political party.”

I do see both principals encouraging people to exercise their right to vote in a primary election.

I do see that one of the principals included a link to a list created by Texans for Public Education, according to the lawsuit, that “ranks candidates for governor, lieutenant

governor, land commissioner, attorney general, SBOE (State Board of Education), Senate, and House as Friendly, Neutral, Not Rated, or Unfriendly.”

Nothing in the body of either email tells the employees of those schools who to vote for by name.

Neither of them expressly say who to vote against.

The district is not allowed to know how its employees vote in the ballot box.

No negative repercussions were threatened in the emails if the faculty and staff did not vote in the Republican primary.

Now, our tax dollars as Texans are being used to sue

Denton ISD, and the people who live within Denton ISD will bear the financial burden of this lawsuit.

While it likely wasn’t the wisest use of the district’s resources for the principals to send those emails, I think the state has become quite overbearing in regard to the voice people in public education have in helping shape the future.

Having a voice matters, and educating people is what educators do.

It’s a sorry sight that they’re being penalized for that.

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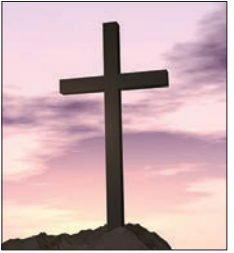
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 Bethel Baptist Church of Pilot Point, 210 E. Main. Pastor Buddy Garland. 903-429-3661. Sunday School 9:30; morning worship 10:30; evening 6 p.m.
 Calvary Baptist Church. Northeast of The Square on Jefferson Street, Pilot Point. 940-686-2274. Chance Perkins, Pastor. www.calvarypilotpoint.org. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Youth Bible study, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Children's & Youth Activities, 6 p.m.; Adult Bible Study/Activities, 6:30 p.m.
 County Line First Baptist Church. 512 E. Walcott, Pilot Point. Rev. B.W. McClendon Jr. 512-698-0659.
 First Rock Fellowship. 201 North Cherry. Rev. Christopher Walden, pastor. 940-365-2445. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
 First Baptist Church, Krugerville. U.S. 377S. Rev. Sam Redfearn, Pastor. Sun. School, 9:45 a.m. Sun. worship, 11 a.m. Sun. evening worship, 6 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Wednesday, AWANAS & 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 Wed., 7-8 p.m. 940-437-2000.
 Green Valley Baptist Church. 9901 FM 428, Aubrey. Pastor Frank Lott. Services: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship/Massage at 10:30 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. 940-391-4283. www.greenvalleyaubrey.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. Midway Church exists to inspire people to Live Fully For God. Without God we struggle to make sense of life, but God's plan is to give us a life overflowing with joy and peace. That's why we're here - to connect people to the source of life through inspirational worship, relevant messages, and connection with a group of people who totally get where you are in life.
 Mountain Springs Fellowship Bible Church, 14777 S. FM 372, Mountain Springs. Pastor James Reid. Fellowship time 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. 940-395-2777.
 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.
 Mt. Zion Baptist Church. 1940 CR 203, Collinsville. Pastor Tony Norman. 940-393-6821. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Mustang Baptist Church. 13335 Mustang Road. Pastor Coach G.A. Moore Jr. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m. www.mustangbaptist.org
 New Hope Baptist Church. Cross Roads, U.S. 377. Pastor Aaron Ashlock. Worship: Sundays at 11 a.m. 940-365-2542. www.newhopeaubrey.com.
 St. James Baptist, Pilot Point. Pastor C.D. Lockhart. 469-215-7527. facebook.com/SJBPP

CATHOLIC

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ. 426 S. Jefferson, Pilot Point. Craig Tullis, minister. Sun. worship 10:45 a.m., Sun. Bible class 9:45 a.m. Wednesday. Bible class 7:00 p.m. 940-293-5620.
 Church of Christ, Tioga, Gene Autry Drive. Sun. school, 9:30 a.m. Sun. worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Grace Point Nazarene Church. 611 E. Liberty, Pilot Point. Sundays 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. North Main Street, Aubrey. 940-367-3591. Rev. Sara Beckham, sarajonathan217@gmail.com. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m. 469-667-4233.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

METHODIST

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

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Aubrey Country Church. 3000 Rock Hill Rd, Aubrey. Dewayne Brawner, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
 Cornerstone Church of Aubrey. 7850 FM 2931 (near Mustang Water office), Aubrey. Sunday, prayer, 10 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, Bible study, 7 p.m. Pastor Dan Franke, pastorf Franke@ccaubrey.com. 972-742-3308. www.ccaubrey.com.
 Green Valley Community Church. FM 2153, Aubrey. Wendell Lillard, pastor; James Grider, youth minister. Sun. School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m. 940-440-9469.
 Living Faith Bible Church of Aubrey, Texas. 700 N. Harmon, Aubrey. Pastor Clarence Dalrymple. Sun. 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. 940-365-9360.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

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



A lot more shore

The water level at Lake Providence sits far below the dock line. The Upper Trinity Regional Water District has drastically reduced the amount of water within the large reservoir. UTRWD has commented on social media that erosion affecting the paved walking trail will be addressed while the water level is lower.

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AUBREY

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Newly promoted Assistant Police Chief Jeremy Johnson is pinned by his wife, Catherine Johnson, during the Aubrey City Council meeting on Feb. 22.

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payers \$13 million over the life of these bonds," Mayor Chris Rich said.

Also at the meeting, the council and public heard an update from Denton County Commissioner Ryan Williams regarding the transportation and expo center projects that will affect the residents of the Aubrey area.

"Aubrey will receive \$10 million in contributions, and that matches," Williams said of the TRIP '22 bond money approved by the Denton County voters, adding that those projects need to be confirmed by the city.

He also provided an

update on timing for three TxDOT projects—FM 2931 widening to four lanes is projected to let in February 2026, FM 1385 widening to six lanes to let in July 2026 and U.S. 377 widening to six divided lanes to let in September 2026—and a forum about the delays with U.S. 380 that was held Feb. 26.

"A lot of things happening in 2026 supposedly," Williams said. "That's the hope. These are all goals, as you know in government."

He also discussed the expo center the county is set to build near the intersection of Milam Road

and I-35.

"A feasibility study shows the expo center should bring in \$34 million per year for the economic area," Williams said, adding it will accommodate 170 events and add 400 employees.

The council also approved a new three-year contract with All American Animal Control that has more specific metrics that the company needs to meet regarding animal control services within the service area.

"This item is a renegotiated contract that will replace the original contract signed on April 15, 2022," Brooks said.

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Also following an executive session, the city approved a development comprised of one-car garage single-family homes proposed by Lennar Homes called Lloyd Ranch on 47.3 acres of land.

Following a second executive session, the council voted to enter into a lawsuit against the Denton County Fresh Water Supply Districts with which Aubrey has a fire service interlocal agreement that is serviced largely by the Navo fire station.

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PP FFA collects donations for fires

Pilot Point FFA is collecting donations to mail to the Texas Panhandle to help first responders by Friday at 4 p.m. Donations can be placed in tubs by the ag barn located by the high school softball fields.

Needed items include baby powder, cornstarch, baby wipes, aloe vera gel, socks, eye wash, eye drops, lip balm, sunblock, electrolytes to go singles packets, jerky, prepackaged snacks, tuna packets, chicken packets, Club or Ritz crackers, and cooling towels.

Vital Vultures at Isle du Bois

The Ray Roberts Lake State Park Johnson Branch Unit, 100 PW 4153 in Valley View will offer Spring Fling, 10 a.m. March 16, Nature Center parking lot.

The Isle du Bois Unit, 100 PW 4137 in Pilot Point will have Vital Vultures, 2 p.m. Saturday, Lost Pines Amphitheater; TPWD Career Day, 10 a.m. March 9, Nature Center; Fishing 101, 9:30 a.m. March 16, Pavilion 1; Dutch Oven Cooking, 10 a.m. March 23, Pavilion 2; Become a Junior Ranger, 2 p.m. March 23, Lost Pines Amphitheater; and Settler Women, 2 p.m. March 30, Lost Pines Amphitheater.

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

PP library to offer games, cooking

The Pilot Point Community Library at 324 S. Washington St. will have Game Day Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday; Cookbook Club, 2 p.m. March 8; a special presentation by Texas Master Naturalists, Elm Fork Chapter, All About Whooping Cranes, 2 p.m. March 13; Steam Lab: Dry Ice Bubble Painting (ages 6-12), 4 p.m. March 14; and Watercolor Cascazones (adult craft), 2 p.m. March 15.

An eight-week Walk N Talk program will start at 2 p.m. March 20 presented by Texas AgriLife Extension Agent Dusty Fife.

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

New Book Club at Aubrey library

The Aubrey Area Library at 226 Countryside Drive will have Lego Club (ages 5-15), 12:30 p.m. Friday; Music and Movement for Littles, 11 a.m. Saturday; Bishop

Brigade Chess Club (ages 6-14), 2 p.m. Tuesday; and the new Romantics Book Club (ages 16 and up), 6:30 p.m. Wednesday discussing "Exes and O's" by Amy Lea.

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

Coffee House plans live music, karaoke

The Pilot Point Coffee House will host Jam and Java with Deanie Deal, Dave Hollowell, Shelley Justine and Greg Hargrove at 8 p.m. Friday; Karaoke Night at 7 p.m. Saturday; Country Music Dance Night, 8 p.m. March 9; and Pop Jam Blue concert at 8 p.m. March 16 at 110 W. Main St.

Brockett PTO to host Bingo Night

Brockett Elementary PTO will host Bingo Night from 6-8 p.m. Friday at 900 Chestnut St. There will be games, food, silent auction and prizes. Donations are needed.

TEF organizes spring plant sale

The Tioga Education Foundation is sponsoring a spring plant fundraiser through Saturday. Orders must be picked up from 4-6 p.m. March 29 in the circle drive behind Tioga High School.

To order, go to the Tioga Education Foundation Facebook page.

Collinsville PTO to offer Daddy, Daughter Dance

Collinsville PTO will have a Daddy/Daughter Dance from 6-8 p.m. Saturday in the Collinsville High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 per couple with \$3 per additional child.

Flower Festival, bonnets on the Square

In advance of the Flower Festival, three Easter bonnet workshops, led by Lisa Stiles with Coco Fleur, will be held: Southern Junkiez, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday; Pilot Point Coffee House, 7-9 p.m. March 13; and Rooted In, 2-4 p.m. March 17. Participants must bring their own hat to decorate, and the cost is \$45. To register, go to eventbrite.com.

Pilot Point Main Street will be hosting the annual Easter egg hunt and Flower Festival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 23, starting at Old City Park. There will be photo ops with the Easter bunny. The Flower Festival will be held on the Pilot Point Square with vendors selling flowers and gardening equipment for spring. There will also be an Easter bonnet contest,

gardening workshops, live music and chalk art.

To become a vendor, go to the Pilot Point Main Street Facebook page.

Aubrey ISD sets zone meetings

Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor will host a series of attendance zone meetings on the proposed modifications to attendance boundaries and allow community input at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fuller Elementary; Thursday, Monaco Elementary; and March 18, Brockett Elementary.

Coffee and Donuts on the Square

The first Wednesday Coffee and Donuts will be held from 8-10 a.m. Wednesday at Selz & Henzler Insurance, 103 S. Jefferson St.

Potluck Party at Senior Center

The community is invited to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Pilot Point Community Senior Center with a Potluck Party at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at 310 S. Washington St.

Open House set for Collinsville Elementary

Collinsville Elementary will have an Open House from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday at 301 Walnut St. This is a come and go event.

Aubrey to hold annual waste collection

The city of Aubrey will hold the annual household hazardous waste collection from 9 a.m.-noon March 9 at 301 S. Main St.

Accepted items include bulk waste disposal, electronic recycling, document destruction and household hazardous waste disposal. Roll-offs for bulk pickup will be located in Silverado, Winn Ridge and Sandbrock from 9 a.m.-noon.

Mountain Springs plans cleanup day

Mountain Springs Community Center will be having a cleanup day at 9 a.m. March 9 at 173 Mountain Springs Lane in Valley View.

Football Training Camp for Pilot Point students

Wilcox Fitness will hold an exclusive Spring Break Football Training Camp for Pilot Point students from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 11-15 at Massey Stadium. NFL Hall of Fame Legend, 5x Su-

per Bowl Champion and Dallas Cowboys Ring of Honor member Charles Haley will assist with coaching.

To register or for more information, email fitness.wilcox@gmail.com or call 940-324-0806.

Chainsaw artist in Cross Roads park

Chainsaw artist Kevin Roach will be transforming a dead tree into a work of art from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 13-19 at Cross Roads Town Park. Residents are encouraged to watch the creation process.

Aubrey Athletic Booster golf tournament

The Aubrey Athletic Booster Club will sponsor the second annual golf tournament March 16 at Wildhorse Golf Club in Robson Ranch. Volunteers are needed. There will be a raffle, auction and prizes.

To register, go to aubrey-booster-club.square.site/product/GolfTournament2024/34.

NETPA to award two scholarships

The North & East Texas Press Association, in conjunction with the Texas Press Association, will award two \$1,500 scholarships to eligible candidates during the April 25-27 convention in Granbury.

A student must be a full-time journalism major or plan to be with preference given to print majors. The application deadline is March 18.

Applications may be downloaded from the NETPA website at netpa.org. For questions, call Jim Bardwell at 903-845-2235.

Starbright to offer group lessons

Starbright Music and Performing Arts will be offering musical theatre group lessons for ages 5 to teen from 5-7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays starting March 20. Classes will be for eight weeks with a mini musical performance at the end.

To register, go to starbrightmpa.com/register or go to the Starbright Music and Performing Arts Facebook page.

Aubrey Chamber sponsors Clay Shoot

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Fourth Annual Clay Shoot at 10 a.m. March 22 at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds, 7282 N. FM 51 in Decatur. Cost is \$150 per person, and sponsorships begin at

\$50.

To register or for more information, go to aubreycoc.org or email chamber@aubreycoc.org.

City of Aubrey Easter egg hunt

The city of Aubrey will host an annual Easter event from 9-11:15 a.m. March 23 at Veterans Memorial Park including bounce houses, Dutch Bros Coffee, petting zoo and Easter bunny pictures followed by an Easter egg hunt at 11:30 a.m.

PP Friends and Family of FFA, 4-H auction

The annual Pilot Point Friends and Family of the FFA and 4-H dinner and auction will be held at 5 p.m. March 23 at Pilot Point High School cafeteria.

If interested in donating to the auction, email PPFriendsandFamilyBooster@gmail.com.

Cross Roads seeks Eggstravaganza volunteers

The Town of Cross Roads is needing volunteers for the 2024 Eggstravaganza from 9 a.m.-noon March 30 at Northrock Church, 8690 Liberty Road. To sign up, go to the Cross Roads Parks and Rec Facebook page.

Friends of Library offers scholarship

The Friends of the Pilot Point Community Library will be taking scholarship applications through April 16 for eligible seniors who volunteer at the library. The application form is available at the library or the Pilot Point High School counselor's office.

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.

Shaheen receives Bachelor's degree

Faisal Shaheen of Aubrey graduated with a Bachelor of Science, computer science, summa cum laude during the fall 2023 semester from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Around Town is published weekly. Submit information to allen@postsignal.com.

Sims shares suggestions for making news

By Abigail Allen
Editor & Publisher

Vince Sims of NBC5 shared some insight into how small business owners can get their information out there.

Pitch information to local newspapers, contact reporters who work on a specific beat and find a way to provide helpful information were his suggestions.

"You think about, 'How can I get my business on the news?'" he said, adding, "in a good way."

The reporters, producers and managers cull through local papers, social media and submitted suggestions to form those ideas.

"You have to first of all make the connection to get to the news," Sims said. "We're not really that hard to reach. I always tell people, first of all, we have the local paper that's here. You want to know how to reach them ... to make that contact."

He suggested finding the hook that will appeal to a media outlet and to keep the pitch direct and concise to increase the chance it will be acted



Vince Sims of NBC 5 grins as PointBank's Pilot Point Branch Manager Lisa Cave gives him horse socks to commemorate his visit Wednesday morning.

upon.

He used a plumbing company offering suggestions for winterizing pipes as an example of a hook.

"We may not be able to use you then, but you're going to go into our system, and we'll be able to maybe use you down the

line," he said.

Sims, who has been part of the NBC5 team for five years, is the weekend co-anchor and a reporter.

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"I've been in the industry 30 years," he said. "... I love what I do because every day is something different. I become a daily

expert on something, be it road construction or crime or politics. I just never know what my day is going to be until I go in that morning."

Sims was the featured speaker at the PointBank Business Breakfast on Wednesday morning at PointBank President Ray David's invitation.

"Your favorite blooper?" David asked.

Sims recalled an experience early in his career when the cardboard background fell while he was live on the air in Monroe, Louisiana.

"I was delivering the news, and I just kept a stone face," he said, drawing chuckles from the crowd.

At the suggestion of his fellow NBC5 investigative reporter Eva Parks, Sims discussed izee@nbcdfw.com, "because we can't always cover everything," Parks said.

"If you send in some pictures and videos of an event or something that you have going on, that gives us the opportunity to air it on the news that way," Sims said.



Joint effort

Featured soloist Abby Turner stands at first seat during the Aubrey ISD percussion concert Monday evening in the combined number with the high school, middle school and sixth-grade bands.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday, March 1
 •8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
 •10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
 •10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime (ages 2-4). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •10:30 a.m. Tai Chi and Meditation. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
 •11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
 •11:30 a.m. Baby & Me Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •12:30 p.m. Lego Club (ages 5-15). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •2 p.m. Friends of the Pilot Point Community Library. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 •5:30 p.m. Aubrey Area Library Advisory board. 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •6 p.m. Aubrey Parks and Recreation. Aubrey City Hall, 107 S. Main St. 940-440-9343.
 7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
Saturday, March 2
 •9:30 a.m. Saturday Game Day. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 •10 a.m. Jefferson 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.
 •10:30 a.m. Monthly Ride. Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association, Lake Ray Roberts Jordan Park.
 •11 a.m. Music and Movement. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.

•Noon. Pioneer Baptist Food Bank. Pioneer Baptist Church, 100 Cumberland Trail, Valley View.
 •7 p.m. Karaoke Night. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
 •8 p.m. Backroad Travelers. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
Monday, March 4
 •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, 1401 FM 424. 940-365-9693.
 •6 p.m. Pilot Point Main Street. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.
Tuesday, March 5
 •10 a.m. Game Day. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
 •10 a.m. Mountain Springs Garden Club. Mountain Springs Community Center, 173 Mountain Springs Lane. 940-902-5457.
 •10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •10:30 a.m. Tai Chi and Meditation. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
 •11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
 •Noon. Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club. Lizzy-Gator, 12222 Massey Road, Pilot Point. 940-765-1965.
 •2 p.m. Bishop Brigade Chess Club (ages 6-14). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •4:15 p.m. Storytime with Mrs. Carter. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •5:30 p.m. Pilot Point Municipal Development District. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-342-5023.
 •6:30 p.m. DivorceCare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
 •6:30 p.m. Providence Village Economic De-

velopment Corporation. Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main St. 940-365-9333.
 •7 p.m. Cross Roads Planning and Zoning. Town Hall, 1401 FM 424. 940-365-9693.
 •7:30 p.m. Providence Village Town Council. Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main St. 940-365-9333.
Wednesday, March 6
 •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. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
 •10 a.m. Storytime (ages 0-5). Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 •11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
 •11:30 a.m. Potluck Party. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
 •12:30 p.m. Medicare with Wes. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •1:30 p.m. Local Vocals Community Singers. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.
 •5 p.m. Pilot Point ISD board. Administration Building, 829 Harrison St. 940-686-8700. www.pilotpointisd.com.
 •6 p.m. Cross Roads Parks and Recreation. Town Hall, 1401 FM 424. 940-365-9693.
 •6:30 p.m. Romantics Book Club. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •7 p.m. Pilot Point Friends and Family of FFA and 4-H meeting. Pilot Point High School cafeteria.
 •7 p.m. Karaoke Wednesdays with Pam and Dave. Lowbrows Saloon, 200 S. Washington St.
 •7 p.m. Pool tournament. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.
Thursday, March 7
 •8 a.m. Aubrey PointBank Business Breakfast. 922 S. U.S. 377, Aubrey.

•10 a.m. Painting Group/Crafting Day. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
 •10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •10:30 a.m. Little Reader's Book Club (ages 2-6). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •11 a.m. Yarn Buddies. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 •11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
 •11:30 a.m. Women's Lunch. First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Pilot Point. 940-686-2338.
 •4 p.m. VITA Income Tax Assistance. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 •6 p.m. GriefShare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
 •6:30 p.m. Pilot Point Planning and Zoning. Pilot Point City Hall, 102 E. Main St. 940-686-2165.
Friday, March 8
 •8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
 •10 a.m. Exercise Class. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St.
 •10:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime (ages 2-4). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 •10:30 a.m. Tai Chi and Meditation. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
 •11 a.m. Congregate meals, conversation and games. Pilot Point Senior Center, 310 S. Washington St. 972-838-3259.
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Friday Night Market in Downtown Celina

The city of Celina will host the next Friday Night Market from 6-9 p.m. Friday. There will be over 60 vendors with homemade, handmade and homegrown items.

Denton Freedom House to host Gala

The Denton Freedom House will celebrate 20 years of ministry with the Annual Gala at 7 p.m. Friday at Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377 in Pilot Point. For tickets, table hosting or sponsorship information, email chad@dentonfreedomhouse.org or call 940-231-5908.

'Stepping Out' to be performed in Gainesville

Butterfield Stage will be presenting "Stepping Out" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday

and March 7-9 with a matinee at 2:30 p.m. March 10 at 201 S. Denton St. in Gainesville. To purchase tickets, go to butterflyfieldstage.org or call 940-665-8152.

Opening day set for Denton Market

The Denton Community Market will host the 2024 opening day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at 317 W. Mulberry St.

For more information, go to dentonmarket.org.

Little Elm to host annual celebration

Little Elm will host the 10th Annual Big Easy celebration from 5-9 p.m. Saturday at Little Elm Park, 701 W. Eldorado Parkway.

There will be a Mardi Gras themed 5K and fun walk, crawfish boil, live music from Le Freak, hot air balloon glow, fun

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contests, food trucks, vendors and shopping.

For more information, go to lakefrontlittleelm.com/the-big-easy-in-little-elm.

Storytelling Festival set for March

The 39th Annual Texas Storytelling Festival will be held March 7-14 at the Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St.

For more information, go to TejasStoryTelling.com/Festival.

Pet vaccinations at D&L in Celina

D&L Farm and Home will offer low cost pet vaccinations from VaxShack from 9 a.m.-noon March 9 at 811 N. Louisiana Drive North in Celina. No appointment needed.

Butterfield Stage

to hold auditions

The Butterfield Stage Players will hold auditions from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 9 for "Legally Blonde, The Musical" at 201 S. Denton St. in Gainesville. For more information, go to butterflyfieldstage.org or call 940-665-8152.

2024 Farmers Market opening in Sanger

The 2024 market season opening weekend for the Downtown Sanger Farmers Market will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 16 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 17 at Stephen Baker Field. For more information, go to dsfarmersmarket.com.

NCTC electrical skills training program

North Central Texas College continuing education will offer a free grant-funded eight-week

training program starting March 18 at the NCTC Champions Circle near Texas Motor Speedway.

For more information, go to ace@nctc.edu or call 940-380-2518.

Gainesville Parks & Rec to sponsor Expo

The Gainesville Parks and Recreation will present the Gainesville Home & Garden Expo from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. March 23 and noon-5 p.m. March 24 at the Gainesville Farmers Market, 200 N. Chestnut St.

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

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



Pilot Point Community members fill the St. Thomas Aquinas Annex on Saturday evening adorned in roaring '20s attire for the education foundation's annual gala and auction.

els at the schools.
 "We always reach out to the school districts to see if the classes want to do something, and the teachers are always very gracious about it," Ray said. "The school district actually gave us parking and event passes to the school and a ride with a police officer to take you to school."
 The foundation gets the school involved in more than just donations, with the high school jazz band playing during the first hour of the event.
 "We've done this for the last seven or eight years," Band Director Dan Balkema said. "We

also have several items on auction including a live private performance before the end of the year that will go to the highest bidder."
 For dinner, Buff's grilled fresh a meal of pork chops, twice baked potatoes and green beans accompanied by hors d'oeuvres from the culinary arts students and served by them as well.
 "It gives them real world experience and that's what CTE classes are for," culinary arts teacher Judy Nelson said. "They work their butts off and enjoy themselves while doing it."
 Aside from the schol-

arship money the organization gives to graduating seniors each year, the bulk of the funds it raises go toward mini grants meant to subsidize teachers for specific items and projects in their classrooms.
 "They do a tremendous amount of work and are so appreciated," school board President Renee Polk said. "Those teachers deserve what they got and don't take it for granted. The education foundation is an unsung hero because a lot of people don't know how much work they do behind the scenes."



In the first hour of the Educational Foundation gala, Band Director Dan Balkema looks on as the Bearcat Jazz band gives a live performance in keeping with the roaring '20s theme.



Peter and Carrie Millett pose for Lindsay Thurman in front of a glamorous red carpet backdrop in their Roaring '20s finery.

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POLICE REPORT

Aubrey Police Department logged 161 calls from Feb. 19-25. Cross Roads Police Department received 57 calls for service between Feb. 19-25. Krugerville Police Department reported calls the week of Feb. 19-25. Pilot Point Police Department had 143 events from Feb. 18-23.

DWI – A woman, 51, was arrested Sunday by APD on a Wise County warrant charge for driving while intoxicated in the 1000 block of Diane Street.

CRASH – A two-vehicle crash was reported to Cross Roads police Sunday near the intersection of U.S. 380 and Walmart Drive. One injury was reported.

DWI – On Sunday at 7:19 p.m., Krugerville PD made a traffic stop in the 900 block of U.S. 377. Upon contacting the driver, the officer noticed the strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A Crowley man, 25, was arrested on a warrant charge for assault causes bodily injury to a family member from Midlothian Police Department. He also received citations for expired registration, no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Denton County Jail and released the same day.

DWI – Aubrey police arrested a man, 54, on a Denton County warrant charge of driving while intoxicated third or more on Sunday in the 1600 block of Main Street.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – Cross Roads PD issued a criminal trespass warning Sunday to a man, 24, in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

WARRANT – A woman, 27, was arrested Sunday by APD on a Lewisville Police Department warrant charge of an accident involving damage to a vehicle near the intersection of Main Street and U.S. 380.

SHOPLIFTING – A woman, 36, was arrested by CRPD on Sunday for shoplifting in the 11700 block of U.S. 380.

ROBBERY – A teenager was arrested Sunday by Aubrey police on charges of robbery and resisting arrest/transport in the 9400 block of Waterman Drive.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – Three people who engaged in a verbal altercation regarding a store return policy in the 11700 block of U.S. 380 were issued criminal trespass warnings by Cross Roads PD on Saturday.

ASSAULT – A man, 37, was arrested Saturday by Aubrey police on a charge of assault causes bodily injury to a family member in the 5000 block of FM 2931.

RECOVERED PROPERTY – A Cross Roads police officer recovered an abandoned firearm in a parking lot Saturday in the 11000 block of U.S. 380.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON – A suspicious person/vehicle was investigated by Pilot Point police at 10:53 p.m. Feb. 23.

DISTURBANCE – A disturbance was reported to KVPD at 8:50 p.m. Feb. 23 in the 800 block of Squires Lane.

CITATION – A woman, 36, received a citation from Cross Roads PD during a traffic stop investigation for possession of drug paraphernalia Feb. 23 in the 11900 block of U.S.

380.

AGENCY ASSIST – At 3:10 p.m. Feb. 23, Krugerville police responded to an agency assist call in the 300 block of Ranch Road.

HARASSMENT – A harassment call was dispatched to PPPD around 3 p.m. Feb. 23.

AUTO THEFT – Pilot Point police received an auto theft call around 9 a.m. Feb. 23.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE – A domestic disturbance was reported to Pilot Point PD at 4:47 a.m. Feb. 23.

ASSAULT – A woman, 25, was arrested Feb. 22 by APD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury to a family member in the 10300 block of Fountain Gate Street.

CRASH – A two-vehicle crash was reported Feb. 22 to Cross Roads police with no injuries near the intersection of FM 424 and U.S. 380.

ASSAULT – An assault call was dispatched to KVPD at 4:20 p.m. Feb. 22. A man, 36, reported that a teenager had assaulted him in the 700 block of Fairmeadow.

DISTURBANCE – A disturbance was investigated by PPPD around 12:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

WARRANT – A man, 32, was arrested by Aubrey police Feb. 22 on a warrant charge for failure to comply sex offender duty to register in the 1000 block of Oakcrest Drive.

UNLAWFUL CARRYING – Aubrey police arrested a man, 36, on charges of possession of marijuana and unlawful carrying of a weapon Feb. 21 near the intersection of Angel Lane and Fishtrap Road.

LARCENY – A man, 27, was arrested Feb. 20 by APD on a larceny auto charge in the 1600 block of Goodwin Drive.

PURSUIT – Pilot Point police were involved in a pursuit at 7:44 p.m. Feb. 20.

ASSAULT – A man, 40, was arrested Feb. 20 by Aubrey PD on a charge of assault causes bodily injury to a family member in the 400 block of Tisdell Lane.

CRASH – A woman, 42, was unlawfully operating an electric motorcycle Feb. 20 in the 2400 block of W. Oak Shores Drive when she was involved in a single-vehicle crash with injuries, according to the Cross Roads police report.

WARRANT – On Feb. 20, Aubrey PD arrested a man, 20, on a Denton County warrant charge for failure to appear displaying expired license plates in the 1200 block of Stratford Drive.

DWI – A man, 27, was arrested by APD on Feb. 19 on a charge of driving while intoxicated first in the 1600 block of Main Street.

FORGERY FRAUD – A forgery fraud was reported to PPPD at 5:44 p.m. Feb. 19.

WARRANT – A woman, 26, was arrested during a traffic stop by Aubrey police Feb. 19 on a warrant charge from Florida in the 1600 block of Main Street.

FRAUD – A business reported Feb. 19 to CRPD that a former employee had forged and cashed checks in the 900 block of FM 424.

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Aubrey ISD makes headway on renovations

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

Aubrey ISD construction consultant Scott Nivens gave the board good news in his update on the high school and fieldhouse renovations at its February meeting.

After the board addressed budgetary concerns during its previous meeting, Nivens returned on Feb. 21 with a look that sparked less concern.

"We had some additional Geo Tech done, and there were no changes," Nivens said. "We've still got two feet of undercut. I was happy about that. We got the contract document back for the fields; there were no changes in the prices, so we're in good shape there."

Nivens said the additional practice field, which the board previously pressed the growing district needed before sports got underway in the upcoming semester, is slated for completion by June 3.

"I suspect by mid-June we should have a good playable field," Nivens said.

Earlier in the meeting, the board received the End of Course education report from Deputy Superintendent Terrie McNabb wherein she discussed the value of tutoring for standardized testing.

"Six students attended after school in algebra tutoring, and of those six, five passed," McNabb said. "That tells you that if they will participate in the tutoring, we've got great teachers. ... The board invests a lot of money in allowing us to hire tutors, and it really does help students."

She addressed the fact the new



Three of Aubrey High School's four all state band finalists Allison Reed, left, Nicolas Devour, Isaac Cervantes and Lexis Jones, not pictured, make their rounds through the board room after introducing themselves to their school board and receiving commendations for their success at the board's February meeting.

Basil Gist/The Post-Signal

House bill regarding tutoring for standardized testing makes it easier for parents to opt their students out of the supplementary commitment.

In the interest of further increasing the feasibility of getting students into tutoring, several members of the board brought up the possibility of offering it in the

morning as well as after school.

"The problem I've heard from parents is we only offer it after school, and all the kids have extracurriculars and just couldn't make it work," board member Jody Gonzalez said. "They also said their kids aren't fully functional after an eight-hour school day to go through a tutorial at

four in the afternoon. They're spent. Maybe in the morning at least they'll be fresh."

Overall, the district rated at or above state averages for most subjects with a few exceptions on the End of Course and Texas Academic Performance Reports, both of which were presented at the meeting. The complete TAPR re-

port is available online at the district's website.

"You'll be able to look at how we're doing as an entire district if you look at this," CTE Director Dr. Jonathan Lee said in reference to some of the early data.

Though available, all of the data is at least a year old due to how the state gathers the data.

MAPPING

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site, visit denco.org/aed.

The only requirement to register an AED into the database is an active email, the Denco release said, and "to ensure only valid AEDs are included in the 9-1-1 system, each database entry is confirmed via email and verified in-person by a public safety administrator," according to the release.

Those who are submitting a location can add a photo of the AED to help identify it.

"The registry integrates with the 9-1-1 system, allowing dispatchers to direct callers to the nearest defibrillator during a cardiac emergency," according to the release. "The project aims to increase the chance of

a bystander using an AED on a cardiac arrest victim, which can greatly boost survival rates."

Aubrey Fire Department Chief Eric Schlotter said all of the AEDs on city property have been logged with Denco Area 9-1-1.

Those rates, according to the American Heart Association, "can double, or even triple, when a bystander starts immediate CPR and uses an AED," the release said.

Although the use of the devices can save lives, they are typically only used in "10.2% of public [cardiac] arrests," according to the American Heart Association.

At that, bystanders typically use an AED 4.6% of the time, with first responders using one 19.1% of the time and EMS personnel 76.3%, according to the AED Fact Sheet.

In each AED box, the AHA said, there is a diagram to show a layperson how to apply the pads on bare skin, and each device provides audible step-by-step instructions once powered on.

A shock will only be administered if the device finds it necessary, according to the fact sheet.

"CPR should be stopped only while the machine is doing this analysis," according to the AED Fact Sheet. "If no shock

is advised, it will tell you to resume CPR. If there is a shockable rhythm, it will deliver the shock and afterwards will tell you to resume CPR."

Early use of an AED within the first minute of a cardiac arrest, paired with CPR, helps victims have a roughly 90% survival rate.

"Your chance of survival while waiting for emergency medical services during a cardiac emergency decreases by 10% every minute without CPR," the fact sheet said.

For more information, visit www.heart.org/aed.



A new AED sits on the wall at Aubrey City Hall. It is one of many located on city properties, all of which have been logged with Denco Area 9-1-1 in case of emergency.

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

THE CHURCH GUIDE

Harness anger to do good

I can't speak for everyone, but 2024 has been rough so far. I have talked to many people who would agree with me. We have faced challenges in our community. Many are facing financial, health, and family problems that seem harder than usual. Yes, for many it has been a challenging year. I think I pulled a muscle lifting all those political adds out of my mailbox!

When times are hard for us that is when we are to rejoice all the more. I know that sounds odd, but it is true. We read in Ephesians 1:3-4, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love." In Christ we are equipped with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. We don't rejoice because we love hard times, but we have confidence that our Lord equips us during the good and bad times to live holy and loving lives.

As His spiritually equipped children, we can be

confident that our lives will be a blessing during hard times. Even in our anger, and I am sure we all know we have a lot to be angry about. We read in Ephesians 4:25-27, "So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and do not make room for the devil." Notice it does not say never be angry but be angry but do not let that anger control you. Don't let anger be the rise and setting of your day. Righteous anger is to express the truth, to expose, to build up and not to tear down. Anger should uplift others and not tear them down. Many times, how we act in our decisions is more important than the decisions themselves and the same goes with how we address anger. So be angry but make it useful towards others and not worthless or selfish. Make sure when you are angry you are equipped with the spiritual blessings given to us by Christ.

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Sports



Bulldog Justice Babbitt pulls ahead of her running mates during the 100m hurdles on Feb. 22.

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Dominating Dogs

Tioga track takes top marks at Boyd meet

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The Bulldogs are off to a blistering start with a young team on the track
Bulldogs track head coach

Blake McCulloch has his freshman leading the charge in several key events like the girl's 4x400.

"It's just a really good group that includes all freshman—Ella Norwood, Lexi Boyd, Bella Dennis and Kyndall Whitley; they've earned their way these past two weeks," McCulloch said. "It took a little while to figure

our girls' team dynamic out, but this freshman group has 100% earned it."

That group took first at Brock on Feb. 22 while the 4x100, which subs freshman Becca Parks for Whitley, took second.

The Lindsay meet in two weeks will mark the girls' first meet as a combined unit. "For our varsity girls, this

will be their first outing as a full team coming up in Lindsay," McCulloch said. "We split our girls between JV and varsity and they would have won their first meet if they'd been one team."

The boys, he said, are no slouches either.

"Our varsity boys 4x4 broke our school record two weeks ago in Valley View and

ended up finishing third in this meet," McCulloch said.

The team took podium finishes in other events as well. Austin Norwood took first in the 200 meter; Taffi Adams took second in the 100 meter while Kyndall Whitley took first in the same event for the JV.

McCulloch pointed out several high placing Bulldogs

on the field side as well.

"Junior Gage Anderson on the boys side got first two weeks ago in the long jump and I think he's going to continue to develop and be, if not a point getter, a district winner as the year goes on," McCulloch said. "So far two freshmen for us, Kyndall

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Lady Bulldogs hit Top 20

Lady Bulldog catcher Kaylee Evans sits posed and ready to catch the pitch during the game against Leonard. Tioga, which is ranked 19th by the Texas Girls Coaches Association in 2A on Monday, won the game against Leonard 19-1.

Bill Norwood/
The Post-Signal

Aubrey fields girls golf team

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The golf program at Aubrey is seeing additional participation from the female half of the student body this season.

Traditionally a program offered to everyone but taken up on almost exclusively by boys, head coach Tyler Walterscheid said he has four girls traveling to and competing in tournaments this year.

"I've had girls in the past, but I've never had more than one," Walterscheid said. "All four of them have played before, just not competitively. It's totally different playing with your dad or whoever and walking the course, fielding your own ball and things."

The team got their first taste of competitive golf on Monday at Gainesville.

"I was happy with them, they kept a good attitude, and realized the parts of their game they need to work on," Walterscheid said. "They'll be fine, a lot of them understand they have to play smart now so hopefully they build off of that. A lot of it is just experienced."

He said, in lieu of a local course for team to make use of, preseason tournaments act as a pri-

mary source of training.

"I try to do is expose them to a good number of tournaments so they're ready for district play," Walterscheid said. "I expect them to play better next week after working on those mistakes they did have."

The boys' roster in ten strong this year, with only three sporting tournament experience from years prior.

"I have six seniors but a lot of those guys just decided to compete this year, one junior and three freshmen," Walterscheid said. "We're still trying to find that Top 5. I'm trying to make us as competitive as I can."

He explained a regular practice schedule, thanks to competing extracurriculars, is something the team works largely without.

"A lot of the kids that play golf are involved in other things, but they do find time," Walterscheid said. "They go out to courses, practice up here with me. It's kind of just whenever they can fit golf in. We practice two or three days a week till baseball starts, [then] we go one day a week. We do a lot of work in December and January. That's when I like to get my eyes on them."

Bearcat Relays

Michael Marsh blasts out of the blocks at Massey Stadium to run the opening leg of a relay. To read the article, see Page 11A.

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The Post-Signal



Season at a close

Jaydee Matlock looks for an open Pirate in Collinsville's final game of the season. The girls fell to Lipan 62-37 in the fourth round of the play-offs.

Jenna Agerlid/
The Post-Signal



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Whitley and Ella Norwood have both won and meet in the long and triple jump so we expect them to point by district for us."

He said the only hole in his roster is the pole vault.

"Tioga hasn't had that but we're going to work on getting some young kids who can do it and do it for years to come," McCulloch said. "That's probably the one event right now where we're lacking."

Of the collection of stand-out athletes the coach mentioned, most all participate in other extracurriculars.

"We push that, it's a good thing," McCulloch said before explaining how he manages their busy schedules. "Our practices are short and sweet but man they're hard work. We're more worried about quality than quantity and I think the kids have had a really good buy in with that."



Ella Norwood sticks the landing after a soaring long jump to secure a 14-09.00 mark at the Brock Eagle Relays on Feb. 22.

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Caden Downing sprints down the track at the Brock Eagle Relays.

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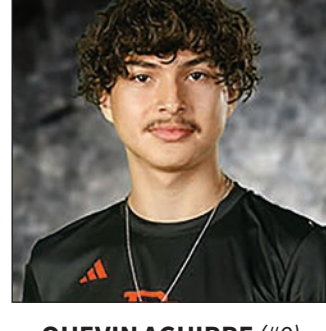
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QUEVIN AGUIRRE (#9) Aguirre played with passion and heart during the game against Bonham. He helped create opportunities up top for the Bearcats.	DIEGO ALEJOS (#11) Alejos has been playing solid defense for the Bearcats lately. He is not afraid to challenge the other team for the ball.

PILOT POINT LADY CATS

	
KAELYN CHANEY (#15) Chaney scored for the Lady Cats against Bonham on Saturday and is always a solid member of our back line.	AYLEEN VICENCIO (#0) Keeper Vicencio had a great game, making many saves for the Lady Cats. She is always controlled and calm when she is in goal.

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Pilot Point track shows toughness on track

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The track season, head coach Bryan Jones said, is off to a promising start after the Bearcats hosted meet on Feb. 22.

Several students placed favorably across the many events and, Jones said, are putting in the work between meets to push the envelope.

“A lot of these kids have had a really good foundation laid through coach Marsh and coach Price,” Jones said. “We’ll continue to add little wrinkles like how we warm up, lifting days and rest and recovery throughout the week.”

He explained finding a routine and keeping his athletes committed to it is his goal here at the beginning of the season.

“Mentally and physically, it’s going to be a grind for them,” Jones said. “It is for all of us. There are a lot of things that can be very monotonous and repetitive. Being able to handle the boring and making it important, the biggest thing is knowing why and how they’ll see that result.”

Jones said at this point in the season he’s seen no problems with the Bearcats on that front.

“With these kids, I haven’t had any of those



Castle Chandler passes the baton to Daiyton DeLeon during the Lady Bearcats’ home meet on Feb. 22.

Janette Pool/The Post-Signal

issues,” Jones said. “They’re already really hard working. I’m always worried about being

overconfident; complacency scares me a lot.”

As far as runners to watch, Jones offered a short list of boys and girls that came to his mind after the meet on Saturday.

He mentioned Crew Chandler who placed first in his heat for the 400-meter dash and relay runners Josh Chumlee, Drevion James and Caden David for the boys.

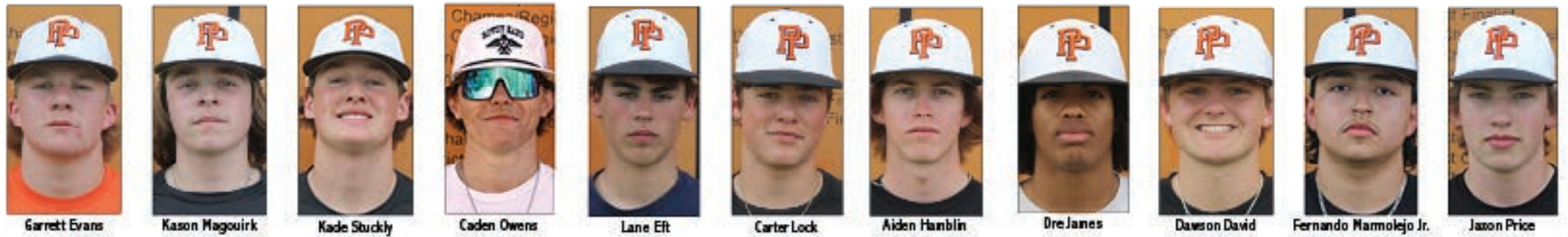
On the girl’s side, Jones pointed out Addison Hite, who took the 3200 meter and 1600 meter by storm, followed by young contender Peytyn Goodin who finished first in the 400 meter and Ava Smith who took first in the 800 meter as well as relay runners Branna Krumme and Sanaa Jackson.

“Addison has already garnered herself plenty of recognition and reputation and rightfully so,” Jones said. “Peytyn Goodin had a lot of success last year and seems like she’s only going to get better.”

Jones said the competition for the season is nothing to sneeze at.

“From a competition standpoint, we have a very competitive track schedule, so I think every week it’s going to demand our best to put us in a good position when we get to district, area, regional and hopefully state,” Jones said. “It’s going to require a lot from both the athletes and us as coaches.”

Go, Bearcats!



Feb. 29-March 2 | Van Alstyne Tournament
March 5 | vs Whitewright | 7 p.m.
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Not Pictured:
Crew Chandler
Scotty Kinkle

BASEBALL



SOFTBALL



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Making strides

Landry Gannon, with teammates at her flank, stares down an open field during the Lady Chaps' Feb. 21 evening game against Farmersville.

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Chap on the run

Juan Paredes faces down a host of Farmersville Fightin' Farmers on Feb. 21.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-287

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 8, "OFFENSES AND NUISANCES," BY ADDING ARTICLE 8.06, "JUNKED VEHICLES," FOR THE REGULATION OF JUNKED VEHICLES IN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF FINDINGS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN OFFENSE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO ABATE NUISANCE AND PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND HEARING; PROVIDING FOR INAPPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$200 PER DAY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Providence Village, Texas this 20th day of February 2024.

By: Linda Inman, Mayor
ATTEST:
By: Hilary McConnell, Town Secretary
Mr1-2t

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-286

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIED CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A DAYCARE FACILITY WITHIN A BUSINESS 2 (B-2) DISTRICT ON THE PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS A 3.126 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING TRACT I BLOCK 1 SITUATED IN THE PINNACLE PROVIDENCE VILLAGE ADDITION, ABSTRACT NO. 36, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND COMMONLY KNOWN AS 11089 AND 11067 N. POWELL ROAD, TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING

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ING A PENALTY; PROVIDING REPEALING, SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS on this 20th day of February, 2024.

By: Linda Inman, Mayor
ATTEST:
By: Hilary McConnell, Town Secretary
Mr1-2t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby provided that the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 14, 2024**, to consider and make a recommendation to the Aubrey City Council on the items listed below, and on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**, the Aubrey City Council will hold a public hearing to consider and possibly act on an Ordinance regarding the items listed below. The public hearings will be held at 6:00 pm at the Aubrey City Hall located at 107 S. Main Street, Aubrey, Texas, 76227.

An amendment to Exhibit 14A, "Zoning Ordinance," in Chapter 14, "Zoning" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aubrey, Texas to provide for Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Package Store, through a Specific Use Permit (SUP) and to provide for a definition of Package Store in the Commercial (C) District.

A change in zoning on property zoned Commercial (C) for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Package Store, at 928 S US 377, Suite 110, Aubrey, Denton County, Texas.

A change of zoning from unzoned land previously located in the City of Aubrey Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to Planned Development District (PD) with General Retail (GR) and Government Uses on approximately 25.148 acres of land located at 1817 Spring Hill Road. Denton County Parcel ID 52100

The public is invited to attend the meetings and make comments either for or against the item. Written comments may be submitted before the close of the public hearing to the City of Aubrey, 107 S. Main Street, Aubrey, Texas, 76227 or via email: citysecretary@aubreytx.gov. Additionally, for any questions regarding the proposed item, please call 940-440-9343.
Mr1-1t

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY WITHIN IMPROVEMENT AREA #1 OF THE FOREE RANCH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Providence Village, Texas (the "Town") will hold a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") to consider the levy of assessments against property locat-

ed within Improvement Area #1 of the Foree Ranch Public Improvement District (the "District") to pay for certain improvements therein.

Date, Time and Place of Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will take place on March 19, 2024, at or after 7:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place of the Town Council of the Town in the Town Hall located at 1755 Main Street, Providence Village, Texas.

General Nature of the Improvements. The general nature of the proposed public improvements, including the improvements to be reimbursed through the levy of special assessments in Improvement Area #1 of the District, include the design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of public improvement projects authorized by the Public Improvement District Assessment Act, codified as Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), that are necessary for the development of the property within the District, which public improvements may include, but not be limited to: (1) design, construction and other allowed costs related to street and roadway improvements, including related earthwork, sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage, and rights-of-way; (2) design, construction and other allowed costs related to storm drainage improvements; (3) design, construction and other allowed costs related to water, wastewater and drainage (including detention) improvements and facilities; (4) design, construction and other allowed costs related to erection of fountains, distinctive lighting and signs, and acquisition and installation of pieces of art; (5) design, construction and other allowed costs related to parks, open space, and recreational improvements, including trails, landscaping, and irrigation related thereto; (6) design, construction and other allowed costs related to off-street parking facilities, including related sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage and rights-of-way; (7) design, construction and other allowed costs related to projects similar to those listed in subsections (1) - (6) above authorized by the Act, including similar off-site projects that provide a benefit to the Property within the District; (8) payment of expenses incurred in the establishment, administration and operation of the District; and (9) payment of expenses associated with financing such public improvement projects, which may include but are not limited to, costs associated with issuance and sale of revenue bonds secured by assessments levied against the Property (collectively, the "Authorized Improvements"). These Authorized Improvements shall promote the interests of the Town and confer a special benefit on the Property.

Objections Considered. All written or oral objections will be considered at the Public Hearing.
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ely \$21,584,068.00.

Proposed Assessment Roll. The proposed assessment roll providing for the costs of said Improvement Area #1 Improvements to be assessed, levied and apportioned against the property within the District, and the real and true owner or owners thereof, are on file and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Town Secretary at Providence Village Town Hall, 1755 Main Street, Providence Village, Texas, 76227.

Boundaries of the District. The boundaries of the District encompass approximately 419.04 acres of land generally located along Fish Trap Road between Main Street and Brewer Road in Providence Village, Denton County, Texas. The boundaries of Improvement Area #1 encompass approximately 141.61 acres of land comprised of Phase 1 of the development, located in the southwest portion of the District and Phase 2 of the development, located in the northeast portion of the District. The boundaries of the District and of Improvement Area #1 are more particularly described by a metes and bounds description available at Providence Village Town Hall located at 1755 Main Street, Providence Village, Texas and available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Objections Considered. All written or oral objections will be considered at the Public Hearing.
Mr1-1t

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE:

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

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

Dated this 23rd day of February, 2024.

Cassandra Johnson
DISTRICT / JUVENILE COURT CLERK

Laura T. Lloyd
Attorney for Etowah County DHR
P.O. Box 81
819 West Main St., Suite C
Centre, AL 35960
(256) 266-1416
Mr1-4t

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids addressed to Clear Sky Municipal Utility District of Denton

County, Board of Supervisors, will be received at the office of the Engineer for the District, Westwood Professional Services, 11000 Frisco Street, Suite 400, Frisco, Texas 75033, until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, Wednesday, April 3, 2024, and then publicly opened and read aloud for "Clear Sky Municipal Utility District of Denton County, Lift Station Facilities to serve Saratoga".

The project scope includes a lift station and all related appurtenances.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held via Teams on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.. Local Time. The meeting ID is **225 233 621 202** and the password is **ZKGGd4**. Call in number is **612-268-4437**, Pin ID is **641 424 38#**.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms provided and provide the required insurance certificates within 7 days after the date the Contractor is notified.

Copies of the bidding documents may be purchased and picked up at the office of the Engineer for \$100, or an electronic version may be obtained and downloaded for free by contacting a representative of the Engineer for the District: districts@westwoodps.com

The Owner is not obligated to accept the lowest bid or any bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bids or in bidding. The Owner may accept the bid of any responsible person deemed most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the project.

ATTENTION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code 2252.908, if awarded the contract, you must be able to provide Clear Sky Municipal Utility District of Denton County (the "District") with a printed, executed and notarized original of a completed Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) and a Verification of Compliance with Government Code Chapters 2252 and 2270 form. Failure to do so will result in the District's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>.

CLEAR SKY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT OF DENTON COUNTY
Mr1-2t

CITY OF AUBREY ORDINANCE NUMBER 826-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, BY AMENDING SECTION ZONING MAP OF THE 12.03.053 ("SPEED LIMIT ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS") OF

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DIVISION 2 ("SPEED LIMITS") OF ARTICLE 12.03 ("OPERATION OF VEHICLES") OF CHAPTER 12 ("TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES"), BY AMENDING SUBSECTION (B) AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (F) TO SAID SECTION 12.03.053 TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT OF FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR ON FM 3524, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SH 377 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEST BLACKJACK ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.14 (ONE AND ONE-FOURTH) OF A MILE; AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT OF THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR ON FM 3524, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEST BLACKJACK ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MAIN STREET TO THE 800 BLOCK OF FM 428 FOR A DISTANCE OF .59 (FIFTY-NINTH) OF A MILE; AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT OF THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR ON FM 428, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MAIN STREET TO THE 800 BLOCK OF FM 428 FOR A DISTANCE OF .37 (THIRTY-SEVENTH) OF A MILE; AND TO ESTABLISH A PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT OF FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR ON FM 428, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE 800 BLOCK OF FM 428 TO THE INTERSECTION OF BLACKJACK OAKS ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF .52 (FIFTY-SECOND) OF A MILE; AND ON FM 428, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE 800 BLOCK OF FM 428 TO THE INTERSECTION OF 1000 BLOCK OF FM 428 SHALL BE DEEMED A SCHOOL ZONE AND THE MAXIMUM PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE FORTY-FIVE (45) MILES PER HOUR FOR A DISTANCE OF .25 (ONE QUARTER) MILE, EXCEPT THAT SUCH SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR ON SCHOOL DAYS DURING THE TIMES THAT SCHOOL ZONES ARE IN EFFECT; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 827-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," ARTICLE 12.02, "TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES," IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADOPT SECTION 12.02.010, "STOP SIGNS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, TO ADD STOP INTERSECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER/SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INCOR-

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 828-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AMENDING EXHIBIT 14A, "ZONING ORDINANCE," IN CHAPTER 14, "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE 12.03.053 ("SPEED LIMIT ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS") OF

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TIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ("MF") AS THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR APPROXIMATELY 55.3 ACRES OF LAND, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF FM 2931, NORTH OF FRONTIER PARKWAY, EAST AND SOUTH OF IKE BYROM ROAD, BEING SITUATED IN THE JAMES BRIDGES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 36, CITY OF AUBREY, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER/SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

CITY OF AUBREY ORDINANCE NO. 824-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, APPROVING AN UPDATE OF THE AMENDED AND RE-STATE SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN AND ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE JACKSON RIDGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO REFLECT THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE UPDATED SERVICE AND ASSESSMENT PLAN AND UPDATED ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 827-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," ARTICLE 12.02, "TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES," IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADOPT SECTION 12.02.010, "STOP SIGNS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, TO ADD STOP INTERSECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER/SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION INCOR-

PORATION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECT DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ORDINANCE NO. 825-24

CANCELING THE MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS, CANCELING THE MAY 4, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION FOR CITY OFFICES AND DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE ELECTED TO OFFICE EFFECTIVE FOLLOWING ELECTION CANVASSING; ORDERING THE POSTING OF THIS ORDINANCE AT EACH POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBREY, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

APPROVED:
CHRIS RICH
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JENNY HICKS
CITY SECRETARY
Mr1-1t

TOWN OF PROVIDENCE VILLAGE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Town of Providence Village Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing, on **March 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**, and the Town Council of the Town of Providence Village will hold a public hearing, on **March 19, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.**, at Providence Village Town Hall, located at **1755 Main Street Providence Village, Texas 76227**, to consider a request by the owner of the property described as Denton County CAD 255716 being approximately 2.24 acres, situated in the Pittsinger Addition lot 6, Denton County Texas, and located at 9920 Liberty Road, for a special use permit on property zoned Agricultural for a 155' telecommunications stealth tower with a 10' lighting rod.

The meetings shown above are open to the public, and you will have the right to speak for or against the proposed special use permit during the public hearing portion of the meetings. You may register your opinion by contacting Hilary McConnell, Town Secretary, Town of Providence Village, 1755 Main Street, Providence Village, Texas 76227, or by email hmccconnell@pvtx.gov.

Hilary McConnell Town Secretary
Mr1-1t



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Fire fighters with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department monitor a prescribed burn at the westside entrance of Isle du Bois on Monday afternoon. The rangers pushed the burn all the way out to the dam. Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

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