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PPISD keeps eyes on growth

By Abigail Allen
Managing Editor

Pilot Point ISD got a second opinion about the enrollment growth projections for the district.

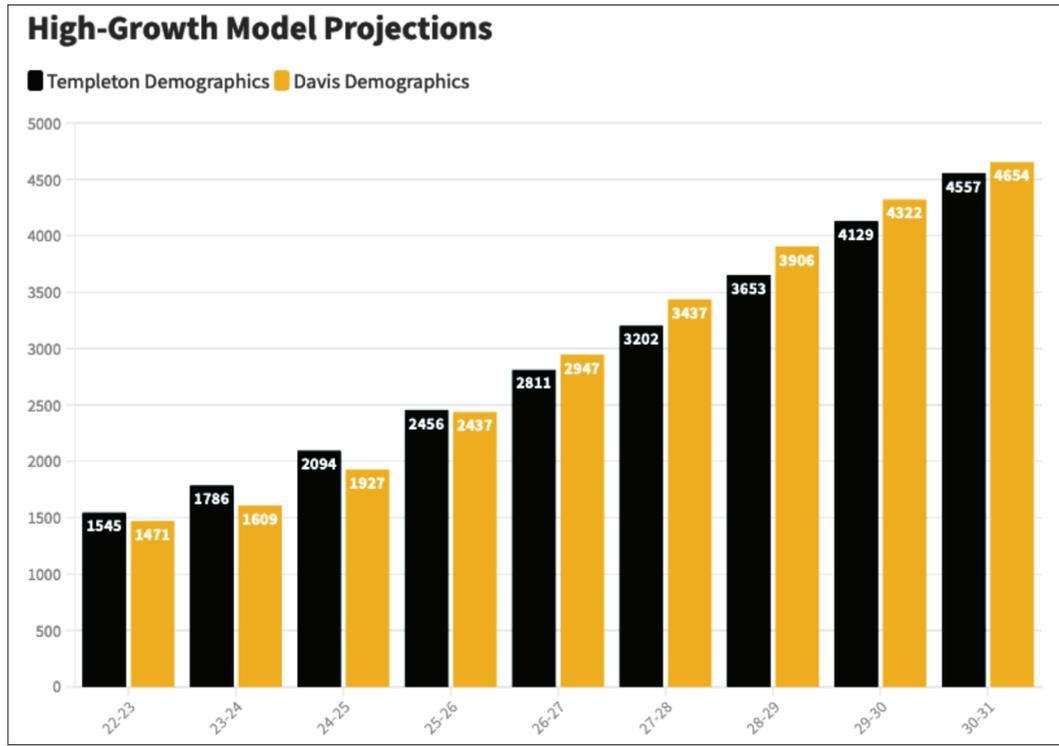
The prognosis is still that the district will grow exponentially over the course of the next eight to 10 years.

“When it gets down to the bottom number of 2030-31, they’re only 97 kids off ... on the high,” Superintendent Todd Southard said. “On the medium, there’s only a 54-kid difference.”

That means the district will need the same number of schools, whether the Templeton Demographics study or the Davis Demographics study proves more accurate.

One of the biggest differences the two companies projected was the rate of growth.

Templeton shows in the high-growth estimate that the growth will hit quicker and continue at a steadier clip, with a top end estimate of the student popula-



Templeton Demographics and Davis Demographics both project that Pilot Point ISD will have more than 4,500 students by 2030-31.
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AISD bond passes

By Abigail Allen
Managing Editor

The May 7 local election included some narrow margins and some distinct victories in the contended races.

All of the results that have been provided by Denton and Grayson counties are unofficial until they are certified at 5 p.m. Friday.

Aubrey ISD’s \$385.9 million bond was approved with more than 60% support on both propositions—854 votes for 67.3% support on Proposition A and 760 votes for 60.13% support on Proposition B.

“On the ballot on May 7 [for school bond propositions], only 50.7% passed,” AISD Superintendent Dr. David Belding said to the Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club members Tuesday. “So, I think that’s a big tip of the cap to our community that we have such great support of our school system, and people see the growth and the need and are willing to step up and support a very historic bond election for our school district.”

In the Pilot Point city election, Matt McIlravy claimed outgoing Mayor Shea Dane-Patterson’s seat with 281 votes to Elisa Beasley’s 216 and Brian Ingram’s 11.

The town of Cross Roads, Tioga ISD and the city of Tioga all had close races.

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Five earn Teacher of the Year awards

By Amy Ruggini
Contributing Writer

Aubrey ISD announced its annual Campus Teacher of the Year honorees on May 2.

The five teachers from the district’s five campuses were surprised in their classrooms on May 6 by Aubrey ISD Superintendent Dr. David Belding, Deputy Superintendent Terrie McNabb, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Shannon Saylor and

campus administrators.

“I am so proud of these five teachers,” Belding said. “What a wonderful honor for each of them to be chosen as their campus Teacher of the Year. They are excellent representatives of all of the teachers in Aubrey ISD. Congratulations to each of them as they are all very deserving of this recognition.”

Tanya Crisp was named the Monaco Elementary Teacher

of the Year, Jana Story was the Brockett Elementary Teacher of the Year and Jennifer Woltman was named the Fuller Elementary Teacher of the Year. Kary Clayberg was announced as the Aubrey Middle School Teacher of the Year, and Jennifer Gilbreath was named the Aubrey High School Teacher of the Year.

To be eligible for the TOTY award, a teacher must be employed by Aubrey ISD and have

at least one full year experience in Aubrey ISD. Faculty and staff at each campus nominated a TOTY.

Each principal formed a committee of staff and teachers to review the applications against a rubric. The committee made the selection from nominees.

The five honorees were nominated by their peers. Teachers

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Let’s twist again

A crew from Long and Long drills into the residential lots in the Windrose development in Pilot Point on Monday.
Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

Together in prayer

Group gathers for National Day of Prayer celebration

By Joe Fragano
Staff Writer

Church leaders, government officials and residents of Pilot Point gathered at City Hall on May 5 to observe the National Day of Prayer and to pray over the city of Pilot Point and its residents.

Longtime resident of Pilot Point and pastor of Mustang Baptist Church G.A. Moore delivered an opening prayer and shared his feelings on the importance of the National Day of Prayer. Moore said that the national observance of the day takes him back to a different era, one that he believes the town needs to embrace as the world continues to change.

“This is special,” Moore said. “Praying is special. ... There’s never



Members from multiple congregations throughout the Pilot Point area gather to unite in prayer on May 5.
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been a time in the history of the world when we need to turn things over to God any more than we do right now.

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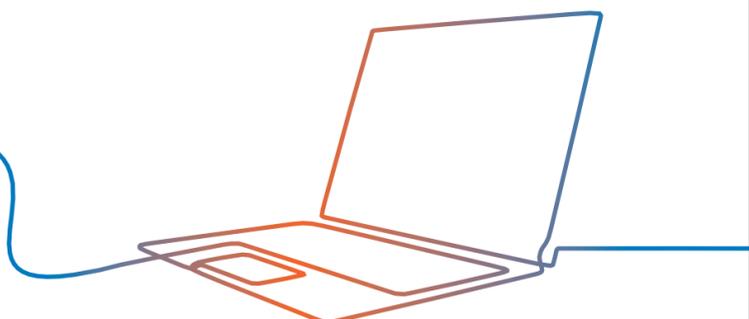
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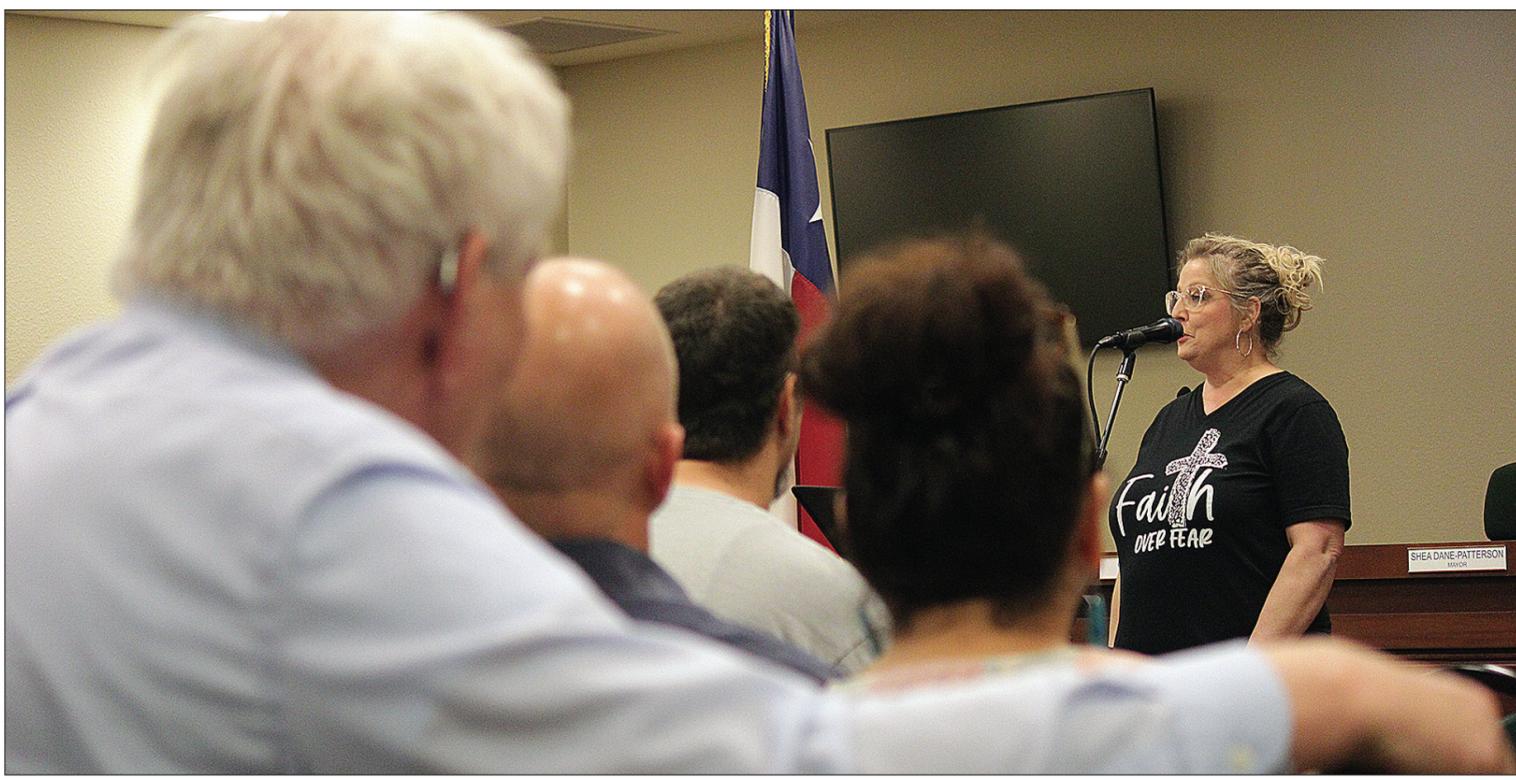
ing about the United States of America, I'm talking about Texas, I'm talking about Pilot Point, and your communities. We need to put God back where he belongs. I was blessed to grow up right here in this atmosphere. A lot of y'all grew up in that same way."

Mayor Shea Dane-Patterson issued an official proclamation declaring the town's observance of the National Day of Prayer. Dane-Patterson also took a moment to express what her eight years in office as mayor of Pilot Point has meant to her with this year's election and a new mayor set to take office in the near future.

"I am passing over the gavel to a newly elected mayor in a couple of weeks," Dane-Patterson said. "It is a bitter-sweet thing for me because I love this town, and I love the people in it. It's been my blessing to serve here and to serve all of you."

Jonas Crump of Midway Church kicked off a lineup of church leaders and community figures followed by pastor Michael Johnson of Restored Faith Church. Johnson prayed over the country's leadership and specifically for U.S. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Pastor Craig Tullis of the Pilot Point Church of Christ



Pilot Point Mayor Shea Dane-Patterson speaks at the National Day of Prayer event that was moved into Pilot Point City Hall when the weather threatened to turn.

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and Reverend Cindy Kennedy of Pilot Point First United Methodist Church followed suit, praying for the state of Texas' government and Pilot Point's own local government. Retired police officer Brian Sartain then said a prayer over Pilot

Point's first responders and city administration.

Jacob Hubbard of St. Thomas Aquinas and Pilot Point's Fellowship of Christian Athletes representative Tom Swartz were joined by PPHS student athletes Lindsey True, Sydney Ace-

vedo and Addison Hite to pray over the schools of Pilot Point and all their students. Vince Lujan of St. Thomas also appeared throughout the ceremony to lead several worship songs.

Rev. Dr. Jim Porter of Pilot Point United said a prayer

for the families of Pilot Point, Father John Martin of St. Thomas prayed for the church as a whole and Pastor Dwayne Edwards of Grace Point closed the ceremony by saying one final prayer over the city of Pilot Point.

"It is a joy to be here with

you," Edwards said. "I am so happy and excited to see [everyone] here today to take prayer to our God because that's how [things are] going to change. We take prayer to God as a people. Not individually, so much, but as a group."

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tion sitting at 4,557 for the 2030-31 school year.

The Davis high-growth model projection starts slower and builds over time, with the '30-'31 number at 4,654 and the '31-'32 estimate at 4,985.

Southard asked for the second opinion to verify the level of growth the district needs to prepare to handle.

"I don't think having more information is a bad thing in this situation," Southard said. "We're trying to plan out what we're going to do over the next 10 years regarding facilities."

Work to renovate three of the district's four campuses will kick off on May 27.

"Because we're having problems getting materials for air conditioners and for roofing, we're going to hit office reconfiguration ... for the vestibules and then restrooms and drainage is what we're going to hit real hard this summer," Southard said.

That work will require the water to be turned off at the Early Childhood Center, middle school and high school, so all of the campus

administration teams will have offices set up at the elementary school campus.

That's also where summer school will be held, "because that's the only campus that's not getting touched," Southard said.

Those renovations will come from the \$12.9 million of the \$38.4 million bond that PPISD voters approved in November.

The \$20 million in the November bond election package for land acquisition has funded the purchase of three pieces of land, and a developer is do-

nating land to the district.

"We're getting [land for an elementary] donated by Moberly," Southard said. "That's done. It has a contingency that we have to build within four years."

That elementary school will help handle the growth from Moberly Farms, Creekview Meadows, Bryson Ranch and half of Talley Ranch, which are all near the intersection of FM 1385 and the Dallas North Tollway extension.

"We'll have a total of ... five future school sites in the bank and then enough

money to buy a sixth," Southard said. "We've done pretty well trying to get out ahead. We've just got to stay out ahead."

For the district to handle that growth, it's likely to need three schools in the next eight to 10 years, Southard said—a high school and two elementary schools.

"The good thing is, with that donation, we have two out of three sites already," he said. "We're in pretty decent shape there."

The district has prioritized buying large lots

for middle and high school sites because they're more expensive and are too large for developers to offer.

With 926 acres planned for a large residential development along Berend Road between U.S. 377 and Emberson Chapel Road, Southard is bracing for PPISD to need to build two elementary schools inside that development alone.

"The [Berend Road property] was bought strategically because the 926 is going to be so big," Southard said.

ELECTION

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In Cross Roads, incumbent Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins took 286 votes to challenger Bobby Phillips' 254.

The two at-large council seats were won by Kay Neubauer, who received 268 votes, and Greg Gaalema, who got 256, to Jim Riley's 241 and Mady Killfoil's 231.

Tioga ISD's three-way race for Rickey Kemp's seat resulted in Brandon Miller receiving 85, Patty Wheeler getting 82 and Jerry Carnes having 11 votes.

"No runoff so far," Superintendent Dr. Charles Holloway said. "Those are not official until 5 o'clock on Friday."

Because Tioga ISD's trustee elections are based on a plurality system, the person with the highest vote total takes all instead of a majority system, where one candidate would have to receive at least 50.1% of the vote.

Both Tioga City Council incumbents who faced challengers,

Kurt Hall and Heather Nesmith, retained their seats if the unofficial results stand, with Hall taking 93 to Tera Carnes' 29, and Nesmith netting 64 to Mark Arrington's 62.

"Provisional ballots, if any were received, have not been counted yet," reads the City of

Tioga social media post regarding the election.

Statewide, Proposition 1 received 1,121,860 votes in favor and 169,011 votes against, and Proposition 2 passed with 1,106,460 to 197,960.

Quirks make life interesting

It's always funny to me when I inform someone of how big of a dork I am, and they try to reassure me that I'm not.

I laugh way too loud, way too easily. I can be a giant klutz way too often. I also break out into song way too readily, including as a chaperone on a field trip to the Isle du Bois Unit recently.

Here's the thing, though.

For years, I shied away from those aspects of myself.

For a while there, I

even stifled my laugh, which I think just made it come back with more of a vengeance once I stopped suppressing it.

Our quirks are what make us who we are.

Now, I'm the most self-conscious confident person you're ever going to meet, so don't think that I am perfect at embracing my many quirks.

I often apologize to people upon their first meeting me, especially when I make people jump out of their skin at local restaurants while I'm in-

teracting with a friend.

I also tend to feel awkward as I'm snapping pictures, even when it doesn't stop me, because I love capturing the moments around me.

However, every day I'm learning more and more to embrace who I am.

I'm grateful it's somehow more socially acceptable for my kids to be nerdy than I ever felt it was for me, es-

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ABIGAIL ALLEN

pecially because I wouldn't know how not to impart my nerdiness on my kids.

I'm also grateful that they're seeing me embrace who I am. My mom and dad set a great example of being who they were and showing me that they were confident, even when that might have just been a façade.

My mom could walk

up to anyone, and I rarely heard her say anything negative about her face or her weight.

That's why I actively try to be kind out loud to myself about my body when my girls are in earshot. That's also why I try to talk their emotions through as well as my own.

I want them to know it's OK to be upset, sad or frustrated and to have the vocabulary they need to process their experiences.

That's also why when I see a trait that a friend

of mine tends to shrink about that I enjoy about them, I say so.

Our lives would be incredibly boring if we were all exactly alike, and there would be no need for people like me who share people's stories.

It might not always be easy, but I encourage you to embrace what makes you, you.

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TEACHERS

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Brockett Elementary's Jana Story holds her certificate surrounded by Aubrey ISD district and campus administrators.
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and staff at each campus were asked to nominate a teacher that exhibited the district's mission, vision and values.

Tanya Crisp

Crisp is a special education teacher at Monaco. She has taught for 21 years, all of them at Aubrey. For the last five years, she has been a teacher in the special education department.

"Mrs. Crisp works diligently to provide individual instruction for each of her students, ensuring that each student's lesson plans are designed specifically with that student in mind," MES Principal Barbara Pitt said. "Her students have always felt safe and cared for in her classroom. She empowers by giving kids a safe space to express themselves."

Jana Story

Story is a fourth-grade teacher at Brockett Elementary. She has taught in the classroom for 24 years, including 20 years in fourth grade. All 24 years have been at Brockett.

"Mrs. Story goes above and beyond to get to know her students and colleagues and fosters a love for learning, even in the most reluctant students," BES Principal Courtney Siggers said. "She makes personal connections with each of her students and even follows up with their teachers after they move on. She is always willing to listen and give advice to the teachers she works with."

Jennifer Woltman

Woltman is a third-grade teacher at Fuller Elementary. She has taught

third grade at Fuller for the last two years and has been in the classroom for nine years overall.

"Leadership is synonymous with Mrs. Woltman," said a Fuller staff member. "She is always willing to share time, her materials, her ideas and her advice."

"Mrs. Woltman is respected by her peers, her students and the administration," said a Fuller staff member. "She is the go-to person for so many of the staff's needs."

Kary Clayberg

Clayberg has taught sixth grade science and math for the last four years at Aubrey Middle School. She has been in education for four years.

"Mrs. Clayberg inspires and empowers students in and out of her classroom,"

an AMS staff member said in nomination.

"She shows integrity, compassion and loyalty while serving Aubrey ISD students and families with excellence," an AMS staff member said in nomination.

Jennifer Gilbreath

Gilbreath has taught agricultural science and floral design at Aubrey High School for the last five years. Prior to AHS, she was an ag science teacher at AMS for 10 years.

"Mrs. Gilbreath cares for all students and provides learning experiences that all students love," AHS Principal Matt Gore. "Words do not do justice to what she means to the Aubrey HS family."



Polishing everything

The girls in a Tuesday afternoon class at Davis Dance work on their tap routine with their teacher, McKenzie Urteaga. The girls will perform at a 5:30 p.m. recital that is open to the public at Braswell High School on May 22.

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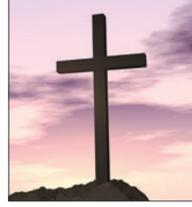
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First Rock Fellowship. 201 North Cherry. Rev. Christopher Walden, pastor. 940-365-2445. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Krugerville. U.S. 377S. Rev. Sam Redfean, 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. fbckrugerville.com

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.

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, Ronnie Allen. Services: 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Phone: 469-688-5706. www.greenvallybaptistchurch.org

Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377 Pilot Point TX 76258. 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.

New Hope Baptist Church, Cross Roads, U.S. 377. Worship: Sundays at 11 a.m. www.newhopeaubrey.com

Countyline First Baptist Church. 512 E. Walcott, Pilot Point. Rev. B.W. McClendon, Jr., pastor. 940-686-2098.

Antioch Baptist Church. FM 428W and FM 2931. V. Barry Mathis, pastor. 940-365-3521. Sunday services: Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. 27260 FM 121, Tioga. Pastor, Daniel Tanguma. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m., AWANA 4:30 p.m.

Mountain Springs Fellowship Bible Church, 14777 S. FM 372, Mountain Springs. James Reid, Pastor. Fellowship time 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. 940-395-2777.

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

St. James Baptist, Pilot Point. Rev. John Ross, pastor.

Mustang Baptist Church. 13335 Mustang Road. Coach G.A. Moore, Jr., Pastor. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m. www.mustangbaptist.org

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. 940-293-5620. Craig Tullis, minister. Sun. worship 10:45 a.m., Sun. Bible class 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible class 7:00 p.m.

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, pastor. Website: 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. 844-744-0213.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian Church. North Main Street, Aubrey. 940-367-3591. Rev. Sara Beckham, sarajonathan217@gmail.com. 469-667-4233. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Cowboy Country Chapel. McKinney and Morrison Streets, Pilot Point. Rev. Carl Smith, pastor. 940-686-0067. Sunday worship, 10:45 a.m., Sunday night Bible study, 5 p.m., Wed. prayer meeting, 6-7 p.m.

Aubrey First Assembly of God. Cole Perkins, pastor. 580-583-5812.

Tioga Community Church, 501 Cutler Street, Tioga. Mark Arrington, senior pastor, 903-821-7152. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday. worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday. Bible studies begin at 6:30 p.m.

METHODIST

First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Pilot Point. 940-686-2338. Rev. Cynthia Kennedy, pastor. pilotpointumc@gmail.com. www.pilotpointumc.org. Sunday School, 10 a.m., Sun. worship, 11 a.m., Youth Group, Sun. 6 p.m.

Tioga United Methodist Church. Porch Street, Tioga. Mead McGee, senior pastor. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Sunday worship, 10 a.m.

Aubrey First United Methodist Church. 113 W. Plum, one block west of Main. Joseph Baker, pastor. 940-365-3024. Sunday: youth and adult classes, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; fellowship following worship.

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, Website: 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 United Methodist Church, FM 720W south of U.S. 380, Aubrey. Rev. Kevin McClain, pastor. 940-365-3027. Sunday School, 9 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Green Valley Community Church. FM 2153, Aubrey, 940-440-9469. Wendell Lillard, pastor; James Grider, youth minister. Sun. School, 10 a.m. Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

Faith Assembly 700 N. Harmon, Aubrey. Clarence and Patricia Dalrymple, Pastors. Sun. School, 9:30 a.m., Sun. 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday 6 p.m. 940-365-9360.

Covenant Church, Cross Roads. Service times Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. www.covenantcrossroads.org. 940-365-1395.

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, pastorfranke@ccaubrey.com. www.ccaubrey.com.

Restoration Cowboy Church, 910 U.S. 377S, Aubrey. Pastors Rod and Alicia Parker. Service times, Sunday, 10 a.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m. www.RestorationCowboyChurch.org.

Aubrey Country Church. 3000 Rock Hill Rd, Aubrey TX 76227. Dewayne Brawner, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES



The lights dropped for the seventh and eighth graders who enjoyed the company of a few of their elders from the high school band during their set, which included "Bandissimo," composed by Anne Mcginty.



Opening for the full high school band, the jazz band opened with a number familiar to retro cartoon fans. The thrumming lilt of "The Pink Panther Theme," composed by Henry Mancini, rang through the hall as the band began its set.

Four bands took to the Tioga High School cafetorium stage May 6 for the Tioga Band Spring Concert. They were greeted with a full house of eager family and friends.

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The Post-Signal

Elizabeth Cates Fisk Freund

Funeral Services for Elizabeth Cates Fisk Freund, 93, of Rosenberg, Texas, are set for 12 Noon on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Garmany & Carden Funeral Directors Chapel, 1201 Fourth Street, Rosenberg, TX 77471, with burial following in Davis Greenlawn Cemetery, Rosenberg, TX 77471.



Visitation will be from 11 a.m.- 12 Noon Saturday, for one hour preceding the Funeral Service.

Elizabeth was born at home October 30, 1928, in Pilot Point, Texas, to Lewis and Lonna Miller Cates. She passed away Saturday, May 7, 2022, in Rosenberg, Texas. She was the oldest of six children and grew up on a farm where they raised turkeys to sell at Thanksgiving and Christmas, grew sorghum and sugar cane to make molasses, and picked cotton. After high school Elizabeth moved to Dallas to attend Neilson's Beauty College and lived with her Aunt Willie Maye Southern. She received her Cosmetology license in 1947.

Elizabeth married Bill Fisk and had four children. The family moved to Rosenberg in the 1960s. Elizabeth owned and operated the Fashionette Beauty Shop in downtown Rosenberg until 1980 and then the Kut & Kurl Beauty Shop next to her home in Richmond until 2016. Elizabeth was a licensed beautician for over 69 years.

Elizabeth was proud to be a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Terry's Texas Rangers. She was very interested in genealogy and would ask you about your ancestors, hoping to have a relative in common. Elizabeth had a green thumb and could make any plant cutting come back to life. She enjoyed working in her flower beds and planting new varieties of seeds.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her parents, brother Charlie Cates, sister Patsy Gwinn, children's father Bill Fisk Sr., second husband Homer Freund, son Bill Fisk Jr. and son Weldon Fisk.

She is survived by son Charles Fisk and wife Sherry; daughter Margie Fisk; daughter-in-law Becky Virtue; daughter-in-law Linda Fisk; grandchildren, Amy Moore and husband Brandon, Daniel Fisk, Lisa Fisk, Rachel Teykl and husband Todd, Brian Fisk and wife Amanda, and Emily Fisk; great grandchildren Cade and Logan Teykl and Aly and Weston Fisk; sisters Juanita Turvey and husband Harry, Dorothy Crawford, and Sue Hampton.

A big thank you to Cambridge Square Assisted Living in Rosenberg for five years of special care and happiness.

Please join the family for lunch after the burial. Condolence messages may be written for the Freund family at www.garmanycarden.com

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POLICE REPORT

Aubrey Police Department received 127 calls for service from April 27-May 3. Cross Roads Police Department submitted 58 calls for service from May 2-8. Krugerville Police Department reported 200 events from May 3-10.

CITATION – A traffic stop by CRPD Sunday in the 2500 block of U.S. 380 resulted in a man, 28, receiving a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS – Krugerville PD was dispatched to a criminal trespass call at 8:10 p.m. Saturday in the 6100 block of New Hope Road.

WARRANT – Cross Roads PD arrested a man, 45, on an outside agency warrant during a traffic stop Saturday in the 2500 block of U.S. 380.

CITATION – A woman, 37, was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop by Cross Roads police Saturday in the 2300 block of U.S. 380.

WARRANT – A man, 47, was arrested by Cross Roads PD on an outside agency warrant Saturday in the 2800 block of U.S. 380.

CITATION – A man, 20, was stopped by CRPD on a traffic violation Saturday in the 10000 block of U.S. 380. He was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

NOISE COMPLAINT – A noise complainant was reported to KVPD at 10:52 p.m. May 6 in the 800 block of Sherry Lane.

HIT AND RUN – Cross Roads police investigated a hit and run call of a vehicle hitting another one as it exited a parking lot May 6 in the 100 block of Naylor Road.

CRASH – Around 8 a.m. May 6, Krugerville police responded to a crash near the intersection of Surveyors Road and U.S. 377. Traffic was reportedly backed up where an Irving man and a Krugerville man were stopped. A Providence Village woman failed to stop hitting the Krugerville man's vehicle which pushed into the first vehicle. All drivers were treated by medics. The Irving man was issued a citation for no driver's license.

DWI – Pilot Point police observed a vehicle at 1:43 a.m. May 6 with the driver door open parked in the 600 block of Copenhagen Street. One of the men entered another vehicle and began driving away. Officers attempted to stop the driver who nearly hit the officer before stopping, according to the report. A DWI investigation was performed, and the driver was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated open container. Multiple open alcoholic beverage containers were reportedly found in the vehicle. He was taken to the Denton County Jail where he provided a breath sample.

DWI – At 8:39 p.m.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE – A Haslet woman, 52, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and Class C assault family violence at 9:17 p.m. May 5 in the 200 block of Surveyors Road. She was taken to the Denton County Jail and released the same day.

CITATION – A man, 26, was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop by CRPD May 5 in the 2400 block of U.S. 380.

DWI – At 8:39 p.m.

May 5, Pilot Point PD was dispatched to the 200 block of South Washington Street regarding an intoxicated person. A DWI investigation was conducted, and the man was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated second. He was taken to the Denton County Jail where a blood sample was taken, according to the report.

HARASSMENT – Krugerville PD was dispatched to a harassment call in the 800 block of Sherry Lane at 1:20 a.m. May 5.

DISTURBANCE – A woman reported a disturbance to KVPD at 12:08 a.m. May 5 in the 800 block of Sherry Lane.

CRASH – A two-vehicle crash was reported to Cross Roads PD May 4 near the intersection of U.S. 377 and FM 424. No injuries were reported.

THEFT – A theft by an employee was reported to CRPD May 4 in the 11000 block of U.S. 380.

CITATION – A Euless driver, 34, was issued a citation for no driver's license and a warning for stopping in the center lane by KVPD at 11:17 a.m. May 3.

CITATION – A man, 26, was stopped by Cross Roads police for a traffic violation May 3 in the 2700 block of U.S. 380. He received a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

THEFT – Aubrey PD arrested a Providence Village man, 33, May 3 on a charge of theft of property greater than \$2,500, less than \$30,000, from Garland Police Department. He was released May 5, according to the Denton County Jail records.

FAMILY VIOLENCE – An Aubrey man, 42, was arrested by APD on a charge of Class C assault family violence.

CITATION – A traffic stop by Cross Roads police May 3 in the 11000 block of U.S. 380 resulted in a woman, 28, being issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

POSSESSION – A man, 26, was arrested by CRPD May 2 on charges of possession of marijuana and unlawful carrying of a weapon in the 11000 block of U.S. 380.

TAMPERING – A Dallas man, 26, was arrested on a charge of tampering

with a governmental record by Aubrey police.

ASSAULT – An Aubrey man, 45, was arrested by Aubrey PD May 2 on a charge of assault of a family/household member impeding breath/circulation. He was released the same day, according to the Denton County Jail records.

SHOPLIFTING – Cross Roads police investigated a report of shoplifting May 2 in the 11000 block of U.S. 380.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION – Aubrey police arrested a Celina man, 23, on a charge of public intoxication May 1. He was released May 3.

DWI – An Aubrey man, 31, was arrested by APD April 30 on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released the following day.

DWI – Aubrey PD arrested a man, 42, from The Colony April 28 on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more and a warrant from Dallas County for driving while intoxicated second. He was released the same day.

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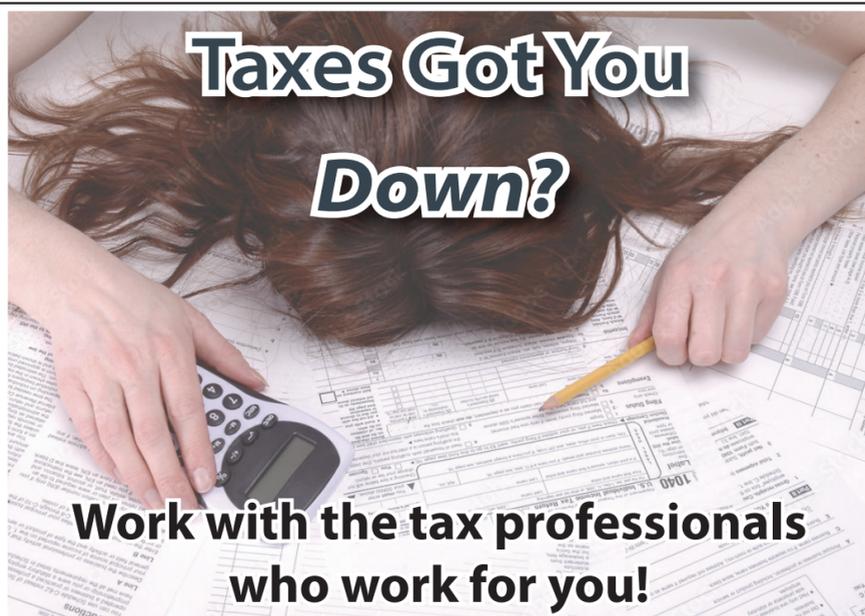
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Around Town

Aubrey Area Chamber sponsors clay shoot

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the third Annual Clay Shoot at 11 a.m. Friday at Fossil Pointe Sporting Grounds, 7282 N. FM 51 in Decatur.

For more information, email chamber@aubreycoc.org, call 940-365-9781 or visit aubreycoc.org.

Pre-Garage Sale at St. Thomas

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will host a Pre-Garage Sale Furniture Only Sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday in front of the church office at 400 St. Thomas Aquinas Ave.

Furniture selections include bedroom furniture, couches, end tables, shelves, electric lawn mowers and much more.

North Shore Fire Dept. to hold fundraiser

The spring 2022 North Shore Fire Department Dinner and Auction will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday with a BBQ dinner and silent auction at 4736 CR 203 in Tioga. The cost is \$20, and drive thru service is available.

The live auction will start at 7 p.m. Live music will be performed by Easton Elrod.

Aubrey Area library has Crafters Retreat

The Aubrey Area Library at 226 Countryside Drive will have a

Crafters Retreat Friday and Saturday. A visit from Kisa the therapy dog will be at 10:30 a.m. May 21. A composting class will be held at noon May 28. For more information, call 940-365-9162.

Pilot Point library offers movie, game day

The Pilot Point Community Library at 324 S. Washington St. will show the family movie, "The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep," at 2 p.m. May 20. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Game Day Saturday will be from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 21.

Ray Roberts provides outdoor activities

The Ray Roberts Lake State Park Johnson Branch Unit, 100 PW 4153 in Valley View will offer Fishing with a Ranger, 10 a.m. Saturday, Kid Fish Pond; Bat Talk and Night Hike, 7 p.m. May 21, Nature Center; Memorial Day Hike, 11 a.m. May 28, Nature Center; and Roaming Ranger, a 2-mile nature hike, 2 p.m. on Friday, May 20 and 27, Nature Center.

The Isle du Bois Unit, 100 PW 4137 in Pilot Point will have Become a Junior Ranger, 2 p.m. Friday, Lost Pines Amphitheater; Birding Basics, 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Lost Pines Amphitheater; and Snake Senses, 2 p.m. May 28, 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.

Celebration to honor Father John Martin

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will be honoring Father John Martin on his fifth anniversary of Priestly Ordination and his fourth year at St. Thomas with a dinner and program May 21 at the parish.

For more information, contact Karla Richardson at 817-480-3279 or email krichardsonx4@yahoo.com.

Mountain Springs to perform melodrama

The 40th Annual Mountain Springs Melodrama will be at 7 p.m. May 20-21 with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. at 173 Mountain Springs Lane in Valley View.

Tickets are sold at the door and cost \$10 each or \$5 for children under age 12. "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" includes a cast of 10 struggling with crime and deception until good prevails.

KAB to present Music in the Park

Keep Aubrey Beautiful and Aubrey Municipal Development District present the 2022 Music in the Park Free Concert Series starting at 6:30 p.m. May 21 with Larry Epperson followed by the Tejas Brothers at 7:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. No pets allowed.

Post 550 arranges crawfish boil

The Sons of the American Legion will be sponsoring a Memo-

rial Weekend Crawfish Boil on May 28. A cornhole tournament will start at noon followed by lunch at 1 p.m. at 905 Foundation Drive in Pilot Point.

PP Chamber plans golf tournament

The Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce is planning the 24th Annual Chamber Challenge Golf Tournament at 7 a.m. June 10 at The Bridges Golf Club in Gunter.

Sponsorships are available by calling 940-686-5385.

Local camps planned for summer

Justice Creek Art Studio, 106 W. Main Street in Pilot Point will be having several summer art camps. To register, go to justicecreekartstudio.net.

Starbright Music and Performing Arts at the Pilot Point Community Opera House will hold seven weeks of half-day camps for ages 5 and up. To check out all of the camps, go to starbrightmpa.com.

Aubrey resident named to Dean's List

Jorie Fleming of Aubrey was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She is enrolled in the university's College of Arts and Sciences program.

To be eligible, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Boreddy graduates from Cumberland

Praneeth Reddy Boreddy of Aubrey graduated from the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Kentucky. She received a Master of Science in Information Technology.

Parks earns president's honors

Amanda Parks, a sophomore history major from Tioga, was among over 620 Bob Jones University students named to the spring 2022 President's List in Greenville, South Carolina.

The President's List recognizes students earning a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Area students receive recognition

Area students who were recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi from the University of North Texas include Ruth Ajisafe, James Carrell, Allison Herge, Shristi Khatri, Leah Smith and Katsumi Spangler of Aubrey; Jayde Blades of Cross Roads; and Richard Wiedeman of Savannah.

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Returning to the stage

Melodrummers to offer one-weekend production

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

After a two-year hiatus, the Mountain Springs Melodrummers return to the community center stage for two nights.

The annual melodrama was called off in response to the pandemic in both 2020 and 2021, but it will return at the end of the month.

"This is the biggest fundraiser Mountain Springs community center has," show director and previous community center president Darrell Coxsey said. "It's just people having a good time laughing their heads off and letting people laugh at them."

This year's show, "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch" by Shuber Fendrich, will feature a cast of 10 Melodrummers, many of whom have a storied history in the troupe.

"It's a typical Mountain Springs Melodrama," Coxsey said. "We've got 10 people who are not afraid to get up there and embarrass themselves."

Among the cast are Dave and Sherry Isbel, who play the titular roles of the villains.

"I am the widow black, and I have a devious plan that I am cooking up,"



Here is a shot of the drummers from left to right front row, drummers Shena Henzler, front left, Sandy Vann, Sherry Isbell and Kay Fuller as well as Elvin McCormick, back left, Ronda Robinson, Tim Boaz, Dave Isbell, John Roane and Hollis Parsons pose in costume for "Blazing Guns at Roaring Gulch," a play by Shubert Fendrich with permission of Pioneer Drama Service, directed by Darrell Coxsey.

Sherry said.

This will be the Isbel's 39th outing with the troupe as they were in their 30's when they first took the stage.

"Our Aunt Nadine Pitsinger was heading up the

melodramas, and she initiated us into it," Sherry said. "She volun-told us."

Sherry cited the connections they've formed over the years as what has had the couple coming back each year.

"It's the comradery with the cast, our neighbors and our friends," Sherry said. "Each year it's fun to see how we've grown and taken on the mantle of actor, if you want to call it that."

The Isbel's elder as a

Photo Courtesy of Darrell Coxsey

Melodrummer, Sandy Vann, was the troupe's go-to villainous for 35 of her, as of the upcoming performance, 40 years on the cast. This year she will play the role of a showgirl, having ceded the role of antagonist.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Friday, May 13

- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
- 9 a.m. Walk N Talk. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Storytime (ages 4 and up). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 11:30 a.m. Toddler Storytime (ages 0-2). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
- 7:30 p.m. Karaoke with Pam and Dave. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point.

Saturday, May 14

- 7 a.m. Cross Roads Community Farmers Market. Cross Roads Town Park, corner of FM 424 and Fishtrap Road.
- 10 a.m. Clifton and Nadene Irick Museum, 201 S. Jefferson St., Pilot Point.
- 10:30 a.m. The Aubrey Area Museum opens for walk-in tours. Tours can also be

scheduled by appointment. 209 S. Main St., Aubrey. 940-343-1313.

Sunday, May 15

- 1 p.m. American Legion Executive Meeting. Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, 905 N. Foundation St., Pilot Point. 972-816-4353.
- ### Monday, May 16
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
 - 6:30 p.m. Keep Aubrey Beautiful. Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce building, 205 S. Main, Aubrey. 940-343-1313.
 - 7 p.m. Cross Roads Town Council. Town Hall, 1401 FM 424. 940-365-9693.
 - 7 p.m. Tioga ISD Board. 405 N. Florence, Tioga. 940-437-2366.
- ### Tuesday, May 17
- 10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. 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.
 - Noon. Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club. LizzyGator, 12222 Massey Road, Pilot

Point. 940-765-1965.

- 2:30 p.m. Pilot Point Community Singers. Pilot Point Community Opera House, 110 S. Washington St. Contact Charlotte Petermeier, 214-514-4892.
 - 4:15 p.m. Storytime with Mrs. Carter. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 5:30 p.m. Pilot Point Library and Cultural Arts Board. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 - 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, May 18
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
 - 11:30 a.m. Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce networking luncheon. Prairie House, 10001 U.S. 380, Cross Roads. 940-365-9781. www.aubreycoc.org.

- 6:30 p.m. Aubrey ISD board. 421 Tisdell Lane, Aubrey. 940-668-0060. www.aubreysid.net.
 - 7 p.m. Karaoke Wednesdays with Pam and Dave. Lowbrows Saloon, 200 S. Washington St.
- ### Thursday, May 19
- 7 a.m. Coffee and Conversation with the Pilot Point City Manager. Pilot Point Coffee House, 110 W. Main St.
 - 9 a.m. Walk N Talk. Pilot Point Community Library, 324 S. Washington St. 940-686-5004.
 - 10:30 a.m. Senior Fit. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 11 a.m. Storytime with Ms. Kass (ages 2-4). Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 11:30 a.m. Thursday Club. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 4:30 p.m. Grief Support Group. Pilot Point First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St.
 - 5:30 p.m. Fresh Start to a Healthy You.

- Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
 - 6 p.m. GriefShare. Midway Church, 9540 U.S. 377, Pilot Point.
- ### Friday, May 20
- 8:30 a.m. Shepherd's Storehouse, 1189 U.S. 377, Pilot Point. 940-686-2620.
 - 9 a.m. Walk N Talk. Aubrey Area Library, 226 Countryside Drive. 940-365-9162.
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A downtown celebration

Among the festivities at the third Tioga Cinco de Mayo festival was a massive bouncy house obstacle course hybrid which spread across the field south of Gene Autry Drive as well as a row of cornhole boards and two fair rides suitable for children and their parents alike.



The Mexican flag and Texas flag fly at Tioga's Cinco de Mayo Festival on Saturday. "Most people [believe] that Cinco De Mayo is Mexican Independence Day, but it's not," said the festival's organizer Patty Wheeler, "What it is, is a celebration of the Battle of Puebla."

Photos by
Basil Gist/
The Post-Signal

The famous mechanical bull, bested by a young resident, at right, was back for the Cinco De Mayo festival in Tioga.



Students shine at Starbright ribbon cutting

By Abigail Allen
Managing Editor

Before the Starbright Music and Performing Arts students took the stage for the first time, they joined the adults outside to celebrate the academy.

Owner Kailey Rice and teacher Basil Gist stood between members of the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce and audience members for the first production for the ribbon cutting to honor Starbright opening.

"This is such a supportive community, so seeing everybody here is really exciting and it makes my heart feel full," Rice said.

She started up the academy, which calls the Garage Door Theater home, to help provide an alternative for local families who want their children to be involved in the arts in the area.

Stephanie Roach, whose son Nate Roach participated in the inaugural Rising Stars Musical Theatre class, said she's grateful to have an option near her Providence Village home.

"It's a great opportunity to have the arts available for our younger generation and to have something that's accessible, other than going to Denton or Frisco,"



Kailey Rice, beaming in the middle, officially cut the ribbon celebrating her business, Starbright Music and Performing Arts, alongside her first employee Basil Gist, friends, family, the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce and the students of her first two group classes.

she said.

She was complimentary of Rice and the program, saying Nate "loves coming," which he agreed was the case.

"It's something to look forward to every week, and it's a place to do something other than sports," Stephanie said.

As the group sat in the upper room of the Pilot Point Community Opera House, Gist demonstrated projecting his voice to the students and the adults in the room.

"We just wanted to thank everybody for coming," he said. "I know a lot of you have to be here

because your kids are here, but we appreciate it nonetheless. We're going to make our way outside and do the ribbon cutting real quick. And then all of these cookies here are for you; we saved some for the kids, so don't be shy."

Shaun Mills and Elisa Beasley, moms of two of the Twinkling

Abigail Allen/The Post-Signal

Stars Musical Theatre students, stopped traffic briefly on Washington Street for the picture, as the kids posed in their "The Greatest Showman" costumes.

When he came back inside for the end of the ribbon cutting celebration, Chamber President Judd Kearby said he is excited to see SMPA bring new opportunities and traffic to Pilot Point.

"I'm just excited for the kids and the youth and those in the performing arts to have an outlet and to showcase their skills and bring something different to Pilot Point," Kearby said.

Monica David, who has recruited Rice and Gist's help to allow her to again retire as the Garage Door Theater's production manager, said she's thrilled to have Starbright available for young budding actors and musicians.

"Parents have been asking for this for so long, and I didn't have the bandwidth as production manager to do this, and when I actually was getting ready to do it, then COVID hit, and that put a stop to it," David said. "It's going to be very beneficial to both of us, as far as getting kids on the stage as well as with our productions."

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Sports

Hite 'cool, calm, and collected' at state

By Joe Fragano
Staff Writer

Pilot Point's lone state qualifier made her first ever trip to Austin for the UIL track and field state meet on Thursday, but the sophomore runner is no stranger to big stages or high expectations.

Addison Hite went to the state meet in cross country last year, and she spends her winters as the starting point guard for the Lady Cats basketball team. After qualifying for state in the 800 meters and 1600 meters at the 3 Region II-3A championships on April 30, Hite is headed south to cap off a busy year at the state meet.

Texas' state championship track meet has a reputation. Thousands of spectators crowd the bleachers at the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers stadium which houses the Longhorns track and field program and the women's soccer team for the event.

"I've been hearing there's a lot of energy," Hite said about the atmosphere at the state championships. "There's going to be a lot of people there, and I'm going to run my last race of the season. That's a great meet to do it at. Being on the field and seeing all the other athletes around you that are on the same level as you, just being in that environment [is exciting]."

Lady Cats head track coach Travis Marsh has been down this road before with other athletes. Marsh said heading to Austin with Hite is an exciting prospect because the young runner has placed herself among some of the best athletes in the state in her events. If past performance is any in-

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Addison Hite, left, made her first trip to Austin for the UIL state championship track meet on Thursday after proving herself one of the best distance runners in the state last year during cross country season and again this past spring.

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Whitley McLure, left, Payton David, and Bailey Hennigar embrace their teammates after the Lady Cats fell to Gunter and were eliminated from the playoffs on Saturday.

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Gunter hangs on, Lady Cats fall just short

By Joe Fragano
Staff Writer

With bases loaded in the top of the seventh in a one-run ballgame, the Pilot Point Lady Cats narrowly missed extending their season when Gunter held on for a 6-5 victory at Celina High School and swept Pilot Point out of the playoffs on Saturday.

The Lady Cats took the field Saturday after turning in a rather sloppy performance in game one of their area championship series with the Lady Tigers the day before. Pilot Point lost game one 7-4 after a series of mistakes in the field, and the Lady Cats went into game two knowing things had to be cleaner.

"I didn't feel like we came out with good energy [in game one]," Pilot Point head coach Michelle Booker said. "We were kind of [passive], and I feel like our play showed it. ... So we really preached to them this morning and last night about getting off the bus with a good energy. We started out slow, but they fought. Every play, every inning we were in it."

Disaster struck early for Pilot Point. Gunter retained the momentum they built in game one and parlayed it into a 3-0 lead af-

ter their first trip to the plate in the top of the first. Pilot Point faced a significant deficit after one half inning, but then Lady Cats did not blink.

Pilot Point responded to Gunter's early outburst with a big inning of their own. Consecutive RBI base hits by Ava Dennis, Whitley McLure and Laynie Nortman not only erased Gunter's lead, but built one for Pilot Point. Unphased by Gunter's fast start, Pilot Point scored five runs in the bottom of the first to take a two-run lead.

"It would have been really easy for them to [give up]," Booker said. "But for them to come out [in the bottom of the inning] and do that, it just shows they're competitors. They're fighters. We're just right on the edge of really being great, and it's unfortunate that we don't have a few more games."

Gunter wasted little time making up ground. Pilot Point's lead evaporated after Lady Tigers pitcher Rhyann Pogue singled to center field with the bases loaded in the bottom of the third inning and brought two runners in to score.

The Lady Tigers would See LADY CATS on Page 11A

Bearcats go down swinging



Pilot Point right-fielder Evan Evans breaks down over a bouncing ball in the Boyd High School outfield on April 6.

Joe Fragano/The Post-Signal

By Joe Fragano
Staff Writer

Timely hitting by the Grandview Zebras and a lack of the same from Pilot Point sunk the Bearcats in two games during the bi-district round of the playoffs on May 6-7 in Boyd.

Grandview loaded the bases in the bottom of the first. Pilot Point hurler Kade Morgan almost walked the tight rope to escape the inning, but Grandview's Zach Gilliland lined a two-run single to left field and gave Grandview an early lead.

After getting scratched for two quick runs, Morgan escaped the first inning without further damage. Grandview scored again in the bottom of the second on Rahat Suddle's RBI single, but Morgan held Grandview in check long enough for Pilot Point to throw a counter punch.

Aidan Jezek reached down for a low pitch and roped it over Grand-

view's left fielder for an RBI double to get Pilot Point on the board in the top of the third inning. Later in the same inning, Braden Lay collected what was his second hit of the game on a sharp ground ball up the middle, scoring another run.

Now trailing by a single run, Pilot Point had put up a fight three innings into their matchup with the District 9-3A champions. After Morgan went out to the mound and sat down three straight Zebras in the bottom of the third inning, the Bearcats looked capable of competing.

"We played well for the most part," Pilot Point head coach Jacob Kreamer said. "We made maybe two errors, we put the bat on the ball, all [game]. They know they can do it. ... They know what they're capable of."

Things devolved for Pilot Point in the bottom of the fourth inning. Walks and hit batters brought

three runs around to score for Grandview, and Mason Metzler punctuated the Zebras' big inning with a two-run single. Just when it looked like Pilot Point started climbing back into contention, Grandview landed a haymaker and took an 8-2 lead.

Grandview starter Ely Reeves had to work for his complete game victory against the Bearcats. Pilot Point racked up 10 hits off the Grandview starter but struggled to move them around the bases. Manufacturing runs is something Kreamer has said in the past is part of his team's identity, and an inability to push runners around the basepaths cost Pilot Point against Grandview.

"We tried to do some of that stuff, but it didn't work out for us," Kreamer said. "We just preach quality at bats. We've got some

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Addison Hite, State Qualifier

Pilot Point sophomore Addison Hite solidified her reputation as one of the area's leading distance runners with an appearance at the UIL State Track Meet in Austin. Hite placed second in both the 800 and 1600 in the 3A division of the regional track meet to qualify for the state meet. She was scheduled to run in both events on Thursday.

A pair of ringers

Gilbert Hernandez, left, and Shawn Saxens placed second in the Texas Horseshoe Pitchers Association's Texas State Doubles tournament in Cameron on April 30.

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guys that were pretty comfortable pulling the trigger first pitch, but for the most part, we want them to work the count and see pitches and create opportunities.”

Pilot Point could not mount a second comeback in their 9-3 loss in game one of the bi-district series, but the team walked still feeling good about their chances in the series. Halfway through the game on May 6, Pilot Point hung right with the higher-seeded Zebras, and the performance reassured some of the Bearcats that they could play with a higher seed.

“I think it gives us a lot of confidence going forward in the [series],” Pilot Point senior J.J. Emery said. “We can definitely compete with these guys. Hopefully, we can come out [in game two] and get the job done. ... It’s tough knowing that our backs are against the wall, but we’re ready to come out and fight like no other. We’ve got a couple seniors that aren’t ready to go home yet.”

That confidence begot another gritty performance by Pilot Point in game two. On Saturday, Pilot Point battled Grandview again and played an even closer game. Unfortunately for the Bearcats, it was not close enough. Pilot Point dropped game two of the series 4-1 and were eliminated from the playoffs.

Pilot Point’s season drew to a close with the Bearcats sporting an 8-18 overall record and a 7-7 district record. This marks the third straight year the Bearcats have reached the playoffs, not including the 2019-20 season which was canceled by COVID-19. Grandview now turns their attention to the area round where they are awaited by the Rains Wildcats.

Kennedale shocks the Chaps

By Basil Gist
Staff Writer

The Chaparrals were devoured by the Wildcats to cut short their playoff run, with final scores being 6-4 and 4-3.

Aubrey boy’s baseball saw consecutive losses in the first round of the playoffs to Kennedale, first at their home field and then away at Kennedale.

“We had a couple of opportunities there and missed on them,” head coach Nathan Henry said.

The first game saw the Chaps approaching from behind in the fifth inning but consistently falling short. One such comeback effort came from senior outfielder and top of the Chaparral lineup Caden Liebenstein, who went yard in the fifth to advance himself alongside another runner and put two on the board.

“We did a good job of fighting back, 4-1, then we hit a home run, 4-3,” Henry said.

Junior Blayne Polen relieved Rhet Bleemel in the seventh and filled the bases with walked runners before walking one home.

“Sometimes you’re just off,” Henry said. “He’s been in this spot before; he was in this spot last year. We’ve pulled him into a lot of big spots because we trust him, and I still do trust him.”

Polen was pulled off the mound for fellow junior Ryder Owens who put his first batter down. The second sent one into the outfield right into a Chaparral glove, but it was enough to advance a runner on third home, leaving the Chaps in need of three to tie.

The lineup opened with junior Wade Huckaby who sent a line drive to center field after a long fight.

He was followed by Grant Liebenstein, who was pulled up from JV early in the season to round



Jacob Holder was a team leader in RBIs for the Chaps in their 2022 season and started at shortstop.

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off the chap lineup. The young player tipped one off in a low arc behind the plate which ended in a diving catch from the Wildcat

catcher. The top of the Chap lineup saw two consecutive long fights from Liebenstein and Holder who were

walked and struck out respectively.

With two outs on the board and two runners on base, junior first base-

man Andy Fetters had a long fight of his own, during which two heavily over-

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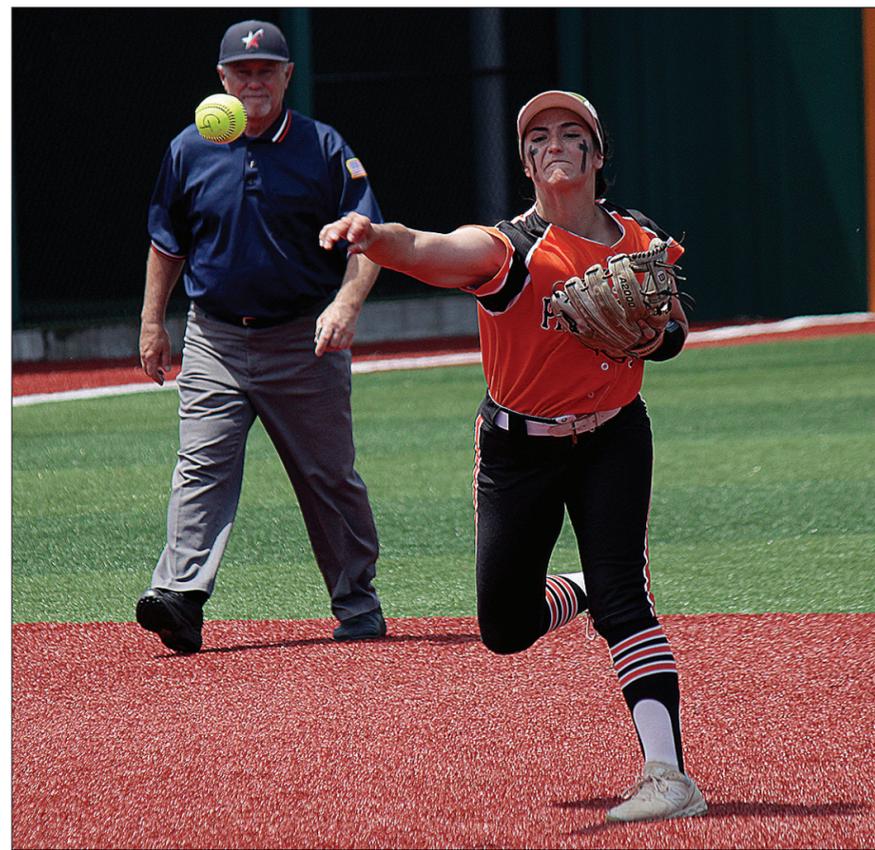
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Kylie Malone fires across the infield from her place at shortstop against Gunter.

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have taken a lead that same inning if not for a perfect throw to home plate from center field by Dennis with two outs. Dennis' outfield assist ended the inning and preserved the tie for the time being.

Gunter threatened to score again in the bottom of the fourth and snuck what turned out to be the game-winning run across home plate when Payton Krupa chopped a ground ball to first base with a runner on third. Pilot Point first baseman Ronnie Johnson's throw home after stepping on first was just tardy, and Gunter took a 6-5 lead.

The Lady Cats failed to generate much more offense in the rest of the game until the top of the seventh when they loaded

the bases in their last chance to extend their season. Pogue was dominant in the circle for the second half of the game, and she escaped the jam, sending the Lady Cats packing and clinching an area championship for Gunter.

The Lady Cats ended their 2022 season as runners-up in District 10-3A with a 9-4 district record. They will return a huge majority of the players that helped them achieve that success next year and will only lose one senior to graduation. With so many returning players, Booker thinks the future is bright in her program.

"Shiane [Ritchie] brings a lot of energy, a lot of heart to our team," Booker said. "Her energy every day ... is going to be missed, but it's nice to

know you've got eight of your hitters coming back. It's exciting. They've just got to keep working."

For Pilot Point's lone senior, the end of the 2022 season is a little bit heavier. Ritchie has played her last game in a Pilot Point uniform but looks forward to watching what her younger teammates accomplish after she moves on.

"I'm really emotional," Ritchie said. "It's really hard to play [this] long and have it all taken away from you like that. We had a great season ... and we fought really [hard]. I have no regrets. ... We're a great team, and this year we had a great season. They'll definitely have to step it up next year."

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Sophomore third baseman Branden West caught a long rocket from Blayne Polen in the right field to capitalize on a greedy advance from the Wildcats.

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thrown pitches saw Huckaby make his way down the line to eventually steal home. With a full count and a runner on third, Fetters swung out, leaving the Chaps two shy of a victory.

"There is only one thing left to do, and you know what we've got to do and that's win tomorrow," Henry said after the game.

The Chaps fell short once again the following morning, however, after the Wildcats succeeded

where Aubrey had failed the night prior.

"We had them down to their last strike," Henry said. "They just found a way to get that hit right there at the end that scored the tying and the winning run."

With the score at 3-2 going into the seventh, the Chaps had to hold the line, a task they came one strike short of.

"It wasn't for lack of effort or anything like that;

our kids played hard, and they fought," Henry said. "That's just the way the game goes sometimes."

Though this season is over, Henry has high hopes moving forward.

"We're going to return most of our guys," Henry said. "We'll have some spots to fill, but going forward the program is in a really good spot, and we're looking forward to next year."

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dition, Marsh said he believes Hite should be in the running for a medal in Austin.

"It's nice to look back and see how hard she's worked to accomplish her own personal goals," Marsh said. "For it to come to fruition and for her to live up to the expectations speaks volumes about her as a person. When you look at the field in the 800, [Hite] is in the top three, and all three of them are separated by about half of a second. ... I hate to say I expect Addi to win, but I kind of do. ... I think the 800 is probably the [race] I feel more comfortable about going in, but I don't count her out of anything."

Hite represents the first girls track athlete from Pilot Point to compete at the

state meet since Brisa Hernandez and Savannah Hodnett qualified in 2019. The expectation as far as Marsh is concerned is for Hite to be in the mix to make the podium in both of the events she qualified for. Those expectations are enough to prick the nerves of any sophomore, but the coaches are more on edge than Hite is.

"She's had a good couple weeks of work, and I feel like she's in a good place as far as running goes," Marsh said. "When it comes to being nervous, I think all the coaches are way more nervous than she is. She's the calm, cool and collected one, and we're the ones that are freaking out about everything. I think she's in a really good place, and she's ready to compete."

The relaxed demeanor Hite is impressing on her coaches is a result of her overall perspective on the event. A state championship means just as much to Hite as it does to any athlete, but when asked what outcome would represent a success during her time in Austin, Hite said she already feels like a winner.

"In my opinion, it's already been a successful trip," Hite said. "I worked really hard to get here. No matter what the outcome of the season is, I've worked my butt off to get here. I can't complain with how I finish."

Hite competed in Austin on Thursday after press time. Results of the meet will be featured in the May 20 edition.

ROUNDUP

Lady Cats rolling through playoffs

Aubrey is off to another good start in this year's postseason after knocking off Godley in the area round at Southlake Carroll High School on May 6-7.

The Lady Chaps made quick work of the

Texas Girls Coaches Associations 10th ranked team in the state, sweeping the Lady Cats in two games by scores of 14-4 and 12-2.

After opening the regional quarterfinals with a 3-1 win over Celina on Tuesday night, Aubrey battled their district foe again on Thursday after press time.

Joe Fragano

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