



COWELL NAMED TO ROANOKE

AMARILLO'S COWELL NAMED ROANOKE CITY MANAGER

Amarillo deputy city manager Robert S. "Bob" Cowell has been named the newest city manager for the City of Roanoke, Virginia, according to WDBJ7.

It was announced this morning that reports from within the City of Roanoke indicate that Cowell will be named the next city manager of Roanoke today. Cowell was chosen by Roanoke officials to succeed Chris Morrill as city manager.

Cowell was previously in consideration for city manager jobs in Amarillo, San Marcos, and Tacoma, Washington, this year. Cowell was a finalist in all three cities, but was not finally chosen.

Cowell has served as deputy city manager of Amarillo, since 2015. Cowell also served as interim city manager in Amarillo for a short time in 2016 and 2017, before council members announced San Marcos city manager Jared Miller as the new city manager for Amarillo.



Local Attorney James Abbott to Run for Randall County Court at Law Bench

Local attorney James Abbott is running for the Randall County Court at Law No. 2 position, according to information posted to Facebook.

Abbott announced his campaign on Friday, posting his logo for his campaign for the bench currently held by Judge Ronnie Walker. Abbott, of the Abbott Law Office, is the second candidate to announce his candidacy for the bench. Stewart Werner announced his candidacy last week.

Abbott is seeking the office as a member of the Republican Party.

It is not yet clear whether Judge Walker, the incumbent, has plans to seek re-election.



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Former Texas Governor Mark White Has Died at Age 77

The Texas Tribune reported this weekend that former Texas Governor Mark White has died at the age of 77.

White served as governor of Texas from 1983 until 1987. White, a Democrat, was instrumental in the passage of several notable Texas laws including the famous and controversial "no-pass, no play" law.

Following the report of White's death, officials from around the state reacted with grief and respect for the former governor. U.S. Congressman Beto O'Rourke (D-El Paso) issued a statement on White's passing, saying, "Governor Mark White won some tough races against the odds to serve the people of Texas. I'm grateful for his courage and service."

Governor Greg Abbott put out a statement, saying, "I just spoke with Linda Gale White to express our sorrow for the passing of a great Texan and long-time friend."



Thousands Gather for Amarillo Library's AMA-CON

AMA-CON was at the Amarillo Civic Center Complex this weekend and thousands of residents from around the panhandle attended to celebrate pop culture.

Vendors packed exhibit halls at the Civic Center while gamers and cosplayers moved toward their respective rooms for tournaments. Several famous fantasy authors were also on hand, signing books and participating in panels. Patrick Rothfuss, who was one of the key headliners from the event, was on hand to sign copies of the books from his popular "Kingkiller Chronicles" series.

Fans stood outside of the convention to take pictures with fans dressed in costumes from a wide array of pop culture niches. Groot of "Guardians of the Galaxy" stood outside and took photos with fans, as did cosplayers dressed as characters from "Star Wars" Obi Wan Kenobi all the way to "Frozen"s Elsa.

The event was highly successful and proceeds went to benefit the Friends of the Amarillo Public Library.



Sandwich Shop Moving into TN'T

Which Wich Superior Sandwiches is set to set up location inside of an area Toot'n Totum location.

It was announced this weekend that the sandwich shop will take a location inside of the Toot'n Totum location at 1540 S. Coulter. The location will be the first of its kind inside of a Toot'n Totum location.

The location will be one of 500 nationwide for the chain.

While no firm date is set, the opening is expected in September.

For more information about Which Wich, go to whichwich.com.

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-Usain Bolt

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Building Dreams, Solving Problems

Amarillo City Council Participates in Elected Officials Training by the Texas Municipal League

"The Amarillo City Council was in San Antonio last week (Aug. 3 and 4) attending the newly elected city officials' orientation, sponsored by the Texas Municipal League (TML) and the Texas Association of Mayors, Councilmembers and Commissioners, an affiliate of TML. Elected officials from all over the state attended the meeting, which provided an opportunity for newly elected city officials to voluntarily enhance their knowledge of city government and sharpen their leadership skills. In addition, the orientation offered an opportunity to visit with elected officials from across Texas to learn how other cities are coping with similar challenges.

During this event, attendees were offered sessions on topics such as leadership, open government, parliamentary procedure, financial responsibilities, ethics, economic development, and media relations.

TML is a voluntary association of 1,154 Texas cities."

-City of Amarillo

Rangers Knocked Out by Minnesota Twins in Narrow 6-5 Loss

The Texas Rangers were "Darvish-less" this weekend and fell to the Minnesota Twins in a 6-5 game.

The Rangers put five runs on the board and held the lead until the third inning, at which point the Twins were able to tie up the game. The Twins then took the lead in the fifth inning and sealed the defeat of the Rangers.

Texas' Austin Bibens-Dirkx took the loss for the game, while Minnesota's Jose Berrios claimed the win.

Texas will be out of action tonight and will resume play tomorrow in New York against the Mets.



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Hereford Native Parker Bridwell Gives Strong Performance for Los Angeles in LA Win

Parker Bridwell gave a strong showing on Thursday night as he helped propel the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim to victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, 5-4.

Bridwell pitched for five innings and gave up four runs to the usually strong Philadelphia offense. Bridwell performed well, finishing with a 3.20 ERA for the game.

Bridwell, a native of Hereford, has been dominant in his first season as a member of an MLB starting rotation.

Bridwell currently holds a record of 5-1 for the season.



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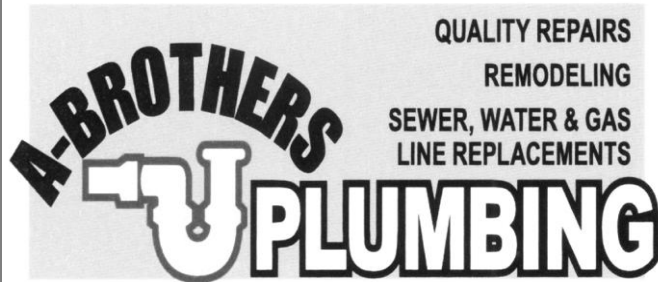
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