



WHO'S NEXT FOR THE LGC

CANDIDATE FOR LGC RELEASED TO THE AMARILLO PIONEER

The City of Amarillo is currently seeking applications for eight advisory boards which feature vacancies. And one of the most influential boards in the City sports a wide array of applicants.

Following Les Simpson's resignation from the board of the Local Government Corporation, the City of Amarillo began searching for new applicants to take Simpson's place. The board holds an astounding amount of influence in City business as it has been instrumental to the movement of the MPEV, baseball, parking garage, and hotel projects.

According to records obtained by the City of Amarillo, 15 candidates currently have applications pending for the Local Government Corporation. At least one candidate's application dates back to 2015, while the majority of other candidates have been waiting on the bench since 2016 to get the call for the LGC board.

According to the City Secretary's office the candidates currently vying for a spot on the LGC (listed with date of application) are:

Rob Parker	William (Bill) Bandy 4/22/2017
Ludell Hill 6/6/2017	Joshua Raef 4/20/2016
Roy Urrutia 6/22/2017	Brennan Leggett 5/2/2017
James Schenck 5/24/2017	Gary Jennings 5/31/2017
Paul Matney 7/10/2017	Ronnie Walker 5/22/2017
Alpesh Patel	Cindi Bulla 8/26/2015
Mary Bralley 5/16/2014	Christopher Walker 4/21/2017
Mariah Strong-Woods	

The list of candidates includes the former president of Amarillo College, a downtown real estate investor, an insurance broker, a restaurateur, a menu consultant, and an attorney, among others.

Several of the candidates have also been influential in campaigns and hold political ties to the current members of the City Council. One candidate was even the treasurer for one City Councilman's successful campaign. Paul Matney served as the treasurer for Howard Smith's City Council campaign, James Schenck previously ran for City Council, and several other candidates have previously been donors to Council campaigns.

The date that the new seat will be appointed has not yet been released, however following previous comments by Mayor Ginger Nelson on Facebook, it is expected that the appointment could take place in August or September.



DUDR Board to Meet

The Downtown Urban Design Review Board is set to meet on Thursday, August 3rd.

According to an agenda posted to amarillo.gov, the board's main reason for meeting will be to consider a proposal for a request for renovation at 1300 S. Van Buren. The board will also host a public comment period and will discuss its last meeting's minutes.

The board is set to meet at 5:30pm on Thursday at the Simms Municipal Building (808 S. Buchanan).

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Zoo Volunteers Raise Money for Tiger Conservation Campaign

Volunteers with the Amarillo Zoo have raised \$5,000 for the Tiger Conservation Campaign.

The Amarillo Zoo announced this weekend that the Zoo volunteers have raised the money over two years. In a post on Facebook, the Amarillo Zoo said that money raised will "go to support projects that prevent poaching, support sustainable farming, and educate people about the importance of tigers, their habitats, and the other species that live in those habitats."

For more information, visit the Amarillo Zoo on Facebook.



Rangers Deal Lucroy, Jeffress Ahead of Deadline

The Texas Rangers have traded catcher Jonathan Lucroy and relief pitcher Jeremy Jeffress ahead of the trade deadline.

It was announced that Texas had dealt the two players along with the marquee trade of Yu Darvish to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Jonathan Lucroy is headed to the Colorado Rockies and Jeremy Jeffress is headed back to the Milwaukee Brewers.

In exchange, the Texas Rangers are looking to "restock" the farm system. In trading Lucroy, Jeffress, and Darvish, the Rangers acquired a slew of minor league talent. According to MLB.com, the Rangers acquired Willie Calhoun, pitcher A.J. Alexy and infielder Brendon Davis from the Dodgers for Darvish, pitcher Tayler Scott from Milwaukee for Jeffress and a player to be named for Lucroy.

The Rangers organizations' upper management have praised the deal as a new kickstart for the team's 2018 season.

"At the upper levels, we certainly have some players, but not where we want to be and where we will be very quickly," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels told MLB, "And when you have the kind of people and systems that our development and scouting systems have, I'm pretty confident that that will look very different, very quickly."

Right-handed pitchers Clayton Blackburn and Nick Martinez have been called up to assume pitching duties in the thin 2017 Rangers bullpen, while Robinson Chirinos is expected to see increased playing time in Lucroy's absence.

WTAMU Professor Wins Book Award

A West Texas A&M University professor has been awarded a prestigious book award for his latest book.

WTAMU announced today that Professor Timothy Bowman has been awarded the Américo Paredes Book Award for 2017 from the Center for Mexican American Studies for his book *Blood Oranges: Colonialism and Agriculture in the South Texas Borderlands*. The award will be given in October during the Center's Hispanic Heritage Month Lecture Series.

According to WTAMU, *Blood Oranges* "traces the cultural and economic transformation of the South Texas Borderland." Bowman's book "explores the circumstances surrounding the marginalization of ethnic Mexicans inside the U.S.-Mexico border."

Bowman's book has also received the Jim Parish Award presented by the Webb County Heritage Society for outstanding original research in regional history.

For more information, please visit West Texas A&M University's website.



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-Matthew McConaughey

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Building Dreams, Solving Problems

Online Bill Payment Upgrades Completed

"The City of Amarillo Utility Billing department's online and phone payment services have now been upgraded. If you are a current user of the one-time payment system or are enrolled within the online payment system, please note the following changes:

Please be advised that the phone payment number has changed to 1-844-722-6250. You will still be required to provide your utility account number and billing zip code to proceed with payment. Payment methods will include bank account (checking and savings account) as well as debit/credit card (Visa and Mastercard only). You will still need to provide your confirmation number upon payment to the Utility Billing office (806) 378-3030 if your payment is within 2-3 business days of your due date.

If you have saved links to your favorites, please refer to the City of Amarillo website for updates to the Utility Bill Online Payment Enrollment and the Utility Bill One Time Online Payment links. Any payment that has been scheduled within the old system up to Tuesday, August 15th, will process without issue. If a payment is scheduled past this date, please contact Utility Billing at (806) 378-3030 to cancel your payment and to receive information on how to enroll within the upgraded system.

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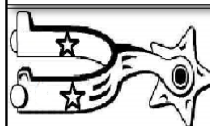
The Randall County Sheriff's Office issued a warning today for parents who are registering their students at Gene Howe Elementary and Randall High School.

According to the Sheriff's Office, as TXDOT continues to work to expand Loop 335 to four lanes, detours can be expected. For a period of time, motorists can expect detours and changing traffic patterns.

Those who are entering or exiting Randall High School are asked to do so from the south.

Drivers are asked to slow down and pay extra attention to road workers and fellow motorists.

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Fantasy Author Patrick Rothfuss to Speak, Sign Books at 2017 Ama-Con Event

Fantasy author Patrick Rothfuss will be on hand to sign books and to deliver a keynote Q&A session at this year's Ama-Con.

Rothfuss, an author of epic fantasy, will be on hand at the Amarillo Civic Center for Ama-Con to participate in the keynote question and answer session. Rothfuss will later sign books for attendees.

Rothfuss is the author of The Kingkiller Chronicles franchise. Rothfuss has penned two books in the franchise and is currently working on a third.

The author will take the Ama-Con stage at 1:30pm on Saturday, August 5th. Rothfuss will then sign books at 5pm.

For more information about Ama-Con, visit the event's Facebook page.



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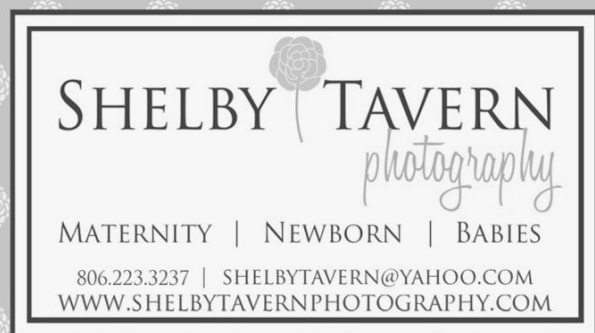
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