



Ruhl challenged by Hawkins for VISD trustee seat

The local election features two contests. Incumbent Michael Ruhl is being challenged by Carrie Hawkins for VISD board of trustees. The Vernon City

Commission has Jim Parmer and Norris Thomas competing for an open seat. Early voting began this week in the election slated for November 3, 2020.

The four candidates were asked to discuss their qualifications and issues that they felt were important. The candidates answers are provided

below as they were submitted. A sample ballot for the general election and voting dates are included on Page 4 of today's edition.



Hawkins

Carrie Hawkins

Tell us about yourself? (family, work, education, hobbies, etc)

HAWKINS: I was born and raised in Vernon, graduated from Vernon High School in 2001. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications from Texas Tech University in 2005.

My husband Andy and I own a small business in Vernon and have two daughters: Olivia, 11, a 5th grader at Shive Elementary and Lillie, 4, in pre-kindergarten at St. Paul School.

We are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church where I

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Michael Ruhl

Tell us about yourself? (family, work, education, hobbies, etc)

RUHL: Hi, my name is Michael Ruhl and I am running for reelection to the Vernon Independent School District (VISD) Board of Trustees place 6. I have lived in Vernon since 1998, and married Melissa Hughes in 2000. We have two high schoolers. Caroline is a senior who plays tennis on the varsity squad, and Victoria is a sophomore cheerleader. I retired last year from Vernon College after having taught biology classes for several decades. Upon retiring, I have spent my time getting in shape, planting a

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Ruhl

Parmer and Thomas face off for city commission seat



Thomas

Norris Thomas

Tell us about yourself? (family, work, education, hobbies, etc)

Norris Thomas is the Sr. Pastor of the Wood Street Baptist Church. Thomas is active in the community and he serves as president of the Wilbarger County Ministerial Alliance. He also participates in the following: The North Vernon Pastors Alliance Board, the Salvation Army Board, and The Vernon Housing Authority.

Thomas graduated from John Tyler High School, Tyler, Texas, in May 1985. He joined the U.S. Army in 1987. He served in Operation Desert Storm and in the Iraq War in 2005. He is a highly decorated soldier, who earned the coveted Bronze Star and he retired in 2007. He earned a

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Jim Parmer

Tell us about yourself? (family, work, education, hobbies, etc)

I am a pharmacist and have lived in Vernon for over 50 years. My dad was a dentist and moved here in 1961 when I was 4. My dad always said that he moved here because there were good people in this town, good churches in Vernon. That it was a good place to raise a family. One of my sons has moved back here, we've been here for four generations now. I have also always thought Vernon is a good place to raise a family and I want to keep it that way.

What quality about yourself do you feel would make you a good commissioner?

I'm not political. As a pharmacist I have had

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Parmer



Crafts in the park

TOPS of Texas 144 held its annual Craft Show in Allingham Park on Saturday with a number of vendors and customers turning out for the event. The show is usually held in Wilbarger Auditorium but due to COVID-19 was moved to the park

this year with those attending enjoying a cool autumn day as they strolled through the park to check out the items on display.

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County approves expenditures, gives property to city

DANIEL WALKER
VERNON RECORD

Expenditures for county entities with non-returning elected officials again dominated the meeting of the Wilbarger County Commissioners Court. The meeting was held last Friday, instead of the regular Monday meeting due to the county offices being closed for Columbus Day.

Precinct 1 commissioner John Wright said he needed to have a grader repaired, the air conditioning was not working. He also said he needs to make a hire; which Judge Greg Tyra said was already covered in the salary order for the year.

Precinct 3 commissioner

Kelly Joe Neel said he needed \$2,296 for 3 culverts.

Sheriff Bill Price said he had four spending requests. He said Unit 11 and Unit 9 each needed new four tires. He Unit 11 would cost \$763 and Unit 9 would cost \$505. Price said he had two contracts that were up for renewal. He contract with Pretorial Academy to allow the 24 jail and sheriff office employees to receive required online training and a contract at \$4,702 per year with Integrity Steel Works for maintaining the jail doors.

Judge Tyra also told Price to also get the company to replace a panel

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DEATHS:

Jimmie Anderson, Vernon
Stanley Mathes, Vernon
Loy Lee, Sanger
Max Gerhardt Jr., Crowell

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NEWS POINTS

Information on VISD bus routes

For precautionary purposes related to COVID exposures, Vernon ISD will only run Buses # 2 & # 27. No other bus routes will run the remainder of the week through Friday, Oct. 16.

There will be no ESL tutorials after schol Thursday of this week.

There will be In-Service on Monday Oct. 19,2020, and no classes. Transportation will resume operations (running all bus routes) on Tuesday Oct. 20,2020.

Hidden Treasures reopening

Hidden Treasures, 2201 Main Street has received approval to re-open on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020.

Hidden Treasures is operated by volunteers with the North Texas State Hospital Volunteer Service Council. All proceeds support the councils efforts with NTSH.

All volunteers will be required to be screened with a temperature check and required to wear the provided facemask while volunteering due to state policy and procedures.

Hidden Treasures will follow local, county, and CDC regulations.

VFW Auxiliary fundraiser set

The VFW Auxiliary Post 4747, Vernon, is holding a t-shirt fundraiser for Veterans Day. Local businesses are being asked to sponsor the fundraiser for \$50, with the business' name to be put on the back of the t-shirt. Each sponsor will receive one free t-shirt. Deadline for sponsors is Oct. 31.

Orders will also be taken for individuals to purchase t-shirts, which are available for \$20 for small to XL and \$25 for 2X to 4X.

For additional information contact Mary Campbell at 940-553-4298.

WGH Auxiliary Gift Shop opened

The Wilbarger General Hospital Gift shop has reopened to the public.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Masks are required, and only two people may be in the Gift shop at one time.

The Gift Shop is located on the first floor of the hospital.

Fall Festivals, Halloween plans?

While some local Halloween and /or Fall Festivals may have been cancelled this year, other non-profits organizations, churches and groups are still planning to host such events.

The Record would like to know about these activities. To have your event listed in the paper, contact the Vernon Record office at 940-552-5454 or email to Joyce Ashley at jashley@vernonrecord.com.

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*The Lord gives
strength to His
people. The Lord
blesses His people with
peace. Psalm 29:11*
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