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DENTON ISD ADDS WI-FI ON SCHOOL BUSES

Article provided by Denton ISD

Cradlepoint, based in Boise, Idaho, to provide free Wi-Fi on all 206 school buses in its fleet.

Adding Wi-Fi to all school buses provides wireless solutions that allow bus riders to stay connected beyond the classroom walls. Whether traveling home on buses after school or to nearby communities on the night of a ball game or a UIL-sanctioned fine arts contest, students will now be able to complete any outstanding assignments or work on a homework assignment while riding the bus.

“When we travel to away football games, our band members can spend an average of two and a half hours riding on our school buses,” said Brian Wilson, Denton High director of bands. “We have band contests in Princeton which is located along the far eastern edge of Collin County and those bus rides can last as long as three hours

total time. Travel time to UIL area round band competitions similarly take three hours roundtrip as well. The amount of time our band, cheer, and student-athletes can spend on a school bus adds up quickly each week.”

Band students at Braswell High currently travel along FM 380, a road that is heavily under construction for the next few years. When the Bengal Band makes trips to Saginaw or Plano East for band competitions, those are typically multi-hour bus rides. Round trips bus rides to the UIL area round competition are easily three hours or more.

“We see this as another resource for our students to be able to utilize their district-issued Chromebooks or other devices to complete coursework while riding home on our school buses,” said Dr. Sheryl Alden, executive director of transportation. “Since we do cover such a large

amount of real estate in our district, we know there are students of ours who do not have connectivity at home or ones who spend a significant of hours on a school bus to get home and this is just another resource to help those students on their educational journey.”

Cradlepoint’s NetCloud Service provides Denton ISD with the capabilities needed to manage its in-vehicle work. Through purpose-built ruggedized routers, NetCloud offers enterprise-class reliability, manageability, and security and allows cohesive management using the LTE and 5G edge.

Funding for Wi-Fi hotspots and broadband services for school buses was obtained using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. Wi-Fi installations on the district’s full fleet of school buses began this spring and the work was completed during the summer months.

Denton ISD covers more than 180 square miles compelling its students to spend countless hours on school buses daily. In 2021, Denton ISD implemented a district-wide initiative to address the “digital divide” concern among school-aged students. Since that time, the district has committed to becoming one-to-one by providing laptops for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade to ensure district-wide access to the digital tools and resources necessary to participate in classes whether in-person or remotely.

This fall, the district has taken that notion a step further. Recently, Denton ISD partnered with the broadband internet connectivity company

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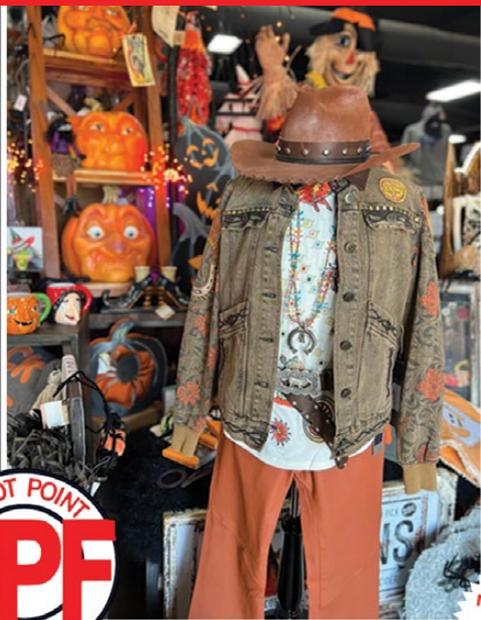


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Honoring life through a candlelight ceremony is a long-time tradition in our society. The burning flame of the lit candle signifies our remembrance of the life and the memory that lives on. It represents our loved ones still burning brightly in our hearts and minds. The white candle portrays the purity and symbolizes the soul of the person that has passed. While it is time to remember, it is also time to grieve. It is a time for silent moments and prayers, and to be around others that are also grieving a loss.

The holiday season can be difficult, conflicts of joyfulness and the sadness that dwells from

missing the person you love can be overwhelming. A candlelight ceremony allows you to step away from the hectic season and find calm and peace, it is a place full of understanding where you can reflect and heal with others who have also lost loved ones.

Slay Memorial Funeral Center invites you to their annual Candlelight Memorial Service. Everyone is invited. The service will be held at 400 South Highway 377 in Aubrey, Texas. The service starts at 6:00p.m. on November 20th 2022.

Please feel free to come alone or with family. Light refreshments will be served.

Loving Memories (Your Gentle Face)

Your gentle face and patient smile

With sadness we recall,

You had a kindly word for each

And died beloved by all.

The voice is mute and stilled the heart

That loved us well and true,

Ah, bitter was the trial to part

From one so good as you.

You are not forgotten loved one

Nor will you ever be,

As long as life and memory last

We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore,

As time goes by we miss you more.

Your loving smile, your gentle face,

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Friends Organize Fundraiser and Benefit for Renee Bland Polk



Our dear, sweet friend, Renee Bland Polk, who means so much to so many, was diagnosed with Stage III Invasive Ductal Breast cancer on 2/2/22. Renee is an amazing woman who loves God, her family, and her community. She is a beloved fixture of Pilot Point, Texas and is related to everyone in Aubrey, Texas.

She wears many hats: Mom, Wife, Nanny, Sister, Aunt Nay, Member of the Praise and Worship Team, Church Treasurer, Pilot Point ISD School Board of Trustees President, property manager, bookkeeper, prayer warrior, and friend. Renee has six children. Two are still at home in 10th and 5th grade, one starting college this semester and three that are grown.

Renee is among the most brilliant, creatively talented, witty, loyal, and generous humans you could ever meet. It's going to be a long road to healing, and we're asking for your prayers and, if possible – your financial support. The journey ahead may not be speedy, but by God's grace, it will be steady. Our goal with this fundraiser is to alleviate the burden of hefty medical bills, aid in paying for past, present and future treatments/surgeries, and to help Renee and her family be able to focus on the fight not on the finances.

To date, Renee has had six chemotherapy treatments, lumpectomy, sentinel node removal, numerous doctor visits, several labs conducted, pet scans, and echocardiograms. She is scheduled for 14 additional rounds of chemotherapy and 35 radiation treatments.

Any support that you can provide is greatly appreciated! Please join us in lifting Renee and her family up in prayer as they walk through this next season of treatments and healing. If you are able, help us lift some of the financial burden.

We thank God for you, your prayers, your generosity and sharing her story with others.

Jeremiah 30:17 – I will restore your health, and I will heal your wounds," declares the Lord.

Mark 5:34 – He said to her, "Daughter your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

HAMBURGER BENEFIT DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, Oct. 22, 5:00 - 8:00pm, Pilot Point High School

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TOP 10 TIPS

to Taking Better Photos with Your Phone Camera



By Amber McMahan with Growing Sprouts Photography

GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL

This is number one most important. If you want to get good pictures of your kids then get on their level. You want the viewer to see them eye to eye instead of looking down at them when viewing the picture. The best way to do this is to take a knee or squat for a quick second. You get two for one a great photo and a quick stretch workout for the legs.

FIND CLEAN BACKGROUNDS



Pay attention to the background of your images. To make sure your kids are the main focus in the image, compose the image so they are not competing with the background. Position them where the clutter is minimized behind them. You may have to reposition yourself a bit but it will be worth it. At the very least, move the camera around where your child's head is in a clean area of the background. Sometimes this can be as simple as moving a little to the left or right before taking the photo.

MAKE THEM LAUGH



Never say cheese. I know we have all been programmed to tell our subject to say cheese when we are behind a camera. True is gets the mouth in the "eee" form, but nothing is better than a true

smile. Kids photography is tough sometimes. I'm no comedian, but a few things that have worked for me in the past have been telling jokes and asking them questions. I don't know why saying the words "under where?" works, but it just does. You could also try telling them not to smile, reverse psychology at it's finest. Just be sure to be prepared to snap at that magic moment when they shoot a genuine smile at you, because it'll be likely gone in an instant.

TRY DIFFERENT ANGLES

Remember "rule number one" at the top of this list? Well, rules are made to be broken. It's a good idea however, to know the rules before you break them. Adding variety to your photos is fun. Don't be afraid to get creative.

TRIANGLES ARE KEY



If you have two or more kiddos in the picture don't be afraid to create levels with them. Ask one to sit on a chair while the other one stands. Ask some to kneel and others sit and others stand. Ask them to give each other a hug. Hugging is my favorite, but be sure to catch the photo before they tumble to the ground with a big hug. That tends to happen with groups of kids. Creating triangles instead of straight lines in images makes a big difference.

CLEAN YOUR LENS



I know it sounds like a no brainer, but sometimes the only reason you may be getting blurry pictures is because there is a small smudge on your camera lens. I keep a small eyeglass cleaner cloth in my purse and use that to clean it before I start taking pictures. Just make sure you don't use any scratchy fabric to clean it, you don't want to scratch your lens.

SWAP ROLES

Which kid doesn't like to play with their mom's phone? If you actually give it to them willingly and then tell them to take a picture of you they will love it. Letting them be the photographer also works as an awesome bribe. "Alright, you take two more pictures and then I get to take two pictures of you!" Works like a charm.

Bonus you get to be in some pictures too this way. They take so many pictures at one time you are bound to get one that includes your head at least once.

TAKE A SELFIE

Kneel down and gather your kiddos around you, then lift up your arm and take the picture. Your kids will love to see what you looked like when they were little. Plus if you surround yourself with your kids you can hide that mommy tummy that just won't go away. Your kids want to see that you're happy too.

FIND YOUR LIGHT



Light is one of the most important parts of taking a good photo. Look to see where the light is coming from and where it is falling. If you are indoors, open the curtain or let your kiddos

play near the area where the light is coming in. If you are outside locate the light and then position yourself accordingly. People tend to want to stay in the sunlight when taking a photo, but the best thing to do is to find the shade. Especially during midday. The best time to photograph your child is during the golden hour which is 1-2 hours after sunrise or 2-3 hours before sunset. This is also a plus because it is after breakfast and then again after naps, those are the times your kiddos are in the best mood, at least that's the case at my house.

LET YOUR KIDS BE KIDS



Don't expect your kids to always sit quietly while you take their picture. You are setting yourself up for disappointment if you do. Let them be themselves. My favorite photos of my kiddos are when they don't even realize I am taking a photo of them. I let them lead me to exact moment that should be captured. I even use this method while in the studio. I have parents bring in a special toy they don't mind having in the picture, I bring out my tickle stick or I turn on the bubble machine. The best smiles come out in play and that is what we want to capture, right?

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JAIRIA DIGGS

**Named Director of Federal Programs
and School Improvement**

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Jairia Diggs, principal of Providence Elementary School since 2017, has been named the Director of Federal Programs and School Improvement for Denton ISD. Ms. Diggs will transition into the position soon after a suitable replacement is named.

“I am excited to have the opportunity to work more closely with Ms. Diggs on academic achievement,” said Ms. Susannah O’Bara, assistant superintendent of academic programs. “Her previous experience at the campus and central services levels gives her the valuable insight we need to support school improvement efforts across the district.”

During her five years leading Providence Elementary, Ms. Diggs built a reputation for implementing systems and processes to strengthen the student learning environment. Under her leadership, the Providence Professional Learning Community reviewed the individual and collective classroom student data, identified learning trends and planned the next steps for instruction, intervention and enrichment that resulted in significant academic gains.

Previously, Ms. Diggs served students at Roanoke Elementary (Northwest ISD) for four years. In addition to her campus-level duties, she served the district by coordinating mentors for elementary teachers and conducted training for the Texas Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS). Her reputation as an instructional leader afforded her the opportunity to present the professional learning communities’ structure to other school districts in the state.

Also, while at Northwest ISD, Ms. Diggs was an active leader, hosting professional development activities through professional coaching and data assessment. She led a forum for learning via social media which evolved into a district-wide discussion on the book “Learning Targets: Helping Students Aim for Understanding in Today’s Lesson.”

Ms. Diggs spent three years in education with Keller ISD as the lead fourth-grade teacher at Whitley Road Elementary. She moved to Kay Granger Elementary in NISD where she taught multiple grades including service as the lead kindergarten teacher.

In 2011, she joined Peterson Elementary as the gifted and talented specialist where she assumed extra duties as the campus technology liaison, UIL and Destination Imagination Coordinator.

Ms. Diggs earned her bachelor’s degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a master’s degree with a focus on reading instruction from Texas Woman’s University. She received her principal’s certification from TWU. She and her husband, James, are raising four children.



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UNT Men's Polo team 2022 USPA Division I National Runners-up
L-R: Vance Miller III, John Dencker, Vaughn Miller Jr
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We are excited, 2022 is off to a great start at Prestonwood! Our UNT men's college polo team advanced to the National Intercollegiate Championship defeating SMU, Texas A&M and falling short in the final to UVA 13-7. They're a young team and are looking forward to making another run at the title next season.

This past November we hosted the Texas College Polo Championship, which was nationally televised on ESPNU. Last spring, we hosted a very successful USPA 8-goal tournament and our first ever 14-goal match, the highest level of polo played in North Texas since 2008! We have a great schedule planned for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 seasons, so pick a date to come watch the sport of kings.

We're proud to announce more improvements at Prestonwood including a new covered arena that will allow us to play and practice year-round securing the long-term future of our polo club!

The Fall 2022 polo season kicks-off Saturday September 17 with our popular Polo en Blanc Party. Then continues every Saturday through November 13. The Spring 2023 polo season will start on Saturday May 6, 2023, with the very exciting Little Elm Education Foundation's Boots and Bling Gala where they will be showing the Kentucky Derby live! Two weeks later, on May 20th join us for the 22nd Annual Polo on the Lawn. The spring season continues every Saturday through July 4, 2023. We invite you to come watch one of the most amazing sports the world, it's truly a spectacle!

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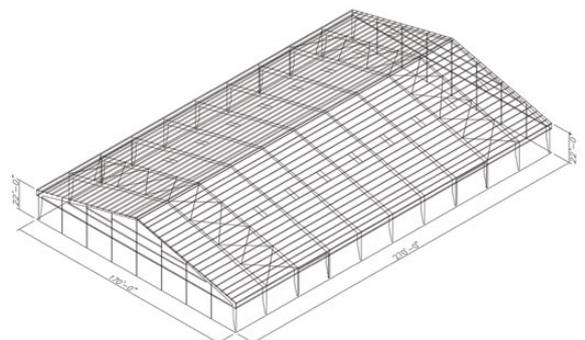
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Prestonwood hosted the 14-goal DSOL Honor Guard Cup, the highest level of polo in North Texas since 2008

Prestonwood is adding a new roof over its east arena, which will secure the long-term success of the club



FALL 2022

- September 17: Fall Season Opener White Party
- September 24: September Challenge Cup
- October 1: Frisco Fall Challenge
- October 8: Texas vs OU Shootout
- October 15: VCM Memorial
- October 22: North Texas Open
- October 29: 380 Guide Cup/USPA Constitution Cup
- November 4-6: Women's Tournament
- November 11-13: Texas College Polo Championship (arena)

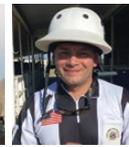
SPRING 2023

- May 6 - Boots & Bling Gala
- May 13 - May Challenge Cup
- May 20 - Polo on the Lawn Preakness Stakes Cup
- May 27 - Memorial Day Cup
- June 3 - June Challenge Cup
- June 10 - Belmont Stakes Cup
- June 17 - Patriot Cup
- June 24 - Dallas Symphony Honor Guard Cup
- JULY 4 - Fireworks Watch Party & Season Finale



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MEET THE MEMBERS of Prestonwood Polo Club

									
Cale Curtin -1 Goal	John Dencker .5 Goals	Pelon Escapite 6 Goals	Ulysses Escapite 4 Goals	Ramon Espinal 2 Goals	Jonathan Garnica 1.5 Goal	Chris Jones 1 Goal	Umair Kaimkhani 0.5 Goals	JB Long -1 Goal	Morgan McBride -0.5 Goals
									
Vance Miller III 1 Goal	Vaughn Miller Jr 2 Goals	Vaughn Miller Sr OT Goals	David Olivas .5 Goals	Sidro Olivas 3 Goals	Ronnie Puente 1.5 Goals	Mariano Silva 1.5 Goals	Richard Varner 0 Goals	David Werntz Jr 0.5 Goals	Trenton Werntz -1 Goal

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3. Charter Presented to City Council in Public Meeting



4. Council Votes to Call for a Home Rule Election



5. Citizens Vote On Home Rule Charter



YES



HOME RULE CITY

WHY HOME RULE AND WHO IS IN CONTROL?

The City of Aubrey is currently a General Law City governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Because the City has grown to over 5,000 in population, the Texas Constitution allows the City to establish its own rules for municipal government by adopting a Home Rule Charter. The City would still be subject to statutory and Constitutional constraints, but the powers available to the City through the Charter would be greatly expanded up to the limits set in the Charter, not by State law.

As communities grow the Home Rule Charter provides the flexibility to address the complexity of local government. The vast majority of Texas cities that have reached the 5,000 population threshold have elected to pursue their own Home Rule Charter rather than to remain a General Law City.

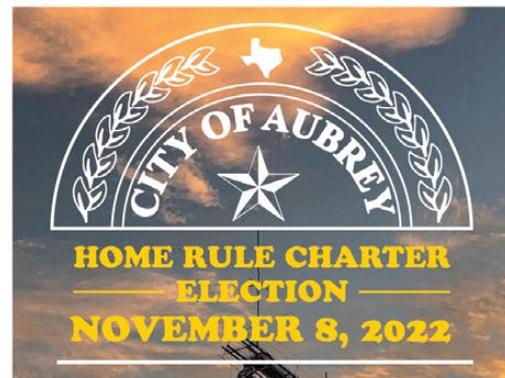
Once a Charter is adopted, the citizens retain control over the Charter through the amendment process. This ensures the citizens are always in a position to determine the form, power, and authority of their City government.



LEARN MORE

Visit the City website at aubreytx.gov or scan the QR code to find comprehensive information regarding what this means for our City.

If you have a specific question not addressed online, send questions to citysecretary@aubreytx.gov.



The proposed Charter will be submitted to voters at a Special Election held on November 8, 2022.

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ANDREA HAWKINS Named Principal of Savannah Elementary School

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Andrea Hawkins, assistant principal of Paloma Creek Elementary School, has been named the principal of Savannah Elementary School and will begin in her new role on Monday, Aug. 1. Mrs. Hawkins replaces Michael McWilliams, who recently announced his resignation from the

district to pursue other interests.

“Mrs. Hawkins is going to be an incredible addition to the Savannah community,” said Dr. Jeff Russell, area superintendent of academic programs. “She is a leader with great humility, integrity and compassion and has a variety of professional experiences that will benefit the team. Mrs. Hawkins has worked in the Braswell Zone and embraces the opportunities that come with working in a fast-growth area that cultivates excellent service and learning.”

An accomplished educator and leader in the district, Mrs. Hawkins has a proven track record as a passionate educator specializing in improving student engagement, fostering community support and bolstering campus culture. Her influence outside of the classroom throughout her career is impressive.

Mrs. Hawkins began her career in public education in the state of Oklahoma serving the students at Edmond Public Schools in 2000. She moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and joined a nearby district in 2002 before eventually joining the Denton ISD in 2003, serving at Pecan Creek Elementary.

In 2012, she became the physical education teacher at W.S. Ryan Elementary, serving for six years. In 2016, she was named Denton ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, an honor bestowed upon her by colleagues from across the district. She would move to Borman Elementary for one year to teach second-grade students before being named assistant principal at Paloma Creek Elementary, a position she has held since 2019.

Mrs. Hawkins has created video presentations for the Denton Public Schools Foundation, written articles for the Denton ISD Tech Blog, led master schedule design, developed the “Culture and Climate” section of the campus needs assessment and much more.

“I am absolutely excited to serve the Savannah Elementary community,” said Mrs. Hawkins. “I look forward to working tirelessly during this transition period to continue to grow and support all of the good things that are happening and celebrating student success.”

Mrs. Hawkins earned her bachelor’s degree in physical education from Oklahoma Christian University and her master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Texas. She and her husband are raising two teenagers.

LET'S FEST AGAIN IN PILOT POINT

By Wendy Haun · Pilot Point Main Street | Photo by Nite Life Magazine

Join Pilot Point Main Street on Oct. 8 for the annual Bonnie & Clyde Days festival, presented by Stanley Ford! This annual tribute to the 1967 classic film, shot right at the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Pilot Point, is back for the first time in two years and ready for a day of great family entertainment!

Take a gander at the Model A models and other classic cars, enjoy



performances from local dance troupes, cheer on your favs at the pie-eating contest and enjoy a fun slate of live music!

After enjoying the honky tonk fun of Brian "Beerman" Houser and newcomers Crenshaw, stick around for our big headliner - Dalton

Domino will join us on our Main Stage starting at 6:30 p.m. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs to enjoy this totally free concert!

NEED A RIDE?

The Pilot Point Municipal Development District is once again sponsoring shuttle services for the entire day of Bonnie & Clyde Days. Park your car at the park-and-ride location at Groff Park (1514 N Washington) for a quick shuttle right to the festival drop-off location at Walcott & Jefferson Streets!

Shuttle services are being provided by Lone Star SUV & Limo LLC and will run from 10 am through 8 pm.

2022 Bonnie & Clyde Days Schedule

October 8, 2022 | 10 am – 8 pm | Historic Pilot Point Square

10 AM -	Welcome to Bonnie & Clyde Days	Main Stage
10 AM -	Kids Zone, Vendors, Model A Cars, Antique Tractors and Classic Car Show Open	
10 AM -	Davis Dance Performance	Main Stage
11 AM -	Savannah Dance Performance	Main Stage
12 PM -	Film Reenactment	F&M Bank
12:30 PM -	Pie-Eating Contest, sponsored by World Famous Moms	Main Stage
3 PM -	Film Reenactment	F&M Bank
3:30 PM -	Live Music with Beerman	Main Stage
5 PM -	Live Music with Crenshaw	Main Stage
5 PM -	Kids Zone Closes	
6:30 PM -	LIVE MUSIC WITH DALTON DOMINO	MAIN STAGE
8 PM -	Festival Closes	

*Schedule subject to change. More details at visitpilotpoint.org

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Screams® is all new for its 26th season! There's the new Bootlegger's Bayou Haunted House and Cool Ghoul Boulevard walk-through attraction; exciting new stage entertainment, and the brand-new Headless Horseman Tavern and the 13th Hour Bakery.



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Halloween Theme Park 2022

Article By Helaine Thompson

Plus, tickets and Fast Passes for Screams will ONLY be available on-line at ScreamsPark.com this year and they will be date specific for the first time ever, except for the all-new VIP Any Day Combo Pass. There will also be a limited number of tickets and Fast Passes available each night, so get yours early!

In addition, credit cards are now accepted at most food & drink locations as well at most shops at Screams®. Games will still be cash only.

Screams® Halloween Theme Park has 5 different haunted houses, each with a different theme and are filled with creepy characters that are sure to find what terrifies you. You will also meet the cast of haunting Strigoi (evil souls) roaming throughout the site... everywhere you go... you never know when or where they will be! Screams® is designed for ages 16+ and not recommended for young children.

For 2022, Screams® is unveiling its newest Haunted House theme: The Bootlegger's Bayou: Take a twisted trip through the bowels of awful... Travelers beware! If you get lost in the bayou, the Gutt Family will find you... and the family that slays together, stays together... will you make it out alive??

The four other haunted houses have been updated for 2022 as well. Here's a glimpse into the horrors you'll encounter: Cursed... the Witches of TerraMythica Castle – it's a terrifying trip into the Medieval Myths surrounding the Magdena Sisters and their evil! Zombie Wasteland... Apocalypse – it's a fight to the finish where the survivors think you're zombies and Zombies think you're

food... Good Luck! Klownz in 3-D Haunted House (yes, you wear 3-D glasses as you go through the house)! Make all your nightmares come true with Booze the Clown and his freakishly funny cast of zombie clowns as you try to survive a trip through the circus of madness! Finally, enter at your own risk to take a trip through time while trying to find your way back to the here and now in the Times UP... Maze!

Screams® is also introducing a brand-new walk-through attraction for the 2022 season. It's the Cool Ghoul Boulevard: Your evening stroll takes an exhilarating twist when you enter the Boulevard where only the coolest of ghouls reside...

When you are ready to take a break from being scared, you can enjoy the exciting new live entertainment on the Screams® main stage, a DJ spinning tunes on the Taboo Tavern Stage, and Scary-Oke (Screams® very own version of Karaoke). You can also visit the psychic and palm reader, get a henna tattoo, play games of skill, shop in the Screams® stores and souvenir shop, and much more! Screams® is a whole night of Halloween fun all in one place.

When the frights get you hungry, grab a bite to eat at the Screams® food court, the all-new 13th Hour Bakery, or the full-service restaurant & bar, the Full Moon Café. Those over 21 can even partake in an adult beverage, including an outstanding selection of craft and seasonal beer, at the Full Moon Cafe bar or the 4 other pubs including the all-new Headless Horseman Tavern.

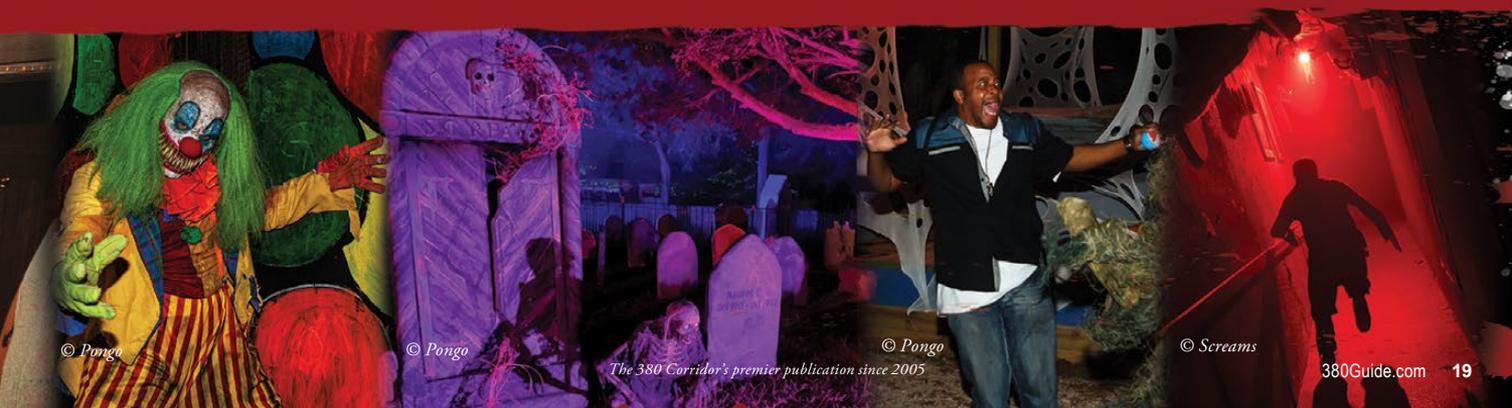
One of the things that makes Screams® stand out from other Haunted Houses is that your one admission ticket gets you into all 5 haunted houses and includes the all-new Cool Ghoul Boulevard, Scary-Oke, stage entertainment, and the Rottingwood Cemetery walk-through attraction. It's the best Halloween event value anywhere.

Screams® is open every Friday & Saturday night September 30 – October 29, 7:00 PM – 1:00 AM. Tickets start at \$42. and parking is free. Screams® also offers a Fast Pass (with prices starting at \$30.) that will cut your wait time for the Haunted Houses in half but get yours early since there will be a limited number available each night. And remember, tickets and Fast Passes are all now date specific except for the all-new VIP Any Day Combo Pass so get all the details and tickets at ScreamsPark.com today!

Screams® wants everyone to be safe & healthy! In addition to strict attention to sanitization, Screams® will be following applicable local and CDC guidelines for the 2022 season. You can get all the details at ScreamsPark.com

Screams® is super easy to get to, just 30 minutes south of downtown Dallas at the Scarborough Faire® site in Waxahachie just one mile west of I-35E on FM 66.

Screams® is the ultimate Halloween experience and you don't want to miss a minute of it! So, make the drive down to Waxahachie and spend the whole night of Halloween fun at Screams® Halloween Theme Park this Halloween season!





TRICK OR TREAT YO' SELF!

By Wendy Haun

This Halloween, we're bringing back a spook-tastic time to the Historic Pilot Point Square!

By popular demand, Pilot Point Main Street will be holding a kid-friendly safe trick-or-treat night on the Square! Join us for Scare on the Square October 29 from 6-10 pm and bring your plastic pumpkins and treat bags. Businesses on the Square will be doling out treats (and maybe a trick or two) and showing off their fun side. All are

encouraged to dress up and wear your most fabulous costume.

Something spook-tastic will be happening at the Pilot Point Community Opera House. We are excited to partner with our downtown theater company to bring an age-appropriate Haunted House to the event this year.

We will also be having costume contests for fun prizes! The age categories will be:

- Kids (0-15)
- Adults (16 and older)
- Couple / Group Costume

For the older crowd (who can still enjoy all the candy they can eat), we will be showing Hocus Pocus starting at 8 pm! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a beautiful fall night on the Square.

We thank everyone for their continued support of Pilot Point Main Street, and we look forward to seeing your best costumes on the Square on October 29!



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IT'S TIME FOR FALL GARDENING!

By Michele Scaife, Extension Agent – Better Living for Texans

Did you know in most Texas areas the climate is suitable for a fall vegetable garden? Many gardeners will plant vegetables in the spring and early summer and not realize they can also grow vegetables in the fall. For help locating, prepping, and establishing a garden site, which can be used for both fall and spring planting, check out the planning guide on AgriLife Extension's Easy Gardening series. (<https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/vegetable/easy-gardening-series/>)

Fall fruits and vegetables are categorized as **long-** or **short-term plants**. Some plants may not grow well after the first frost (temperature is below 32°F) and are called **frost-susceptible**. Other plants may thrive during the cooler season making them **frost-tolerant**. Group long- or short-term plants together according to their frost tolerance.

Plant short-term, frost-susceptible plants together—they will not survive a frost. Examples include beans, cantaloupe, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, okra, pea,

peppers, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, squash, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Plant long-term, frost-tolerant plants together. Examples include beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, chard, collard, garlic, kale, lettuce, mustard, onion, parsley, spinach, and turnip.

There are many varieties of fruits and vegetables; however, only three or four varieties may grow well in your county or region. Use Aggie Horticulture's Vegetable Variety Selector to help identify what grows best in your area. (https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/publications/veg_variety/)

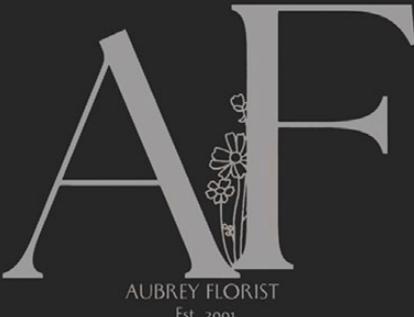
You can grow fruits and vegetables from seed or transplants. Transplants will shorten the growing time in your garden and are recommended in the fall when growing tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants or cold-friendly broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage. Transplants can also be purchased from your local nursery or retail store.

Don't forget to enjoy your garden! Visit your garden regularly to see growth and changes, and to harvest produce when ready. For more information reach out to your AgriLife Extension County Extension Agent!

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