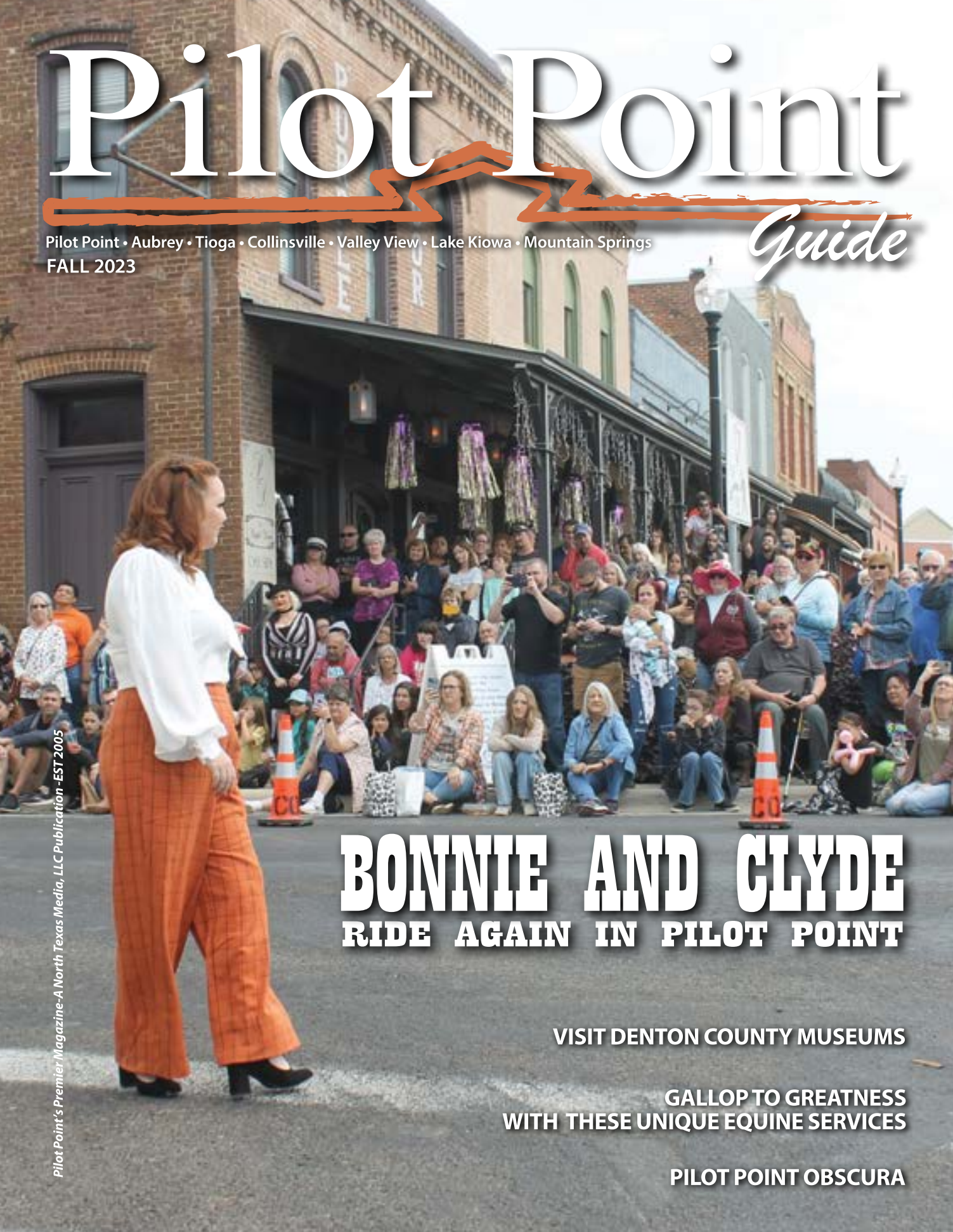


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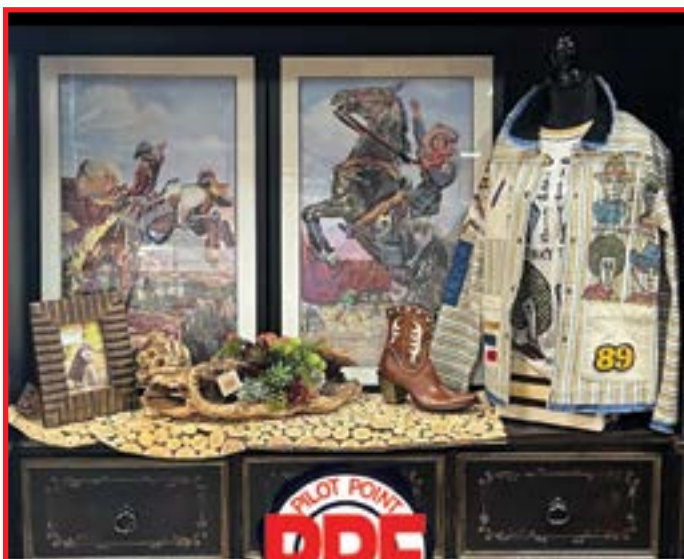
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Visit Denton County Museums



Located in downtown Denton, the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum offers a glimpse into the history and culture of the area through rotating and permanent exhibits. Housed inside the iconic 1896 Courthouse designed by architect W.C. Dodson, the museum's permanent exhibits include an evolution of firearms, a 1913 farm wagon that belonged to the family of Denton County Judge Andy Eads, and a vintage grocery store for interactive play. On the second floor, visitors can take in the historic Commissioners Courtroom and admire the restored features of the pressed tin ceiling and the woodwork. On the courthouse lawn, visitors may be surprised to find the grave of the county's namesake, John B. Denton.

Opening on September 8, 2023, *Team Spirit* is an exhibit highlighting public high schools in Denton County. The exhibit features photographs and items throughout the decades that represent the high school experience in Denton County from academics to sports and everything in between. For Denton County alumni, consider it a homecoming celebration!

After visiting the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, take a stroll over to the Denton County Historical Park. Just a few blocks from the downtown square, the Historical Park is home to the Bayless-Selby House

Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum Hours:
Monday - Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, 11 AM to 3 PM



Museum, the Taylor Log Cabin, and the Denton County African American Museum. Each of these museums provide a look into early periods of Denton County's history.

The Denton County Historical Park is located at 317 West Mulberry Street, at the corner of Carroll Boulevard and Mulberry Street.

Denton County Historical Park Hours:

Summer Hours: April – October,
Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

Winter Hours: November – March,
Wednesday – Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM

For more information about the Denton County Museums, visit www.dentoncounty.gov/ CHOS and follow the Museum on social media using @CHOSMuseum





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With These Unique Equine Services

By Wendy Haun, Economic Development



We all know that we live in the heart of Horse Country here in Pilot Point.

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But what about those unique businesses that cater to the horse ranches that you may not have thought of? We've got those too!

HORSEBACK RIDING:

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Looking to actually experience horse country from the back of a horse? We've got two spots for you to go horseback riding!

Black Mustang Ranch offers guided rides through Lake Ray Roberts State Park. You can go on picnic rides, take a swim in the lake to cool off and enjoy the beautiful state park trails with Monica! Read more from our sister site on this ranch and book your trail ride today!

For those wanting more of a horseback riding lesson for children under 13, check out 4 Fillies Farm! This facility offers year-round lessons, camps and even hosts birthday parties.

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RIDE AGAIN IN PILOT POINT

By Wendy Haun · Pilot Point Main Street | Photos courtesy of Nite Life Magazine

Every year, infamous outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow ride again in North Texas.

While the actual Bonnie & Clyde died in a hail of gunfire in rural Louisiana in the 1930s, Pilot Point comes together every year to commemorate the filming of the classic film starring Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty. "Bonnie & Clyde", shot in 1966 in various locations around north Texas, filmed its famous bank robbery scene in the Farmers and Merchants Bank on the corner of Washington and Main.

This year's Bonnie & Clyde Days Festival, which recognizes the Academy Award-winning film shot right in the Historic Pilot Point Square, will be on October 14. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., this festival boasts activities for families, the Soap Box Challenge, vendor booths, live music and other performances, plus the famed reenactments.

THE FILMING

Dunaway and Beatty were the leads in a star-studded cast that descended upon north Texas in the fall of 1966 for the filming of the movie, which also included appearances by Gene Hackman, Estelle Parsons (who won an Oscar for her portrayal of Blanche Barrow) and Gene Wilder.

Frequently, director Arthur Penn would cast locals to play the extras. That's how Purple Door Salon owner Bobbie Jezek found herself in the film as one of the children. Other local extras, according to news reports, included relatives of Mayor George Hilz (his 11-year-old daughter Karen Hilz and nephew 14-year-old Michael Hilz), and Mrs. Harold Smith (wife of then Chamber of Commerce President).

"Bonnie & Clyde", while receiving mixed reviews, was one of the top 5 grossing films of 1967, earning \$70 million worldwide at the box office.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

An oft-repeated legend is that Bonnie & Clyde were frequently spotted in the Pilot Point area, but not to rob any banks. Clyde Barrow had relatives in the area, who would offer safe haven to the Barrow Gang between their robberies.

Newspaper reports show that Clyde Barrow was briefly incarcerated in the Denton jail in 1930 in connection with the burglary of the Motor Mark Garage.

2023 FESTIVAL

This year's Bonnie & Clyde Days will bring back the festival everyone knows and loves, while also taking it to the next level.

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Headlining the slate of music for this year's festival will be The Damn Quails. The headlining set will begin at 6:30 pm on the main stage. They will cap off a day filled with live entertainment, everything from dance troupes to other live music groups, including Hayden Baker, Hannah Hokit and Deanie Deal & Dave Hollowell.

We're very excited that the Ford Masonic Lodge has taken over the much-beloved Soap Box Challenge. Come up Washington Street towards the Library and check out the racers as they go for glory!

Festival attendees can expect the reenactment of the bank robbery scene (organized by the Garage Door Theater), a free kids' zone, classic car show, including a stellar fleet of Model As, the Pie-Eating Contest and antique tractors.



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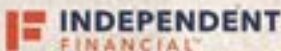
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2023 Bonnie & Clyde Days Schedule of Events

October 14, 2023 | 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 and Classic Car Show Open	
10 AM -	Soap Box Challenge, produced by Masonic Lodge	Pilot Point Library
10 AM -	Savannah Dance Performance	Main Stage
10:45 AM -	Davis Dance Performance	Main Stage
11:30 PM -	Pie-Eating Contest, sponsored by Little Piglet Bakery	Main Stage
12 PM -	Film Reenactment	F&M Bank
1 PM -	Live Music with Hannah Hokit	Main Stage
2:30 PM -	Film Reenactment	F&M Bank
3 PM -	Live Music with Deanie Deal	Main Stage
5 PM -	Live Music with Hayden Baker	Main Stage
5 PM -	Kids Zone Closes	
6:30 PM -	LIVE MUSIC WITH THE DAMN QUAILS	MAIN STAGE
8 PM -	Festival Closes	

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

2023 Headliner: THE DAMN QUAILS



Headlining the 2023 Bonnie & Clyde Days will be The Damn Quails! The Damn Quails are a musical group that thrive on the spontaneity of live performance and the ethereal connection between players that happens on stage. Their performances are a living, ever-changing experience that captivates crowds of all ages from all walks of life.

Following a six-year hiatus, the band reformed in 2022, releasing their latest album "Clouding Up Your City" and embarking on the road once again.

There will be no cost to attend the concert, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Pilot Point Obscura

By Jodie Linton-Prickett

Pilot Point Obscura was inspired by one of my favorite travel guides, Atlas Obscura. Every day we see the obvious beauty and history that Pilot Point and the surrounding areas have to offer but if you look closer there are some peculiar and intriguing curiosities waiting to be noticed. It is almost always exhilarating to get off the beaten path, but sometimes it is just as fun to explore right under your nose finding something waiting to be noticed!

If you are new to the area or have been here a lifetime we hope Pilot Point Obscura inspires you to take a closer look at your surroundings. By celebrating the strange, obscure and little-known you get a unique perspective about your environment. Also, driving around and finding these little treasures is a great and inexpensive way to spend an afternoon with the family.

Pilot Point Guide hopes to grow this list and run an extended version of this feature in a future issue with additional area wonders and novelties. We hope that our readers will share their favorite hidden gems with us and get involved with expanding this feature for next year! If you would like to tell us about your favorite area obscurity please send us a photo and location to Info@380Guide.com, please put Pilot Point Obscura in the subject line. Happy hunting!



The Historic Skinner Cemetery from 1858

To visit Turn off US 377 heading south on Debbie Lane for about one third of a mile. You will find the cemetery is on the north side of the road canopied by giant oak trees.



Franklin College Bell

The original bell from Pilot Point Seminary School, which opened in 1872 as a primary and secondary school. The school started offering bachelor degrees in 1884 and officially changed its name to Franklin College in 1892. This was the earliest college in Denton County. The bell can be viewed at the Pilot Point Museum on the Historic Square.



Another wonderful horse sculpture by **The HouseOfJustine** positioned at the entrance of Shady Shores RV Park **located at 1893 FM 1385, on the edge of Pilot Point and Aubrey.**



The ruins of the south side of the Historic Square in downtown Pilot Point.



The Bob Albrecht WW1 Memorial

Located in Historic Pilot Point Square on the Northwest side of the Gazebo.



Birthplace of the Nazarene Church Monument

located at 611 East Liberty Street.



Antique One Row Planter from the early 1900's located at 1156 North Highway 377 at the front of Pilot Point Feed's parking lot.

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Pilot Point's Little Free Library

The little free library is located on Jefferson Street, just south of Division (near the square). The books are free to borrow. Please feel free to donate books too!



Historic stables, The Legends, formally known as McQuay Stables,

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The Garage Door Theater season began with "The Importance of Being Earnest", by Oscar Wilde. Seen here is Justine Scott as Lady Bracknell, with Kendyl Brown as Miss Cecily Cardew. The next show of the season will be the debut of the irreverent comedy "The Great Mural Fiasco".



Chris Aquinaldo, a PP resident sent a letter to Bill Ford requesting a Bronco be opened up for Grady Jones, a Veteran who is sick with not much time, to purchase his last car. It was a dream to own the new Bronco! He realized it and Bill Ford sent a letter and Platinum North Ford had a party for him!



Corner Cafe re- opened up after a fire!
We had a welcome back party!

JC's Smokehouse fed all the guests at the part for Grady Jones to pick up his Bronco. They are Family owned and operated!



Savannah Olson, from Pilot Point, was the first runner up for North Texas State Fair Princess. However, she was number one in tickets to the fair. Most of her sales were to Pilot Point residents. A big shout out to Savannah and our supportive community! Savannah is pictured with her mother, Lacroica Olson.

Pilot Point's PTO had an amazing Back to School Bash at the Old City Park



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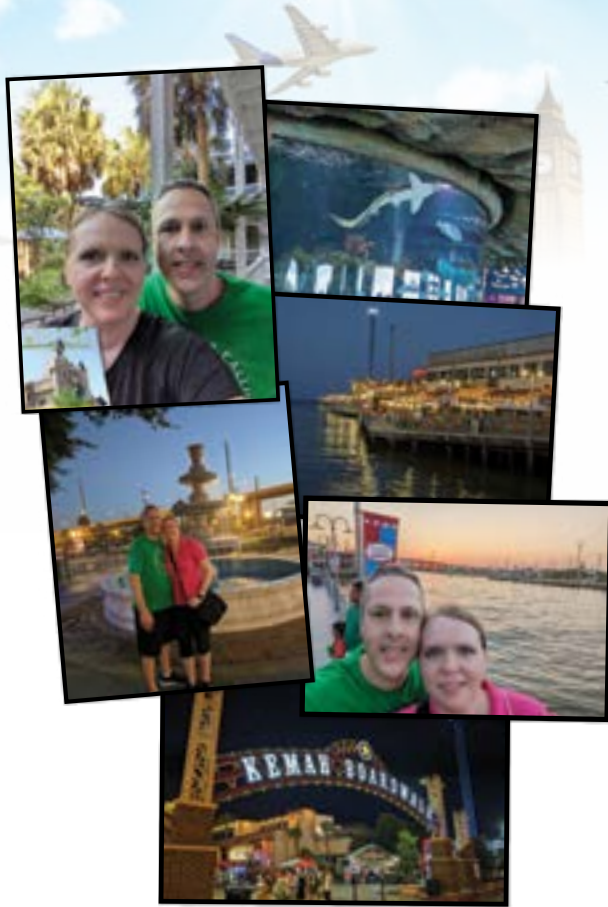
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Daniel and Mariah Acevedo took their Guide to the Kemah Boardwalk in Kemah, Texas.



Taylor Marquis took his Pilot Point Guide with him to Lake Murray's Tucker Tower in Ardmore, OK.



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A new exhibit at the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum exploring the history of public high schools in Denton County

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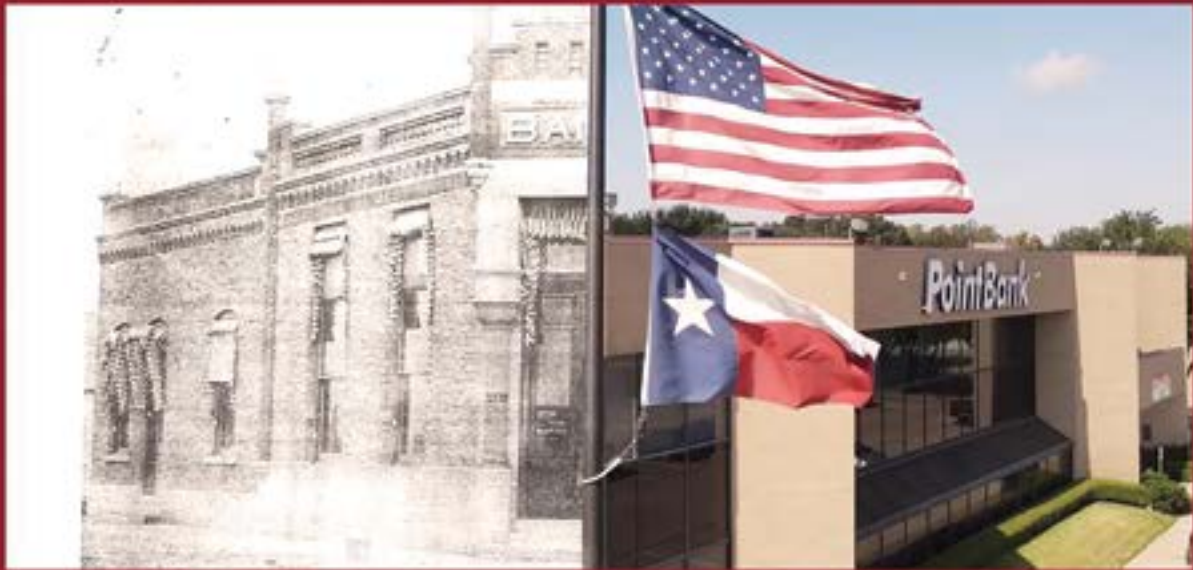
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