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LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHERS



The spring season is one of my favorite times of year. With flowers blooming, trees budding, and new life sprouting, the 380Corridor and the surrounding areas come to life. Additionally, turtles, ducks, birds, and other wildlife are starting to emerge during this time of year. Fortunately, it's very easy to access the copiousness of nature around us. Living in a great area with so many outdoor recreation



places nearby, like the gorgeous Lake Lewisville and Lake Ray Roberts, is a blessing.

Hopefully, at this point, 380Guide has become your go-to source for information when organizing activities or events for your loved ones. We hope this issue offers some events and activities you might want to check out in the coming months.

Please remember to support local businesses as they are the first to support charitable causes, educational institutions, and neighborhood associations. As always, we are grateful to our advertisers. Without them, we could not keep our readers up to date on all the local news and events.

May a springtime breeze fill your heart and bring you joy.

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In The News

Denton ISD, Town of Cross Roads form Partnership

Historic Agreement to Provide Community Enhancements

Denton ISD and the Town of Cross Roads have entered into a partnership that will provide enhancements for the community with the district's addition of its fifth high school and second advanced technology center after more than a year of discussions.

The new high school and advanced technology center will both be located in Cross Roads, creating a partnership believed to be the first of its kind in Texas, in that the district is collaborating with the town to create a community-based concept that supports the Cross Roads Town Vision 2035. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been approved by both entities that outlines plans to collaborate on these projects. The goal for both entities is to maximize the investment in the new facilities by creating a state-of-the-art high School and CTE that benefits both the students and the surrounding community.

"We understand that school is a key component of a healthy lifestyle," said Dr. Jamie Wilson, Denton ISD Superintendent of Schools. "Work-life balance is paramount, and through this partnership with the Town of Cross Roads, we are excited to work together and provide multiple features that will elevate the community."

As part of the partnership, approximately 32 acres near the southeast corner of US 380 and Naylor Road will be managed through joint ownership between the two entities to be developed as a town center with retail, restaurant and entertainment amenities and a future government center located on 2.5 acres in the middle of the development. This project will provide sales tax revenue to the town and property tax revenue to the school district.

"I am excited to announce this joint partnership that includes significant elements from the Cross Roads Vision 2035 plan adopted in 2021," stated Cross Roads Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr. "The agreement addresses many of the highest priorities in our vision

including ultimate plans for a variety of restaurant and retail uses as well as space for public events and walking trails.

This project will increase our revenue stream to continue to protect our municipal property tax free status."

To enhance this project a new east/west collector road will be constructed utilizing Denton County Road Bond funds approved as part of the TRIP '22 Road Bond election passed in November 2022.

Additionally, this partnership includes opportunities for collaboration on the uses of the Burgoon–Martin Agriculture Science Center at Star Ranch, located off Fishtrap Road in Cross Roads.

In 2023, Denton ISD partnered with Cross Roads to host the first Founder's Day Festival, and in recognition of the Town Vision 2035 Plan, Denton ISD plans to develop a community garden for use when students are not present.

Denton ISD Student Healthcare Clinic Now Open

The student healthcare clinic, in partnership with PediPlace, is now open inside of Fred Moore High School (815 Cross Timber Street, Denton, TX, 76205).

PediPlace is a local 501(c)3 nonprofit pediatric healthcare company, and this clinic will provide quality care to students who currently lack access to care.

The clinic will serve students who are insured through Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or who are uninsured.

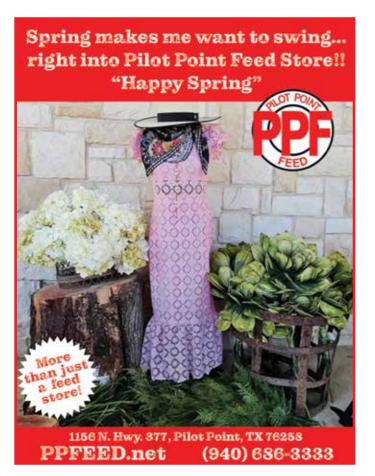
A parent or guardian must accompany students who are in need of treatment. Denton ISD will not provide transportation to the clinic, however, the clinic's location near a Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) bus stop will allow Denton ISD parents easy access to services.

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APRIL 8

GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSE

Did You Know? The 2024 eclipse is a total eclipse for those in the path. but the 380 corridor will see a partial eclipse.

On April 8, 2024, the second total solar eclipse in the U.S. in less than seven years will travel up through the country from Texas to Maine. The 2024 eclipse, known as the "Great North American Eclipse," promises to be even more spectacular than the historic 2017 eclipse, crossing over or coming close to more major cities and with a maximum duration of totality that's almost two minutes longer!

The centerline of the eclipse enters Texas, and the U.S., as it crosses the Rio Grande River at the Mexico-U.S. border at approximately 12:10pm CDT, with totality beginning in that location at about 1:27pm CDT.

As it exits Mexico and enters the U.S., traveling through the Texas Hill Country, the eclipse will have already reached its "point of greatest duration," that singular spot along every total solar eclipse centerline where the duration of totality is longer than anywhere else. That point is also the duration of totality "tipping point," meaning that the duration gradually increases along the centerline up until that point and then starts to decrease on the other side. In other words, for the 2024 eclipse, the duration of totality is all downhill in the U.S., with the longest durations in Texas and the shortest in Maine. Therefore, the path of totality in Texas will be

considered a prime viewing destination on April 8. And since the point of greatest duration in Mexico is only a little more than 300 miles to the south of where the path of totality enters the U.S., the duration of totality on the centerline will only be a few seconds short of the eclipse maximum of 4 minutes and 28 seconds even a couple of hundred miles north of the border.

If the longest durations of totality in the U.S. wasn't enough. Texas is also widely considered to have the best eclipse-day weather prospects in the country. More specifically, eclipse weather forecasting site eclipsophile. compoints out that, in Texas, "the north [or west] side of the track has a notably sunnier April climate than the south [or east]." In general, the farther south you are for this eclipse, the better your weather odds. And you can't get any farther south along the path of totality in the U.S. than Texas.

The centerline of the eclipse exits the state as it crosses the Red River around 3:06pm CDT, with totality coming to an end in that location at about 1:49pm CDT. From the Mexico-Texas border to the Texas-Oklahoma border, the Moon's shadow travels approximately 478 miles along the centerline in 17 minutes and 29 seconds at an average speed of 1,641 miles per hour.

The path of totality will pass through Mexico, Central and Northeastern USA, and the Maritime provinces of Canada.

Photo Credit: National Eclipse com

2024 Eclipse Facts for Aubrey

(34.193966° N, 97.124957° W)

Maximum coverage of the Sun will be 97.9%

Partial eclipse starts: 12:24 PM

> Mid-eclipse: 1:43 PM

Partial eclipse ends: 3:02 PM

WARNING

When viewing a partial or annular solar eclipse, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times.

Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard.

Always inspect your eclipse glasses or handheld viewer before use; if torn, scratched, or otherwise damaged, discard the device. Always supervise children using solar viewers.



TEXAS-TULIPS

A Little Piece of Holland is Just a Tiptoe Away

Injoy a daycation with a visit to the tulip field at Texas-Tulips, located at 10656 FM 2931 in Pilot Point, Texas. Depending on the weather, you can begin picking tulips in the middle or end of February and continue picking until the end of March or the beginning of April. Follow Texas-Tulips on social media or visit their website for up-to-date information.

There are roughly 100 different types of tulips available overall (early, mid, and late-flowering varieties). Throughout the picking season, varieties become available at different times. Texas Tulips has an enormous selection of hues and forms, so there is something for everyone. Plan to fall head over heels in love with these gorgeous tulips because they are just too good to resist!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- On the field, there is a picking basket that you can use to gather your tulips to purchase.
- Create your own gorgeous bouquet of tulips by selecting the ones you wish to buy.
- Bring your tulips to the stand, and they will wrap them up for you in lovely tissue paper and apply a special gel to the stems to keep them fresh until you can bring them home or take them to your next appointment.
- The gel will keep your tulips fresh for the duration of the day, so take them home or enjoy the rest!

STYLING ADVICE

The tulips remain fresh throughout the day, thanks to the gel. After relocating your tulips, give them a quick rinse and submerge them in water. When decorating your home, use your favorite vase. Alternatively, use a bucket to arrange your tulip flowers to display outside on your porch or terrace. Just make sure it's somewhere you can enjoy them!

Fresh tulips, which are available in an array of colors, have an unparalleled springtime feel. Texas-Tulips offer an amazing selection of tulip varieties, some of which are as follows: fringed, parrot-shaped, striped

tulips, Texas Gold,
Texas Flame, and
American Dream.



PICKING TULIPS

What could be better than wa with thousands of tulips and the love?

Imagine your children picking and your partner, or for their grace Come visit Texas-Tulips and mathat will last a lifetime! Or perhwant to treat yourself to a bouquenjoy the beautiful surrounding

Nothing expresses "I love you stunning bouquet of tulips from They're thoughtful and wonder the people you care about. All y tulips will be wrapped with love with a special gel to preserve the possible.

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hills of Texas; row by row, they open up to reflect the brilliant rays of the early morning sun. Many different types of unusual tulips change dramatically in color as the sun rises to its zenith, offering new photo opportunities. You can use the natural illumination angle to hone your photography skills. Alternatively, take some beautiful and treasured pictures to share these fleeting moments with loved ones. Feel free to share these happy memories on Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook, #Texas-Tulips!

HAY MAZE FOR THE KIDS

Texas-Tulips even offers a hay maze set up for your little ones, who might not be quite ready to pick tulips. Children can explore and learn through play in this maze while taking in the fresh air. This allows you some time to enjoy some tranquility while you explore the tulips.

Know Before You Go

OPERATING HOURS / ENTRANCE FEE

- Entrance fee: \$6.
- Veterans discount entrance fee Monday through Friday only: \$10/person (includes four tulips).
- Seniors discount entrance plus four tulips Monday through Friday only: \$10/person.
- Field trips or large group entrance fee Monday through Friday only: \$10/person (includes four tulips)
- Free entrance for children 12 months and under
- Operating hours: Monday through Sunday, seven days a week, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- · Free parking
- Concessions are available including snacks, chips, candy, and sodas.
- Professional photographers can attend without appointments, and a day pass will be provided upon paying the \$25.00 entrance fee.
- Texas Tulips hold the right to change entrance fees at all times
- Enter at your own risk

U-PICK

- U-pick, \$2.50/stem (tulip flowers will be wrapped in pretty paper, and stems will be put in flower gel).
- Picking baskets are available to use on the field.

THE FIELD

- There are picnic tables and restrooms.
- Dogs are not allowed in our field or in the parking lot or car. For service dogs, please call us in advance.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the field conditions
- Wheelchairs are only feasible to use in favorable weather conditions and with someone's guidance.
- No drones allowed
- Enter at your own risk







Live the Fantasy

Save the date for this year's Scarborough Renaissance Festival

Save the Date! Scarborough Renaissance Festival's 43rd season is scheduled to open Saturday, April 6, 2023, with opening weekend offering a special for kids 12 and under; they are free (up to three kids 12 and under get in free with each paid adult) and a \$10 discount at the gate for seniors 65 and over.

The festival will run for eight consecutive weeks: Saturdays and Sundays, April 6th—May 26th, and will close out the season on Memorial Day Monday, May 27th.

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Each weekend has a different theme and a variety of special events that will include the Artisan's Showcase on April 13th and 14th, the Viking & Barbarian Weekend on April 27th through the 28th, and Live the Fantasy Weekend on May 4th and 5th, among others.

Single-day tickets for the 2024 season will be \$38 at the gate for adults (13+) and \$18.00 for kids (5–12), and children four and under are always free. Advance discount tickets are available now at www. SRFestival.com. Beginning April 1st,

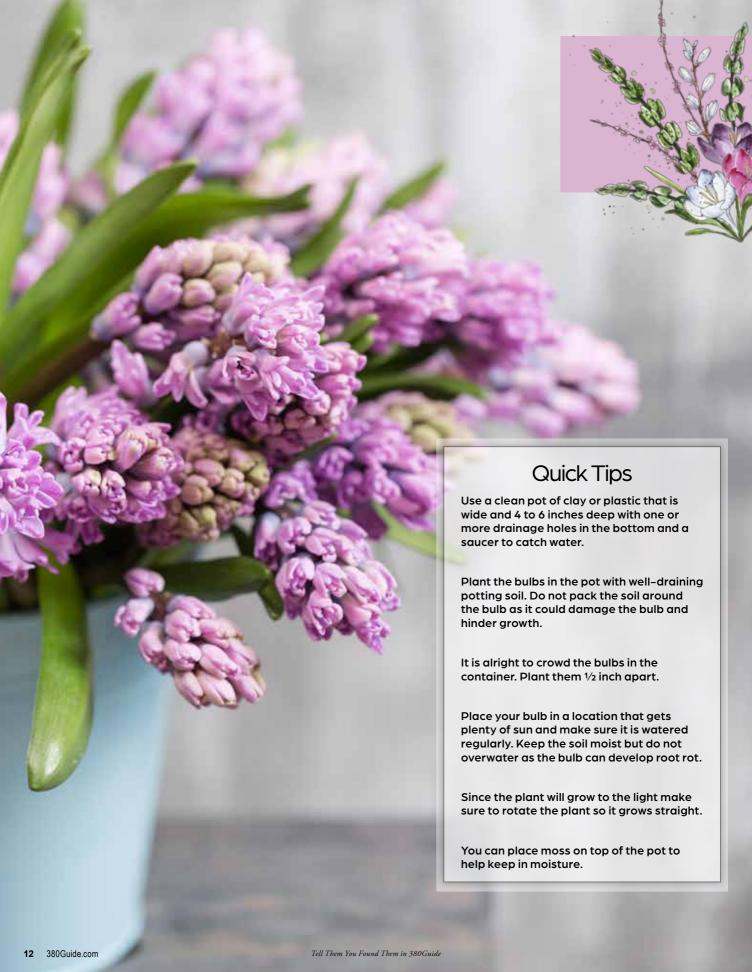
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Growing Amaryllis, Narcissus, and Hyacinths Indoors

By Sharrie Ely, Master Gardener

It's always lovely to have beautiful flowers. Even now it's not too late to consider "forcing" bulbs to enjoy indoor blooms.

If you are sensitive to fragrance, then grow amaryllis as they have no scent. For fragrant indoor flowers, you can grow paperwhites (a type of narcissus). Hyacinths are another bulb you can grow for great fragrance, but they will take more prep than narcissus and amaryllis.

If you would like to grow amaryllis or paperwhites, "forcing" is not necessary as these bulbs do not need be chilled. Plant them now, in a container with soil. The container may or may not have a drain hole which is just fine for bulbs. Without a drain hole, your bulbs won't need as much water. Place the planted bulbs in bright, indirect light.

When selecting amaryllis bulbs select larger bulbs. The larger bulb size will have more stored energy and you will see this in the bloom results. Larger bulbs will also typically produce stronger stems. Check that the bulb is clean and free of mold, decay, or cuts and is firm.

One variety of narcissus bulb, 'Ziva' is known to be divisive. Around 50 percent of people enjoy the scent while 50 percent do not. If you do not care for the fragrance of 'Ziva', then experiment and try other narcissus, like 'Avalanche', 'Grand Soleil d'Or', 'Winter Sun', or 'Ariel'.

Top the soil of your plantings with colored glass, rocks, moss, grit, or fine gravel. When planting the taller–growing amaryllis and narcissus, use a stake for your plant. Use a dowel rod painted dark green or even an interesting stick that you have found in your yard. Decorative stakes can also be purchased online in garden stores or large retail sites. Tie the plant to your stake with a pretty ribbon, twine, or coated wire.

Hyacinths are fun to grow but need a chilling period to grow indoors. Refrigerate these bulbs for 12 weeks in a paper bag, away from apples, pears, and bananas and then pot in soil or in a hyacinth vase with water. The water should below the bulb, not touching the root. Handle hyacinth bulbs with gloves as they contain calcium oxalate which is a skin irritant. Do not touch your face after handling hyacinth bulbs as it can cause a burning or stinging sensation.

If you are shopping for bulbs online, popular colors may be sold out. Look for bargains online and check out Box DIY Stores for markdowns on bulbs as stores may be getting ready for the spring season. Next year, shop early for your bulbs. Make a note in your phone or on your calendar to shop for the best bulb selection in August. Some sources for bulbs are Brent and Becky's Bulbs, John Scheepers, or Van Engelen, Inc. Buy several and share with friends or make plans to share as gifts.





Happy Gardening!



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- Rose Oliver



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