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# LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER



*Publishers Jodie and David Prickett keeping it "Local" at the Annual Lizzy Gator Birthday Party.*

## The Gift of Presence

I must admit, a big tree surrounded with presents is a lovely sight during the holiday season. However, the biggest gift of all is the gift of presence, instead of presents. Over the years, we have learned an important, yet easy life lesson that presence lasts longer, means more and binds a family tighter than any present ever will. Presence is a gift, which never is out grown, gets too small or boring, and never wears out or breaks. The best thing about presence is that it is always affordable and available for any family at any time. During the holidays, we wish for all of our readers, more presence!

We hope you take the time to go on the Historic Walking Tour of Pilot Point. We were very excited to work from the research put in by Jay Melugin and to expand on the material provided by the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce. Working as a team we made this interesting tour come together. It is a great way to spend the day with the family. While you are out exploring, stop in at one of the local restaurants on Washington and have a bite or pack a picnic and eat around the gazebo in the square center. You can always cap off your day with a relaxing drink at Lowbrows! It is a free to inexpensive way to enjoy some family time.

Currently we are working on another exciting walking tour with the assistance of the fabulous Pilot Point artist, Justine Wollaston!

Through Pilot Point Guide, we hope you get to know more about all of the fantastic things there are to do right here in the area. Expectantly, you will find some places that will become meaningful to you and your family where you can develop traditions and grow together.

Remember to support our advertisers when shopping for your gifts this holiday season. It is because of them that we can bring you area events, information and micro-local articles.

Pilot Point Guide would like to wish all of our readers, safe travels, warm nights and festive holidays!

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# Legendary Lowbrows

## THE THIRD PLACE

By Jodie Linton-Prickett

Years ago, Ray Oldenburg, coined a phrase, *third place*. He was a sociologist that acknowledged the importance of informal public gathering places. In this form of thought, the *first place* might be your home, and second place might be your workplace. The crucial social element separate from the first two is the *third place*.

Lowbrows is that perfect *third place*, a place to be you and feel comfortable. While you are at Lowbrows, you feel like you are amongst friends. You can socialize and meet people or set back and take it all in. There is no pressure. If you stick around long enough you will find that you see people you recognize, people you have gotten to know, and people that you would love to meet.

Today, when you enter Lowbrows, you walk in to an eclectic old building and just know the walls have tales to tell. Lowbrows resides in a historic building on the square in Pilot Point. The building came to life in 1893 with a restaurant, Dad Robin's Place. After that it was occupied by the newspaper and now, the *third place*, quite literally, Lowbrows. The local town historian, Jay Melugin, keeps up with all the area history and is happy to share his wealth of information with interested individuals.

For over 120 years people have been coming and going through this building leaving joy, scars, chronicles and legends in their paths. Without a doubt, adoration has been found, arguments have been lost, movies have been filmed, and I'm sure the locals will agree, myths, fairy tales and traditions have been born there.

I have met people at Lowbrows for the very first time who turn around and strike up a welcomed conversation. Some of the stories that have been shared while sitting at the bar are book worthy. Oh, and the laughs, those deep almost hurting laughs, I have shared plenty of memorable ones there. It never fails that something unexpected happens to top off my visit or give me my own story to share.

There are several things to love about Lowbrows. They have friendly service, generous pours and a good price point. People are easy to talk to and the vibe is interesting. Not only do they serve great drinks, but there is an excellent selection of live music on Friday and Saturday nights.



It wasn't until the year 2000 that the building was converted into a bar by the late Bob Albrecht. That was when Lowbrows was created. Lowbrows and the Old City Jail, built before the 1880's, nestles in a comfortable little area with outdoor seating. While setting around the table with friends nursing a cold one you feel transported back to the Wild West. It is picture perfect.

New owner, Donna Stephens, has put her touch on the place. She beautifully balanced her exquisite aesthetics while allowing the wear and tear that was rightfully earned by the building still shine through.

So, if you are looking for a third place, come in and visit Lowbrows. Not all *third places* are created equal and sometimes the third place is the most fun of all!



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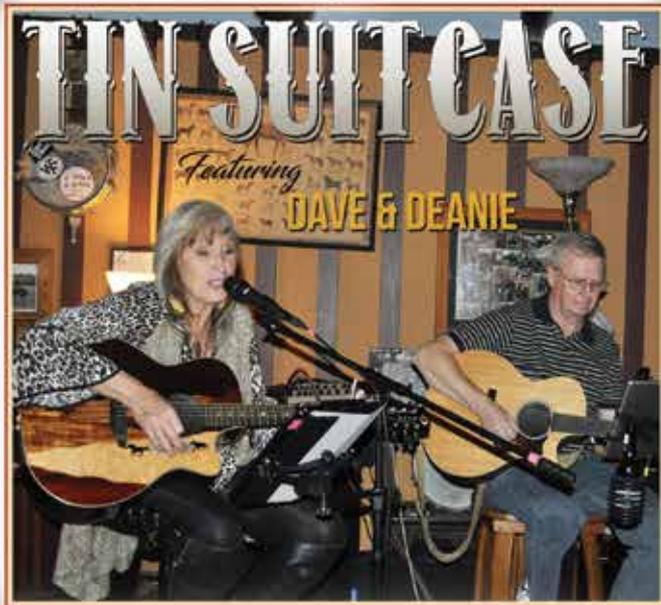
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There is no golf driving range in the country to compare to this one. Most of the ranges are operating on a short-term basis until the land is developed for some other use, not this one. The owner and operator is here for the long term and is living his dream. A dream that started at the age of eight is now a reality for this hardworking golf enthusiast, Jeff Christie.



Jeff has over 40 years of passion, experience and love for the game of golf. That's right, this isn't Jeff's first rodeo he was the proprietor of Vista Ridge Golf Center in Flower Mound from 1991 to 2009. But, it was in 2008 that he saw the vision of this state-of-the-art facility and purchased 15 acres and began building his dream, named in honor of his late father Jim Christie.

One of Christies Golf Ranch customers Randy Grisham said, "I've watched this whole thing evolve out of this old sandy soil in Pilot Point, Texas... Jeff Christie has more passion for what he is doing, than any other human being I have ever known... It is absolutely amazing what Jeff has created and will continue to improve on with time. If you truly love the game of golf, and don't mind a little country drive... you owe it to yourself to go meet this young man. You might want to consider a lesson too, because he is one of the best."



Christie's Golf Ranch operates with 45-stations designed in a horseshoe and the seven golf course greens have varying degrees of slopes along with pin placements—the idea is to give the golfer a variety of perspectives.

The 15 acres of well-manicured grounds house a pro shop, professional instruction, monthly memberships, and a weekly men's golf group just to name a few amenities. It's important to Jeff that the same upbringing he experienced is displayed throughout the facility.

Christie's Golf Ranch provides the community with wholesome activities, creating a long-term value and enhanced quality of life.

Some of the highlights at Christies Golf Ranch include: Water hazards, 75-yard practice hole, chipping green, bunkers, putting green, pro shop, and it is a family-oriented environment.

If you have noticed that there is dirt moving and grass growing at the ranch. It is because a 9 Hole/Par 3 Golf Course is opening soon!

For more information about lessons, the golf course, memberships and more please call Jeff at 214-317-1488.

Information provided by Jeff Christie and [www.christiesgolfranch.com](http://www.christiesgolfranch.com).

# HUGH COLEMAN:

## Fighting for the Taxpayer Since 2009



*Photo By Mandy Smithers*

In an era when public approval and trust in our governmental institutions is at historic lows, one name stands out as a steady and consistent voice on behalf of the taxpayer – Commissioner Hugh Coleman. Since taking office in 2009, Coleman has been one of Denton County’s leading advocates for fiscal restraint, open and transparent government, and prioritizing improvements of our roadways and infrastructure.

It was a banner year in 2019 for Coleman’s taxpayer-first agenda. This year, he helped lead the Denton County Commissioners Court in adopting the lowest county tax rate in 33 years. At 0.2153 cents per \$100 of property valuation, Coleman has overseen a 21% reduction in the tax rate since 2014. Additionally, he championed and helped pass a property tax freeze for senior citizens, so that all Denton County property owners who are 65 or older will see their county property taxes drop or be capped at their present level.

Coleman has also opposed the creation of high-tax special districts in the unincorporated sections of Denton County. These governmental entities are created for developers to subsidize residential development, something

Coleman believes impose unnecessarily high taxes, lack transparency and compound community infrastructure problems in rural areas.

“These districts were originally created to provide the needed infrastructure for rural counties in areas that needed economic help,” said Coleman. “But now they’ve just been turned into a way for developers to get low-price financing for their high-density developments outside of urban areas. When I point this out, it doesn’t always make me the most popular guy in town. However, I don’t serve the developers. I serve the taxpayers, and I go to work every day to honor the trust they have placed in me.”

While his efforts to rein in taxes and protect taxpayers have made headlines, no discussion of Hugh Coleman would be complete without talking about roads. Known as a ‘warrior’ for transportation planning during his time in office, he successfully fought for the funding needed with the Texas Department of Transportation to expand FM 423, FM 720, FM 2181, FM 455, FM2499, US 377, FM 2931, FM 1385 and US 380. All of those projects are either being planned, are underway, or are completed. Additionally, he’s partnered with area cities to expand municipal

streets such as Mayhill in Denton, Lake Sharon and Parkridge Blvd. in Corinth, McReynolds Road and Cowling in Sanger, Teal and Stonebrook in Frisco, and Naylor in Crossroads. Coleman said he’s learned that making meaningful progress on transportation issues is all about playing the long game.

“When it comes to transportation funding and road construction, nothing is quick and easy,” Coleman concluded. “You’ve got to fight hard, never take ‘no’ for an answer, and understand that getting a project completed is often a war of attrition. It’s certainly not glamorous, but in my experience those who stick it out and slug their way through the bureaucracy, delays and roadblocks can achieve great things for their community.”

You can find out more about Hugh Coleman on his website at [www.hughcoleman.com](http://www.hughcoleman.com). You can also connect with him on Facebook @HughColeman2020 or on Twitter @HughEColeman.

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*By Jodie Linton-Prickett*



Every profession has people that exceed your expectations, that go the extra mile even when they don't personally benefit. From my firsthand experience, Tabatha Polley is one of those special people. We shaped our friendship via a few business encounters. When I was ready to sell a property, I asked her to list it for me.

Selling real estate is a major undertaking that requires expertise to navigate the very complex process successfully. Along the way in my journey we ran into many surprises and shocking situations. With a nerve-racking series of twists and turns she confidently walked me through every step and guided me to success.

After we closed the local deal, I purchased a property just over the Oklahoma boarder. Even though Tabatha was not my agent in this specific transaction, at my request she went to Oklahoma with me, gave me advice and even reached out to my agent there to help me get the best transaction possible. She also cheered me along in my unique undertaking of purchasing a historic home and she took the time to introduce me to trustworthy contractors that would take jobs in that area.

Tabatha assisted me with all of this because she loves what she does and is driven by passion to help people who are making real estate purchases. Good news for everyone in the area wishing to purchase property in Oklahoma, Tabatha is now fully licensed and can assist you in both states.

Tabatha Polley knows the 380 Corridor like the back of her hand. She resides on her 20 acre ranch outside of Collinsville, TX where she raised her three children. She has called this ranch home for more than 15 years. While her children have since flown the nest, it is a great place for the family to return home and bring her grandchild to visit!

Tabatha's career in real estate began in 2008. In 2012, she opened up Town & Country Realtors through Keller Williams in Aubrey. She has served on the Agent Leadership Council and she has been a Top Producer for multiple years with Keller Williams and Town & Country Realtors. Currently she has two buyers' agents that work under her and she is enjoying every minute of teaching and learning new things from them.

Tabatha specializes in assisting clients who are looking to sell or buy property in the North Texas or its surrounding areas and this is her strength. Due to her comprehensive understanding of the market and her skillful strategic pricing and spot-on marketing, she excels in what she does. "My belief is and always will be that my client's wellbeing and best interest is the most important thing to me," says Tabatha, "It is truly all about you! I will help you every step of the way, providing you with professional and trustworthy service, whether you are selling a house or purchasing a home!"

It is not unusual for Tabatha to have repeat customers due to the high level of service she provides her clients. Because of the high quality of care and the individualized attention she gives to each client, they refer their friends, family and neighbors. A referral is the highest form of appreciation! Because of her excellent level of service and knowledge of the area market, Tabatha even has second generation clients that she is assisting with their real estate needs. "I can't wait to begin our journey and I look forward to exceeding all your expectations," says Tabatha.

During my experience working with Tabatha, my friends and family said that she spoiled me. No, she educated me, explained things so that I could understand them, and told me if things were going the way they should. After working with her I know more about real estate transactions and it will enrich my next real estate experience.

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**Pilot Point-Historic Square circa 1884  
(Looking East towards Main and Jefferson)**

Pilot Point is the oldest town in Denton County. Pioneers began settling the area in the late 1840's. The public square of the town was platted and laid out by George Newcome on Christmas Day in 1853. The Pilot Point Historic Square was originally known as "Pilot's Point" which designated a high point of timber that served as a landmark for travelers. Pilot Point was also near an early immigrant trail and was a frequent stop on the Butterfield Stage route.

*\* Historical information confirmed by local Historian Jay Melugin continued. Some stories are based on local folklore and legend.*

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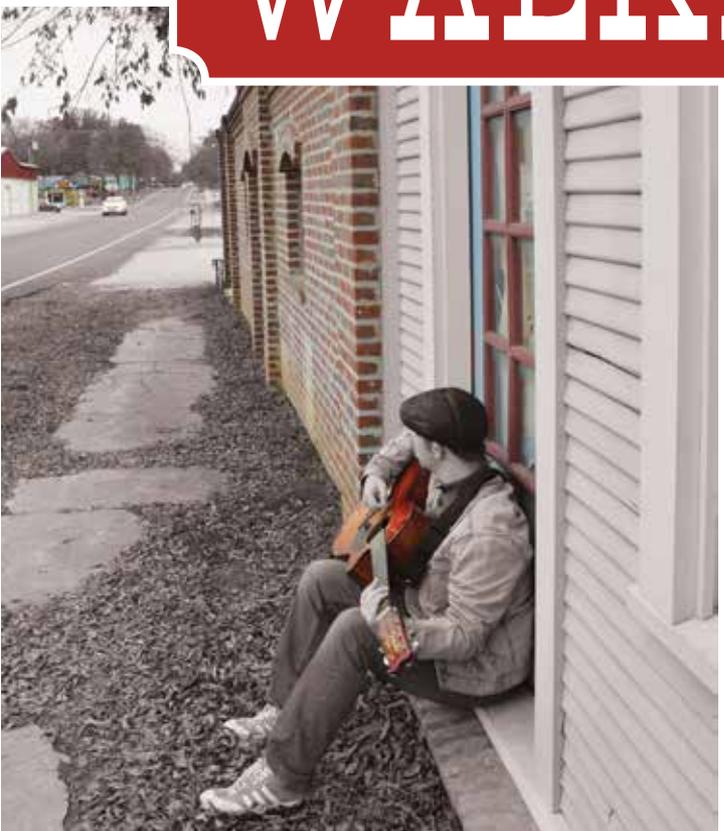
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# PILOT POINT HISTORIC SQUARE WALKING TOUR



**1. The John Hundley Building:** The building, originally built in 1872, was commissioned by John Merchant and built by John Hundley. It is the oldest brick building in Denton County. Currently it is The Purple Door Day Spa. Originally, it was home to a general store and the second floor was used frequently as a lodge hall.



**2. Star Drug Store:** Currently vacant, this building was originally built for J.W. Eddleman by John Hundley in 1873, and housed Star Drug Store. Later it was used by J.C. Selman and Son Groceries. This building has burned down and been rebuilt four times.



**3. F.A. Wright Dry Goods and Leather:** Currently vacant, this building was built sometime in the 1870's and once housed F.A Wright Dry Goods, Grocery and Leather. Later, with the advancement of electricity, it was home to the Power and Light Company. Around the same time, the local telephone operator was on the second floor and was expected to locate wayward citizens she could spot on the Town Square. The building facade went from Victorian to Nouveau-Deco in the 1920's.



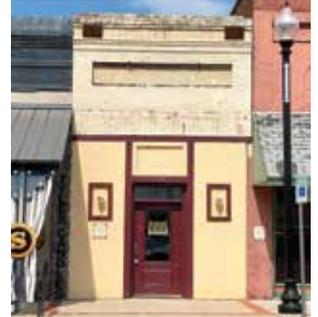
**4. O.A. Ross and Son Dry Goods:** Newly renovated in 2018, this 1870's building has been home to Pelzel's Barber Shop since the 1960's. Originally, the ground floor was home to O.A. Ross and Son Dry Goods while the second floor was used as a flop house. Later, Mrs. Copenhaver sold sewing notions at this location.



**5. Saddlery and Saloon:** Constructed in 1885, this building served as a Saddlery and Saloon until 1907. During the 1920's and 1930's, it housed the Notorious Cafe and Domino Hall. In 2012, with a wink and a nod, Notoriously Yours Boutique moved in.



**6. Old Barber Shop:** Currently vacant, this building was constructed in 1896 and was home to a Barber Shop. During the 1920's it was turned into a small cafe and it is rumored to have been frequented by the notorious duo, Bonnie and Clyde during the early 1930's.



**7. Hardware and Harness Business:** Built in 1896, this vacant building was home to a Hardware and Harness business, but that did not last long. From 1896, until the early 1900's, Grays Furniture and Undertaking served the community from this building. In the 1930's, it became home to a dance hall and later the building became Stephens Grocery when it expanded and moved from the North side of The Square. Eventually Stephens moved to US Hwy 377.



**8. City Hall and Pilot Point Police Department:** Built in 1892, this building served as the Pilot Point National Bank until the mid - 1960's and remains the scene of the only unsolved bank robbery in Pilot Point which occurred in 1932. Donated to the City of Pilot Point, it was renovated in 2003 and became home of Pilot Point's City Government and Police Station.



**9. Midway Saloon:** Built as a wood structure in the early to mid - 1880's, this building was rebuilt with brick in the early 1890's and housed one of Pilot Point's most notorious Saloon and Billiard halls, known as the Midway Saloon. In 1904, the last gunfight in Pilot Point broke out in front of the Saloon, and to this day you can still find bullet holes in the front facade of the building. After being vacant for many years, Martin General Store moved in in 2018 with a nod to Dry Goods stores from era's past.



**10 and 11. Chandler and Company:** Built in the early to mid-1880's in wood and then later rebuilt in brick, this building was originally home to Chandler and Co. believed to be a wagon and buggy company. In the mid twentieth century, The building was partitioned and Selz and Henzler Insurance moved in and has been serving the community ever since.



**12. The Mississippi Store:** The current antiques section of the Square Center was originally the Mississippi Store in 1876 and then served as Doc Amos' Drug Store from the mid - 1930's until the 1940's. It was popular with the local youth of the day because it had an old time soda fountain. Some say you can still smell Doc's cigar. Currently Ab and Gail's Antiques.



**13. The Gaslight Building:** Currently Square Center is now the home of a Lawnmower repair and parts store, was originally G.W. Davidsons and Co. Dry Goods and Clothiers.



**14. Almond's Cash Grocery Store:** Currently vacant, this building, built in 1882, housed Almond's Cash and Grocery and then later Stephens Grocery in the mid - 20th century until they moved to the North side of the Square.



**15. Flakes and Floppin Hardware and Stoves:** Currently vacant, this building housed Flakes and Floppin Hardware and Stoves in 1882.



**16. Nunn and McFarland Clothing and Furnishing:** Currently vacant, this building was originally Nunn and McFarland Clothing and Furnishing Goods in 1884. Dolly's Antiques was originally known as Wilson and Co. Dry Goods and Clothing in 1884.



**17. N. Wilson and Company Dry Goods and Clothing:** The Building was constructed in 1884 and is currently Dolly's Antiques.



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**18. Pilot Point Museum:**

Originally built in the early 1880's, this building housed R.M. Baird and Co Dry Goods and Notions until it was renovated in the late 1890's into The City Hotel and later became the Cloer Hotel. Sometime in the mid -20th century, the second floor was removed.



**19. South Side:** This portion of the Historic Square was damaged in a tornado during the 1950's and later destroyed by fire. It was decided to tear down what remained of the buildings and the property has sat vacant for many years. In 2016, The Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Pilot Point began moving forward to build a new Chamber of Commerce building on this site planned for 2020.



**20. Ruby and Pearl Hotel:**

Also known as the Holt Building, it was built in the 1890's as a Hotel. It was purchased in 2017 and renamed the Ruby and Pearl Hotel. Renovations are currently underway for a scheduled opening in 2020.



**21. Lowbrows:** Built in 1893, this building was originally Dad Robin's Place, a restaurant. It was later home to the Pilot Point Post Signal, established earlier in 1878 and Denton County's oldest newspaper. They called this building home from about 1900 to 1960. It is interesting to note that this building is one of the few buildings on The Square that still have the original front doors and windows. Convert-



ed into a Bar and Music Venue in the mid - 2000's by the late Bob Albrecht, it continues to serve the community as the "go to" gathering place in Pilot Point. Now owner's Donna Stephens and Billy Longo.

**22. Old City Jail:** Built prior to 1880, the Old City Jail was built of native stone, like the town's earliest masonry structures and now shares the lot belonging to Lowbrows. It is also the site of the hanging of notorious outlaw Spoon Butler during the Civil War.



**23. Pilot Point Opera House:** The building was originally R.T. Evans Hardware. The original Opera House was built above the hardware

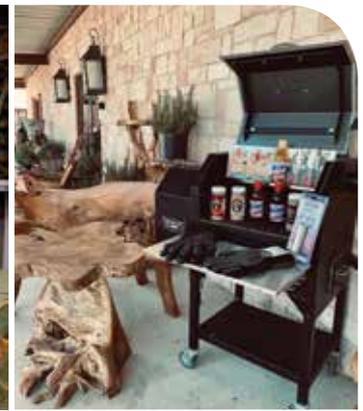


store in 1894 and named the Queen Theater providing a 300 seat opera house. The property also was home to a livery stable, and various boot, saddle and harness shops where the current theater resides. AFG Travel Agency now exists in the building that housed the original theater, which was removed. The Garage Door Theater is still offering regular performances on the other side.

**24. Farm and Merchants Bank:**

Built in 1896, the Farmers and Merchants Bank, with its Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, is a focal point of The Square. It closed during the depression and never reopened as a bank. Contrary to some local myths, Bonnie and Clyde never robbed this bank. It was, however, used as a set for the 1967 Bonnie and Clyde movie starring Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway, as well as being the annual backdrop to Pilot Point's Bonnie and Clyde Days recreation of a robbery scene in the movie.





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By Jodie Linton-Prickett

Imagine my surprise when I first walked into Pilot Point Feed and it instantly became my go to shop when I wanted a distinctive gift, interesting home décor or a stylish new shirt to go out in.

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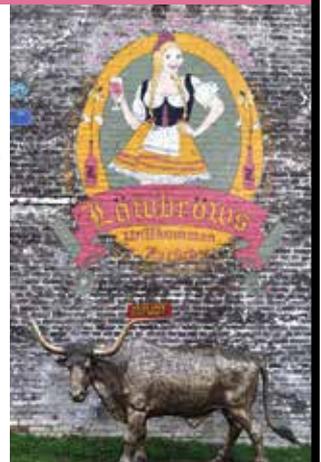
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Western Son Distillery has quickly become one of North Texas' best kept secrets. Since 2011, it has built itself to becoming the fastest growing premium vodka brand in Texas and is now available in 45 states. While continuing to become a widely recognized brand, it holds true to its North Texas roots crafting each and every batch out of a 45,000 sq. ft. distillery up in Pilot Point; a short 30-minute drive from Frisco or Denton. The distillery recently opened their new Hospitality Center and kicked off a new tour experience which includes an option to fill-your-own bottle of Western Son Vodka. If you have a free Saturday, this is a weekend experience not to be missed.

Each and every guest that walks in is greeted by the hospitality crew, eager to help visitors enjoy their relaxing day off. Great music, the latest sports events on the big screens, the retail/souvenir shop, and of course the bar make it the perfect backdrop for a great time. After settling into the relaxing vibe you can choose one of three tour times that works best for your schedule. Tours kick off at 1:00, 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. every Saturday.

Vincent Messina, Western Son Vodka's Distiller, greets guests and shares short videos along the tour which allow guests to learn all about the inner-workings and history of the Distillery and building. "Each group has its own personality and I have a great time getting to know our



# TOUR EXPERIENCE

guests”, says Messina. “I am proud of the work we do and the products that we make and love to share our story”.

This large venue showcases the distillation process from start to finish. Tours typically last around 45 minutes and guests get to experience the production facility, see the bottling lines, its 20 ft. distilling column, and even bottle their own bottle of vodka to take home. As you take the tour, you’ll learn that attention to detail is crucial. Using only the best 100% American yellow corn and distilling the vodka 10 times to craft a clean, smooth vodka that is worthy of its awards. Like us, you’ll come quick to realize that the folks at Western Son Distillery have taken the term “small batch” to a whole new level.

Tours conclude at a tasting bar, where guests receive samples of their choice and can learn about each product and flavors available. Choose from their full line of vodkas, including the Original a eight flavored vodkas. Guests can enjoy hanging out inside the Hospitality Center, sitting on the decks, playing cornhole and visiting with friends.

Tours start at \$12 and can be purchased upon arrival or online at [westernsonvodka.com](http://westernsonvodka.com). No reservations are necessary, and they will accommodate all tour guests. It is always best to arrive at least 15 minutes before your desired tour time to get checked in and grab a cocktail. Western Son Distillery is a refreshing alternative to the busy city streets of the metroplex and is the perfect cure for how to spend your next free Saturday afternoon.

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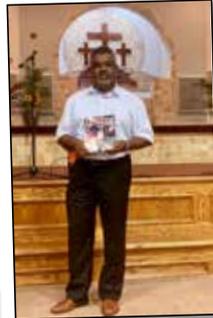
# Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce Events



Anchor Graphics held an informative open house and a *Blessing of the Building*, along with a ribbon cutting hosted by the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce. After the tour a delicious lunch was provided for the attendees. Anchor Graphics offers a wide variety of printing and unique items that are not offered anywhere else. If you have a chance pop in and they will be happy to share their service information with you.



Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce attended the groundbreaking celebration for the new Pilot Point Police Station.



Pilot Point Chamber member Derek Lazarus took his Pilot Point Guide with him to the health fair he hosted at Denton First Seventh Day Adventist Church in Pilot Point, TX.



Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce member, Shawn Dollar from STURM WELDING took her Pilot Point Guide to Bonnie and Clyde Days. She was there representing the Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club and their new service project SHELTERBOX.



Point Bank in Pilot Point hosted their annual Thanksgiving mixer with the Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce. There was a wonderful selection of food, sweets, snacks and beverages available. The evening offered opportunities for networking and fellowship



Pilot Point Chamber of Commerce member Andy Singleton with Singleton Farms with his daughter Kat Singleton and Singleton Farm's cook Sergio Marez took their Pilot Point Guide to Bonnie and Clyde Days.

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Would you like to be in the next issue of Pilot Point Guide? If so send us your photo with your Pilot Point Guide to [YouCanTakeItWithYou@380Guide.com](mailto:YouCanTakeItWithYou@380Guide.com)



Kinley Broadus took her Pilot Point Guide with her to pack Operation Christmas boxes.



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church's Annual Fall Festival Vendors joined in the fun with their Pilot Point Guide!



Lowbrows Beer Garden was in full swing with their Pilot Point Guide.



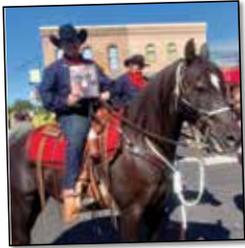
Mini Bonnie and Clyde reenactors had their Pilot Point Guide on hand at Bonnie and Clyde Days.



Metal Art Company artist, Joe Simmons took his Pilot Point Guide on the Historic Pilot Point Square.



State Farm Agent, Tim Holland with his team, Cray Holland and Mary Kirby Brown took their Pilot Point Guide to Bonnie and Clyde Days!



Pilot Point Mounted Posse had their Pilot Point Guide with them while serving the Historic Pilot Point Square activities.



All American Dogs Animal Shelter had their Pilot Point Guide with them at their booth at Bonnie and Clyde Days.



Pilot Point FFA showed off their Pilot Point Guide at their booth at Bonnie and Clyde Days.

Jennifer Kirk with Peterson Property Group had her 380Guide at her vendor booth.



Tara Spencer from Hooves and Paws on Highway 377 enjoyed her Pilot Point Guide at Bonnie and Clyde Days.



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church's Annual Fall Festival volunteers sported their Pilot Point Guide at their booth.



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Jeff Booker got a kick out of his Pilot Point Guide at Bonnie and Clyde Days.



Reenactors at Bonnie and Clyde Days had a blast with their Pilot Point Guide.

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Town & Country Realtors Team and Secured Title & Red Zone Lenders participated in the Providence Village Smoke Off. L-R: Michael Jungen-Red Zone Lenders, Tracy Wood-Town & Country Realtors, Gail Harpole-Town & Country Realtors, Tabatha Polley-Town & Country Realtors, Charles Harpole-Sous Chef, Larry. Zaborowski-Chef



Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club held their weekly luncheon at World Famous Moms in Aubrey. The meeting is weekly at noon every Tuesday. New members are always welcome.



It was a beautiful day in Pilot Point for the 10th Annual Bonnie and Clyde Days. The day started with a car show and continued with reenactments, soapbox races, pie eating contests, live music and other activities. A live concert rounded off the evening. It opened up with Tyler Rogers and then Jarrod Morris rocked the crowd into the night.



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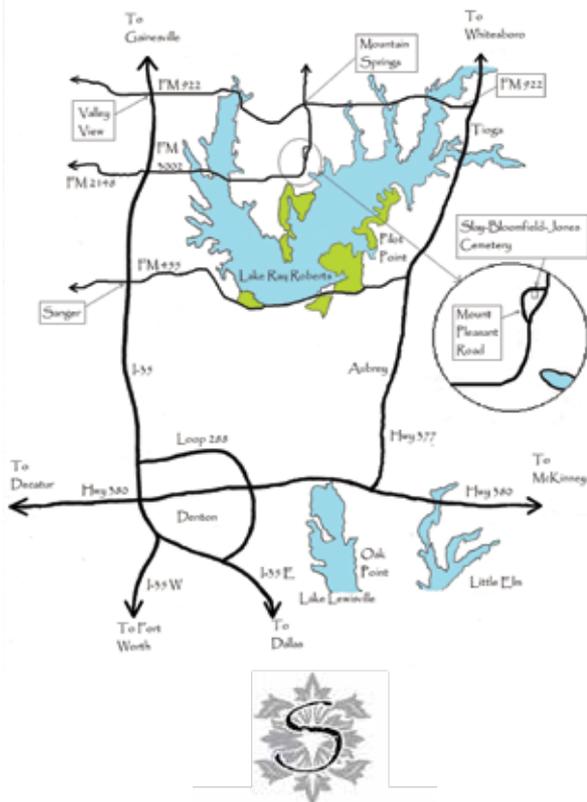


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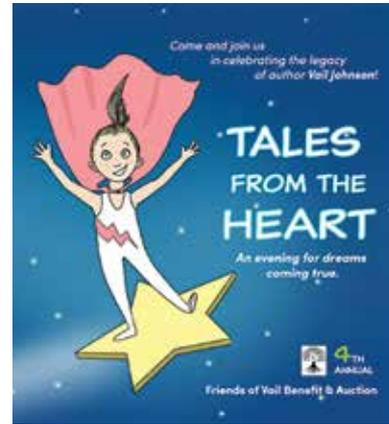
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Vail's Tales is the first children's picture book pairing Vail, an elementary school student, and Payne, an Emmy award- and Peabody award-winning journalist. Vail died suddenly in her sleep before she could turn 10, but left pages of profound insight for someone so young. Payne's storytelling skills, along with the whimsical images of Sekulic, turn Vail's stories into memorable tales that will leave her imprint on your heart.

"On August 30, 2016, the day before Vail passed away, she said that she wanted to be an author when she grew up," recalled her mom, Susan Chance. "Sweet girl, you already were an author, but now the world can read your stories."

"The challenge for me was to take these precious stories Vail wrote and bring them to a wider audience," Payne said. "I never met this amazing girl, but I grew to know her through her sweet tales of imagination, friendship, possibilities and love."

For more information, please contact: Chad and Susan Chance, The Friends of Vail Foundation, 1720 Venture Farm Road, Pilot Point, Texas  
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