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# LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHERS



Good things happen in the summer! Summertime brings with it endless sunshine, radiant tans, lakeside get-togethers, scrumptious barbecues, fences covered in honeysuckle, mouth-watering watermelons, and long days that end with fireflies greeting us throughout the evening!



Speaking of lakes, how fortunate are Pilot Point and the surrounding areas to have beautiful Lake Ray Roberts in our backyards? Pilot Point allows

us to remove ourselves from the hustle and bustle of the city and the 380 Corridor. With tranquil and scenic environments, we rejuvenate our senses. By living near the water's edge, we can indulge in a range of experiences full of delightful benefits. Pilot Point is just steps away from nature; lush green areas, roads canopied with trees, and hiking and riding trails abound. To make it even more special, we have beautiful squares and area conveniences.

Living in a lakefront community such as Pilot Point exposes you to an amazing array of natural splendor. Imagine waking up to the sound of water gently cascading on the shoreline. The mood created by the shimmering reflections is calm and peaceful. The breathtaking sights that come with waterfront views are unmatched in their capacity to induce mental calmness and serenity.

Residing beside a lake promotes a special sense of community. In contrast to the transitory character of metropolitan neighborhoods, lakeside towns frequently exhibit closer-knit community ties. The interconnectedness of residences promotes social interaction and a strong sense of community. On summer days, it's not unusual to see friends and neighbors coming together for spontaneous picnics or water activities. A lakeside community is a truly exceptional place for families.

Unfortunately, as Pilot Point grows and more people move to the region, big box stores will inevitably follow. It is imperative that we remember the restaurants and shops in our neighborhood. They are the foundation of our community.

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### Summer Fun with Denton Parks and Recreation

Summer is the perfect time to experience all the exciting activities that Denton Parks & Recreation has to offer! From the wave pool and movies to dog parks and swimming lessons, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Soak up the sun, make unforgettable memories, and have a blast with your loved ones. Let Denton Parks & Recreation be your go-to destination for summer fun!



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presenting an option for caterpillar metamorphosis.

Adult butterflies are attracted to red, yellow, orange, and pink blossoms. Molly Keck, AgriLife

Extension entomologist in Bexar County recommends any of the following flower varieties to attract butterflies to your yard: Pride of Barbados, Henry Duelberg salvia, Mystic Spires blue salvia, New Gold lantana, Butterfly deep pink pentas, zinnias, Turk's cap and Gregg's

mistflower. Other flowering plants enjoyed by butterflies include Bee Balm, Purple Coneflower, and Butterfly weed.

When selecting plants for your butterfly garden, choose plants that bloom at different times of the year so that there is almost always something appealing to them. Although some exotic plants will attract butterflies, choosing native plants when possible is a better alternative to match the needs of the butterflies that are found in our area. The Native Plant Society of Texas provides a list of native plants by ecoregion. To see their



list for the North Central Texas ecoregion, go to NPSOT.org, select "Search for Plants" and then download the list for our ecoregion.

In addition to offering the appropriate nectarproducing plants and host plants, your butterfly garden should include a water source for the butterflies. A good water source can be a shallow dish filled with coarse sand, a bit of manure, and a few flat stones for the butterflies to stand on. If you search on the internet for "butterfly puddler", you will see examples and instructions to make your own.

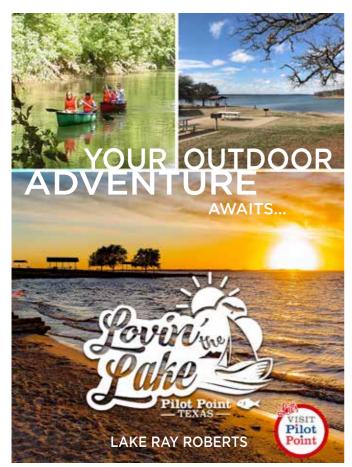
Here are some additional resources to help you attract butterflies to your yard:

From Tarrant County Save the Water: you will find a list of 10 common butterflies seen in North Texas gardens: https://savetarrantwater.com/butterflies-ofnorth-texas/

The Elm Fork Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists provides a plant list matching several types of locally seen butterflies with a list of their favorite larval foods and nectar sources. To find their information, go to txmn.org and search for butterflies.

The butterfly population is declining by about 1.5% per year since 1977. Please do your part to help them survive.











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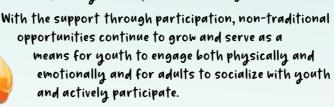
# THIS SUMMER, EXPLORE EVERYTHING DENTON PARKS AND RECREATION HAS TO OFFER!

Playgrounds, recreation centers, sports leagues, and summer camps are just a few things that come to mind when we think of traditional parks and recreation. Experience something new this summer and join Denton Parks and Recreation for July's Parks and Recreation Month. We challenge you to explore our parks, pools, and playground. Look beyond the facilities for unique and enjoyable opportunities that benefit all ages.

As community needs grow and expand, so do the programs and services offered by city parks and recreation departments. Traditionally the focus has been on health and fitness programs and facilities, but that has

surprisingly changed and grown to include experiences that are actively social and family-centric, as well as intergenerational.

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Here's a sample of events to expect this summer from Denton Parks and Recreation!









## Celebrate Independence Pay Together (

Grab your family and friends and join us for the 2023 Fourth of July Celebration. Kicking off the weekend, on July 1, you can participate in the 25th Annual Liberty 5K Run or 1–Mile Walk. Make a day of it, walk or run in the morning and stay for the parade right after! Then come join all the festivities on July 3 at the Jubilee Festival! Consider participating in the Hot Dog Eating Contest or enjoy live music, food trucks, inflatables, carnival games, and lots of fun.

## Dive into Summer

Don't miss out on our Dive in Movie series at Water Works Park on June 9 and July 7. Bring your family and enjoy floating in the wave pool while watching a great film. With movies for the whole family this is sure to be a splashing good time!

## Big Wave Days

If you haven't discovered the wave pool at Water Works Park, then this summer is the perfect time! It's just the right mix of fun and relaxation as the waves differ in size and flow between cycles. The park is also home to four giant waterslides, two toddler slides, a children's play pool, a lazy river, sand volleyball, cabanas, party pavilions, and more!

## A Swimming Good Time

Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the number one cause of death for U.S. children ages 1-4, and second leading cause for children 5-14. Be apart of the drowning prevention and join us at the Denton Civic Center Pool for the World's Largest Swim Lesson Day! Learn simple steps that could help protect your family this summer!

## Get Down and Dirty

Community gardens cultivate lifelong lessons about the origins of what we consume and foster the desire for healthy, fresh eating. For some families, a community garden with rentable plots is the only chance they have for growing their own fruits and vegetables. The community garden at Bowling Green Park in Denton is a great example of how parks and recreation has grown outside of the box and encourages families to cultivate new outdoor experiences.

## It's Yappy Hour Somewhere

Grab your four-legged companions and join us at the North Lakes Dog Park on June 2 for Yappy Hour. Enjoy an evening of fun, food, and furry friends! Don't miss out on the array of food vendors and pet treat vendors who will be serving a variety of pet friendly goodies!









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Pledge 2 today. Scan the QR code or visit waterlessyall.com.





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# St. John Cemetery Access and Historic Preservation

**Denton County Offers Solutions to Assist** 

Article Provided by Dawn Cobb

On Tuesday, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ryan Williams offered solutions to ongoing concerns about the historic St. John Cemetery off Hub Clark Road.

"I believe it's our duty to go ahead and help with this situation," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Ryan Williams."

Several residents, including Willie Hudspeth of Denton, have approached Commissioners Court about a lack of access to the property and a lack of attention to upkeep of the historic Black cemetery.

As part of an item placed on the Commissioners Court agenda, Commissioner Williams explained the Court approved maintenance of the St. John's Cemetery on June 14, 2016, allowing the Denton County Historical Commission and the Office of History & Culture to organize volunteers and serve as a liaison between property owners surrounding the cemetery. The first clean-up was on July 15, 2016.

From July 2016 through March of this year, Denton County has spent an estimated \$107,925 to pay for outside labor to clear and maintain the cemetery. The maintenance schedule is one Saturday per month in February through December and twice per month from June through August. In addition, county staff keep dead trees cleared and tree limbs trimmed, having hauled an estimated 36 yards of cut limbs and dead trees from the property. County employee time — estimated at 52 hours since January 2023 alone — is not part of the estimated amount spent to date.

On Jan. 9, 2024, the Texas Historical Commission approved the designation of St. John Cemetery as an Historic Texas Cemetery.



COURTESY PHOTO: depicts the St. John Cemetery near Pilot Point, which has been maintained by Denton County since 2016.



Leaves from the significant tree canopy are left on the property to prevent erosion as well as help feed the trees and allow water to be absorbed and filtered through layers of soil to feed the tree roots. Slow biodegradation is a common practice to maintain a healthy ecosystem. Removing leaves could lead to erosion and eventual damage to the tree canopy.

Property owners told Commissioner Williams when he visited the property recently that they would prefer the county to continue to be a liaison and would allow regular access to the property if sufficient notice was given.

Under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 711.041, ingress and egress to a cemetery surrounded by private property is determined by the property owners. The right of access, including the hours, and where access can occur is determined by the landowner, who can ask for a 14-day written notice prior to anyone accessing their property to visit the cemetery.

Commissioner Williams also announced plans to install an entry to the cemetery in several months. The iron gate entry would be supported by stone columns on which the historical marker could be placed as well as information about the history of St. John Cemetery.

"This is on my to-do list and to do something to make the entrance to the cemetery a little more appealing," Commissioner Williams said.

County records show the cemetery was sold to the St. John Church in 1891 and has not changed ownership since that time.

Historic records show the cemetery has a history dating back to the late 1800s where it served as a final resting place for the African American community until the late 1930s. The cemetery grounds were officially acquired by founders of a church in 1891 though the earliest burial was recorded in 1882. The community established the St. John Church, a Baptist parish for the freedom enclave, as well as a school and the St. John Cemetery. Over the years, the church vanished, and the cemetery faded into obscurity.

"We are dealing with the situation where we are trying to be respectful of the individuals buried there," Commissioner Williams said.

St. John Cemetery is located at Hub Clark Rd, Pilot Point, TX 76258.

# Mark Your Calendars!

Wrapping up summertime with fun and excitement for the entire family, the North Texas Fair & Rodeo (NTFR) brings delicious fair food, carnival rides, exceptional vendors, live music and intense rodeo action to Denton, Texas every August. The 96th annual NTFR will take place August 16-25, 2024 at the North Texas Fairgrounds, with nightly rodeos starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by some of the hottest country music!

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legacy of the association, this year's event will once again bring the north Texas community together to cherish our western heritage with LIVE entertainment, FUN attractions and NEW exhibits!

Offering another opportunity for the community to experience fair fun, live music, rodeo, delicious food, shopping and so much more, the North Texas Fair & Rodeo will now run a full 10 days. This addition brings one more

afternoon and evening of carnival/midway attractions, commercial exhibits, food vendors, concerts and another rodeo performance. Gates will open aligned with the existing weekend schedule – 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.

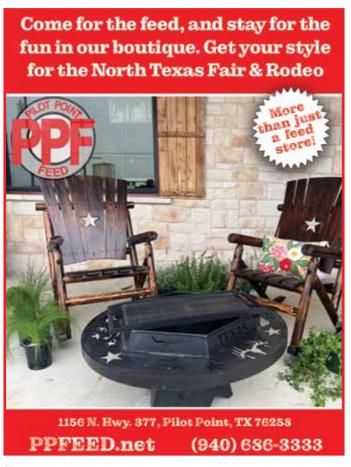
The NTFR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of western heritage. All revenue is reinvested into programs, scholarships and facilities. The NTFR, and its associates, contribute around \$500,000 each year to area youth. According to the Center of Economic Development at the University of North Texas, the NTFR and its facilities have a \$7 million economic impact in Denton County and an approximately \$4 million impact on the City of Denton.

Every August, NTFR consistently brings exceptional country music to the north Texas region. Nevertheless, with a rapidly growing association built on several generations of memberships and volunteers, NTFR strives to place family fun and tradition at the forefront of everything it does.

"We continue to support our youth, agriculture and community," said NTFR Executive Director Glenn Carlton. "We strive every year to make this event better than it was the previous year. We want to bring you fun and excitement for the whole family."

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Fraud Prevention – A few years ago, wire fraud was all the rage. Today, check washing is a hot topic. Every time you hand over a check, you are providing someone with everything they need to try to create fraud on your account. When you have a relationship with your banker, they begin to understand how your finances work and can help identify transactions that are out of the norm for you. If you haven't had at least one quick call over the last year with your banker asking about an item trying to hit your account, then it's safe to assume that no one is looking at your account on a regular basis – or you're really lucky and never have anything unexpected come through.

Your banker should be a trusted advisor – Ok, I work with a lot of bankers, and I am one. I'm not going to try to convince you we are the brightest people available, but we do have a lot of exposure to the financial markets. We've seen what people have done well – and what hasn't worked. When you

are considering a major decision – purchasing a new home, buying a business, retirement investing – your banker can be a great resource for information and advice. That advice is more valuable based on how well your banker is familiar with you and your needs. I'd suggest you take some time and get your banker's thoughts on current markets and what they see coming in the next several years. A good banker looks at enough financial reports to have leading indicators on the condition of the local economy and can be ahead of the curve in identifying slowing economic conditions that could affect your job or finances.

They can be a great source for introductions – Looking for a new job or a career change? Starting to think about buying an investment property? Not sure if you've got the best deal on insurance? Need help reducing your property taxes? A good banker spends most of their day talking to people and can be fantastic connectors. If they know what you are looking for, they can help you identify people, resources, and opportunities. Over just the last week, I connected a business with a great potential employee, an investor with a broker that specializes in the type of property they need, and a customer with an insurance agent who can help them navigate the crazy increases in insurance premiums right now.



James Parker is Market President for Inwood National Bank in Denton and is a long time resident of Pilot Point. Inwood National Bank is a Member of FDIC.

# Lakeside Adventures in Pilot Point

Get ready to embark on an journey of lakeside fun and discovery! Lake Ray Roberts picturesque lake isn't just a body of water; it's a vibrant playground brimming with familyfriendly activities and local businesses eager to make your day extra special. So, grab your sunscreen, pack your picnic basket, and let's dive into a world of excitement by the water's edae!

Renting one of the many water toys like a kayak, jet ski available to you, you'll be riding the gentle waves, or simply soaking up the sun on a cozy pontoon, there's no shortage of water thrills to be had. Best part, the lake is welcoming to adventurers of all ages!

For our fishing junkies, the lake's treasures are waiting to be discovered! Cast your line and reel in the big one while sharing tales of your fishing conquests with fellow enthusiasts. And don't forget to snap a photo of your impressive catch with #visitpilotpoint so we can show everyone your victory! Did you know there are also private fishing tours available?

But the fun doesn't stop at the water's edge—our lakeside playground is fun for families. Let the kids run wild as they swing, slide, and climb their way through a playground paradise. It's a place where memories are made and friendships are forged, all against the backdrop of nature's beauty.

And what's a day by the lake without a mouth-watering barbecue feast? Fire up the grill and sizzle your favorite treats to perfection while enjoying the company of loved ones. With local vendors offering a tantalizing array of culinary delights, from juicy burgers to a snow cone treat, every bite will remind you of summer at Lake Ray Roberts in Pilot Point, Texas

As you end your trip from Lake Ray Robert's, stop by Pilot Point's town square. Grab some local bar-b-que, grab a cocktail, and even do a little shopping at our boutiques for the next lake ready outfit for the next trip!

From thrilling adventures to heartwarming moments with family and friends, Lake Ray Roberts has a way of leaving a lasting impression on all who visit.

So, what are you waiting for? Come join us for a day of lakeside fun and discovery, where every moment is filled with laughter, excitement, and the promise of new adventures. Dive into delight at the beautiful Lake Ray Roberts in Pilot Point, TX—your perfect escape awaits!



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"It's about knowing our customers, their families, and their businesses personally. It's about them seeing us as their neighbors. It's knowing when they need help and being the community partner who can offer personalized solutions," PointBank President Ray David Jr. said. "Our customers don't want to bank anywhere else, and based on our longevity, they won't ever have to."

In North Texas, no community bank checks all the boxes and has more longevity than PointBank. Founded in 1884, PointBank has nine branches in Denton County and is a family-run bank to this day.

"Our mindset is full-steam ahead, but what we do today and 20 years down the road will always be guided by the timeless principles we put in place 140 years ago," David said. "I don't know of a bank in North Texas that can match our longevity. We were there for you then; we're here for you now, and we'll be here for years to come."

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