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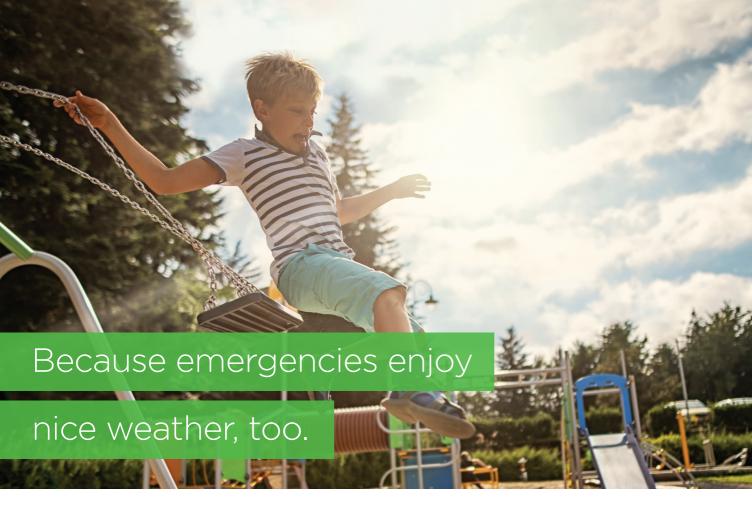
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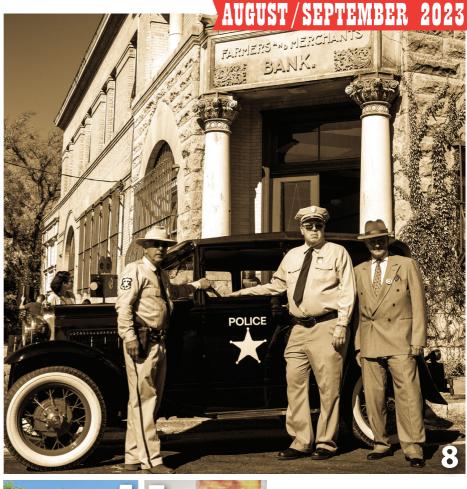






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Bonnie and Clyde Ride Again in Pilot Point. Photo by Nite Life Magazine.











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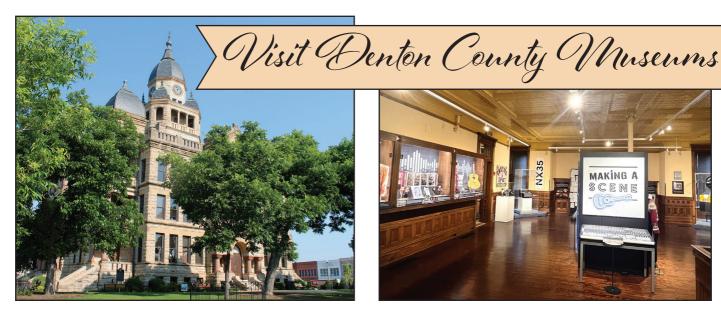


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Located in downtown Denton, the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum offers a glimpse into the history and culture of the area through rotating and permanent exhibits. Housed inside the iconic 1896 Courthouse designed by architect W.C. Dodson, 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.

Making a Scene, an exhibit on the history of the Denton music scene is reaching its final weeks and will close after August 26, 2023. The exhibit features photographs, posters, and other items representing beloved artists, venues, and festivals over the decades that have played a vital role in putting Denton on the map. In the exhibit, you can join the music scene by forming your own band by testing out various instruments on stage and creating a unique band poster.

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!

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



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 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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## North Texas Fair & Rodeo Announces 2023 Entertainment Lineup



**DENTON, TEXAS— Continuing its** legacy of western heritage, family fun and exceptional entertainment, the 95th annual North Texas Fair & Rodeo will take place August 18-26, 2023 at the North Texas Fairgrounds, with nightly rodeos starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by some of the hottest country music! On June 15, 2023, the North Texas State Fair Association released this year's full concert lineup at the **Denton Chamber of Commerce** membership luncheon and went live with ticket sales.

**Every August, NTFR** consistently brings exceptional country music to the north Texas region with not one, but two stages, and multiple shows daily. Kicking off the event, Aaron Watson will perform on the Miller Lite Main Stage Friday, August 18. Then, throughout eight more days of fair fun, headlining artists will include Scotty McCreery, La Mafia, Jake Hooker & The Outsiders, Carson Jeffrey, Kody



West, Gary Allan, Reckless Kelly and Tracy Lawrence.

"We are so excited to bring live music of this caliber to Denton once again," said NTFR Executive Director Glenn Carlton. "We strive every year to make this event better than it was the previous year, and these artists are sure to put on a great show for all our wonderful fairgoers."

Each evening, NTFR will also have supporting concerts on the Cool Zone Revolver Stage with both local artists and upcoming talent from across the country. These will include Colton Rice, Hayden Hilliard, Tyler Bond, the Great Divide, Miller Campbell, Coffey Anderson, Jorge Moreno, Sonny Burgess, Jolie Holliday, Brian Houser, Jake Vance, Shelby Stone, Andy Rogers, Simon Flory, Sarah Carrino, Cameron Hobbs, Jared Thomas, Jerrod Medulla, James Lann, Jarrod Morris, Ryder Grimes, Isaac Hoskins and Wilder Blue.



Continuing the 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!

The NTFR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit ntfair.com. Advance, reduced cost tickets can also be purchased at any DFW O'Reilly Auto Parts store.













## RIDE AGAIN IN PILOT POINT

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

very 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.

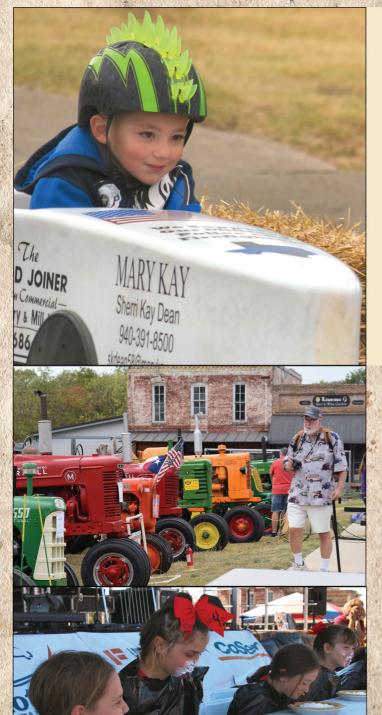
#### LOCAL CONNECTIONS

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.



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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## North Texas Fair & Rodeo SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

By Hannah Crandall









Bryce Borchardt

Four local students were awarded scholarships by the North Texas State Fair Association for the 2023-2024 school year. Scholarships are one way that the association gives back and contributes to the mission of supporting youth, agriculture and community. Applications were due by June 1, 2023.

Awarded the North Texas State Fair Association scholarship was Bryce Borchardt from Krum. Texas. Borchardt has been involved in FFA and 4H for 10 years and plans to study Animal Science at Texas A&M University.

Graham Whitewood from Sanger, Texas was the recipient of the Bob C. Powers scholarship. Whitewood has been involved in FFA for seven years and plans to major in Animal Science and minor in Construction Management at Texas Tech University.

The recipient of the Robert Bell & Bobby Jones Memorial Trade or Vocational scholarship was Katelyn Collins from Corinth, Texas. Collins has been involved in FFA for three years. currently represents the fair association as the Miss North Texas Rodeo Teen Queen

and plans to attend Texas Tech University to study Equine Science and Agribusiness.

Rhiannon Klodowski was awarded the Harry Hall & Bill Allen Continuing Education scholarship. Originally from Pilot Point, Texas, Klodowski attends Texas A&M University - Commerce where she studies Animal Science. She currently represents the fair association as the Miss North Texas Rodeo Queen.

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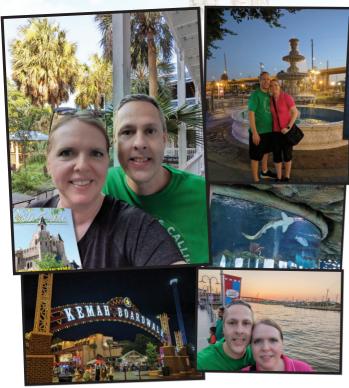
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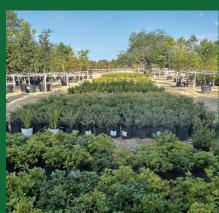


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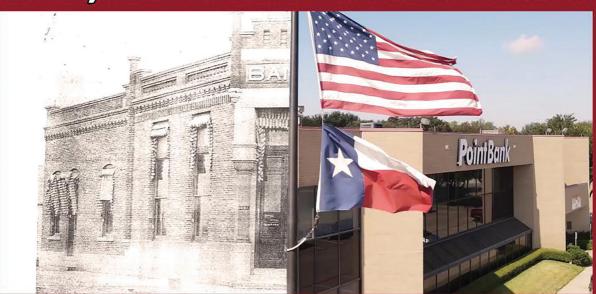
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