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# Friends, Fun and Fabulous Features AT THE PILOT POINT LIBRARY

By Cindy Faris

In this column, I try to talk about the things that bring me joy when I participate in them. Whether it is greeting and welcoming a tourist to our great town, attending a play or musical at the Opera House/Garage Door Theater or attending a class at the library on gardening, health, nutrition, exercise or cooking, I have to participate to gain something. When I first enrolled and attended classes at the Pilot Point Library, I knew no one in town except the librarians. I now have a bevy of friends that I have made while enjoying the programs and learning.

I learned this at the library -- uncooked spinach naturally contains salt. So, if you're cooking with fresh spinach, you may want to use a pinch less salt. The picture here is an omelet for my breakfast. The asparagus is from my garden, spinach and tomatoes are store bought. I put a little sharp cheese in with the spinach and added no salt as cheese contains a lot of salt and I used egg whites. It was delicious and low in sodium and cholesterol. The tanginess of the tomatoes and cheese combined with the mild flavor of the eggs made a perfect menu when accompanied by the fruits and vegetables. Remember, tomatoes are a fruit. My side dishes were coffee and a copy of the Pilot Point Guide, which I took the time to read from cover to cover -- every line, every word. Nourishment for the body and soul!

Reading the articles made me think of the wonderful time enjoying all five performances of the Garage Door Theater's production of "Smoke on the Mountain." There were a lot of new gospel songs and some old favorites,



some very humorous scenes, and a cast that was delightful! If you were fortunate enough to see it, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

As of this writing, The Theater has a new production -- Neil Simon's "California Suite." Last night was opening night and the audience enjoyed it, laughing at the numerous funny lines. Hope you have a chance to attend and have a good laugh. At the end of the performance, a friend handed me a card that said, "Thanx for encouraging & helping me find GDT!" He was one of the cast members and it was his first performance with the GDT. He did a great job. In this life, you just never know whose life you may touch. Nourishment for the mind, heart and soul!

As I was reading the PPG, I noticed several articles about Texas AGRILIFE and the 4-H Clubs. How lucky we Texans are to have AGRILIFE sponsored programs. Thanks for employing our two instructors, Dusty Fife and Chandani Kothari. My omelette was inspired by their classes: Walk and Talk, Cooking for a Healthier You, Cooking for Hypertension and Cooking for Diabetes. On July 29th, a graduation ceremony and cooking demo was held for participants of the AGRILIFE classes. Some great new recipes were cooked and devoured! One recipe was so good, I tried to steal other participants' portions. It was great fun! Nourishment for the body, heart and soul!



So, come on down to the Library and participate in any of the following fall classes. ADULTS -- 9/9 at 2pm Reducing Cancer Risk; Tuesdays, 9/13-11/1 at 9am Walk and Talk; 9/23 at 2pm Book Folding Basics; 9/24 at 10am Understanding your Medicare Options; Fridays, 10/7-11/4 at 9am Be Well, Live Well; 10/27 at 2pm Sugar Skull Planters; 11/18 at 2pm Art your Way; 12/2 from 10am-2pm Holiday Card Workshop; Book Club, Tuesdays at 1pm on 9/13, 10/11, 11/8 & 12/13.

FAMILY -- Game Day Saturdays, 9:30-1:30pm on 9/10, 9/17, 10/1, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10. Movie Screenings at 11am on 11/12 and 12/17 and Santa's Workshop at 4pm on 12/1.

TEENS -- 4pm on 9/22 TAG (Teen Advisory Group) an opportunity to help plan events and programs for teens at the library.

6-12 YEARS -- Steam Labs at 4pm, 9/15 Gravity Painting, 10/13 Halloween Slime and 11/10 Sink or Float.

0-5 YEARS -- Storytime at 10am, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 and 11/30.

ALL AGES/ALL SKILLS -- Yarn Buddies, 11am, Tuesdays.

Nourish yourselves by picking up your copy of the Library Calendar or attend the next Friends of the Library meeting at 2pm on 9/2/22.

## HOT DELIVERED MEALS FOR SENIORS ON WHEELS

Hot delivered meals are back in Denton County's U.S. 377 corridor, serving Pilot Point, Aubrey, and Krugerville. Meals are being delivered out of the Community Center in Pilot Point, Monday through Friday. These hot meals are for qualifying seniors, veterans or disabled persons. For information, call SPAN/Meals on Wheels at 940-382-2224. SPAN provides rides to doctors and community activities. If you would like to be a volunteer driver for delivered meals, please call the same number for information. Training for drivers is held at 1800 Malone Street, Denton, TX, on the second and fourth Fridays of each month (except holidays) at 2 p.m. It is our hope to begin serving hot meals at the Community Center in the future. Please watch for details.



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# TOP 10 TIPS

## to Taking Better Photos with Your Phone Camera



By Amber McMahan with Growing Sprouts Photography

### GET DOWN TO THEIR LEVEL

This is number one most important. If you want to get good pictures of your kids then get on their level. You want the viewer to see them eye to eye instead of looking down at them when viewing the picture. The best way to do this is to take a knee or squat for a quick second. You get two for one a great photo and a quick stretch workout for the legs.

### FIND CLEAN BACKGROUNDS



Pay attention to the background of your images. To make sure your kids are the main focus in the image, compose the image so they are not competing with the background. Position them where the clutter is minimized behind them. You may have to reposition yourself a bit but it will be worth it. At the very least, move the camera around where your child's head is in a clean area of the background. Sometimes this can be as simple as moving a little to the left or right before taking the photo.

### MAKE THEM LAUGH



Never say cheese. I know we have all been programmed to tell our subject to say cheese when we are behind a camera. True is gets the mouth in the "eee" form, but nothing is better than a true

smile. Kids photography is tough sometimes. I'm no comedian, but a few things that have worked for me in the past have been telling jokes and asking them questions. I don't know why saying the words "under where?" works, but it just does. You could also try telling them not to smile, reverse psychology at it's finest. Just be sure to be prepared to snap at that magic moment when they shoot a genuine smile at you, because it'll be likely gone in an instant.

### TRY DIFFERENT ANGLES

Remember "rule number one" at the top of this list? Well, rules are made to be broken. It's a good idea however, to know the rules before you break them. Adding variety to your photos is fun. Don't be afraid to get creative.

### TRIANGLES ARE KEY



If you have two or more kiddos in the picture don't be afraid to create levels with them. Ask one to sit on a chair while the other one stands. Ask some to kneel and others sit and others stand. Ask them to give each other a hug. Hugging is my favorite, but be sure to catch the photo before they tumble to the ground with a big hug. That tends to happen with groups of kids. Creating triangles instead of straight lines in images makes a big difference.

### CLEAN YOUR LENS



I know it sounds like a no brainer, but sometimes the only reason you may be getting blurry pictures is because there is a small smudge on your camera lens. I keep a small eyeglass cleaner cloth in my purse and use that to clean it before I start taking pictures. Just make sure you don't use any scratchy fabric to clean it, you don't want to scratch your lens.

### SWAP ROLES

Which kid doesn't like to play with their mom's phone? If you actually give it to them willingly and then tell them to take a picture of you they will love it. Letting them be the photographer also works as an awesome bribe. "Alright, you take two more pictures and then I get to take two pictures of you!" Works like a charm.

Bonus you get to be in some pictures too this way. They take so many pictures at one time you are bound to get one that includes your head at least once.

### TAKE A SELFIE

Kneel down and gather your kiddos around you, then lift up your arm and take the picture. Your kids will love to see what you looked like when they were little. Plus if you surround yourself with your kids you can hide that mommy tummy that just won't go away. Your kids want to see that you were happy too.

### FIND YOUR LIGHT



Light is one of the most important parts of taking a good photo. Look to see where the light is coming from and where it is falling. If you are indoors, open the curtain or let your kiddos

play near the area where the light is coming in. If you are outside locate the light and then position yourself accordingly. People tend to want to stay in the sunlight when taking a photo, but the best thing to do is to find the shade. Especially during midday. The best time to photograph your child is during the golden hour which is 1-2 hours after sunrise or 2-3 hours before sunset. This is also a plus because it is after breakfast and then again after naps, those are the times your kiddos are in the best mood, at least that's the case at my house.

### LET YOUR KIDS BE KIDS



Don't expect your kids to always sit quietly while you take their picture. You are setting yourself up for disappointment if you do. Let them be themselves. My favorite photos of my kiddos are when they don't even realize I am taking a photo of them. I let them lead me to exact moment that should be captured. I even use this method while in the studio. I have parents bring in a special toy they don't mind having in the picture, I bring out my tickle stick or I turn on the bubble machine. The best smiles come out in play and that is what we want to capture, right?

### QUEST OF THE MONTH:

Take three photos. One of the full scene, one close up and one of a small detail. Tell a story with the three photos. Try using the photo tips. Email it to [info@wearesprouts.com](mailto:info@wearesprouts.com). We will be picking our favorites and posting them on our Facebook page for everyone to see.

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# Let's Fest 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 8.

## 2022 FESTIVAL

This year’s Bonnie & Clyde Days on October 8 will bring back the festival everyone knows and loves, while also taking it to the next level.

Festival attendees can expect the reenactment of the bank robbery scene (this year being organized by the Garage Door Theater), red dirt country music, a free kids’ zone, classic car show, including a stellar fleet of Model As, the Pie-Eating Contest sponsored by World

Famous Moms and antique tractors.

Headlining the slate of music for this year’s festival will be Dalton Domino. 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 like Beerman and Crenshaw.

## 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.

# 2022 Bonnie & Clyde Days Schedule of Events

October 8, 2022 | 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 Derby Exhibitions                                 | Pilot Point Library |
| 10 AM -          | Davis Dance Performance                                    | Main Stage          |
| 11 AM -          | Savannah Dance Performance                                 | Main Stage          |
| 12 PM -          | Film Reenactment   | F&M Bank            |
| 12:30 PM -       | Pie-Eating Contest, sponsored by World Famous Moms         | Main Stage          |
| 3 PM -           | Film Reenactment   | F&M Bank            |
| 3:30 PM -        | Live Music with Beerman                                    | Main Stage          |
| 5 PM -           | Live Music with Crenshaw                                   | Main Stage          |
| 5 PM -           | Kids Zone Closes   |                     |
| <b>6:30 PM -</b> | <b>LIVE MUSIC WITH DALTON DOMINO</b>                       | <b>MAIN STAGE</b>   |
| 8 PM -           | Festival Closes  |                     |

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## 2022 Headliner: DALTON DOMINO



Headlining the 2022 Bonnie & Clyde Days will be Dalton Domino! Hailing from Lubbock, Dalton describes his style as “progressive country music.”

Born in Memphis, Domino was raised on a steady diet of varying musical genres, ranging from George Jones to Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis. But not until he moved to Lubbock, however, and started frequenting the Blue Light in the city’s historic Depot District, did Domino find his true voice as a songwriter.

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



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# MEET ELISA B. BEASLEY



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If you have been in Pilot Point long, you probably have met, or at least seen Elisa around town. She has a long history here and she is very visible. She promotes and shops local. Elisa is always there to greet new business as they move to the area and continually supports existing businesses and organizations. In doing so, she meets her fellow community members and gets to know them too. She served on the Pilot Point City council, planning and zoning commission and has done work with Main Street and church organizations.

She hopes to use her experiences in working for Senator Pat Fallon and that serving him in Congress will help her utilize the resources to connect Pilot Point to what it needs to grow in the direction that best meets the community's needs. We all know growth in the area is inevitable. The biggest concern is that the growth is done right and in a way that the community benefits from it. Plan and preserve, is her motto. She wants to make sure that we are planning for the future but preserving Pilot Point's rich history.

She loves Pilot Point and has the history of the city in her heart with the future of the city on her mind.

If you have not heard, Elisa is running for Mayor of Pilot Point. When you hear Elisa speak, community is what resonates most in her message. Having lived in Pilot Point over 15 years, she has come to know the community, the very fabric that makes up Pilot Point, and she loves it! She recalls trying days when her daughter passed away. It was the community that stepped in to help her and her family. She says there were days that strangers came out to feed her horses and donkeys and make sure that they had water during such a difficult time. Friends and strangers checked in the family their time of need and wrapped them in support and love. She knows the people here and how deeply they care for one another.

When asked, Elisa said, "One of my biggest gifts is being able to connect people." She can easily strike up a conversation with most anyone and has the ability not just to listen, but to really hear what other people are saying.

One of her main goals is to ensure that government is serving its community not the other way around. As elected officials and paid government staff, she believes we are all in place to serve the community in which we are responsible for.

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In July, 380Guide and Pilot Point Guide attended Pilot Point Family Eye Care's Open House and Ribbon Cutting. Welcome to Pilot Point!!



Everyday is a celebration with Lone Star SUV & Limo LLC!



Pilot Point Guide visited Clark's Outpost Bar-B-Q for a slice of their mile high meringue coconut cream pie!

Elisa Beasley loves Pilot Point! She took Pilot Point Guide to some of her favorite places and introduced us some new businesses in the area!



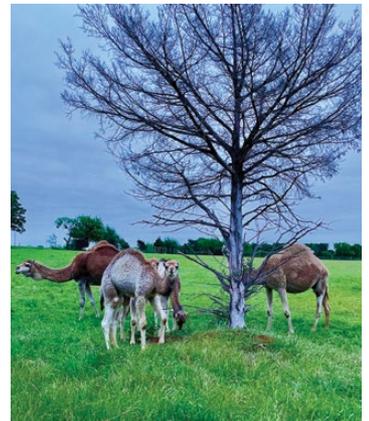
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# FALL INTO GARDENING

## *Learn to Grow and Manage the Flow*

By Cheryl Huckabee

Autumn is prime time for planting, planning, and preparing gardens. Plants require less water during fall's milder, wetter weather. New plants get a 6-month jump start on spring growth to establish robust root systems.

Fall is a great time to plant cool-season vegetables, herbs, and flowering annuals. Spring blooming bulbs and perennials benefit from the cooler weather to get established, and many need cold winter temperatures to break dormancy. The "sweetheart" time to plant trees and shrubs is from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day.

Take advantage of autumn's pleasant weather to plan and prepare for the spring season. Prepare garden beds, add compost and mulch and have the soil tested through Texas A&M Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory. Inspect and repair automatic sprinkler systems. Add drip irrigation and rain barrels to conserve water. Collect seeds from favorite

heirloom flowers and vegetables and start cool-season vegetables and herbs from seed to transplant in spring.

Get a jump start on spring at the Denton County Master Gardener Association Fall into Gardening: Learn to Grow & Manage the Flow education event, September 17, 2022, presented in partnership with Upper Trinity Regional Water District and Beulah Acres. Four free classes, hands-on activities, and garden tours by Denton County Master Gardeners will inspire you.

Rainwater + Watershed Water is one of the most valuable assets in life. Not just because people need it to survive, but also for plants, lawn, trees, veggies, wildlife, and everyday human necessities. Understanding how rainwater behaves on your property will help you use it efficiently and experience success in your landscape design. Learn

about the importance of watersheds and rainwater harvesting. (Class 8-10 am)

Soil + Soil Nutrition The soil is the source of all the elements plants need: nutrients, organic matter, air, and water. Healthy soil is also the foundation of a water-efficient landscape, particularly here in North Texas, where our soils are almost always poorly draining sticky clay. Learn about soil testing and amendments to improve your soil. (Class 10:30 am-noon)

Texas Native Plants Native and adaptive plants are naturally accustomed to our local soil types and climate, allowing them to flourish with less water and supplemental fertilization. They can also attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinator species. Learn how to select, install, and maintain native and adaptive plants in your landscape. (Class 1-2:30 pm)

Vegetable Gardening Improve your chances of having a delicious garden harvest. Learn about preparation,

when and what to plant, care and maintenance, harvesting, and solving problems. (Class 3-4:30 pm)

Hands-On Activities & Tours Learn about drip irrigation, starting plants from seeds, the natural movement of streams and rivers, and more. Tours the beautiful Israel Prayer Garden and Beulah Acres AgroForest Permaculture Gardens for gardening ideas. (Between classes)

We hope you'll join us for this incredible education experience!

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Owner, Teddy Acton and the employees of Action Pumping took their Guides to work.

"I took my Guide on another adventure, a cruise to Alaska. First, we went to Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, Alaska. Next we took a ride on the White Pass Scenic Railway out of Skagway, Alaska. When we got to Victoria, British Columbia, we took the bus to Brentwood Bay and the beautiful Butchart Gardens. We had extremely warm weather for the last week of June," Rosie Oliver.



Cindy Faris took her Guide with her to breakfast.

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**B**y now you probably have heard her name, seen her signs or heard of her. She isn't a Pilot Point native but you wouldn't know that talking to her. To her, Pilot Point is HOME.

She was born and raised in West Texas so when she made her way to North Texas over 25 years ago, it was a different world. The climate, scenery and people were different but she fell in love with its people immediately.

**“As soon as I found my home in Pilot Point, I knew I was home”,**

Elisa says as her eyes light up and smile broadens. When she says

**“I heart Pilot Point”**

her love for this town is evident in her voice and actions.

Immediately after going to Pilot Point, Elisa answered an ad trying to start a town festival. Although she was the only one to attend that first meeting, Elisa knew she was right where she was supposed to be. Bonnie and Clyde days was born and the rest is history, as they say. Community has been a consistent theme for her. Elisa served on Planning and Zoning and worked on several projects with different community, City and church groups.

Most recent, she helped bring hot Meals on Wheels back for seniors. “Seniors and single parents have a special place in my heart,” Beasley says.

**“We have a large senior population in Pilot Point so I want to make sure we are serving their best interest. Many don't have anyone to advocate for them. The same is true with single parents. Unless you have been there, it is hard to explain how small things make a huge difference!”**

Elisa is a huge advocate for small business and preserving Pilot Point.

**“The consistent theme I hear is how much people love what Pilot Point is. To me, it's an essence; a rhythm and feel that welcomes you.”**

Having served on City Council in Pilot Point already, she doesn't have a learning curve. Beasley has worked on the State level with Senator Pat Fallon and helped with his campaign when he went to US Congress.

**“This is why so many leaders in our area have endorsed me, we have strong working relationships.”**

Elisa is running to serve as Pilot Point's next Mayor and hopes to bring resources and relationships that strengthen Pilot Point's growth and preserve all we love.



Political ad paid for by Elisa B Beasley for Mayor

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