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Vaughn Miller Jr., Captain of the UNT polo team, awes the crowd at Prestonwood's Victory Cup event.

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# DENTON COMMUNITY MARKET OPENING DAY



By Dawn Cobb, Photos by Darya Servyatuk

The Opening Day for the 10th Anniversary of the Denton Community Market is April 6, 2019, at Denton County Historical Park, 317 West Mulberry St.. Denton Market will be operating from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. during regular hours, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. during the summer every Saturday from April 6th through November 30th.

“We have a variety of arts, crafts and makers with items including jewelry, décor, clothing, accessories, fine arts, bath and body products and more,” said Rachel Weaver, Market Vendor Coordinator. “We also have shaded seating areas for guests to enjoy food and live music.”

Denton Community Market (DCM) is a place that brings people together. The Market features live music, kids’ activities, local farms, local artists, food trucks, food vendors and much more. The Market is also pet-friendly with pet products as well as water bowls and splash tubs for dogs. The market promotes local businesses and enriches the culture of Denton by creating a sense of place. All farmers are DCM-certified as local, producer-only and using sustainable farming practices.

“We expect this season to be the best yet with returning and new vendors as well as the 10th Year Anniversary special events and programs such as an exhibit on the history of the Market with monthly changing themes, an anniversary zine and special Market days,” said Vicki

Oppenheim, Executive Director of Denton Community Market. “We already have 100 vendors, including new farmers.”

Denton Community Market will feature live music at the Gazebo by local musicians and will be live-streamed on DentonRadio.com: Platos Theory (9:00 a.m.), Copper Root (11:00 a.m.) and CityFolk (12:00 p.m.). The Opening Day Ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 6.

For more information: Call 940-268-4326. Connect with Denton Community Market on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



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# A HERO'S JOURNEY



Group shot (not taken in Celina). Pictured in the middle is Sophia Lumen dressed as Wonder Woman.

## Fourth Annual Super Hero Night on the Square in Celina

A hero's journey begins yet again on Celina Main Street and Historic Square. On Saturday, April 20 starting at 6:00 p.m., extraordinary individuals of all ages will don their masks and capes for the Fourth Annual Super Hero Night on the Square. This family friendly event was first championed by Celina resident and Main Street Advisory Board Member Philip Ferguson in late 2015. He says, "I always enjoyed watching the Super Friends cartoon and playing superhero with my buddies when I was a kid, and I wanted to find a way to bring that fun here today." Ferguson felt by capitalizing on the popularity of the current Marvel and

DC Comics movie franchises, the event would be very popular. So, with a lot of help from many dedicated community volunteers, it launched in April 2016 and became an instant success. Several hundred people, consisting mostly of families with young children from Celina and the surrounding communities, have attended and that is expected to happen again this year.

An important aspect of all the fun is the cosplayers who participate. These are individuals with authentic-looking costumes who help bring the characters to life. One of the key participants has been Daniel Sanchez, who portrays the local Clark Kent/Superman and is also National President of Heroic Inner Kids. This Plano-based non-profit organization assists with education, outreach and advocacy efforts so all people can find the own inner hero. "This event is pure joy in the best traditions of the small-town family drive-in, Sunday picnic and county fair combined," said Sanchez. He adds, "There is no other place with the charm or spirit of fun to have an epic superhero

tug-of-war and see the kinds of smiles we do here. As volunteer heroes, we love this night. We love the innocence it represents, the togetherness it fosters, and the memories it helps make. We will come back as long as it exists in the world - which I hope is forever."

Another actively involved cosplay organization has been Heroes, Cops and Kids. This non-profit group was founded in 2011 by retired Dallas Police Officers. The mission for their volunteers is to provide positive role models for kids all over the country. Sofia Lumen, who portrays the group's Wonder Woman character, says, "We are honored to be at this event, the people in Celina are so accommodating, friendly and just awesome individuals." As a way of supporting this group and their efforts in Celina, the Main Street Advisory Board provided a \$500 donation last year. Amanda Webber, President of the Main Street Advisory Board, said, "We truly appreciate them always coming out to support our event. It's a great organization and we are glad we got to help them."

Super Hero Night has featured varying activities in prior years. Those have included an inflatable obstacle course, a game of High Striker, face painting, fitness challenges and much more. Many of those will be back this year along with themed music playing throughout the downtown square. Also, children and grown-ups can enjoy wearing costumes and dressing up as their favorite alter ego. Interestingly, a friendly competition has developed between the Celina Police and Fire Departments to see who can win the tug-of-war challenge. Bragging rights currently belong to the police department but with great power, comes great responsibility. So, they will have to defend their winning ways this year against a highly motivated fire department.

As always, there's an outdoor showing of a movie for everyone to enjoy so attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. This year's movie will be the Disney blockbuster *Incredibles 2* beginning at sundown after the activities wrap up. "Thanks to the generosity and sponsorship of local community organizations, churches and businesses, we are able to keep this event free for the public," said Ferguson.

The Celina Main Street and Historic Square is located at 302 W Walnut St; Celina, TX 75009 and is managed by Rebecca Barton. Interested heroes are encouraged to like the Facebook page to receive updates for the event, or visit [www.Celina360.com](http://www.Celina360.com).



Daniel Sanchez as Superman lifting a barbell on the square.

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# Beyond The Garden Gates

NEW VENUES, ENTERTAINMENT, HANDCRAFTED GOODS FEATURED ON 2019 CELINA GARDEN TOUR



By Lisa Ferguson

The 2019 Celina Garden Tour, an exclusive showcase of eight area home gardens and wineries, will be presented rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8.

Advance tickets are \$20, and will be available online beginning March 16 at [www.celinagardenclub.org](http://www.celinagardenclub.org), for pickup starting at 8 a.m. on tour day in Celina's historic downtown square, near Walnut and Ohio Streets. Same-day tickets may also be purchased there for \$25.

Tickets will also be sold at four area retailers: Annie Jack, 222 W. Walnut St., Celina; D&L Farm and Home, 811 N. Louisiana Drive, Celina; Texas Seasons Nursery, 807 N. Preston Road, Celina; and Cristina's Stone & Garden Center, 14400 Preston Road, Frisco.

Presented by the Celina Garden Club, the self-guided tour winds through the picturesque countryside of Celina, providing stunning views of its vast farmlands and gently rolling terrain as well as rare glimpses at several of area's most impressive gardens.

"We are excited about the 2019 Garden Tour as we enjoy sharing Celina's beautiful gardens and wineries with our North Texas friends and neighbors," said Celina Garden Club President Lynn Balint, whose own home garden is featured on the tour.

Other venues on the tour include Caudalie Crest Winery; Eden Hill Winery & Vineyard; a private home vineyard; Maryland Farms; and a trio of suburban-home gardens that highlight the

beauty and benefits of indoor-outdoor living. An assortment of handcrafted foods, beverages and products will be available for purchase at several venues, including homemade pies and preserves, home décor and other items.

The 2019 Celina Garden Tour will highlight the burgeoning area's rustic charm and resources, according to Melissa Green, who oversees special events and philanthropy for the Celina Garden Club. "This year's tour reflects the urban growth Celina has experienced with the addition of new, smaller garden spaces featured at homes in a couple of the city's suburban developments. It will also highlight our rural heritage with sprawling vineyards and peaceful country properties."

### About the Celina Garden Club

Founded in 1945, the Celina Garden Club's mission is to educate and stimulate the knowledge; to share our resources and experiences; and to enjoy fellowship with other gardeners through monthly meetings, field trips and projects. Club members actively participate in civic improvement programs, which include sponsoring an annual scholarship for students interested in environmental-related studies. With funds from its 2015 tour, the Celina Garden Club planned and executed a garden and learning center at Celina Elementary School. Proceeds from this year's tour will assist the club in continuing its community outreach and beautification projects.

Visit the Celina Garden Club's website at [www.celinagardenclub.org/](http://www.celinagardenclub.org/).



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# STEP BACK IN TIME

## FOR THE 39TH SEASON OF

# SCARBOROUGH

By Helaine B. Thompson

It's Spring in North Texas and that means that it's time to go back in time to the music, magic and majesty of the Renaissance at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. Just a short 30 minute drive south of Downtown Dallas you will discover the Festival's 35 acre re-created 16th Century English village filled with lively entertainment, artisan demonstrations, jousting for honor, shoppes galore, wine & beer tastings, mermaids and so much more.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is interactive fun for everyone, 16th Century style and will throw wide the gates for the opening of its 39th season on April 6th and will run for eight consecutive weeks every Saturday & Sunday through Memorial Day Monday, May 27th.

Each weekend has a different theme and a variety of special events such as Kid's Free on opening weekend (April 6 & 7), the Artisans Showcase, Celtic Weekend, Mother's Day Brunch, The Royal Ale Festival and Live the Fantasy weekend just to name a few. Some of the special events require a separate ticket and space can be extremely limited, so you will want to get your tickets early. If you are into cosplay and/or costumes, there are several costume contests that you may want to participate in as well! Keep in mind that while costumes are welcomed at the festival, they are definitely not required.

Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is truly one of the most unique festivals in North Texas offering extraordinary entertainment, exquisite crafts, artisan demonstrations and so much more. There is full combat jousting three times every Festival day, Birds of Prey Exhibitions and 25+ stages of non-stop performances you just won't see anywhere else such as escape artists, acrobats, jugglers, stilt walkers, a 25-time world-record holding whip master, belly dancers and a dozen new shows for 2019! There's also Renaissance style music on age



Photo by Pongo

old instruments like bagpipes, harps and hammered dulcimers. Where else can you see fairies, a Rat Circus, be knighted by a King or meet live mermaids? Plus, Scarborough is one of the few places where you can interact with all the performers – heck, you might even end up in a show.

Speaking of interacting with the performers, at Scarborough

Renaissance Festival® you can mingle with Royalty in the form of our reigning monarchs, King Henry VIII and his wife, Catherine of Aragon, his sister Queen Margaret and their royal courts who are all part of Scarborough's 150+ member performing company that bring the world of the Renaissance alive. Just about everywhere you turn along the tree lined lanes of the "Village of Scarborough" you'll

meet court members, villagers, peasants, gypsies, merchants and musicians just to name a few. It's a selfie takers delight!

And there's more! Schools of Sword, a cannon drill, sword fighting combat competitions, games of skill, Renaissance rides (all human powered), a petting zoo; pony and the Grande Parade. For more mature visitors, there are several stages dedicated to PG-16 entertainment.

Entertainment is not the only thing to enjoy at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®, the Festival is one of the largest outdoor juried craft shows in the country with over 200 shoppes filled with exquisite one-of-a-kind handmade treasures. These are not your ordinary "crafts". You will discover unique jewelry, pottery, masks, stone carvings, metal works, apparel, handmade soaps, blown glass, tapestries, and so much more that you simply cannot find at any other art show or event. There are also demonstrations by many of the artisans showcasing the age-old crafts as glass sculpting, candle making, glass blowing, stone carving, weaving, pottery, book binding and metal works throughout each day.

When you are ready to take a break, enjoy food fit for a king! The food at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® is a step above traditional "fair" food in both quality and variety. Feast on our signature giant slow roasted Turkey legs (the best you will ever eat) and Scottish Eggs. Don't miss out on the handmade pastas at the Pasta Palace, the tasty treats at the Scarborough Bakery and the largest



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Adults can get a taste of Scarborough Mead and other libations at the twelve pubs and taverns. Those with a more discerning pallets can partake in the daily wine or beer tasting events. The tastings are separate ticketed events and space is limited, so you will want to get your tickets ahead of time. Of course you must be at least 21 to enjoy the adult beverages.

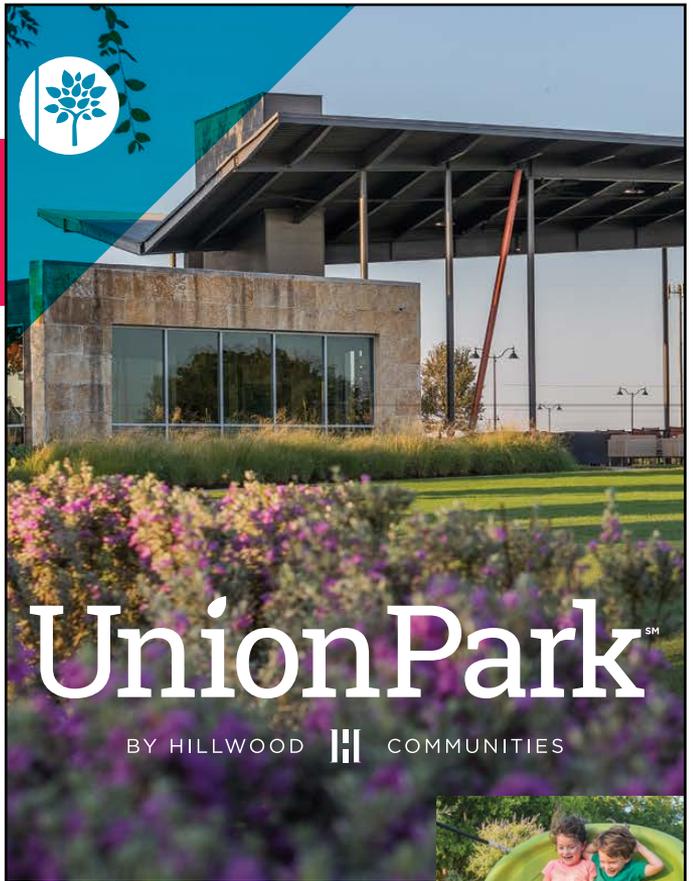
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By Donna Sims, Photos by Lea Sage-Watson

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You will find silent auction items to fit every taste and budget, and there will also be a live auction. There will be lots of other exciting activities going on during the evening, including a DJ playing great music!

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization, and this fundraising event is vital to sustaining our operating budget, and allows us to work toward our goal of being the leader



in supporting growth and economic development while enhancing the quality of life in the Aubrey 380 Area.

Please join us at Casino Night 2019, or as we like to call it, "Cuisine-O Night". You will have a great time! Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, DATCU Aubrey, Ciera Bank Aubrey, and PointBank Aubrey. You can also buy tickets online at [www.aubreycoc.org](http://www.aubreycoc.org). Tickets for this year's event are \$25 if purchased prior to April 15; \$30 after April 15.

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 940-365-9781, or [chamber@aubreycoc.org](mailto:chamber@aubreycoc.org)

The Aubrey 380 Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Casino Night on Saturday, April 27, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at Paul Redfearn Gym, 8030 Hwy 377, Aubrey, Texas, 76227.

For 2019 the format is changing up a bit. Your meal for the evening will be a "Taste Of" your choice from a variety of food booths and food trucks from area eateries set up outside the building. (Casino Night + food = "Cuisine-O Night!") Another change for 2019 is that we are returning to BYOB, with set-ups provided. So remember, if you choose to enjoy alcoholic beverages during the evening, you will need to BYOB.



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## Come Out and Enjoy the Parks of Pilot Point!

Movies in the Park is the newest edition to a growing number of community events brought to you by the City of Pilot Point! The City Parks Board has been working on the project development for several months. "We wanted to give local families a fun reason to get out and enjoy the city parks." Explained Alice Holloway City Secretary and Parks Board Liaison. "We have a great line up in store"



Photo by Johannes Rapprich from Pexels

The City of Pilot Point Parks Board will host several events this summer. The "Movies in the Park" will be held through November at various locations throughout the City.

Residents are encouraged to pack up the kids and watch a movie out under the stars! Families are encouraged to bring blankets or low-backed lawn chairs, food from your favorite local restaurant or snacks from home and mosquito spray to enhance their viewing experience. All movies are free and begin at dusk but may be canceled due to weather. Please call City Secretary Alice Holloway at (940) 324-5025 or visit [www.cityofpilotpoint.org](http://www.cityofpilotpoint.org) for more information. The City of Pilot Point Parks Board will also be hosting a "Schools Out Party" in June at the Old City Park. The party will feature music, games, food, and of course special guests.

"It's Your Park Day" was held at the end of March. It was a day of clean-up, improvement projects, and fun - it's the perfect kickoff to the summer season! Community volunteers will work together.

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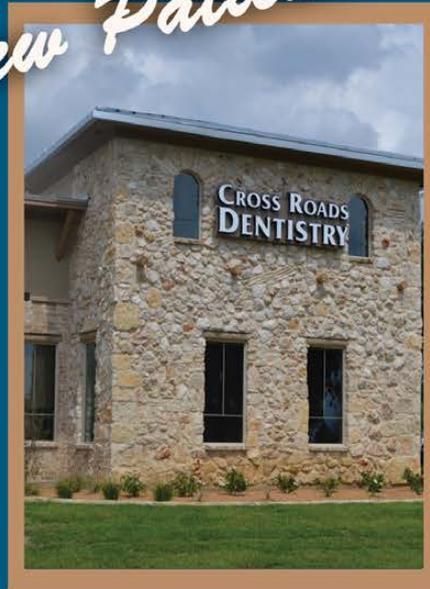
It's rewarding.

It's Your Park Day allows us to make sure our parks are ready to be enjoyed by all our amazing citizens of all ages.

The goal for our events is to bring the community together and enhance quality of life. Our events are to provide meaningful activities for adults and children and give families a reason to get out of the house.



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*Prestonwood's Vance Miller III, Niklaus Felhaber & Johann Felhaber hold the 1928 Interscholastic trophy, winning its 2nd National Championship in 5 years*

Oak Point's jewel, Prestonwood Polo Club, had another historic year with both its high school and college polo programs dominating the sport. The Prestonwood Varsity team of Vance Miller III, Johann Felhaber and Niklaus Felhaber (cousins) navigated through a gauntlet of teams to win the 2019 National Interscholastic Championship defeating Willow Bend (3 times), Lakeside California (1 time) and Houston (2 times) by a combined total of 46 goals! Prestonwood's Vaughn Miller Jr, Turner Wheaton and Andrew Scott dominated Intercollegiate play with their newly formed University of North Texas men's team defeating TCU, OSU, SMU, and only losing by 1-goal to defending National Champion Texas A&M. UNT's strong performance earned it a Wildcard berth in the National Intercollegiate

Tournament in just its first year. Vaughn Miller Jr also won the prestigious 2018 National Youth Tournament Series (NYTS) Outdoor Championship and was named MVP leading all scorers with 10-goals. Nearly 100 youth players 19 years old and under from all over country competed for a spot on one of four NYTS National teams, Vaughn lead his Zone 2 team to its first ever Championship title.



*Vaughn Miller Jr 2018 NYTS Champion & MVP holds the Cecil Smith Cup with Morgan McBride*

Prestonwood kicks-off its spring 2019 outdoor season April 27 and continues every Saturday through June 22, then starts again in the fall September 14 through November 9.



*UNT Mens Polo Team: Turner Wheaton, Vaughn Miller Jr, Andrew Scott & Coach Miller*

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## SPRING

APRIL 27: April Challenge Cup

MAY 4: Polo on the Lawn Kentucky Derby Day

MAY 11: Frisco Life Cup

MAY 18: Preakness Stakes Cup

May 25: May Challenge Cup

JUNE 1: June Top Pony Cup

JUNE 8: Belmont Stakes Cup

JUNE 15: Symphony Cup

JUNE 22: Patriot Cup

JULY 4: Fireworks Watch Party & Season Finale

## FALL

Sept 14 - White Party Fall Opener

Sept 21 - LPA Cup

Sept 28 - Frisco Salute

Oct 5 - Texas OU Shootout

Oct 12 - October Challenge

Oct 19 - VCM Memorial

Oct 26 - 380Guide Cup

Nov 2 - November Rain Cup

Nov 9 - Victory Challenge

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# SHOOTING SPORTS

## Learn By Doing with 4-H

By Jessica Sanders



Breaking clays, punching paper, and flying arrows are all part of the 4-H Shooting Sports project. If you enjoy the outdoors and hunting, you should join the fun that Texas 4-H Shooting Sports has to offer. Through the Shooting Sports project, you can learn self-discipline, self-confidence, firearm safety, and sportsmanship.

4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization which uses the "learn by doing" approach. 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H is about having fun, learning, exploring, and discovering. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders, and help shape their communities.

In Denton County, you can experience shooting several types of shooting disciplines: pistol, rifle, shotgun, and archery. This project covers firearm safety and teaches responsible handling and use. You will learn how to load and shoot a variety of firearms and how to properly maintain them. Before starting, you will be required to attend a safety training course for your desired discipline. This course will be led by one of Denton County's 4-H Certified Coaches. All practices will be conducted under the supervision of a Certified Coach. If you would like more information about 4-H Shooting Sports, please contact Jessica Sanders at (940) 349-2890 or Jessica.Sanders@ag.tamu.edu.



Do you already have a passion for shooting and would like to tell others about what the program has to offer? Then you should consider becoming a Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. You will be part of a leadership program that is designed for you to give back to the project in a variety of ways. For more information, visit the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports website <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/shooting-sports/> or contact at Jessica.Sanders@ag.tamu.edu.

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# WHERE IS THE HAY?

By Zach Davis, Agricultural Agent

The summer and fall in 2018 left farmers and ranchers with a shortage of hay in Denton County. A short recap of the events are as follows: The summer started without much rain for grass to grow, once it did rain there were small windows in which to cut and bale hay. As we moved into September we had army worm invasion that did damage on highly fertile hay fields and pastures, in the later parts of the month, grasses started to mature and the heavy moisture we received during a record fall left everything wet for farmers.



Oklahoma. Some varieties of Tall Fescue can produce a fungus that grows inside the plant and produces toxin for animals that consume it.

Locally, there is very little hay available because producers who have hay are keeping it for their own use. Most producers cut and bale hay to feed the cows they have. Once that amount is made they sell the rest to cut down on overhead cost. Producers this year are leery of letting any hay go because they might not even have enough for their own herds. The cheapest hay that has been advertised has been last years left overs, and it's still selling for sixty to seventy dollars per bale. That can be a lot of cost without much nutritional value. In the Weekly Livestock Reporter, coastal Bermuda round bales, good to premium are selling for \$70-100.

### Factors when buying hay:

- Age- was it baled this year or last year
- Timing – When was it baled, before frost
- Bale Size- how much hay is in that bale

### Mange your Herd

One way to stretch the hay you have is to cull some of your herd. Start by culling old open cows, and older cows with an unsound mouth or feet and legs.

I recently just culled one older cow in my own herd that was open. The check I received wasn't noteworthy because cull cows aren't bringing much, but you're going on a theory of addition by subtraction. You have more forage for the cows you want to keep, that are producing calves.

Other options to stretch your hay can be dividing your nursing cows and dry cows for adequate feeding. Dry cows require less nutrients in general and the goal during the winter time should be to maintain their body score, while on nursing cows you want to control weight loss. It's natural for cows to become thinner in the winter, but you want to control weight loss the best you can. It pretty much impossible for a wet cows to gain weight in the winter while nursing so that should not be a goal during this time.

Other tips that can help stretch your hay are utilizing hay rings so hay spoilage stays down, or rolling bales out when you feed so cows can consume the majority of the bale at that time. If you didn't get supplemental grazing like wheat planted during this moist Fall, consider planting spring oats for an early spring forage.

The main thing during this time is to be realistic about what you needs are for hay during the winter. Calculate what you have, and what you think you need and put a plan in place to get you through.

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# THE AMERICAN LEGION IN PILOT POINT:

By Christine Walker

The Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550 is tucked away just off of Foundation Drive in Pilot Point's Industrial area. As you're sitting at the stop sign on McDonald, the first thing you see looking towards the Post is a faded Post 550 sign that looks like it has weathered more than its fair share of a few storms. But don't let the sign fool you.

That sign is just a symbol of the resilience of our local veterans who have weathered the storms of war. For those who return, they pick up the pieces of their lives and move forward, but they never forget their brothers and sisters in arms who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our beloved United States of America.

On the first Monday of any given month, the parking lot is full and as you walk into the Post, you will see a flurry of activity, as members of every department of the Post get ready for the general meeting. Men in garrison caps sipping on their beers chatting with fellow veterans at the Canteen and others making the rounds with handshakes, hugs and warm greetings to one another. But it's not a club... it is a family.

Post 550 is a family of veterans that span over five decades of foreign wars from every branch of military service. A family of wives, daughters, mothers, and sons who love their veterans fiercely and have chosen to be a part of the American Legion and its affiliate organizations to tangibly support them.

## About the American Legion

Celebrating its 100th Birthday, the American Legion was first chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization.

"Focusing on service to veterans, service members, and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over one million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over two million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines."

In the century that has passed, the American Legion successfully lobbied the legislative branch of our government in



1921 to provide medical care and assistance for our returning soldiers of the 'Great War' and the Veterans Bureau was created which later became known as Veterans Administration. In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act to help provide educational funding for soldiers returning from WWII. Today, the American Legion continues to fight on behalf of the American veteran to ensure that they have a voice on the National, State and local levels of government.

## Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550 History

Our local Post was first chartered in 1946 and named posthumously in memory of two Pilot Point sons. Sgt. Joe Bob Vaughn, of the United States Army 31st Infantry Division who was killed in 1942 in Bataan, Philippines and Sgt. Leo Mason Walling, of the United States Army Air Corps, 395th Bombardment Squadron who died in a plane crash during a training mission in Panama in 1943.

Not much is known about the history of Post 550 between 1946 and 1949, but according to the only known written historical documentation of the Post:

"Some meetings were even held under the water tower, especially on hot nights and there was usually a keg of beer brought in to help cool things off. Under the leadership of Commander George Smith between 1949-1950, Post #550 purchased an old feed store on Hwy 10 from J. Juan O'Dell and the Legion met there for a number of years. However, with membership down and the building about to collapse, Commander Robert Mayer with the support of Dr. Marion Groff and the members, the old Post #550 building was traded to Monroe Moses for 1 ½ acres of land on Hwy 455 west of Pilot Point, which is now lake property. With much hard work from the members, they structured and built the building out of cinder tile. Robert Mayer, Dr. Groff, Billy Mayer, J.W. Scott, H.A. Simmons, Joe Sparks, Leonard Berend, and Arthur Schon; just to name a few. In 1983, The Legion once again was in trouble because the new Lake Ray Roberts was soon to take our property. Commander Robert Pedigo appointed a committee consisting of himself,

James May and Dr. Marion Groff to meet with the Corps of Engineers to try for a good settlement. After several meetings, we agreed on a price of \$93,500.00. The closing was on August 18, 1983. At that time, Omar Jones approached the Legion on locating in the Industrial area. A contract for 2.2 acres on Foundation Road was signed in November 1983. The building was built by Commander Robert Pedigo, Harold Wilson, Sam Powers, Danny Chandler, Ronnie Alexander, and Bud Martin, just to mention a few. Seeing that we may run out of money, we made a note at the Pilot Point National Bank for 20,000.00 – ten (10) year payout.' In January 1995 the Legion made the last payment and celebrated with a Note Burning Party."

In 1994, the American Legion Auxillary Post 550 was chartered thanks to Betty Lou Scott and Mary Lou Dankesreiter. The Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders charters followed soon after.

For almost 75 years, The Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550 has been and continues to be an essential part of our community thanks to all the members who have gone before and those who are there today.

Under the leadership of former Commanders and the current Post 550 Commander, Marlin Rath, along with the executive committee, the American Legion in Pilot Point is thriving.

The Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post also has a phenomenal American Legion Auxillary who work tirelessly year-round to host a Vietnam Homecoming, a Military Ball for its members and the annual Linda Robinson Cook-Off held every April, just to name a few events.



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In addition, the Sons of the American Legion put in many long hours in the planning and hosting of the annual Johnny Reeves & Danny Chandler memorial cook-off every fall and the Post 550 Riders ride countless miles for charities to benefit veterans in the North Texas area throughout the year.

Together, the four departments also host benefits when a veteran or their immediate family members are in need.

### The Future is Looking Bright

Every year the Legionnaires and the ALA sponsor two boys and two girls to participate in Boys & Girls State in Austin, host oratory competitions for high school students and give away scholarships to children of veterans for college.

Truth be told, The American Legion has so many programs benefitting veterans, youth, and the community, there simply is not enough room in this article to expound on everything they offer.

Today, the Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550, with a clear vision of the future, and with the cooperation of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), Sons, and Riders, are committed to continue the mission of the American Legion and to be a continued presence in our area for the sake of all veterans and our community as a whole for generations to come.

But most importantly, the Post's promise to honor the men and women who took an oath to protect and serve the United States Constitution against all enemies foreign or domestic and to actively remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect this great nation.

It is for this reason that the American Legion was founded and exists.

If you are interested in membership or finding out more about The American Legion, American Legion Auxillary, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Riders, visit Post 550's website at [americanlegionpost550.org](http://americanlegionpost550.org)

### A Message from Post 550

The Vaughn-Walling American Legion Post 550 would like to thank The City of Pilot Point, PPISD and the citizens of this and surrounding communities for the unbelievable love and commitment you have shown over the years for our veterans. Thank you for your continued support.



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### 1. Look for mistakes on your house description.

Check the County's website to ensure your home's square footage, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and lot size are reflected accurately in their assessment of your property.

### 2. Gather your comps.

Find out what similar residences in your neighborhood are worth. Check online or contact a real estate agent to see what local homes sold for.

### 3. Highlight your home's flaws.

Provide pictures and repairs estimates of your home's major structural issues. Negative influences surrounding your property, such as a busy street or nearby sewer plant, are also evidence to support a lower assessment.

### 4. Meet with the County.

Your appraisal notice will include the date by which a protest must be filed. Appeal in person or online by the deadline. (Special Note\*: Your reduction must be below your homestead cap in order to save on taxes.)

### 5. Get professional help.

Don't have time to do all this homework? Consider hiring a property tax expert. Most work on a contingency basis, in which you pay a portion of tax savings if the protest succeeded.

Taxpayers are routinely overcharged, with the expectation they will appeal, though few know they can. It's best to file a protest every year to see if you are overpaying. Whether you decide to do it yourself or use a tax consultant, everyone has the right to appeal their tax bill, and should. The opportunity of saving hundreds or thousands of dollars is usually worth the few hours.

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This new educational childcare center in Union Park, a community located in north Little Elm/Aubrey, Texas that will exceed your expectations.

## Meet Leland and Lisa Morris

### Owners Kiddie Academy of Union Park

Lisa Morris and her husband, Leland are the proud owners of Kiddie Academy of Union Park. Together, they have lived, worked, and raised their family near Union Park for over 21 years. Because they have spent most of their professional lives as service industry entrepreneurs, they are very excited to complete construction on their beautiful new school in Union Park and begin to provide Kiddie Academy's award-winning Life Essentials® curriculum to children and their families. For two years, Lisa and Leland have worked hard to build Kiddie Academy of Union Park because they

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For more information please visit their website [www.kiddieacademy.com/academies/union-park/](http://www.kiddieacademy.com/academies/union-park/). You can also contact Kiddie Academy at 972.521.8100 to schedule a visit. Kiddie Academy is located at 4387 Union Park Blvd in Aubrey, Texas.



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By Stacey Harris

Well-known distillery, Western Son, in the historic area of Pilot Point, Texas has partnered with TriSherpa Multisport Club of Denton for the fourth consecutive year to host its Annual 5k fun run and race to kick off the summer racing season on Saturday, May 11th.

As they have done in the past, all and every race level is welcome to join the fun! Each racer that is 21 and older will get one free drink. Western Son now has a full drink menu available to try out at their distillery! All attendees can enjoy music, non-alcoholic drinks, snacks and an evening of outdoor fun at the distillery.



Do you want the SWAG and free drink but not interested in the run or walk? This is the race for you! Anyone that registers as a virtual participant will receive all the same swag without the sweat! Boom! Win-Win!

This year there is a new Stroller Racer category! You need an award just for pushing a stroller and running! If you plan to bring your kiddos in a

stroller or if your pup needs to be pushed while running, register for your very own podium fame as well. Awards will go to top male and female stroller pushers.

TriSherpa Multisport Club love all kinds of movement and walking is just that. This year they continue the Walkers Group, so everyone has the opportunity for recognition. If you plan on walking only, then register in the walking category and the fastest male and female will get their podium fame in May.

Of course, TriSherpa Multisport Club can't forget about the kiddos, our four-legged friends. Kids who are four and under are free and your fur-babies can run with you on a leash! Strollers are welcome even if you don't want to register for the Stroller Racer division and there is no charge for the kiddo or pup inside the stroller. Save the date and join the fun at Western Son on May, 11, 2019. What a great way to enjoy the spirit of movement along with good spirits at the distillery!



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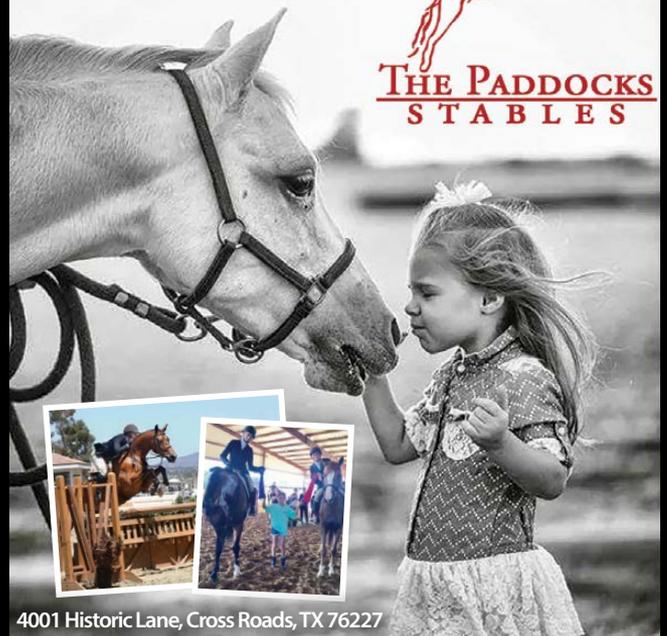
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# 11th Annual



By Christine Walker

**T**he 11th annual Jay Melugin's Songwriters Fest, formerly known as The North Texas Songwriters Festival is in the full swing of planning for the April 12-14th event.

Sitting down with Beau Foster, the event director, one can easily tell that this festival is his passion. And he is quick to articulate why!

### What makes this Festival so special to you?

It's special to me because I see how special it is to the musicians to have their big day. Also Jay took me under his wing when I moved here. For him to trust me with this is special. He's been a great friend

### Why are ORIGINAL artists important instead of a general music fest where covers are allowed?

I feel like people can pretty much go to any bar, club, concert festival etc and hear covers. The Songwriter deserves the chance to have the originals showcased. They've put in the work and love. Let them be heard.

### What's so special about the new logo design and its meaning?

I wanted the festival to finally have a personal

identity, so we changed the name to "Jay Melugin's" Songwriters Fest. The art being western, was a given. Jay likes western novels, history, and the desert. I wanted him to be walking away from the sun. It's not setting...this festival is just getting started! And lastly I have an infatuation with the Armadillo and I'm just trying to walk in his footsteps as I look up to him. Allen Wayne Nichols (allenwaynichols.com) nailed the design and symbolism.

### How do you raise funding to put this festival on?

It's only able to happen with the support of the community through sponsorship and donations. This festival is for the public, I hope that the better it gets, so will sponsorship. Also the hard work of volunteers and organizers helping in multiple areas

### Why choose The Garage Door Theater at Pilot Point Opera House as a venue?

It's just set up to be a great showcase for this. The multiple levels, the Theater seating at 90 plus seats, the roll-up garage doors bringing in the festival atmosphere. It's all just too good to be true.

### What's new with the Festival this year?

The Economic development board and Pilot Point Mainstreet are showing huge interest in being involved which is fantastic. It's the longest running festival in our town, I'm excited to see what they can bring to help it grow. We added some headliners to help end the nights with a bang. It's three days to start it off with, an extra party of sorts and we also have handcrafted vendors and food trucks to keep our attendees busy throughout the days.

### What are your plans going forward?

Going forward I will be assembling a board of sorts to designate certain responsibilities. We are also planning to obtain a 501c3 status to make it an official nonprofit festival. And of course eventually, I'd like to see it have multiple stages and to spread out into the entire square!

For more information about Jay Melugin's Songwriter Fest, check out their website at [jmsongwritersfest.com](http://jmsongwritersfest.com) or email Beau Foster at [brokentrailproductions@gmail.com](mailto:brokentrailproductions@gmail.com).




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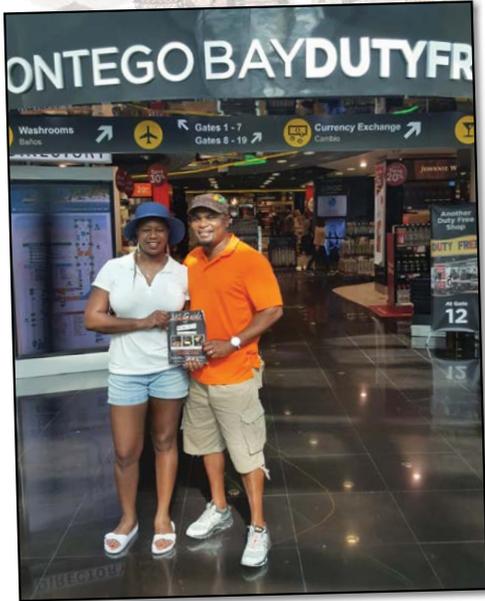



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# Pop In for Pop Up STEM

By Ellen Zarate



Regular guests to Frisco Public Library (FPL) know that every visit can be filled with surprises and discovery. This spring, the Library unveils new Pop-Up STEM events for K – 5th graders and their families to enjoy. The colorful carts, brimming with hands-on, interactive supplies, will periodically be available for guests to enjoy after school hours and on weekends. Those who like to plan ahead can get details about upcoming Pop-Up events, times, and themes at [friscolibrary.com/calendar](http://friscolibrary.com/calendar) by searching “Pop-Up STEM.”

Jennifer Cummings, Youth Services Manager, is thrilled to bring these mobile labs to a community that is highly invested in STEM and family learning.

“Effective STEM programming promotes critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and communication skills,” explains Cummings. “At Frisco Public Library, we focus on blending fun and education because we all learn better when we enjoy ourselves.”

These events are great for Frisco’s on-the-go community. All Pop-Ups are come and go so families can stop in to explore a concept for a few minutes or an hour—it’s their call.

Pop-Up STEM themes run the gamut. FPL’s ambition is to cover a broad range of subjects to address and ignite a wide variety of interests. The themes in this spring’s rotation include the following: Coding, Anatomy and Physiology, Entomology, Astronomy, Meteorology, Botany, Engineering, and Mathematics.

There are no fees or registration for Pop-Up STEM. Learn more at [friscolibrary.com](http://friscolibrary.com) or come in to the Library with your questions. This program is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission. (2019)

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