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# PointBank Urges Business Owners...



## Stay Ahead of New Compliance Regulations

Business owners in Denton County are already juggling a lengthy list of priorities. One minute, it's managing payroll, keeping up with cash flow needs, and ensuring a positive customer experience. The next minute, they're driving sales, hiring and training employees, keeping tabs on inventory, and setting aside time for long-term business planning and growth. No one wants to fall behind on these or any other obligations. This is why PointBank is reminding its business customers of a regulatory requirement that took effect early this year and for which compliance must be adhered to by year's end; otherwise, they risk significant fines and penalties. It's called the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA).

This new reporting requirement from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) aims to shed light on the individuals who own or control certain businesses and make it harder for criminals to evade taxes, launder money, and commit other financial crimes.

According to FinCEN, certain business types must complete a Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) form as soon as possible. "This is not something to ignore, as the fines and potential repercussions are hefty," PointBank President Ray David Jr. said. "We encourage you to review your ownership records and ensure your business is ready for this transition."

According to FinCEN, only publicly traded companies, nonprofits, and certain large operating companies are exempt from BOI reporting. Reporting companies are requested to complete their form electronically at [www.fincen.gov/boi](http://www.fincen.gov/boi). Entities formed before 2024 have until January 1, 2025, to comply. Meanwhile, entities formed between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024, have only 90 days to file a Business Ownership Information (BOI) report. Entities formed on or after January 1, 2025, will have only 30 days to file a BOI Report.

Failure to comply may result in civil penalties of up to \$500 for each day a violation persists, a criminal fine of up to \$10,000, and possible imprisonment of up to two years. "We want to ensure our local business community is well-informed and continues to thrive," David said. Visit [www.fincen.gov/boi/small-business-resources](http://www.fincen.gov/boi/small-business-resources) for details. PointBank is a Member FDIC.





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Even though the days are getting shorter, it's fun to pass the time with the brisk air, gentle rains, and changing foliage. Fortunately, the region in which we reside is rich in natural beauty. We love putting together the 380Guide Holiday Magazine because it's always filled with enjoyable activities and joyous occasions.

For the Christmas season, we are wishing you an abundance of presence. A large, glittering tree surrounded by heaps of packages, stockings, and gifts is a lovely sight during the holiday season, I must admit. However, the greatest gift of all is the gift of presence, rather than presents wrapped in bows. We've learned an important but simple life lesson over the years: presence lasts longer, means more, and binds a family and friendships tighter than any gift ever will.

Presence is a gift that never fades; it never becomes too small or monotonous; it never wears out or breaks. The best thing about presence is that it is always inexpensive and accessible to any family member or loved one at any time. We wish all of our readers an abundance of presence over the holidays!

We hope that through 380Guide, you will learn more about all of the fantastic people and things right here in the area. Hopefully, you find some places and events that will become meaningful to you and your family, where you can create traditions and grow together. The 380 Corridor is full of unexpected gems, activities, and places where you can spend quality time with those you love and cherish.

While presence is ideal, we all know that the holidays would be incomplete without gifts. When shopping for gifts this holiday season, remember to support our advertisers and local small businesses.

380Guide wishes all of our readers safe travels, warm nights, and joyous holidays! Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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You are cordially invited to First United Methodist Church Aubrey, which is situated at 113 West Plum Street just off of the central strip of Aubrey's Historic Downtown. If you like a small, friendly congregation in a historic setting, this may be your new church home. Inspirational Christian services are held every Sunday with services at 11:00 a.m.

For those looking for a place of worship, First United Methodist Church in Aubrey is a community-focused religious institution that offers spiritual services and events. The church hosts activities, outreach initiatives, and meetings to help its members and the larger community, with an emphasis on creating a sense of connection and belonging.

Long-time members of this openhearted church, Donna Sims and Carol Henry, invited 380Guide out to have a personalized tour to view their lovely stained-glass windows and share a bit of the church's history.

Henry originally asked me at a luncheon if I had ever noticed the beautiful windows at her church. That is where the invitation commenced. She arranged for us to visit on a quiet afternoon. Admittedly, no other art feels so untethered to earth, so alive, and so inherently captivating in its effect as stained glass. Thus, I was excited to visit. The sanctuary's bright stained-glass windows illuminate every nook and cranny. Despite its strong lifting structural requirements, the light-modulating parts also contribute to its illusion of lightness.

For historical information about the church, Sims is the one to call. She explained the beginnings of the church: Dr. George T. Key, originally from Missouri, brought his family to Denton County in 1858, where they settled close to the modern-day town of Aubrey. They constructed log structures that served as a chapel and school. The Key School House, which was later called Aubrey Methodist Church, was one of the first Methodist churches to be built in Denton County.



Under the direction of Reverend F.V. Evans, the Aubrey Methodist Church congregation met for many years at the Key School and in the homes of its members. When the original Aubrey town plan was expanded by L.N. Edwards in 1885, each church was given free property. The lots on the intersection of Maple and Plum streets were given to the Aubrey Methodist Church. Since church funds were very limited, Ed F. Bates, a pioneer in the county, gave money to erect a church structure. The first structure was finished in a wood frame in 1886.

Unfortunately, the original chapel was destroyed by a devastating tornado that ripped through Aubrey on April 14, 1918. In February 1919. After the dust settled, the new, one-story brick veneer structure was finished. The sanctuary is filled with vivid hues because of the beautiful stained-glass windows in the Pre-Raphael style, which tell Christian stories. When the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged in 1968, the church was renamed Aubrey First United Methodist Church. In 1986. It was at this time that the church incorporated and constructed a fellowship hall next door.

Come out and meet Pastor Ernesto Sanchez, a.k.a. Pastor Tito. He encourages growth and creates a place of love, belonging, and purpose where lives can be transformed. While in a historic location, they think progressively. Recently, they have recently added contemporary music, and they have a tranquil prayer garden for peaceful reflection and private prayers. If you are there when Peggy Cain brings one of her cakes, you will be in for a real delight. Nothing brings people closer together than fellowship with food and tasty nibbles.

Although I have to accept that the history and windows serve as a lure to attract someone inside, the people are what truly make this historical church so beautiful.

With Christmas just around the corner, what a perfect time to visit!



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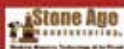
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The oldest town in Denton County is Pilot Point. In the late 1840s, pioneers started to settle the region. On Christmas Day in 1853, George Newcome laid out and platted the town's public square. Pilot's Point, a high point of timber that served as a signpost for travelers, was the original name of the Pilot Point Historic Square. Pilot Point was a common stop on the Butterfield Stage route and was also close to an early immigration trail. The late local historian Jay Melugin attested to the historical accuracy of the information.

## PILOT POINT'S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

### 1. THE JOHN HUNDLEY BUILDING:

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



2. DRUG STORE: Initially built in 1873 by John Hundley for J.W. Eddleman, the former drug store is now unoccupied with a business and serves as a private residence. Son Groceries and J.C. Selman later utilized it. This building has undergone four reconstructions after burning down.



### 3. F.A. WRIGHT DRY GOODS AND LEATHER:

Today you can visit the Pilot Point Coffee House at this location. It offers a wide variety of coffees, snacks, and other beverages. It is a meeting place for the community and offers events including music and art shows. This building was built sometime in the 1870's and once housed F.A. Wright Dry Goods, Grocery, and Leather. Later, with the advancement of electricity, it was home to the Power and Light Company. Around the same time, the local telephone operator was on the second floor and was expected to locate wayward citizens she could spot on the Town Square. The building facade went from Victorian to Nouveau-Deco in the 1920's.



### 4. O.A. ROSS AND SON DRY GOODS:

Newly renovated in 2018, this 1870's building has been home to Pelzel's Barber Shop since the 1960's. You can also visit the fun shop Southern Junkiez inside this building. Originally, the ground floor was home to O.A. Ross and Son Dry Goods, while the second floor was used as a flop house. Later, Mrs. Copenhaver sold sewing notions at this location.



### 5. SADDLERY AND SALOON:

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



### 6. OLD BARBERSHOP:

Rumored to be frequented by Bonnie and Clyde in the 30s when it was a small café, the structure is currently vacant. This building was constructed in 1896 and was home to a barbershop before it was converted to a café in the 1920s.



### 7. HARDWARE AND HARNESS BUSINESS:

Built in 1896, this vacant building was home to a Hardware and Harness business, but that did not last long. From 1896 until the early 1900's, Grays Furniture and Undertaking served the





community from this building. In the 1930's, it became home to a dance hall, and later the building became Stephens Grocery when it expanded and moved from the north side of The Square. Eventually Stephens moved to US Hwy 377.

### 8. CITY HALL AND PILOT POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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



### 9. MIDWAY SALOON:

Erected as a wood structure in the early to mid- 880's, this building was rebuilt with brick in the early 1890's and housed one of Pilot Point's most notorious saloon and billiard halls, known as the Midway Saloon. In 1904, the last gunfight in Pilot Point broke out in front of the saloon, and to this day you can still find bullet holes in the front facade of the building. After being vacant for many years, Martin General Store moved in in 2018 with a nod to Dry Goods stores from eras' past.



### 10. AND 11. CHANDLER AND COMPANY:

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



### 12. THE MISSISSIPPI STORE:

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



**13. THE BUILDING:** The original G.W. Davidsons and Co. Dry Goods and Clothiers is now a lawnmower repair and parts company located in what is known as Square Center.



### 14. ALMOND'S CASH GROCERY STORE:

Constructed in 1882, this building is currently empty. It was the location of Almond's Cash and Grocery and Stephens Grocery until the middle of the 20th century, when they relocated to the square's north side.



### 15. FLAKES AND FLOPPIN HARDWARE AND STOVES:

In 1882, Flakes and Floppin Hardware and Stoves occupied this building. Later the building was Lonestar Videos and Tanning Salon. After being closed for many years, it is currently under renovation and will reopen as a wine tasting room.



### 16. NUNN AND MCFARLAND CLOTHING AND FURNISHING:

Sarah Boyd & Company Real Estate Brokerage is now housed in this recently renovated and restored building. In 1884, it was first known as Nunn and McFarland Clothing and Furnishing Goods. Wilson and Co. Dry Goods and Clothing was the original name of Dolly's Antiques in 1884.



### 17. N. WILSON AND COMPANY DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING:

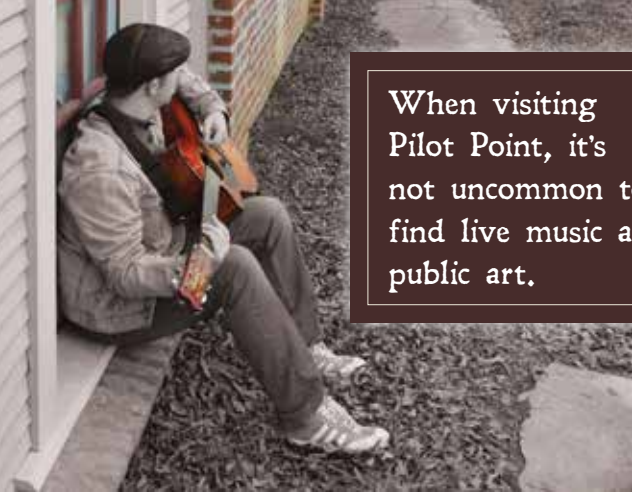
The building was constructed in 1884 and is currently Dolly's Antiques.



### 18. PILOT POINT MUSEUM:

This structure currently houses the Pilot Point Museum and Chamber of Commerce office. When it was first constructed in the early 1880s, it was home to R.M. Baird & Co. Dry Goods and Notions until it was converted into The City Hotel and then the Cloer Hotel in the late 1890s. The second story was taken out somewhere in the middle of the 20th century.





When visiting Pilot Point, it's not uncommon to find live music and public art.

**19. SOUTH SIDE:** In the 1950s, a tornado damaged this area of the Historic Square, which was eventually completely destroyed by fire. The site had been abandoned for many years left in disrepair. Eventually it was decided to demolish what was left of the buildings.



**20. RUBY AND PEARL HOTEL:** Also known as the Holt Building, it was built in the 1890's as a hotel. It was purchased in 2017 and renamed the Ruby and Pearl Hotel. Renovations are currently underway for a scheduled opening in the future.



**21. LOWBROWS:** Built in 1893, this building was originally Dad Robin's Place, a restaurant. It was later home to the Pilot Point Post Signal, established earlier in 1878 and Denton County's oldest newspaper. They called this building home from about 1900 to 1960. It is interesting to note that this building is one of the few buildings on The Square that still have the original front doors and windows. Converted into a bar and music venue in the mid-2000s by the late Bob Albrecht, it continues to serve the community as the "go-to" gathering place in Pilot Point with its current owners.



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



**23. PILOT POINT OPERA HOUSE:**

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

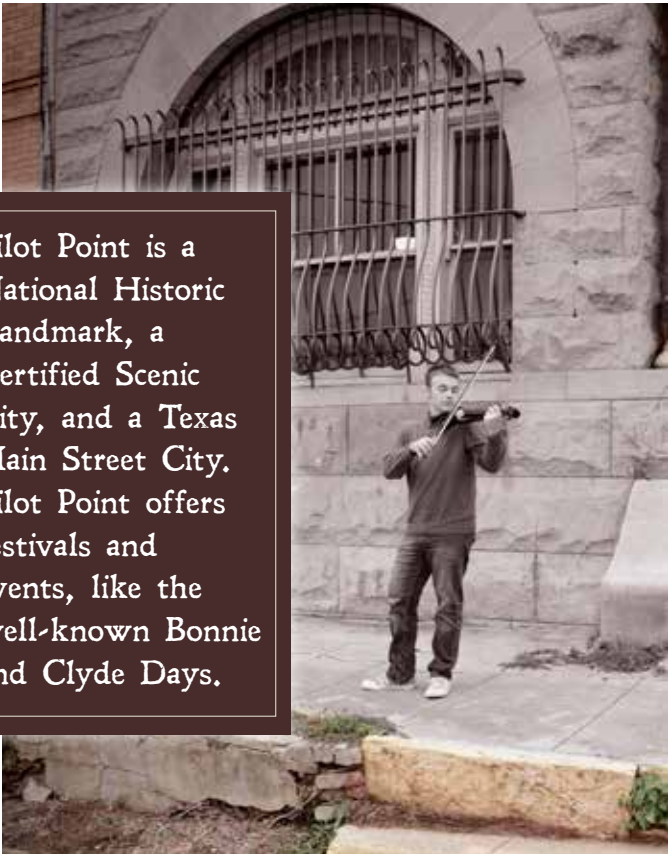


**24. FARM AND MERCHANTS BANK:**

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



Pilot Point is a National Historic Landmark, a Certified Scenic City, and a Texas Main Street City. Pilot Point offers festivals and events, like the well-known Bonnie and Clyde Days.





LIVING

# Christmas Trees

A NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION

By Mike James



Have you ever had a “Living Christmas Tree”?

As the holiday season approaches, for many, the search for the perfect Christmas tree begins. This year, why not consider a living Christmas tree? Growing in popularity, living trees offer a sustainable and eco-friendly option.

I still remember my first Christmas Tree at Fort Knox, KY around a Charlie Brown tree with a modest dinner and a couple of dogs that got a treat as well. About 30 years later I had my second Living Tree. It was probably twice as big as the Charlie Brown tree, but by then we had decorations and lights.

For this writer, the motivations behind selecting the two trees mentioned above and three of the four trees below were focused on what would have the most positive effect on the

environment surrounding my home as well as on local wildlife. What is the significance of a “Living Tree”? In the beginning, it was mainly about the novelty and the excitement. We have come to understand the importance of sustainability. Living trees serve as a crucial foundation for our hopes of maintaining a healthy environment. Therefore, let’s focus specifically on trees that are native to North Texas. The three trees I have planted in my Frisco home are all Texas natives and would look quite appealing adorned with string lights (subject to my HOA’s regulations). Each one provides a sustainable source of food and shelter for the insects and wildlife that we all rely upon.

When selecting a living tree, you should consider various factors: 1) the current size of the tree you want to bring home today, how large it will grow in 10–20 years, and where it will be planted outside to ensure it has room to thrive. Choosing a living tree can bring joy not only to you but also to birds and bees that will benefit from it for many years.

Think Native. Consider the space available in your home as well as the area where the tree will be planted once the holiday season is over. Clearly, you should evaluate what will fit best in your living space. If you have a family member with allergies, be cautious with red cedar. The Native Plant List for North Texas provides an excellent resource for native plants. Before you start the selection process, try to let go of the idea that a Christmas tree must be a traditional cone-shaped pine or evergreen. Here are some good choices. 1. Yaupon Holly, 2. Possum haw Holly, 3. Texas Mountain Laurel (beautiful tree and it blossoms, but is toxic to animals and humans), 4. Eastern Red Cedar.

When selecting a living Christmas tree, remember to water it. For the health of the tree move it outside within a couple of weeks. Living trees often need a bit more space than cut ones, as they come with their root systems and pots.

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# Gardening Gifts

By Judy Allen from DCMGA Garden Basics

Gardening can be a wonderful activity for people of all ages. In addition to enjoying the fruits of your labor, gardening offers many opportunities to exercise different muscle groups, get some daily vitamin D from the sunshine, pass on knowledge to children, and make new friends who share common interests. Quality tools and supplies are always thoughtful gifts.

For beginning or experienced gardeners, a raised bed garden is often easier to create and initially may be more productive because our native soils require substantial amendments or organic material. This leads to the first gift recommendation. Local nurseries, big box stores, and online vendors offer raised bed gardening supplies. Some are as simple as corner pieces and wood slats ready to assemble, and some are boxes or containers that resemble horse troughs that either sit on the ground or are mounted on legs.

#### Other Ideas:

- Quality Tools built with comfortable grips are essential for the gardener.
- A tool bucket with a canvas insert that has slots for each tool is a welcome addition.
- A gardening apron with a couple of pockets that keep your phone, gloves and a hand tool at your fingertips.
- A Cobra tool. This may be used for digging, weeding, and planting.
- A cushioned kneeling pad makes weeding and planting much less stressful on the knees. One type has handles on either side to assist with lowering to a kneeling position and rising.
- A portable garden cart or a wheelbarrow for moving larger tools, plants, and soil amendments. A wheelbarrow with dual wheels on the front is easier to balance.
- A watering wand or hose attachment that allows water to stay off the leaves as well as regulate the flow of water.
- As many of us get older, we find that the physical effort of gardening is more difficult, especially on our hands. If so, there are adaptive garden tools (called ergonomic tools) designed to ease the strain on our bodies.
- A Gardening Journal to keep track of planting and harvesting dates as well as weather events.
- A gift card to a local garden center
- Gardening in Texas has some unique challenges! So, how about a gardening book? Just 3 of many:
  1. Greg Grant, Smith County horticulturist-Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service: Texas Fruit & Vegetable Gardening, Cool Springs Press, 2021
  2. Easy Gardening for Texas by A&M University Professor, Joseph G. Masabni, Texas A&M Press, 2016
  3. Easy Gardens for North Central Texas by horticulturist Steve Huddleston and garden writer and landscape architect, Pamela Crawford

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