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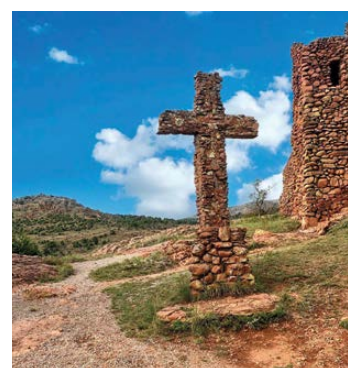


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Steven Baringer



**DENTON COUNTY, TX-** As I mentioned in my last article, Texas 4-H is the largest youth development program in Texas. Through 4-H they can

participate in a variety of projects ranging from food & nutrition, robotics, photography, civic engagement, entomology, and more.

Today I would like to highlight one of our projects, shooting sports. Youth who participate in shooting sports will learn proper maintenance

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## Winter Weather Making Problems for Wheat Farmers

Zach Davis



**DENTON COUNTY, TX** – Winter wheat is the most produced crop for Denton county farmers, averaging about 30,000



acres. The cool season annually produces a cereal grain, but an abnormally warm dry winter could cause problems for farmers. Most

of the population is enjoying the change in weather, especially when you think about last year's winter storm Uri that came through, but for farmers everything is not rosy.

In the month of December, our historic average temperature has been a high of 58 degrees and a low of 34 degrees. However, this past month of December our high was

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## State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.6 Billion in December

**AUSTIN, TX-Texas** Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.56 billion in December, 24.4 percent more than in December 2020. The majority of December sales tax revenue is based on sales made in November and remitted to the agency in December.

Year-over-year increases for most tax revenues continue to be affected by base effects: year-ago revenue

collections to which this year's collections are compared were suppressed by the pandemic. Compared to December 2019, sales tax collections were up 18.1 percent.

"December state sales tax collections continued the exceptional growth of recent months, reaching another new monthly high with receipts from all major economic sectors surging above year-ago levels,"

Hegar said. "Propelled by vigorous business and consumer spending, receipts from most major sectors were well above pre-pandemic levels.

"Double-digit increases in receipts from sectors fueled by business spending were led by oil and gas mining, manufacturing, wholesale trade and construction, with receipts from only the oil and gas

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## Lacey Hailey Named Principal of Crownover Middle School

Article and photo  
provided by Denton ISD



**DENTON ISD, TX-** Lacey Hailey, principal of McNair Elementary

School, has been named the principal of Crownover Middle School and will begin on Jan. 1. Mrs. Hailey replaces Charlene Parham, who was recently named Area Superintendent of Academic Programs for the Guyer Zone. During the transi-

tion, McNair's Assistant Principal, Mrs. Djenane Bolton, will act as the interim campus leader until a permanent replacement is named.

"Having the opportunity to join the Crownover staff and community with their

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## From the Desk of Denton County Judge Andy Eads

2022 – a year for setting goals, together



**DENTON COUNTY, TX-** We began 2021 with the promise of new hope after a year of hardship and uncertainty.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to challenge all of us globally, nationally and locally, Denton County stepped forward with what many have called the "Chick-Fil-A" of vaccine clinics, providing more

than 371,760 vaccines in a 16-lane, drive-thru mega clinic at Texas Motor Speedway.

Our cities allowed their firefighters, police officers and emergency management teams to stand alongside Denton County as we worked to get as many shots into arms as possible. Thousands of volunteers contributed tens of thousands of hours to our vaccination efforts while private companies like CoServ stepped in to keep everyone at our clinics fed.

Visitors from across the country, including from Austin to Washington, D.C., stopped by to learn about our processes and replicate them

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## Taxing Times

Anita Jean, EA



**AUBREY, TX-** The last two years of Covid have been overwhelming in many ways, dealing with your taxes and the IRS included. Last minute, confusing changes to the tax code, delays in receiv-

ing much needed refunds, not being able to contact anyone at the IRS to deal with issues, etc., etc., etc. The IRS has been tasked with doing many things that are not usually part of their normal purview, are operating with 2010 funding levels and 10,000 fewer employees – the experienced ones have left.

Expect the same again this year. However, you are the master of your destiny, and you can control much of the situation. Here are some helpful hints to assist you in navigating your taxes

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## Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Offers Volunteer Opportunities

**DENTON COUNTY, TX-** The holiday season brings with it an overwhelming spirit of generosity and loving-kindness.

Everywhere you look, people are throwing change into Salvation Army buckets, taking angels off of the trees to give presents to the needy, donating food items to pantries, and buying gifts for friends and loved ones. Do you want more ideas for how to give back to your community? Do you want to reach people across generations and offer a gift that lasts longer than the time it takes to take down Christmas decorations?

The answer to these questions lies in one word:

volunteerism. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve ... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

Our community has so many people with souls generated by love and hearts full of grace. There are so many people willing to reach out and care for others in need. We are so happy to introduce to you another way to focus this incredible desire to help and give hope. You can now

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## Enjoy the History of the Pilot Point Square



## Jay Melugin's Pilot Point Historic Square 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 used frequently as a lodge hall.



**2. F.A. Wright Dry Goods and Leather:** Currently vacant. 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.



**3. Star Drug Store: Currently Pilot Point Coffee House.** This building was originally built for J.W. Eddleman by John Hundley in 1873, and housed Star Drug Store. Later it was used by J.C. Selman and Son Groceries. This building has burned down and been rebuilt four times.



**4. O.A. Ross and Son Dry Goods:** Newly renovated in 2018, this 1870's building has been home to Pelzel's Barber Shop and Salon since the 1960's. 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. Greenberg Perlman Building:** Currently the building houses the Justice Art Studio. The Greenberg Perlman Building c.1885 sold silver, antiques and finery.



**6. 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.



**PILOT POINT, TX-Pilot Point** is the oldest town in Denton County. Pioneers began settling the area in the late 1840's. The public square of the town was platted and laid out by George Newcome

**7. Old Barber Shop:** Currently vacant, this building was constructed in 1896 and was home to a Barber Shop. During the 1920's it was turned into a small cafe and it is rumored to have been frequented by the notorious duo, Bonnie and Clyde during the early 1930's.



**8. 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.



**9. 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.



**10. Midway Saloon:** Built as a wood structure in the early to mid - 1880'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 era's past.

**11 and 12. 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 has been serving the community ever since.



**13. The Mississippi Store:** The current antiques section was originally the Mississippi Store in 1876 and then served as Doc Amos' Drug Store from the mid - 1930's until the 1940's. 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.



**14. The Gaslight Building:** Currently Square Center is now the home of a lawn-mower repair and parts store. In c. 1876 it was originally G.W. Davidsons and Co. Dry Goods and Clothiers.



Pilot Point was also near an early immigrant trail and was a frequent stop on the Butterfield Stage route. Above photo: Pilot Point Historic Square circa 1884 (Looking East towards Main and Jefferson).

**15. Almond's Cash Grocery Store:** Currently vacant. This building was built in 1882. It housed Almond's Cash and Grocery and then later Stephens Grocery in the mid - 20th century until they moved to the north side of the Square.



**16. Flakes and Floppin Hardware and Stoves:** Recently renovated but currently vacant. This building housed Flakes and Floppin Hardware and Stoves in 1882.



**17. Nunn and McFarland Clothing and Furnishing:** Currently vacant, this building was originally Nunn and McFarland Clothing and Furnishing Goods in 1884.



**18. N. Wilson and Company Dry Goods and Clothing:** Now Dolly's Antiques, it was originally known as Wilson and Co. Dry Goods and Clothing in 1884.



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# HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

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and, hopefully reducing taxes and avoiding issues:

1. Don't be in a hurry. The IRS will not open e-filing and accept returns until the end of January. If you qualify for the Child Tax Credit or Earned Income Credit, the IRS will not accept and process these returns until February 15th. This allows the IRS to ensure that they have received all the income reporting documents in order to match to your return to minimize fraud.
2. Be organized. Disorder will cost you tax savings in the long run and cause issues with the IRS. You will miss documents that must be reported on your tax return or allow you to claim a deduction. One of the reasons for delayed refunds this past year was due to misreporting stimulus funds received or not received even though the IRS sent letters confirming receipt of the funds.
3. Make sure you have all your documents. Americans who were eligible for the third stimulus check or the monthly advance child tax credit in 2021 need to be on the lookout for two letters from the IRS before they file their taxes. They will be arriving at the end of January. Letter 6475 from the IRS will help taxpayers determine if they received the stimulus or if they should claim

- the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2021 tax return. If you received the monthly advance child tax credits, you will be receiving Letter 6419. The IRS said this will tell eligible families how much of the credit they received in advance monthly payments in 2021 and the number of qualifying children used to calculate that amount. That will let them figure out how much of the tax credit to claim on their tax returns. Another document that many people forget is the 1095-A form from the healthcare marketplace. The IRS will not process your return without this form and reconciliation on the return.
4. Get an Identity Protection Pin. Tax return fraud is on the rise and if you are a victim, you may wait a long time for a refund and to clear up the issue. The fastest way to receive an IP PIN is by using the online Get an IP PIN tool. If you wish to get an IP PIN and you don't already have an account on IRS.gov, you must register to validate your identity. The IP PIN tool is generally available starting in mid-January through mid-November.
  5. Get an account on IRS.gov. This tool allows you to get a lot of information timely from the IRS without having to call and wait on hold for two hours. You

can get your account balances if you are on a payment plan, view your activity, access tax records for school or mortgage verification, review notices and letters and address identity theft.

6. Choose your tax preparer wisely. That includes you if you self-prepare. Tax law is complex, and the good preparers know the questions to ask to winnow out tax savings opportunities and ensure all reporting is accurate. Turbo Tax cannot do this for you. A paid preparer can usually save you their fee and then some. If you do hire a preparer, be aware that there are many who may not be qualified or make fraudulent claims on your return to attract your business. Anyone can claim to be a tax preparer regardless of ability. Do not believe the preparers who claim they can get you a bigger refund, that is a sure sign they will make untrue claims. You will ultimately be responsible for the accuracy of the return submitted to the IRS, not them. Seek out credentialed preparers such as Enrolled Agents (EA), Certified Public Accountants (CPA) or Tax Attorneys who have this specialized knowledge. Ask your friends and neighbors for recommendations, Google their reputation, review their BBB ratings.

7. Don't fall for tax schemes and so-called shelters. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The penalties are steep. Avoid them.
  8. April 18th is the filing deadline for 2022. Don't expect more postponements unless something unusual happens, like a pandemic or arctic freeze. If you are not ready by then, file a six-month extension and get on the ball. The extension is for filing the return not paying any taxes due. Pay what you think you will owe by April 18, 2022, to avoid penalties
- Submitting a complete and accurate return that minimizes your taxes within the legal framework is the key to eliminating issues. This should not be a process that you hate or worry about, just a necessary evil. Make it an uneventful, streamlined process that provides you peace of mind. Taxes are necessary for a democracy and society to function properly. We all love to hate taxes. Pick what is important to you to fund: National Defense, National Parks, Education, Infrastructure, Health and Welfare, and on and on. If you do not like our tax laws in the United States, contact your congressional representative – they create tax law. More on that next time.

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elsewhere. News media shared our successes far and wide and even a news crew from France flew in. Since that first clinic, we've provided almost a half million vaccinations to residents while at the same time using federal dollars to keep residents in need housed and fed – efforts that continue today and will carry forward into 2022.

But even as the pandemic has become a part of our everyday lexicon, we have had the opportunity to address other important issues.

As life began to return to some semblance of normal, we began focusing on other needs.

With the county's growth nearing the 1 million mark, 933,000, Denton County has strategically planned ahead, asking voters in 2008 to approve funds for a new Denton County Administration Building we opened this year.

The new four-story, 95,794-square-foot building brings a number of staff together in one location from the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square and the Carroll Courts Building, housing

my office as well as Commissioners Court, County Administration, Budget, County Auditor/Accounts Payable, County Treasurer, Purchasing, Community Relations, Human Resources, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 and Precinct 1 Constable, Economic Development and Aide to Commissioners Court.

It not only consolidates county administrative personnel, it also allows Denton County to expand the judicial system, which continues to grow. As former Prime Minister William E. Gladstone once said, "Justice delayed is justice denied."

Since 2011, Commissioners Court has approved the addition of six judicial courts including two that begin serving residents on Jan. 1, 2022. These two new judicial courts include the 481st District Court with Crystal Edmondson Levonius appointed as judge by Gov. Greg Abbott and Probate Court No. 2 with Christopher Everett appointed as judge. Denton County will renovate the Carroll Courts Building to house two probate courts.

As Denton County grows, adding an estimated 82 people every day, we keep a constant eye toward transportation needs as well as ensuring a diverse economic portfolio to provide a wide variety of jobs for all residents. With the pandemic, we also took note of services that might need to be addressed to ensure better communications, additional emergency response capabilities and much more.

What became abundantly evident this year was how interconnected we all are, whether dealing with a pandemic or addressing growth issues. It is this interconnectedness that makes Denton County a thriving, engaging and enduring place to be.

As we look ahead to 2022 and all that it may bring, now is the perfect opportunity to look back to the time before for lessons learned and to also look ahead by setting goals, whether for personal achievements, professional gains, or perhaps, for the collective whole.

I'd like to invite you to take some time to set those goals for yourselves, your families, your communities. And, if you have a few suggestions for our county, you know where to find me.

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become a Master Wellness Volunteer! You may be familiar with another group of local master volunteers called Master Gardeners. Not everyone has a green thumb, but everyone has the ability to do something.

So, what exactly is a Master Wellness Volunteer? Let's start by defining wellness. Wellness is a state of health that doesn't just involve the absence of an illness. It encompasses a person's physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and financial well-being. It is the job of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Family and Community Health Agent to promote wellness for our community through teaching others. Master Wellness Volunteers will have that same opportunity!

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has many programs for everyday folks to deliver to anyone. Master Wellness Volunteers can help teach classes to any age group about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. They can help implement diabetes education programming, such as our Cooking Well with Diabetes series that is coming up early in the year. They can serve as Walk Across Texas site managers. Love to cook? Master Wellness Volunteers can provide healthy recipe demonstrations for people at grocery stores, businesses, or clinics. The opportunities are endless.

Being a Master Wellness Volunteer doesn't have to mean getting up in front of people and teaching a class. It can also mean helping with administrative tasks,

like helping to register people for programming, entering important data into computers that is gathered from AgriLife Extension programs, and designing newsletters or flyers. There is a something for everyone!

What's in it for you? Here's one more quote – "You cannot help someone get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself." General H. Norman Schwarzkopf certainly knew about the side of humanity that longs for self-fulfillment. The Master Wellness Volunteer program offers this sense of fulfillment with every hour of service donated.

Here's the deal: Master Wellness Volunteers attend classes that include 40 hours of training in health and wellness education. In return, volunteers agree to give

back 40 hours of service to the community. Volunteer training will be held on the following dates: January 18 and March 1. For an application and more information, please contact your local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at 940-349-2882 or e-mail chandani.kothari@ag.tamu.edu.

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# 4 EDUCATION

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of their firearms, proper safety procedures in handling and shooting, about shooting sports competitions and how to participate, hunting procedures, laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, firearms use, and about careers related to firearms and shooting sports.

Denton County has a strong shooting sports program including the following disciplines: archery, shotgun, rifle and pistol. I would like to share an article written by Erik Dieterich of the Argyle 4-H Club. Erik is a part of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador program, which works to promote the shooting sports project.

Breaking clays, punching paper, and flying arrows are all part of the 4-H Shooting Sports project. If you enjoy the outdoors and hunting, now is a great time for you to 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, sportsmanship, and leadership. My name is Erik Dieterich, and I am a member of the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors and a Denton County 4-H Council. I am a 12th grader that has been involved in 4-H for 10 years. Shooting Sports has been one of my main projects for the past nine years. My two disciplines are pistol and shotgun. Four years ago, I became a certified assistant pistol coach. Shooting sports has taught me leadership, discipline, and patience. I want to encourage others to participate in the Texas 4-H Shooting Sports project. 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 new things, 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 in several types of 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 in Denton County, please contact Victoria.Scott@dentoncounty.gov.

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longstanding examples of excellence is an honor," said Mrs. Hailey. "I am looking forward to going back to my roots at the secondary level and working alongside our amazing staff to ensure our Cowboys receive the best educational experience."

In 2005, Mrs. Hailey joined Denton ISD serving as a Spanish teacher, softball and volleyball coach at Ryan High School before moving to a neighboring district as an administrative intern in 2010. In 2012, she was

named assistant principal at an elementary school in another nearby district, serving in that role for three years.

In 2015, Mrs. Hailey returned to Denton ISD, joining the Rivera Elementary staff as an assistant principal. She was named principal at McNair Elementary in 2016, a role that she's held for the past six years.

"Mrs. Hailey is an exceptional leader who has a strong passion for student and staff success," said Charlene

Parham, Area Superintendent of Academic Programs for the Guyer Zone. "Her knowledge as an instructional leader and commitment to the Guyer community will make an immediate impact at Crownover Middle School."

Mrs. Hailey earned her bachelor's degree in Spanish from Austin College and her master's degree in educational administration from the University of North Texas. She and her husband, also a campus principal in Denton ISD, are raising one student in the district.

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'Winter Weather Making...' continued from front page

in the 70- 80 degree range and our low was in the fifties.

“Depending on the planting dates, some wheat may not accumulate enough chilling hours (vernalization) to develop reproductive stage of wheat. It usually requires 3 to 6 weeks of 32-52F temperatures (approximately 500-1000 hours depending on the wheat varieties). One study showed that it took 40 days for plant to achieve vernalization at 52F. “, said Dr. Emi Kimura, Texas A&M AgriLife extension specialist.

Kimura continued, “If wheat was planted late, it could potentially impact the head emergence, head size, and uniformity of maturity. However, what I am concerned

more is the lack of moisture during Sep-Dec in Denton County. Precipitation during Sep-Dec 2021 was 6.7 inch in 2021 as compared to 12.4 inch in 2020 in Denton. The lack of moisture may be more detrimental to the wheat growth.”

As we move into a cooler January, farmers remain hopefully for more rain and cooler weather. “It’s been way too hot this winter. We need some regular weather, this is starting to cause problems,” one farmer told me last week.

Whenever we do get some wet cold weather, instead of hating the weather, just think there’s farmer out there that needed this.

'State Sales Tax...' continued from front page

mining and rental and leasing sectors remaining below pre-pandemic levels.

“With Christmas shopping jumpstarted by the early start of holiday promotional pricing weeks ahead of Black Friday, and despite supply chain clogs and household budgets pressured by rising prices for food and gasoline, consumer spending drove double-digit increases in receipts from retail trade.

“The sharpest increases in retail trade receipts were from electronics and appliance stores and clothing stores, two segments especially hard hit the previous year by the pandemic. But double-digit growth

continued in receipts from home improvement and furniture stores, sporting goods and hobby stores, and online general merchandisers, segments boosted a year ago by pandemic spending patterns.

“Receipts from restaurants, another sector depressed a year ago, were also up sharply and well above pre-pandemic levels.”

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2021 was up 22.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago and 16.8 percent compared to 2019. Sales tax is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 per-

cent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes, most of which were up sharply from a year ago due to base effects: motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$531 million, up 21 percent from December 2020, and up 24 percent from December 2019; motor fuel taxes — \$312 million, up 12 percent from December 2020, and up less than 1 percent from December 2019; oil production tax — \$450 million, up 128 percent from December 2020, and up 24 percent from December 2019; natural gas production tax — \$384 million, the highest-ever

monthly revenue amount, up 349 percent from December 2020, and up 237 percent from December 2019; hotel occupancy tax — \$40 million, up 57 percent from December 2020, and down 19 percent from December 2019; and alcoholic beverage taxes — \$124 million, up 47 percent from December 2020, and up 5 percent from December 2019.

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**19. Pilot Point Museum:** Originally built in the early 1880's, this building housed R.M. Baird and Co Dry Goods and Notions until it was renovated in the late 1890's into The City Hotel and later became the Cloer Hotel. Sometime in the mid-20th century, the second floor was removed.



**20. Golden Triangle Meat Processing:** Currently Pilot Point Meat Processing. Originally built in c. 1890.



**21. South Side:** This portion of the Historic Square was damaged in a tornado during the 1950's and later destroyed by fire. It was decided to tear down what remained of the buildings and the property has sat vacant for many years.



**22. 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.



**23. 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 Lowbrows, a Bar and Music Venue in the mid 2000's by Bob Albrecht. Currently closed. Reopening soon as Lowbrows Saloon.



**24. 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.



**25. 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 also was 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.




**26. 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 the annual backdrop to Pilot Point's Bonnie and Clyde Days recreation of a robbery scene in the movie.

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## Dave Says-Budgeting for Car Repair Costs



**Dear Dave,**  
I am following your plan, and recently became debt-free, but I have a question. When doing a monthly budget, should I figure in a specific category for car repairs and maintenance, or just use my emergency fund?  
-Ashleigh

**Dear Ashleigh,**  
Congratulations on becoming debt-free! You know, new cars,

old cars and in-between cars all have one thing in common — they'll need repairs at some point. Fixing your car is just a basic part of car ownership, and something every car owner should be prepared for.

When life happens, to your vehicle or anything else, an emergency fund acts like an airbag. Only instead of keeping your face from hitting the dashboard, it keeps your finances from getting

smashed up. When it comes to car repair costs, I advise creating a sinking fund in your budget. A sinking fund is a special place in your budget where you save up money for specific, big ticket items — like car repairs.

I know, stuffing money into a sinking fund each month sounds about as enjoyable as waiting in line at the DMV. But look at it this way, if you had a car loan like most people, you'd be putting hundreds toward that debt each month. Instead, you're one of the smart ones who doesn't have any debt and can easily create a repair fund for your car by setting aside less than the average car payment each month. Even "reliable" cars need repairs and maintenance, and a sinking fund within your budget for this sort of

thing means you're ready to handle virtually any auto issues that pop up.

You know you'll need to pay for repairs and maintenance. It's a thing with all cars. And when you know something's coming, that's not an emergency fund situation. Great question, Ashleigh! - Dave

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