



# PCT's Intellectual's Guide to Surviving the Holidays

*PCT Brings You Another Fun,  
Festive and Practical Guide  
to Enjoying Your Holiday,  
While Avoiding Jail Time*

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word holiday as a day of festivity or recreation when no work is done.

As a general rule, holiday with the family is a time to make memories, some that are heart-warming, some that are hilarious, one thing is for certain, they will be ... er, ah, memorable.

Always bear in mind there are countless positive aspects of the holidays as well as a few challenging elements. The key to ensuring that the good times outweigh the stressful moments rests in planning. The best part about the holidays is that they're all about spending time with family. Sometimes, the challenging part is that it has to be your family.

Well, the holidays are upon us and that means either they'll be coming to your house, or you'll be going to theirs. Which is more stressful? They all are. It's the time of year for spending time with your family, even the crazy ones. We, at *PCT* are willing to admit it. We all have that one weird, insane relative. Think about it. Who is your ultra-whacky relative? What? No one comes to mind? Well, then, it's probably you.

Regardless of the level of dysfunction in your family circle, you have some decisions to make. Try to relax. After all, none of the decisions are life-or-death matters. They're things like, "What kind of food will you serve? What kind of gifts do we give? Do we go the path of least resistance and purchase commercially manufactured gifts, or do we go all Little House on the Prairie on 'em and make the gifts ourselves? My aunt used to purchase bathrobes by the dozen and then embroidery the recipients' monogram, delicately on one side of the front and then she'd embroidery heartwarming messages on the back, like, "Only happy people understand love," or "Happiness is the nectar. Love is the Bee." Then, something happened with my aunt (probably menopause) and suddenly the little inspirational quotes were replaced with odd little sayings, like, "Be happy— it drives people crazy," and "People are like trees, they fall when you hit them multiple times with an axe," "Forgive your enemies — They hate this." Then, there was my personal favorite, "If the world didn't suck, we'd all fly into space." Eventually, we took away her needles and put her in a home. Don't let this happen to you. Maybe you should settle for buying presents.

The meal? Do you want to cook for days or could you possibly get by with trusting the BIG holiday dinner to the professionals? If you're pursuing a demanding career, go to the pros. Trust me, your guests won't mind and if you serve plenty of cocktails, they probably won't even notice.

Remember, it really is the thought that counts and if your crazy pretentious cousin from Long Island doesn't understand that, then maybe she should just spend next year's holiday with her in-laws in New Jersey.

So, take these helpful hints to heart and remember, it's all supposed to be about making warm, happy family memories.

Never forget the heartwarming words of the great philosopher Dave Berry, "Once again, we come to the holiday season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice."

You can start the whole process of happy holiday revelry by de-stressing several days before the tribe arrives.



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# When You Feel the Need to Feed, Serve Deliciousness from Baker's Ribs

*Food So Good They May Even Put Down Their Cellphones!*

When you serve delectable offerings from Baker's Ribs your guests become easier to entertain. Even your most contentious in-laws become ideal guests. Suddenly, you may see the most difficult guests chowing down, even your sister-in-law who says she keeps forgetting to eat and the nephew who is allergic to everything but has lived solely on Jelly Bellies for the past 18 months.

Imagine the astonishment of the entire family as they see your selfie-addicted niece set aside her phone so she can hold her turkey drumstick with both hands!

Baker's artfully caters for events of all shapes and sizes. So, even if every cousin, including the one who has forever owed you money, shows up to stay for the week, you can count on Baker's to help you handle the horde with your choice of traditional turkey and dressing with all the fixin's; smoky, delicious ham; or lip-smacking ribs. Baker's will always help you tame the most

beastly of guests, while earning their respect — even the mother-in-law who carries around newspaper clippings of your hubby's ex when she won her hometown charity cook-off and the Nobel Peace Prize all in a single week. Imagine the satisfaction you'll experience as she suddenly begins calling you by your correct name!

Baker's brings real Texas barbecue to your table with meats that are slow-cooked over hickory wood in a barbecue pit designed by Baker's founder and pit master Joe Duncan. Known for its "St. Louis Cut" Pork Ribs, juicy brisket, and sauce that brings a kick to your plate, Baker's Ribs also serves up scrumptious accompaniments like Baker's famous and fabulous herb dill potato salad, creamy coleslaw, tasty green beans and handmade garlic mashed potatoes.

The only problem with serving your guests your home-cooked deliciousness that's actually prepared by Baker's Ribs? They're more likely to come back to stay next year.



## Nurse Next Door — Holiday Rescue for a Loved One in Need

As we begin to experience the onset of the busy holiday season, on top of already busy lives, the desire to accomplish every task on our list of “to-dos” can be overwhelming. Add to that the desire to ensure that our loved ones are safe and well cared for and the need for professional assistance becomes apparent.

That’s where Nurse Next Door steps in. A professional home-care service, Nurse Next Door can offer assistance with companionship, personal care, meal preparation, homemaking and transportation/accommodation, even around-the-clock care. In addition, they offer respite services to give full-time family caregivers the opportunity to rest and recharge.

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Their carefully matched caregivers provide social and emotional support, interaction for mental well-being, an individually designed support system for personal care needs, assistance in nutritious meal preparation, light housekeeping, and attentive transportation support.

Let Nurse Next Door relieve some of your holiday stress by taking the worry out of elder care. Their 20-year history of friendly, approachable, professional caregiving is just what you and your loved one need to ensure a less stressful holiday season and a continuation of care into the new year. Enjoy the season of holiday gatherings, decorating, and family celebrations with the knowledge that your loved one is well cared for by the professional support system at Nurse Next Door.

The advertisement features a woman, Heidi Haynes, standing next to a bright pink car. The car has the Nurse Next Door logo and contact information on it. The background shows a large, ornate building, likely a city hall or courthouse. The text on the car includes the phone number 817-717-6078 and the website nursenextdoor.com. The overall theme is home care services for seniors.

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## When You're Ready to Toast the Holidays, Plan a visit to VinoCo

Located at 405 North FM 1197 in Aledo, VinoCo is a premier wine boutique. In business for just over a year, they've established themselves in the niche market for local wine lovers, with a retail wine boutique, wine tasting classes, and a monthly wine club subscription. They're also the place to learn about wine in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

While offering some well-known wine brands, their focus is on small-production wines from 22 different countries and they deliver incredible value to their customers. With selections between \$10 and \$210, they have something fabulous in every price range.

If you're not a wine aficionado just yet, engage with one of their wine classes and learn about wine in a fun and interactive way. There's no "wine snobbery" to be found here. Instead, it's a friendly gathering of the community to learn. In fact, their Wine Wrangler (yes, that's his official title), J.R.

Clark, has over 20 years of experience in the wine industry and has travelled the world in order to bring his experience with different wine varietals to the good people of Parker County, Texas.

Get a comprehensive taste of wines from all over the world by joining the wine club, which features not just a monthly selection from a single winery, but wines from around the globe. VinoCo is excited about introducing an extensive and well-selected sampling of wonderful wines to Parker County.

Whether you're searching for a bright rosé paired with appetizers, a pinot noir for your Thanksgiving turkey, or a big bold cabernet to have with your Christmas beef tenderloin, the knowledgeable staff at VinoCo can help make your holiday meals memorable, and perhaps even impress your mother-in-law with your wine selections. Cheers, y'all!

# Miller's Towing — Trust the Miller Family to Take Care of Your Family

Are they coming to your house or are you going to theirs?

Over the holidays, family members come in from out of town or out of state.

Road trips and difficult weather are hard on vehicles. Winter often brings some nasty weather and those odd little things that can happen, even in the best of families, like when your sister brings her new boyfriend and nobody knows what to make of him, so he drinks like the proverbial fish and passes completely out while his dually truck is parked behind your Escalade, while your Escalade is parked right behind your mother-in-law's Mercedes.

Who will you turn to for help? Miller's Towing & Recovery, of course. Keep Miller's number handy (on your fridge and in all of your vehicles). Here it is: 817.341.1133.

Miller's Towing is a family-owned and locally operated business and has been proudly serving

Parker County and the surrounding area for decades. With the largest and most diverse fleet of tow trucks, Miller's offers 24-hour tow truck service and roadside service for both autos and heavy-duty trucks (just in case your cousin's ginormous motor home breaks down while crossing the cattle guard). Call for quick, reliable service anytime, anywhere.

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In addition to their towing service, Miller's also offers truck and trailer service. If you are in the Parker County area, the wonderful, kind folks at Miller's can get you back on the road quickly with their roadside service.

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# Never Settle for Anything Less Than Something Special



When searching for gifts for those you love, why would you settle for anything less than something totally unique and fabulous, a gift designed expressly for its recipient?

But where do you find such unique treasures? On Weatherford's York Avenue, at Something Special, of course.

Talk to Sherry O' about the person you're wanting the creation to please. Sherry O' is accustomed to creating exceptional gifts for exceptional people; she has been creating wearable artwork for actors, recording artists and celebrities since she opened Something Special in Weatherford back in 1987.

After obtaining her art degree at Florida State, she took a post as a designer for famed entrepreneur Charles Tandy's companies.

After a few years, Sherry O' longed to become the master of her own destiny and create beautiful items for people she could interview and talk with, one-of-a-kind items that would be cherished for decades to come.

Her husband had an insurance office in downtown Weatherford that had a small office behind it which wasn't being utilized. Sherry O' envisioned a gallery for wearable art. She converted it into a wearable art gallery and boutique, which she filled with five painted blouses and a few crafts. Three years later she was already expanding her business in very big ways. She even took over her husband's remaining office space.

One day, while the television show "Dallas" was at its peak, its star, who also happened to be Weatherford's famed favorite son Larry Hagman, stopped into Something Special. He announced to Sherry O' that he needed a special jacket for a Weatherford Chamber of Commerce event that night. She told him to buy a plain suit jacket and bring it to her.

She took the off-the-rack sports coat and converted it into an outstanding piece of western, wearable art.

Over the years, Hagman came back again and again for his apparel and passed the word on to other celebrities. Sherry O' became one of the chief go-to artists for remarkable apparel.

Eventually, Sherry O' outgrew her space and relocated to York Avenue.

This year, Sherry celebrated 35 years of business in her shop, Something Special. Her business, her space and her craft has grown tremendously over the years. She has had the honor of creating for celebrities, and people from far outside of the small town of Weatherford.

Today, Sherry at Something Special Boutique is an icon here in Weatherford. Her shop has been in Historic Downtown Weatherford in one location or another for 35 years. Located at 126 York Ave., her shop is the go-to place for anyone looking for blinged-out Peach Festival or Christmas on the Square shirts, hand-painted cowboys or cowgirls, or for something designed expressly for someone special in your life. Her items are unique to our little town, a great source for anyone who either lives in the county or simply needs remarkable gifts for remarkable people.



# When You're Feeding the Whole Tribe — Call Aaron's Catering

## *You Can Even Pretend You Cooked It! Tashina Won't Tell*

For more than 22 years, frazzled hostesses have been taking credit for the work of the talented culinary gurus at Aaron's Catering. Guess what? Entrepreneur Tashina Torbett doesn't mind in the least.

She was at the side of Harley Farris, founder of Aaron's Catering, from the very beginning and was still by his side almost five years ago when he decided to retire from the catering business.

"I was ready to take the reins," Torbett said.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Torbett's largest catering job was for 50 people. Since then, she has catered much larger events with 350-plus attendees.

"What I love most about my business is serving my clients," Torbett said. "I love that moment when people taste our creations; it doesn't get any better than that. I love the people and I love seeing those empty plates at the end of the events."

One of her biggest crowd-pleasers is her famed rosemary beef tenderloin. "I've won several times with that at

Taste of Parker County."

This year, Aaron's won 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best Overall.

All-in-all, despite the back-breaking work and the crazy hours, Torbett loves what she does for a living, especially now that her family is getting involved.

"I have four kids, a son that's 16 and an 18-year-old daughter that's in college," Torbett said. "They do help me cater at times. My 16-year-old loves to cook and he helps me prep some of the jobs. Then I have my younger children, a son that's 2, and I have an 8-year-old boy, too."

Her favorite work experiences involve the gorgeous, glamorous galas she caters. "My favorite catering experiences are when we get to serve plated meals," she said. "They present the biggest challenge for me, but the events themselves are so magical. People dressed up beautifully for a white tie affair, sometimes they have fireworks and beautiful music. I love those events."

# *Aaron's Catering*



# Library Offers Fun and Educational Activities During the Hectic Holiday Season

As the holiday season gears up and keeping guests and restless kids occupied takes on the feel of a task, don't forget the Weatherford Public Library. It's certainly a place where one can find a wide array of books on a myriad of subjects, but the library also hosts many events and activities. "We have events for children, teens and adults all year round. From Storytime for your little ones, After School for Teens, to various adult events, you're sure to find something for you and your family to enjoy."

For the young ones there are the Toddler and Preschool Storytimes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, respectively, at 10:30 a.m. These delightful sessions include stories, songs and age-appropriate crafting — big fun for the little ones.

At 4 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, it's Lego time. Lego building and related activities provide captivating fun time for kids ages 8-12 who are invited to "come play at the library and make new friends."

Homeschool Hour takes place the first Thursday

of the month from 2 to 3 p.m. December 1st's theme will be Holiday Crafts, just in time for Christmas!

Teens will find engaging activities at the library, as well. "Weatherford Public Library Youth Services seeks to empower the youth of Weatherford and Parker County by inspiring a love of reading and libraries and encouraging lifelong learning." The library works to maintain a welcoming atmosphere and develops meaningful events for youth and their families, providing access to information and ideas. Teen Legion (kids aged 12 and up) meets the second Monday of the month at 4 p.m. Upcoming themes for the events include Turkey Hunt on November 14th and Cookies and Cocoa on December 12th.

An adult book club meets the third Tuesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m., and adults of all ages are welcome to join in the discussion of the book of the month.

Clearly, the local library offers something for everyone and is a haven for learning and engaging activities during the holiday season.

## Weatherford Gears Up for a Very Merry Christmas With Dazzling and Fun Events for the Whole Family

Buying and selling, coming and going in a mad rush, entertaining and being entertained, enjoying, stressing (yes, stressing!) — the holidays are a weird mix of the good, the bad, and, no doubt, once in a while, the ugly. In the "good" column you'll find various City of Weatherford events designed to add a bit of holiday cheer to the busy season.

You'll want to mark Saturday, December 3rd on your holiday calendars, as it will be a day of fun-filled events.

The 35th Annual Christmas on the Square event is slated for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Saturday. The historic Downtown Square will be positively bristling with holiday vendors and activity. All the area's boutiques and stores will open their doors to help shoppers get a start on the ominous task of finding that perfect gift for everyone on your Christmas list, whether they've been naughty or nice! Your call.

Cowboy Santa, presumably arriving in an airborne sleigh pulled by longhorns, one of them sporting a

cherry-red nose, is also stopping in that day for the 9th Annual Christmas on the Tracks at Peacock's Feed & Supply. The festivities and fun activities are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pictures with Cowboy Santa will cost \$10 with the proceeds benefiting the local Freedom House. In addition to a healthy dose of holiday cheer, kids will get a free T-shirt, and a 4x6 printed photo with Cowboy Santa! Cowboy Santa will return the following two Saturdays, December 10th and 17th, 11a.m. to 3 p.m. for pet pictures. Human counterparts are most welcome. Pictures will be \$20.

The Peacock's Train will be running around all day and activities for kids include pony rides, face painting and balloon art, a bounce house/slide, and more. There also will be stuff for the "big kids," with pop-up vendors offering all kinds of goodies. This is no Mickey Mouse Christmas! There will be door prizes and many giveaways.

Not enough to whet your holiday appetite? Then

think on this: there will also be “real live llamas” all gussied up for the holidays in Christmas attire! There will be plenty of llama petting and picture ops. Proceeds benefit Parker County Pets Alive, a local animal rescue.

Should you suddenly have a hankering for something cold and delightful, Julie Beans ice cream truck will be on hand.

The evening of the 3rd will surely be bright as the 3rd Annual Weatherford Lights & Night Parade kick off at 6:30. As the event will follow the “long route,” there will be ample opportunity for spectators to watch and enjoy the parade. Starting at the 9th Grade Center and traveling north on South Main Street to Palo Pinto Street then to Waco Street, the parade will signal the beginning of the Christmas season and merrymaking will abound.

The Parker County Heritage Society will host its

39th Annual Candlelight Tour of Homes December 10th. Five historic properties — All Saint’s Anglican Church, the Parker County Courthouse on the Square, Doss Holiday Event and Chandor Gardens — will be the gems of this show. PCHS works to preserve historical sites throughout Parker County, maintaining documents and records needed to describe and protect the county’s rich heritage. The society’s events are designed to highlight and celebrate that heritage. The tour will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The takeaway? You simply must mark December 3rd on your calendar, as it promises to be a stellar convergence of shopping, entertainment and just plain merriment. Then there are the 10th and 17th ... Let’s not forget those Saturdays. Enjoy!

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## Light Up Their Nights— Take Them to See the Spectacular Sugar Lane Light Show

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For reservations call: 719-432-5687 ext. 4, or go to the Sugar Lane Lighting Website at [www.sugarlanelights.com](http://www.sugarlanelights.com)

## Let the People that Created the Sugar Lane Light Show Light Up Your World

Nothing puts the magic in your holidays like the twinkling of lights in and around your home. When those lights begin to appear on homes, at businesses, parks, and public spaces, we know it’s the Christmas season. But putting those twinkling beacons of holiday cheer up into trees and along roof lines, not to mention installing any specialty décor such as reindeer and sleigh shapes, can be quite the task.

Murphy Christmas Lights to the rescue! Let the good folks at Murphy make your world sparkle without the hassle. They have a full-service plan to light up your holiday nights, including lighting installation, maintenance, takedown and storage. In addition, you can shop their store for commercial-grade Christmas lighting. They carry the best products available on the market! Contact Murphy Christmas Lights to help design the lighting for your property and get your project started as soon as possible.

Their fabulous work can be seen all around the Metroplex and in one particularly glorious display in

Haslet, Texas, at the Sugar Lane Lights event, which features a mile-long drive through an extravagant light experience. That event features a 50-foot-tall, 90,000-light mega tree, featuring seven different tunnels, and the entire display has over two million LED lights, programmed to the sounds of upbeat holiday music. While you might not need quite that much sparkle (although it would, once and for all, settle the lighting competition in your neighborhood), you can still bring home a little of that magic.

Founded by Joey and Chelsea Murphy, the business operates on its guiding principles, its mission statement being “We embrace family-owned values, while embracing persistent quality service. Lighting a path of development for our peers, to be pioneers of innovation and creativity in the lighting industry. We strive to make lasting memories on our communities by radiating the Christmas spirit and setting the standard.”

That’s a sure way to make your holidays merry and bright!

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## Take ‘em Shopping at Peacock’s Feed and Boutique

What could possibly be more delightfully Texan than a hometown feed store combined with a chic boutique/gourmet shop and housewares emporium? Nothing that comes to our minds.

Out of town guests go simply nutsy over this uniquely different shopping destination that started out as simply a traditional feed store and ranch supply 27 years ago.

Peacock’s Feed & Boutique offers a wide variety of quality women’s apparel and accessory items, home decor and gift items. We strive to give our customers a fun shopping experience offering unique items. Consuela Bags, Rafter T Ranch Bags, Andree/Savanah Jane, Judy Blue, KanCan, Charlie B, Joy Joy/JADE, Pink Panache Jewelry, Corkcicle, Brumate, Mud Pie, Happy Everything, Gilbert Pecan Co., Peacock’s label specialty foods, a variety of T-shirts & caps, and much more!

The Peacock’s started out by adding T-shirts and caps to their merchandising plan. They sold out of them quickly, so they added more apparel to their list.

Now, a decade later, Peacock’s is a favorite shopping destination for most women in Parker County. Who are the women who don’t shop at Peacock’s?

“Women that are new in town,” said one woman who is a regular customer of Peacock’s.

“We offer the best livestock and pet feed products available from local Texas Vendors,” Tamara added. “The brands we offer include Protocol Naturals, Muenster Milling and Producers Livestock Feed - all of our feed is delivered fresh weekly. “We are dedicated to serving our customers with quality products and the best customer service at the lowest price possible.”

Peacock’s Propane Refill Station can fill just about any type of portable propane tanks, including RV’s and large trailers. Our large parking lot makes for easy access,” Tamara said.

“I’m gearing up for the holidays, going toward casual and fun with a holiday flare,” Tamara said. “We are *‘The Feed Store with Flare!’* We are bringing in new lines every season. This Fall we are adding Tasha Polizzi, who actually have some men’s jackets in addition to women’s clothing. We are also bringing in Schaefer Outfitters for the guys this year!

We are a shopping destination and we don’t want to be an on-line store. We love meeting and visiting with our customers! We are very community orientated and have a desire to support our community and its growth. We love the growth of our community and our business. Without the growth in our county, we would never have become what we are today.” Tamara stated.

Tamara recalls that when they decided to add T-shirts, caps and some gift items and this is when their business began to take on a rich atmosphere that influenced customers to spend more time, and ultimately, more

money in the store. That marked the turning point in Peacock’s business.

“Once we began bringing other merchandise in, we created a unique merchandising concept. We march to the beat of a different drum. We do our own thing. We have our own unique style and because of that, our customers have fun at our store. There’s so much to see that often they have to come back several times to see it all.”

“Blaine shows me all the ranches he used to deliver feed to when we are driving around that are now all houses! We were talking one day years ago about how so many more of the ranches out here were selling out and about to become housing developments,” Tamara stated, “We knew that we needed to come up with another reason for people to come to our business.”

Peacock’s Feed & Boutique has been a valuable asset to Parker County for nearly 27 years, providing quality pet and livestock feed and supplies and actively participating in our community.



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# How to Avoid Winter Plumbing Woes

As colder weather and the holiday season approach people begin spending more time indoors, as well as hosting friends and family for gatherings. The resulting increased use of home plumbing systems coincides with a specific impact of colder weather on those systems, with potentially disastrous results.

One impact of colder weather on home plumbing is that grease from kitchen use that has been lurking in pipes throughout the hot summer months begins to solidify during the colder weather, combining with other household wastewater to create clogs.

This is on top of a second issue that is especially bad during the lingering drought conditions that we've been experiencing the past few years, which is the invasion of root systems into pipes. Trees and grass are desperately seeking water, which means that even a small fault in a pipe, either on the supply or drain side of the plumbing system, can encourage the invasions of root systems into the pipes. To make matters worse, the drought conditions have caused many house foundations to settle, so small cracks in PVC or clay pipes are present, and roots will grow toward those cracks seeking water. In one case, a home in Stephenville had

a cracked PVC pipe approximately 15 feet from a tree, and the tree roots had travelled that distance to get to the water.

The good news is that we have solutions that are much more cost effective, and less destructive, than we used to have. For instance, we can use a camera to see into pipes to determine exactly where the clog or root intrusion lies. The only option used to be digging up pipes in the area of a suspected leak or clog. The method of repairing a cracked pipe is also much better now. By using an epoxy-based liner, we are able to make what is essentially a stronger pipe within the original pipe. This saves us from digging up yards or floors to fix a broken pipe. This technology has been around for several years and is well-tested, but just recently became cost effective to use on a residential scale.

So, if you've had any drain problems within the last few months, now is the time to get them dealt with, before the cold weather sets in. This will avoid experiencing unpleasant plumbing issues during the holidays while entertaining friends and family, and when service calls can be harder to book due to both increased demand and seasonal business schedules.

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We recommend Brazos Bail Bonding Company, Mike O'Connor at 817.599.5311. Mike's motto is

We will get your loved one out of jail fast.

Founded in 1972 by the late and legendary Joe Bob Plumlee, Brazos Bail Bonding Company is now operated by Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Plumlee's protégé and is operated under the same principles today as it has been from its beginning.

Mr. O'Connor began his career, in 1989 shortly after he got out of the Army and learned from the very best — Mr. Plumlee.

"Joe Bob always stressed that it's important to treat all of our clients with respect and dignity," Mr. O'Connor said. "And that's exactly what we do."

Brazos is the Bonding Company to depend on when your situation requires fast, reliable, respectful and, above all, confidential service. BBB posts bonds of all sizes. With nearly 50 years of experience in the bonding business and an office that is conveniently located directly across the street from the Parker County Jail, you need to look no further when a family-member has a little scrape with the law.

BBB never rests. "Call us 24 hours a day and we'll explain how easy and 'Affordable' freedom can be," Mr. O'Connor said. "Whether you're bailing out your friend, relative or loved one — we can handle it, fast." He added that Brazos bonding firm doesn't close down for holidays or for inclement weather.

Mr. Plumlee would be so proud of the way his legacy is being taken care of.

If your relatives are bringing their teenagers, you just might want to write Mike's number down on a post-it note and stick it on your fridge.

Oh, and by the way, try to resist the urge to leave the little darlings in jail for the remainder of their visit. Remember, holidays and family time is all about making memories. It's really not about making a point.

# Parker County Welcomes Thrive Apothecary:

## A Doctor-Approved Cannabis Shop

Last month, Thrive Apothecary opened its second location in North Texas, this time on Fort Worth Highway at the 808 Plaza! Thrive Apothecary is a full-service cannabis store owned and operated by Dr. Lisa Gardner and her husband, retired Fort Worth Police SWAT Team Leader, Trey Phillips. Their Fort Worth location opened in 2018 and has been a staple to residents looking for natural solutions to their ailments such as trouble sleeping, anxiety, depression, chronic pain, PTSD, skin issues, and so much more!

“Doctor-Approved Cannabis” is the slogan at Thrive Apothecary because of its dedication to providing high-quality products to its customers. Every product sold at Thrive has been personally tested and curated by Dr. Lisa Gardner, a board-certified physician and lead doctor at Fusion Healthy Aging.

When shopping at Thrive Apothecary, you can expect to see many different types of products and brands, including their own brand of products called WelCel! Some of their best-selling products include hemp-derived THC and full-spectrum CBD. You can view their full range of products on their website at [www.thrivetx.com](http://www.thrivetx.com).

In addition to selling cannabis products, their sister brand, Thrive Medical Cannabis, is helping thousands of Texans access medical marijuana. Qualifying conditions like Cancer, PTSD, and Epilepsy are just a few of the conditions that qualify for the Compassionate Use Program in Texas. Thrive is helping Texans everywhere get the relief they have been looking for! Visit [www.thrivemedicalcannabis.com](http://www.thrivemedicalcannabis.com) to learn more.



*Dr. Lisa Gardner and Trey Phillips, owners of Thrive Apothecary.*



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