

# 2019 Travel Guide



TEXAS MIDWEST COMMUNITY NETWORK

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



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## STATE PARKS in the TEXAS MIDWEST

**Abilene State Park** 150 Park Road 32,  
Tuscola, 325-572-389-8900

**Lake Brownwood State Park**, 200 State  
Highway Park Road 15, Brownwood,  
325-784-5223

**Lake Colorado City State Park** 4582 Farm to  
Market 2836, Colorado City, 325-728-3831

**Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site** 228  
Park Road 61, Jacksboro, 940-567-3506

**Palo Pinto Mountains State Park** Opening in  
2023, 254-672-5311, Palo Pinto County near  
Strawn

**San Angelo State Park** 3900-2 Mercedes St, San  
Angelo, 325-949-4757







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Reviews**



Really interesting visit. Lots of local history. The grandsons really enjoyed it. Gift shop was excellent.

-E7958YGritab, South Dakota



All fazes of the old west...very interesting. Well worth the admittance fee and the time spent.

-RGL127, Savannah, GA



Very informative, keeps the attention of younger children. Just a wonderful place to visit and learn about Abilene and Texas history.

- lisa d, Texas



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### YOUR REGIONAL RESOURCE CONNECTION

Texas Midwest Community Network strives to provide the resources and awareness for its member communities to achieve economic and community growth through regional promotion, education and legislative awareness. An organization of “*communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone*”, TMCN sponsors networking events throughout the year and projects such as this to market the region for business and tourism development.

### THANK YOU TO OUR MARKETING PARTNERS

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## 2019 ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE TEXAS MIDWEST

Contact COMMUNITY to verify dates, times & details  
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### JANUARY

#### **Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days  
Stephens County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale

#### **Brownwood**

Brown County Youth Fair  
Brownwood Area Bridal Fair  
Texas Heritage Bowl

#### **Coleman**

Coleman County Livestock Show

#### **Colorado City**

Mitchell County Livestock Show

#### **Comanche**

Comanche Co Livestock Show

#### **Jacksboro**

Jack County Youth Fair & Livestock Show

#### **Robert Lee**

Jr. Livestock Show

#### **San Angelo**

Cactus Music Series  
Celebration of Champions/World's Greatest Horseman

#### **Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

#### **Stephenville**

Erath County Jr. Livestock Show

#### **Sweetwater**

Big Country Cutting Horse Association  
Big Country Dance  
Nolan County Junior Livestock Show

### FEBRUARY

#### **Brady**

Hope from the Heart Fundraiser

#### **Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

#### **Brownwood**

Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit

#### **Cisco**

Valentines Raffle

#### **De Leon**

Arrowhead Show

#### **San Angelo**

Stock Show & Rodeo and Parade

#### **Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

#### **Snyder**

Chocolate Fest

#### **Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance  
Ridin' For Cash Bull Bash

### MARCH

#### **Abilene**

Outlaws and Legends Music Fest

#### **Albany**

Star Party @ Ft Griffin  
Old Jail Family Festival

#### **Ballinger**

Sidewalk Showcase

#### **Brady**

Heart of Texas Country Music Festival

#### **Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

#### **Brownwood**

Lone Star Expo  
Canine, Cats & Cabernet  
Bluebonnet Relays  
Wheels That Move the World Exhibit

#### **Cisco**

Sip & Shop Women's Expo

#### **Colorado City**

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus

#### **Comanche**

Food Truck Rodeo

#### **De Leon**

City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt

#### **Dublin**

Ambassadors Pageant  
St. Patrick Day Celebration

#### **Gorman**

Savor the Flavor Wine Festival

**Hamilton**

Junkin Journey

**Haskell**

Mud Mania

**Miles**

Trade Days

**San Angelo**

Annual Cowboy Celebration

Cactus Music Series

Stribling Art Extravaganza

The Republic of Texas Independence  
Celebration

**San Saba**

A Night at the Museum

Pecan Capital Trade Days

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Texas Independence Celebration

**Stamford**

Paint Creek Taxidermy Predator Hunt

**Stephenville**

Lone Star Shootout

Zonta Club Penny Auction

**Sweetwater**

Annual Sweetwater Rattlesnake

Round-Up

Region II High School – Junior Rodeo

Big Country Cutting Horse Association

Big Country Dance

**APRIL****Abilene**

Buffalo Gap Food & Wine Festival

**Albany**

Classic Car Show

Wild West Day

Old Jail Spring Fundraiser

Old Jail Third Thursday Studio

**Baird**

Easter Egg Hunt

**Ballinger**

Texas State Festival of Ethnic Cultures

Arts & Craft Show

**Brady**

Heart of Texas Car Show & Swap Meet

**Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

**Brownwood**

Artisan Market

Silver Spur Gun and Blade Show

**Cisco**

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Dodgeball Tournament

Spring Garage Sale

**Clyde**

Local Downtown Art Walk

**Colorado City**

Spring Fling Show

**Comanche**

Comanche City Wide Garage Sale

Texas Motorcycle RoadRiders State Rally

Spring Jubilee, Trailers and Tiaras

**Early**

Community Fun Night

Brownwood County Bass Club Fishing

Tournament

Stagecoach Market Days

**Eden**

Green Apple Music Series

Spring Stampede

**Goldthwaite**

State Championship BBQ & Goat Cook  
Off

**Gorman**

Easter Egg-stravaganza Hunt

**Hamilton**

John Deere Days

Junkin Journey

**Haskell**

Annual Mud Bog

Annual Bass Club Open Tournament

Wild Horse Prairie Day Car Show

Gun & Knife Show

**Hico**

Billy the Kid Day – Open Car Show

Hico Antique Show

**Jacksboro**

Easter Egg Hunt at Fort Richardson

Fort Richardson Living History Days

Jack County Museum Sporting Clay

**Merkel**

Classic Car Club Show

**Miles**

Trade Days

**Roscoe**

Spring Super Sunday

**San Angelo**

Children's Fair

Concho Valley Bluegrass Festival

Fort Concho Frontier Days



Symphony Pops Concert  
National Ceramic Competition  
Wine & Food Festival  
Spring Chicken Affair

### **San Saba**

Catkins Ball  
San Saba Music Series – Street Dance  
Pecan Capital Trade Days  
4-Person Scramble Golf Tournament

### **Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

### **Snyder**

Adopt A Highway – Texas Trash Off  
Fish-A-Thon  
Tom Butler Memorial  
WTC Rodeo

### **Stamford**

Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt

### **Stephenville**

Antique Tractor Show  
Cowboy Capital Race for the Crown  
Tarleton Outdoors & Fish Day in the Park  
Tarleton Stampede Rodeo

### **Strawn**

Bash on the Bricks Festival, Car Show  
and Cook-Off  
Palo Pinto County Historical Tour

### **Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance  
Region II High School Finals  
Randy Edwards Team Roping  
Permian Basin Paint Horse Show  
NCAA College Rodeo/American  
Stock Horse Association Show  
Texas Junior Maine Anjou and Chiania  
State Show

### **Winters**

Memories of Times Past Spring Festival

## **MAY**

### **Abilene**

Western Heritage Ranch Rodeo

### **Albany**

Old Jail Art Victorian Tea

### **Baird**

Railhead Festival

### **Brady**

Duffers Golf Tournament  
Annual Memorial Day Golf Tournament

### **Breckenridge**

Stephens County Frontier Days  
Polo on the Prairie  
Breck Trade Days

### **Bronte**

Citywide Garage Sale

### **Brownwood**

Lake Brownwood State Park Open House  
Cinco de Mayo Celebration  
Bangs Mayfest

### **Cisco**

100th Hilton Hotel Anniversary

### **Clyde**

Car & Bike Show and Cook-Off at Clyde  
Lake  
Citywide Garage Sale

### **Colorado City**

Run for the Wall

### **Comanche**

Comanche Youth Rodeo  
Gustine Homecoming and Rodeo

### **Dublin**

Spring Fling Fiesta  
Ben Hogan Legacy Golf Tournament

### **Eden**

Green Apple Music Series

### **Hamilton**

Junkin Journey

### **Hamlin**

City-Wide Garage Sale

### **Haskell**

Community Wide Garage Sale  
John Wallace Memorial Double Mugging  
Wild Horse Prairie Trade Days

### **Hico**

Texas Steak Cook Off

### **Jacksboro**

Main Street Classic Car Show &  
Festival

### **Menard**

Jim Bowie Days

### **Miles**

Trade Days

### **San Saba**

Farmer's Market  
12th Annual Juston "Shindig" Sanderson  
Scholarship Crawfish Boil  
Pecan Capital Trade Days  
San Saba Music Series Concert  
3-Person Scramble Golf Tournament

**San Angelo**

Cactus Music Series  
Cinco de Mayo Celebration

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale  
Funtier Days and World Bison Contest

**Snyder**

May Day Celebration  
Snyder Wheels Car Show

**Stamford**

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**Stephenville**

Cinco de Mayo Classic Team Roping  
Cowboy Capital MS Trail Ride  
Moo-La Fest  
Summer Nights Concert Series

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Cutting Horse Association  
Big Country Dance  
Library Book Sale  
American Junior Rodeo Association  
Annual Jack Talley Scholarship Boer  
Goat Show  
Randy Edwards Team Roping  
National WASP WWII Museum  
Homecoming

**JUNE****Abilene**

Children's Art & Literacy Festival –  
C.A.L.F.

**Albany**

Fort Griffin Fandangle

**Ballinger**

Birthday Celebration  
Sidewalk Showcase

**Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

**Brownwood**

Don Hardin Texas Bowl  
Heartland Rod Run  
Juneteenth Celebration  
Brown County Rodeo & Parade

**Cisco**

Cisco TX Pie Fest

**Clyde**

Best of Clyde Business Expo  
Chamber Golf Scramble

**Coleman**

Annual PRCA Rodeo & Concerts

**Colorado City**

CC Riders Car Show

**Comanche**

Jams in June Concert Series  
Shopper's Day  
Annual Comanche Pro Rodeo & Parade

**Cross Plains**

Robert E Howard Days  
Barbarian Festival

**De Leon**

Annual Quilt Show

**Dublin**

Dublin Reunion  
Lions Club Irish Stampede Run  
Tour de Agua Bicycle Race

**Early**

Heartland Rod Run  
Spring Swing Golf Tournament

**Eden**

Green Apple Music Series

**Gorman**

Miss Gorman Pageant

**Hamilton**

Junkin Journey

**Haskell**

Haskell Country Club Golf Tournament  
Wild Horse Prairie Day Ranch Rodeo,  
Parade & BBQ Cook-Off

**Jacksboro**

Jack County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo  
Jack County Museum Pioneer Days  
"A Living History Day"  
TNT Fest Fireworks at Twin Lake

**Merkel**

City Wide Garage Sale

**Miles**

Trade Days

**San Angelo**

Juneteenth Celebration  
Showdown Drag Boat Races  
Sporting Clay Shoot  
Team Roping Championship

**San Saba**

6th Annual Tournament of Hope  
Cow Camp BBQ Cookoff  
Farmer's Market  
Guys & Dolls Scramble Golf Tournament  
Kid's Nature Kamp  
Pro Rodeo Days & Parade  
San Saba Music Series Concert



**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Wild Pig Pedal Bicycle Race

Hwy 82/287 Yard Sale

**Snyder**

Petticoats on the Prairie

Roland Spring Ranch Excavation Tours

Western Swing Festival

**Stephenville**

Moo-La Fest

Summer Nights Concert Series

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance

West Texas Barrel Race Association

Scurry County 4H Horse Clinic

District 7 4-H Horse Show

**Tye**

Independence Day Celebration

**JULY****Abilene**

Freedom Fest

**Baird**

Fireworks Show

**Brady**

July Jubilee Celebration

**Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

Juried Art Show Competition & Sale

**Brownwood**

Lake Brownwood Boat Parade &

Fireworks

Riverfest

**Cisco**

Color Run & Fireworks Celebration

**Clyde**

Festival at by the Lake & Fireworks

**Colorado City**

J.O. Dockrey Fly-In and Family

Fun in the Park

**Comanche**

Veterans Display

**Cross Plains**

4th of July Celebration at Treadway Park

**Eden**

Green Apple Music Series

**Goldthwaite**

Patriot Celebration July 4th Fireworks

**Gorman**

Family Fourth of July - Mr. & Miss Bass

Lake Pageant

**Hamilton**

Junkin Journey

**Haskell**

4-Person Golf Tournament

Triple Threat – Volleyball, Cornhole &

Horseshoes

**Hico**

Old Settlers Reunion/Horseshoe

Tournament

**Miles**

Trade Days

**Munday**

4th of July Thing

Cornhole Tournament

**Rising Star**

Freedom Fest & Fire Work Show

City-Wide Garage Sale

**Roscoe**

4th of July Celebration

**San Angelo**

Symphony's July 3rd Pops Concert

July 4th Lake Nasworthy Fireworks

Wake the Desert Wakeboarding

Competition

National Cowboy Festival

**San Saba**

4th of July Celebration in the Park

2-Person Scramble Golf Tournament

Farmer's Market

San Saba Music Series Concert

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Old Settler's Reunion & Rodeo

**Snyder**

Codgell Memorial Foundation Fundraiser

July 4th Celebration

Pops Golf Tournament

Scurry County Rodeo

**Stamford**

Art Preview Party & Art Show

Devin Villanueva Memorial Golf

Tournament

Texas Cowboy Reunion & Grand Parade

**Stephenville**

Summer Nights Concert Series

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance

Permian Basin Paint Horse Show

West Texas Rodeo Association Rodeo

Finals

American Junior Rodeo Association NFR

## AUGUST

**Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

**Cisco**

Sip & Shop

**De Leon**

Peach & Melon Festival, Parade &

Tractor Pull

Terrill Antique Car Museum Classic Car

Show

Golden Saturday Downtown

**Eden**

Green Apple Music Series

**Hamilton**

Junkin Journey

**Miles**

Trade Days

**San Saba**

3-Person Scramble Golf Tournament

Farmer's Market

San Saba Music Series Concert

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Busted in Baylor County Motorcycle Rally

**Stephenville**

Summer Nights Concert Series

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance

Sammy Baugh Classic

Ogden 8 and Under Barrel Race

Randy Edwards Team Roping

Young Guns Roping

Permian Basin Paint Horse Show

## SEPTEMBER

**Abilene**

Hot Air Balloon Festival

West Texas Fair & Rodeo

**Albany**

City-Wide Garage Sale

Ft Griffin BBQ Sanctioned Cook-Off

**Anson**

Party in the Park

**Ballinger**

Ballinger Area-Wide Garage Sale

Sidewalk Showcase

**Brady**

World Championship Barbeque Goat

Cookoff, Labor Day Weekend

**Breckenridge**

Johnny Bates Memorial Golf

Tournament

Breck Trade Days

**Bronte**

Ft Chadbourne Fundraiser

**Brownwood**

Brownwood Fall Business Expo

**Cisco**

Fall Cisco-Wide Garage Sale

**Coleman**

Wildlife Dove Fest

**Colorado City**

Mitchell County Reunion

**Comanche**

Barnie McBee BBQ Cook-Off & Concert

Annual Comanche County POW-WOW,

Car Show, Tribal Trot 5K

**De Leon**

De Leon Rodeo

**Early**

Early Showcase

**Eden**

Fall Fest & Bull Ride

Green Apple Music Series

**Gorman**

Peanut Festival & Shin Oak BBQ

Cook-Off

**Hamilton**

Antique Tractor Show and Tractor Pull

Hamilton County Heritage Days Music

Fest & Rodeo

Junkin Journey

**Hamlin**

City-Wide Garage Sale

**Haskell**

Taste of Country

Gun & Knife Show

**Jacksboro**

Fort Richardson Back to School Hike &

Scavenger Hunt

**Miles**

Annual Miles Cotton Festival



**Ranger**

Roaring Ranger Days

**Robert Lee**

Street Affair

**San Angelo**

Cactus Music Series

Fiestas Patrias

Art Museum Family Day

LilyFest

RiverFest

National Museum Day & Archaeology

Fair at Fort Concho

Taste of San Angelo

**San Saba**

Grape Stomp & Harvest Festival

Individual Open Golf Tournament

Pecan Capital Trade Days

San Saba Music Series – Street Dance

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Dove Hunter's Breakfast

**Snyder**

Canyon Club Gun Show

Save Second Base Music Festival

**Stamford**

Classic Car Show

Kiwanis Golf Tournament

**Stephenville**

Cowboy Capital of the World PRCA

Rodeo

Cowboy Capital BBQ Cook-Off

Rodeo Heritage Parade

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance

Permian Basin Paint Horse Show

Jaycee Ranch Rodeo

**Tye**

City-Wide Garage Sale

**Winters**

Winters Dove Fest

**OCTOBER****Albany**

Fort Griffin Living History Days

Shifter's Truck Show

Murder Mystery @ the Aztec

**Anson**

Hay Bale Trail

**Ballinger**

Trunk-or-Treat

**Brady**

Hogtoberfest

**Breckenridge**

Breck Trade Days

Community-Wide Sidewalk/Garage Sale

Sloan Everett Memorial Bike Ride

Walker Street Trick or Treat

**Bronte**

Bronteoberfest

Mesquite BBQ Cook-Off

**Brownwood**

HPU Homecoming

Trick or Treat Trail

Greenleaf Cemetery Talking Tombstone

Tour

Corks & Caps

Texas Country Air Rally

Texas Trappers & Fur Hunters

Convention

**Clyde**

Pecan Festival

Hallelujah Night

**Coleman**

Fiesta De La Paloma

**Colorado City**

Fire Department Boer Goat Cook-Off

Railhead Pumpkin Patch

Trick or Treat Around Town

**Comanche**

Historic Downtown Trunk or Treat

**Cross Plains**

City-Wide Garage Sale

Pumpkin Patch-Park

**De Leon**

Downtown Trick or Treat

**Early**

Southwest Amputee Golf Championship

Stagecoach Market Days

**Eastland**

RipFest & Old Rip Parade

Boo in the Garden

**Goldthwaite**

Legacy Plaza Dinner & Music

Goldthwaite Music Festival

**Gorman**

Trunk or Treat in City Park

**Hamilton**

Hamilton Cty Dove Fest & Wine Walk

Car Show

Junkin Journey

**Haskell**

Community Wide Garage Sale  
Halloween in the Park

**Hico**

Chocotoberfest  
Downtown Hico Trick or Treat  
Hico Antique Show

**Jacksboro**

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Jack County  
Fall Fest  
Fort Richardson Archaeology Day  
Jack County Historical Driving Tour  
Ghosts of Jack County Dinner  
Trunk-or-Treat & Ghost Walk at Fort  
Richardson

**Menard**

Pumpkin Patch at Mission Theater

**Merkel**

Tour of Graves

**Miles**

Trade Days

**Munday**

Fall Festival

**Ranger**

Antique Air Show & BBQ

**Rising Star**

Full Draw Taxidermy Open House  
Octoberfest – Lone Star Sanctioned  
BarBQue Cook Off  
Roughneck & Redneck Woodstock Concert

**Roscoe**

West Texas Wind Festival

**San Angelo**

Business Expo  
Dogs Day at the Park  
Halloween Tours/Programs at Fort Concho  
Roping Fiesta  
Art-Ober-Feast

**San Saba**

2-Person Scramble Golf Tournament  
Pecan Capital Trade Days

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Seymour**

Cruisin' the Brazos Car Show

**Snyder**

Annual CMH Pink Run  
Halloween in the Park  
Snyder Bike Rally  
White Buffalo Days

WTC Fall Festival

**Stephenville**

By-Gone Days on the Bosque  
Frights Horror Film Festival  
Sundown on the Square  
Taste of Erath County  
Wine Festival

**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance  
Nolan County Fair & Rodeo  
Remuda Quarter Horse Show  
Fall Festival  
Pioneer Museum's Pumpkin on the  
Porch

**NOVEMBER****Abilene**

City Sidewalks Holiday Fun  
24FPS International Short Film Festival

**Albany**

Lighted Christmas Parade/Downtown  
Shopping  
MMPC Christmas Bazaar & Turkey Lunch

**Anson**

Hay Bale Trail

**Baird**

Hunters Supper

**Ballinger**

Christmas in Ole Ballinger  
Hunters Appreciation Dinner  
Moonlight Madness Downtown

**Brady**

Hunters Appreciation Dinner

**Breckenridge**

Mingle & Jingle  
Breck Trade Days

**Bronte**

Hunters Dinner

**Brownwood**

Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show

**Cisco**

Dodgeball Tournament  
Holiday Extravaganza Market  
Senior Center Fall Stroll

**Coleman**

Hunter's Appreciation BBQ

**Colorado City**

Holiday Palooza Show  
Hunter's Appreciation  
Toys for Mitchell County Kids Car Show

**Comanche**

Historical Downtown Square  
Christmas Lighting  
Steve Clemons Deer Hunters Chili Supper  
Veterans Week Celebration

**Cross Plains**

Annual Hunters Feed

**De Leon**

Arts & Crafts Fair  
Annual Hog Slam & Jam  
Appreciation Dinner  
Harvest Festival

**Early**

Hunters Appreciation Lunch  
Veteran's Appreciation Day

**Eden**

Camouflage Cotillion for Hunters

**Goldthwaite**

Artisan Guild  
Hunters Appreciation Chili Lunch  
Holiday Bazaar

**Gorman**

Fall Festival

**Hamilton**

Holiday Market  
Junkin Journey  
Small Business Saturday  
Way Out Wineries Holiday Road Trip

**Haskell**

Young Homemakers Craft Show

**Hico**

Billy the Kid Film Festival  
Downtown Holiday Open House  
Hico Trade Days

**Jacksboro**

Battle for Fort Richardson  
Chilifest & Outdoor Expo

**Menard**

Hunters Blow-Out Ball

**Miles**

City Wide Garage Sale  
Trade Days

**Ranger**

Veteran Celebrations

**Robert Lee**

Hunters Bar-B-Q

**San Angelo**

Cactus Music Series  
Old Chicken Farm Art Center  
Open House

**San Saba**

Dancing Lights in Mill Pond Park  
Pecan Capital Trade Days

**Santa Anna**

Downtown Saturday Sale

**Snyder**

Heritage Village Christmas  
Hunter's Appreciation Dinner  
Snyder Trade Days

**Stamford**

Hunter's Appreciation Dinner

**Stephenville**

Holiday Open House  
Spirits of Erath Cemetery Walk

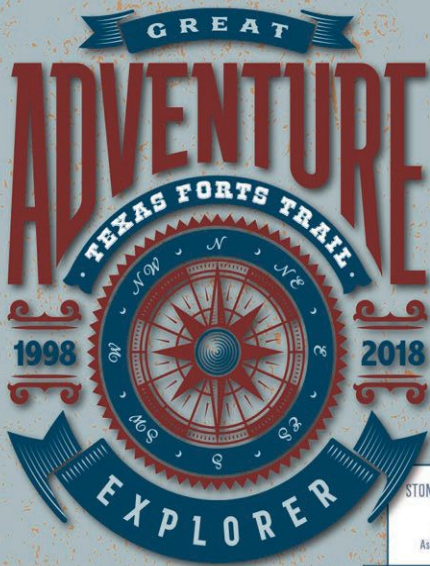
**Sweetwater**

Big Country Dance  
5K Run for the WASP

## DECEMBER

Every community celebrates the holiday season in a special way. Please check community websites or call the local chamber office or city hall for information about Christmas parades, tree lightings, homes tours, arts & crafts and other special holiday events.

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# Let's Go!

We're known for our historic forts that defined the Texas frontier from the Spanish colonial period to the Indian Wars era – and there's so much more!

Discover healthy Crazy Water; Dublin Bottling Works carbonated beverages; freshwater Concho Pearls; and natural blue topaz gems. Relax at a ranch getaway, a historic home that's now an enchanting B&B, or camp out under the bright Texas stars at one of our amazing state parks.

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
TEXAS HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM



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## LOOK FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019 AND JOIN US ON FACEBOOK.

### FORT BELKNAP

114 Fort Circle, Newcastle, TX 76372  
940.846.3222

- Crawfish and Cannons, April 20
- Fort Belknap Days, Oct. 25-26
- Living History Demonstrations on Second Saturday of each month. Self and Guided Fort Tours Available. Donations Accepted

### FORT CHADBOURNE

651 Fort Chadbourne Rd, Bronte, TX 76933 • 325.743.2555  
fortchadbourne.org

- Special Exhibits Tuesday - Saturday 8 am - 5 pm
- "Evening With a Hero," May 9. Reception begins at 6:30 pm
- Fort Chadbourne Annual Fundraiser, September 21, 5:30 pm
- Self and Guided Fort Tours Available. Donations Accepted

### FORT CONCHO NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

630 South Oakes, San Angelo, TX 76903  
325.481.2646 • fortconcho.com

- Regional Cavalry Regional Competition, April 25-27
- Frontier Day, April 27
- Western Artists Show, June 27-Aug. 4
- Christmas at Old Fort Concho, Dec. 6-8



### FORT GRIFFIN STATE HISTORIC SITE

1701 N. U.S. Hwy. 283, Albany, TX 76430  
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- Living History Days, October 11-12
- Winter Trout Fishing Programs, Dec. - Feb.
- Spring and Summer programs include: Guided Fort Tours and Nature Hikes, Campfire Tales, Longhorn Programs, and Star Gazing Parties
- RV/Tent Camping along the Clear Fork of the Brazos River (astronomy sites also available)

### FORT MASON

302 Spruce Street, Mason, TX 76856  
325.347.5758 • masontxcoc.com

- Open during daylight hours.
- Additional information available at the Mason Chamber of Commerce

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7066 FM 864, Fort McKavett, TX 76841  
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- West Texas Heritage Days, May 3-4
- Info on monthly programs available on Facebook and website. Call to schedule group tours.


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tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/fortrichardson

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Abilene Zoo, 2070 Zoo Lane, 325-676-6085. Hours 9-5 daily. Last admission 4:00 p.m.. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission: \$8 ages 13-59, \$7 ages 60 and over, \$5.50 children 3-12. Children younger than 3 are free. The zoo is home to more than 1,000 animals of 250 species, including lions, a black rhino, giraffes, monkeys, bears, reptiles, birds and amphibians. Exhibits include Giraffe Safari, Caribbean Cove, Reptile House, Elm Creek Backyard, Wetlands Boardwalk and butterfly gardens. Amenities include Safari Express Train ride, Giraffe Safari feeding deck, Watering Hole concession stand, Wildlife Carousel, Swan Paddleboat rentals (seasonal), and gift shop. [www.Abilenezoo.org](http://www.Abilenezoo.org)

Dyess Air Force Base Linear Air Park. Dyess is home to the 7th Bomb Wing with two B-1B Lancer squadrons and the 317th Airlift Group with two C-130 squadrons. For an overview of base history, visit the Dyess Visitor Center Memorial Park located just outside the base at Arnold Blvd. and Military Dr. Mon.-Fri. 7:30-4, 325-793-2199. Free, but passes must be obtained. Call the 7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs at 325-696-2863 to schedule a tour.

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Primetime Family Entertainment Center, 4541 Loop 322, 325-690-5555, open daily.

This 42,000 sq. ft. facility includes Escape Center, NASCAR Simulators, Laser Tag, bowling, X-D Theater, bumper cars, batting cages, billiards, 80+ arcade games, miniature golf, electric g-kart track, shuffleboard and café. Meeting and party rooms are available for rent. [www.primetimeabilene.com](http://www.primetimeabilene.com)

Maxx Air Trampoline Park, 949 Judge Ely Blvd., 325-704-2547, Hours: Closed Mon & Tues, Wed-Thurs 11 am to 9 pm, Fri-Sat, 11 am to 10 pm; Sun 1-8 pm. Groups and parties available. <https://maxxairpark.com>

## ARTS & CULTURE

Calypso Gallery, 1133 N. 2nd, Suite 102, 325-665-9202, exhibits, workshops and classes.

Cockerell Galleries and Studios, 1133 N. 2nd, 325-829-7975, open Wed-Sat noon-3p.m.

Free admission. This downtown gallery, operated by Abilene Christian University School of Art and Design, is home to a wide variety of exhibits and events. The Gallery features student and faculty shows, intercollegiate competitions, art workshops and lectures, and exhibits by nationally renowned guest artists; home to many of Abilene's most upcoming artists and photographers.

Cedar Break Gallery 957 N. 2nd, 325-677-9999, Hours: Mon-Fri 10-5 or by appointment. Barry Authur's paintings and sculptures are what great western art is all about. From beautiful landscapes, western and wildlife to intricately carved sculpture; the gallery offers a wide variety of art. [www.barryarthur.com](http://www.barryarthur.com)

Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress, 325-677-8389, Wed., Fri., Sat 11am-5 pm, Thurs. 11 am -9 pm, closed Sun, Mon, Tues and major holidays, located in the heart of downtown, home to 70 artists, ten working studios and four galleries. Annual exhibits showcase contemporary art, sculpture and photography. The center sponsors Artwalk, 2nd Thurs monthly, 5-9 p.m., a family event featuring art, dining, entertainment and shopping in historic downtown. [www.center-arts.com](http://www.center-arts.com)

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Jody Klotz Fine Art, 1060 N. 2nd St, 325-670-9880, hours Mon-Fri from 9 am to 5:30 pm. The gallery is also open for special events and by appointment. [www.jodyklotz.com](http://www.jodyklotz.com)

National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, 102 Cedar, 325-673-4586, Hours: Tuesday-Sat 10-4, Free. The NCCIL celebrates the artistic achievements of children's book authors and illustrators through exhibits of their original artwork. Educational programming is designed to stimulate creativity, promote literacy and increase appreciation for the arts. Free weekly art activities are available for children and their



families. Please check website for museum closure due to exhibit change. [www.nccil.org](http://www.nccil.org)

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St, 325-676-9620, on the National Register of Historic Places and an Abilene Historic Landmark. Inside you will find slow drifting clouds and twinkling stars on a velvet blue sky, neon and incandescent cove lighting alter the brightness and coloring of the sky beyond the archways and bell towers with their twin domed turrets. The fully restored 1930s theatre features concerts, live theater and touring showings as well as classic films, art house and special event films. Free self-guided tours are available from noon to 5 pm on weekdays. <https://taylorcountyhistorycenter.com>

## HISTORIC SITES

Taylor County Cultural Center, 133 N. William St., Buffalo Gap, 14 miles south of Abilene, 325-572-3365, Summer Hours – Memorial Day to Labor Day, Tues-Sat 9-5, Sun Noon-5; Winter Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5; Sun 1-5 Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission: \$7 adults, \$6 military and 65+, \$4 students grade K-12 and college students with ID and free for ages 5 and younger. Twenty-one buildings from the founding of this area filled with artifacts, collection of firearms and Indian artifacts, interactive audio tours and guidebooks, gallery with historic maps and gift shop. <https://taylorcountyhistorycenter.com>

Fort Phantom Hill, open daily dawn to dusk, free, built in 1851 Fort Phantom Hill is one of a series of army posts erected to protect settlements from Indians, housed 5 companies of infantry, and became an overnight stop on the Overland Mail Route following the Butterfield Trail. Today three buildings and over a dozen chimneys are the only remains of the fort. Directions: drive north 11 miles from I-20 on FM 600 or follow the Texas Forts Trail route on FM 2833 <http://fortphantom.org> or <http://texasfortstrail.com>

## MOTORSPORTS

Abilene Speedway, 325-692-8800, 6825 W. Bus. 20  
Mesquite Hills MX Park 325-672-3944, 8150 W. Bus. 20

## MOVIES

Century Theatres, 325-793-9292, 3818 John Knox  
Paramount Theatre, 325-676-9620, 352 Cypress  
Park Central 6, 325-698-3540, 3234 S. Clack  
Premiere Cinema 10, 325-695-2122, Mall of Abilene  
Town & Country Drive-In, 325-677-9899, 2902 Vogel  
Cinemark Abilene & XD Theatre, 325-670-0097, 672 Overland Trail

## **THEATRE PRODUCTIONS / STAGE SHOWS**

Abilene Community Theatre, 325-676-6271  
Amy Graves Ryan Little Theatre, 325-793-3889  
Ball Ranch, 325-698-2186  
Sewell Theatre & Williams Performing Arts Ctr, 325-674-2739  
Van Ellis Theatre, 325-670-1405  
Best of Broadway, 325-677-1161  
Paramount Theatre, 325-676-9620

## **TOURS**

Abilene Downtown Walking Tour with Cowboy Poet Gus McDusty, available two Saturdays a month and by appointment [www.downtownabiwalk.com](http://www.downtownabiwalk.com)  
Historic Downtown Walking Tour Guide is available at the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau – 1101 N. 1st Street or download from [www.abilenevisitors.com/Historical-Downtown-Walking-Tours](http://www.abilenevisitors.com/Historical-Downtown-Walking-Tours)

## **\*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\***

### **BIKING/MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**

Buck Creek Trails 325-677-2453, Abilene Bike Club membership is required; \$20 per year per family  
Biketown, 1433 S. 1st, for directions to the trail

### **BIRD WATCHING & NATURE TRAILS**

Abilene State Park 325-572-3204, 1,612 acres

### **BOWLING**

Abilene Bowling Lanes, 325-692-5100, 279 Ruidosa  
Dyess AFB, 325-696-4166, Dyess AFB  
Primetime Family Entertainment Center, 325-690-5555, 4541 Loop 322, Open Daily

### **CAMPING**

Abilene State Park, Highway 89, Tuscola, 325-572-3204, prices vary by site, admission \$5 ages 13+, \$3 age 65+ for Texas residents with Parkland Passport <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/abilene>

### **HIKING TRAILS**

Abilene State Park, Highway 89, Tuscola, 325-572-3204

### **MINIATURE GOLF**

Play Faire Park 325-672-2977, 2300 N. 2nd  
Prime Time Family Entertainment Center 325-690-5555, 4541 Loop 322  
Putt Putt 325-692-7596, 201 S. Danville

## SKATING / SKATEBOARDING

Abilene Skate Park (In-line skates & skateboards), S. 7th & Mockingbird – Rose Park  
The Skatin' Place (roller), 1930 S. Clack, 325-695-4713

## WATER PARK

Abilene Splash Park – Nelson Pad, open during park hours, free, located in Grover  
Nelson Park by the Abilene Zoo

Adventure Cove Aquatic Center – 2642 S 9th Street, 325-676-6484, adults \$7, children  
taller than 48” \$6, children less than 48” \$4, children ages 2 and younger free

Scarborough Splash Pad – 5402 Hartford Street, free

Stevenson Splash Pad – 441 E. North 7th Street, free

\*Hours for all: Sunrise to Sunset, Mid March to Mid October

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Abilene Clay Sports - 1102 Spur 707 - 325-692-9002

Abilene Gun Club - 4567 East Lake Road - 325-672-0100

Disc Golf: Cal Young Park – 325-676-6217 – S. 11th & T&P Lane; Johnson Park – 325-  
676-6217 – Lake Fort Phantom; Wildcat Disc Golf Course – Ave D and Cedar Crest  
– ACU-325-674-2338; Will Hair Park – 325-676-6217 – E. Ambler Ave.

Dog Park: Camp Barkeley Dog Park - E.S. 11th & Loop 322 - Dawn to dusk. Camp  
Barkeley is an off leash park with 2-areas, 1-acre for small dogs (under 30 lbs.) and  
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Horseback Riding: Ren's Rides-325-280-6053 (Buffalo Gap); Shockey Stables - 1049 CR  
337, Abilene - 325-690-0585 <http://www.shockeystables.com>



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## ALBANY

**The Old Jail Art Center**, 201 S. 2nd (Hwy 6 S.), 325-762-2269, Tues-Sat 10-5, Sun 2-5, closed Mon and major holidays, free admission; nationally accredited art museum housed in the county's first jail building. They show DVD's with history of the Fort Griffin Fandangle and Shackelford County. Also houses the county's historical archives.

**Flying A's Hometown Classics Car Museum**, 100 S. Main Street, 325-338-4072, Call for hours; local collectors display a rotating exhibit of classic cars, motorcycles, motorbikes, signage and other automotive memorabilia.

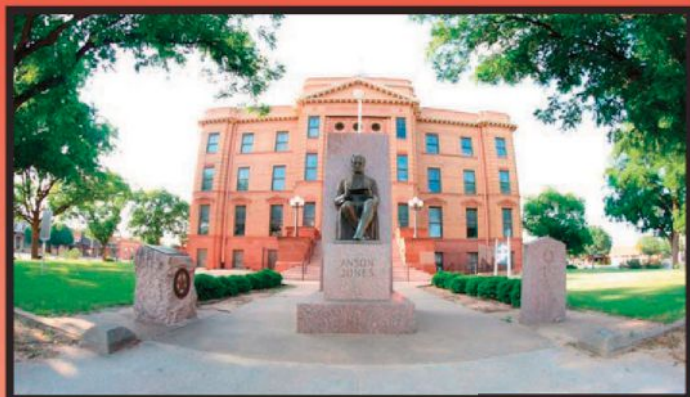
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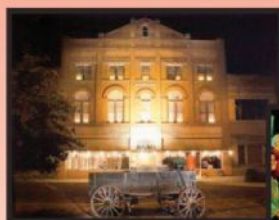
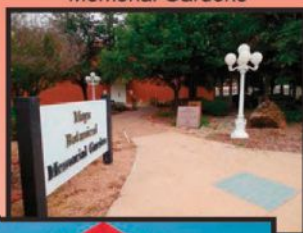
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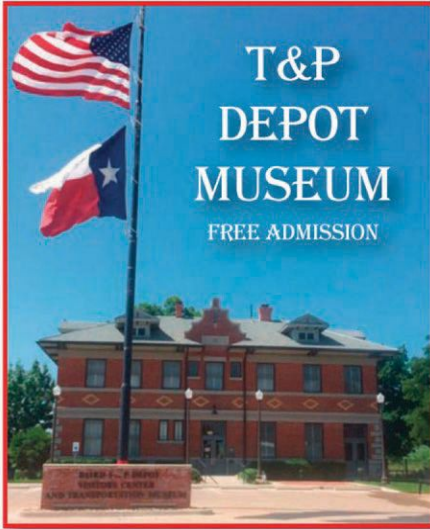
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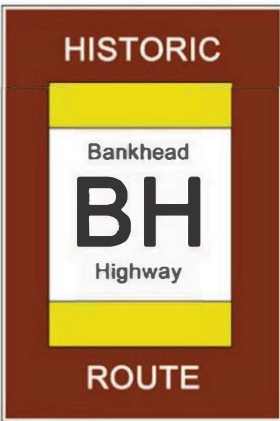
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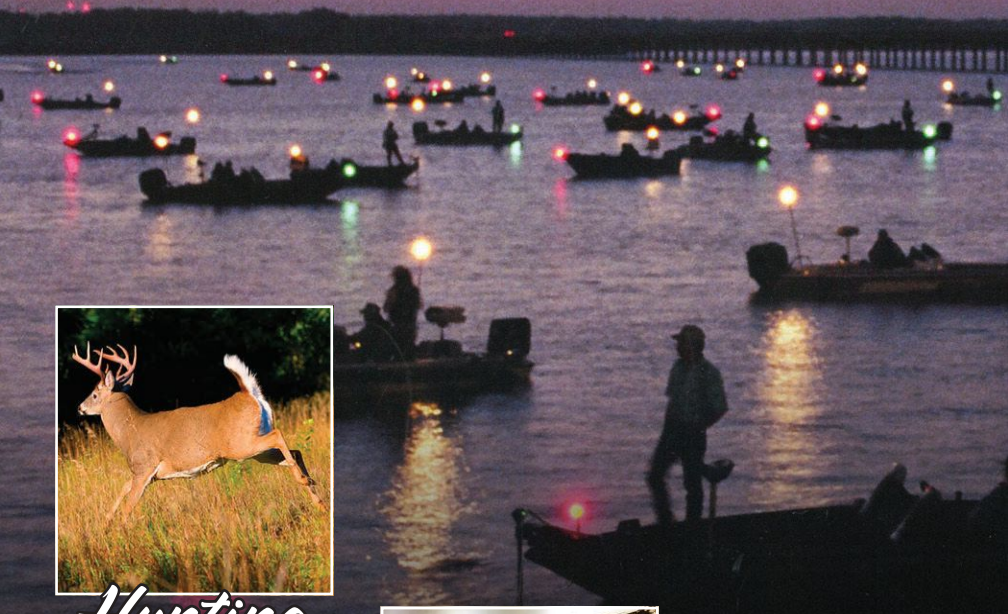
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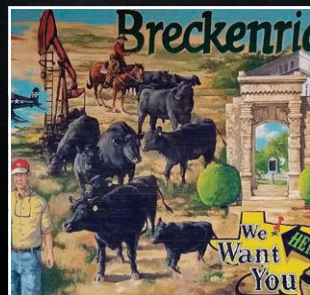
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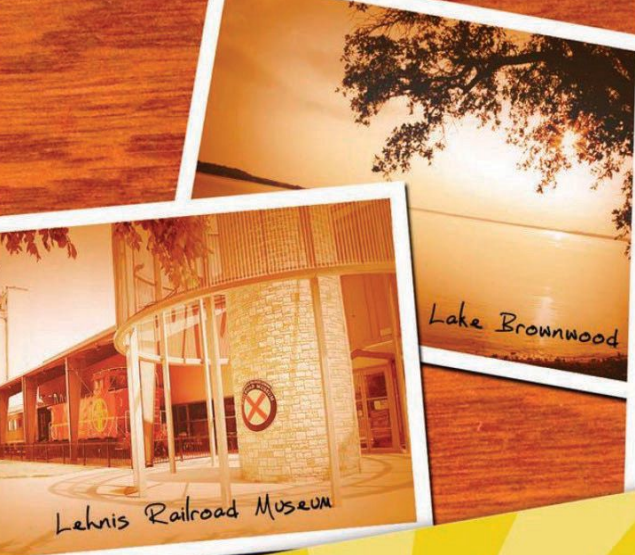


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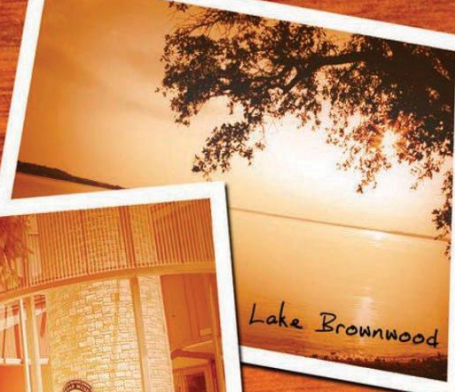


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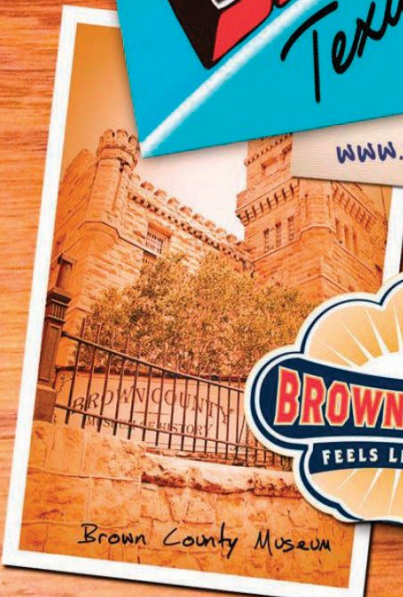
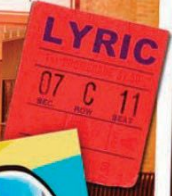
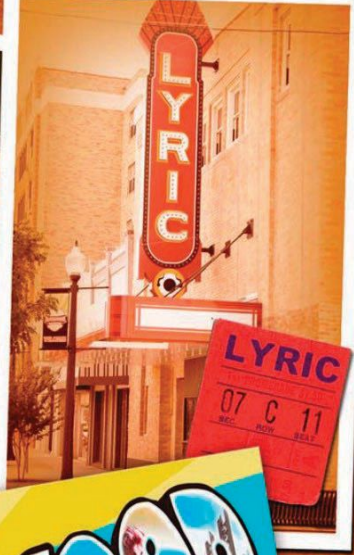




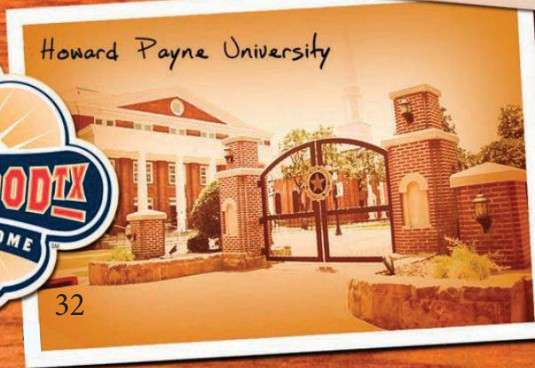
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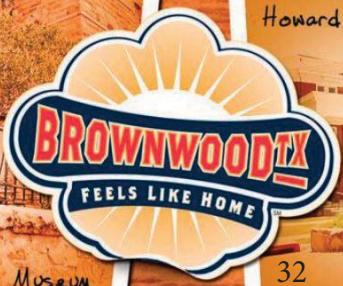
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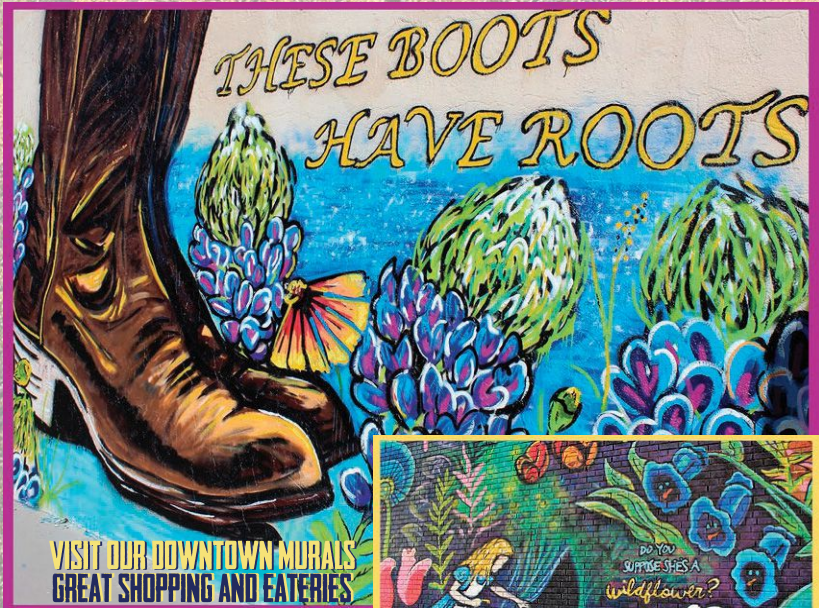
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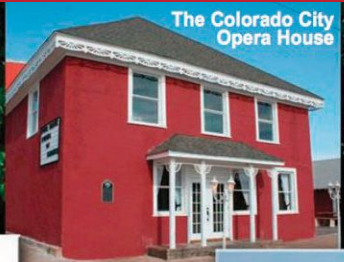
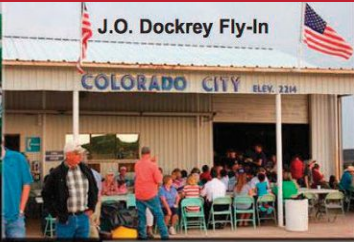
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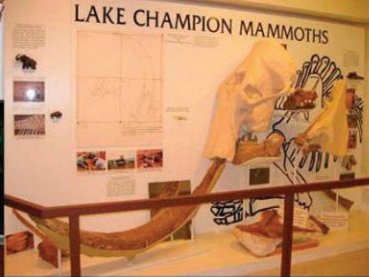
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# COMANCHE HIGHLIGHTS

## \*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\*

### ARTS & CULTURE

Dinosaur Tracks and Geocaching, Comanche City Park, 1200 Comanche Trails, Dinosaur tracks discovered in Comanche County line the base of picnic tables in the beautiful 49-acre City Park, free  
Royal King Plaza, Historic Downtown, American Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame Marker honoring Royal King, free

### HISTORIC SITES

Old Cora Plaza, Historic Downtown, visitor kiosk with local map and attractions located next to Texas' Oldest Existing Log Cabin Courthouse, free

### TOURS

Brennan Vineyards, 325-356-9100, 802 South Austin Street, self guided tour of winemaking in Texas, free

Historical Marker Driving Tour, fifty-seven Texas Historical Markers located throughout the county, list available at the Comanche County Historical Museum or online at  
<http://www.stoppingpoints.com/texas/city.cgi?city=Comanche&cnty=comanche>

Wooden Works of Art Tour, Comanche City Park, civic-minded folks found a way to breathe new life into the heartbreaking loss of mighty live oaks to oak wilt. Under the direction of city leaders, a chainsaw sculptor from the Texas Panhandle transformed barren stumps and trunks into wooden works of art

## \*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\*

### HIKING TRAILS

Indian Creek Hiking Trail, 1200 Comanche Trails, Comanche City Park, a trail along the banks of Indian Creek winding through the 49-acre City Park, free, year round  
High Point Trails, 325-356-3355, Proctor Lake, horseback trails around Lake Proctor, by reservation only

### SKATING / SKATEBOARDING

Skate Park at the Comanche City Park, 1200 Comanche Trails





## **CROSS PLAINS HIGHLIGHTS**

### **\*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\***

#### **HISTORIC SITES**

Robert E. Howard Museum, 625 W. Hwy 36, home to Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived in this home from 1919 until his death in 1936 and the home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Milner-McDermott Bridge, located in Treadway Park, commemorating Cross Plains and Camp Cooper Military Road

Camp Cooper Military Road Site, located in Treadway Park, was the route used for U.S. 2nd Cavalry and supplies from San Antonio to Fort Mason to Camp Cooper in campaigns of 1851-1861 against Plains Indians. Great military men of American history traveled this road, including Robert E. Lee and George T. Thomas, "Rock of Chickamauga."

### **\*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\***

Treadway Park, home to the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club, picnic areas and community pavilion, 254-725-6114

#### **UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

Cross Plains Area Veterans Memorial, 225 S. Main Street, six large granite stones contain hundreds of names honoring those who served the country from the Civil War to present day.

Bird Watching/Nature Trails, Cross Plains Community Center, 108 N Beech, Butterfly Garden & Walking Path

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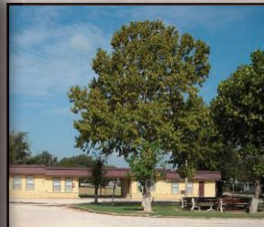
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The Robert E. Howard Museum located in the home of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived in this home from 1919 until his death in 1936. The home, restored by Project Pride, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and attracts hundreds of visitors each year. For details 254-725-4993, 254-725-6562, 254-725-9480.



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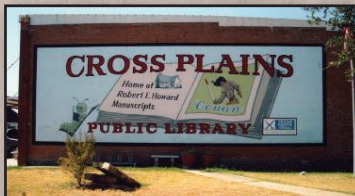
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# Museums

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## BAIRD

**Callahan County Pioneer Museum**, basement of County Courthouse, Mon-Fri 1-5

**T&P Depot Visitor Center & Transportation Museum**, 100 Market, Tues-Fri 10-2, exhibits highlight transportation in Callahan Country from the Western Cattle Trail to the T&P Railroad to the Bankhead National Highway.

## BRADY

**Heart of Texas Historical Museum**, 117 North High Street 325-597-0526; Hours Fri. & Sat.

1-5, Sun. 1-4 (or by appointment); Housed in the former McCulloch County Jail and once described as one of the "finest small town museums in Texas"; free admission

**Heart of Texas Country Music Museum**, 1701 S. Bridge Street 325-597-1895; Hours: Fri 2-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 12-5 (or by appointment); with more than 100 artists represented, the museum is a visual journey that traces the history of the entire traditional country music industry; free admission.

## BRECKENRIDGE

**Swenson Memorial Museum and J.D. Sanderfer Oil Annex**, 116 West Walker, Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-2, 1800's artifacts, Oil Annex with extensive historical collection from the Boom Town Days to present.

## BRONTE

**Fort Chadbourne Museum**, 12 mi. north of Bronte on Hwy 277, established in 1852, Fort Chadbourne offers 1850's era military and Indian artifacts, antique firearms, theater, and Medal of Honor tribute. Open Tues-Sat 8-5. Call 325-743-2555 or 325-473-5311 for more information. Free admission - donations are greatly appreciated.

## BROWNWOOD

**Brown County Museum**, 212 N. Broadway, 325-641-1926, open Thurs and Fri 10-2 and Sat 10-4, former Brown County Jail, constructed 1902 of stone, reminiscent of a European castle, 4 stories with 3rd floor trap door used for executions, features history of Peace Officers in Brown County. The Brown County Museum Annex features the history of Brown County, WWII, and POW exhibits, Mollie Armstrong exhibit, a miniature circus and children's area.

**Gordon Wood Hall of Champions**, 600 E. Depot Street, 325-646-9535, open Mon-Thurs 8-5; Fri 8-4, free admission, pays tribute to Coach Gordon Wood, the winningest high school football coach in Texas, as well as the "Hall of Champions," a collection of athletes and coaches inducted into the prestigious "Hall of Champions"

**Martin & Frances Lehnis Railroad Museum**, 700 E. Adams, open Tues.-Sat. 10-4, admission \$3 adult, \$2 children (5-12), \$2.50 seniors, featuring the private collection of Martin & Frances Lehnis, including railcars, an extensive collection of Railway China, lanterns, photographs and more.

**36th Division Memorial Park**, 325-646-0335, open 24/7, free admission, Camp Bowie, military training center during WWII, memorial park displaying military equipment and vehicles used during WWII through Vietnam, walking trail, and the Central Texas Veterans' memorial with a series of granite tablets honoring those that served.



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## CISCO

**Conrad Hilton Museum**, 309 Conrad Hilton Ave, 254-442-2537, weekdays 9-12 & Sun 1-5., historical items from establishment of Cisco and Eastland County, pictorial presentation of Conrad Hilton's life, video exhibit, Cisco "world's largest swimming pool" pictorial.

**Lela Latch Lloyd Museum**, 116 W. 7th St., Fri-Sat 1-5, historic City Hall Building built in 1915, area artifacts ranging from treasure hunting to a replica of Dr. Graham's Office, restored vaudeville theatre located upstairs.

## CLYDE

**History of Clyde Gallery**, located inside the Clyde Library, 125 Oak Street, 325-893-5315, walk-through exhibits detailing what it was like to live, work, and worship in Clyde from the earliest settlers including cash registers, medicine bottles and other items from the BBB Drugstore as well as a 1943 letterman jacket from deceased PFC Wayland E. Norwood who was killed in action in Germany in 1944, hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8am-noon, or by appointment in the afternoon.

## COLEMAN

**Coleman Museum and Art Gallery at Heritage Hall**, 400 W. College St, 325-625-2000, featuring Coleman County artifacts, including the Bridget Dunlap Arrowhead Collection, early Native American artifacts, militaria, vintage photography and medical equipment. Rental of Heritage Hall is available for meetings and get togethers. Fri-Sat 10 - 4

## COLORADO CITY

**Heart of West Texas Museum**, 340 E. 3rd, 325-728-8285, open Tues-Fri 12-5 or by appointment, artifacts from Mitchell County area featuring full sized replica of Bison Antiquus, Lake Champion Mammoth Exhibit, Chief Lone Wolf Exhibit, rotating historical exhibits, and an impressive collection of historical guns. Recognized by the Texas Museum Association as doing the most for the advancement of a museum for any small town and by the Texas Historical Commission as The Outstanding Museum for a small town

**Heritage House**, 425 Chestnut, 325-728-8285, tours available through the Heart of West Texas Museum; take a step back to 1882 on a tour of the Heritage House. The first brick home in Colorado City, this historic home was built from the mud of the Colorado River and has been restored to its original grandeur with period furnishings.

**Colorado City Opera House**, 337 Walnut, 325-728-8745, Established in 1899, one of the 25 oldest operational live music and entertainment venues in the state of Texas and the second oldest in West Texas; recently restored; hosts regular performances ranging from country, jazz and classical piano to dramatic plays; official home of the C-City Opry and the West Texas Steel Guitar Association

## COMANCHE

**Comanche County Historical Museum**, Moorman Road (west edge of Comanche), 325-356-5115 or 842-5541, Sat 2-4 or by appointment for groups, Native American and Old West history, community rooms and life-size exhibits

**Comanche Historic Depot**, 304 South Austin Street, 325-356-3233, Mon-Fri, 9am-Noon and 1-5pm, train memorabilia honoring the 100 years of railway service to Comanche.

## CROSS PLAINS

**Robert E. Howard Museum**, 625 W. Hwy 36, 254-725-4993, 254-725-6562 or 254-725-9480; open by appointment, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, furnishings, books and other belongings of Robert E. Howard, creator of "Conan the Barbarian".



# DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS

## \*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\*

Dublin Bottling Works, Dr Pepper Museum and Old Doc's Soda Shop and W.P. Kloster Museum Annex, Hwy 377 at Elm St, 254-445-3939, Tues-Sun 10-5 (closed major holidays); admission \$2.50 adults, \$2 over 55, children 6-12 \$2, children under 6 free. Turn back the hands of time in the beautifully restored soda shop. Tour the birthplace of bottled Dr. Pepper.

## ARTS & CULTURE

Painted Murals- located throughout the community including the newest "The Runaway Rodeo Train"

Veldhuizen Cheese, watch the Veldhuizen family create handmade artisan cheeses at their farm 5 miles north of Dublin off Hwy 377 on CR 299 (follow the sign), 254-968-3098. Call for tour hours.

Night at the Museum, monthly activities at Dublin's five museums; entertainment by Dublin's Theatre Group

## HISTORIC SITES

Wright Historical Park, W. Hwy 6 and Park Street, 254-445-4550, roam through this lush park setting with the 1882 Miller Grist Mill, the 1855 Turnbow-Barbee log cabin, and a "turn of the 20th century" syrup mill

Dublin Veterans Memorial, 200 block of W. Blackjack, honors Dublin's servicemen and women

Texas Historical Markers - More than a dozen inside city  
Century-old "Bridge to Tomorrow" at Dublin Public Library

## \*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\*

Dublin City Park with ballfields, riding arena, walking trail, tennis courts, seasonal swimming pool, basketball court, picnic tables, children's playground, putt-putt golf, disc golf, RV Park, horseshoes and sand volleyball

## UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Worthington Orchards, 10 miles south of Dublin, Hwy 377, 254-879-2400 or 254-968-8072, open daily April-August (except Monday), enjoy the fresh Central Texas air as you pick your own seasonal produce, a great family outing.

Veldhuizen Cheese, 5 miles north of Dublin off Hwy 377 on CR 299 (follow the sign), 254-968-3098. Call for tour hours to watch the production of handmade artisan cheeses.

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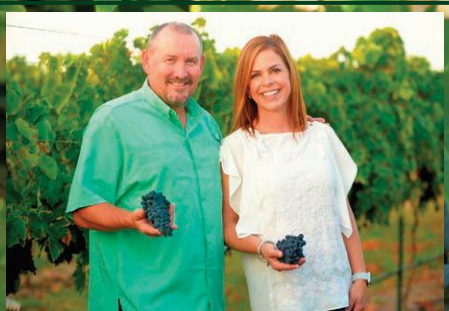
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**Terrill Antique Car Museum**, 500 N. Texas Street (Hwy 16), 254-893-3773, Tues-Sat 10-12, 1-5, Sun 1-4, ten cars from 1901-1941 on display, owned by Feltz Terrill Jr., free admission.

## DUBLIN

**Ben Hogan Museum**, 121 E. Blackjack, 254-445-4466, story of Dublin native's childhood and his amazing career told in pictures, videos and rare memorabilia in historic building.

**Dublin Bottling Works Museum and Bottling Plant**, 105 E. Elm Street, 254-445-3939, over 100 years of soft drink advertising memorabilia on display.

**Dublin Historical Museum**, 116 W. Blackjack, 254-445-4550, theme: "The Way We Lived".

**Rodeo Heritage Museum**, 118 W. Blackjack, 254-445-0200, photos and memorabilia from the original World Championship Rodeo owned by Gene Autry and Everett Colborn.

**W.P. Kloster Museum Annex**, 100 block E. Elm across street from bottling plant; history of world's oldest Dr Pepper bottling plant and its longtime owner, Billie Kloster.

## EDEN

**Don Freeman Memorial Museum**, 325-869-5075, next to City Hall, Sat-Sun only. The museum tracks Concho County development from the frontier to the present. Learn about the distinguished career of Eden native General Ira C. Eaker, who commanded the U.S. Army's Eighth Air Force bombing campaign against Germany in World War II and is credited with inventing navigational devices and piloted the first transcontinental flight solely dependent on aerial refueling. Also see stories of the cattle and sheep industries that form the backbone of Eden's heritage, and artifacts related to the area's native American history.

**The Earnest and Dorothy Barrow Foundation Museum**, 325-469-3361, Eola, (centrally located between Eola, Eden and Paint Rock), open Thurs-Sun. The museum began with memorabilia collected by local ranchers and world travelers, the Barrows, and subsequently expanded by other donors. Diverse artifacts span from prehistoric times to the early 20th century.

## GOLDTHWAITE

**Mills County Museum**, 1119 Fisher St., 325-648-6212, history of yester year, railroad artifacts, Native American artifacts, large arrowhead collections, antiques and more.

**Old Mills County Jail & Law Enforcement Museum**, 1001 Fisher St, 325-648-3619, collections housed at the Mills County Museum.

**Texas Botanical Gardens & Native American Interpretative Center**, Legacy Plaza, 1203 Fisher St., 325-648-3500, a cultural and educational center in the heart of Texas honoring and celebrating early Native American history and life and highlighting their dependence on the region's native plants and waterways.

## HAMILTON

**Hamilton County Historical Society Museum**, 113 W. Henry, next to the old jail building, open to the public on Sat. 1-4PM or by appointment call 254-386-5152 or 254-386-5859, houses a collection of articles of historical significance to Hamilton County. Included in the collection are Indian artifacts, period clothing, World War II pictures, documents and memorabilia. Website: [www.hamiltoncountymuseum.com](http://www.hamiltoncountymuseum.com)

**Ramsey Collection**, visit one of the three art galleries located in Historic Downtown Hamilton. From Picasso to Francisco de Goya, this is a collection of Old Masters, American Masters, European painters, and Modernists housed in a renovated two-story limestone building facing the Courthouse. 101 E. Main St., open by appointment, 254-386-3168 or 254-386-3844.

## **HAMLIN**

**Rath's Trail Headquarters Museum/Hamlin Archives**, 245 S. Central Avenue, 325-576-3501, Hours Mon-Fri 9-12, Thurs 9-12 & 1-3, houses a small exhibit displaying artifacts from Rath City, local historical documents, photographs and Hamlin newspaper microfilm for research.

## **HICO**

**Billy the Kid Museum**, 114 N. Pecan St, 254-796-4004, Hours-Mon-Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5, billythekidmuseum@gmail.com Learn about the legend of Billy the Kid and the history of Hico. View old photos of historical figures and reading the letters and various documents that tell the story of early Hico. You will get caught up in the legend of Billy the Kid, an experience you will not forget.

## **JACKSBORO**

**Jack County Museum**, 241 W Belknap Street, 940-567-5410, Home of the birthplace of Texas 4-H, located in one of the oldest houses in Jack County, built by Stanley Cooper in 1882 from materials freighted in by wagon from Jefferson, Texas. The house witnessed the birth of the "Corn Club" in Texas, later known as the 4-H Club, in 1907 when the founder Tom M. Marks was the resident. Step back in time while walking through to see the artifacts of Jack County days gone by displayed throughout this home. On site you will also find the 1887 Powell log cabin filled with period furnishings, one step inside and you experience what home life truly was for the Jack County pioneers. Hrs: Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10 to 4, Sun: 1 to 4

## **MENARD**

**Menardville Museum**, Hwy 83 and 190 crossroads in historic Frisco Railroad Building, 325-396-2365, contains Menard area historical items, operated by the Menard Historical Society

## **MERKEL**

**Merkel Area Historical Museum**, 1501 N. 7th, 325-928-9912, Collections of artifacts from a number of historic events, from military memorabilia to Native American arrowheads, line the displays of the 13,000 square foot building.

## **MILES**

**Miles Opera House**, corner of 2nd and Robinson Streets. 325-468-3001, early 20th century antiques, WWII artifacts, an 1847 Box Rosewood piano, 1900's pump organ.

**Miles Heritage Museum**, located inside the Miles Opera House, 325-468-2167, pictures and artifacts of early Miles settlers, businesses, organizations and families, 1909 Advanced Rumley Tractor, sits alongside U.S. Highway 67 at the entrance to Miles.

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## *Early Highlights*

### \*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*

Gators Fun Factory— 300 Early Blvd, (325) 643-GAME, 15,000 sq.ft Roller Rink, Skee Ball, Basketball, Ticket Based Redemption Games, Instant Win Crane Games, Driving Games, Shooting Games, Air Hockey, and our ever so famous Kalkomat Boxer as well as a new Climbing Wall! Available for, birthday parties, family or group events. Large party room.

Seal Gym— 3315 HWY 183 N, (325) 642-4111, Golf Driving Range with automated ball machine & Miniature Golf.

### HISTORIC SITES

Stagecoach Station Venues— 400 Old Comanche Rd, (325) 200-8198 The property was once owned by the descendants of President Grover Cleveland and was part of the Chidester Mail Route, has a rock livery dating back to the 1870's that was once a stagecoach stop and was also used as a World War II vegetable storage farm (Pelt Farm) and a house that dates back to the early 1900's, surrounded by 20 park-like acres. The new owners are renovating these buildings, adding new ones, & plan on preserving part of history.

### MOVIES

Regal Cinemas Heartland 8— 300 Early Blvd, (844) 462-7342

### RECREATION

Early City Park— 201 Trailer Dr. —Baseball & Softball Fields, Horseshoe & Washer Pits, Picnic Area with Grill, Playground Area, Covered Pavilions & RV Hookups

McDonald Park— 101 Park Dr. —Sand Volleyball Court, Lighted Walking Track, Ga-Ga Pit, Lighted Basketball Court, Sound Garden, Sports Playing Field, Reading Benches, Little Library and Picnic Area & Horseshoe Pits.

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Weakley Watson Sporting Goods— 515 Early Blvd. (325) 646-9200 America's Oldest Gun Store! Established in 1876!

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## RANGER

**Gold-Key Medical Museum**, 254-631-6518 by appointment only, medical memorabilia from area doctors plus miscellaneous memorabilia, the contents of this museum are scheduled to be donated to the Eastland County Museum.

## RANGER, continued

**Roaring Ranger Oil Boom Museum**, 121 S. Commerce, 254-647-3091, Sat 10-4, historic T&P Railroad Depot, photos, artifacts and memorabilia depicting the 1917 Oil Boom that produced riches 10 times the California Gold Rush, free admission

**Ruth Terry Denney Library & Research Center**, Loop 254 West, 254-647-5353, selection of antique clothes, artifacts, maps, historic photos, memorabilia of early Ranger prior, during & after 1917 oil boom.

## RISING STAR

**Rising Star Historical Museum**, 108 N. Main, 254-643-4879 or 643-3423, the Higginbotham building, donated to the Rising Star Foundation when the business closed; the museum was started when a group of citizens purchased a 1900 washing machine at a local auction; other purchases and donations were made and the museum opened in 2000; the museum features pictures and memorabilia from the area and includes articles from the Rising Star Hospital, Dr. Dill's medical office, furnishings from turn of the century, barbershop, military and pioneer clothes.

## ROBERT LEE

**Old Coke County Jail (1907)**, 601 Chadbourne St., 325-453-2641, by appointment, placed on the National Register of Historic Places, free admission.

## ROSCOE

**Roscoe Historical Museum**, 20 Cypress St, 325-766-2233, <https://sites.google.com/site/roscoemuseum/home>, contains historical memorabilia of Roscoe and surrounding communities .

## SAN ANGELO

**E.H. Danner Museum of Telephony**, 630 S. Oakes, 325-657-4444, located in Officer's Quarters Number 4 at Fort Concho Exhibits, an original Alexander Graham Bell telephone along with over 100 antique phone displays, an authentic switchboard from 1910 and telephone directories dating to the 1800s

**Fort Concho National Historic Landmark**, 630 S. Oakes, 325-657-4444, Mon-Sat 9-4:30, Sun 1-4:30, Fort Concho served as regimental headquarters for some of the most famous frontier units like the 4th and 10th Cavalry. Today, the Fort encompasses most of the former army post and includes twenty-three original and restored fort structures.

**Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum**, 18 E. Concho, 325-653-0112, Tours Tues-Thurs at 2pm and 4pm and Fri-Sat at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4 pm, preserved and furnished much like it was during its heyday in the 1900s. The ladies of Miss Hattie's entertained gentlemen for 50 years, before the bordello was closed in 1946 by the Texas Rangers. Today, thanks to a tradition of preservation, the history is now on display.

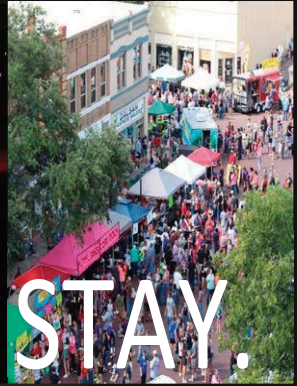
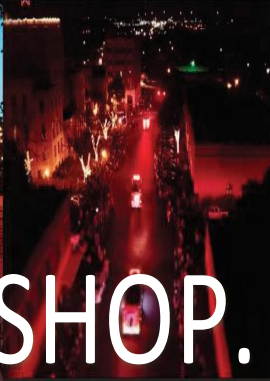
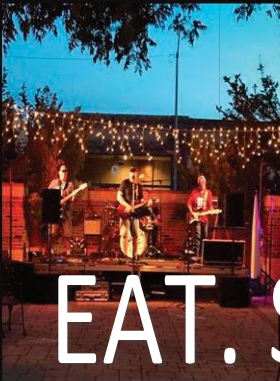
**San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts**, 1 Love Street, 325-653-3333, Tues-Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4, this beautiful art museum has received international praise, 30,000 square feet houses a distinguished collection of ceramics, among other diverse exhibits.

*Come Experience*



*2019 Calendar of Events*

Golden Deeds Awards Banquet	March 1
Rip's Ribs Cook Off	April 13
Old Fashion 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	July 4
RipFest & Old Rip Parade	October 5
Boo in the Garden	October 31
One Starry Night	December 7



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April – State Championship  
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July – July 4th Fireworks

October – Legacy Plaza Dinner  
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November – Hunter Chili  
Lunch

Holiday Bazaar

December – Parade of Lights

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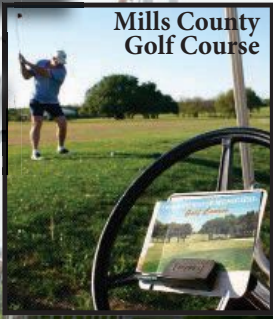
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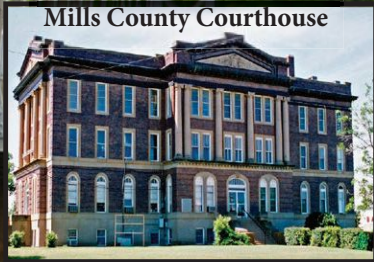
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# Museums

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## SAN SABA

**San Saba County Historical Museum**, Mill Pond Park, Thomas Stewart Drive – Hwy 190 East, Sat–Sun, 1:30- 4 or by appointment from April – September, free admission, discover an over-140 year old log stable used on the Charles Harris ranch on Cherokee Creek 14 miles south of San Saba; a large display of period farm and ranch clothing, household relics and artifacts; also occasional exhibits from other museums or items which are temporarily on loan, most artifacts contributed by local residents

## SANTA ANNA

**Santa Anna Museum/Visitors Center**, 704 Wallis Ave, 325-348-3177, history of Santa Anna through pictures and artifacts

## SEYMOUR

**Baylor County Historical Museum**, 116 N. Washington, 940-889-6780, home to many collections, from prehistoric to the present, representing Seymour and Baylor County history <https://www.facebook.com/baylorcountymuseum>

**Whiteside Museum of Natural History**, 310 N Washington, 940-889-6548 – View Dimetrodon, the Permian Era's largest carnivore and Edaphosaurus, one of the largest herbivores on the planet from that same era, the only museum in Texas with models of these two stars. Observe the Prep Lab where fossils are being worked on while you watch. Wander into the Texas Wildlife Exhibit and saunter into the “Zoo-seum” where LIVE Texas critters are there for your inspection! Dr. Bakker, world-renowned paleontologist is a frequent guest. Hrs: Tues – Sat 10 to 5; Sun 12 to 5, [www.whiteside-museum.org](http://www.whiteside-museum.org) and [www.facebook.com/WhitesideMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/WhitesideMuseum)

## SNYDER

**Scurry County Heritage Museum**, campus of Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave, 325-573-6107, Mon-Fri 9-6 & Sat 10-2, historical displays of ranching, farming and oil industries through present day

**1818 Arthouse**, southside of Downtown Square, Gallery for local artists, 325-573-6107, Tues-Sat 2-6

## STAMFORD

**Cowboy Country Museum**, 113 S. Wetherbee (east side of Square), 325-773-2500, located in the heart of the cowboy country of Texas and works towards the preservation of the image of the Old West and the focal point – the cowboy. Thanks to the original plan of the museum board, which called for commissioning outstanding Western artists, the museum's permanent collection features paintings by Tom Ryan, Wayne Baize, and Bob Moline, as well as sculpture by William Moyers and Jim Hamilton, and a display of artifacts of bygone days. A new addition expands upon the history of the town of Stamford with a variety of other exhibits.

## STEPHENVILLE

**Stephenville Historical House Museum**, 525 E. Washington Street, 254-965-5880, Historical museum preserving the rich cultural heritage of Stephenville & the Cross Timbers region. Twelve 19th century structures occupy 3 acres, with exhibits featuring period furniture & artifacts. [www.stephenvillmuseum.org](http://www.stephenvillmuseum.org)

## STRAWN

**Strawn Historical Museum**, 119 E. North Street, 940-445-1729 open Friday & Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. This one-room tile structure was built in 1953 to provide housing for Boy Scouts in the community and first carried the name "Boy Scout Hut". It now houses a varied collection of photos, newspapers, furnishings and artifacts from homes and businesses, and other memorabilia that has been donated.

**W.K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas**, 65258 IH 20 in Mingus, 254-968-1886, the Gordon Center offers a glimpse into another time and place. Hear stories about life in Thurber from the residents themselves. Examine informative exhibits featuring historic photos and fascinating artifacts. Watch motion film of Thurber residents at work and play. Stroll past reconstructions of the mercantile store, the livery stable, the town bandstand, the 655-seat opera house, and the Snake Saloon, which boasted one of the largest horseshoe-shaped bars in the country. Find out what happened when the discovery of oil disturbed the delicate balance between company and community.

## SWEETWATER

**National WASP WWII Museum**, 210 Loop 170, (4 miles west of downtown), Wed-Sat 10-5 Sun 1-5, showcases history through state-of-the-art educational experiences, features eyewitness accounts of the WASP courage, service and sacrifice, worldwide reunion and classic airplane fly-in commemorates the WASP each Memorial Day weekend

**Pioneer Museum**, 610 E. 3rd, 325-235-8547, Tues-Sat 1-5, WASP exhibit, restored 1906 home of the late Judge & Mrs. R.A. Ragland, original furnishings, dinosaur relics found in the area, antique vehicles. On display you will find the works of S.D. Myers, who in 1914 made a saddle for the JC Miller 101 Wild West Shows. The saddle was valued at \$10,000.00 in 1914.

## TYE

**Julian Morgan Museum**, South St. and Morgan, open by appointment 325-692-2679, artifacts and history of Tye, monument to Camp Barkley, old stagecoach from Indian Creek Ranch and old fire engine for Tye .

## WINTERS

**Z.I. Hale Museum**, 242 W. Dale, 325-754-2036, Sat 1-5, local history, agricultural exhibit, restored Rock Hotel, Rogers Hornsby Exhibit, restored Blue Gap Post Office, log cabin built in 1878

**Rock Hotel Heritage Center**, next door to the Z.I. Hale Museum, built in 1909, houses several exhibits on 2nd floor including the Rogers Hornsby Exhibit of Baseball Hall-of-Famer Rogers Hornsby who was born in Winters in 1896, meeting rooms on the first floor

**Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit**, across from the Z.I. Hale Museum, named for the farmer, builder and inventor who constructed the building in 1927, Pruser built the first patented cotton picker in the U.S. in 1912, this horse-drawn implement is displayed in the exhibit along with Pruser's home-made truck, restored tractors, a horse-drawn hearse, a covered wagon and many farm and ranch items from early-day Winters.





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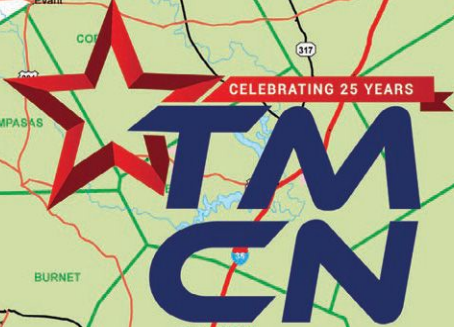
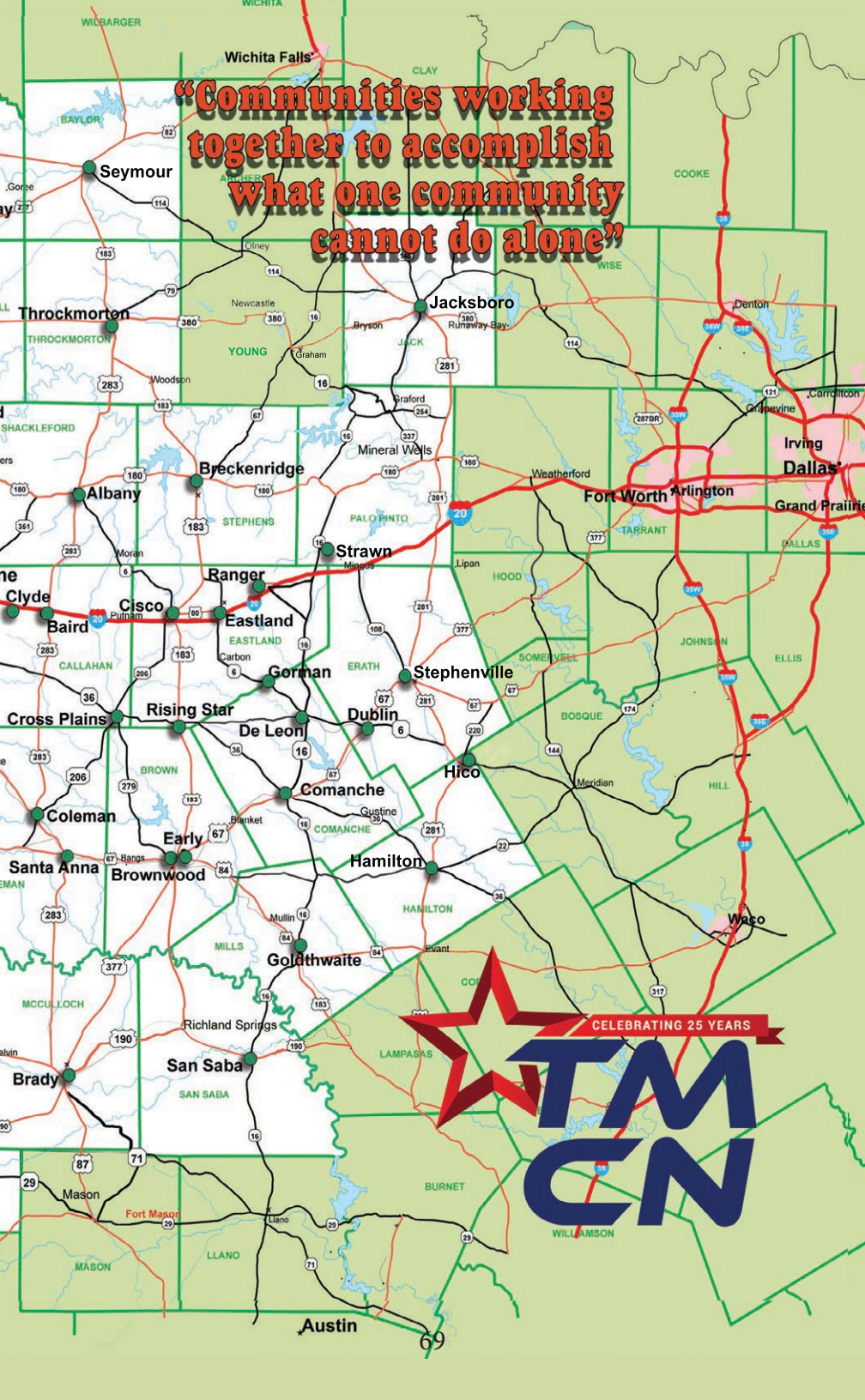
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# **JACKSBORO FEATURES**

## **\*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS/ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\***

### **HISTORIC SITES**

Historic Gulf Texas & Western Train Depot, originally built in 1909 this beautifully restored depot is now home to the Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce and Jacksboro Economic Development Corporation and also serves as the town's visitor center. We welcome you to stop in any time to have a look around and give us an opportunity to welcome you to our community. Jacksboro Chamber of Commerce, 302 S. Main, 940-567-2602; Jacksboro Economic Development Corporation, 940-567-3151.

## **\*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\***

### **TRAILS**

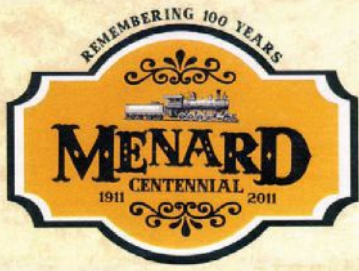
Lost Creek Reservoir State Trailway, Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site, 228 Park Road 61, 940-567-3506, an approximate 10-mile hiking, biking, running, and equestrian trail which runs adjacent to the Fort and along Lost Creek – the main watershed for the City's two lakes. This is a linear trail system that winds the terrain and abounds in scenic beauty and abundant wildlife and wildflowers. Most of the trail travels by the creek or lakes which provides numerous opportunities to fish and swim. The trail is 10-feet wide with improved surface of approximately 4 inches of base material.

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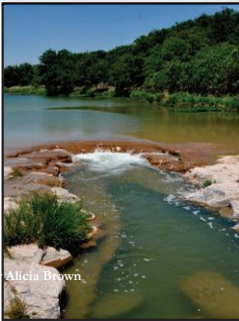


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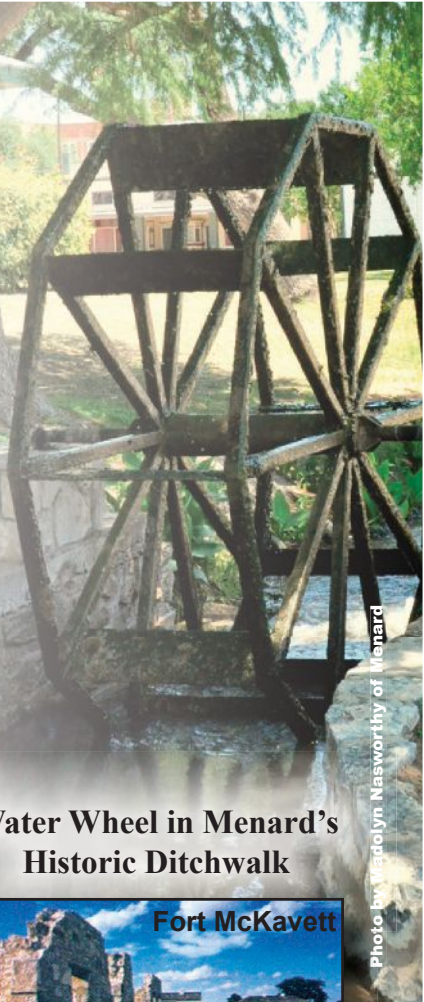
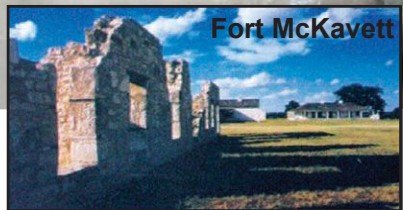


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 Gap Creek Ranch 254-253-0338

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Brisco Outfitters 940-867-4325 or 940-781-8578  
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Real Outfitters 210-422-6002  
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 Yates Day Hunts 325-396-4661/325-456-5099  
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**MERKEL**

Bowhunting West Texas 210-275-3208  
 The Flying Pig 325-513-9923  
 Windmill Game Ranch 325-660-1005

**MUNDAY**

Knox Prairie Events Center 940-422-5306  
 Ranger Creek Ranch 940-256-3464

**RISING STAR**

Market Building Event Venue 254-643-4201

**ROBERT LEE**

Secret Place Inn 817-213-6149  
 Wildcat & Paint Creek Marina 325-453-2801

**ROSCOE**

Plowboy Center Lodge 575-799-0812

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10 Mile Ranch 325-655-0117  
 Adobe Lodge 325-944-4618  
 Chaparral Ranch 210-420-7150  
 Executive Retreat, Lake Nasworthy 432-349-2038  
 Four N Ranch 325-715-0319  
 Harkey Ranch 325-650-8389  
 Indian Springs Ranch 325-484-2464  
 Lasater Whitetail Lodge 325-656-9126  
 Walnut Creek Ranch 325-484-3713

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The Lodge in Santa Anna 828-788-1153  
 Circle F Hunting Adventures 325-214-3094  
 M-Bar-H Lodge 325-348-8255  
 M&M 325-348-8234  
 Mow's Two Meadows Ranch 214-215-4051  
 Red Top Lodge 325-348-3752  
 Santa Anna Hunting Area 325-348-9267  
 Sikes 325-348-3540  
 Texas Ranger Motel & RV Park 325-348-3150  
 Warren Ranch 325-624-5531  
 Wise Centennial Lodge 325-636-4555

**SEYMOUR**

Glen & Myra's Lodge & RV 940-889-4696  
 Miller Creek Ranch Lodge 940-422-4817 or 940-636-4043  
 Ranger Creek Ranch 940-889-4868  
 The Morris House 940-636-4891

**STAMFORD**

Cowboy Trail RV Village 325-773-3777  
 Davis RV Park 325-773-3704  
 Stamford Lake Marina 325-773-2095  
 The Honeybee 325-370-1023  
 The Jordan House 325-660-3970

**STRAWN**

Greystone Castle Sporting Club 800-399-3006  
 The Strawn Lexington 325-665-2353

**TYE**

Horse Creek Lodge 940-521-1061

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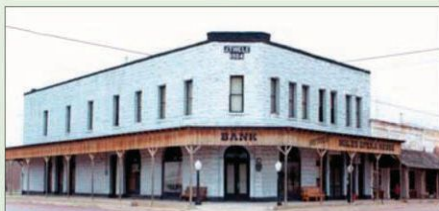
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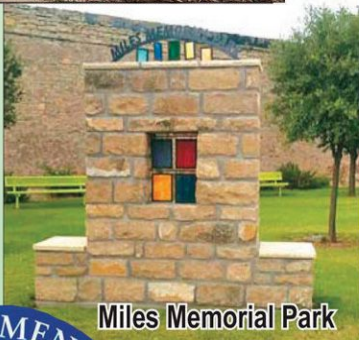
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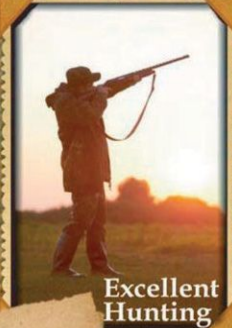
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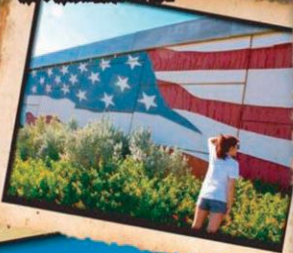
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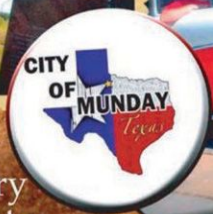
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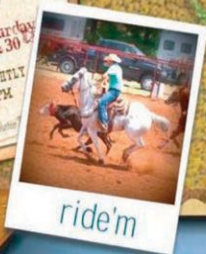
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Our Annual Knox Prairie Ranch Rodeo is held the last weekend in April.

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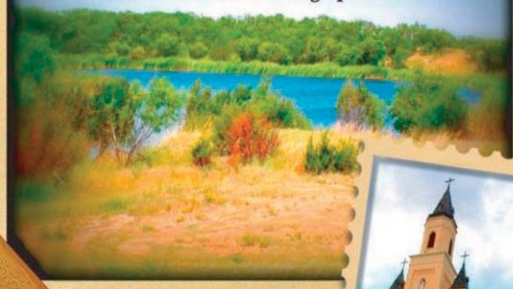
New health clinic built 2010.

Golf cart-friendly city ordinances.

Civic pride and volunteerism are our best attributes. Our citizens are always up to something good.

Newly renovated Munday Events Center hosts our monthly Trade Days, stock shows, and special events.

Nearby Miller Creek provides great opportunities for watersports and recreation. One of the best fishing spots in Texas!



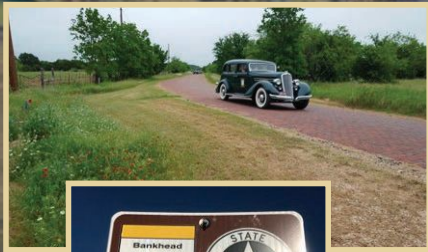
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## EVENTS

September

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October

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November

Veteran Celebrations

December

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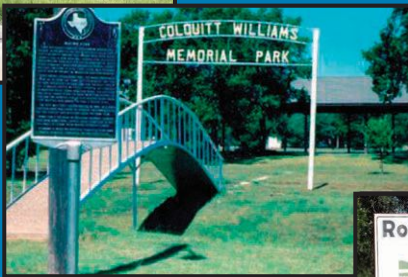


Downtown Park (above)  
City Park (right)



Rising Star Museum

- Vineyard
- Hunting
- RV Park
- Picnicking
- Walking Trail
- Downtown Open Air Market
- Holiday Celebrations
- 18 Hole Golf Course
- Hughes Downtown Park
- Historical Museum



Rolling Oaks



Rising Star Area Veterans Memorial Park

## Rising Star

City of Rising Star  
Rising Star Economic Development  
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Rising Star, TX 76471

Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 189  
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# RV Parks and Campgrounds

## ABILENE

Abilene KOA Kampground 325-672-3681  
Abilene RV Park 325-672-2212  
Abilene State Park 325-572-3204  
Buck Creek RV Park 325-672-2825  
Honey Hole at Lake Ft. Phantom Hill  
325-518-2607  
Lake Ft Phantom Hill Seabee Park  
325-676-6218  
Lake Ft Phantom Hill Johnson Park  
325-676-6217  
WhistleStop RV Resort 325-704-5252

## ALBANY

Albany RV Campground 325-762-2451  
Fort Griffin State Park 325-762-3592

## ANSON

Morning Star RV Campground  
325-823-2255

## BAIRD

Baird RV Campground 325-854-2527

## BALLINGER

Ballinger City Park 325-365-3511  
Ballinger City Lake Park 325-365-3511  
Concho Park Marina 325-357-4466  
South Park RV 325-365-2659

## BRADY

Brady Lake Park (325) 597-1823  
Richards Park (325) 597-2152  
Rocking R RV Park (325) 597-1866

## BRECKENRIDGE

Buffalo RV Park 254-559-3000  
Bridgeview RV Park & Campground  
254-559-8582  
The Lodge & RV Park 254-559-3013

## BRONTE

Buckner Companies RV 302-448-5074  
Coke County Recreational Facilities  
325-473-2401  
McWhorter's Live Oak Lodge RV, Oak  
Creek Lake 325-282-3071  
Moonshine's RV 325-340-0132/  
325-277-1067/325-264-9845  
Sportsman's Lodge RV, Oak Creek Lake  
325-282-2602

## BROWNWOOD

City Parks 325-646-0146  
Early CC RV 325-203-3780  
Flat Rock Park & Campground  
325-784-6730  
G Country RV Park 325-646-5589  
Harlow RV Park 325-646-5589  
Lake Brownwood State Park  
325-389-8900  
Mountain View Lodge & Marina  
325-784-5022  
Quiet Country RV Park 817-269-6769  
Riverside Park RV 325-642-5033  
Shady Oaks RV 325-641-9321  
Wild Duck Marina 325-784-7100

## CISCO

Executive Inn & RV Park 254-442-2100  
Wild Country RV Resort 254-629-2270

## CLYDE

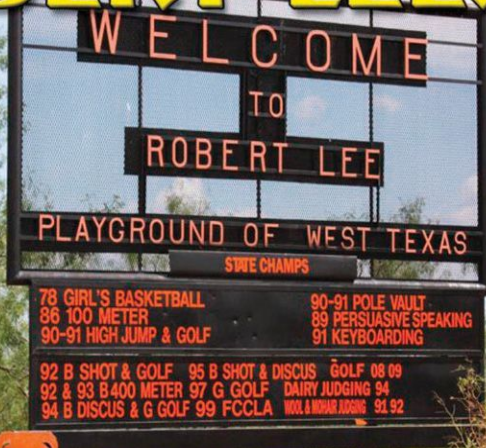
Lake Park 325-893-5339  
White's RV Park 325-893-3320,  
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## COLEMAN

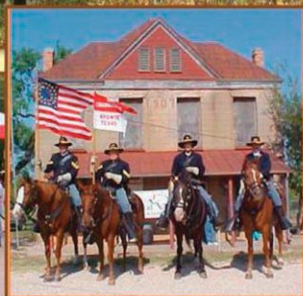
Elm Creek Village 325-357-4776  
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10 Churches

Robert Lee Street Affair - 3rd Sat/ Sept. a day filled with family & fun, a night filled with music & laughter.  
Hunter's BBQ - Sat.. before Thanksgiving  
Jr. Stock Show - 3rd weekend/January

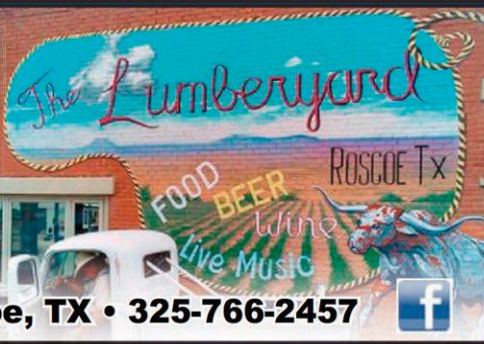
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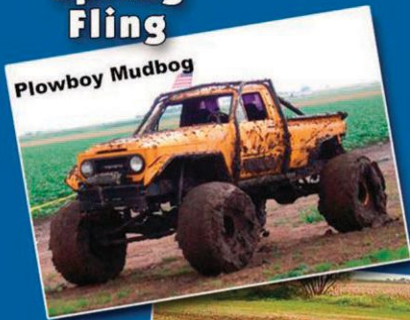


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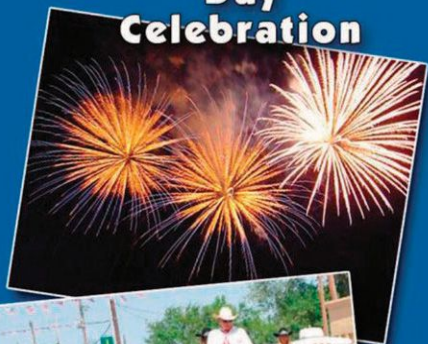


## Spring Fling

Plowboy Mudbog



## Independence Day Celebration



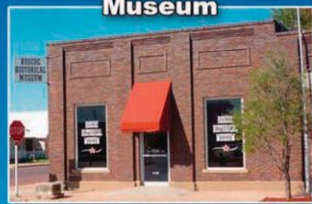
## Wind Harvest Festival



Street Dance  
On The Bricks



## Roscoe Historical Museum



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International Waterlily Collection

# San Angelo Features

## Attractions

ASU Planetarium, 2333 Vanderventner, 325-942-2188, \$3 adults, \$2 seniors & children, 4th largest university planetarium in the country, features dazzling programs throughout most of the year

## Arts & Culture

Art in Uncommon Places, more than \$1 million in art have been placed throughout town by the founders. 325-254-5472 [artinuncommonplaces.com](http://artinuncommonplaces.com)

Ballet San Angelo, 325-653-8877. [balletsanangelo.org](http://balletsanangelo.org)

Chicken Farm Art Center, unique compound of galleries, studios, restaurant and Bed & Breakfast, displays works by visual artists of all mediums. 325-653-4936 [chickenfarmart-center.com/](http://chickenfarmart-center.com/)

Historic Murals of San Angelo, 9 murals with a 10th in process, throughout San Angelo, visit [historicmuralsofsanangelo.org](http://historicmuralsofsanangelo.org)

International Waterlily Collection, brilliant display of lilies from around the world-including the Victoria, the world's largest water lily, free admission, home to the official water lily of Texas, Texas Dawn. [internationalwaterlilycollection.com](http://internationalwaterlilycollection.com)

San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum has a rapidly growing collection with 300 works of contemporary ceramics. There are also historical ceramic works from Asia and more than 60 contemporary paintings and sculpture by Texas artists. The collection includes over 100 major works of Spanish Colonial and Mexican religious art. The Museum has lent extensively to other museums in Texas, 325-653-3333, <http://www.samfa.org/>

## Historic Sites

Cactus Hotel, 36 E. Twohig, Conrad Hiltons 4th hotel, historic 14-story building constructed in 1929, includes an impressive lobby and second-floor ballroom open daily free of charge, rooms for various functions can be rented. [cactushotel.net](http://cactushotel.net)

Heritage Park of San Angelo, 36 E. Twohig Ave., #110. 325-655-6565. A unique pocket park in downtown San Angelo where people can learn about the rich cultural heritage of West Texas and ranching. [heritageparksanangelo.com](http://heritageparksanangelo.com)

Old Town, located at El Paseo de Santa Angela, designated historic district showcasing vintage architecture

## Movies

Cinemark Tinseltown, 4425 Sherwood Way, 324-223-2858

Icon Cinema, 2020 N Bryant Blvd, 325-227-6746

## Theatre Productions

Angelo Civic Theater, the oldest community theatre in Texas. 1936 Sherwood Way, 325-949-4400. [angeloteater.com](http://angeloteater.com)

Arts at ASU Theater, 2601 W Avenue N, 325-942-2146

Be Theatre, 82 Gillis Street, 325-716-4125. [betheatre.com](http://betheatre.com)

Murphy Performance Hall, built in 1929 and recently renovated in 2017, the Murphey showcases acts from Broadway to the San Angelo Symphony. 72 W College, 325-284-3825. [sanangelopac.org](http://sanangelopac.org)

San Angelo Performing Arts Center, housed in a refurbished Coca Cola bottling plant, the center houses Be Theatre, the Brooks & Bates Theatre, and Ballet San Angelo. 802 Gillis Street, 325-284-3825. [sanangelopac.org](http://sanangelopac.org)

### Biking/Mountain Bike Trails

San Angelo State Park, Over 50 miles of some of the best trails in the area. Home to the Texas State Bison and the Texas State Longhorn herds. 325-949-4757, [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park\\_maps/pwd\\_mp\\_p4506\\_166b.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4506_166b.pdf)

### Bird Watching & Nature Trails

San Angelo State Park, more than 300 species of birds have been identified at the state park. 325-949-4757, [https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park\\_maps/pwd\\_mp\\_p4506\\_166b.pdf](https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4506_166b.pdf)

### Bowling

Stadium Lanes, 2105 Knickerbocker, 325-651-2695. [shopstadiumpark.com/stadium-lanes-bowling-center](http://shopstadiumpark.com/stadium-lanes-bowling-center)

### Hiking Trails

Concho River Walk, the Concho River Walk was named a Great Place in America in 2017. 330 S Irving

San Angelo State Park, 325-949-8935 [https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/parkinfa/maps/gis/san\\_angelo/](https://tpwd.texas.gov/spdest/parkinfa/maps/gis/san_angelo/)

### Miniature Golf

The Bosque Putt-Putt Golf, 325-657-4450, 330 S. Irving

### Skating / Skateboarding

Angelo Skate & Fun Center, 325-944-7465, 34 Buick St, roller rink. [angelorink.com](http://angelorink.com)

San Angelo Skate Park, 325-657-4279, 1405 Edmond Blvd, skateboarding

Skateboarding Park 325-657-4279, N. River Drive (beside the YMCA), skateboarding

### State Parks & Camping

San Angelo State Park, 325-949-8935, \$3 person, age 12 & under free, 7,500 acres of wide-open wilderness, regular buffalo herd viewings & llama treks for the wildlife enthusiasts, prehistoric dinosaur tracks

### Water Park

Love Municipal Pool, [cosatx.us/departments-services/recreation/love-municipal-pool](http://cosatx.us/departments-services/recreation/love-municipal-pool)

### Unique Experiences

San Angelo Nature Center, 7409 Knickerbocker, 325-942-1021, 12 noon to 5 pm Tues-Sat, \$2. [cosatx.us/departments-services/nature-center](http://cosatx.us/departments-services/nature-center)

Tule Princess Steamboat Company, 325-340-4400, 50-minute guided excursion tour aboard an actual steam powered paddle wheel steamboat. <http://tuleprincess.com/>

The Bosque, 330 S. Irving, 325-657-4450, putt-putt, paddleboats, sand volleyball, washer-pitch, bocce ball, oversize chess, concessions. [cosatx.us/departments-services/parks-recreation/the-bosque](http://cosatx.us/departments-services/parks-recreation/the-bosque)



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## Stay

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## Explore

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 Funtier Days, the 3rd Saturday in May  
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# RV Parks and Campgrounds

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## COLORADO CITY

Adams Street RV Park 325-242-3188  
Gas-N-Grub 325-728-3622  
Lake Colorado City State Park  
325-728-3931  
Lone Wolf Creek RV Village 325-728-9310

## COMANCHE

Comanche Trails RV Park 972-898-5126  
City Park Camping 325-356-2616  
Melody Oaks Ranch 325-356-5231  
Lake Proctor Area – reservations for all  
parks 877-444-6777

## CROSS PLAINS

36 West RV Park 254-725-4550  
The Hideaway 325-669-8507

## DE LEON

City of De Leon RV Park 254-893-2065  
Comanche County RV Park 254-893-2083  
Lake Proctor Area – reservations for all  
parks 877-444-6777

## DUBLIN

Camel Stop Country RV Living  
254-445-3889  
Dublin City Park 254-445-3331

## EARLY

C.C.'s RV Park 325-203-3780  
City of Early RV Sites 325-643-5451  
G. Country RV Park 325-646-5589  
Harlow's RV Park 325-646-5589  
J's RV 325-203-3780  
Quite Country RV Park 817-269-6769

## EDEN

Hardin Creek RV Park 325-869-9919  
Ranchero RV Park 325-869-3034

## GOLDTHWAITE

Eagles Nest Village 325-998-1543  
Roadrunner RV Park 325-648-2404  
Swinging Bridge Campgrounds  
325-938-5670

## GORMAN

Gorman RV Park, 254-734-2317

## HAMILTON

Circle T Arena RV 254-386-3559  
Ensor RV Park 254-386-6812  
Hamilton Fair Park RV 254-644-9849  
Rangler RV 254-386-8903

## HAMLIN

City of Hamlin 325-576-2711;  
325-576-3633  
Hamlin City Park 325-576-2711;  
325-576-3633

## HASKELL

City RV Park 940-864-2333

## HICO

City of Hico's Bosque River RV Park  
254-796-4620  
Flying B RV Park 254-485-5793  
Bosque River RV Park 254-796-4620

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Fort Richardson State Park 940-567-3506  
Hidden Lake RV Ranch 940-567-6900  
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## MENARD

Menard County RV Park 325-456-9203

## MERKEL

Windmill RV Park 325-928-0009

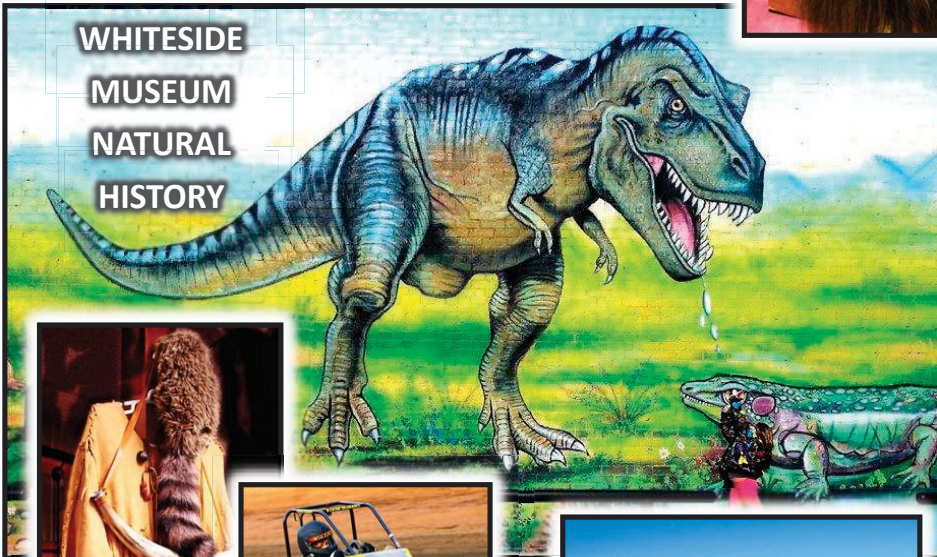
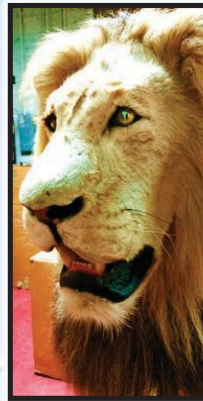
## MUNDAY

Corner Inn & RV Park 940-422-5542  
Kenmar RV Park 940-422-5313  
Farmer Grain RV Park 940-422-4822

## RANGER

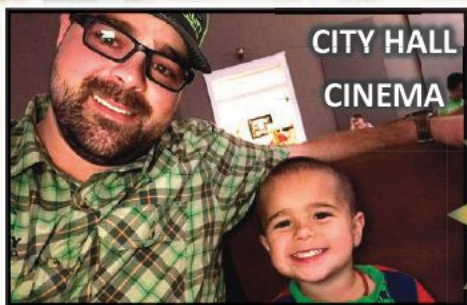
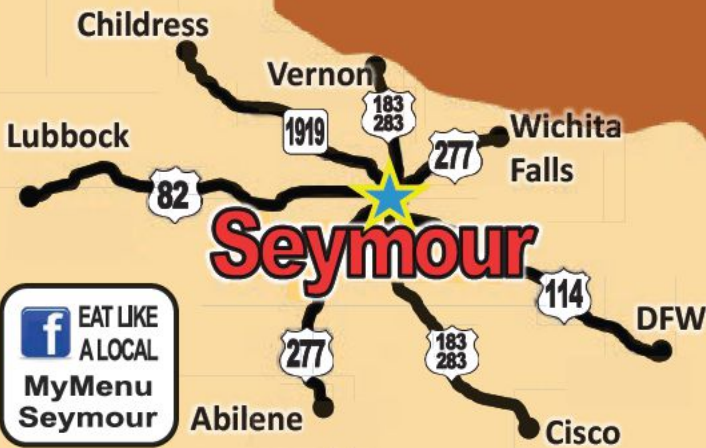
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## **SEYMOUR FEATURES**

\*\*\*\*\* **ATTRACTIONS/ENTERTAINMENT** \*\*\*\*\*

### ARTS & CULTURE

Baylor County Historical Museum, 116 N. Washington, 940-889-6780

Seymour City Hall Cinema, 301 N. Washington,

<https://www.facebook.com/SeymourCityHallCinema>

“Comanches” Mural by Tom Lea, housed in Seymour Post Office, 210 N Washington

Seymour Sound Garden, 301 N. Washington, [www.facebook.com/Seymour-Sound-Garden](http://www.facebook.com/Seymour-Sound-Garden)

Whiteside Museum of Natural History, 310 N Washington, 940-889-6548, [www.whitesidemuseum.org](http://www.whitesidemuseum.org), [www.facebook.com/WhitesideMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/WhitesideMuseum), [info@whitesidemuseum.org](mailto:info@whitesidemuseum.org)

### HISTORIC SITES

WWI & WWII Veterans Monument, city park, 100 Memorial Dr

WWII Veterans Monument, Courthouse Lawn, 101 S Washington

Great Depression Era WPA Building and Park barrier walls, Seymour City Park, 100 Memorial Drive

Early Community Building, N. East, Morris St, built 1877 by Charles Holman, builder-carpenter from Sweden. Stone was quarried south of town, purchased by J. E.

McClelen in 1949, restored as a private home, recorded Texas Historic Landmark 1969

The Great Western Cattle Trail, principal cattle trail started after Civil War, for more information contact the Seymour Chamber of Commerce at 940-889-2921.

Round Timber Community, Cemetery, & Baptist Church, .5 mi. S of intersection of FM 2374 and FM 1285, named for round clumps of oaks, pioneered by C. C. (Lum) Mills, 1863, but soon abandoned to Indians, site became the first permanent settlement in Baylor County, burial ground dates back from 1870.

First Christian Church of Seymour, 401 N. East St, organized March 1880. Church body erected a 2-story building in 1884. Present Gothic revival church of local stone was built during 1906-1907, recorded Texas Historic Landmark – 1970.

Mary’s Creek Schoolhouse, 5 mi. E, FM 1152 & CR 451, in 1906, the Wichita Valley Railroad built from Seymour to Abilene, establishing the town of Bomarton and consolidating settlement here

### MOTORSPORTS

Seymour Speedway, 300 E McLain, 940-256-2459, competition Go Kart race track, ages range from 4 to adults, Seasonal

### MOVIES

Seymour City Hall Cinema, 301 N. Washington, 2nd Floor, Movies shown alternating weekends and most holidays. Admission is Free.

<https://facebook.com/SeymourCityHallMovieTheater>

### THEATRE PRODUCTIONS / STAGE SHOWS

Whiteside Center for Performing Arts, 301 N Washington, 940-889-3148, was built in 1924, used regularly to house shows, concerts, recitals, lectures, and even weddings, , [www.cityofseymour.org](http://www.cityofseymour.org), [www.facebook.com/SeymourTexasAuditorium](http://www.facebook.com/SeymourTexasAuditorium)

\*\*\*\*\* **RECREATION** \*\*\*\*\*

### WATER PARK

Seymour City Park and Pool w/Splash Pad 940-889-5244 or 940-889-3148

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Disc Golf Course, Seymour City Park, 100 Memorial Dr, 940-889-3148, half the course is hilly and open; half is flat and tight, large trees. Holes: 18, Target Type: DISCatcher, Tee

# Welcome to Snyder



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[SnyderChamber.org](http://SnyderChamber.org)



# **SNYDER HIGHLIGHTS**

## **\*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\***

### **HISTORIC SITES**

Heritage Village, on the grounds of the coliseum, the Village was established in 1980 and houses the Cornelius-Dodson Home, the Dermott School, the Hermleigh Calaboose and the "Redwood Chapel". For appointments call 325-574-4279

The Quanah Parker Trail, follow the Arrows into History, located at the Downtown Plaza, a network of 22-foot tall steal arrows mark sites where the Comanche, and their last war chief, Quanah Parker, hunted, traded, lived, traveled and fought. List available at [QuanahParkerTrail.com](http://QuanahParkerTrail.com)

Scurry County Museum, 6200 S. College Avenue at Western Texas College campus, Hours: Tues-Fri 9-5:30 & Sat 10-2, historical display of ranching, farming and oil industries through present day. 325-573-6107

Historical Markers & Historic Homes Driving Tour, Texas Historical Markers located throughout the county, list available at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

### **MOVIES**

Cinema I & II, 325-573-4567, Snyder Shopping Center

### **THEATRE PRODUCTIONS / STAGE SHOWS**

Ritz Community Theatre, on the courthouse square, 325-573-8880 for performance and ticket information, opened as the Cozy Theater in 1917, the theater has now been restored with at least five productions per year.

### **SHOPPING**

Downtown Square, locally owned shops and restaurants, local artist exhibits, cozy event venue nestled in the corner of the square with a little bit of night life.

## **\*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\***

### **BOWLING**

Snyder Lanes, 325-573-2811, 1910 35th Street

### **HIKING TRAILS**

Walking Nature Trail in Towle Park; call 325-573-3313 for more details

WTC Walking Trail, call 325-573-8511 for more details

### **SKATING / SKATE PARKS**

Skate Park in Towle Park; no charge-open year round

### **WATER PARK**

Swimming Facility and Splash Pad in Towle Park 325-573-3313



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Stamford Chamber of Commerce 325-773-2411

Development Corporation of Stamford 325-773-2495

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**FEBRUARY - MARCH**

Paint Creek Taxidermy Predator Hunt

**APRIL**

Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt

**MAY**

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

**JULY 3 - 6**

Texas Cowboy Reunion

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Grand Parade

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**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER**

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Kiwanis Golf Tournament

**NOVEMBER**

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**DECEMBER**

Blue Christmas

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# STEPHENVILLE HIGHLIGHTS

## \*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\*

### ARTS & CULTURE

Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council, 204 River North Blvd., 254-965-6190, [www.ctfac.com](http://www.ctfac.com)

### HISTORIC SITES

Historic Downtown District, National Register of Historic Places

### MOTORSPORTS

281 Speedway, 7715 N. US 281, 512-814-6051, <http://www.281speedwaybycspromotions.com>

Cinemark Stephenville 6, 2900 W. Washington, 254-968-6080, <https://www.cinemark.com/north-texas/cinemark-cinema-6>

## \*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\*

### BIKING/MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Bosque River Trail – 64 N Shapard Street, 254-918-1295, [www.stephenvilletx.gov/city-services/bosque-river-trail](http://www.stephenvilletx.gov/city-services/bosque-river-trail)

### BIRD WATCHING & NATURE TRAILS

Bosque River Trail – 64 N Shapard Street, 254-918-1295, [www.stephenvilletx.gov/city-services/bosque-river-trail](http://www.stephenvilletx.gov/city-services/bosque-river-trail)

### MINIATURE GOLF

J&D Golfland, 644 East Road, 254-965-3441

### WATER PARK

Splashville, 850 South Graham, 254-918-1219, <https://recpro.stephenvilletx.gov/CourseActivities.aspx?id=2&cat=4>

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Disc Golf in Stephenville City Park, 709 Riverside Drive, 254-918-1295

Lone Star Family Farms, 4199 US 67, <https://www.lonestarfamilyfarm.com> (see website for seasonal hours)



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# RV Parks and Campgrounds

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## RISING STAR

Rising Star City Park 254-643-4261

## ROBERT LEE

B&W RV Park 325-453-4477

Lake Spence, Wildcat & Paint Creek Marina & RV Parks 325-453-2801

Last Leg RV Park 325-453-2500

## ROSCOE

Roscoe RV Park 325-766-3743

Stone Tower RV Park 325-236-4020

## SAN ANGELO

KOA 325-949-3242

San Angelo State Park 325-949-4757

Spring Creek Marina 325-944-3850

## SAN SABA

Armadillo RV Park 325-372-1255

Cabo San Saba 325-205-9090

San Saba River RV Park 325-372-3212

San Saba Sleepy Hollow RV Park  
325-372-7208

## SANTA ANNA

Texas Ranger Park RV Park 325-348-3150

## SEYMOUR

City of Seymour RV 940-889-3148

Glen & Myra's Lodge & RV 940-889-4696

Rick & Ray RV 940-256-1680/214-236-0842

Rick & Nick RV 940-256-1680/940-256-2856

Sunshine RV Park 940-256-2308/940-256-4734

Willden RV 940-867-4080

## SNYDER

Andy's RV 325-573-1166

Beacon Lodge & RV Campground  
325-573-8526

Country View RV Park 325-575-0990

Key RV Park 325-573-3830

Purple Sage Motel & RV 1-800-545-5792

Royal Community & RV 325-573-1711

The Coliseum 325-574-6571

Trailertopia 325-573-2893

Triangle D RV Park 325-574-4368

Vaquero RV Ranch 325-439-9900

## STAMFORD

Cowboy Trail RV Village 325-773-3777

Davis RV Park 325-773-3704

## STEPHENVILLE

4C's Rodeo Ranch 817-990-9946

Hoof Prints Ranch 254-968-4393

Lost Creek RV Park 979-436-3730

Lonesome Dove RV Park 254-413-4713

Stephenville City Park 254-918-1260

The Getaway Campground & RV Park  
254-918-5913

## STRAWN

Strawn RV Park 254-672-5545

## SWEETWATER

Bar J Hitchin Post RV 325-236-3889

[www.barjrvhitchinpostrv.com](http://www.barjrvhitchinpostrv.com)

Chaparral RV 325-235-4864

Lake Sweetwater Camp Ground  
325-235-8816

Lone Star RV 325-235-1553

Rainbolt RV 325-235-4243

Rolling Plains Camp Ground 325-235-8114

Shamrock RV Park 325-235-1464

Sweetwater RV Park 325-235-1923

## TYE

Tye RV Park 325-691-0398

## WINTERS

City of Winters, 325-754-4424

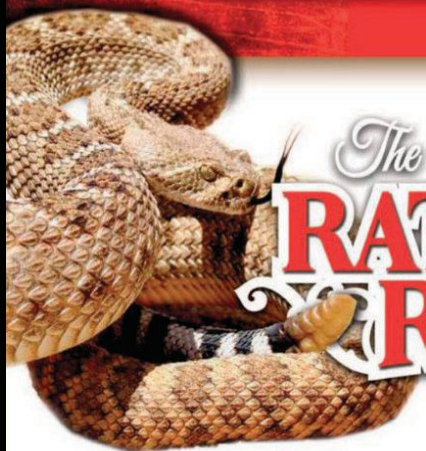
Elm Creek Reservoir 325-723-2081



# The Chamber

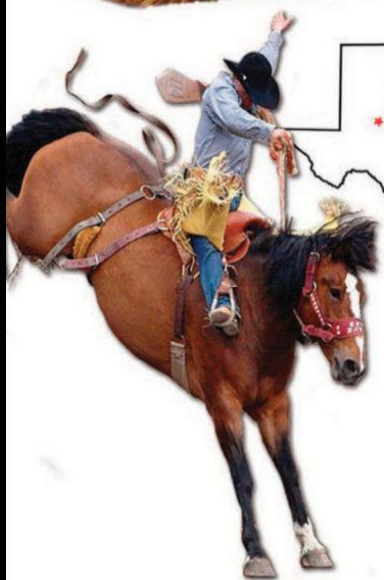
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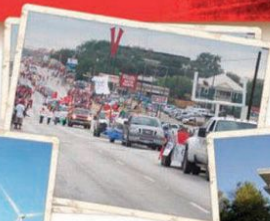
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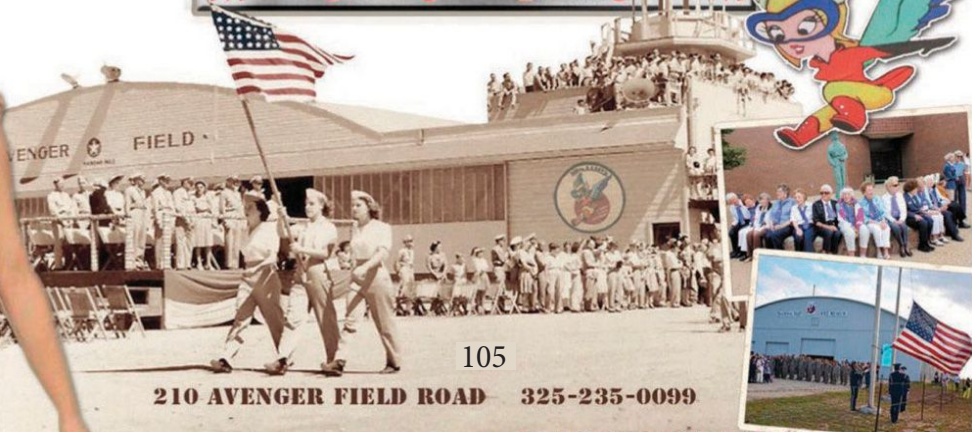
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# **SWEETWATER HIGHLIGHTS**

## **\*\*\*\*\* ATTRACTIONS & ENTERTAINMENT \*\*\*\*\***

Trent Mesa Wind Farms, southern two-thirds of Nolan County, a forest of wind turbines, northern edge of wind turbine farms can be seen from Interstate 20, Sweetwater is the "Wind Energy Capital" with more than 1200 wind turbines.

### **HISTORIC SITES**

Newman Building, 207-209 Oak St., constructed by pioneer J.F. Newman in 1902, this two story rusticated stone building has served many purposes. The windows feature arched openings and semi-circular metal inserts with an embossed fan design. National Register of Historic Places

Robert M. Simmons House (Chamber of Commerce office), 810 E. Broadway, was built in 1919. The original Simmons home was a one story structure. In 1934, a second story was added and the New Mexican Indian motif was preserved. The Interior of the house features woodwork which was hand carved by gouging with a chisel. Also, original to the home are leaded-glass windows and hammered ironwork for the light fixtures and stair railings. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (1987)

### **MOVIES**

Texas Theater, 114 E. Broadway, call for movie schedule 888-415-4850, opened in 1935, daily operation ever since, noted at its opening as "one of the very few show houses in West Texas built exclusively for taking pictures," represents the modern style of architecture popular during the art deco period of the 1930s, listed on the National Register of Historic Places

### **THEATRE PRODUCTIONS / STAGE SHOWS**

Municipal Auditorium, 400 Locust St., This Spanish Colonial Revival landmark was built in 1926, and it has hosted such internationally known entertainers as John Phillip Sosa, Fred Astaire, Eddie Arnold, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Ziegfeld Follies and the Royal Russian Chorus. In 1955, the auditorium stage twice provided a platform for a young singer named Elvis Presley. The Municipal Auditorium is still a home to many great performers. Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and National Register of Historic Places

### **TOURS**

Historic Downtown Walking Tour, 325-235-5488 for information, more than 50 structures listed on the National Register, representing the growth and evolution of the city from a small whistle stop on the T&P Railroad into an important transportation, agricultural and regional trade center, building architecture representative of 1900 to 1930

Historic Neighborhood Tour, 325-235-5488 for information, residential development era from 1900-1930, five homes designated Texas Historical Landmarks, driving tour

National WASP WWII Museum Tour, book a tour by calling 325-235-0099, Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., a tribute to the twenty-eight experienced civilian women pilots who volunteered to deliver newly built trainer aircraft to the flight schools in the South. They formed the country's first female squadron late summer 1942.

## **\*\*\*\*\* RECREATION \*\*\*\*\***

### **HIKING TRAILS**

Newman Park – jogging trail, for information call 325-235-5488

### **SKATING / SKATEBOARDING**

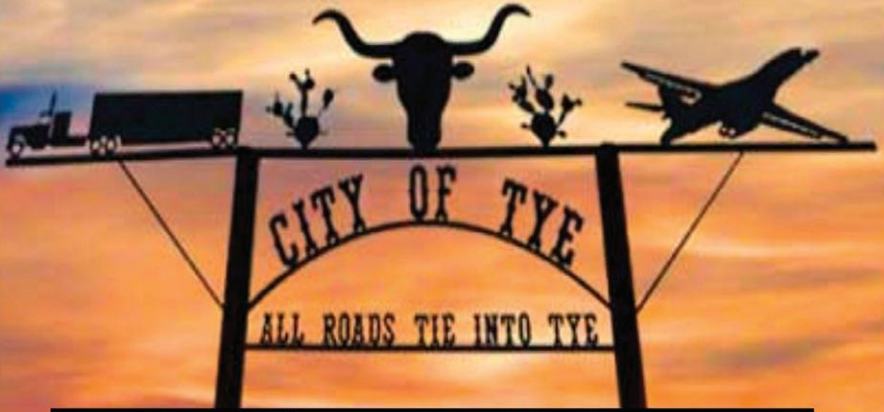
Dark Horse Roller Derby team holds bouts throughout the year at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex. A New Skate Park is coming soon to Newman Park.



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## 2018 Community Projects

Baird—Building a New Path \* Ballinger—Park Project

Dublin—Trains Station Renovation \* Early—Operation Sound Garden

Gorman—Project Dive-In \* Strawn—2018 Depot Restoration

## 2018 Scholarship Winners

1st Place—Dublin



2nd Place—Early



3rd Place—Baird





# LAKES

## ABILENE

Lake Abilene - 325-572-3204, on FM 89, fishing boats only

Lake Fort Phantom - 325-676-6218, from I-20: FM 600 north 6.6 miles & FM 1082 east .6 miles, camping, fishing, no fee

Lake Kirby - primitive fishing

## ALBANY

Lake McCarty - 325-762-3133, fishing permit required and available at city hall

## ANSON

North Anson Lake - 8 mi. north of town, pavilion, showers, kitchen, electrical hook-ups, covered picnic areas, fishing dock

## BAIRD

City Lake - 325-854-1212 - 4 miles south of town, picnic areas, fishing, camping facilities

T&P Lake - 325-854-1212 - small lake south of town, fishing, canoeing

## BALLINGER

Ballinger City Lake - 325-365-3511, boating, fishing, camping, 22 RV hook-ups

O.H. Ivie Reservoir - 325-365-2333 for information

## BRADY

Brady Lake - 325-597-1823, 5 miles west of town, 25 miles of shoreline, cabanas and RV hook-ups available for rent, fishing, boating, camping & tournament information. Kayaks for rent at Lake Store.

## BRECKENRIDGE

Lake Daniel - fishing, 10 miles south of town

Hubbard Creek Lake - 254-559-2301, camping, boating, & fishing - 4 miles west of town

Possum Kingdom Lake - 940-779-2424 (PK Chamber) or 940-549-1803 (State Park)

## BRONTE

Oak Creek Lake - 325-236-6952

## BROWNWOOD/EARLY

Lake Brownwood - cabins and facilities for camping, reunions, boating, skiing, swimming, hiking, bird watching, nature photography, picnicking, geo caching, boat launching and trophy fishing, <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/lake-brownwood>

## CISCO

Lake Cisco - 254-442-2111, 3 miles north of town, fishing, water sports

## CLYDE

Clyde Lake - 325-893-4234, 5 miles south on FM 605, boating, swimming, camping, full hook-ups, hiking trails

## COLEMAN

Hords Creek Lake - 325-625-2322, Corp of Engineers operated with fishing, extensive camping, swimming

Lake Coleman - 325-382-4635 or Coleman City Hall 325-625-4116, fishing & camping

O.H. Ivie Reservoir - 325-357-4486, CMWD operated, fishing camping & lodging

Milton Autry Memory Lake, 325-625-4116, City of Coleman, west side of town, fishing & 18-hole disc golf course

## COLORADO CITY

Lake Colorado City State Park - 325-728-3931, 4582 FM 2836

Lake Champion - City, 325-728-5331, South 208

## COMANCHE / DE LEON / DUBLIN

Lake Proctor - 254-879-2424, 2180 FM 2861, over 250 campsites from primitive to group shelters, camping, picnicking, water sports, horseback riding, hiking trails and fishing

## EDEN

O.H. Ivie Reservoir - 325-869-3336 / 325-597-2333, 30 miles NE of Eden, surface access, camping and RV facilities, Bass/Crappie/Catfish/Sunfish

## GORMAN

Bass Lake - 254-734-2317 for information

## HAMILTON

City Lake - 254-386-8116; east on Hwy 22; restricted recreational activities

## HASKELL

Miller Creek Reservoir - 940-864-2333

Lake Stamford - Rebuilt anchor 940-864-3263

## HICO

Proctor Lake – located 32 miles from Hico

Squaw Creek Reservoir - located 26 miles from Hico

## JACKSBORO

Lake Jacksboro – 940-567-5468, swimming, fishing, water sports; reunions, picnic areas, playground, RV and campsites; Lost Creek Reservoir Trailway

Lost Creek Reservoir – 940-567-3506, swimming, fishing, water sports, picnic area, sand beach, primitive campsites; Lost Creek Reservoir Trailway

Quarry Lake at Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site, 940-567-3506, shoreline fishing only

## MERKEL

Hugh Lilly Lake, 6.7 miles south of town, fishing

## MUNDAY

Miller Creek Reservoir - 940-422-4331, 12 miles southeast on Hwy 222

## RANGER

Lake Leon - 254-647-1976 / 254-647-3651, camping, fishing, recreation

## ROBERT LEE

Lake E.V. Spence - 325-453-2801, Wildcat Marina, CRMWD

## SAN ANGELO

Lake Nasworthy, 325-651-5556, numerous boat ramps and camping areas - some charge fees, cabins, picnic areas, bait shop, groceries

Twin Buttes Reservoir, 325-651-5556, hunting, boating, camping and picnic areas

O.C. Fisher Reservoir, 512-389-8900, fishing,

boating, camping and picnic areas, most access is through the San Angelo State Park

## SEYMOUR

Lake Kemp - 940-552-2521 ext.245, Moonshine gate - 245/940-357-2346, fishing (white crappie, channel blue, flathead catfish, bass), recreational, public boat ramps

Millers Creek Reservoir - 940-422-4051, US 277, fishing (catfish, bass), boat ramp

## SNYDER

Lake J.B. Thomas - 325-573-3015, 25 miles southwest of town, boat ramps, picnic tables, restrooms

Lake Allen Henry - 806-629-4430, Hwy 84 approx. 20 miles north, boat docks, fishing

## STAMFORD

Lake Stamford Marina – 325-773-2095, man-made and 8-sq miles in size, fishing, boating, cabins, event pavilion, camping, groceries and restaurant. For more information on fishing climate or a map, visit <https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/stamford/access.phtml>

## STRAWN

Palo Pinto Lake – Palo Pinto Lake Marina, 940-769-2336

Possum Kingdom Lake – [www.possumkingdomlake.com](http://www.possumkingdomlake.com)

## SWEETWATER

Lake Sweetwater - 325-235-8816, 200 FM 2035, recreation area is approx. 950-acres, playground area, beach area, picnic area, pavilion, amphitheater, boat ramp, overnight camping area and trailer hook-ups and facilities

Oak Creek Lake - 325-282-2602 - Hwy 70 south

## WINTERS

Elm Creek Reservoir – Operated by City of Winters, call for reservations 325-754-4424, boating, covered fishing dock, RV hookups w/ dump station, camping, large pavilion w/ restrooms, playground, softball field, volleyball area, jogging & biking trails, FMI visit [https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/winters\\_elmcreek/access.phtml](https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/winters_elmcreek/access.phtml)

# Bed *and* Breakfasts

## Abilene

Cedar Cottage B&B, 325-261-3175

Eleven09 Guest House,

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Lazy Cactus Bed B&B, 325-665-3532

Sayles Landmark, 325-669-6358

Sayles Ranch Guest Houses, Abilene's

Historic District, 325-669-6856

## Albany

Ann's B&B, 325-762-3200

Casa De City, 817-360-2578

Collins Creek Ranch, 325-762-3940

Stay at Sam's Place, 325-631-7003

The Dye House, 817-925-3269

## Breckenridge

Lazy TK Ranch, 254-559-2448

The Homestead House in Moran,

325-945-2309

Buck Canyon Ranch, 575-390-1046

Village Inn/Cabins, 254-559-3472

## Brownwood

Brownwood Hillside Cottage,

325-642-5297

Star of Texas B&B, 325-646-4128 or

800-850-2003

## Cisco

Log Cabin Guest Haus, 325-728-0860

## Coleman

The Loft, 325-636-3663

The Terrace Inn, 325-636-3663

## Comanche

Rest-A-Spell Hospitality House,

325-396-6007

## Dublin

Air BNB, 254-413-5621

## Eden

Peach Tree Guest Haus, 325-456-7981

## Goldthwaite

Fisher Street B&B, 325-938-5247

American Bungalow B&B,

325-938-5362

Lazy J's Guest Cottages, 512-619-8185

Little Bed & Breakfast, 325-451-7147

## Hamilton

Amwell Guest House, 405 W.

Boynton, 254-386-1600

Mcgregor Livestock Bunkhouse,

254-784-4218

The Shamrock B&B, 979-595-8351

Wellspring Cottage, 254-386-1384



### Haskell

The Bevers House, 940-864-3284

### Hico

Hico's Nothin' But Time B&B, 254-796-4666

Old Rock House B&B, 214-538-1201

The Loft B&B, 254-485-2817

### Jacksboro

Purple Thistle B&B, 940-567-2879

Main Street Bistro & B&B,  
940-567-6464

### Menard

Findaranch.com Cabin, 325-456-1301

San Saba River House Properties,  
325-456-1232

The Shady Shanty B&B, 325-456-3950

### Munday

Lee House B&B, 940-422-4438 or  
940-203-6453

### Robert Lee

Secret Place Inn, 817-312-6149

### Roscoe

Plowboy Center Lodge, 575-799-0812

Stone Tower Cabins, 325-236-4020

### San Angelo

Angel's Guest House 325-486-0739

Coppertop Lighthouse 325-277-2119

Hummer House - The Lodge - The  
Hideaway 325-255-2254

Music Garden Mansion 325-340-0890

Shady Pecan Cottage 325-656-4170

The Blues Inn at Sealy Flat ,  
325-653-0437

The Inn at the Art Center ,  
325-658-3333

### San Saba

Aunt M's Illustrated Inn, 325-372-4900

Long Star Cottage, 361-443-0440

Stone Oak Cottage, 325-372-3328

The Harwood House, 512-497-6016

Two Rivers Lodge, 877-TXLodge

### Seymour

Greenwood Riverside Inn,  
940-889-3215

The Morris House, 940-636-4891 or  
940-636-4906

Rooster's Roost, 940-448-2201

Snyder's Country Cottage,  
940-888-1830

### Stamford

Preservation League House,  
325-668-2385

The Honeybee, 325-370-1023

The Jordan House, 325-660-3970

The Red House Inn, 325-773-5454

### Stephenville

September Song B&B, 254-965-6104

### Strawn

The Thomas House, 214-793-7225

The Watson House, 213-742-1900

### Sweetwater

The Manor of Sweetwater B&B,  
325-236-7080

### Winters

Cottage on Commerce, AirBnB  
Website

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Abilene Luxury Suites 325-795-8500  
Antilley Inn 325-695-3330,  
800-959-1001  
Best Western Abilene Inn & Suites  
325-672-5501, 866-672-5501  
Candlewood Suites 325-437-4741,  
877-660-8543  
Comfort Inn and Suites 325-232-  
8801; 800-4CHOICE  
Suites – South Danville 325-437-  
1525, 800-4CHOICE  
Courtyard by Marriott Mall South  
325-695-9600, 800-321-2211  
Courtyard Abilene Northeast 325-  
673-0400  
Days Inn 325-695-1262  
Emerald Inn Expo 325-677-8100,  
800-800-7666  
Fairfield Inn by Marriott 325-695-  
2448, 800-228-2800  
Hampton Inn 325-695-0044,  
800-426-7866  
Hampton Inn & Suites 325-673-4400,  
800-426-7866  
Hilton Garden Inn 325-690-6432,  
877-782-9444  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites  
325-675-9800, 800-Holiday  
Holiday Inn Abilene – North College  
Area 325-673-1400  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites  
Mall South 325-695-0500,  
800-Holiday  
LaQuinta Inn 325-676-1676  
LaQuinta Inn & Suites 325-437-4832

MCM Elegante 325-698-1234,  
888-897-9644  
Motel 6 325-672-8462, 800-466-8356  
Quality Inn 325-676-0203,  
800-228-5150  
Residence Inn by Marriott 325-677-  
8700; 800-331-3131  
Royal Inn 325-692-3022,  
800-588-4-FUN  
Signature Inn 325-795-8888  
Sleep Inn and Suites University  
325-437-9601  
Sleep Inn and Suites South  
325-437-1525  
Super 8 North 325-673-5251,  
800-800-8000  
Super 8 South 325-701-4779,  
800-800-8000  
TownePlace Suites Northeast  
325-673-0400  
Travel Inn 325-677-2463  
Value Place 325-232-8710  
Whitten Inn, University  
325-673-5271, 800-588-5050  
Wingate by Wyndham 325-690-6400,  
800-228-1000

## ALBANY

Albany Motor Inn & RV Camp-  
ground 325-762-2451,  
888-5ALBANY  
The Hereford Motel 325-762-2224

## ANSON

Anson Inn 325-823-4117  
Morning Star Inn 325-823-2255

## **BAIRD**

Baird Motor Inn & RV Campground  
325-854-2527

## **BALLINGER**

Ballinger Inn 325-365-3400  
Budget Inn 325-365-3600  
Concho Park at O.H. Ivie  
325-357-4466  
Executive Inn 325-365-5717

## **BRADY**

Best Western Brady Inn  
325-597-3997  
Gold Key Inn 325-597-2185  
Holiday Inn Express 325-597-1800  
Sunset Inn 325-597-0789  
TruCountry Inn 325-792-6476

## **BRECKENRIDGE**

Regency Inn 254-559-6502  
Plaza Motel 254-559-6500  
The Ridge Motel 254-559-2244  
Village Inn/Cabins 254-559-3472

## **BRONTE**

Cottage 277 575-703-7024  
Country Inn 325-473-3911

## **BROWNWOOD**

Brownwood Inn & Suites  
325-641-8085  
Gate 1 Motor Inn 325-643-5463  
Hampton Inn 325-641-1122  
La Quinta Inn & Suites 325-641-1731

## **CISCO**

America's Best Value Inn  
254-442-3735  
Executive Inn 254-442-2100  
Knights Inn 254-442-3040

## **COLEMAN**

Best Western Coleman Inn  
325-625-4176  
Budget Inn 325-625-4194  
Harbord Kourt Motel 325-259-1948

## **COLORADO CITY**

American Inn 325-728-5217  
Best Western Plus 325-728-2638  
Extended Stay Studio 6 325-500-0012  
Motel 6 325-728-4100  
Relax Inn 325-728-5742  
Super 8 325-728-9470

## **COMANCHE**

America's Best Value Inn  
325-356-5267  
Best Western Comanche Inn  
325-356-2300  
Regency Inn 325-356-2508

## **CROSS PLAINS**

36 West Motel 254-725-4550

## **DE LEON**

De Leon Inn 254-893-2037

## **DUBLIN**

Central Inn 254-445-2138  
Relax Inn 254-445-0499

## **EARLY**

Avalon Motel 325-643-4551  
Classic Inn 325-643-3567  
Comfort Inn 325-641-3400  
Executive Inn 325-643-5611  
Holiday Inn Express 325-641-1014  
Knights Inn 325-643-5621  
Royal Inn 325-646-5525



## **EDEN**

Slumber Inn 325-869-5560

## **GOLDTHWAITE**

Redbud Inn 325-648-3061

Relax Inn 325-648-2288

## **HAMILTON**

Budget Inn 254-386-8959

Hamilton Inn Motel 254-386-8864

The Inn at Circle T 254-386-3209,  
877-310-3209

Western Inn Motel 254-386-3141

## **HAMLIN**

Pied Piper Inn 325-232-5880

LIFES Suites 325-260-3846

## **HASKELL**

Ameristay Inn & Suites 940-864-2424

Haskell Inn 940-864-2251

## **HICO**

Hico Hills Inn 254-796-4217

Midland Hotel 254-796-4426

Upstairs Inn on Pecan Street  
254-796-2230

## **JACKSBORO**

Butterfield Motel 940-567-5567

Knights Inn 940-567-5507

Jacksboro Inn 940-567-3751

## **MENARD**

Hilltop Motel 325-396-2075

## **MERKEL**

Scottish Inn 325-928-4723

## **MUNDAY**

Corner Inn & RV Park 940-422-5542

## **RANGER**

Best Value Inn 254-647-1176

Relax Inn 254-647-3714

## **ROBERT LEE**

Mountain Creek Lodge 325-453-2516

Wildcat Motel 325-453-2801

## **SAN ANGELO**

America's Best Value Inn  
325-653-1323

Baymont Inn & Suites 325-617-7990

Benchmark Rodeway Inn  
325-944-2578

Best Western 325-223-1273

Candlewood Suites 325-947-9400

Clarion Hotel San Angelo  
325-658-2828

Comfort Suites 325-944-8600

Courtyard by Marriott 325-703-6400

Days Inn 325-658-6594

Dun Bar East 325-653-3366

El Patio Motor Inn 325-655-5711

Fairfield Inn & Suites 325-482-8400

Hampton Inn 325-942-9622

Hawthorn Suites by Windham  
325-617-5292

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
325-223-2200

Home 2 Suites 325-942-9012

Inn of the West-Econolodge  
325-653-2995

Inn-of-the-Conchos 325-658-2811

Knights Inn 325-653-1351

La Quinta Inn & Conference Ctr  
325-949-0515

Microtel Inns & Suites 325-227-4866  
Motel 6 325-658-8061

Pearl of Concho 325-653-4500

Ramada Limited 325-653-8442

Residence Inn by Marriott  
325-949-6617

Spring Creek Manna Cabins  
325-944-3850

## **SAN ANGELO, CONT.**

Springhill Suites by Marriott  
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Staybridge Suites 325-653-1500  
Super 8 Motor Inn 325-655-8101  
Travelodge 325-653-6966  
Wingate by Wyndham 325-703-6434

## **SAN SABA**

Bar D Inn & Suites 325-372-4900  
Burnham's Lodging 325-248-3271  
Executive Inn 325-372-5191  
Hill Country Inn 325-372-4113,  
325-372-3709

## **SANTA ANNA**

Texas Ranger Motel 325-348-3150

## **SEYMOUR**

Glenn & Myra's Lodge & RV  
940-889-4696  
H H Creek Inn 940-448-2001  
Sagamar Inn Motel 940-888-5507

## **SNYDER**

American Motor Inn 325-573-5432  
Baymont Inn 325-573-3700  
Beacon Lodge 325-573-8526  
Best Western Snyder Inn  
325-574-2200  
Budget Inn 325-573-0586  
Comfort Inn & Suites 325-515-7550  
Days Inn 325-573-1166  
Executive Inn 325-436-0594  
Extended Stay Motel 325-426-0266  
Fairfield Inn 325-573-1400  
Hampton Inn 325-515-7555  
Holiday Inn Express 325-573-0376  
Motel 6 325-573-1961  
Ponderosa Motel 325-573-8877  
Purple Sage Motel 325-573-5491

Travel Inn 325-573-2641

## **STAMFORD**

Deluxe Inn 325-773-2751  
Stamford Inn 325-773-3344

## **STEPHENVILLE**

Americas Best Value Inn  
254-968-2114  
Caravan Inn 254-965-5043  
Hampton Inn & Suites 254-918-5400  
Holiday Inn Express Suites  
254-965-8899  
Hoof Print Ranch 254-968-4393  
Knights Inn 254-968-5003  
La Quinta Inn & Suites 254-918-2444  
Motel 6 254-968-3392  
Roadway Inn 254-965-7162  
Royal Inn 254-965-3807  
Super 8 254-965-0888  
Tri L Lodging 254-965-5843

## **SWEETWATER**

Best Western 325-236-6512  
Budget Inn 325-235-4387  
Country Hearth Inn 325-235-5234  
Hampton Inn 325-235-3337  
Holiday Inn Express 325-235-3500  
La Quinta 325-236-6887  
Microtel Inn & Suites 325-235-2000  
Ranch House 325-236-6341,  
800-622-5361  
Stay Express 325-235-4853  
Studio 6 Extended Stay 325-933-4443  
Travelers Motel 325-235-2850

## **WINTERS**

Bliss Hotel 325-754-0241

## COMMUNITIES OF ACHIEVEMENT

The TMCN *Community Achievement Award* program was started in 2003 to encourage cities of all sizes in the Texas Midwest to be better prepared for future growth and economic development programs. To qualify for the award communities must document accomplishments in six specific categories: *Vision, Pride, Youth Involvement, Connectivity, Business Support* and *Assessment*. Current designations: Anson, Early, Jacksboro, Menard, Miles and Strawn.



## ALL-STAR COMMUNITY



Cities recognized as Communities of Achievement are eligible for the competitive *All-Star Community Award*. This award was developed to recognize a community that went beyond the level of basic achievement into areas of specific accomplishments that serve as models for other TMCN communities to emulate. The award is presented annually to one community after applications are evaluated and scored by a panel of judges from outside the region. Current designation: Haskell

# Community History Snapshots

## ABILENE

(POP. 118,887)

ABILENE OWES ITS GENESIS TO THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC AND A GROUP OF RANCHERS AND LAND SPECULATORS. BEFORE THE COMING OF THE RAILROAD, THE ABILENE AREA HAD BEEN SPORADICALLY INHABITED BY NOMADIC INDIANS AND U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND LATER BY BUFFALO HUNTERS AND RANCHERS. BY THE 1870S THE INDIANS HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT AND CATTLEMEN BEGAN TO GRAZE HERDS IN THE AREA. AFTER THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC ARRIVED IN JANUARY 1881, THE RAILROAD PROMOTED ABILENE AS THE "FUTURE GREAT CITY OF WEST TEXAS." SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE ARRIVED IN ABILENE AND BEGAN TO ESTABLISH BUSINESSES AND A CHURCH. LOTS WERE AUCTIONED ON MARCH 15, 1881; IN TWO DAYS BUYERS PURCHASED MORE THAN 300 LOTS; ABILENE WAS OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED. ON JANUARY 2, 1883, RESIDENTS VOTED TO INCORPORATE AND IN AN ELECTION ON OCTOBER 23, 1883 ABILENE BECAME THE COUNTY SEAT. TODAY ABILENE IS THE CENTER OF A TRADE AREA ENCOMPASSING 22 COUNTIES, HOME TO NINE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, DYESS AIR FORCE BASE AND 120,000 PEOPLE. NAVIGATE YOUR WAY WITH THE WINDSHIELD

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## ALBANY

(POP. 2,021)

HOME OF THE HEREFORD, A "FILM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY", "PRESERVE AMERICA COMMUNITY", AND A TOP TEN TRUE WEST TOWN BY TRUE WEST MAGAZINE, ALBANY HAS A RICH HISTORY OF ART, OIL, RANCHING, COMMUNITY/ MILITARY LEADERS, AND HUNTING. AS HOME OF THE FORT GRIFFIN FANDANGLE, THE OLDEST OUTDOOR HISTORICAL MUSICAL IN TEXAS SINCE 1938, SEVERAL THOUSAND VISITORS A YEAR COME TO ENJOY THIS HISTORICAL PRODUCTION. THE TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY CO. PASSED THROUGH ALBANY CARRYING CATTLE, BUFFALO BONES AND PASSENGERS TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS. TONS OF LIMESTONE WERE SHIPPED TO HOUSTON FROM ALBANY TO PAVE THEIR STREETS IN 1882. VISITORS TO THE 1883 SHACKELFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE ENJOY THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER. WEDDINGS CAN BE SCHEDULED IN THE GAZEBO ON THE 1883 COURTHOUSE LAWN. THE OLD JAIL ART CENTER CONTAINS ASIAN, PRE-COLUMBIAN, CONTEMPORARY,



HISTORICAL, WORLD CLASS EXHIBITIONS. THE RESTORED AZTEC THEATER IS A PERFECT VENUE FOR PLAYS PERFORMED PERIODICALLY BY THE ALBANY MAINSTREET PLAYHOUSE.

ALBANY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 325-762-2525 CHAMBER@ALBANYTEXAS.COM (PAGE 20)

## **ANSON**

(POP. 2,356)

COUNTY SEAT OF JONES COUNTY AND FOUNDED IN 1881, ANSON WAS NAMED FOR DR. ANSON JONES, ARCHITECT OF TEXAS



STATEHOOD AND LAST PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS. NEARBY ARE RUINS OF FORT PHANTOM HILL, A MILITARY POST ESTABLISHED IN 1851 AND LATER USED AS STATION 54 FOR SOUTHERLAND OVERLAND MAIL ON THE OLD BUTTERFIELD TRAIL. A MOST NOTABLE CELEBRITY WHO IS NATIVE TO ANSON IS JEANIE C. RILEY, FIRST FEMALE VOCALIST TO HIT NUMBER 1 ON BOTH THE ROCK AND COUNTRY CHARTS AT THE SAME TIME WITH THE SAME SONG "HARPER VALLEY P.T.A." THREE HOLLYWOOD MOVIES WERE FILMED IN OR NEAR ANSON (INDEPENDENCE DAY, STARS FELL ON HENRIETTA AND ABILENE). GHOST HUNTERS FREQUENT ANSON IN SEARCH OF THE "LIGHTS OF ANSON", A PHENOMENON THAT APPEARS AT THE MT. HOPE CEMETERY AND IS FEATURED IN THE BOOK GHOSTS IN THE GRAVEYARD BY OLYVE HALLMARK ABBOT AND IN TEXAS MONTHLY. WITH THE CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ABILENE, ANSON OFFERS SMALL TOWN LIVING WITH BIG TOWN AMENITIES RIGHT NEXT DOOR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 325-823-3259 ANSONCCOFC@ATT.NET (PAGE 23)

## **BAIRD**

(POP. 1,492)

THE COUNTY SEAT OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, BAIRD WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1880 AS CATTLE DRIVES MOVED ACROSS TEXAS. SMALL CAMP SETTLEMENTS SPRANG UP ALONG THE TRAIL AND OFTEN TURNED INTO CONSTRUCTION CAMPS FOR BUILDING THE WEST BOUND T&P RAILROAD. BY THAT

TIME, THE RAILROAD HAD ARRIVED IN NORTHERN MARKETS FROM SOUTH TEXAS BEGINNING IN THE 1870'S. THE TOWN FLOURISHED THROUGH THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND THE POPULATION DIVERSIFIED INTO AGRICULTURE AND OIL INDUSTRIES. THE HISTORIC 1911 T&P RAILWAY PASSENGER DEPOT, ANCHORING THE SOUTH END OF MARKET ST. HOUSES A TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM. ON THE NORTH END IS THE 1929 CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE 1898 COUNTY JAIL IS ONE OF THE OLDEST OPERATING JAILS IN THE COUNTRY. THE BANKHEAD NATIONAL HIGHWAY, FROM WASHINGTON, DC TO SAN DIEGO, CA, WAS THE NATION'S FIRST ALL-WEATHER COAST-TO-COAST HIGHWAY. ENTHUSIASTS CURRENTLY TRAVEL THIS HISTORIC HIGHWAY WHICH COMES THROUGH DOWNTOWN BAIRD. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 100 MARKET ST., 325-854-2003 BAIRDCHAMBER@YAHOO.COM (PAGE 24)

## **BALLINGER**

(POP. 3,746)

BALLINGER WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1886 WHEN THE GULF, COLORADO AND SANTA FE RAILWAY BUILT WESTWARD OUT OF BROWNWOOD. EXTENSIVE ADVERTISING IN THE DALLAS, FORT WORTH, AUSTIN, SAN ANTONIO AND GALVESTON NEWSPAPERS BROUGHT 6,000 PEOPLE TO THE SALE OF TOWN LOTS. THE TOWN WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED GRESHAM AND THEN HUTCHINGS (IN HONOR OF SANTA FE STOCKHOLDERS); IT WAS OFFICIALLY NAMED IN HONOR OF WILLIAM PITT BALLINGER, A GALVESTON ATTORNEY AND STOCKHOLDER OF THE RAILWAYS. WITH RAIL AND FARMING DRIVING THE LOCAL ECONOMY THE COMMUNITY HAD AMAZING PROGRESS IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME! BY 1904 THE TOWN HAD FOUR COTTON GINS, AN ICE PLANT, STEAM LAUNDRY, STEAM BAKERY, CITY WATERWORKS, TELEPHONE COMPANY, THREE NEWSPAPERS, TWO LARGE FURNITURE STORES, THREE DRUGSTORES, A GRAIN AND FEED STORE, TWO HARDWARE STORES, FOUR LUMBER YARDS, TWO SADDLE STORES, SEVERAL DRY GOODS STORES, COAL YARDS, BLACKSMITH SHOPS,

WAGON YARD, COTTON YARDS, PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING, CHURCHES, HOTELS, AND RESTAURANT. TODAY THE COMMUNITY OFFERS UNIQUE SHOPPING AND DINING EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS HISTORICAL SITES TO VISIT LIKE THE AUTHENTICALLY RESTORED ANDREW CARNEGIE LIBRARY. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 325-365-2333 BALLINGERAREACHAMBER@AOL.COM (PAGE 25)

## **BRADY**

(POP. 5,544)

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS, AND THE TRUE HEART OF TEXAS IS MCCULLOCH COUNTY - THE GEOGRAPHIC CENTER OF THE STATE. WHEN THE AREA WAS SETTLED IN THE 1870S, THE COMMUNITY WAS NAMED BRADY CITY AFTER BRADY CREEK, WHICH RUNS THROUGH TOWN. THE NAME WAS SHORTENED TO BRADY WHEN THE TOWN WAS INCORPORATED IN 1906. HENRY AND NANCY FULCHER, THE FIRST SETTLERS ON BRADY CREEK, DONATED LAND FOR THE TOWN SITE IN THE MID-1870S. A POST OFFICE OPENED IN 1876. AFTER RESIDENTS OF MCCULLOCH COUNTY CHOSE BRADY AS COUNTY SEAT ON MAY 15, 1876, THE TOWN GREW QUICKLY. BRADY HAD ABOUT FIFTY RESIDENTS IN 1877, AND A STONE COURTHOUSE WAS COMPLETED IN 1878. THOMAS MAPLES BEGAN WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE BRADY SENTINEL IN 1880. BY 1884, BRADY HAD TWO CHURCHES, A DISTRICT SCHOOL, THREE STORES, TWO HOTELS, AND 300 RESIDENTS. TODAY THE COMMUNITY IS A THRIVING BUSINESS HUB FOR THE SMALLER SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WHATEVER YOUR PLEASURE, YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HANG YOUR HAT IN THE TRUE HEART OF TEXAS! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 101 E FIRST, 888-577-5657 INFO@BRADYTX.COM (PAGE 26)

## **BRECKENRIDGE**

(POP. 5,666)

THE TOWN ORIGINATED ABOUT 1854 AND WAS CALLED PICKETVILLE. WHEN THE COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED IN 1876, THE TOWN WAS MADE COUNTY SEAT AND RENAMED BRECKENRIDGE AFTER JOHN C.

BRECKINRIDGE, U.S. SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY AND U.S. VICE PRESIDENT, ALTHOUGH THE SPELLING OF THE NAME WAS ALTERED. BRECKENRIDGE SERVED AS THE COURT AND LOCAL TRADING CENTER FOR SEVERAL QUIET DECADES UNTIL 1916-17, WHEN OIL DISCOVERIES AT RANGER OCCURRED. DRILLING STARTED AT THE BRECKENRIDGE FIELD IN 1918, BUT THE BOOM DID NOT REALLY GET UNDERWAY UNTIL 1920 WHEN THE TOWN SAW THE ARRIVAL OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS AND SPECULATORS WHO THREW UP ACRES OF TENTS AND SHACKS IN THE CLASSIC OIL BOOMTOWN MANNER. FROM A POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 1,500 IN JANUARY 1920 THE TOWN GREW TO 30,000 WITHIN A YEAR. ACTIVITY WAS FRENZIED AS SOME 200 WELLS WERE PUT DOWN INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; HORDES OF GAMBLERS, LIQUOR SELLERS AND HOUSES OF ILL REPUTE COULD BE FOUND TO PROVIDE RECREATION. TODAY THE ECONOMY IS BASED ON OIL AND GAS, RANCHING, SERVICE, RETAIL, AS WELL AS A DIVERSITY OF MANUFACTURING FACILITIES. BRECKENRIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, P O BOX 1466, BRECKENRIDGE, 76424, 254-559-2301 CHAMBER@BRECKENRIDGETEXAS.COM (PAGE 30)

## **BRONTE**

(POP. 974)

BRONTE, ON U.S. HIGHWAY 277 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH STATE HIGHWAY 158 IN EAST CENTRAL COKE COUNTY, WAS FOUNDED IN THE LATE 1880S AND NAMED FOR THE ENGLISH NOVELIST CHARLOTTE BRONTE. J.B. MCCUTCHEN DROVE A HERD OF CATTLE INTO THE AREA FROM SANTA ANNA IN 1889, AND OTHER SETTLERS FOLLOWED, INCLUDING DR. W. F. KEY, WHO STARTED THE TOWN. LUMBER WAS HAULED FROM BALLINGER FOR THE COMMUNITY'S EARLY BUILDINGS. OSO AND BRONCO WERE THE TOWN'S ORIGINAL NAMES, BUT THE POST OFFICE REJECTED BRONCO TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH ANOTHER TOWN. BRONTE HAD A POST OFFICE BY 1890; ALSO TWO CHURCHES AND A SCHOOL. THE KANSAS CITY, MEXICO AND ORIENT RAILWAY WAS COMPLETED THROUGH THE AREA IN 1907; SUBSEQUENTLY BRONTE WAS MOVED A

MILE TO BE NEAR THE TRACK TO BECOME A SHIPPING POINT ON THE RAILROAD. THE FIRST TRAIN RAN IN 1909. BY 1910, THE TOWN HAD NUMEROUS BUSINESSES, TWO COTTON GINS, A BANK, AND A NEWSPAPER. CITY HALL, 325-473-35001 BRONTETX@WCC.NET

## **BROWNWOOD**

(POP. 18,972)

BROWN COUNTY WAS FORMED ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER IN 1856 AND WAS ORGANIZED IN 1858, WITH BROWNWOOD DESIGNATED AS THE COUNTY SEAT. ONCE THE FRONTIER WAS SECURE FROM HOSTILE INDIANS, THE AREA BEGAN TO GROW, ECONOMICALLY SPURRED BY THE RAILROAD, AGRICULTURE, AND OIL. DURING WWII, BROWNWOOD WAS HOME TO CAMP BOWIE, THE LARGEST TRAINING FACILITY IN THE NATION AND A GERMAN POW CAMP. TODAY, BROWNWOOD'S ECONOMY REMAINS STRONG. CAMP BOWIE IS NOW THE NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING FACILITY, AS WELL AS THE INDUSTRIAL PARK, SPORTS COMPLEX, AQUATIC CENTER, AND MEDICAL COMPLEX. RICH IN HISTORY AND STEEPED IN TRADITION, BROWN COUNTY RESIDENTS ENJOY A RELAXED WAY OF LIFE THAT REVOLVES AROUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS. BROWNWOOD IS A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE, WITH EXCELLENT HUNTING, BEAUTIFUL LAKE BROWNWOOD AND AN ABUNDANCE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. WITH OVER 50 ANNUAL EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURE ABOUND WITH FESTIVALS, PERFORMANCES, AND ART EXHIBITS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BROWNWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 600 E. DEPOT, 325-646-9535 TOURISM@BROWNWOODCHAMBER.ORG (PAGE 32)

## **CISCO**

(POP. 3,853)

IN 1919, CONRAD HILTON CAME TO CISCO WITH PLANS TO BUY A BANK IN THE MIDST OF THE OIL BOOM. AT THAT TIME HOTEL ROOMS WERE BEING RENTED IN 8 HOUR SHIFTS FOR FANTASTIC PRICES. SEEING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFIT HE PURCHASED THE MOBLEY HOTEL IN THE CENTER OF DOWNTOWN CISCO

ESTABLISHING THE FIRST IN THE HILTON CHAIN OF HOTELS. DECEMBER 23, 1927 IS A DAY THAT WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED IN CISCO WHEN MARSHALL RATLIFF DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS ROBBED THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ONE OF TEXAS' MOST INFAMOUS CRIMES. VISIT CISCO AND TAKE A SHORT DRIVE OUT TO THE LAKE CISCO DAM TO SEE WHAT WAS ONCE THE LARGEST CONCRETE SWIMMING POOL IN THE WORLD. WHILE THERE, YOU WILL SEE REMNANTS OF THE OLD ZOO WHERE THE CAGES WERE ACTUALLY BUILT INTO THE HILLSIDES. WHEN IN CISCO VISIT THE ANTIQUE AND SPECIALTY SHOPS ON CONRAD HILTON BLVD. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS, DATES, AND TIMES OF ANNUAL EVENTS CONTACT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOCATED IN THE MOBLEY HOTEL, 309 CONRAD HILTON AVE, 254-442-2537 CISCOINFO@CISCOTX.COM (PAGE 33)

## **CLYDE**

(POP. 3,707)

CLYDE TRACES ITS ROOTS TO THE EXPANSION OF THE TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY, IN 1880, THROUGH THE CALLAHAN DIVIDE - BETWEEN THE BRAZOS AND COLORADO RIVERS. LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CREW GATHERED REGULARLY AT ROBERT CLYDE'S CONSTRUCTION CAMP AND SUPPLY TENT, HENCE THE AREA BEGAN TO BE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "CLYDE'S." THE TOWN WAS FORMALLY CHARTERED ON JULY 9, 1907. SITUATED ABOVE AN AQUIFER, CLYDE QUICKLY EARNED THE NICKNAME "LITTLE CALIFORNIA" FOR ITS BOUNTIFUL FRUIT AND VEGETABLE CROPS, WHICH WERE SHIPPED ACROSS TEXAS BY RAIL. FAST-FORWARD TO 2011 AND CLYDE CISD IS A TEA "RECOGNIZED" DISTRICT WITH NEW SCHOOLS, A NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND A NEW FOOTBALL STADIUM. CLYDE IS A CITY THAT IS BOTH PROUD OF ITS HISTORY AND PURPOSEFULLY FORGING AHEAD. UNDER PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP, CLYDE IS WELCOMING NEW BUSINESSES, RESTORING DOWNTOWN, AND EXPANDING ITS BORDERS. FESTIVALS, PARADES, ART GALLERIES, AND EVENTS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, CITY PARK, AND CLYDE LAKE ALL



ADD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CLYDE RESIDENTS. CITY OF CLYDE, 325-893-4234, MMURRAY@CLYDECITYHALL.COM (PAGE 34)

## **COLEMAN**

(POP. 4,583)

THE COMMUNITY HAD ITS ORIGIN IN 1876 WHEN R. J. CLOW DONATED A 160-ACRE SITE ON HORDS CREEK FOR A COUNTY SEAT. LOCATED ON THE WESTERN TRAIL, COLEMAN BOOMED AS A SUPPLY AND RECREATION CENTER FOR TRAIL DRIVERS BOUND FOR DODGE CITY, KANSAS. THE TOWN WAS NAMED AFTER THE COUNTY, NAMED FOR SAM HOUSTON'S AIDE ROBERT M. COLEMAN. SOON AFTER THE COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED IT HAD A COURTHOUSE IN COLEMAN, BUILT OF LUMBER TAKEN FROM ELMS FOUND ALONG JIM NED CREEK. THE COURTHOUSE ALSO HOUSED BACHELOR QUARTERS AND A GENERAL STORE AND WAS USED FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND COMMUNITY GATHERINGS. RAISING CATTLE WAS THE ONLY REAL INDUSTRY IN THE AREA LATE IN THE 19TH CENTURY. THE OCCASIONAL VISITOR WOULD EXPERIENCE SIGHTS OF THOUSANDS OF LONGHORNS TENDED TO BY HARDENED COWBOYS AS THE HERDS ROAMED THE OPEN, ROLLING TERRAIN. THE NEEDS OF THE RANCHERS AND RANCH HANDS SPURRED THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESSES. TODAY, COLEMAN STILL TAKES PRIDE IN ITS RANCHING HERITAGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE ENTIRE COUNTY CREDIBLY CLAIMS THE BEST HUNTING AND FISHING IN THE ENTIRE AREA, IF NOT THE STATE. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 325-625-2163 CHAMBER@COLEMANTEXAS.ORG (PAGE 35)

## **COLORADO CITY**

(POP. 4,100)

IN THE EARLY 1800'S COMANCHE, KIOWA, APACHE AND LIPAN INDIANS INHABITED THE AREA. MITCHELL COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED JANUARY 10, 1881 AND THE TOWN OF COLORADO WAS DESIGNATED AS THE COUNTY SEAT. THE T&P RAILROAD BUILT THEIR LINE TO COLORADO MAKING IT WEST TEXAS' FIRST BOOM TOWN. THE FIRST

TRAIN ARRIVED IN 1881. THE FIRST BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1880 BY A.W. DUNN. THE REV. O.F. ROGERS PREACHED THE TOWN'S FIRST SERMON IN JANUARY 1881, IN A SALOON, WITH THE BAR AND ITS ACCESSORIES COVERED WITH WAGON SHEETS. IN THE 1890'S COL. ISAAC ELLWOOD AND J.F. GLIDDEN, INVENTORS OF BARBED WIRE, ARRIVED. ELLWOOD LATER PURCHASED THE RENDERBROOK RANCH NEAR COLORADO AND ESTABLISHED THE "SPADE" BRAND. STATISTICS CANNOT BEGIN TO TELL THE STORY OF COLORADO, KNOWN AS THE "MOTHER CITY OF WEST TEXAS" AND NOW CALLED COLORADO CITY. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 157 WEST 2ND STREET, 325-728-3403 CHAMBER@CITYOFCOLORADOCITY.ORG (PAGE 36)

## **COMANCHE**

(POP. 4,259)

YOU WILL FIND ONE-OF-A-KIND TREASURES IN COMANCHE, ONE OF TEXAS' MOST HISTORIC COMMUNITIES! NAMED FOR THE COMANCHE INDIANS, COMANCHE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1858, WHEN JOHN DUNCAN OFFERED THE COUNTY 240 ACRES ON INDIAN CREEK AS A SITE FOR A COUNTY SEAT. HISTORIC PRESERVATION IS EVIDENT WITH SEVERAL HISTORICAL MARKERS DOWNTOWN FEATURING THE DEAN OF TEXAS GEOLOGY ROBERT THOMAS HILL AND THE NOTORIOUS OUTLAW KILLER JOHN WESLEY HARDIN. COMANCHE WAS ALSO HOME TO AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME ROYAL KING. COMANCHE BOASTS OF SPECIALTY AND ANTIQUE SHOPS, THE BEST DINING IN CENTRAL TEXAS, EXCEPTIONAL TROPHY HUNTING, HIKING TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL WATER SPORTS. ONE OF THE FINEST BASS FISHERIES IS LOCATED AT LAKE PROCTOR. AGRIBUSINESS IS NOTABLY PROMINENT AS COMANCHE PRODUCES AN ABUNDANCE OF DAIRY AND BEEF CATTLE, PEANUTS AND PECANS, MILK AND WINE (SERVED SEPARATELY OF COURSE). CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & AGRICULTURE, 325-356-3233 COMANCHETXCHAMBER@GMAIL.COM (PAGE 38)

## **CROSS PLAINS**

(POP. 980)

CROSS PLAINS WAS NAMED FOR THE CROSSING OF STAGE COACHES AND MILITARY ROADS. INITIALLY CALLED SCHLEICHER, CROSS PLAINS WAS RENAMED AND GRANTED A POST OFFICE IN 1878. EARLY GERMAN SETTLERS CLAIMED THIS AREA TO BE AS NEAR PARADISE AS ONE COULD IMAGINE WITH OPEN PLAINS, NATIVE GRASS AND ABUNDANT WILDLIFE. CROSS PLAINS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A FARMING AND RANCHING CENTER; HOWEVER, IN THE 1920S IT BECAME AN OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION CENTER AND, TODAY HAS A LARGE TRADE TERRITORY OFFERING NUMEROUS MERCHANTS, CHURCHES AND RESTAURANTS. THERE IS EXCELLENT DOVE, QUAIL AND WHITE TAIL DEER HUNTING. ROBERT E. HOWARD, CREATOR OF CONAN THE BARBARIAN AND KULL THE CONQUEROR, DID MOST OF HIS WRITING HERE. THE CROSS PLAINS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PROJECT PRIDE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE WORKING TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND PROVIDE A THRIVING FUTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY. CITY OF CROSS PLAINS, 254-725-6114 DEB@CROSSPLAINS.ORG (PAGE 42)

## **DE LEON**

(POP. 2,246)

DE LEON IS THE TOWN THAT SPAWNED PULITZER PRIZE WINNING BIOGRAPHER WILLIAM SMITH WHITE. OTHER NATIONALLY PUBLISHED AUTHORS FROM DE LEON INCLUDE AARON LATHAM, AUTHOR OF URBAN COWBOY, CRIME WRITER JADA DAVIS, ROMANCE WRITER JOYLENE HAFFORD (EMILY AUSTIN), TEXAS HISTORIAN H. BAILEY CARROLL, NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN AND CHICAGO SUN PUBLISHER SILLIMAN EVANS, BRUCE MCGINNIS, CHARLES CHUPP, AND CARLA LANDRETH. DE LEON IS THE BOYHOOD HOME OF BEN BARNES WHO WAS THE YOUNGEST SPEAKER OF THE TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND YOUNGEST LT. GOVERNOR OUTSIDE THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD. THE PEANUT

SHELLING PLANT IN DE LEON (NOT CURRENTLY IN USE) WAS THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD AND DE LEON WAS THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTER OF THE LARGEST PEANUT ACREAGE ALLOTMENT PROGRAM IN THE U.S. AT ONE TIME. ITS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IS MAINLY CATTLE AND HAY, ALONG WITH PEANUTS, PECANS AND MELONS. "BUSIEST TOWN, FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE" HAS LONG BEEN DE LEON'S APPROPRIATE MOTTO. THE LIVING HERE IS EASY AND SECURE WITH GOOD SCHOOLS, A MODERN HOSPITAL, LOW TAXES AND EXCELLENT FIRE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 133 S. TEXAS, 254-893-2083 CHAMBER@CCTC.NET (PAGE 45)

## **DUBLIN**

(POP. 3,696)

BY OFFICIAL STATE PROCLAMATIONS, DUBLIN IS THE IRISH CAPITAL OF TEXAS. DUBLINERS DEBATE IF THE TOWN WAS NAMED FOR THE CAPITAL OF IRELAND, OR PERHAPS IN HONOR OF RUGGED SETTLERS WHO SHOUTED OUT "DOUBLE IN THE WAGONS" IN CASE OF AN INDIAN RAID, OR PERHAPS FOR AN EARLY STAGECOACH STOP CALL THE DOUBLE INN. ABOUT 1880, STAGECOACH SERVICE AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD BROUGHT PROSPERITY TO THE AREA. COTTON WAS KING. THREE OF THE COMMUNITY'S EARLY BUSINESSES (HIGGINBOTHAM'S, DUBLIN NATIONAL BANK AND DUBLIN BOTTLING WORKS) REMAIN IN OPERATION TODAY. THE COMMUNITY BOASTS OF FIVE MUSEUMS, RESTORED VICTORIAN AND BUNGALOW HOMES, NUMEROUS HISTORICAL MARKERS, THREE COMMUNITY PARKS, AN 1882 GRIST MILL, AN 1855 LOG CABIN AND LEGENDS SUCH AS GOLF ICON BEN HOGAN AND COUNTRY SINGER JOHNNY DUNCAN. DUBLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 221 S. PATRICK, 254-445-3422, INFO@DUBLINTXCHAMBER.COM. (PAGE 48)

## **EARLY**

(POP. 2,782)

AROUND 1869 PROBLEMS OVER WATER SUPPLY AND A DISPUTED LAND



TITLE INDUCED MANY CITIZENS OF BROWNWOOD TO MOVE FROM THE EAST TO THE WEST OF PECAN BAYOU. EARLY IS NAMED AFTER WALTER U EARLY, AN ATTORNEY WHO DONATED LAND IN 1928 FOR SEVERAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS. EARLY INCORPORATED ON DECEMBER 15, 1951. HEARLAND MALL, THE FIRST MALL IN BROWN COUNTY OPENED IN 1980, A CITY HALL WAS BUILDING IN 1982, AND A POST OFFICE OPENED IN 1985. EARLY CONTINUES TO GROWN TODAY AND HAS THE LARGEST TRAFFIC COUNT INTERSECTIONS IN BROWN COUNTY. EARLY CITY PARK AND MCDONALD PARK ARE GATHERING SPORTS FOR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, YOU FIND EARLY CITIZENS/VISITORS ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS! SHOPPING, DINING, HUNTING & FISHING – COME SEE WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN MISSING! VISIT EARLY TEXAS, 104 E. INDUSTRIAL, STE A2, 325-649-9300 [DHUDSON@EARLYTX.NET](mailto:DHUDSON@EARLYTX.NET) (PAGE 52)

## **EDEN**

(POP. 2,722)

ALTHOUGH MANY WOULD THINK OF A BIBLICAL REFERENCE, EDEN WAS NAMED FOR ITS FOUNDER FREDERICK EDE WHO MOVED TO CONCHO COUNTY WITH HIS FAMILY AROUND 1881. IN FEBRUARY 1882, EDE DESIGNATED FORTY ACRES OF HIS LAND AS A TOWN SITE AND DONATED LAND FOR THE TOWN SQUARE. WHEN THE POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1883, THE COMMUNITY OFFICIALLY BECAME KNOWN AS EDEN. THE FIRST SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY OPENED IN 1884–85 AND BY 1890 EDEN HAD A CHURCH, GENERAL STORE, SALOON, JEWELER AND A POPULATION OF 107. THE BANK, WHICH STILL STANDS TODAY, OPENED IN 1906 FOLLOWED BY THE TELEPHONE SERVICE IN 1907. EDEN FORMALLY INCORPORATED ON FEBRUARY 4, 1911. AS SHEEP RANCHING IN THE AREA INCREASED AFTER 1925, EDEN BECAME A TRADE CENTER FOR WOOL AND MOHAIR. BY 1940 THE LOCAL RAM SALE WAS ADVERTISED NATIONWIDE. CITY OF EDEN, 325-869-2211, [ECONDEV@EDENTEXAS.COM](mailto:ECONDEV@EDENTEXAS.COM)

## **GOLDTHWAITE**

(POP. 1,878)

THE COUNTY SEAT OF MILLS COUNTY, GOLDTHWAITE IS LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE COUNTY. THE TOWN, ONCE A PART OF WHAT WAS THEN SOUTHERN BROWN COUNTY IN 1885, WAS NAMED FOR JOE G. GOLDTHWAITE AND BECAME THE COUNTY SEAT OF MILLS COUNTY IN 1889. GOLDTHWAITE WATCHED ITS COURTHOUSE BURN IN 1912 AND WAS REPLACED WITH A BRICK STRUCTURE THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THE COUNTY'S FIRST SCHOOL LIBRARY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1915, THE SAME YEAR CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON LAKE MERRITT, SEVEN MILES FROM TOWN. MULLIN, TEN MILES NORTH OF GOLDTHWAITE IN WEST CENTRAL MILLS COUNTY, BECAME A TOWN SITE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANTA FE TRACK THROUGH THE AREA IN THE LATE 1880S AND WAS NAMED FOR A PIONEER FAMILY. PRIDDY, IN NORTHEAST MILLS COUNTY, WAS NAMED FOR THOMAS JEFFERSON PRIDDY, A PIONEER BAPTIST PREACHER AND TEXAS RANGER. THE FIRST HOMES IN THE COMMUNITY WERE BUILT IN THE EARLY 1880S, PRIMARILY BY GERMAN SETTLERS. WELCOME CENTER AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1203 FISHER ST., 325-648-3619 [GCC@CENTEX.NET](mailto:GCC@CENTEX.NET) (PAGE 56)

## **GORMAN**

(POP. 1,074)

GORMAN GREW OUT OF THE EARLIER COMMUNITY OF SHINOAK AND WAS RENAMED FOR PATRICK GORMAN, ROAD MASTER OF THE TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD IN 1889. BY 1904 GORMAN HAD VARIOUS STORES, A HOTEL, A GIN, A LUMBERYARD, A CANNING FACTORY, ELECTRIC STREET LIGHTS, AND A NEWSPAPER NAMED THE GORMAN LEDGER. HANKINS COLLEGE WAS LOCATED IN GORMAN FROM 1905 TO 1912. DURING THE EASTLAND COUNTY OIL BOOM OF 1917–22 GORMAN BECAME AN IMPORTANT SUPPLY CENTER, AND ITS POPULATION GREW CONSIDERABLY, SHOOTING PAST 20,000. GORMAN HAD THE FIRST BANK IN EASTLAND COUNTY, ITS OWN POWER PLANT AND THE INFAMOUS BLACKWELL SANATORIUM (AKA BLACKWELL HOSPITAL). THE FIRST PEANUT-SHELLING MACHINE IN TEXAS WAS USED IN GORMAN IN 1940 AND IN 1986 GORMAN HAD ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT SHELLING



PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE TEXAS PEANUT PRODUCERS BOARD AND THE SOUTHWEST PEANUT GROWERS' ASSN. WERE HEADQUARTERED IN GORMAN AT ONE TIME. TODAY, GORMAN IS A QUIET LITTLE TOWN, HOME TO THE PEANUT FESTIVAL AND SHIN OAK BBQ COOK-OFF EVERY YEAR ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER. CITY OF GORMAN, (254) 734-2317, CITYOFGORMAN@CCTC.NET (PAGE 58)

## **HAMILTON**

(POP. 3,016)

AT THE CROSSROADS OF US HIGHWAY 281 AND STATE HIGHWAY 36 IN CENTRAL TEXAS SITS THE QUIANT HILL COUNTRY TOWN OF HAMILTON. HAMILTON IS CENTRALIZED 100 MILES NORTH OF AUSTIN, SOUTH OF DALLAS/FORT WORTH, AND EAST OF ABILENE. TRAVELERS ARE ENTICED TO STOP IN HAMILTON BY THE SIGHT OF THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND THE UNIQUE SHOPPING AND DINING OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE WAY. HAMILTON BLENDS THE PERFECT COMBINATION OF HISTORICAL APPRECIATION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FUTURE. HARD WORK, NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT, AND A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE ARE JUST A FEW PIECES THAT PUT TOGETHER THE HAMILTON WAY OF LIFE. WELCOME TO OUR HOMETOWN! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 254-386-2116, HAMILTONCHAMBERTX@GMAIL.COM, #VISITHAMILTONTX. (PAGE 59)

## **HAMLIN**

(POP. 2,058)

PERCHED ON A WIDE PRAIRIE BETWEEN TWO FORKS OF THE BRAZOS RIVER, THE TOWN OF HAMLIN, INCORPORATED IN 1907, WAS BORN AT THE CROSSROADS OF THREE MAJOR AND ONE SHORT-GAUGE RAILWAY SYSTEM. COL. MORGAN JONES COMPLETED HIS 800-PLUS-MILE RAILROAD CAREER WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE ABILENE AND SOUTHERN LINE TO HAMLIN IN 1910. J.B.F. WRIGHT COMPOSED THE OLD HYMN MAINSTAY, "PRECIOUS MEMORIES," IN OCTOBER 1923 WHILE LIVING ON THE J.L. KEEN FARM JUST EAST OF HAMLIN'S CITY LIMITS. IN 1921 THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ADOPTED THE MASCOT OF THE "PIED PIPER"

TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED FOOTBALL TEAM; THIS UNIQUE MASCOT IS THE ONLY ONE KNOWN OF ITS KIND IN THE U.S. FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL'S IDENTITY. JUST AS ROBERT BROWNING'S PIED PIPER ENTICED THE CHILDREN INTO THE CAVE, MANY VISITORS FIND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO RESIST THE LURE AND TRANQUILITY OFFERED BY THIS SPIRITED CITY. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 245 S. CENTRAL AVENUE, 325-576-3501 [HTTP://WWW.HAMLINCO.COM](http://www.hamlinco.com) (PAGE 62)

## **HASKELL**

(POP. 3,320)

CROSSROADS OF THE TEXAS MIDWEST ON U.S. 277 & 380, THIS PICTURESQUE COMMUNITY IS THE HUB OF THE ROLLING PLAINS. NAMED FOR CHARLES READY HASKELL, A REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER WHO FELL WITH FANNIN AT GOLIAD, THE TOWN WAS INCORPORATED IN 1858 AND KNOWN AS WILLOW POND SPRINGS AND LATER AS RICE SPRINGS. BUFFALO, INDIANS, AND COWBOYS ALL USED THE SPRINGS AS A WATERING HOLE. WILD MUSTANGS ROAMED FREELY WEST OF HASKELL ON THE WILD HORSE KNOB PRAIRIE. AS THE COUNTY SEAT, HASKELL DOMINATED REGIONAL TRADE AND CULTURE. BARBEQUES AND DANCES WERE ANNUAL EVENTS. IN THOSE EARLY DAYS A LOCAL SALOON KNOWN AS THE ROAD TO RUIN WAS ALSO USED FOR CHURCH SERVICES. THROUGH THE CENTURY, THE TOWN EXPERIENCED BOTH BOOM AND BUST CYCLES, BUT THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF THE CITIZENS ALWAYS PREVAILED, AND TODAY HASKELL IS A THRIVING CENTER OF COMMERCE AND RETAIL TRADE IN THE AREA. HASKELL IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND RAISE A FAMILY. NATURE TOURISM IS ALSO BECOME A SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR BUSINESSES AND LANDOWNERS. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 22 AVENUE D, 940-864-2477 [CHAMBER@HASKELLTEXASUSA.COM](mailto:CHAMBER@HASKELLTEXASUSA.COM) (PAGE 64)



## HICO

(POP. 1,347)

HICO IS LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE GORGEOUS TEXAS HILL COUNTRY AT THE CROSSROADS OF HWY 6, HWY 220 AND HWY 281. THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF HICO WAS FOUNDED IN 1856 ON HONEY CREEK AND AFTER THE TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD WAS BUILT IN 1880, TOWN OFFICIALS PROPOSED THE TOWN BE MOVED 2.5 MILES IN ORDER TO BE ON THE RAILROAD. IN THE FALL OF 1890 THERE WERE TWO DISASTROUS FIRES. THE FIRST DESTROYED THE ENTIRE EAST SIDE OF PECAN STREET. A FEW WEEKS LATER THE WEST SIDE WAS ALSO DESTROYED. THE CITIZENS, NOT DAUNTED SAW A VISION OF A BIGGER AND BETTER HICO, AND THEY IMMEDIATELY BEGAN THE ERECTION OF HANDSOME, HAND CUT LIMESTONE STRUCTURES TO REPLACE THE OLDER AND SMALLER ONES. AS WITH MOST SMALL TOWNS, AS RURAL AMERICA DECLINED AND THE RAILROADS STARTED DISAPPEARING, HICO ALSO WENT FROM A THRIVING TOWN TO A SMALL COMMUNITY OF FARMERS AND RANCHERS. NOW HICO IS ONCE AGAIN GROWING WITH NEW BUSINESS AND INTEREST. HICO IS THE PERFECT GETAWAY FOR AN AFTERNOON OR A WEEKEND. CITY OF HICO, 254-796-4620 (PAGE 66)

## JACKSBORO

(POP. 4,491)

SETTLERS FIRST ARRIVED IN THE JACKSBORO AREA IN THE MID-1850S, ATTRACTED BY THE OFFERINGS OF THE TEXAS EMIGRATION AND LAND OFFICE. ALONG THE BANKS OF LOST CREEK, A SMALL COMMUNITY OF FARMERS TOOK ROOT AND SPREAD OUT OVER THE PASTURELAND BETWEEN THE RIVER AND THE WATERS OF THE WEST FORK OF KEECHI CREEK, SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL SETTLEMENT. AS THE DISTANCE FROM THE ORIGINAL SITE INCREASED AND THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS GREW, THE SETTLERS BEGAN REFERRING TO THE



TOWN TAKING SHAPE AS MESQUITEVILLE. THE TOWN WAS CHOSEN COUNTY SEAT IN 1858 AND RENAMED JACKSBOROUGH, OR JACKSBORO, IN HONOR OF WILLIAM H. JACK AND HIS BROTHER PATRICK, BOTH VETERANS OF THE TEXAS REVOLUTION. THAT YEAR THE FIRST STAGECOACH ARRIVED FROM THE BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL; THIS SERVICE RAN UNTIL EARLY 1861. TODAY JACKSBORO IS A PROGRESSIVELY GROWING COMMUNITY WITH NATIVE LIMESTONE DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS BUILT IN THE 1800'S, ECLECTIC SHOPPING, GREAT RESTAURANTS, BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, QUIET LAKE AND NATURE TRAILS. YOU'LL ENJOY YOUR TIME SPENT IN THIS FRIENDLY TOWN. TOURISM DEPT, 112 W. BELKNAP ST, 940-567-6321; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 302 S. MAIN ST, 940-567-2602 OFFICE@JACKSBOROCHAMBER.COM (PAGE 71)

## MENARD

(POP. 1,470)

A NEW COUNTY NAMED FOR MICHEL BRANAMOUR MENARD (THE FOUNDER OF GALVESTON), WAS FORMED FROM PART OF BEXAR COUNTY IN 1858, AND THE COUNTY SEAT WAS A NEW TOWN CALLED MENARDVILLE, NEAR THE SITE OF THE OLD PRESIDIO. THREATS OF CIVIL WAR INTERRUPTED IN THE NEW COUNTY'S GROWTH, AND INDIAN ATTACKS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY AFTER FEDERAL SOLDIERS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM FORT MCKAVETT IN 1859. MENARDVILLE BECAME THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL CENTER FOR THE AREA RANCHES AND AN OVERNIGHT STOP OF SEVERAL OF THE NORTH AND WEST CATTLE DRIVE TRAILS INCLUDE THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL TO DODGE CITY, KANSAS. THE ARRIVAL OF THE RAILROAD IN 1911 TURNED MENARD INTO A BOOMTOWN (THE NAME WAS SHORTENED AROUND THAT TIME). THROUGH MANY HISTORICAL EVENTS AND CHALLENGES OF NATURE, CITIZENS OF MENARD HAVE EMBRACED THE TIMES AND CELEBRATE THEM TODAY. THE REMARKABLE HISTORY OF MENARD IS WORTH EXPLORING.



COME VISIT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 325-396-2365, MENARDCHAMBER@GMAIL.COM (PAGE 73)

## **MERKEL**

(POP. 2,592)

MERKEL WAS FOUNDED IN THE EARLY 1880S WHEN THE T&P RAILWAY ARRIVED. KNOWN AS THE "WINDMILL TOWN" THE COMMUNITY WAS A SHIPPING POINT LIKE MANY OTHER TOWNS IN THE AREA. IT WAS RENAMED IN 1881 FOR ITS FIRST SETTLER, S. M. MERKEL. THE POPULATION WAS TWENTY-FIVE IN 1885 AND 400 IN 1890, WHEN THE TOWN HAD FOUR CHURCHES AND A SCHOOL. THE FIRST SCHOOL, CONDUCTED IN THE TRAIN DEPOT, WAS TAUGHT BY MRS. A. M. THORNTON; SEVEN CHILDREN ENROLLED. IN JUNE OF 1906 MERKEL INCORPORATED. THE TOWN HAD ONLY SEVENTEEN MAYORS IN THE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS FOLLOWING INCORPORATION; HENRY WEST HELD THE OFFICE FOR ELEVEN TERMS AT FOUR DIFFERENT TIMES. IN NOVEMBER 1904 THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK WAS ORGANIZED. FARMING AND RANCHING WERE THE PRIMARY ECONOMIC FACTORS IN MERKEL'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT. THOUGH AGRICULTURE CONTINUES TO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE TOWN'S ECONOMIC HEALTH, RESIDENTS ALSO RELY ON OIL-PRODUCTION JOBS AND MILITARY-SUPPORT JOBS AT DYESS AIR FORCE BASE. THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR MERKEL ARE NEW RETAIL STORES AND A MEDICAL CLINIC. CITY HALL, 325-928-4911 (PAGE 76)

## **MILES**

(POP. 829)

MILES, FOUNDED IN 1888 AS A STATION FOR THE SANTA FE RAILROAD, WAS NAMED AFTER JONATHAN MILES, WHO DONATED \$5,000 FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE RAILROAD BETWEEN BALLINGER AND SAN ANGELO. THE TOWN HAS ALSO BEEN KNOWN AS MILES CITY. GOOD SOIL AND ATTRACTIVE PRICES BROUGHT IMMIGRANTS TO THE AREA, MANY BEING OF GERMAN



DESCENT. SEVERAL OF THE ROCK BUILDINGS STILL STANDING WERE BUILT IN THE EARLY 1900'S AND THE TOWN HAD A POPULATION OF 814 IN 1940. AT ONE TIME THERE WERE TWO BANKS, THREE DRUGSTORES, TWO BARBER SHOPS, A FUNERAL PARLOR, TWO HARDWARE STORES, SEVERAL GROCERY AND CLOTHING STORES, TWO MEAT MARKETS, A WAGON YARD AND LIVERY STABLE, AS WELL AS A DEPOT, JAIL AND SEVERAL SALOONS. THE HISTORIC LANDMARK, TWO-STORY OPERA HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1904 AND SERVED AS A VENUE FOR PLAYS, MUSICALS AND VAUDEVILLE ACTS. IT LATER BECAME A HOTEL AND NOW SERVES AS THE MILES SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND A GATHERING SPOT FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE LANDMARK WAS PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER IN 1976. A BEAUTIFUL RED BRICK STREET RUNS THROUGH DOWNTOWN AND WAS LAID "ONE BRICK AT A TIME" IN 1926. CITY HALL, 325-468-3151, CITYOFMILES@MILESTX.ORG (PAGE 77)

## **MUNDAY**

(POP. 1,341)

THE COMMUNITY DATES FROM 1893, WHEN A STORE WAS BUILT AT THE SITE. ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS MAUD, IT WAS RENAMED FOR POSTMASTER R.P. MUNDAY WHEN THE FIRST POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1894. IN 1903, WEST MUNDAY MERCHANTS – SEPARATED BY A THOUSAND YARDS FROM EAST MUNDAY – MOVED THEIR BUILDINGS TO THE EAST. THE WICHITA VALLEY RAILROAD ARRIVED IN 1906, THE SAME YEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY INCORPORATED. WITH 968 RESIDENTS IN 1910, MUNDAY WAS EASILY THE LARGEST TOWN IN KNOX COUNTY. BY 1950, THE POPULATION REACHED 2,270. THE POPULATION SLOWLY DECREASED THROUGHOUT THE LATTER HALF OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. TODAY IT IS A COMMUNITY WITH EXCELLENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND A NUMBER OF LOCAL AMENITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TO THE COMMUNITY. FARMING AND RANCHING ARE THE MAIN INDUSTRIES. THE MUNDAY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS EAGER TO HELP IN



RELOCATION, EXPANSION AND NEW BUSINESS START-UPS. BE SURE TO VISIT OUR LITTLE TOWN ON THE PRAIRIE. CITY HALL, 940-422-4331 CITYSECRETARY@MUNDAYTEXAS.COM (PAGE 78)

## **RANGER**

(POP. 2,459)

RANGER'S COLORFUL HISTORY BEGAN IN A LUXURIOUS VALLEY IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES NORTH EAST OF THE PRESENT TOWN SITE. THIS PLACE WAS RANGER CAMP VALLEY, SO NAMED BECAUSE THE TEXAS RANGERS SET UP CAMP BEFORE 1870 AND PRIOR TO THE COMING OF THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD THROUGH EASTLAND COUNTY IN 1880. THEN CAME THE FAMOUS DAY IN OCTOBER 1917 WHEN THE OIL GUSHED FROM THE MCCLESKEY NO. 1 WELL WHICH PRODUCED IN EXCESS OF 2,000 BARRELS PER DAY. WORD SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE AND THE OIL BOOM BEGAN. RANGER WAS CHANGED OVERNIGHT FROM A SLEEPY TOWN OF SEVERAL HUNDRED TO A THRIVING CITY OF OVER 30,000. THE OIL BOOM, KNOWN AS "THE BOOM THAT WON THE WAR" (WWI), EARNED RANGER THE REPUTATION OF "THE CITY OF FLOWING GOLD". FOR A RELAXING VISIT TO DISCOVER INSIGHTS TO A REMARKABLE HISTORY OR TO PURSUE A PERMANENT LIFESTYLE RANGER HAS LOTS TO OFFER. COMMUNITY INFORMATION, 254-647-1880 RCL@TXOL.NET (PAGE 80)

## **RISING STAR**

(POP. 828)

IN 1874 SEVEN FAMILIES MOVING WESTWARD IN SEARCH OF THEIR DREAMS FOUND THIS AREA IDEAL FOR RAISING THEIR CHILDREN AND CROPS. THE UNIQUE NAME OF THE TOWN CAME MUCH LATER AS THE POPULATION GREW AND A MAIL ROUTE WAS BEING ESTABLISHED. THE SETTLERS CONVENE TO FIND A SUITABLE NAME. AFTER DELIBERATION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT WITHOUT SUCCESS, THEY BECAME AWARE OF THE MORNING STAR TWINKLING IN THE SKY. THE REVELATION LED TO THE DECISION TO ADOPT THE NAME "RISING STAR". TODAY RISING STAR OFFERS SMALL TOWN LIVING IN A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY. HUGH

OAK, PECAN, COTTONWOOD AND MESQUITE TREES HINT OF THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE SOIL AND CLIMATE. THE FARMING COMMUNITY PRODUCES WHEAT, OATS, WATERMELON, CANTALOUPE, PEACHES, PECANS AND BEAUTIFUL HAY FIELDS. FOUR LAKES WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' DRIVE OFFER FISHING, SWIMMING, BOATING AND CAMPING. THE TOWN IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS GREENHOUSE, VINEYARD, LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT, GOLF COURSE AND OPEN AIR MARKET. CITY HALL, 254-643-4261 JCLARK@RISINGSTARTEXAS.NET (PAGE 81)

## **ROBERT LEE**

(POP. 1,018)

LOCATED AT THE NORTH EDGE OF THE EDWARDS PLATEAU IN THE COLORADO RIVER VALLEY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE PROVIDED A REFUGE FOR COMANCHE, LIPAN-APACHE, AND JUMANOS. WHEN THE SPANIARDS INTRODUCED THE MUSTANG TO THE TERRITORY, THE INDIAN TRIBES BECAME FIERCER AND NOMADIC. DOCUMENTATION SHOWS THAT CORONADO PROBABLY CAME THROUGH THE AREA FOLLOWING THE COLORADO RIVER NORTH. RANCHERS AND HOMESTEADERS WERE DRAWN TO THE AREA AND COKE COUNTY BECAME PART OF THE RANGE WAR HISTORY. AN EVENT IN COKE COUNTY MADE CARRYING FENCE CUTTERS A FELONY DURING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE. A CHUNK OF BURNED BARBED WIRE REMAINS IN THE OLD JAIL IN ROBERT LEE AS TESTIMONY TO THOSE TIMES. TWO EARLY SETTLERS WHO WERE CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND HAD FOUGHT WITH ROBERT E. LEE NAMED THE TOWN. FOLLOWING A MASSIVE STRUGGLE OVER THE LOCATION, ROBERT LEE BECAME THE COUNTY SEAT IN 1891. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL, EMS AND VFD, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS. CITY HALL, 6 EAST 7TH, 325-453-2831 ROBERTLEETEXAS@WTXS.NET (PAGE 83)

## **ROSCOE**

(POP. 1,307)

ROSCOE, SETTLED IN 1889 AND INCORPORATED IN 1907, SERVES AREA RANCHERS AND COTTON FARMERS AND FOR OVER 75 YEARS WAS THE HOME BASE OF THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ROSCOE, SNYDER & PACIFIC RAILWAY. ORIGINALLY AN 1881 WATER STOP FOR THE TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILWAY CALLED KATULA, IT WAS LATER RE-NAMED VISTA IN 1889 BY ITS FIRST SETTLERS. THEN IN 1891 WHEN IT GOT A POST OFFICE, IT WAS RE-NAMED ROSCOE BECAUSE THERE WAS ALREADY ANOTHER VISTA. A PROSPEROUS LITTLE TOWN UNTIL IT WAS BYPASSED BY I-20 IN 1959 AND US 84 TWENTY YEARS LATER; IT SUFFERED THE LOSS OF MOST OF ITS LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE 1980S AND 1990S. HOWEVER, IN 2003 IT BECAME THE CENTER OF A MAJOR WIND TURBINE BOOM AND OVER THE PAST DECADE HAS REBOUNDED TO ONCE AGAIN BECOME A VITAL, THRIVING COMMUNITY. SINCE 2008, THE NATIONAL MEDIA HAS DESIGNATED ROSCOE THE "WIND CAPITAL OF THE WORLD" BECAUSE OF ITS HUGE WIND FARMS, A FOCUS OF ATTENTION IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, NPR, PBS, FILM DOCUMENTARIES AND OTHERS. CITY HALL, 325-766-3871 CODYMT81@HOTMAIL.COM (PAGE 85)

## **SAN ANGELO**

(POP. 100,119)

SAN ANGELO BEGAN IN THE LATE 1860S ACROSS THE NORTH CONCHO RIVER FROM FORT CONCHO, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1867. ORIGINALLY SAN ANGELO WAS NAMED AFTER THE WIFE OF BARTHOLOMEW DEWITT WHO BOUGHT 360 ACRES OPPOSITE FORT CONCHO FOR \$1 PER ACRE. THE TOWN HAD BEEN SPELLED SAN ANGELA BUT THAT SPELLING WAS REJECTED BY THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES FOR ITS "UNGRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTION." THEY WOULD ACCEPT SANTA ANGELA OR SAN ANGELO; THE EASIER TO PRONOUNCE VERSION WON. SAN ANGELO HAS ALWAYS HAD A DIVERSE ECONOMY, DEVELOPING A SHEEP RAISING INDUSTRY IN THE 1870S AND THE RAILROAD APPEARED IN 1888. SAN ANGELO'S RICH HISTORY WEAVES

TOGETHER CENTURIES OF NATIVE AMERICAN, TEXAS AND PIONEER CULTURE AND TODAY SAN ANGELO'S HISTORY IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND PROUDLY ON DISPLAY. FROM THE HISTORIC STRUCTURES TO CULTURALLY SOPHISTICATED MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES TO THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE COMMUNITY, SAN ANGELO IS AN OASIS IN WEST TEXAS, OFF THE BEATEN PATH. SAN ANGELO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, 418 W. AVE. B, 325-655-4136 OR 800-375-1206 CVB@SANANGELO.ORG (PAGE 86)

## **SANSABA**

(POP. 3,108)

SAN SABA TOOK ITS NAME FROM THE RIVER THAT FLOWS EASTERLY THROUGH THE COUNTY, JOINING THE COLORADO RIVER FORMING A FAN SHAPED COUNTY IN THE HEART OF TEXAS. IN 1854 TWO TREATIES WERE SIGNED WITH THE INDIANS: MARCH 2, 1847 JOHN O MEUSEBACK AND 20 COMANCHE CHIEFS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GERMAN SETTLERS OF FREDERICKSBURG (STILL IN EFFECT; NEVER BROKEN); THEN ON DECEMBER 10, 1850, JOHN H ROLLINS, SPECIAL US AGENT FOR THE INDIANS OF TEXAS SIGNED A TREATY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE INDIAN TRIBES NEAR WALLACE CREEK. THE TOWN OF SAN SABA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1854. IN 1856, THE COUNTY WAS CARVED OUT OF THE THEN HUGE BEXAR COUNTY AND SAN SABA WAS NAMED THE COUNTY SEAT. BY 1857 THE FIRST COURTHOUSE WAS COMPLETED SERVING AS SCHOOLHOUSE AND MEETING HALL. IN 1874 E E RISIEN, A YOUNG CABINET MAKER FROM ENGLAND, ARRIVED WHILE ON HIS WAY TO CALIFORNIA. HE RETURNED TO SETTLE AND BEGAN IMPROVING THE NATIVE PECANS - DEVELOPING THE PAPER SHELL PECAN. THUS, SAN SABA CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE PECAN CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. CITY HALL, 325-372-5144 SANSABA@CENTEX.NET (PAGE 89)

## **SANTA ANNA**

(POP. 1,075)

THE TWIN MESAS IN COLEMAN COUNTY WERE A LANDMARK TO EARLY SURVEYORS

AND SETTLERS. ONE OF THE EARLIEST MAPS OF TEXAS SHOWS MESAS NEAR THE CENTER OF THE STATE WITH THE NOTATION "SANTA ANNA'S PEAKS". THE MOUNTAIN AND LATER THE TOWN WERE NAMED FOR THE COMANCHE CHIEF SANTA ANNA. USING THE PEAKS AS AN OBSERVATION POST, TEXAS RANGERS CAMPED IN THE AREA LONG BEFORE IT WAS SETTLED. WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANTA FE RAILROAD THROUGH THE TOWN IN 1886 AND THE SALE OF A 200-ACRE TRACT OF RAILROAD LAND FOR TOWN LOTS, SANTA ANNA BEGAN TO GROW RAPIDLY. AMONG PROMINENT EARLY RESIDENTS WAS JOHN RILEY, A TEXAS RANGER AND COUNTY SHERIFF, AND HIS WIFE, EMMA BANISTER, WHO BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN SHERIFF IN TEXAS AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH. VISITORS NOW FREQUENT THE TOWN FOR ITS UNIQUE SHOPPING; ART, PHOTO GALLERY, ANTIQUES, CUSTOM-MADE FURNITURE FROM NATIVE WOOD, CUSTOM IRONWORK, METAL ART AND BOUTIQUES. TRADITIONAL PLATFORMS OF AGRICULTURE AND OIL ARE GIVING WAY TO OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AND HERITAGE TOURISM. SANTA ANNA EDC, 325-348-3177, SAEDC@WEB-ACCESS.NET (PAGE 90)

## **SEYMOUR**

(POP. 2,660)

SEYMOUR'S TOWN SITE WAS SETTLED IN 1874 AND INCORPORATED IN 1879. THE COMMUNITY WAS SETTLED BY PIONEERS FROM OREGON WHO CALLED THE PLACE OREGON CITY. WHEN ITS POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1879, THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO SEYMOUR, REPORTEDLY FOR SEYMOUR MUNDAY, A LOCAL COWBOY. THE EARLY DAYS WERE LIVELY BECAUSE OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN COWBOYS AND SETTLERS, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE KILLING OF COUNTY JUDGE IN 1880. SEYMOUR BOOMED AFTER CITIZENS RAISED \$50,000 TO ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WICHITA VALLEY LINE THROUGH THE AREA IN 1890; WHEN THE RAILROAD BUILT THROUGH, MOST RESIDENTS OF NEARBY ROUND TIMBERS MOVED TO SEYMOUR. THE TOWN GREW AGAIN AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF OIL IN THE

COUNTY IN 1906. THE 1890 RAILROAD BOOM HAD BEEN SHORT-LIVED AND THE TOWN CORPORATION, ORGANIZED IN 1890, WAS DISSOLVED IN 1892 DUE TO INABILITY TO MEET OBLIGATIONS. WITH ITS ECONOMIC REVIVAL IN 1906, SEYMOUR ONCE AGAIN INCORPORATED. A COWBOY REUNION AND RODEO HAS BEEN HELD ANNUALLY SINCE 1896; THUS MAKING IT THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY HELD RODEO REUNION IN TEXAS. CITY OF SEYMOUR, 940-889-0030 LBUSH@CITYOFSEYMOUR.ORG (PAGE 92)

## **SNYDER**

(POP. 11,400)

SNYDER IS WHERE BUFFALO HUNTER J. WRIGHT MOOAR, KILLED ONE OF ONLY 7 WHITE BUFFALO EVER SEEN IN THE U.S. THE ORIGINAL HIDE IS ON DISPLAY AT THE RANCH HOME OF MOOAR'S GRANDDAUGHTER JUDY HAYS. THE TOWN WAS NAMED AFTER WILLIAM HENRY (PETE) SNYDER ON NOVEMBER 21, 1885. THE FIRST BUILDING WAS ERECTED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SQUARE WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AS THE TAVERN. SITES IN SCURRY COUNTY INCLUDE FIELDS OF SNOW-WHITE COTTON, HERDS OF TEXAS CATTLE, MILES OF BOBBING PUMP JACKS BOWING TO PAST AND PRESENT, OILRIGS HIGHLIGHTING THE TERRAIN LIKE MAGNIFICENT MONUMENTS AND WIND FARMS WITH AMAZING VIEWS OF WIND TURBINES THAT MESMERIZE TRAVELERS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS CONNECTING SNYDER TO NEARBY COMMUNITIES. YOU WILL SEE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS AND STARRY NIGHTS YOUR MIND CAN IMAGINE. VISIT SNYDER – THE HOSPITALITY, LIKE THE WARM AND FRIENDLY SUN, SHINES ALL YEAR LONG! CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS CENTER, 2302 AVE R, 325-573-3558 INFO@SNYDERCHAMBER.ORG (PAGE 96)

## **STAMFORD**

(POP. 3,030)

STAMFORD WAS FOUNDED IN 1900 ALONG THE TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD ON 640 ACRES OF LAND DONATED BY THE SONS OF SWANTE MAGNUS SWENSON WHO OWNED THE TOWN SITE AND SURROUNDING AREA AS A PART OF THE SWENSON RANCH. THE



TOWN WAS NAMED AFTER STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, THE HOMETOWN OF H. MCHARG, WHO THE PRESIDENT OF THE RAILROAD AT THE TIME. TODAY, STAMFORD IS HOME OF OVER 3,000 PEOPLE AND BOASTS A THRIVING ECONOMY THAT INCLUDES AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BUSINESSES. STAMFORD IS ALSO HOME TO THE TEXAS COWBOY REUNION, A RODEO HOSTED EVERY YEAR AROUND THE FOURTH OF JULY. STAMFORD IS A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS FORTS TRAIL AND IS HOME TO ALMOST 30 REGISTERED HISTORICAL SITES. OTHER ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE ONE OF THE ONLY REMAINING OPERATING CARNEGIE LIBRARY, A 9-HOLE GOLF COURSE, MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ARLEDGE FIELD AND A LARGE FISHING AND BOATING LAKE. DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF STAMFORD, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 107 E. MCHARG STREET, 325-773-2495 OR 325-773-2411 EDDIRECTOR@STAMFORDTX.COM OR CHAMBERDIRECTOR@STAMFORDTX.ORG (PAGE 98)

## **STEPHENVILLE**

(POP. 20,797)

STEPHENVILLE, THE COUNTY SEAT OF ERATH COUNTY, IS ON THE NORTH BOSQUE RIVER AT THE JUNCTION OF U.S. HIGHWAYS 67, 377, AND 281, 100 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DALLAS. IT IS NAMED FOR JOHN M. STEPHEN, WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1854 AND DONATED THE LAND FOR THE TOWNSITE LAID OUT BY GEORGE B. ERATH WHEN THE COUNTY WAS ORGANIZED IN 1856. STEPHEN DONATED AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY ACRES OF TIMBER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND BECAME THE FIRST POSTMASTER IN 1857. BY 1858, WHEN THE POPULATION HAD GROWN TO 766, COMANCHE RAIDS WERE COMMON. THE TURMOIL CAUSED BY THESE INDIAN RAIDS AND BY THE CIVIL WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH REDUCED THE POPULATION TO 300 BY 1871. THEREAFTER, THE TOWN GREW STEADILY AS A CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION. AFTER 1886 THE AREA WAS ALSO A CENTER FOR COAL MINING, AN IMPORTANT INDUSTRY THERE

FOR THE NEXT THIRTY YEARS. THE TOWN WAS PERMANENTLY INCORPORATED IN 1889, THE YEAR THE FORT WORTH AND RIO GRANDE RAILWAY ARRIVED. STEPHENVILLE IS HOME OF THE COWBOY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD PRO-RODEO, AND RECENTLY DESIGNATED AS A MUSIC FRIENDLY COMMUNITY BY THE TEXAS MUSIC OFFICE, AS WELL AS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. STEPHENVILLE TOURISM AND VISITOR BUREAU, 298 W WASHINGTON ST, 254-552-1222, TOURISM@STEPHENVILLETX.GOV. (PAGE 100)

## **STRAWN**

(POP. 643)

STRAWN WAS ONE OF SEVERAL TOWNS DEVELOPED IN THE EARLY 1880'S WHEN THE T&P RAILWAY BEGAN SERVICE IN THE AREA. THE TOWN WAS LAID OUT ON THE LAND OF TWO EARLY RANCHERS, S.B. STRAWN AND J. N. STUART. STUART BUILT THE FIRST HOUSE IN 1875 WHICH, ALONG WITH STRAWN'S HOUSE, STILL STANDS TODAY. THE POPULATION GREW STEADILY BUT PEAKED IN THE 1920'S WITH FIRST THE COAL BOOM AND THEN THE OIL BOOM. IMMIGRANTS FROM ITALY, POLAND, MEXICO, AUSTRIA/HUNGRY, GERMANY AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WERE BROUGHT IN TO WORK THE MINES CREATING A DIVERSE MELTING POT OF NATIONALITIES AND RELIGIONS. THE MINES PRODUCED 1.6 MILLION TONS BETWEEN 1910 AND 1920; MOST OF WHICH WAS SOLD TO RAILROADS. FOR OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS, SEVERAL POPULAR LAKES, INCLUDING BEAUTIFUL POSSUM KINGDOM, ARE LESS THAN A 30-MINUTE DRIVE AWAY, AS IS PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE BRAZOS RIVER. IN 2012, THE TPWD PURCHASED 5,000 ACRES WEST OF STRAWN SURROUNDING LAKE TUCKER FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW STATE PARK. PALO PINTO MOUNTAINS STATE PARK IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN 2023. STRAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 254-595-0197 STRAWNCHAMBER@ATT.NET (PAGE 102)



## **SWEETWATER**

(POP. 10,681)

SWEET-WATER, ESTABLISHED IN THE 1870'S, WAS A TRADING POST WITH THE NAME DERIVED FROM "MOBEETIE", THE KIOWA WORD FOR "SWEET WATER" TO DESCRIBE THE WATER IN A NEARBY CREEK. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SWEETWATER WAS AN UNRULY COMMUNITY IN EARLY DAYS. HOWEVER, THE MOST CELEBRATED OCCASION OF VIOLENCE OCCURRED BECAUSE SWEETWATER LACKED A BANK. IT WAS RUMORED THE SALOON OFTEN HELD UP TO \$20,000 IN CASH DEPOSITS LEFT BY RESIDENTS. IN FEBRUARY 1883 THERE WAS A RAID ON THE SALOON THAT RESULTED IN THE MURDER OF THE OWNERS AND THE WOUNDING OF A BYSTANDER. ELEVEN OF THE SEVENTEEN MURDER INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN 1881-83 AROSE FROM THIS SALOON ROBBERY ATTEMPT. THE NEXT MONTH THOMAS TRAMMELL AND OTHERS ESTABLISHED A BANK. MOVING FORWARD IN TIME, THE ARMY AIR FORCE USED SWEETWATER'S AIRFIELD FOR TRAINING DURING WORLD WAR II. IN 1943 THE WOMEN'S AIR FORCE SERVICE PILOTS (WASP) WERE TRAINED THERE. TODAY SWEETWATER IS HOME OF AVENGER FIELD, WHERE THE NATIONAL WASP WWII MUSEUM IS LOCATED ALONG WITH A MEMORIAL TO THESE DARING LADIES. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 810 E. BROADWAY, 325-235-5488 CHAMBER@SWEETWATERTEXAS.ORG (PAGE 104)

## **TYE**

(POP. 1,247)

LOCATED JUST WEST OF ABILENE ON I-20, TYE WAS INCORPORATED IN 1954. SHORTLY AFTER THE TEDCO RAILROAD TRACK WAS LAID, A METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER, THE REV. JOHN TYE, SERVED AS THE FIRST POSTMASTER. IN HIS HONOR THE NAME WAS CHANGED FROM TEBO TO TYE. IN 1882 INDIAN CREEK NEAR TYE OFFERED A PICTURESQUE SETTING TO THOSE WHO CAME SEEKING A HOME. THE AREA WAS RANCH LAND WITH LONGHORN CATTLE, DEER, AND JACKRABBITS. THERE WERE WELL-POPULATED PRAIRIE DOG TOWNS, ROADRUNNERS AND RATTLESNAKES WHEN

THE STOUTHEARTED PIONEERS CAME TO SETTLE. INDEED, THE EARLY SETTLERS FOUND A WILD, REGAL BEAUTY IN SPITE OF THE WIND, DUST AND DROUGHT. WATER WAS ALMOST AS SCARCE AS HEN'S TEETH, AS AN OLD TIMER WOULD SAY. THERE HAS BEEN GROWTH IN POPULATION, AS SEVERAL NEW BUSINESSES FROM SMALL TO LARGER CORPORATIONS HAVE LOCATED IN TYE BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY WORKS TOGETHER. TYE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TYE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 649 SCOTT ST, 325-695-8253 TEDCO@CITYOFTYEEDC.ORG (PAGE 107)

## **WINTERS**

(POP. 2,545)

LARGE RANCHES AND CATTLE GRAZING DEVELOPED IN THE WINTERS AREA IN THE 1870-1880'S. IN THE LATE 1880'S, FARMERS BEGAN TO SETTLE ON THE FERTILE LAND. IN 1889, A GENERAL STORE WAS ESTABLISHED AND A SMALL SCHOOL HOUSE WAS BUILT ON LAND DONATED BY RANCHER AND LAND AGENT, MR. J. N. WINTERS. IN 1890, TOWNSPEOPLE AGREED TO NAME THE TOWN FOR MR. WINTERS. THE NEW TOWN WAS CHARTERED IN 1894. THE COMMUNITY CONTINUED TO GROW AND IN 1901 A BRASS BAND WAS ORGANIZED. THE BAND TRAVELED ON A BANDWAGON DRAWN BY FOUR WHITE HORSES AND BECAME WELL KNOWN AS THEY TRAVELED OVER WEST TEXAS. THE ABILENE AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD ARRIVED IN 1909 AND A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1911, WITH PICK AXES, A FEW BUCKETS, AND TWO LADDERS. IN 2013 WINTERS BECAME THE FIRST CITY IN TEXAS TO RECEIVE A HISTORICAL MARKER RESULTING FROM SOCIAL MEDIA PLAY. THE CHICK-INN DRIVE-IN DINER DID MUCH TO DEFINE THE AUTOMOBILE CULTURE OF THE 1950S AND 60S, A TIME OF CHEAP GASOLINE AND MUSCLE CARS. THE HISTORICAL MARKER COMMEMORATES THIS HISTORY. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 325-754-5210, WWW.CITYOFWINTERS.NET (PAGE 108)

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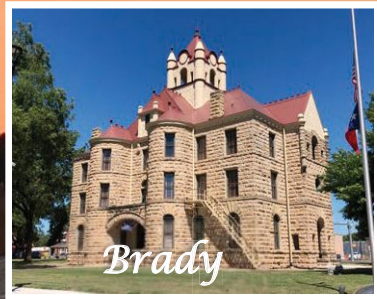


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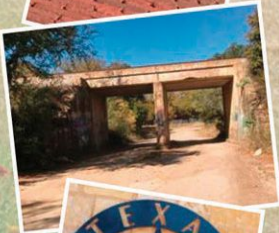
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