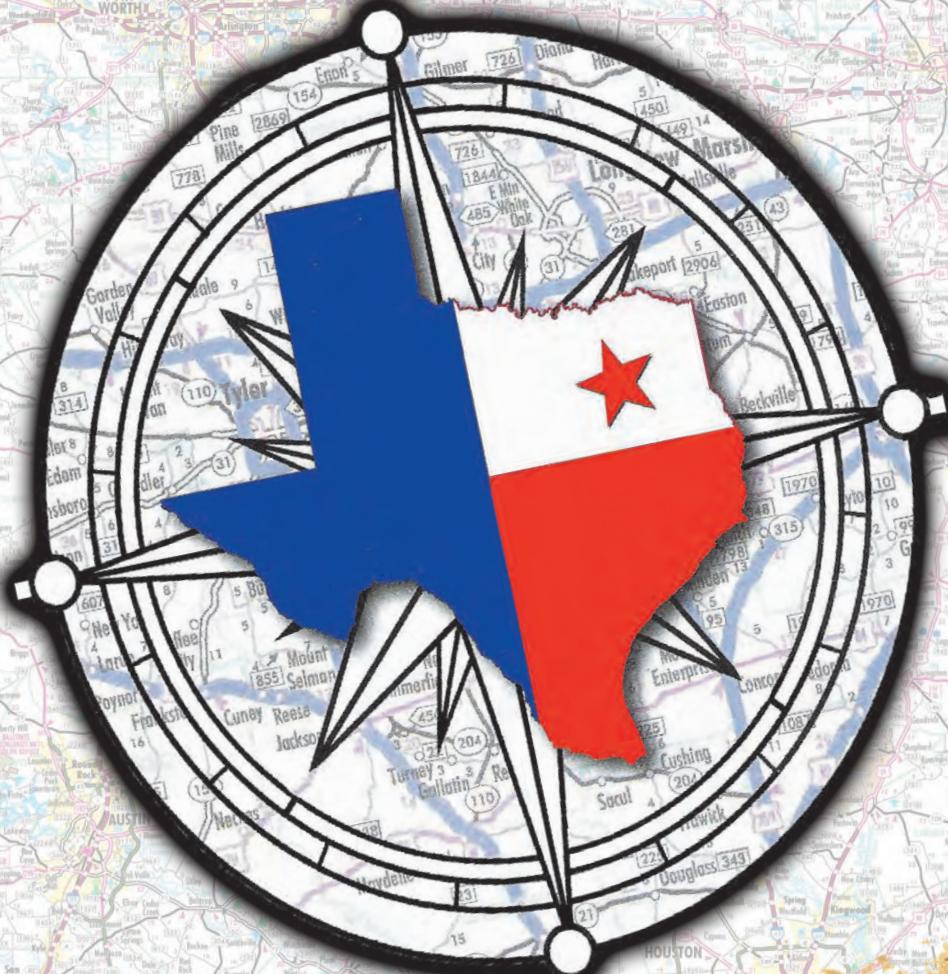


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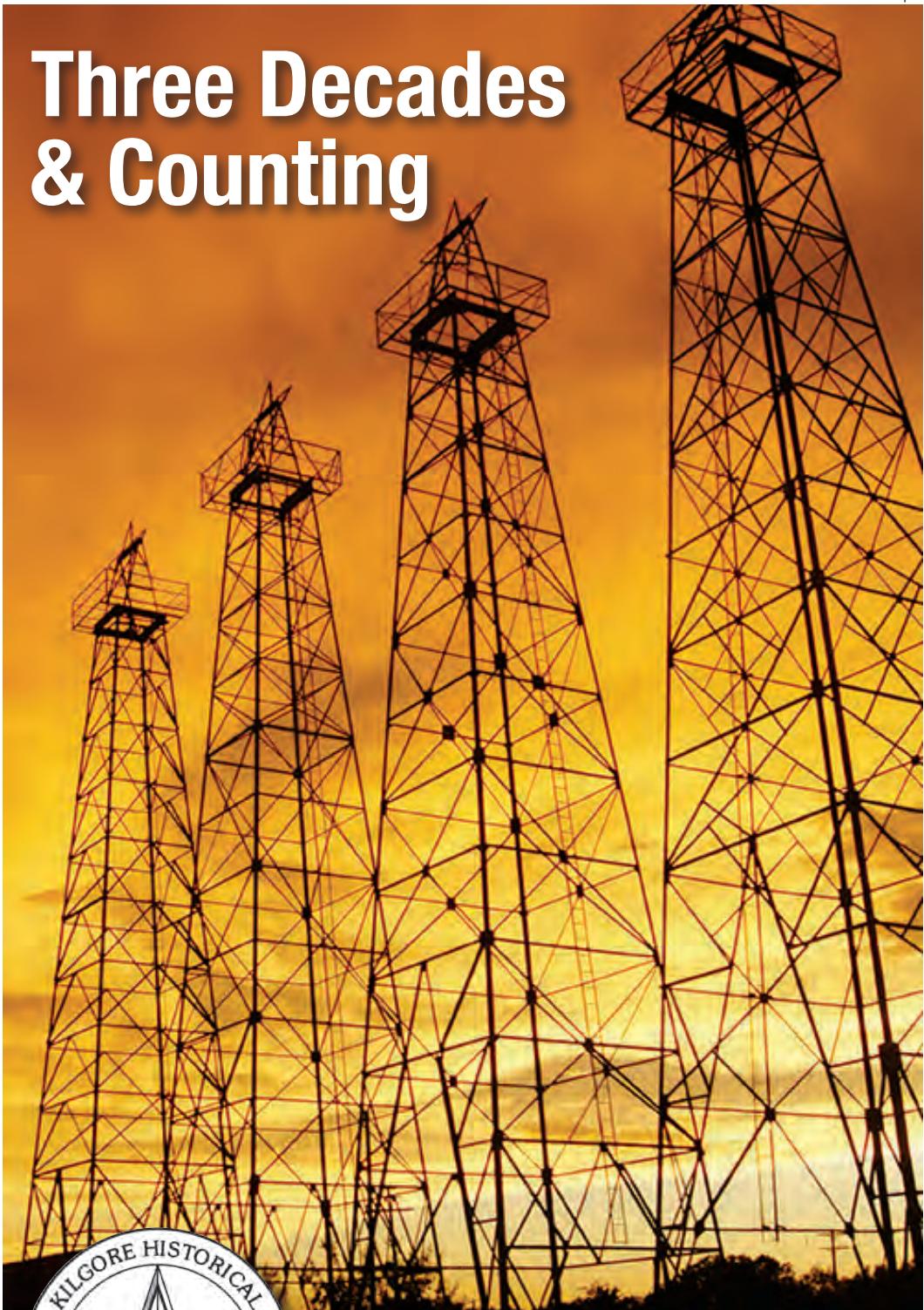
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Texas Shakespeare Festival is held every summer.  
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**S**urrounded by the lush pine forests and clear blue lakes of East Texas, Kilgore has a long and distinct history that set the stage for the unique community that thrives today – a vibrant city that celebrates its rich, storied past while embracing an innovative, diverse future.

Kilgore was established in 1872 with the coming of the Great Northern Railroad. The quiet farming community was thrust into the international spotlight in the 1930s with the discovery of one of the greatest oil fields in history. In just 10 short days, the town's population of 500 exploded to more than 10,000 people from all over the world seeking their fortunes in Boomtown, USA.

By 1939, a forest of almost 1,200 oil derricks had sprouted within the city limits: the greatest concentration filling one square block became known as the World's Richest Acre, and Kilgore quickly became known as the capital of the huge East Texas Oil Field. While all but one of those original derricks were removed across the following decades, in the past 30 years dedicated members of the community have resurrected Boomtown's signature skyline. The derricks that touch Kilgore's

skies today, topped with lighted stars, helped the town earn its official, state-recognized moniker, "City of Stars."

A city that blends its rich oil heritage with a technologically-advanced business community, Kilgore provides residents with an incomparable quality of life. A high-tech industrial base, a thriving public school system, a cornerstone community college, abundant recreational opportunities and extraordinary cultural events throughout the year help make Kilgore truly unique.

Among the community's many signature attractions are the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes: formed in 1939 by Gussie Nell Davis, the team took the football field for the first time in September 1940, revolutionizing halftime entertainment. A series of annual performances reach their climax in the line's annual Revels productions that fill thousands of seats each April.

Meanwhile, the annual Texas Shakespeare Festival has been an integral part of Kilgore's culture since 1986, Kilgore College's contribution to the state's sesquicentennial celebration. The first season featured performances of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as well as Gifford Wingate's play, "The Daisy Bradford 3."

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Crowds gather to experience Avalon Faire, a Renaissance Faire held every weekend during April.

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Musicians perform at Kilgore's Friday After 5, a concert series hosted by Kilgore Main Street.

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## Kilgore

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The East Texas Pipe Organ Festival honors the life and work of Roy Perry every year by hosting a music event in November.  
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Decades later, TSF continues to draw theater professionals from across the country and from around the world to East Texas each summer for productions throughout the month of July in addition to a growing slate of off-season activities.

Other events dot the City of Kilgore's calendar throughout the year, such as the KilGogh Arts Festival in late-March and Reel East Texas Film Festival in mid-November. The Kilgore Main Street Program hosts a series of free Fridays After 5 concerts, one per month from April to August, in addition to its ever-expanding fall Oktoberfest activities and a growing roster of holiday activities to close the year.

While events such as the medieval action of Avalon Faire take place just outside the Kilgore City Limits, much of the community's activity is centered on the World's Richest Acre and the Main Street District downtown where boutiques, local restaurants, specialty shops and more offer a wide variety of options in the shopping core – all within walking distance on Kilgore's revitalized downtown streets.

Last year, the community celebrated the opening of three new amenities: the six-field Whataburger Sports Complex on South Commerce Street, the Creekside Walking Trail and the Lazy Splash Ranch splash pad at Kilgore City Park.

Numerous groups contribute to the community's calendar, from the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce (with its summertime Stars & Scars Mud Run among other events) to the City of Kilgore (which includes the Kilgore Fire Department and



Rangerettes pose for the perfect holiday memory in downtown Kilgore.  
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Downtown Kilgore shines under the lights of its signature skyline  
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Children take the spotlight with events including SAFFE Day in September, KilGogh Arts Festival, and baseball games at the Whataburger Sports Complex.

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## Kilgore from 8



November's Reel East Texas Film Festival showcases independent filmmakers from across the country and around the world.  
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its annual Special Abilities Family Fun Event Day as well as the 'Most Patriotic Town in Texas' celebration July 4th).

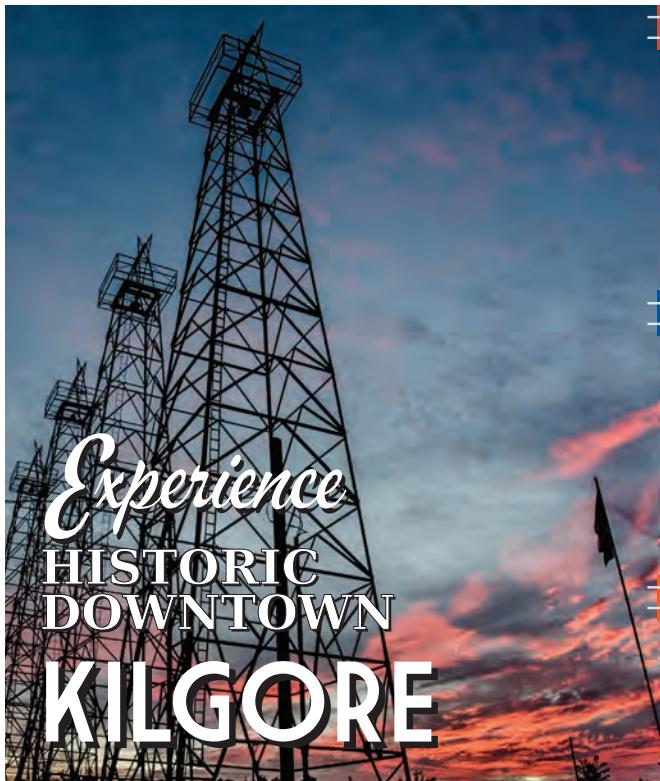
The Commerce Street Entertainment Corridor often plays host to the city's largest events, such as the annual East Texas Oilmen's Chili Cook-off each fall – in recent years, the event has drawn as many as 10,000 people for a competition pitting the best chili recipes of oilfield service companies against one another. Within a month, the corridor comes alive again as Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation hosts its annual derrick lighting ceremony on the World's Richest Acre, officially kicking off the holidays in the city, where the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade fills streets along with Mingle & Jingle, Jingle All the Way and other activities.

The town features a wide variety of historical attractions from the oldest residence (the Dean-Keener Crim Home) to its historic theaters (the Crim and the Texan, steadily being revitalized), the Old U.S. Post Office and much more.

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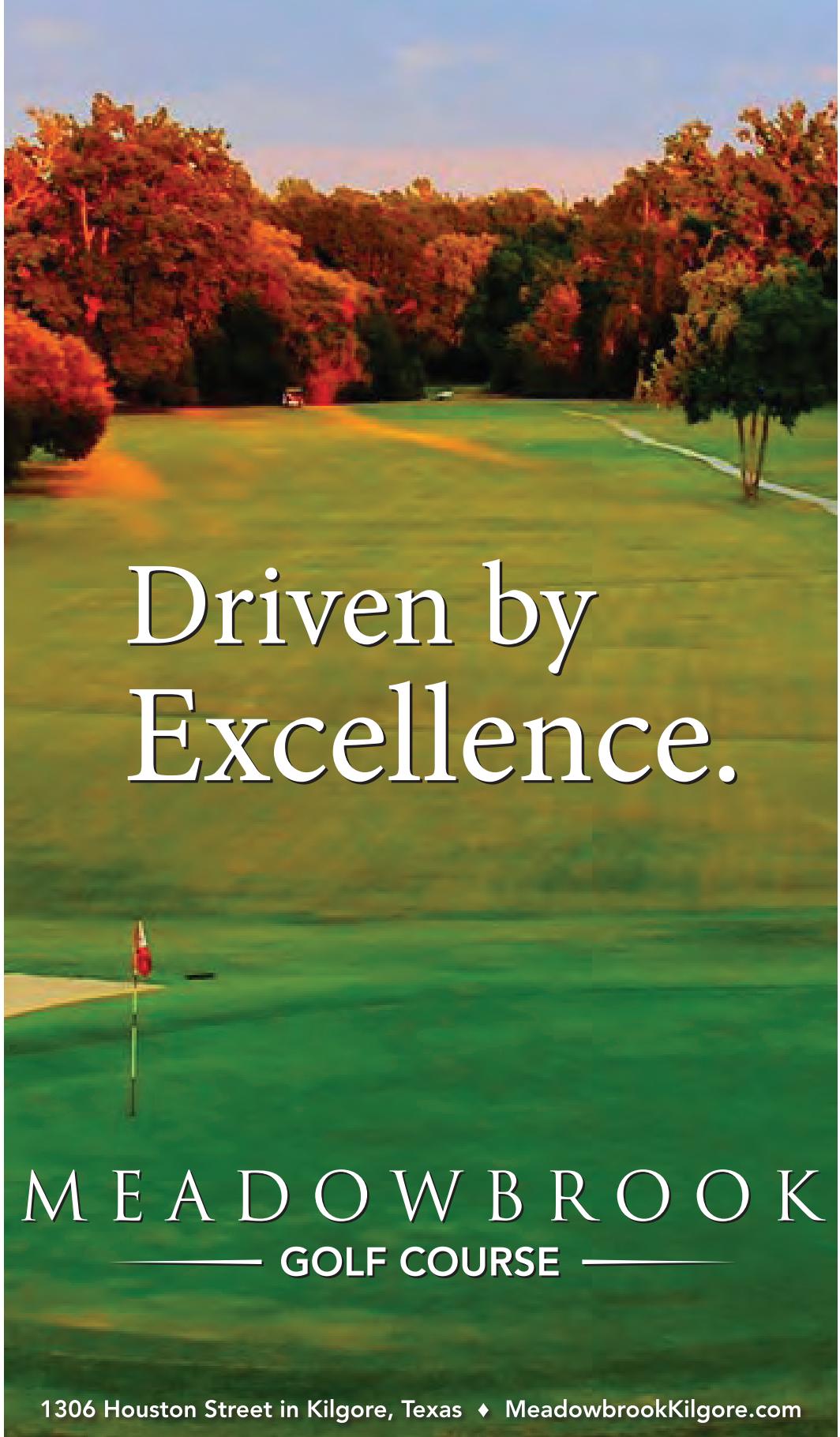


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## Alba

**J**oseph Simpkins and his family settled Alba in 1843. Alba was first known as Simpkins Prairie. Alba continued to be settled in the next 30 years. Living in the immediate Alba area were about 40 settlers. Supplies had to be hauled by teams of oxen from Jefferson, Texas. The laying out of town lots was in 1881. The town was incorporated in 1908. The city was created under the Mayor Council type of government. The coming of the M.K.&T Railroad in 1881 played a very important part in the economy of the town. In 1887 a depot was built in Alba. In 1901 the Short Line Railroad was built between Alba and Grand Saline.

Cotton was "King" in the early years with the rich fertile soil in the area. Alba had the largest cotton market in East Texas. There were as many as four cotton gins operating in the area. In the late 1890's, coal was discovered, and this began an era that would last until about 1940. Alba is located over a broad vein of lignite coal which extends from Texarkana south and west across the state. During the coal mining period there were as many as seven mines operating at one time. The mines employed about 650 men.

Alba was a growing town with two banks, 25 business houses, two hotels, meat markets, jewelry store, 2 theaters, blacksmith shops, tailor shops, newspapers, new car dealerships and three drugstores. There were five doctors and several dentists and lawyers.

After the depression Alba began to decline with the closing of the banks. Until about that time Alba had a population of 1,200 in the city with about 5,000 people in the immediate area. About the same time the cotton weevil hit the cotton crop and the farmers quit growing cotton. The closing of the mines about 1940 was the last blow for the area. The factories that once used the coal switched to natural gas. Many people left the area to work in the defense plants during WWII.

The discovery of oil in the area in 1948 gave life to some people's hope that Alba might again become a thriving city. The oil turned out to be a very poor grade of oil. It did bring Alba to life again, but it didn't last.

New hope came to Alba in the 1970s with the building of Lake Fork. Alba is located on the southern edge of Lake Fork. Lake Fork is the bass

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## Alba from 14

capital of Texas. The state record bass was caught in Lake Fork in 1992.

The Alba Country Fair is the city's big fundraising event with the Alba Ladies Club, Alba Library and Museum, and the Alba Volunteer Fire Department all being beneficiaries.

During the coal mining period there were as many as 7 mines operating at one time. The mines employed about 650 men.

## Kilgore from 10

Kilgore also boasts three museums. For those wanting to experience the community's past, East Texas Oil Museum offers an informative and entertaining trip back in time on the campus of Kilgore College. The nearby Rangerette Showcase celebrates the world's first dance-drill team and its founder the Texas Museum of Broadcasting & Communications, can be found on Main Street, highlighting the 'Golden Age' of broadcasting.

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## Big Sandy



The Big Sandy Music Hall motto is "World Class Music Close to Home." The Big Sandy Music Hall is managed by Kate and Andrew Kirby. The couple has worked together for more than 17 years in many industries including, music, film, television, radio, cable advertising, retail, hospitality, corporate marketing, public relations, industrial training and management. Once used for the First Baptist Church, the Big Sandy Music Hall provides the community a beautiful historic building to use for concerts, theater and special events. The hall is in the heart of Big Sandy at 100 S. Tyler Street at the corner of Highway 80. When the Kirby's decided to move back home from California, they decided to purchase the local newspaper, the Big Sandy and Hawkins Journal. The paper had been in existence since 1948 and was on the verge of closing. The Kirby's decided that wasn't good for the community, so they purchased it and started working to make sure the community knew it was their newspaper, and they were just the publishers. That attitude of community service is what makes the paper a thriving piece of the community today.

It is that same spirit that drove the Kirby's to step in to manage the Music Hall. Originally the

Music Hall was called "A Joyful Noise: The Music Hall" and was started by Wayne and Jackie Davis, who didn't want to see another historic building leave Big Sandy. The Kirby's decided to step in to continue the legacy for the Davis', whose family has been part of the building's rich history since it was erected as the First Baptist Church in 1922. It was because of their love of the community, background in music and knack for making old things new again, that the Kirby's were chosen to help bring life to this historic building.

Andrew and Kate Kirby are a light acoustic duo with fresh and light, original melodies and recognizable tunes about life experiences. The Kirby's are also the proprietors of the Big Sandy Music Hall, in Big Sandy. Their folk-rock sound is heavily influenced by classic rock, yet their close vocal harmonies and stringed instruments are true Americana. They have a combined musical career of more than 30 years experience, playing everything from festivals to private parties, to most any kind of event.

The Big Sandy Music Hall has hosted bluegrass, southern gospel, blues, country and rock musicians to their stage. Shows featuring the Stra-

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The City of Bullard boasts easy access to Lake Palestine and is just down the road from Flint's indoor Waterpark at the Villages.

Bullard also boasts the beautiful Eagle's Bluff Country Club and is the proud home of the American Freedom Museum, located on the campus of The Brook Hill School.

Patriotism takes center stage during the community's annual fall Red, White & Blue festival, featuring live music, a parade, and kids game and activities.

## Big Sandy

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toblasters (the late Bug Henderson's band) and Rafael Espinoza who brings his varied talents on the guitar through shows like "The Day the Music Died" featuring the music of Buddy Holley, the Big Bopper and Richie Valens by local artists Gib Maynard (Big Bopper), Shea Birdwell (Buddy Holley) and Espinoza (Ritchie Valens).

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The acreage can fluctuate easily to over 35,000 acres at times of highwater levels.

Half the lake is in Texas and half in Louisiana and within 20 miles of southwest Arkansas.

The Caddo Indians were the first settlers on Caddo Lake. They were a friendly and peaceful tribe who hunted, fished, made pottery and weapons. In 1835 the land of and around present-day Caddo Lake was purchased from the Indians for \$80,000 by the U.S. government, and within a year the Caddo Indians were moved away from the region.

There are four watersheds that supply Caddo Lake with water: Little Cypress Bayou, Big Cypress Bayou, Black Cypress Bayou, and Jeems Bayou.

Caddo Lake State Park consists of 8,253 acres west of the lake itself, in Harrison County, near Karnack.

The park affords excellent access to the diverse fishing in Texas. Also popular are the park's quaint cabins, built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. Activities enjoyed by visitors include camping, hiking, paddling trails, picnicking, nature study, fishing and boating.

Canoe rentals are available year-round from the park headquarters. Jon boat rentals are available at Crip's Camp Marina in Uncertain, Texas, approximately five miles east of the park entrance on FM 2198.



## Canton

**O**nce a month this quaint, peaceful, East Texas Main Street City of 3,581 becomes the seventh largest city in Texas when up to 400,000 shoppers visit World Famous First Monday Trade Days – the oldest, largest, continuously operating outdoor market in the United States, only 60 miles east of Dallas on Interstate Highway 20.

Despite its name, First Monday isn't held on the first Monday of the month. Shopping days are on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday preceding the first Monday of every month, rain or shine, holiday or not with shopping areas that cover almost 400 acres and space for 7,000 vendors in five locations around the city.

Merchandise ranges from new home furnishings and furniture, clothing, jewelry, candles, handbags and shoes, electronics, iron works and outdoor decor, plants, tools, great food concessions and more, to antiques, collectables, quilts, intricate crafts, folk and fine art, woodworking and live animals and pets of all types and sizes.

People say that if you can't find it in Canton, it probably doesn't exist!

Those that want to experience First Monday Trade Days should plan for several days. Lodging is plentiful with six motels and over 45 bed and breakfast inns within the city limits but be sure to book as far in advance as possible because all lodg-

ing fills up during the market days.

But Canton is much more than the four-days-a-month shopping extravaganza. As the county seat of Van Zandt County and a Texas Main Street City, the town bustles with shopping, services, events and activity all the time. Canton has dozens of restaurants, two shopping centers, one of the newest resorts in Texas, an awesome waterpark, the longest zip-line course in Texas, two golf courses, two fishing lakes, multiple parks and walking trails, over 2,000 RV sites, historical sites, a museum, a 19th century town square with unique shops and restaurants, and some of the friendliest people you will ever meet.

The Tailwind Regional Balloon Fest is back for its eighth year in a row, and this year things are going to be bigger and better than ever.

We have partnered with the top businesses in the community to bring not only the citizens of Canton, but visitors from across the state a unique experience.

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## Corsicana



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Corsicana and the surrounding area offer a multitude of recreational opportunities to enjoy. There are 12 parks that cover approximately 600 acres, three lakes including Richland Chambers, the third largest lake in Texas, two golf courses, and 49 tennis courts. Entertainment venues cover everything from movies to music including The Palace Theatre, The Warehouse Living Arts Center and an outdoor amphitheatre for concerts.

A walk through downtown Corsicana is a walk-through history. The classic features of its original brick streets blend in with new attractions of neighborhood restaurants, entertainment, antique shopping and loft apartment living, creating a community feel all its own. With room to expand, new businesses can take advantage of the vibrant downtown activity and current development incentives.

Designated an official Texas Main Street City in 1985, the Corsicana Main Street Program works to assist in the revitalization of the downtown area using historic preservation and economic development strategies.

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#### Cotton Harvest Festival

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#### Derrick Days

Take part in the annual festivities dating back to the early oil boom days.

#### Freedom Festival

Get excited about the professional pyrotechnic show, live music, water slides, bounce houses, and vendors at the Freedom Festival.

#### Great Pumpkin Patch

View the events and activities taking place at the Main Street's Great Pumpkin Patch.



## Edom

**A**s far as East Texas cities go, Edom has never been big in size, but it has played a huge role in hosting and attracting some of the best artisans and creative people anywhere.

Each fall, the town displays its love affair with art with its annual Festival of the Arts - one of the most popular in East Texas.

The idea for such a festival came about in 1972, when resident artists and their friends joined forces to showcase their works. The first show attracted more than 2,000 people and it has grown each year since.

After years of being an invitation only event, the Festival of the Arts has since become open to artists throughout the country through a jury process where dozens of artists are chosen for their diversity and uniqueness.

Included in the festival are a free children's art workshop as well as live music and lots of delicious food.

Collectors of all types can find what they are hunting for during the festival in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.

Located at the intersections of Farm to Market roads 279, 314 and 2339 in the southeast corner of Van Zandt County, Edom is the third oldest town in the county.

The town traces its beginnings to 1849 when a post office called Hamburg was organized a few miles from the town's present site. In 1855, the post office moved closer to the present town site and was

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## Emory

**E**mory is a small city in Rains County, TX. boasting a booming population of 1,239. Though Emory might be small, attractions abound. Located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 69 and Texas Highway 19, Emory is anchored between two of Texas' most frequented fishing waters, premier bass fishing waters at Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni.

The lakes provide a stunning backdrop to Emory's consistently growing economy. Emory is centrally nestled between Dallas and Tyler and just 20 miles north of the World Famous Canton Trade Days.

Emory is rooted between two major interstates, I-20 and I-30 making the city easily accessible to East Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Rains County was declared the "Eagle Capital of Texas" in 1995 as part of an effort to protect and preserve the American bald Eagle. Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni and surrounding areas are nesting and feeding grounds for bald eagles and over 260 other varieties and species of wild birds. Eagle Fest is held each January to celebrate when the eagles are nesting. The highlight of the festival is either a bus or barge tour to the lakes to view the eagles in their natural habitats. The festival venue includes

birds and animal exhibits and programs, live entertainment and music, a nature photo contest and educational speakers.

The Rains County Fair is held in September and has activities for the whole family. There is a midway, livestock show, beauty pageant, chili cook-off and live entertainment.

The community of Emory was once called Springville, part of Wood County. In 1870, the Texas Legislature created Rains County from portions of four other counties. Named for early Texas patriot Emory Rains, the county chose Springville as its center of government, renaming it Emory and choosing an existing public square for the site of the county courthouse.



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## Gilmer

**I**f you are looking for a location away from the busy hustle and bustle of the big city, consider Gilmer. It is in the heart of Northeast Texas 20 miles north of Longview and 40 miles northeast of Tyler.

The Gilmer Municipal Airport, also known as Fox Stephens Field, houses the Flight of the Phoenix Aviation Museum. The airport is used by local businesses and has helped attract new industry to the area.

Lake Gilmer opened in 2001 and is located on FM 852, four miles west of downtown Gilmer. Lake size is 1,010 surface acres and is stocked with Florida largemouth bass, black crappie and channel catfish. An additional 1,557 acres of property has been developed into Kelsey Creek Sanctuary Nature Trails. The picnic area is ideal for gatherings with covered cook-out spaces, picnic tables, fishing pier and swings for the children.

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## Edom from 22

renamed Edom for the name given to Esau in the book of Genesis.

This little community became a stopping point for lumberjacks and traders traveling on Porter's Bluff and Tyler Road. Local saloons filled with lumberjacks, freighters, and traders as the community became a stopover on the Porter's Bluff and Tyler Road.

By 1860, having moved again to its present location, the town had a Baptist

church, a Masonic Lodge, a wagon factory and a sawmill. The Edom schools opened in 1866.

Even though the railroad didn't screech into Edom, the population of the quaint little community grew from 150 people in the 1890s to nearly 300 by the 1920s.

Edom was an independent school district until 1966, when it was consolidated with Van. In 1988 Edom had three businesses, the frontier Red Hill cemetery at or near the townsite, and an estimated 277 inhabitants. The population was 300 in 1990 and 375 in the 2010 census.

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ter a year-round Christmas store. World famous PRCA rodeo, massive East Texas Gusher Days, Arts & Crafts Festival, opry, lake recreations and the spectacular July 4th Fireworks and boat parade at Lake Gladewater.

Other attractions include Mrs. Lee's Daffodils Garden in the spring, Gladewater Saturday Night Opry, the Gladewater Veterans War Memorial and

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

Highway 271 Car Cruise  
East Texas Gusher Days

### May

Antique Faire event the second Saturday in May.  
Apron Strings: Ties to the Past

### June

Gladewater Round -Up Rodeo

### July

Fireworks & Boat Parade  
Antique District Ice Cream Social  
Chamber Mixer

### August

Gladewater Main Street Art Scroll  
Business Development Breakfast

### September

Arts & Crafts Festival

### October

Black Rodeo  
Emergency Services Fallfest  
Haunted Walking Tour

### November

Antique District Open House

### December

Christmas Tyme in Gusherville  
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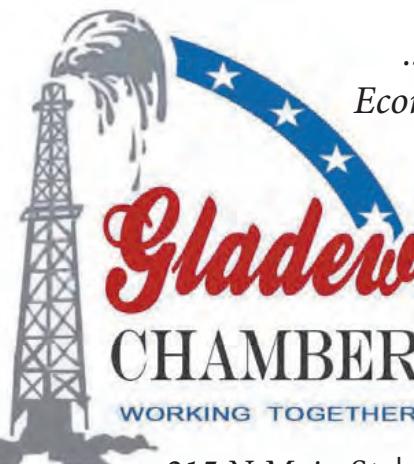
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## Calendar of Events

[www.gladewaterchamber.org](http://www.gladewaterchamber.org)

Highway 271 Car Cruise – April

34th East Texas Gusher Days – April

15th Apron Strings: Ties to the Past – May

82nd Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo – June

Fireworks & Boat Parade – July

Chamber Mixer - July

9th Gladewater Main Street Art Stroll – August

Business Development Breakfast-August

46th Arts & Crafts Festival – September

15th Black Rodeo – October

Emergency Services Fallfest – October

Christmas Tyme in Gusherville:

Antique District Open House – November

Christmas Parade – December



## Gladewater from 26

be sure and visit the Gladewater Museum, open Friday and Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

Located on U.S. Highway 80 and State Highway 271, Gladewater is 105 miles east of Dallas. We welcome you to come and visit us as we treasure the past while embracing the future.

Gladewater was founded by the Texas and Pacific Railway Company in 1873 on land bought from Jarrett Dean and Anderson White. A community called St. Clair, two miles to the east, moved to Gladewater when the railroad announced that the only mail stop in the area would be there; residents from Point Pleasant, also bypassed by the railroad, moved to Gladewater. The first post office at Gladewater was established on August 22, 1873. The town's name probably originated from its proximity to Glade Creek, a stream that rose in a rather barren region called the Glades.

In 1874 Gladewater was incorporated with a mayor-alderman government. The incorporation

lapsed, and a new charter was not obtained until 1931, when an influx of population necessitated organized city government. In 1955 Gladewater adopted a council-mayor form of government. The population grew slowly during the nineteenth century; the town had only 163 people in 1880 and 259 in 1900.

On April 7, 1931, the first Gladewater oil well blew in. It was located one mile outside town in the Sabine River bottom. Oil production led to a population increase during the 1930s from about 500 persons to around 8,000. In 1940, after the oil boom, Gladewater had a population of 4,454.

During the 1970s Gladewater moved from an oil-oriented to a more diversified economy, primarily because of depletion of oil resources in the area. In 1990 the community was known for its numerous antique stores; an attraction that continues to grow and draw visitors.



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Located on historic US Highway 80 at Texas Highway 110, the city boasts one of the largest, purest salt domes in the world and is home to Morton Salt Company. It is said that the Grand Saline mine has enough salt to supply the world for 20,000 years. And of course, no visit to Grand Saline would be complete without a stop at the famous Salt Palace. Known as the world's only building made completely of rock salt, this quaint little museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The city's salt history is on display here. Inside you can learn about the role salt has played in the development of the region, watch a video of work down inside the mine, and admire myriad vintage salt memorabilia.

The Salt Palace also displays memorabilia of Chris Tomlin, a native of Grand Saline, who is a multi-award-winning Christian singer/songwriter. In 2018 he received the Billionaire award from Pandora for 1.8 Billion Lifetime Streams. It is estimated each week 20-30 million people sing one of his songs in worship. You can also study the history of Wiley Post, a native son who was the first man to ever fly around the world. He pioneered the use of liquid oxygen in flight and invented the

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Salt Palace Museum



## Hawkins



**T**here is a saying that Hawkins is "Tranquility in the heart of East Texas." The center of Hawkins is at the intersection of Highway 80 and FM 14. The town received its post office in 1873, the same year the Texas and Pacific Railway built through the area on its way to Dallas. The area has been fairly well settled before the railroad's arrival, as it was near the river crossing to Belzora, and early port and stagecoach crossing on the Smith County side of the Sabine River.

By 1890 its population was around 200, but six years later there were over 500 residents. Established in 1912 in Hawkins, Texas, as an institution for teachers, Jarvis Christian College began as Jarvis Christian Institute. Today, the College is a private, residential, Historically Black Liberal Arts College affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Jarvis Christian College offers 14 academic degree programs and has been ranked one of 100 most affordable colleges in America by BestValueSchools.com. The College recently opened a teaching site for adult learners at Friendship West Baptist Church in Dallas.

In October 1940, former lightweight boxer Bobby Manziel made the first major oil discovery

in Wood County, a wildcat three miles north of town. Hawkins became an overnight boomtown. Humble Oil and Refinery (later Exxon Company, USA) became the principal driller in the Hawkins field north of the community. To honor and remember those days Hawkins has the annual Hawkins Oil Festival which is attended by hundreds. There are activities set aside for the whole family each second Saturday of October. In 1925 Lillian Richard, Hawkins Foulke native became a national model for Quaker Oats. In 1995 the Texas legislature declared Hawkins Pancake Capital of Texas in her honor. The Hawkins Area Chamber of Commerce is currently making efforts to reclaim that distinction.

The Hawkins area is known for nature trails, hiking, world class bird watching, and geo-caching. Lake Hawkins is home to a beach and a large RV park which has 41 RV sites available. There are lake-front camping sites and the Hawkins Volunteer Fire Department puts on an annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

In recent years a family fun park with a splash pad was built in the center of town. The splash pad

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## Grand Saline

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Of course, there's more to Grand Saline than just salt. The community's rich history goes back to the days of horse-drawn wagons and the railroad. The old Grand Saline depot has been converted into a public library, and the old lumber yard that sat across the street has been converted into a city park. From the park you can stroll down Gallery Alley into downtown where most of the old buildings remain today. One of the oldest, the Darby building, will soon be home to the Salt Museum, Grand Saline's newest edition. When complete this museum will allow you to experience what it's like to travel down a shaft into the salt mine. Other sites abound in downtown as well including vintage signs and early century architecture.

The second Saturday in April brings the Annual Main Street Festival. The historic downtown will be cordoned off for visitors to enjoy live music, food galore, kiddie activities, and vendors of all kinds. The Salt Festival occurs on the second weekend of June. There will be special lunches served in a tent each day of the 3-day festival. It brings a parade, contests of all kinds and for all ages, both food and merchandise vendors, followed by live musical entertainment in the evening.

If you get hungry, there are a variety of places to eat in Grand Saline. From fast food to sit down restaurants, Grand Saline has a little something for everyone -- barbecue, Tex-Mex, pizza, sandwiches, burgers or hot dogs.

For the more adventurous, a visit to East Texas Zoo & Gator Park should be on your itinerary. It is located just outside Grand Saline on FM 1255 off Texas Highway 110. You can see alligators from hatchlings to mature ones over 13 feet long. They also have rescued animals, monkeys, zebras, and snakes as well as a petting zoo of barnyard animals.

Grand Saline is a great place to spend the day or a lifetime. For more information, please visit or contact the Salt Palace visitor's center at (903) 962-5631 or follow us on Facebook at Grand Saline Salt Palace Museum.

## Hawkins

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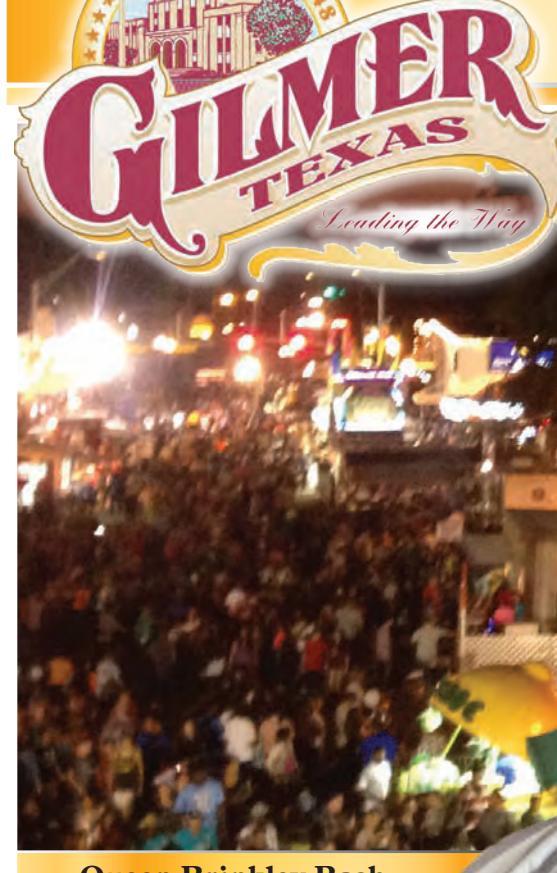
is open during warm weather months. The Veteran's Memorial Park, just north of downtown on Highway 14 is one of the finest monuments of its kind in all of Texas.



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# GILMER, TEXAS

*Located in the Piney Woods of Upshur County, Gilmer features Lake Gilmer on ST. HWY. 852, as well as Fox Stephens Air Field and the Gilmer Civic Center, both located on ST. HWY. 271.*



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## Calendar of Events for Gilmer, Texas

Thomas Falls March Madness Mud Run & Vball .....	March 30
Highway 271 Progressive Car Cruise.....	April 6
Rover Rally by Texas Rovers .....	April 11 - 14
Annual Easter Egg Hunt.....	April 20
Cherokee Rose Festival.....	May 11
Yamboree Fireworks.....	July 3
Yamboree .....	October 16 - 19
Yamboree Barn Dance .....	October 19
Yulefest and Santa Parade .....	December 7
Shopping on Gilmer's Historic Square .....	Year-round



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Barnwell Mountain Recreational Area, owned by Texas Motorized Trails Coalition, is located five miles North of Gilmer, TX on State Highway 155. The park is normally open every weekend from 8:00AM Friday until 6:00PM. For more information, contact office manager Christy Smith at 903-797-4066 or [office@barnwellmountainra.com](mailto:office@barnwellmountainra.com)





## Henderson



Welcome to Henderson, a quaint town that is full of southern hospitality and charm. Henderson is a Texas Main Street City and a National Main Street City and was named after the first governor of the state, James Pinckney Henderson.

The restored Opera House is home to the Henderson Civic Theatre. The theatre stages four productions, a children's workshop and a children's production each year.

The Howard Dickinson House at 501 South Main is one of the most important historic buildings in Henderson. It was built in 1855 and was the first brick home in Henderson. Sam Houston was a frequent visitor of the Howards.

Come and enjoy the spring Wildflower Driving Tour. The self-driving tour has three itineraries within Rusk County. Driving maps are available upon request or may be downloaded at [www.hendersontx.us](http://www.hendersontx.us).

Come join in the fun at the Rusk County Expo Center. The covered facility is one of the finest of its kind in the state and is located on Hwy. 13 West adjacent to the Rusk County Airport. The complex has 100,000 square feet with a capacity of 4,700. Equine events are held weekly including team

penning, barrel racing, cutting horse competitions, cattle sales, goat shows, rodeos, tractor events and much more.

The Depot Museum houses the Rusk County History Museum and Children's Discovery Center at 514 N. High Street. It encompasses five acres with 13 structures and a restored 1901 Missouri Pacific Railroad caboose.

The City of Henderson and the Depot Museum produce the Heritage Syrup Festival also known as the "Sweetest Festival in Texas." Each year, on the second Saturday of November, the tradition of ribbon cane syrup making is commemorated at the Depot Museum.

The highlight of the festival is the grinding of the cane stalks by mule driven power and syrup makers cooking the juice into golden brown cane syrup.

### Gaston Museum, Joinerville

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Jacksonville boasts an economy that exceeds other cities its size with numerous manufacturers and bedding plant industries. Executive homes, an outstanding school system, several area private schools, golf courses, two junior colleges, a theological seminary and the Summers A. Norman Activity Center, for both local and regional conferences, all combine to add enrichment to Jacksonville's natural setting.

Jacksonville is a city with an exciting and unique history. Its story goes back to 1838, the year of the Killough Massacre, East Texas' worst Indian atrocity. The site of the massacre was about seven miles north of the current location. Eighteen settlers, in-

cluding women and children, either were killed or carried away, never to be heard from again.

General Thomas J. Rusk brought the Texas Army into this area to search for the renegades who had committed the murders. One of his soldiers, Kentucky native Jackson Smith, was scouting along Gum Creek when he found a spot so beautiful that he vowed to return and make his home there. Nine years later, he did.

Jackson Smith built a house and black-smith shop along the east bank of the creek in 1847, setting up a post office at one end of the shop which took the name Gum Creek, after the little community that had grown up there since 1838. Soon after Smith built his shop, Dr. William Jackson built an office next to it. When Smith had a town site and square surveyed near his home in 1850, "Jacksonville" was born, officially replacing the community of Gum Creek in June of that year.

The population has continued to increase steadily over the years, from a little over 1,500 in 1904 to more than 14,000 today. Over 500 businesses, various churches, a library and museum, two colleges, a seminary, two hospitals, and a health clinic serve the needs of our citizens.



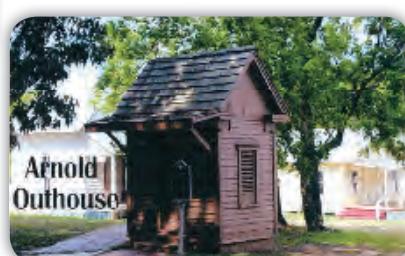
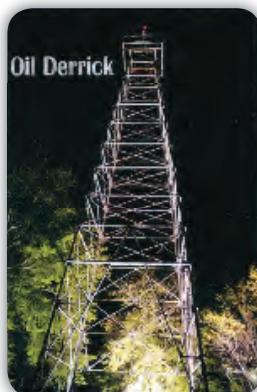
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The Depot Museum houses the Rusk County History Museum and Children's Discovery Center. Clustered on five acres are twelve restored structures from Rusk County's past. A video introduces guests to the early residents of Rusk County — an intriguing blend of Native Americans, settlers, and oil-hungry wildcatters. Also on the grounds is the Rusk County Historical Commission and Genealogy Office.



# Jefferson



Welcome to the City of Jefferson, Texas... "Riverport to the Southwest". At a time when steamboats plied the Big Cypress River from the Port of New Orleans, true Southern gentility was the order of the day. This sense of timelessness prevails even unto today.

Let yourself be whisked away to a land not far away as you glide peacefully along an open-air riverboat where Jefferson's colorful past comes alive. Take a ride into the 19th century as you travel on a steam engine train of which played a significant role in Jefferson's history.

Relax in a horse drawn carriage ride and hear the many legends and lore. Relive the past as you stroll through museums and special places of interest. Spend a memorable evening in an historic hotel or motel or one of the many elegant bed & breakfasts. Jefferson is well known as the Bed & Breakfast Capitol of Texas.

Ease along the brick streets as you enter the merchant's shops and be dazzled by their variety of wares. Allow yourself to be captivated by culinary delights ranging from casual to fine dining.

Settle in for a journey through time when the living was easy and the era was golden. As you stand on the banks of the Big Cypress you'll get a sense of days gone by. Close your eyes and you can almost hear the whistle of steamboats entering port, the rustle of long petticoats and riverboat gamblers trying their fortune.

Jefferson has become a community with a high quality of life. Tourists come to Jefferson seeking the ambience, relaxation and activities which are provided here.

Jefferson boasts many bed and breakfast inns, restaurants, places of entertainment and shops. Its streets are lined with antique and gift shops stocked with unique treasures. Evenings in town offer live theater productions, as well as a variety of dining choices.

There are boat rides on Big Cypress Bayou and Caddo Lake, wagon and surrey rides, rides on a railroad train and tours of historic homes.

New residents from across the United States have chosen Jefferson for their home because it is an open, friendly community where people from diverse places and backgrounds feel comfortable in a progressive setting.

One of the most common statements from those who have experienced Jefferson is "Jefferson is a magical place and a town that time forgot."

## History

Jefferson is located on Big Cypress Bayou in the Cypress Valley of Northeast Texas. It is the county seat for Marion County.

Jefferson was named for Thomas Jefferson and was conceived as a port city. In 1845, when obstructions were removed from Big Cypress Bayou,

steamboats could reach Jefferson from New Orleans. After the arrival of the first steamboat, Jefferson became a boom town where many pioneers to Texas first set foot on Texas soil when they disembarked from the steamboats.

During Jefferson's Golden Era as a steamboat port from 1845 until 1875, it became a cosmopolitan town like most port cities with a confluence of cultures and businesses. The architectural styles, which developed in Jefferson during this period of prosperity, resembled those of New Orleans. The homes were primarily of Greek revival design.

When the log raft was removed by the Army Corps of Engineers in the year 1873, the water level in Big Cypress Bayou was reduced and navigation to Jefferson was threatened.

Railroads were also extended during this period of time across Texas, which reduced Jefferson's commercial market area. The town ceased to be a prominent port city and commercial center. However, many of the mid-nineteenth century homes and buildings remain.

## THINGS TO DO

### **Some of the many popular activities and/or attractions in Jefferson include:**

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- Historic Jefferson Ghost Walk
- The Grove
- House of the Seasons
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- Excelsior House Hotel
- Atlanta Jay Gould Railroad Car
- Jefferson Historical Museum
- Big Cypress Tours of Caddo Lake
- Gone With the Wind Museum
- Museum of Measurement and Time
- Freeman Plantation
- Caddo Lake State Park
- Jefferson Ordnance Magazine
- Turning Basin Riverboat Tours
- Jefferson General Store
- Jefferson Fudge Company
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- R.D. Moses Train Display



## Lake Fork

**L**ake Fork is one of the premier trophy bass fishing lakes in the world and serves as a reservoir for Dallas and its neighboring areas.

Lake Fork holds 16 out of the top 20 Texas State Record largemouth bass coming from the 27,690 acre body of water. It is situated in Wood, Rains and Hopkins counties between the towns of

Yantis, Alba, Emory and Quitman.

Great restaurants and nightclubs offering some of the best live entertainment in East Texas are also delightful features at Lake Fork.

Each year in September, Bob Sealy of Sealy Outdoors brings the Big Bass Splash to the west side of the lake. This tournament also brings in thousands of fishermen and fans to the area with great prizes for the winners.

The big lake also hosts the annual Skeeter Owners Tournament, Yantis Catfish Classic and various events sponsored by the Lake Fork Chamber of Commerce.

Avid golfers can choose from two challenging golf courses, each with scenic views of the lake. Lake Fork Golf Course is an 18-hole course designed for mid-handicappers, with shorter challenging fairways and larger greens. It has been voted "Most Improved Golf Course" by East Texas Golf Association and is located on the lake's west side.

The Links at Land's End, on the east side of the lake, is rated one of the top 100 courses in Texas by the Dallas Morning News and has consistently been named to the top 50 golf courses in the state.

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### ANNUAL TOURNAMENTS

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## Henderson

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Re-live the life of what it was like in the East Texas Oil Field from the 1930s to the 1960s with memorabilia from the boom era with actual equipment, Joe Roughneck Pioneer Park and antique radio display. The Tent House and Dixie Service Station are there with original furnishings. Daisy Bradford No. 3 well site, where the boom started, is less than three miles away. Gaston School students who served from World War I to Vietnam are recognized in the Wall of Honor.

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**W**ith a new downtown development growing by the month - complete with shops, a restaurant, a Tyler Junior College campus and Miranda Lambert's famous Pink Pistol Boutique - as well as businesses sprouting up along Highway 69, Lindale has emerged as the "go to" destination of East Texas.

With the Loop 49 extension now completed - also known as the Lindale Relief Route - transportation will be easier not just for those seeking a quick route downtown from Interstate 20, but also for the area's newest business partner, Sanderson Farms Chicken.

The Mississippi based company will open three sites in East Texas in the coming year - a hatchery in the Lindale Industrial Park, a feed and grain facility in Mineola and a processing plant in Winona.

Sanderson officials made it clear one of the selling points of the area was the ease of moving their trucks on Loop 49 and the Lindale Relief Route.

During the past decade, Lindale's city leaders saw promise in some unused acreage just off downtown which many years earlier housed a busy cannery operation.

Bought with pennies on the dollar, this area - known as The Cannery- is in the middle of an impressive transformation which has East Texans talking.

Yet all the attention Lindale is garnering shouldn't be focused on just one area.

Whether it be enjoying a trip to the historic Old Mill Pond and Parron Park Museum or taking in a show performed by the talented players of the Lindale Community Theater, Lindale has plenty to offer visitors and residents alike.

The Lindale Community Theater formed six years ago by director Tim Mitchiner, stages four shows per season and offers summer camps for area youngsters.

In 2013, the LCT was named by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year at the LAC's annual awards banquet.

Parrot Park Museum, located at 2900 S. Main Street in Lindale - built and named after longtime Lindale resident Bill Parrott - features a plethora of items which reflect the history of Lindale and the East Texas area.

Admission to the one-of-a-kind museum is free and the hours are 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 903-882-4948.

Each October, the city celebrates the arrival of fall with Countryfest, featuring arts and crafts, delicious food and various activities for the kids.

In 2014, Countryfest was relocated to the Picker's Pavilion area downtown. Despite rainy weather, thousands of festival goers enjoyed music and a car show.

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## Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce

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## 2019 Chamber Events Calendar

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*The Lake Fork Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to improving the quality of life and economy of the Lake Fork Area through community involvement.*

## Lindale

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On the third weekend of every May, professional rodeo riders hit town for the I-20 Team Real Estate Lindale Championship Rodeo presented by Lonestar Ram held at the Lindale Rodeo Arena.

Top of the line cowboys and cowgirls as well as the championship stock perform three nights. Youngsters have events such as the calf scramble and Mutton Bustin' in which co participate.

Nearby, to the east of Lindale, is Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge which houses rescued and rehabilitated big cats and has been one of the top tourist attractions in the area for several years.

Tiger Creek is located at I7552 FM 14, three miles north of Tyler State Park near the intersection of FM 16. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week; closed most major holidays. The phone number is 903-858-1008.

Texas Rose Horse Park, located at 14078 State Highway 110 North, features several equestrian shows during the year. The big event, Super Ride, arrives in July and features equestrian drill teams from across the region.

Golf is a sport enjoyed by thousands in the area and people of all ages have excellent choices in the Garden Valley Golf Club and Resort, located just off Interstate 20 and Hideaway Golf Club, which features an 18-hole course and two nine-hole courses.

Four miles north of Lindale off Highway 69 is

Faulkner Park, which features baseball and soccer fields as well as tennis courts, a covered picnic area and a 15-acre lake bordered by a walking trail.

In the middle of the city is Pool Park, which has several baseball and softball fields as well as a community center, a playground and a picnic pavilion.

## Lake Fork

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It was inspired by the original Land's End on the southwestern tip of England. Links at Land's End also includes a full service restaurant and sports bar and an event pavilion.

There are several marinas, motels and rental cabins on the lake. You can stay at the lake, but you are close to Sulphur Springs, Winnsboro, Quitman, Yantis, Alba, Emory and Mineola where you can enjoy the festivals, entertainment, the arts and shopping year round.

The Patriot Sporting Challenge will have its third annual event this fall. The competition has been hosted at Lake Fork, Land's End and Hidden Lakes Hunting Lodge.



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Hot lunches are prepared Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and an old-fashioned soda bar offers cold refreshments. Books and CDs about the explosion are for sale, with other gifts. Small conference rooms for group gatherings and socials can be rented in advance.

The Museum is on Highway 42 across from the London Memorial and West Rusk High School. It is open Mondays - Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays (March - August) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 903-895-4602 or contact website [www.newlondonschool.org](http://www.newlondonschool.org).

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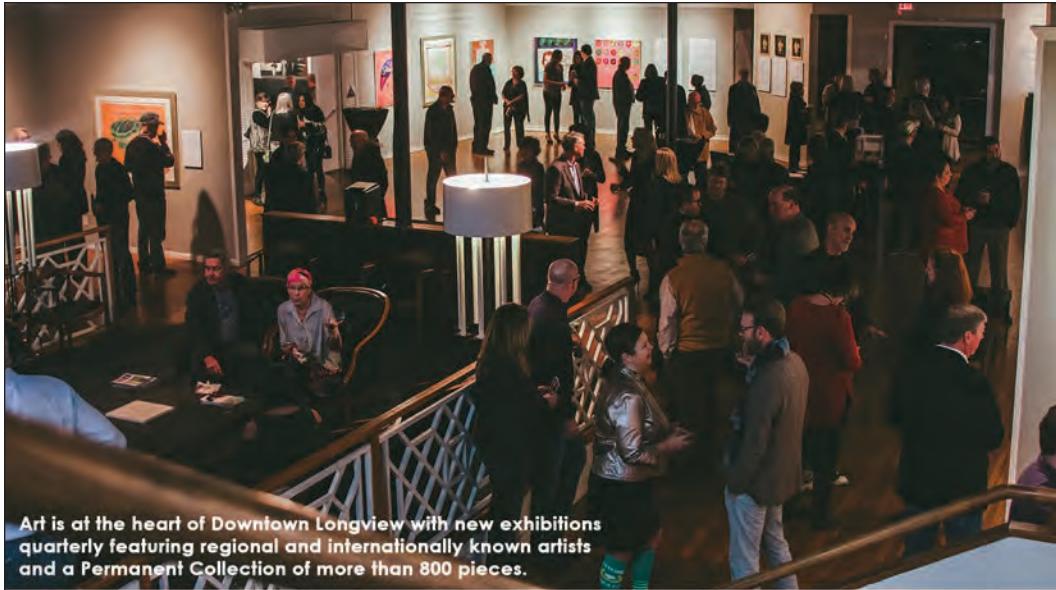
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Today, the T & P Railroad Museum occupies the building that still serves as the historic, yet active depot today. The railway depot, museum, and active train station is served by Amtrak, the national railroad passenger system, which operates the Texas Eagle through Marshall each day, with service north to Chicago and west-southwest to Dallas, San Antonio and Los Angeles.

Named an All-America City in 2015, Marshall has gained recognition for its commitment to community and the preservation of our beautiful, historical landmarks. The Starr Family Home is a 3.1-acre historical site operated by the Texas Historical Commission in downtown Marshall and was awarded the Lucille Terry Preservation Award by the East Texas Historical Association (ETHA) and the Texas Forestry Museum. The award was given for the site's preservation work on Maplecroft, the 1871 home of the James Franklin Starr family.

Enjoy historical storytelling, tours of the home, and a calendar of events such as an authentic Victorian Fair on site. The Harrison County Historical Museum is located within the courthouse's basement, highlighting the rich heritage of Harrison County from its early days. Offering field trips, Summer History Day Camps, and a complete children's guide, a visit to this museum would be worth your while.

Marshall is known for its healthy appreciation for great music. Entertainment abounds on any given night around the historic square, and you will often hear tunes coming from Telegraph Park, where the local Monday Night "Pickers" pick and grin their way through impromptu jam sessions. Known as the birthplace of Boogie Woogie, jazz and blues artists routinely perform at downtown venues such as OS2 and Charlie's Backyard Bar and Grill. Boogie Woogie piano in its earliest days originated near the T & P Railroad, head quartered in Marshall in the 1870s, and is still alive and well in Marshall, Texas!

If a more symphonic sound speaks to you, Marshall is one of the only cities of its size to house a full symphony orchestra. Each fall the Marshall

Symphony Orchestra presents Jeans and Classics, an outdoor concert on Washington Avenue, the hub of downtown. A fabulous night on the town where classical music meets rock, this event draws record crowds who dine and enjoy the upbeat sounds under grand white tents. With four concerts comprising their season, there is one for you!

Marshall's revitalized downtown district is laden with eclectic shops and galleries, unique eateries housing fabulous antiques, coffee bars, an indoor softball and baseball hitting facility, and entertainment venues all within view of the beautifully renovated Harrison County Historical Courthouse. Just off the historic square, Arts aficionados can meander through the Michelson Museum of Art, housing both local and traveling exhibits that are sure to please the eye and stir your love of the Arts. Just next door is the Marshall Visual Arts Center, showcasing fabulous exhibits, sculpting classes, and summer camps geared towards children. Enjoy once a month painting at The Art Event, using an exclusive patent pending teaching method where you can become an artist in a party environment!

Nearby East Texas treasure Caddo Lake is only 20 minutes from Marshall, a natural lake encompassing over 26,000 acres of waterways. Laced with draping spanish moss, bodacious bald cypress trees stand guard over sloughs, bayous, and ponds, welcoming boaters and fishermen alike. Visitors may enjoy narrative tours of the history of Caddo Lake on pontoon boats venturing into the nooks and crannies of alluring swamps, often complete with alligator sightings! Caddo Lake State Park offers recreation for all with hikes, paddling, geocaching, and 46 campsites ready for visiting families.

Each fall, residents and visitors alike anticipate the sights and sounds of festival season. 2019 will bring the 37th annual Fire Ant Festival and Parade in October, with over 100 vendors, amazing festival food, live performances, crazy contests, and family favorites 5K, Kids K and Toddler Trot! The fun continues with live entertainment from outstanding area artists. Growing each year, the festival boasts a fabulous Children's Area filled with mega inflatables, pony rides, a petting zoo, and more!

Rounding out the season, whispers of winter will appear for the 33rd year of Wonderland of Lights, beginning in November with the annual courthouse lighting and running through the end of December. Dine around the historic square with a VIP view of the lighted courthouse while carolers in period dress serenade you table side.

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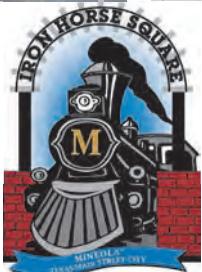
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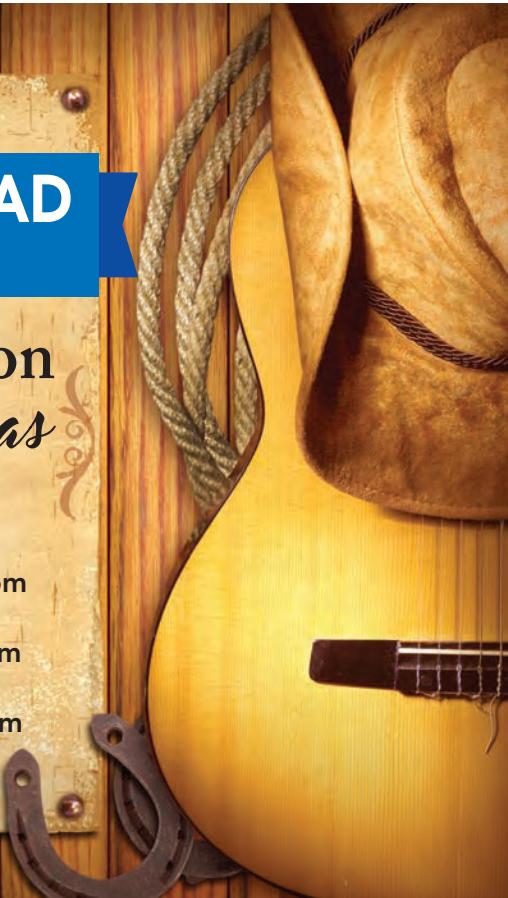
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## Mineola

**T**he welcome mat is out to experience Mineola, a friendly town where arts and recreation opportunities are abundant, and everybody knows your name - or at least they will after a very short time.

Mineola can be described as many things, but progressive may be the most accurate. With a vibrant downtown and thriving new businesses – the city is a place a person needs to experience to truly know what it's like.

From the Gateway to the Lakes, to Get Side-tracked in Mineola, its residents are continuously striving to keep the town on the move.

Mineola is in Wood County, and about 77 miles east of Dallas and 25 miles north of Tyler.

From the town's establishment in 1873 to the 21st century, transportation has played an integral part in the town's existence. It is at the intersection of two major highways, U.S. Highways 80 and 69. The Amtrak Texas Eagle passenger train stops in Mineola twice a day and there are two local airports that serve Mineola. In fact, the importance of transportation is depicted in a mural that was originally created under the Works Project Administration by Bernard Zakheim for the old post office, "The Horse and Buggy Give Way to Modern Methods of Mail Transportation." That mural was lovingly restored by the artist's own son for the Mineola Historical Museum.

Popularity of downtowns diminished in the late 1970s and 1980s, so some old businesses began closing their doors and many downtown buildings were left vacant. But in the late 1980s a group of determined citizens was successful in earning the first Texas Main Street designation in Wood County for Mineola. The town will celebrate 30 years as a Main Street city this year. Mineola's downtown commercial district is also on the National Register of Historic Places, designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. The architecture of the commercial and government buildings not only adds to the town's luster, but contributed to the national designation. You will find the brick streets and the Route 66-era neon signs that contributed to the designation enchanting.

The town's condition has improved over the decades with renovated sidewalks, refurbished buildings and a renovated depot. The town offers an eclectic mix of eateries, antique shops and much more. A favorite gathering place for events is the beautiful gazebo on Commerce at Johnson Street and it doubles as a favorite place for downtown visitors to sit and watch the trains pass.

A well maintained bed 'n breakfast called Munesheimer Manor, is a well-established attraction.

Continued tenacity of Mineola residents resulted in Amtrak agreeing to add Mineola as one of its regular stops in 1996. Across the railroad tracks,

the Transportation Plaza and Depot at 114 E. Front Street is the arrival and departure point for twice-daily Amtrak Texas Eagle trains and houses an authentic model train and replica of early Mineola. A mini passenger train is now in operation at Iron Horse Square which is located just west of the depot. Projects like these are just some of the reasons visitors find the town habit-forming and return regularly with their families and friends to enjoy what Mineola has to offer. It is also known as a great place to raise your family and eventually even retire.

A town that celebrates its history, Mineola has 40 state historical markers and 31 local markers.

Those who appreciate history will not want to miss the Mineola Historical Museum located at 114 N. Pacific Street (Highway 69) in the town's old post office one block north of the main downtown district. The depot also houses railroad artifacts. Travelers can while away some time locating certain items listed on either an easy or more advanced educational scavenger hunt sheet in the depot.

Visitors will also not want to miss the approximately 3,000-acre Mineola Nature Preserve, which includes a covered pavilion, walking and equestrian trails and a playground, that is second to none. In the summertime, be sure to take the children by the John J. and Rheba Myers Splash Park at the civic center.

You will find each Mineola merchant has managed to imprint their business in ways that make it unique from every other shop in town. In addition to collectibles and antique furniture, downtown offers handmade stained glass, casual apparel and nature lover necessities. Shopping downtown Mineola is like a trip down memory lane, but with some fun new opportunities added in.

Shopping helps work up an appetite, but that isn't a worry in Mineola. Delicious steaks, juicy hamburgers, yummy pizza, barbecue, hot wings and more are waiting just around the corner. You have choices of comfort food, hamburgers that are second to none, Mexican and Chinese food, as well as a Chicago-style deli restaurant and a deli in a hardware store. Homemade fried pies, award-winning cheesecakes and To Die For fudge (yes, that's the actual name) are not far away.

Don't forget the camera when you come to Mineola because there are photo opportunities galore for souvenirs of your experiences here. The most recently added is the Mineola mural located on South Line Street on the west side of the Factory Connection building. The town's historic brick buildings, graceful crape myrtles at the civic center and vistas at the nature preserve all make super settings for treasured photographs. Come visit Mineola soon – you're always welcome.

**Mineola League of the Arts**

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Art Show.....	2nd weekend in April
Kids' Art Camp .....	2nd week in July
Teen Camp .....	4th week in July
Sampler Week .....	4th week in August
Quilt Show .....	2nd weekend in October
Fiber Arts Exhibition .....	2nd week in November
Christmas Bazaar.....	1st Saturday in December

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**Longview**  
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**September**

*Gregg County Fair:* The Longview Jaycees present a week-long, old-fashioned family friendly county fair at the Gregg County Fairgrounds.

*Neal McCoy's East Texas Angel Network Benefit Concert.*

**October**

*Harvest Festival & Livestock Show:* The largest show of its kind in East Texas, the Texas Cooperative Extension Office junior livestock show, judging and sale is the highlight of the year for area 4H and FFA members. Rockers Riders & Ribs: Downtown Longview hosts thousands of bikes, live music, Roughneck Harley Burnout Contest, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys Bike Show, Dyno Drags, Kids Zone, Food Vendors, Beer Garden, and vendors.

**January**

*East Texas Boat & RV Show:* Outdoor enthusiasts flock to this exciting 60,000 square foot show featuring 40 plus exhibitors showing off the newest in watercraft, recreational vehicles, fishing and camping accessories.

**February**

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Quitman brings life to more than 1,800 people surrounding lakes and a spectacular array of wildlife and nature. Quitman is known as the Gateway to Lake Fork, the nationally and world-wide famous bass fishing lake and just north of town Quitman Lake.

There are modern salons, spas and boutiques along with many churches of mainstream denominations, mom and pop diners and restaurants owned and operated by local residents.

The downtown square has seen great growth in recent years. It now features restaurants, a coffee shop, retail shopping, candle and soap shop and a to-go lunch spot.

The Dogwood Festival brings the town together in May. There are parades, the Miss Dogwood Pageant, a 5K/10K run, golf tournament, and a big street dance on the square.

Quitman offers the city-owned Governor Jim Hogg City Park which includes a Splash Pad built by the Quitman-Lake Fork Kiwanis Club.

The Old Settlers Reunion at Governor Jim Hogg City Park is one of the oldest continuous festivals in Texas with 2019 scheduled to be 117th annual affair. There is a fun midway while local civic clubs have food and drink booths. The 700-seat pavilion, built in 1899, hosts a variety of entertainment from an oldies night to karaoke, gospel and country music during the reunion. It is always the first weekend in August.

Also at the park, Wood County Arboretum and Botanical Gardens provide a beautiful setting of an assortment of flowers prefect for weddings, family reunions and special events. The 100-year old Stinson House is located near the arboretum as is the nature walk.

Next to the park is the Carroll Green Civic Center with a variety of uses from banquets, fund-raisers, music shows , family reunions, bridal fairs and gun shows. The facility has an auditorium with full stage, can accommodate 350 people, has a full kitchen, and a smaller meeting room.

One of East Texas finest library facilities is the Quitman Public Library located east of the square on Goode Street. The library has, an extensive children's library and is home to one of the best and most resourceful genealogy departments in East

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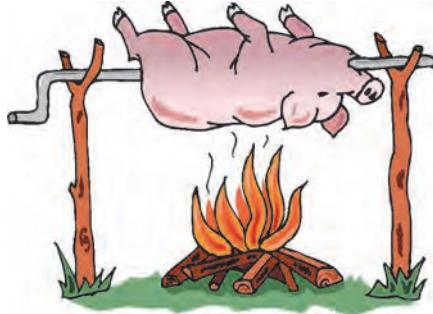
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# San Augustine County

**S**an Augustine County is in extreme East Texas, 23 miles from the eastern state boundary. It is bordered by the Attoyac River on the west, Sabine County on the east, Shelby County to the north, and Sam Rayburn Reservoir to the south. The city of San Augustine, the county seat of San Augustine County, is small, rural, historic, southern and charming! San Augustine is blessed with numerous historically significant commercial and residential structures as well as a rich, colorful and marketable history.

In 2002, the Texas State Society of Architects designated San Augustine one of the twenty-five places termed "Locations where architecture, natural beauty, and cultural heritage combine to create a special corner of the Lone Star State. Places Texans and non-residents revisit again and again."

San Augustine County is also home to the city of Broaddus, the gateway to Lake Sam Rayburn, one of the most popular recreation areas in East Texas. The largest body of water contained entirely within the State of Texas, it covers 114,500 acres at normal capacity.

Lake Sam Rayburn is bordered on the north and south by the Angelina National Forest, one of four national forests in Texas. The 153,179-acre Angelina National Forest is in Angelina, Nacogdoches, San Augustine and Jasper counties.



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## Shelby County



**S**helby County is in the eastern part of the Texas Forest Country. Center, the largest town and the county seat, is home to the crown jewel of Shelby County, the historic Shelby County courthouse located on the downtown square.

Built in 1885, the courthouse was modeled after an Irish castle by architect J.J. F. Gibson, an Irish immigrant. As the story goes, Mr. Gibson was instructed to install an escape hatch next to the judge's bench just in case the verdict he handed down was not well received. Two guards were posted at the back with shotguns to ensure that no one left until the judge was safely on his horse and gone. The 1884 jail designed and built by Mr. Gibson is now home to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

The Shelby County courthouse has recently been added to the Majestic Castle Road trip.

Throughout the year Shelby County is host to several festivals and events with the Shelby County Grill Fest BBQ Cook-Off in March, Shelby County Bloomin' on the Square in April, Shelby County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo in June, the WHAT-A-Melon Festival and tournament baseball in July, and the East Texas Poultry Festival in October.

The John D. Windham Civic Center gives Shelby County and the City of Center growth opportunities with conventions, conferences, celebrations, receptions, musical performances and events. A broad selection of entertainment and recreation is accessible with Toledo Bend Lake, which is great for fishing and camping, a variety of restaurants, shopping, art galleries and antique shops on the historic downtown square which welcomes folks to come visit and stay awhile.

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Texas and the Wood County Genealogical Society. They also have special showings each month honoring various aspects artisans of East Texas. The library also hosts its "Acoustic Jam" each second Friday of the month.

The Forever Young Activity Center (FYAC) is the hub for senior citizens in the area, with bingo twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. There are 42 tournaments throughout the year and a country store during Christmas season. Special programs such as an annual health fair and speakers on a variety of subjects of interest are available to senior citizens.

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## Troup

The City of Troup, located in the rolling hills of East Texas near Tyler, is partially in North Cherokee and Southern Smith Counties, and was born out of two nearby communities. The International Railroad Company opened the Palestine-Troup Line on November 9, 1872 and the first settlers of Troup, or Zavalla as it was first known, came from Old Knoxville and Old Canton. The town of Troup, named after a governor or possibly a county in Georgia, was surveyed and the streets laid out by the railroad in 1872. A map of the town site was filed for record February 27, 1873. The original town map made by the railroad shows a plat dedicated for a school at the location of the current elementary cafeteria building. In addition, while platting the town, the railroad reserved a portion of land for the City Cemetery and it was dedicated in 1873.

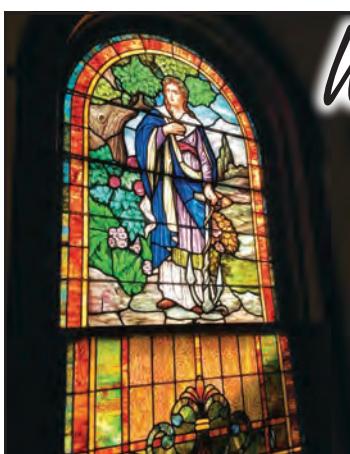
At the turn of the century it is said that the business community was composed of eleven saloons and ten business houses. On November 11, 1909, the "e" was dropped from Troup at the request of the railroad. Troup was an agriculturally oriented community. For many years, cotton was its mainstay. At one time, Troup had five active cotton gins and the community marketed from 6,000 to

8,000 bales of cotton annually; some of which were shipped directly to Italian spinners in Genoa, Italy. Although cotton was king, other principle money crops were bell peppers and tomatoes.

Troup is presently comprised of approximately 100 businesses, more than a dozen churches of varying denominations and an award-winning school system. The Downtown Historic District is taking on a new shine with a new sidewalks and lighting makeover completed on one side of the street and the other side is looking forward to the day work begins for them. These projects were made possible through federal grants and local funding from the Troup Community Development Corporation.

Known as the "Good Neighbor Town" it is easy to make friends especially by getting involved with civic organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, American Legion Post, Troup Women's Civic Organization, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Cameron J. Jarvis Municipal Library and community center.

For recreation there is a country club with a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts and several parks. The Zack Taylor Park has just overgone a huge renovation with the addition of the Joe Layne Family Splash Pad.



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# Tyler



**L**ocated in beautiful East Texas, Tyler is the perfect choice for your next vacation. From the world famous Tyler Rose Garden and Azalea-coated neighborhoods to championship golf courses, antique districts and nationally registered museums and historic districts, Tyler offers a uniquely stress free getaway.

Located 90 miles east of Dallas on Interstate 20, the city of Tyler lies within a short distance of several lakes and surrounding woodlands. Tyler has a variety of museums, historic homes, a nationally recognized zoo and symphony. The city has 26 parks, 22 area sporting lakes, 66 tennis courts, 26 baseball fields, 15 soccer fields, and 9 golf courses. There are more than 250 restaurants, 2,200 hotel rooms and countless shops and antiques for the serious shopper.

Spring (April-May) and mid-fall (October) are popular times to see roses in bloom at the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden.

The Azalea and Spring Flower Trail (March-April) follows a route through gardens of the city's residents. The Texas Rose Festival (October) is a major annual tradition featuring a flower show, art exhibits, a parade and the coronation of the Rose Queen.

The 86th Texas Rose Festival will be held on October 17-20, 2019 with "Portraits of Inspiration" as its theme. The Rose Festival activities include the queen's coronation at the Cowan Center on October 18, and the Rose Parade on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

## Activities

Tyler Planetarium at Tyler Junior College: The new planetarium at Tyler Junior College has become a "don't miss" Tyler attraction. The planetarium has featured exhibits such as "Great Balls of Fire," shows like "Cosmic Collisions," and the 1,500 pound Brenham meteorite.

## MORE TO DO:

- Liberty Hall
- Historic Aviation Memorial Museum
- Texas Rose Festival (October)
- Lake Tyler
- Lake Palestine
- Brookshire's Museum and Country Store
- Cowan Center at UT-Tyler
- Discovery Science Center
- East Texas State Fair (September)
- East Texas Symphony Orchestra
- First Monday Trade Days in Canton
- Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge
- Cherokee Trace Drive-Thru Safari Park
- Camp Fannin
- Pine Cove Christian Camps
- Waterpark at the Villages
- Oil Palace

Caldwell Zoo began in 1938 as a backyard menagerie of squirrels and parrots for schoolchildren. Those simple beginnings have evolved into an 85-acre regionally recognized zoo containing more than 2,000 animals representing 250 species from East Africa, North America, and South America. The zoo includes a children's petting pen, two aquariums, picnic areas, a cafe that overlooks an African savanna and gift shops with original African items. Habitats and exhibits include: African Savanna, North America, South America, African Aquarium, North American Herpetarium and Wild Bird Walkabout.

The highly-respected Tyler Museum of Art, located on the campus of Tyler Junior College (TJC), showcases both permanent, rotating and visiting collections. Located adjacent to the famous Tyler Rose Garden is the Tyler Rose Museum, which showcases and documents the history of the annual Texas Rose Festival.

Tyler's railroad depot is the home of the Cotton Belt Depot Museum, and the Tyler Transit offices. Included in the museum's collection are four large model train layouts, photographs, uniforms, hats, etc. that have been donated by former employees of the railroad, and friends of the depot.

The Goodman-LeGrand House and Museum, built in 1859, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and designated a Texas Historic Landmark.

## Water Parks, Swimming and Camping

Water Park at the Villages - southwest of Tyler, on Lake Palestine - (903) 534-8400.

Faulkner Park - Cumberland Road at South Broadway - tennis, sprayground, fishing pond, baseball fields, hiking trails, nature trails.

Municipal swimming pools - operated by the City of Tyler.

Texas Swim Lessons of Tyler - offers group swimming classes in Tyler at the CTE Center of Tyler at 3013 Earl Campbell Parkway. Private, customized swim lessons for kids and adults at your home are also offered, as well as lifeguard services for special events. Camp Tyler - an outdoor learning center located on 350 acres on Lake Tyler, opened in 1949. The camp provides physical, education, and social resources for the children of East Texas.

Tyler State Park - just north of Tyler. This beautiful 985 acre park in the rolling hills features a 64 acre lake, campgrounds, hiking trails, pavilions, cabins, mountain biking, nature studies, canoes, paddle boats, kayaks, bike boats, jon boats, park store and much more. Tyler State Park is located 2 miles north of interstate.

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## Whitehouse

The City of Whitehouse is a small but growing hometown located just south of Tyler that offers safe, family friendly neighborhoods, services that are second to none, acres of parks and excellent schools.

The park system offers two play areas for children ranging in age from toddler to pre teen, pavilions for picnics and a small amphitheater with various outdoor events held there throughout the year. A local favorite is Halloween in the Park. The City Park also includes a large splash park designed for toddlers to elementary age children and concession that is open from late May to late August (weather permitting). Gardenview Park is a natural green space with picnic tables near Blackhawk Creek that meanders through the park.

The Municipal Sports Complex is the City's baseball and softball complex. The complex has 6 fields, 3 combination baseball/softball fields and 3 softball fields. League play is offered for instruction age co high school for both summer and fall ball.

Families with school age children are drawn to Whitehouse for the excellent educational opportunities that the Whitehouse Independent School District offers. WISD has two National Blue Rib-

bon Schools - Cain Elementary and Stanton -Smith Elementary. The District is highly recognized 5A school where 'Excellence is Our Standard'.

The city also has an active Chamber of Commerce that produces events throughout the year including Freedom in the Park, a full day of fun on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend with a BBQ contest, car show and ends with a spectacular firework show. Other annual events are the Reverse Raffle, Business Expo and Christmas Parade.

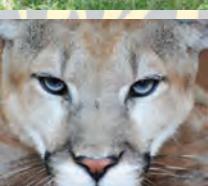
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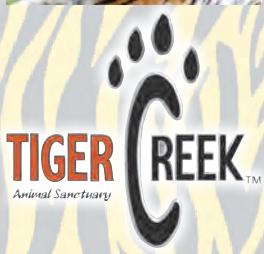
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In 1854, Englishmen John E. Winn was traveling through the area and was captivated by the rich land and beauty of the piney woods. He and his stepson purchased 361 acres and named it Crossroads after an intersection of what is now North Main and Pine Street. In 1855 the community was named Winnsboro in honor of Winn. The first train depot in Winnsboro was built in 1878 at what is now the intersection of Main Street and Broadway, which is in our downtown area. In the 1950's it began to lose strength due to airplanes, buses and the trucking industry, forcing the depot to close in the 1960's. In 1985 the Winnsboro heritage society saved the depot and fully restored the building by restoring the beauty. Winnsboro became a Texas Main Street City in 2003 and has since been recognized for several notable achievements. Winnsboro is also considered a Texas Cultural Arts District,

Film Friendly, and Preserve America Community. You can find antique malls, day spas, boutiques, jewelry stores, flower shops, and several wonderful restaurants to choose from.

Known as the Home of Autumn Trails since 1959, Winnsboro celebrates the beauty of fall every October. The entire month is filled with arts and crafts, parades, antique cars and tractors, and a trail ride through the scenic countryside. Over the past few years Winnsboro has been known for its art galleries, antique shops, fine restaurants and Winnsboro Center of Arts. Market Street, just north of the depot, holds Winnsboro's rich history known as "The Bowery" which—in its day—was complete with saloons, gambling halls and bath houses catering to loggers. The Bowery is now home to several fine restaurants, Winnsboro Center for the Arts, small boutiques, and much more. You will find a variety of live music by nationally known Singer/Songwriters on the Bowery Stage, as well as top-notch entertainment by the local up-and-coming artists in the other venues. Bring your friends and family to spend a weekend, or a lifetime, in Winnsboro.

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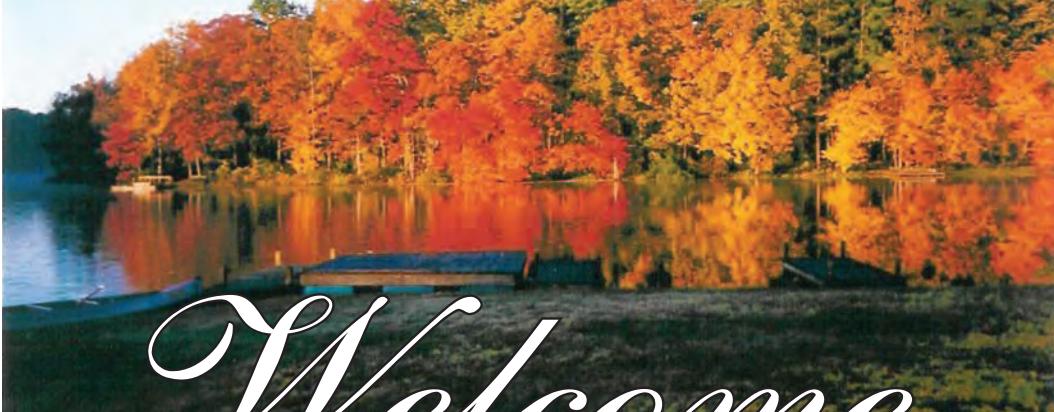
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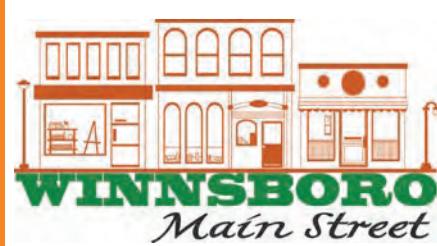
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