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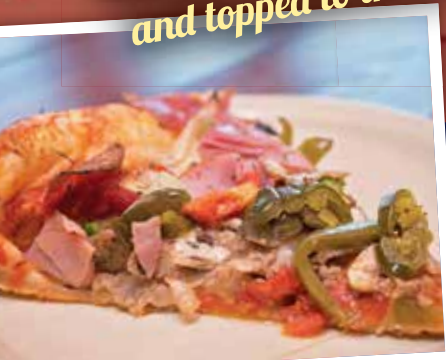




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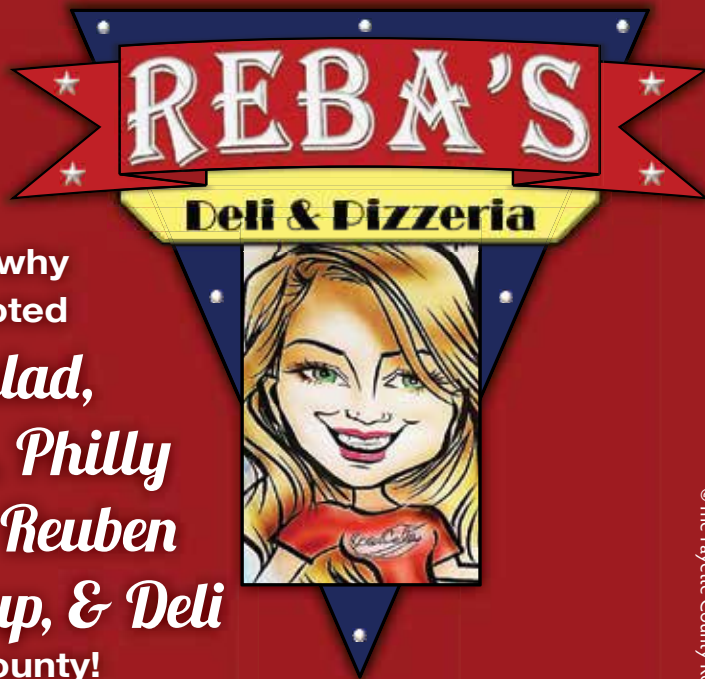


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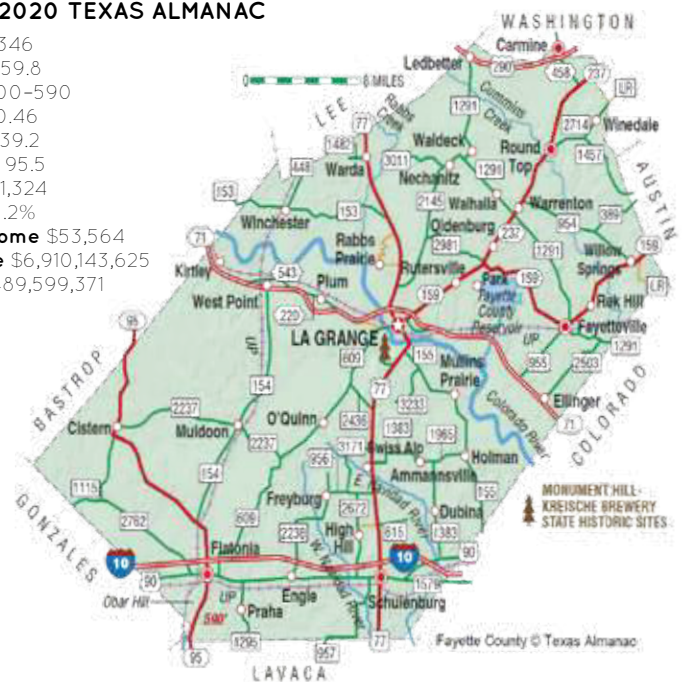


On the Cover

John the Baptist,
Ammannsville, Texas
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DATA FROM 2020 TEXAS ALMANAC

Population 25,346
Area (sq.mi.) 959.8
Altitude (ft.) 200-590
Rainfall (in.) 40.46
Jan. avg. min. 39.2
July avg. max. 95.5
Civilian labor 11,324
Unemployed 5.2%
Per Capita Income \$53,564
Property Value \$6,910,143,625
Retail Sales \$489,599,371



Physical Features: South central county bisected by Colorado River; Fayette County Reservoir; rolling to level; sandy loam, black waxy soils.

Economy: Agribusiness, production of electricity, mineral production, government/ services, small manufacturing, tourism.

History: Lipan Apaches and Tonkawas. Austin's colonists arrived in 1822. Germans and Czechs began arriving in 1840s. County created from Bastrop, Colorado counties in 1837; organized in 1838; named for hero of American Revolution, Marquis de Lafayette.

Recreation: Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery State Historic Sites, Faison Home Museum, other historic sites including "Painted Churches"; hunting, fishing, lake; German and Czech ethnic foods; Prazska Pout in August, Octoberfests. Golf courses (2), State Parks (1), City Parks (13), Museums (18), Art galleries (12).

Airport: Fayette Regional Air Center; 850 Airport Road, La Grange; 979-242-4056;

Major Cities: LA GRANGE (4,751) County seat; electric-power generation, varied manufacturing, tourism; Schulenburg (2,935) manufacturing, food processing; festival in August; Round Top (88) music center, tourism; antiques shows; Winedale (67), historic restorations; Carmine (258); Ellinger (386), Fayetteville (271) tourism, antiques, Licksillet festival in October; Flatonia (1,511) food production, cattle ranching; rail history museum, Czhlispiet in October; Ledbetter (83); Muldoon (95); Plum (145); Warda (121); Warrenton (186); West Point (213), and Winchester (232).

WELCOME to Fayette County



On behalf of the great residents of Fayette County, I want to welcome all of you to what we refer to as the “Crown Jewel” of the State of Texas. Our county is rich in history, tradition and culture and inhabited by a diverse group of hard-working people committed to the highest of standards and values. Quality of life is important to all our residents and we welcome all of you to share in the many sights, events and amenities our county has to offer. While here, I encourage all of you to visit our quaint shops, taste our great food and visit the many historic sites, which remain the foundation of our county’s uniqueness and greatness. And if you are thinking about relocating to our county to live and prosper, whether it’s a new homestead or developing a thriving business, you have found the right place. We are all here to assist you in any way possible during your visit and hope you find your experience worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Joe Weber, Fayette County Judge

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SCHULENBURG



SCHULENBURG - TEXAS -

Schulenburg is a city known for its German, Austrian, and Czech culture. It is home to the Texas Polka Music Museum, which honors Texas polka bands and musicians of Czech, German and Polish ancestry. Enjoy the Painted Churches Tour, the Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum, and visit local Vineyards & Wineries. The population was 2,633 at the 2020 census.



WELCOME *To Schulenburg*



"Halfway to Everywhere" is the best way to describe Schulenburg. We are half way to Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Victoria - you might even say halfway to heaven being the "Home of the Painted Churches." When you meet in the middle, - you will find friendly folks, famous cooking and some of the most beautiful countryside around.

Schulenburg's heritage is rich in history, on land donated by Louis Schulenburg fellowship and tradition. Our history began in 1873 with the arrival of the railroad. Businesses began and faithful followers moved to town. The predominately German and Czech heritage folks thrived on hard work and building their town and homes. They were just as committed to building churches, schools and community meeting places with much music and good fellowship throughout. We continue that tradition today with our annual Schulenburg Sausagefest held in the Spring which highlights the Czech and German heritage with a sausage cook-off and polka music. The annual Schulenburg Festival is held on the first weekend of August and features three fun-filled days of family entertainment.

Our town is fortunate to have a variety of locally owned businesses and shops, restaurants, cafes and eateries, meat markets and bakeries and churches of all faiths. We have something for everyone. We have parks and fitness centers, walking and jogging trails and activities for the young and old. We have hotels and Air B & Bs. History is abundant with the Schulenburg Historical Museum, the Texas Polka Museum and the Stanzel Model Airplane Museum. The Schulenburg Public Library is one of most technology advanced libraries. "Schulenburg" happens to mean "school town" in German - and here we are, home of the Schulenburg High School Shorthorns and Lady Horns, the Saint Rose of Lima Cardinals and Blinn Junior College.

Sincerely,
Elaine Kocian, Schulenburg Mayor

"Whether it's a day trip or a weekend getaway - Schulenburg is the place to be - 'cause most don't want to leave! Come see us."

- Mayor Elaine Kocian

SCHULENBURG

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play



EVENTS

April
Sausagefest
April 2

Turtle Wing Day
April 7

May
Jack Hooper Day at the Ballpark
& Home Run Derby
May 7

June
90 Miles on Hwy. 90 Garage
Sales - From Sealy to Luling with
all towns in between
June 3 & 4

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 1**
June 6-10

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 2**
June 13-17

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 3**
June 20-24

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 4**
June 27-July 1

July
ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 5
July 11-15

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 6**
July 18-22

August
Schulenburg Festival
August 4-7

September
Wine-O-Bingo at the
Schulenburg Civic Center

Turtle S'Wing & Shoot
September 20

St. Mary High Hill Picnic

RESTAURANTS

**Auntie Anne's
at Pilot**
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at Pilot**
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City Market Schulenburg
109 Kessler Ave.

Faith's Barbecue
609 Kessler Ave.

From Scratch Foods
610 Lyons Ave.

Lucy Tequilas
50 Kessler Ave.

Mi Casita Restaurant
514 Summit St.

Momma's at Senglemann Hall
531 N. Main St.

**Oakridge Smokehouse
Restaurant**
712 US-77

Original Kountry Baker
110 Kessler Ave.

PJ Fresh Marketplace
709 US-77

Rise & Stein
610 Lyons Ave.

Subway
14 N. Kessler Ave.

T&T Super Donuts
304 Kessler Ave.

Taco Bell
709 US-77

The Garden Co. Marketplace & Cafe
217 Kessler Ave.

Tillie's Cafe
621 N. Main St.

Tito's Cafe
405 Summit St.

Tom's BBQ
1306 Lyons Ave.

Vicenza's Italian
746 East US Hwy. 90

Whataburger
40 N. Kessler Ave.

LODGING

3 Oaks RV Resort
55 N. Kessler Ave.

Americas Best Value Inn
205 West I-10 Frontage Rd.

Best Western Plus Schulenburg Inn & Suites
101 Huser Blvd.

Das Meyer Haus
527 Anderson St.

Executive Inn & Suites
800 US-77

Farmhouse & Cabin at Freyburg
Abbotts Grove School Rd.

Hattie's Haus
12020 FM 1383

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
200 Heinrich St.

Klekar-Gin Farm
5921 Klekar-Gin Rd.

Middle Creek Place
2301 Demel Rd.

Paradise Hill Rental
2700 Bruno Rd.

Rosies Homestead
(Airbnb)

Schulender RV Park
65 N. Kessler Ave.

Squawk & Skedaddle Campground
2466 Bryant Rd.

Summit House
508 Summit St.

The Gathering at Mulberry Creek
5718 Kainer Rd.

The Roost at Mulberry Creek
(Airbnb)

The Otto House
(Airbnb)

The Stoopover
(Airbnb)

CHURCHES

Catholic

Sts. Cyril & Methodius Dubina
Sunday Mass 8:45 a.m.
(979)725-6715

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Church Ammannsville
7745 Mensik Rd.
Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

St. John the Baptist wCatholic Church
7026 FM 957
www.discovermass.com
(979) 798-5888

St. Mary's Catholic High Hill
2833 FM 2672
Saturday Mass 6:30 p.m. &
Wednesday Mass 7 a.m.
www.stmary-highhill.com
(979) 561-8455

St. Rose of Lima
1010 Lyons Ave.
Saturday Mass 5 p.m., Sunday
Mass 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m., Noon
Spanish Mass
www.victoriadiocese.org
(979) 743-3117

Lutheran

United Evangelical Lutheran Swiss Alp
FM 3171
Worship 9:25 a.m.
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
(979) 247-4151

Zion Lutheran
103 Keuper Ave.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
(979) 743-3842

All events are subject to change. Please check websites for the most up to date information.

Methodist

First United Methodist
209 N. Upton Ave.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.schulenburgmethodist.com
(979) 743-3333

Freyburg United Methodist
4520 FM 2238
Worship 8:30 a.m. every Sunday
www.freyburgumc.org
(979) 217-1151

Presbyterian
St. Paul Presbyterian
712 Summit St.
Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
(979)743-3426

Others

Crossroads Christian Fellowship
Contemporary Worship,
Non-Denominational
621 Lyons Ave.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.ccfellowship.net
(979) 743-9040

Temple Israel of Schulenburg
211 Baumgarten St.
High Holy Days, Pesach Kabbalat
Shabbat
www.templeisrael.webs.com

PICNICS

June
2nd Sunday in June
St. Rose of Lima Church
1010 Lyons Ave.
(979) 743-3117
www.victoriadiocese.org

July

1st Sunday in July
Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Church in Dubina
FM Road 1383, Dubina
(979) 725-8461

Always July 4th
St. John the Baptist Church
7026 FM 957
(361) 798-5888

September

Sunday before Labor Day
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Church in High Hill
2833 FM 2672
(979) 561-8455

FESTIVALS

Sausagefest April 2

The only festival in Texas featuring sausage-making contest! Come for the sausage, but stay for all the fun! Enjoy Texas' shortest parade, live music, the Wurst Run Ever (Fun Run), Sausage Tossing Contest, Hog Calling Contest, Homemade Wine, Pickles, and Sauerkraut Contest and so much more.

Schulenburg Festival August 4-7

Always the first weekend in August, the Schulenburg Festival offers a weekend of live music, cook-offs, tournaments, a rodeo, and a lot more fun! Bring the whole family to participate in the Cow Chip and Egg Toss and watch the parade. Schulenburg Festival also boasts about its incredibly large and cold beer garden.

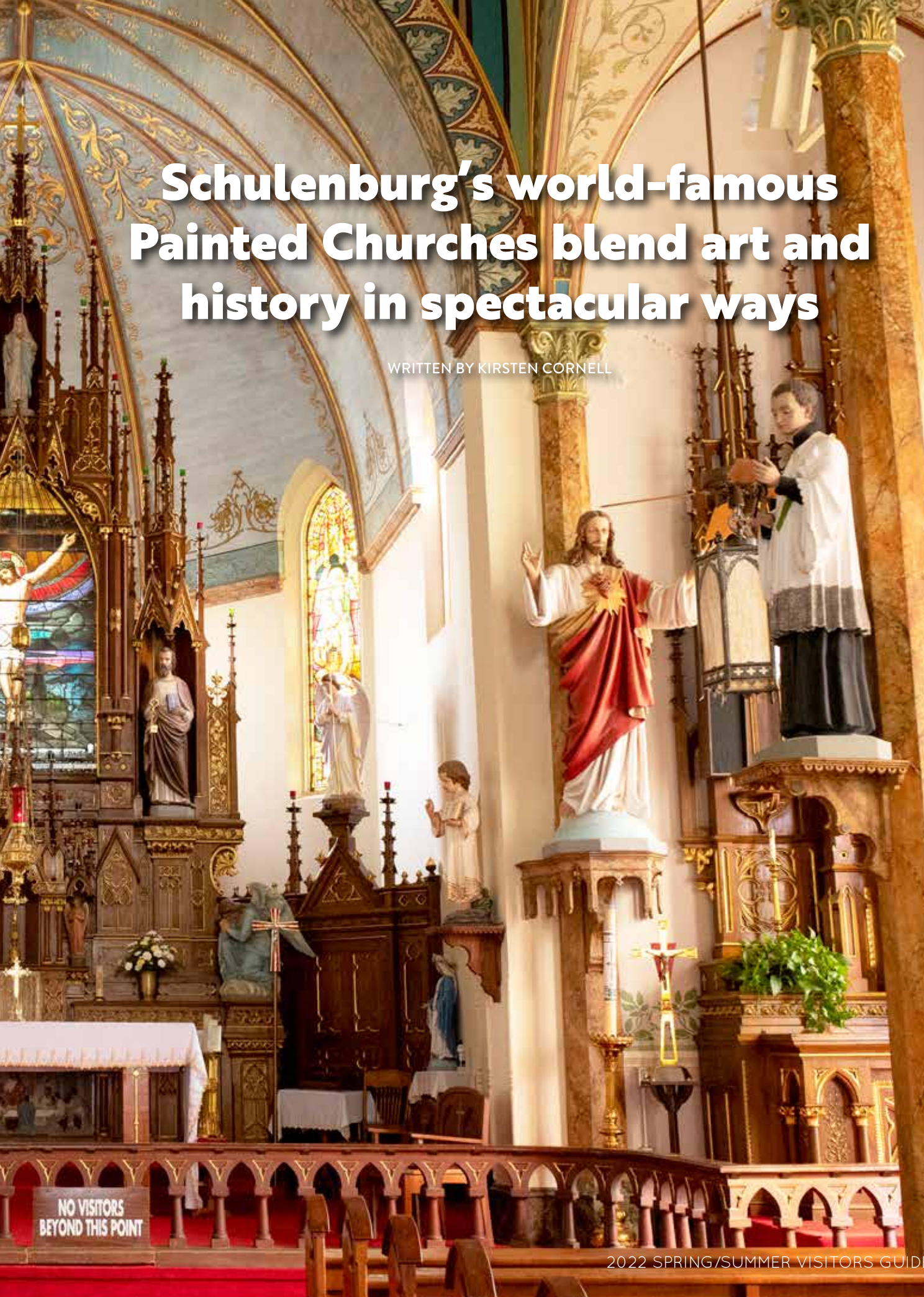


A COLORFUL *History*

St. Mary's of High Hill

Schulenburg's world-famous Painted Churches blend art and history in spectacular ways

WRITTEN BY KIRSTEN CORNELL



In the early 1800 and 1900s, Czech and German immigrants settled in Texas bringing with them traditions, craftsmanship, and artistry. They built dozens of churches that while seeming commonplace from a distance, house incredible mastery of art, color, and history.

Much like their successors, these churches served as the cornerstones of their communities symbolizing hope and collective strength.

“These churches, first and foremost, show how deeply engrained faith was for these people,” says Terri Wagner, Executive Director for the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce. “Once they had established their livelihood, they turned their eyes to God. And they spared no expense.”

These elaborate works of art tell the living history of the courage it took for someone to leave their home, travel thousands of miles, and establish their lives in a place where they didn’t know the language, were unfamiliar with the culture and had to raise crops they had never heard of.

TOP DESTINATION

Over the years, most of the churches have undergone extensive preservation efforts. For example, from 2015 to 2016, St. Mary’s at Praha was closed. They refinished the floors, repaired and repainted the statuary and baptismal font, built a new confessional, cleaned and repainted the walls, and added paintings to the doors. The community has more than embraced its slice of history and put forth incredible efforts to preserve the workmanship within the church walls.

In 1989, Sandra Michna was serving as the manager of the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce when she received a phone call from a tour company out of San Antonio. Enthralled by the enchanting churches, they had been bringing tour buses of people in to see the wondrous sights.

Father Hanacek of High Hill asked for Michna’s help organizing the interested parties and official tours of the counties’ Painted Churches began.

Now a top Texas destination and drawing visitors from all over the world, the Chamber conducts nearly 500 tours a year. “On the outside you see a plain country church resting in a small community in the middle of a Texas prairie,” Wagner shares. “But once the doors open, you feel as if you have crossed an ocean and stepped back in time, for inside is a little piece of Europe’s past.”



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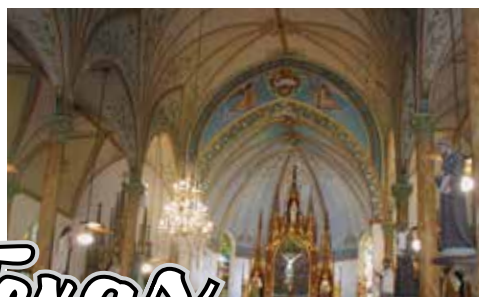
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

High Hill, Texas

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NATIVITY OF MARY, THE BLESSED VIRGIN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Every inch of the “Queen of the Painted Churches”—from the wooden altar to the towering columns adorned with life-sized Biblical figures—is swathed in grandness.

One of the first churches built by notable Texas architect Leo M.J. Dielmann, Blessed Virgin Catholic Church was built in 1906. In the late 1800s and 1900s, church leadership was encouraging communities to build from brick or stone as many early wooden churches were destroyed by storms. This makes this church's red brick exterior even more important, protecting its interior.

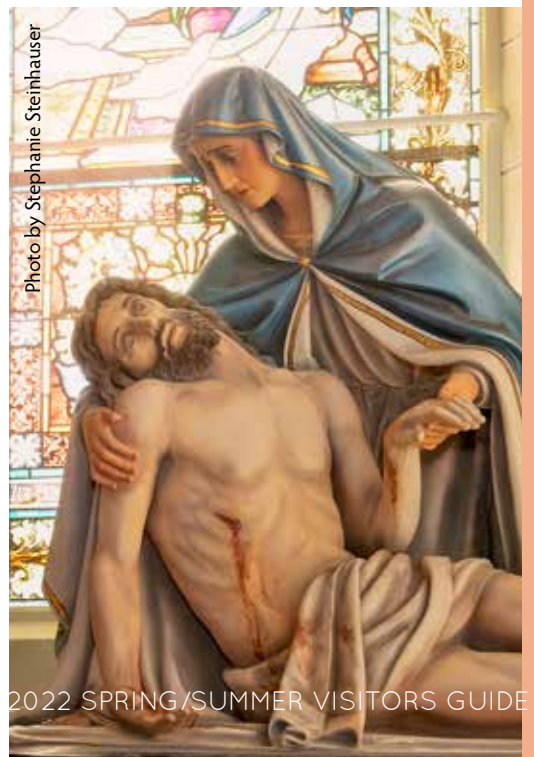
The decorative painting was executed by Ferdinand Stockert and Hermann Kern in 1912. Parish historians state that the artists first painted on canvas, later gluing them to the wooden walls. If you look closely on a tour, maybe you'll catch a glimpse of bubbles in the now hardened canvases. The columns, seemingly marble, are carefully designed and hand-painted wood. Parishioners and visitors are greeted by ornate stained glass dancing fractured light across the long-used pews.

With a high spire and pitching windows, St. Mary Catholic Church in High Hill is draped in rhythms of gothic mastery.

Photo by Stephanie Steinhauser



Photo by Stephanie Steinhauser



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ammannsville, Texas

Photo by Stephanie Steinhauser

Photo by Lindsey Fojtik



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Known as the “pink church,” St. John the Baptist in Ammannsville is liberally dusted in rose-colored hues. While the color itself is eye-catching, the stunning canvases and statues are what will really steal your breath.

Built in 1919, this is the third building to occupy this hallowed land. The first, built in 1890, was destroyed by a tornado in 1909, and the second burned down in 1917. The determination to restore the church speaks of their importance to the area and the community’s deep-rooted commitment to maintaining this fabric of their history.

Gold stenciled patterns line the base with ivy and angel depictions throughout the sanctuary. The rich green carpeting and impressive statues only add to the grand factor of this church. Paying homage to early settlers, visitors are given glimpses of the area’s Czech roots and history through the panes of the church’s stained-glass windows.

Several of the original statues and a cross saved from the fire stand in tribute to the past and the resilience of the community.

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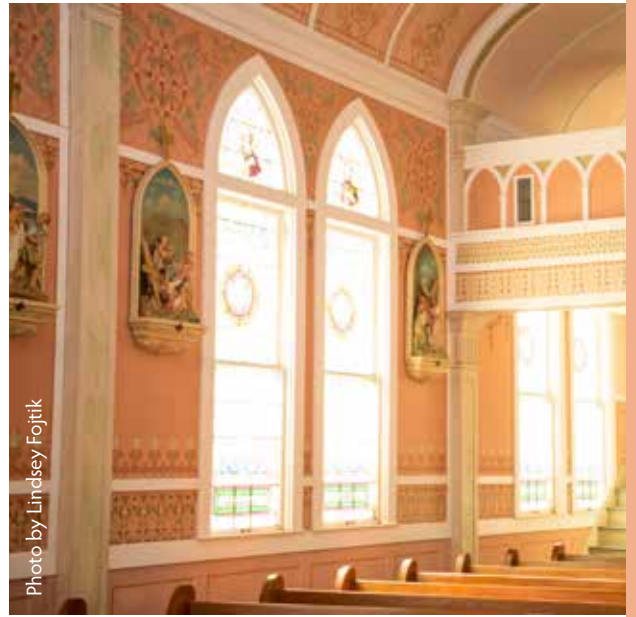


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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Praha, Texas

Photo by Diane Mueller





Photo by Stephanie Steinhauser



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Originally constructed in 1895, St. Mary's in Praha is the oldest of the region's painted churches. More so than some of the others, this church has undergone a series of additions from various artists. The original artwork was completed in 1901 by Gottfried Flury and in 1901 the pastor and dabbling artist, Father Netardus, added embellishments.

In the mid-1900s, another artist named Gene A. Mikulik added gold leaf to parts of the sanctuary and created the church's signature mural of the Virgin Mary named "Our Lady of Victory."

One of the overwhelmingly stunning features of this parish is the arched, blue-green ceiling featuring a Garden of Eden replica filled with Texas flowers. Equally eye-catching are the grand chandelier and stained-glass windows.

However, visitors might argue that the real showstopper is the white altar gilded in 24 karat gold. Behind the hand-carved altar is a serene mural of three angels dressed in pink, blue, and yellow, floating around a cross. Painted cornices and wooden beams only serve to enhance the majestic effect.

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SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH

Dubina, Texas

Photo by Stephanie Steinhauser





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SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH

In the mid-1800s, a group of families from the northeastern part of Moravia landed in central Texas, and after happening upon a grove of oak trees, they decided to call the area home, naming it Dubina. Post-Civil War, these families had a mission to build a church—which is now known as Saints Cyril and Methodius.

Unfortunately, the 1909 hurricane that ravaged central Texas took down Saints Cyril and Methodius. Undeterred, the people of Dubina commissioned another church in 1912 and were able to salvage their original guidon, an iron cross made by a freed slave, Tom Lee.

Cloaked in powdery blues, the church is marked by uniform domes stenciled with delicate florals and offset by gold stars. The ornate altar is wreathed by saintly statues and commands its deserved attention. Recognized as the most elaborate of the painted churches, you may find yourself holding your breath upon entry.

FACT: SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS BOAST MORE WINDOWS THAN ANY OTHER PAINTED CHURCH IN TEXAS.



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SCHEDULE A TOUR

In addition to being jaw-droppingly beautiful, these churches are still active, hosting everything from Sunday services to weddings and church picnics. Tours are available Monday through Saturday through the Chamber office. Whether you're a lone traveler or a family reunion, they can accommodate your party and tailor your tour specifically to you—even including local additions such as museums and a winery.

For Wagner and many of her docent volunteers, the wonder and awe visitors experience when the doors open and they walk inside is their favorite part of sharing the churches with guests. "Our tours provide the unparalleled history of each church and the community in which it resides," adds Wagner. "Each guide gives their unique perspective. Some guides are more versed in the artwork, while others discuss the meaning behind the statues in-depth. Others can give an extensive explanation of the Catholic Church's doctrine."

Whether you are viewing one church or six, you will not leave disappointed. "Take advantage of this gift," urges Wagner. "These churches help us to connect with others across the globe as we all share a love of the artistry, elegance, and charm these buildings offer."

VISITOR TIP

THE PAINTED CHURCHES ARE ALL ACTIVE AND CONDUCT SERVICES ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. PLAN ACCORDINGLY!



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SCHULENBURG *Historical Museum*

WRITTEN BY WANDA GENERALIST

The Schulenburg Historical Museum is located at 631 N. Main. The building was constructed in the early 1900's. Mr. Robert A. Wolters ran a mercantile business from this building for many years. The business was known as The Wolters Mercantile. The great grandson of Robert A. Wolters and Anna (Bohms) Wolters, John and his wife Karen opened the museum in 1988. In the museum you will experience the history of Schulenburg, a town founded in 1873 when the railroad came thru the area. The town was named after August Louis Von Schulenburg who settled in this area in 1867 and whose land the majority of the town was built. The town was officially incorporated as a city on May 24, 1875.

The mission of The Schulenburg Historical Museum is to identify, preserve, and display historical artifacts in order to educate current and future generations about the development of Schulenburg and the lifestyle of the people. The displays tell the story of hardworking pioneers and the community they built.



SCHULENBURG HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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I invite you to visit our La Grange Visitors Bureau offering tours, brochures, public restrooms, maps, a gift shop and even more. The Visitors Center is located in our fully restored Historic Casino and performing arts center. Additional history of La Grange and Fayette County can also be found inside.

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Sincerely,
Jan Dockery, La Grange Mayor

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LA GRANGE

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play

EVENTS

April

La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

City of La Grange Easter Egg Hunt

Fayette County Sheriff's Posse, Bull Riding & Rodeo Event
April 8 & 9

Easter Egg Hunt at The Jersey Barnyard
April 16

Ostersamstag (Easter Saturday) on the Bluff
April 16

Relay for Life
April 23

May
La Grange Chamber of Commerce Taste of Texas
May 7

La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

MS-150 Bike-A-Thon
April 30-May 1

Friends of Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill Annual Meeting & Reception
May 13

Bluff Schuetzenfest
May 14

TCHCC Annual May Fest and TCHCC 25th Anniversary Celebration
May 15

June
La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

Movie Nights on the Square
June 3 & June 10

La Grange Fire Department Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Juneteenth Parade & Celebration

Summer Fun at the La Grange City Pool

July
La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

Movie Nights on the Square
July 8

Winchester Area Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraiser Fish Fry and Auction

Summer Fun at the La Grange City Pool

August
La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

Summer Fun at the La Grange City Pool

September
La Grange Farmers Market
Every Saturday

Fayette County Fair
September 1-4

Chamber Golf Tournament
Labor Day Weekend

Monument Hill Remembrance
September 17

Pumpkin Patch at The Jersey Barnyard

St. John Fayetteville Picnic

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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
(979) 966-2670

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1010 N. Von Minden St.
Life Groups 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
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5:30 p.m.
Kids/Awana
www.crosspointchurchtx.org

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Groups Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
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www.fbclagrange.net

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3242 Loehr Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
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808 E. Fannin St.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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6341 State Hwy. 71 East
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Sunday 11:30 a.m.
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www.hostynplumcatholic.org

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www.sacredheartlagrange.org
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126 Plum Church Rd., Plum
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www.hostynplumcatholic.org
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Holman
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Months)
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Worship 10 a.m. &
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
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www.stjameslagrange.org
(979) 968-3910

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Shared Lutheran Ministry of Fayette County
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5743 State Hwy. 159 East,
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Sunday School 9 a.m.
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www.sharedlutheranministry.org
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www.mtcalvary-lcms.org
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Saint Michael's Lutheran
310 Frio St., Winchester
Worship 9 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
www.stmichaelswinchester.org
(979) 242-3444

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
110 W. Walnut, La Grange
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Worship Saturday 5 p.m. and
Sunday 9 a.m.
www.stpaulllg.org

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640 Prairie Valley Rd.,
West Point
Worship 8:45 a.m.
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Traditional Worship 9 a.m.
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www.lgfumc.org
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710 N. Jackson
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Worship 10 a.m.

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Pentecost
United Pentecostal
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Prayer 7 p.m.
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Church Services 10:45 a.m.
(512) 801-6314

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www.firstpresbyterianlagrange.com
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(979) 968-8519

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Others

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Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
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The Remnant Church

2010 Von Minden Rd.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.
Monday Prayer 7 p.m.
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Night 7 p.m.
www.theremnantchurch.net
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PICNICS

May

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Friends Kreische Brewery and Monument Hill Annual Picnic

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June

3rd Saturday in June
Saint Michael's Lutheran Church in
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(979) 242-3444
www.stmichaelswinchester.org

3rd Sunday in June (Father's Day)
St. John the Baptist Church in
Ammannsville
7850 Mensik Rd.
(979) 743-3117

Last Sunday in June
Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Plum
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September

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St. Wenceslaus Church in Holman
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Upon his death in 1870, Faison's mulatto housekeeper, Louisiana Brown, became the sole owner of the house—one of the first freedwomen in Texas to own property. She sold it to Nathaniel's brother, Peter Faison in 1872, but remained a property owner the rest of her life. Faison family members were the sole inhabitants from 1872 until 1961 when Ms. Julia Faison passed away.

The house is a rare example of the development of residential construction in the history of the state and has had little modernization since the 1880s. The back sections typify the modest homes of Texas pioneers while the front section is in the more ornate style of the early Victorian period when homes were a reflection of wealth and status. The original furniture of the Faison family highlights life for the well-to-do in the late 1800s.

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The Faison House highlights the complex relationships between whites and blacks after the Civil War

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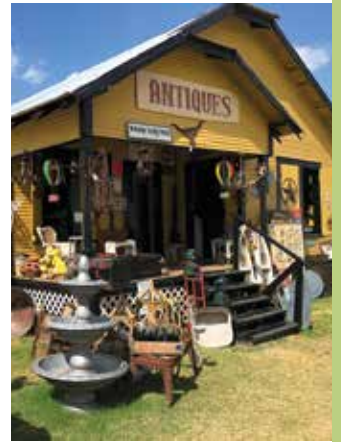


CARMINE - TEXAS -

The City of Carmine is known for the Texas Basketball Museum, operated by Bob Springer. The museum showcases Texas High School Basketball state titles and trophies, a Hall of Fame room, and exhibits of players who became pros. Enjoy shopping in the antiques shops in town or visit the City Park, created by donations of land to the city by the Albers and Muehlbrad families. The park was dedicated in 1982. The population was 250 in 2019.



WELCOME *to Carmine*



Carmine is located in the far northeastern corner of Fayette County next to US Hwy 290, approximately half-way between Houston and Austin. Carmine, with a population of 258 folks, is a small town with a big heart. The city has a beautiful city park where one can relax and experience our small-town atmosphere. Carmine offers fine dining or refreshments for the busy traveler passing through. There are also cozy bed and breakfasts for those who wish to spend time shopping the various antique stores, visiting museums, or exploring the many historical sites in the general area, which makes for a perfect weekend getaway.

Sincerely,
Wade Eilers, Mayor

“For whatever occasion that brings you to Fayette County, on behalf of Carmine’s local citizens and businesses, we extend to you a big warm Texas welcome.” - Mayor Wade Eilers

CARMINE

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play



EVENTS

April

Spring Antiques Show
March 28-April 2

July

Carmine Volunteer Fire Department Annual Firemen's Feast & Fundraiser

August

Carmine Chamber of Commerce Casino Night

September

Fall Antiques Show
October 24-October 29

RESTAURANTS

JW's Steakhouse
122 South Haupstrasse St.

The Village Market
115 West Sylvan St.

Busted Oak Cellars
6195 Round Top Rd.

Nearby
Stuermer Store
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LODGING

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1318 Spur 458

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FESTIVALS

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ROUND TOP



ROUND TOP - TEXAS -

Round Top is well-known for interesting events. Round Top Antiques Fair is an outdoor gathering of antiques dealers and customers each year in the spring and fall. The Round Top Festival Institute is a training ground for young musicians. The Shakespeare at Winedale program is administered by the University of Texas at Austin English Department. The town is also known for Moore's Fort, the oldest building in Fayette County, which was moved there from La Grange. The population was 87 in the 2020 census.



WELCOME *to Round Top*



Surrounded by rolling hills, majestic live oaks and a strong sense of community, Round Top is truly a magical place! Our town offers so much to explore—all while retaining its historic character and charm. Boutique shops, one of a kind galleries, delicious restaurants, relaxing B&Bs, an incredible concert hall, it's world-famous antique shows and a soon to open brewery make Round Top a destination one can't miss! Whether it's a day trip or long weekend, come visit us soon and discover the "Round Top Magic" for yourself!

Sincerely,
Mark Massey, Round Top Mayor

"Whether it's a day trip or long weekend, come visit us soon and discover the 'Round Top Magic' for yourself!" - Mayor Mark Massey

ROUND TOP

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play



EVENTS

April
Spring Antiques Show
March 28-April 2

Round Top Festival Hill Gala
April 9

21st Annual Poetry at Round Top
April 23-24

May
64th Annual Bethlehem
Lutheran Church Chicken Fry
May 1

Volunteer Fire Department Feast and Fundraiser
May 14

July
4th of July Parade
July 4

September
150th Annual Schützenfest
September 18

RESTAURANTS

Local Roots Cafe
102 North Live Oak St.

Lulu's
204 East Mill St.

Mandito's
102 South Washington St.

Popi Burger
104 North Washington St.

Round Top Coffee Shop
111 West Wantke St.

Round Top Mercantile
438 North Washington St.

Royers Pie Haven
190 Henkel Circle

Royers Round Top Cafe
105 Main St.

The Garden Co. Feed and Firewater
104 West Wantke Rd.

The Stone Cellar Pub & Round Top Dance Hall
550 North Washington St.

Teague's Tavern
105 North Live Oak St.

Nearby
Warrenton Grocery Store
4309 Hwy. 237
Warrenton, TX 78961

LODGING
304 On The Hill
304 West Mill St.

A Light Unto My Path
2159 FM 1457

Abbieland RV Park & Guest Cottage
236 South Hwy. 237

Armandos Round Top Houses
304 South White St.

Bediko's International Retreat
475 West FM 1291

Big Sky Barndominium
1919 Rhode Rd.

Black Dog Cabins
3643 Noak Rd.

Cot-N-Coffee at Walhalla
1724 West FM 1291

Coyote Station Lodging
701 North Hwy. 237

Crazy Cow Ranch
Marburger Ln.

Dippel's RV Park
702 Rhode Rd.

Double K Lodging
9999 Klaus Rd.

Dragonfly Cottages & RV
4100 FM 2714

Dragonfly Ranch
524 FM 954

Drift & Holler
1440 Hwy. 237

Elisa's Sunday Haus
611 Bybee Rd.

Farmhouse Round Top
5686 FM 1457

Farmstead
219 FM 954

Festival Hill Lodging
248 Jaster Rd.

Flophouze Hotel
1132 West FM 1291

Good Haus Cottage
4749 South Hwy. 237

Gray Moss Farm
3233 State Hwy. 237

Green Acres Bed & Breakfast
6621 FM 1457

Lone Star Farm
2218 Hartfield Rd.

My Red Bird Farm
3942 Hatfield Rd.

Rancho Pillow
11222 Schuster Rd.

Rocky Creek Farms
Barndominium
1530 Kneip Rd.

Round Top Inn
407 South White St.

Round Top Ranch Cottages
2545 Hwy. 237

Round Top's Little Colony
2250 Hartfield Rd.

Round Top RV Park
601 North Washington St.

Stay in Round Top
2260 Hartfield Rd.

Stone Meadow
146 Rohde Rd.

The Arbors
1503 North Hwy. 237

The Cottages on Mill Creek
5696 Wagner Rd.

The Creek at Round Top
3142 FM 1457

The Frenchie
311 North Live Oak St.

The Ranch RV at Round Top
4245 Leonhardt Rd.

The Ridge at Round Top
125 Huenefeld Ln.

The Silverspur at Round Top
7045 FM 954

The Vintage Round Top
1450 North Hwy. 237

Three Oaks Farm
5728 Hwy. 237

Wander Inn
1215 Hwy. 237

Wellspring Retreat
580 North Washington St.

Whippoorwill Haus
2949 Kneip Rd.

Windmill Ranch Retreat
740 Schmidt Ln.

Nearby
Alpen Haus
8116 Bauer Rd. Oldenburg, TX
78940

Hillcrest Inn
4339 S. State Hwy. 237
Warrenton, TX 78961

Lone Star Glamp Inn
4212 South Hwy. 237
Warrenton, TX 78961

CHURCHES

Baptist
Concord Baptist Church
Worship 10:30 a.m. every second Sunday of the month.

Shared Lutheran
Shared Lutheran Ministry of Fayette County
St. John's in Warrenton
4446 South State Highway 237
Worship 8:30 a.m.
www.sharedlutheranministry.org
(979) 249-3155

Lutheran
Bethlehem Lutheran
412 South White St.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m. on first and third Sunday
Fourth Sunday, Friendship Bunch, 10:15 a.m.
(979) 249-3686

Others
City of Refuge Holiness Church
437 North Washington
Worship 11 a.m.
www.cityofrefuge.org
(979) 249-3197

RT Church Christian Fellowship
440 East Mill St.
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.
www.roundtopchurch.org
(979) 249-5085

Spring Antique Show
March 28-April 2

Fall Antiques Show
October 24-October 29

FESTIVALS

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4th of July Parade
July 4

The Round Top community has celebrated the Fourth of July every year since 1851. In fact, it's known as the longest-running Fourth of July celebration west of the Mississippi. The rest of the year, Round Top boasts an impressive population of 90 souls, many of German origin. But on the Fourth of July, our neighbors from Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and everywhere in between travel into Round Top for a taste of an old-time, small-town Fourth. The Civil War-era cannon roars at 10:30 a.m., announcing the parade of handmade floats, antique cars and tractors, fire engines, trail riders, and longhorn cattle. The parade circles Round Top square to the enthusiastic sounds of Round

Top's own Brass Band. As the parade wraps up, everyone heads a few blocks down FM 1457 to the historic Round Top Rifle Hall where brisket, pork, and sausage, German-style potatoes, green beans, and homemade desserts await. The afternoon continues with music, a raffle, and games for the kids until 4 p.m. when the local band sets up for the afternoon's dance. Come join us for a fun-filled old-fashioned Fourth!

150th Annual Schützenfest
September 18

Highlights include dinner, dancing and the crowning of the Crack Shot König (king), who is the member with the best score after several rounds of shooting. This target shooting competition dates back to 1965. The contest includes shooting .22 caliber rifles with open sights at a target that is 168 feet away. The goal is to hit a perfect bullseye which results in a score of 12 points, much harassment by fellow members, and the satisfaction of seeing a rooster pop up. The farther away your shot is from the bullseye the lower the count towards your total score. After a practice shot, each member shoots three times. Those with a score of 29 or better advance to the next round. Three shots are taken again. Those tied with the highest score in the second round compete in a "shoot-off" to determine the Schützenkönig.

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FLATONIA



FLATONIA - TEXAS -

Flatonia is a historic town located on Interstate 10 and the Southern Pacific Railroad, 12 miles west of Schulenburg. It is home to the historic Flatonia Railroad Tower, used from 1902 to 1996, one of Texas' longest standing, manually-operated railroad switching towers with north-south and east-west cross rails. Enjoy a round of 9-hole golf on the well-maintained golf course. If you're up for sight seeing, check out the six beautifully painted churches within easy driving distance. The population was 1,308 in 2020.



WELCOME *to Flatonia*



On behalf of the citizens of Flatonia, I would like to welcome you to our little corner of Fayette County. We are very proud of our park areas and opened a splash pad in our Mulberry Creek Connector park near the current City Pool in McWhirter Park this year. We have several parks that allow our residents and visitors to partake in many different activities, including baseball, softball, frisbee golf, skate park and walking trails. Among all of these activities, we also have several playgrounds for the younger crowd. We are also proud of the growing shopping opportunities in our community as well as our rail park and rail museum. We have restaurants that people from all over our area and travelers make a point to come to enjoy. And if you are looking for a nice place to lay your head, we have a modern hotel as well as several bed and breakfast accommodations for you! Hope to see you soon in Flatonia!

Sincerely,
Bryan Milson, Recently Retired Flatonia Mayor

“We are very proud of our park areas and opened a splash pad in our Mulberry Creek Connector park near the current City Pool in McWhirter Park.” - Recently Retired Mayor Bryan Milson

FLATONIA

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play

EVENTS

April

Rail Fan Pavilion Party
April 2

**Flatonia Chamber of Commerce
Crawfest**
April 23

**Muldoon Volunteer Fire
Department Fundraiser**
April 23

May

Flatonia Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
May 7

**Flatonia Chamber of Commerce
Spring Wine Walk**
May 6

Flatonia Rotary Golf Tournament
May 14

June

**90 Miles on Hwy. 90 Garage
Sales-From Sealy to Luling with all
towns in between**
June 3 & 4

**Summer Fun at the Flatonia City
Pool**

**5th Annual Jerry Weir Golf
Tournament**

July

**Summer Fun at the Flatonia City
Pool**

August

**Summer Fun at the Flatonia City
Pool**

October

Czhilispiel
October 28-30

RESTAURANTS

Amigos Country Corner
1415 FM 609

Cowgirl Provisions
116 East South Main St.

Dairy Queen
605 North La Grange St.

Darlin's Diner
114 South Main St.

Jamie's Cafe
1500 East US Hwy. 90

Joel's BBQ
FM 609 & Interstate 10

Jositos Mexican Grill
507 East I-10 Frontage Rd

McDonald's
709 North La Grange St.

Olde Town Tea Room & Bakery
625 North La Grange St.

Red Vault Bistro
124 East South Main St.

Robert's Steakhouse
1241 North TX-95

Sonic Drive-In
1415 FM 609

Subway
230 East I-10 Frontage Rd.

The Market
116 West North Main St.

Wine Haus
110 West North Main St.

**Nearby
Cistern Country Store**
12604 North State Hwy. 95

**Lodging
Best Western Plus Flatonia Inn**
310 B East Hwy., I-10 Frontage Rd.

Carefree Inn
718 North La Grange St.

Flatonia RV Ranch
2055 FM Rd. 609

Goose's Roost Ranch Cottages
815 Scott's School Rd.

Olle Hotel
218 South Market St.

The Ranch Retreat
1826 County Road 283

Sunset Inn
420 East I-10 Frontage Rd.

Town Cottages
705 East North Main St.

CHURCHES

Baptist

Flatonia Baptist
225 E. 6th St.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
www.flatoniabaptist.com
(361) 865-3013

Muldoon Baptist
300 Cochran St. Muldoon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
www.muldoonbaptist.com
(361) 865-3013

New Union Missionary Baptist
715 Martin Luther King St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.

Catholic

Sacred Heart
516 Faires St.
Sat. Mass 5 p.m. &
Sun. Mass 9:30 a.m.
www.shsscm.org
(361) 865-3568

Sts. Cyril & Methodius
Cistern
Sun. Mass 8 a.m.
www.shsscm.org
(361) 865-3568

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Praha
Sat. Mass 4:30 p.m. &
Sun. Mass 8 a.m.
www.stmaryspraha.org
(361) 596-4674

Methodist

First United Methodist
403 East North Main St.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.flatoniaumc.org
(361) 865-2622

FESTIVALS

**Flatonia Chamber of
Commerce Crawfest**
April 23

The Flatonia Crawfest is a community event headlined by crawdads. Attendees can expect aisles of tables with hundreds of pounds of crawfish ready to be eaten with a side of shrimp, Joel's BBQ sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes, tea, beer and Moravia Vineyard Wine. During the event, local musicians perform live and there will be a live and silent auction.

Flatonia Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
May 7

Celebrate and enjoy arts and crafts, food booths, music, games, contests, Folklorico performances and a car and truck show.

Czhilispiel

October 28-30

Czhilispiel is a nod to Flatonia's Czech and German heritage. First, the name comes from a play on the word "Chili." The addition of the "z" is a play on a Czech spelling, and the German word "spiel" means play. Three days of live entertainment, biergarten, carnival, parade, contests, arts and crafts market, 5K, Chili & BBQ cook offs and various family fun activities throughout the weekend. It is held every year on the fourth full weekend of October.

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for the most up to date
information.**

WEISE FARMS WANGUS

Oh! Mega 3

WRITTEN BY BECKY WEISE

After one bite of Wagyu Beef we knew it was something we wanted to raise on Weise Farms. The flavor is rich and delicious, marbled and tender.

At the time, our herd was predominately Black Angus. And there is nothing wrong with a good Angus steak. But, since it was time to replace our Angus bull, buying a Wagyu replacement bull was on the table.

In our research, we found that some Wagyu cattle carry a special mutation of a gene known as Stearoyl CA desaturase, or SCD, that changes fat into a rich Omega 3 healthy fat. This preferred fat has a low melting point, similar to coconut oil. Not all Wagyu cattle will have this gene, but we wanted ours to have it. And since we prefer grain-finished beef, this gene allows us to have a healthy fat, with melt-in-your-mouth tenderness that we all know and love.

Mission Accomplished. We bought a bull that had been DNA tested to have the preferred SCD AA gene while also scoring a 7 on the tenderness scale from 1-10. And even better, he had an ultrasound that gave a glimpse of a very nice long ribeye area.

We also decided to buy a couple of registered Wagyu cows. With the help of the American Wagyu Association, we located two cow-calf pairs, all with the same SCD AA, DNA tested low melting point, healthy fat gene, and tenderness scores of 6 and 7. The calves that came with the cows were heifers, and that gave us four purebred breeders and the bull.

Our goal was to have the best of both worlds. We wanted to raise pure Wagyu, but also raise the perfect cross with Angus. The result is deliciously marbled Wangus.

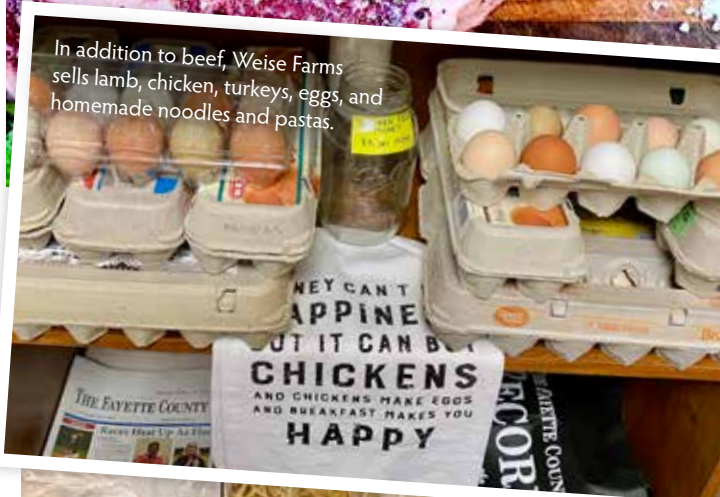
Angus and Wagyu are both known for low birth weights and ease of calving. A notable difference between the two is that Angus mothers produce more milk, allowing the calves to grow much faster than purebred Wagyu.

It takes approximately 3 years to raise a purebred Wagyu to the appropriate size for the freezer. And very soon, we will enjoy our first 100% Wagyu Beef. I can't wait!

Raising delicious beef and offering it to the local community is something we feel passionate about. Our calves are weaned in the pastures of Weise Farms where they spend the first part of their life grazing in open fields. Our grain-finished calves are indeed healthy because of the genetics we have chosen.

We raise happy, healthy, pastured animals, and finish them on grain from locally owned feed mills who buy locally grown grain from local farmers. We process the meat locally at USDA and State certified processing plants to ensure quality.

Knowing where your food comes from is so important. Find a farmer you trust and buy local.



FAYETTE COUNTY'S PLACE ON THE *Old Spanish Trail Highway*

WRITTEN BY JUDY PATE



Eventually the Old Spanish Trail was renamed US Highway 90. When it was paved in 1941, Flatonia succeeded in keeping the route through its business district on North Main Street, but two short stretches of the old OST were cut off at each end. A new underpass on the west side of town thus avoided a highway crossing at the intersection of the Southern Pacific and S.A.A.P. railway lines.

Now celebrating its 100th anniversary, the significance of the Old Spanish Trail (OST) automobile highway through southern Fayette County is often forgotten. With the rapid increase in the number of privately owned automobiles in the early decades of the 20th century, it offered an attractive alternative to plowing through muddy and rutted roads meant for wagons and mules. Furthermore, it held the promise of economic development and prosperity to those towns lucky enough to be situated along its route.

As early as 1915, a Good Roads Movement was off and running in Texas. By 1919 the Texas group had merged with a group from Mobile, Alabama, under the name of the Old Spanish Trail. The association established its headquarters in San Antonio. What resulted was a decade-long effort that created, in the face of almost overwhelming financial and logistical challenges, a tourist highway that eventually connected St. Augustine, Florida, on the east, to San Diego, California, on the west.

The Route. Competition was fierce among towns along three proposed routes for the critically important stretch between Houston and San Antonio. Of three proposed routes, the so-called middle route closely followed the Southern Pacific rail line, passing through Richmond, Rosenberg, Wallis, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Weimar, Flatonia, Schulenburg, Waelder, Luling and Seguin.

A Good Roads meeting was held at Flatonia's Opera House in September 1915, with the object of promoting the selection of

the middle route, touting it as being the shortest and most direct. *The Flatonia Argus* of September 9, 1915, reported that the Flying Squadron of the Houston-San Antonio Good Roads Club reached Flatonia in two cars after a rousing meeting at Weimar. The Flatonia committee welcomed the visitors with a dinner at the Sullivan Hotel, and by "two o'clock the Opera House was well crowded with men and ladies. . . the speakers were given good attention and created considerable interest in the matter discussed."

The Smithville Times and the *Lockhart Register*, of course, promoted the superiority of the northern route as better servicing both Austin and San Antonio, as well as being the original route as recommended by the Governor of Texas. Victoria attempted to sway the decision in favor of the southern route by promising more members and therefore more financial support.

In 1917, seventy representatives from towns along the Southern Pacific railway met in Austin to put forth their claims. Their efforts met with success, as the Texas Highway Commission passed a resolution officially approving the middle route. Ultimately, the OST deviated from the original plan by omitting Luling but including Gonzales.

Construction. Construction on the stretch of the OST through Fayette County began in earnest in March 1919. Crowds showed up at the west end of the road to see the first plow go in the ground. The contractor had 25 teams working the length of the road. *The*

Flatonia Argus reported that “Already are dreams of pleasant driving over a first class highway running rampant in the minds of our auto enthusiasts.”

By May of 1920 a party of several automobiles took an inspection trip over the highway through Fayette County. “After a leisurely run over the new road with frequent stops to examine bridges, culverts and grades, our cars drove up to a neat and attractive little restaurant in Schulenburg, where a bountiful repast was served, the entire party being guests of the City of Schulenburg. Mayor Russek presided and proved a most jolly and hospitable host.” In September of 1921, Judge Ellinger declared that the highway would be completed through Fayette County by September of 1922. Delayed by a strike that held up the delivery of gravel, work was resumed in October 1922 with daily delivery of three rail carloads of La Grange’s best quality gravel to pave the road through downtown Flatonia.

Financing. When the Good Roads Movement and the Old Spanish Trail and other such associations began the project of constructing a coast-to-coast highway, the only financing came from membership fees and whatever local funding could be obtained through road bonds. In January of 1918 Flatonia voters overwhelmingly passed a bond election in support of the highway, providing financing for the construction of the road which would run directly through downtown along North Main Street.

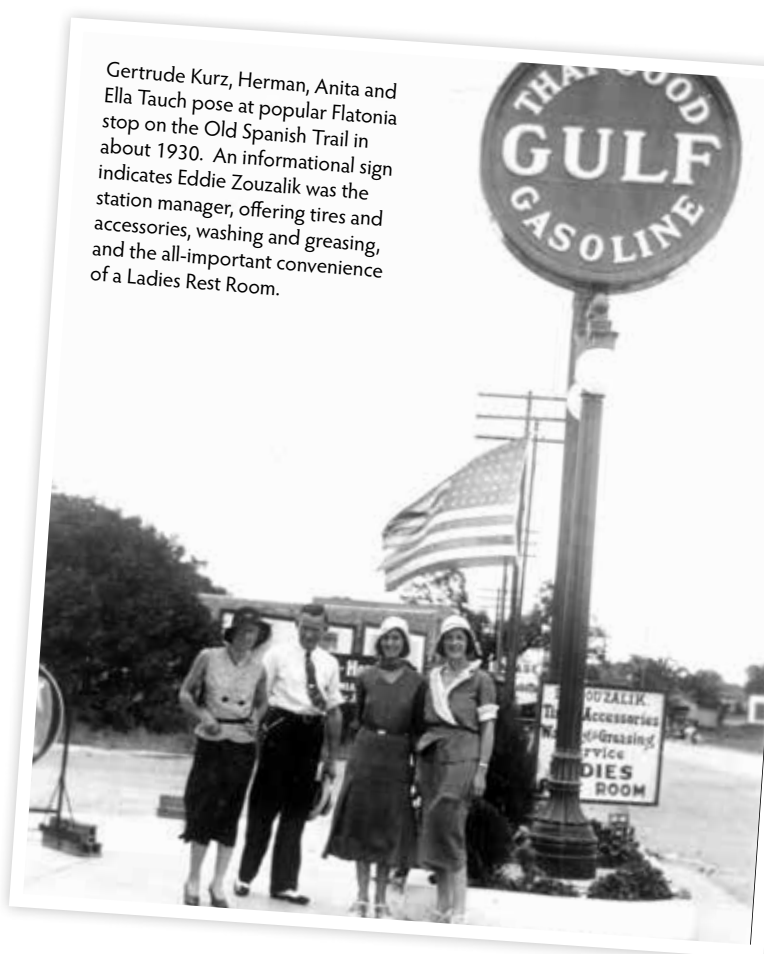
But the real success of the Old Spanish Trail Association came when they secured Federal recognition of the highway. The War Department classified it as a national highway in 1922 and thereafter it was federally regulated and maintained. It was considered at the time to be the only all-year transcontinental highway in the nation.

Marketing. The OST highway was never about tracing an actual trail followed by Spanish conquistadors, though many of the cities along its route did have historical Spanish colonial associations. Mr. J. C. Baumgarten of Schulenburg, one of the OST’s biggest boosters, clearly recognized the marketing potential of the name, saying “The Old Spanish Trail truly covers the meanderings of the early explorers for health and wealth: its stories, historical and legendary, should again awaken thrills as the modern explorer takes his car and speeds over the modern hard-surface Trail such as now is developing over those lands of romance.” By 1926, the OST Association had distributed 83,000 maps and travel service booklets to publicize the route and had organized consistent route markers, campsites and highway beautification programs.

Completion. By 1929 all the pieces had finally joined to form a complete east/west corridor, 2,817 miles in length. One third of the total mileage of the Trail from Florida to California lay in Texas—950 miles. For many decades it brought prosperity to the towns of southern Fayette County in the form of numerous filling stations, garages, motels and cafes to serve both local residents and the traveling public. Much of the highway still exists as US Highway 90. For more information on events celebrating 100 years of the Old Spanish Trail, complete historical maps and travelogues, visit www.oldspanishtrailcentennial.com.

Before the Old Spanish Trail, driving an automobile could be a trial, as seen in this photo of E. A. Arnim’s car being pulled out of the mud on a stretch between Flatonia and Gonzales.

Gertrude Kurz, Herman, Anita and Ella Tauch pose at popular Flatonia stop on the Old Spanish Trail in about 1930. An informational sign indicates Eddie Zouzalik was the station manager, offering tires and accessories, washing and greasing, and the all-important convenience of a Ladies Rest Room.









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FAYETTEVILLE



FAYETTEVILLE - TEXAS -

Fayetteville is a charming town, roughly halfway between Austin and Houston. Come enjoy the arts of Fayetteville. The Fayetteville Picking Park hosts live acoustic bluegrass jams almost monthly, along with other musical and arts events regularly. There are a plethora of cottages and cabins to stay in for a fun getaway. The population was 246 in 2020.



WELCOME to Fayetteville



Come on over to Fayetteville! We are lucky to live in Fayetteville, one of the most beautiful towns in Texas. Our town, anchored by the town square and historic Precinct Courthouse, is on the National Historic Register and Fayetteville's history goes back to around 1847. We have great food and wine spots, art galleries, antiques and other shops around the square. On the 2nd Saturdays of each month is Pickin' in the Park – a bluegrass jam. There are baseball games, churches, and town events. If you want to stay a day or two, we have a historic hotel and beautiful bed & breakfast spots in and around town.

So, I invite you to take the opportunity to slow down a bit and enjoy Fayetteville, get a bite to eat, sit on the square and maybe stop in and say hello.

Sincerely,
Mike Stroup, Fayetteville Mayor

"We have great food and wine spots, art galleries, antiques and other shops around the square."
- Mayor Mike Stroup

FAYETTEVILLE

Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play



EVENTS

April

**ARTS International Exhibition:
Road Trips**
April 9-June 25

Lions Club Classic Car Show
April 16

May

**Fayetteville Volunteer Fire
Department Fundraiser & Dance
ARTS for Rural Texas-ArtWalk
on the Square and Music Festival**
May 7 & 8

June

ARTS Moments in Time
June 4-June 23

Good Old Summertime Classic
June 6

Fayetteville 5K Walk-N-Roll
June 5

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 1**
June 6-10

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 2**
June 13-17

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 3**
June 20-24

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 4**
June 27-July 1

July

**Fayetteville City-Wide Garage
Sale**

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 5**
July 11-15

**ARTS for Rural Texas Summer
Art Camp Session 6**
July 18-22

August

**ARTS Emerging Artists Show &
Competition**
August 6-August 27

RESTAURANTS

Joe's Place
120 North Live Oak St.

Orsak's Cafe
121 West Fayette St.

**The Wine Bar at the Grand
Fayette Hotel**
201 West Fayette St.

LODGING

Blue Bunk House
821 FM 954

Caesura Cottage
6950 Skull Creek Rd.

Cottages on the Square
110 West Main

**Fayette County Hills RV & Boat
Storage**
800 North Rusk

Grand Fayette Hotel
201 West Fayette St.

Granny's Retreat
3506 Skalitysky Rd.

Gray Rooster Guest House
422 Shumacher Rd.

Joy's Country Cottage
2836 Ehlinger-Becker Rd.

Market Street Inn
101 East Market St.

Orsak's B&B
126 North Washington St.

Red & White Inn
102 West Main St.

Rolling 7 Guest Cottage
1377 East Hwy. 159

Saddle Creek Cabins
9549 FM 389

Sealy House
1537 Kramer Rd.

Stagecoach Cabins
7344 FM 1291

Swedish Cottage
420 North Rusk St.

The Tipton Cottage
8235 FM 2981

Vitkova's Veranda
575 East Franklin St.

Westview Ranch and Retreat
1060 Brushy Rd.

CHURCHES

Catholic

**St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church**
205 E. Bell St.
*Sat. Mass 6 p.m.
Sun. Mass 10 a.m. & Wed. 7 p.m.*
www.stjohnfayetteville.com
(979) 378-2277

St. Mary's Catholic
St. Mary's Rd., Fayetteville
*Sun. Mass: 8 a.m.
Thurs. 6 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. 7 a.m.*
www.stmaryellinger.com
(979) 378-2277

Church of God

**Cedar of Lebanon Church of
God in Christ**
1946 TX-159, Fayetteville
*Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m.
YPWW - Friday 7:30 p.m.
Worship 11:30 a.m.*

Shared Lutheran

St. Paul in Fayetteville
201 N. Rusk
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PICNICS

August

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September

Sunday before Labor Day
St. John the Baptist Church
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FESTIVALS

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Third Weekend in October
Takes place right in the historic
Square. Parade starts on Sunday at
10:30 a.m. Live entertainment and
street dancing begin Saturday night
at 7 p.m. The celebration will include
beer, wine, BBQ, cotton candy,
hamburgers by the Fayetteville
Show Fund, and handmade treats
in the "Country Store." The Kid's
Zone includes a bouncy house, face
painting, and lots more.

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An Unexpected Discovery

WRITTEN BY HARLEY GOOD



Flashing lights, the sound of horns, crowded streets fill the maelstrom of modern day lives. It is difficult to find an escape or to find authentic small towns wrapped in history and charm yet abundant with cultural experiences. Fayetteville, Texas, offers just this. Here art and music thrive side by side with German and Czech history, rolling countryside, lakes and live oaks.

A major contributor to the quality environment in this charming berg is Arts for Rural Texas (ARTS). This not-for-profit organization is in its 19th year of operations in South Central Texas and serves seven communities. It provides quality art exhibitions, educational programs for children and adults, performances, and ArtWalk Art and Music Festival held annually on the first full weekend in May.

ArtWalk features artists and artisans from across the nation. Visitors can stroll the lawn while enjoying original artwork, delicious wine tastings, and live performances by regional musicians. This year, the event will not only provide a lineup of musicians all day Saturday and Sunday, it will also offer a Friday night “local and lively” performance and a great Saturday night performance featuring Shake Russell. Both performances will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the square in downtown Fayetteville and are free to the public.

At ARTS’ main campus visitors will find the Ross Gallery, where nationally recognized artists’ works are displayed. Here paintings, sculptures, clay and fiber arts, photography and more are available for viewing. Exhibition openings offer guests the opportunity to visit with the featured artists. Exhibitions are rotated every six weeks and offer a variety of styles and interests.

Classes and workshops are held in the Schmid ARTS Annex on the same campus. Children from around the region participate in Art After School and Summer Art Camps at this location. Adult programs and workshops taught by nationally acclaimed artists are also held here and offered to participants from across the country.

The Schulenburg ARTS Campus (SAC) opened in the Fall of 2021. This location offers another gallery space and additional classrooms that facilitate more visitors and more classes. The opening of the new campus also allows the organization the ability to diversify its programs and build their music performance programs.

ARTS invites visitors to stop in and enjoy the beauty offered in the slower pace of these charming communities. Fayetteville’s ARTS Campus is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Schulenburg ARTS Campus is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons and by appointment. Call Arts for Rural Texas at 979-378-2113 and find us online at <https://artsforruraltexas.org>.



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Ellinger is Fayette County's newest town, With a population of 203, residents voted to incorporate into a city last year. Joseph Ehlinger, the town's namesake, was born in France, served in Napoleon's army before its defeat. He received a grant of land and built a house in Fayette County. After returning from Europe with his family, Mr. Ehlinger drowned near Houston. His son, Charles Ehlinger became a surveyor and laid the original town plat, which was then known as Live Oak Hill, just north of the present day Ellinger. The son was the first postmaster and became a merchant, farmer and Board member on the First State Bank of Ellinger. The Southern Pacific Railroad came to the area in 1873 and missed Live Oak Hill by two miles. In 1880, land was donated for its present location. The name changed from Ehlinger to Ellinger when the railroad came through. In 1954 citizens joined together to acquire the building and land from the school to have a community hall. The school had just disbanded to join La Grange. This hall, which is still available for rent for different functions, can be found just a few blocks from Highway 71. Through many economic cycles the area produced cotton, tomatoes and other agricultural items. The town is famous for its Tomato Festival which honors that history.



WELCOME *to Ellinger*



Ready for some tasty kolaches, great barbecue, friendly folks and country atmosphere? You will find it right here in Ellinger. The town was settled in its current location in 1873 by Czech and German immigrants and has recently incorporated. Ellinger is conveniently located almost halfway between Houston and Austin off Hwy 71 and makes a great resting point. We encourage you to stop by and check us out for a breath of fresh country air.

Sincerely,
Matt Mikulanka, Ellinger Mayor

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a breath of fresh country air."

- Mayor Matt Mikulanka

ELLINGER

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EVENTS

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Ellinger City-Wide Garage Sale

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April 24

May
Ellinger Chamber of Commerce
Tomato Festival
May 29

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4th Sunday in August
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FESTIVALS

Ellinger Tomato Festival
May 29
Come out and enjoy a BBQ
Cook-Off Friday & Saturday, along
with a Dollar Dance and a Live
Auction. Then on Sunday don't
miss the Grand Parade, Chamber
Fried Chicken & Sausage Lunch, a
Tomato Growing Contest and so
much more!

*Due to coronavirus all events, places to eat & stay,
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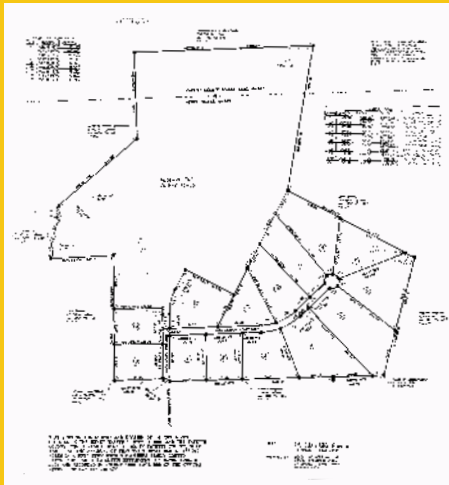


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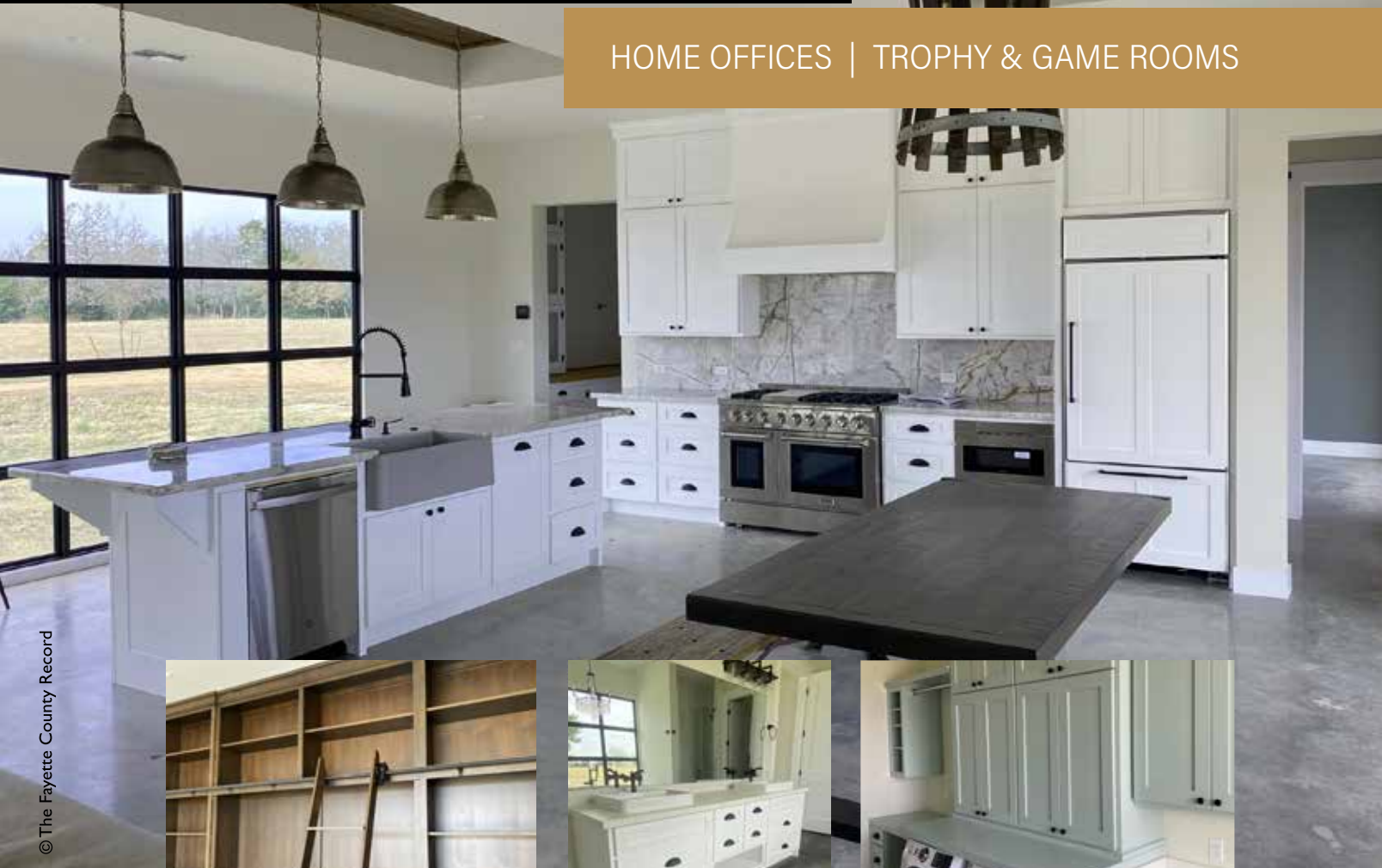
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