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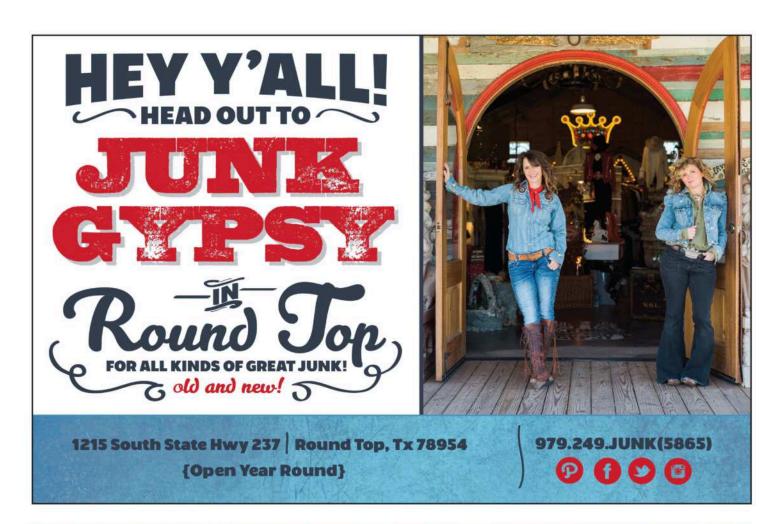


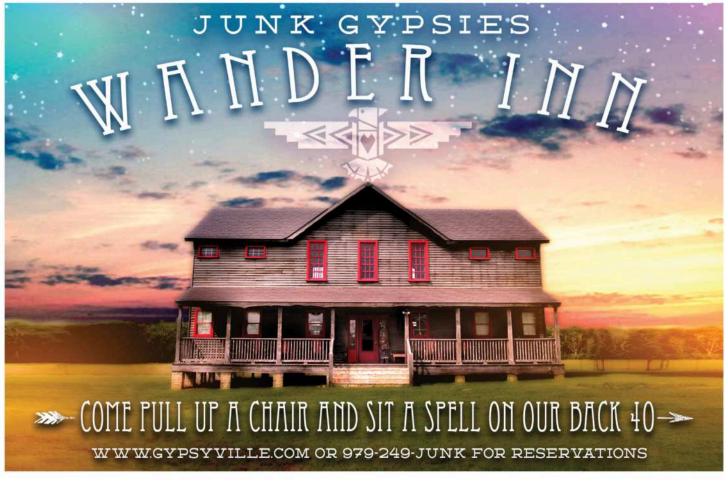
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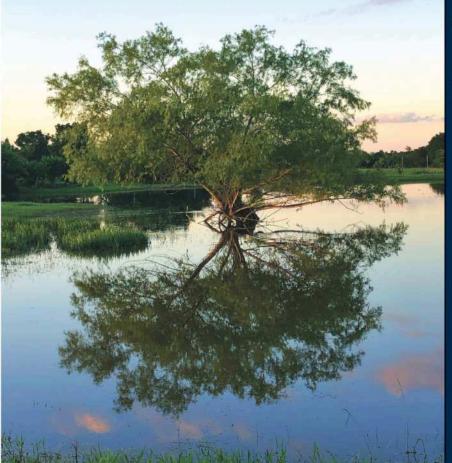


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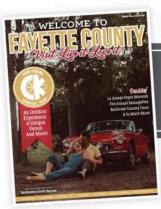
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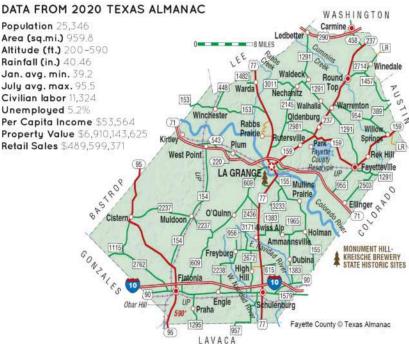
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On the Cover

Camp Kubena Photo by Crystal Sullivan Photography



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

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, Marguis 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).

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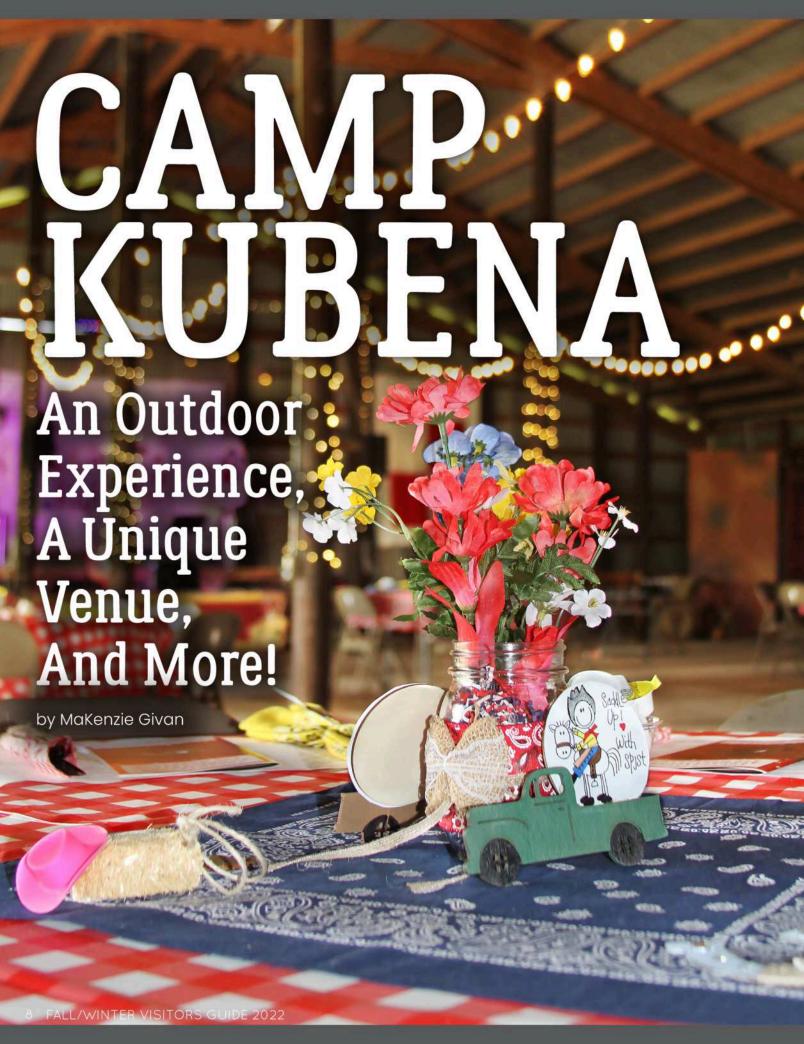
Major Cities: LA GRANGE (4,751) County seat; electric-power generation, varied manufacturing, tourism; Schulenburg (2,935) manufacturing, food processing; festival in August; Round Top (88) music center, tourism; antiques shows; Winedale (67), historic restorations; Carmine (258); Ellinger (386), Fayetteville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



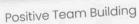
It's always a great time to be in Fayette County, but especially in the fall and winter when the Texas heat is gone and there's always a great excuse to get outside and enjoy a culture found nowhere else in the Lone Star State.













Map of Camp Kubena

Fall and winter: a time when families and friends come together to create new memories. Regardless of whether that time is spent indoors around a fireplace or outside making leaf- and snow-angels, everyone slows for these moments to relax and enjoy the life around them. During these seasons, some people wouldn't think about spending time at a camp that typically hosts popular summer events. However, a local conference and retreat center named Camp Kubena is guaranteed to have something that you will love no matter the time of year.



Excited Adult Campers



Vintage Event Archway

From archery to swimming, there is a wide variety of activities to choose from at Camp Kubena. If you're looking for a challenge, a high ropes course, low ropes course, ax throwing, and bb guns are among the activities. But, if chilling and hanging out with others is more your style, hayrides are available, as well as a variety of games, like volleyball and gaga ball. And, of course, there is so much more that Camp Kubena has to offer. The facilities include a dining hall, a state of the art kitchen, a games field, climate controlled cabins, an events barn, three lakes, a swimming pool, and a pavilion.

Although Camp Kubena feels like it has been a camp for many decades, the land where the conference and retreat center sits was originally a hay farm named Cooper Farm that was acquired by LCRA in the 1980s. LCRA operated and maintained the 182-acre property with the mission to develop people's connections with the plants, animals, and habitats of Central Texas through educational and recreational opportunities. However, the non-profit organization SPJST believed it was the perfect location for its youth summer camp as well as a conference and retreat center.

SPJST is a fraternal benefit society that was founded in Fayette County in 1897 with the goal of helping families and people in the area. With those same values in mind, the current generation of SPJST leaders decided to create a year-round facility that would serve the surrounding cities and communities.

After some searching, SPJST located the property owned by LCRA, who was seeking to lease the property. SPJST submitted a statement of interest and was selected as the entity that could best achieve LCRA's financial and operating objectives for Cooper Farm. SPJST began leasing the property in 2008 while building cabins and other facilities, eventually purchasing the property in 2016. The property was then renamed Camp Kubena after J.R. Kubena of Fayetteville, who was one of the founders of SPJST and its first secretary.

"It felt like a really good fit for SPJST to own the property since we constructed so many of the buildings and activities on it," shared Melanie Zavodny, the Vice President of Communications at SPJST.

Though Camp Kubena now hosts popular summer camps each year, it is also the perfect venue for business and family retreats, reunions, weddings, field trips, and birthday parties. For business retreats, Camp Kubena offers trained, professional staff who lead bonding exercises to help employees learn and get to know each other. With overnight accommodations available for up to 160 people, groups may reserve the facility for themselves to have a more personal atmosphere.

"When you come to Camp Kubena, you receive a lot of one-on-one attention," shared Rob Clift, the Executive Director of Camp Kubena. "We love to spend time with our customers to make sure that expectations are set. We pride ourselves on making sure that when you visit Camp Kubena, you have the positive experience you're looking for." Through this communication and hard work, the camp is easily able to manage expectations of the facilities, and even raise them above and beyond. Recently, an 18 hole disc golf course was installed. In addition to that project, the staff at Camp Kubena is working on constructing a new amphitheater that they intend to have completed by spring. This amphitheater will be a beautiful, rustic style wedding venue.



High Ropes Challenge



Corporate WIFI Workspace



Stage Venue with Sound and Lights

Outside of facility improvements, Camp Kubena and SPJST are looking forward to hosting what hopes to be a large-scale event this fall. On Saturday, October 29, Cars & Guitars will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day will feature a car show, musical entertainment, vendors, and much more! Make sure to keep an eye out in the future, though, because there are events hosted year-round that are fun for the entire family.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work of the Camp Kubena staff. Two permanent, full-time staff members reside onsite. Executive Director Clift and Assistant Director David Motley schedule, communicate, and oversee all aspects of the facility. In addition to the directors, year-round staff includes Maintenance Manager Earl Preston, a conference manager, and a programs manager. In the summer, local and international seasonal staff are employed. The seasonal staff are professionally trained for three weeks prior to the beginning of the summer camping season. Then, when summer camp rolls around, the staff are in top shape to watch over each child and adult in attendance.

"We're very connected; we communicate constantly. We're regularly working together on the activities and the mission of 'impacting lives through positive outdoor experiences," explained Zavodny. "Anything that goes on at Camp Kubena, SPJST is usually a part of or has knowledge of, and we support each other. We all love Camp Kubena!"

All in all, Camp Kubena is a wonderful location with a variety of activities that are sure to keep you busy and entertained. The fun, friendly atmosphere isn't around just during the summer, but rather all year long.

"It's not just about the place of Camp Kubena, it's also about the people at Camp Kubena. We are passionate about what we do," said Clift.

With its friendly staff, quality facilities, and popular events, you're sure to want to return to Camp Kubena over and over.



Canoeing on Lake Kubena













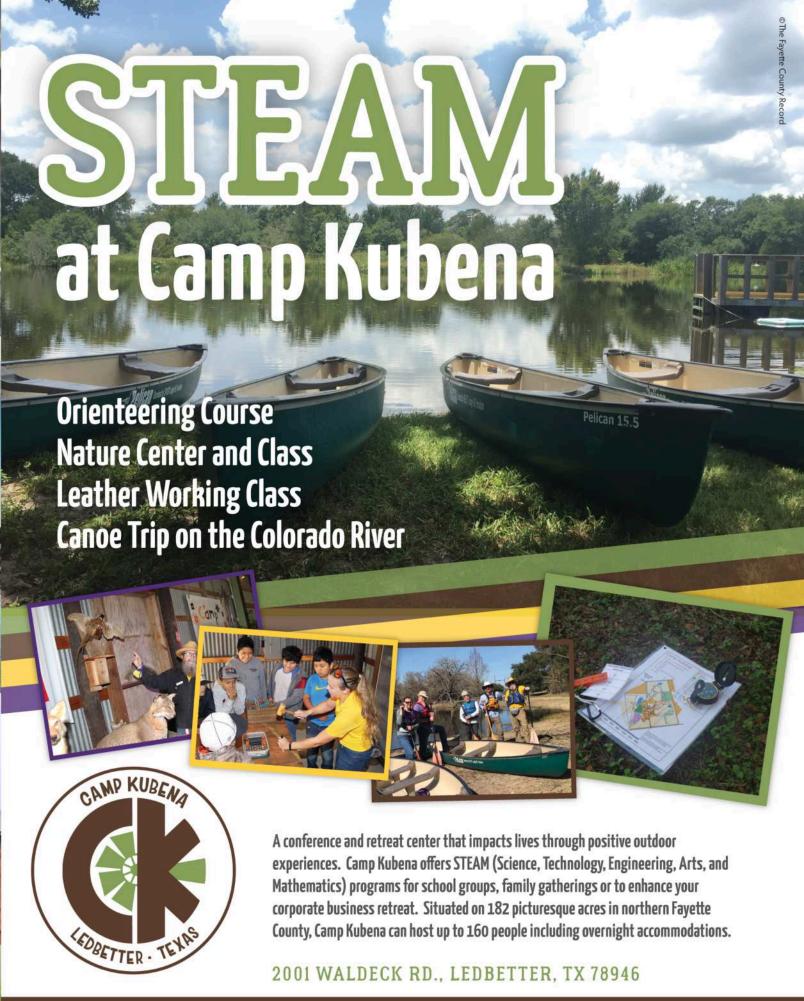




"... Very safe, amazing staff, challenging high ropes course, bb's, archery, axe throwing, disc golf course, bocce ball, horse shoes, corn hole, Gaga ball, 9 square, basketball volleyball, swimming pool! Unbelievable value!!!"

- CarrieAnn J.







Backroad Country, TOURS

by Brad Voelkel

Have you ever been somewhere or had a conversation with someone and it sparks an idea that you just can't quit? That is what happened to Brad Voelkel one afternoon at a family gathering in March 2021 at the Shelby Store in Shelby, Tx. There was a lot of conversation about how fun it would be to charter a bus and go down all the backroads visiting little country stores in the area for drinks, food and shenanigans. It was at that moment that Brad said he wanted to try and organize a family field trip! The next day after much research on charter buses, he found that nothing like this existed in the Round Top or surrounding areas. He could only find this service in Houston, Austin or College Station.

It was at this point that the light bulb went off; Brad saw a need in the community for a bus tour offering shuttle service to the local country stores, bars, wineries, distilleries and breweries. What a better way to bounce between local watering holes without having to worry with who the designated driver would be.

Over the next few months, Brad put together a business plan and budget for a possible new venture and exit plan from the corporate world! He spent countless nights staying up late researching this new endeavor and the more research he did the more excited he became about the idea of becoming a business owner and living the American Dream. In April 2021, only one month later, he purchased his first bus in Houston. Over the

next couple of months, he worked on making minor repairs, updates and re-upholstering each of the 17 seats in the bus.

On July 4, 2021 Backroad Country Tours was born! What better way to kick it off than being part of one of the oldest Independence Day parades in Round Top, TX. The first guests on board, of course, were the family members that inspired him to start the business in the first place. It was a rainy day, but it didn't stop everyone from having a good time celebrating America and Backroad Country Tours.

So, what does Backroad Country Tours do and where do they go? Backroad Country Tours provides front door pickup from local residential homes, bed & breakfasts and various assigned locations in the area. You can choose a 4-hour tour which visits 3 venues or a 6-hour tour which visits 5 venues in the Round Top/Fayetteville area. The 14-passenger bus has perimeter seating so everyone faces each other, which is great for conversation. If you have a large group and would like the bus to yourselves, chartering a private tour is also an option.

The tours rotate on a regular basis between 12 different venues in the Round Top area. You can find out more about what each has to offer by visiting their website at www.backroadcountrytours.com If you like wine, beer, whiskey or mixed drinks you can always count on Backroad Country Tours to take you to the places that are fun! Many of the venues provide live music, games and food on the weekends.

Many of his guests say that being on his bus is like a party on wheels – and you can't have a party without music! Brad gives you the option to take control by listening to your personal music or you can listen to the playlist that has been specifically tailored for his tours. There is rock, country, German polkas, drinking songs and the most favorite of them all are the sing-along songs! You can always hear them rolling down a backroad singing "Take Me Home Country Road" or "Sweet Caroline...good times never seemed so good!"

Over the past year Backroad Country Tours has hosted many special events aboard their bus. Bachelorette parties, company Christmas parties, a veterans get-together and end of year teachers parties, just to name a few.

If there is a special occasion or you just want to get away and have a little fun without the worries of who will be driving after the party is over, then do yourself a favor and book a tour with Backroad Country Tours and let them do the driving, while you do the drinking.



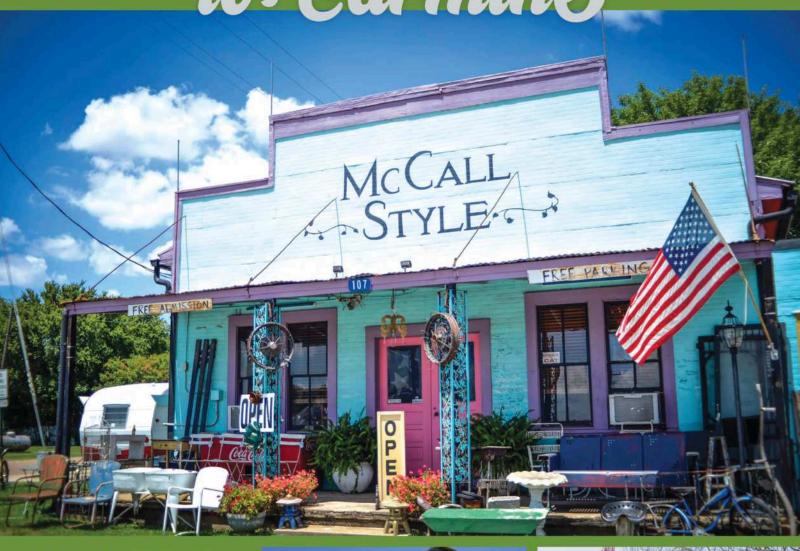
Brad Voelkel greets you with a smile

Come and take a ride on the "wine" side with Backroad Country Tours!

Visit www.backroadcountrytours.com for ticket prices, specials and more info. If you want to check out photos from recent tours, you can find them on Facebook and Instagram.



WELCOME tes Carmine



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 is 250.





CARMINE Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Plays



EVENTS

October Ledbetter Fireman's Feast October 8

Fall Antiques Show October 13-October 30

February
Bob Springer's Sweetheart Classic Car Show
February 12

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 100 East Hwy. 290 at FM 129 Ledbetter, TX 78946

LODGING

Cala Lily 215 North Haupstrasse St.

Carmine Coop 1318 Spur 458

Cottages on Cedar Creek 1040 Carmine Cemetery Rd.

Falcon Hill 7615 Kieke Rd.

Hillside Acres on 237 1970 Koether Rd.

Pecan Grove Inn 233 Augsburg St.

Prairie Wind Farm 4507 Havemann Rd. Reindeer Ranch at Round Top 1000 Deer Haven Rd.

River Oaks Farms at Round Top 2156 Hwy. 237

Rocking Horse Retreat 2655 Homeyer Mountain Rd.

Round Top-Carmine RV Park 308 Centennial St.

Solid Rock Ranch 1324 Schoenberg Rd.

The Bunkhouse 12330 Young Circle

The Front Porch 12135 Young Circle

The Vintage Hideaway 3820 Schoenst Rd.

Nearby Ideker's Country House 340 Greens Creek Rd. Ledbetter, TX 78946

Little Oaks Lodging 7908 Goehring Rd. Ledbetter, TX 78946

Stable House at Ledbetter 1365 FM 180 Ledbetter, TX 78946

CHURCHES

Lutheran

Martin Luther Lutheran 211 Luther Ln. Saturday Worship 6 p.m. Sunday school 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. www.mllcarmine.com (979) 278-3388 Waldeck Lutheran 6915 Waldeck Church Ln. Ledbetter Worship 8 a.m.

Sunday school 9:15 a.m. (979) 249-3802

FESTIVALS

Fall Antiques Show October 13-October 30

It's the fall edition of the world-famous Round Top Antiques Show. Shop the more than 100 antique venues across Round Top, Carmine, Burton, Warrenton, and Winedale area. It is nationally recognized as one of the largest antique markets in America, drawing thousands of dealers to tents, fields, and buildings.

Martin Luther Lutheran Church Harvest Festival

October 17

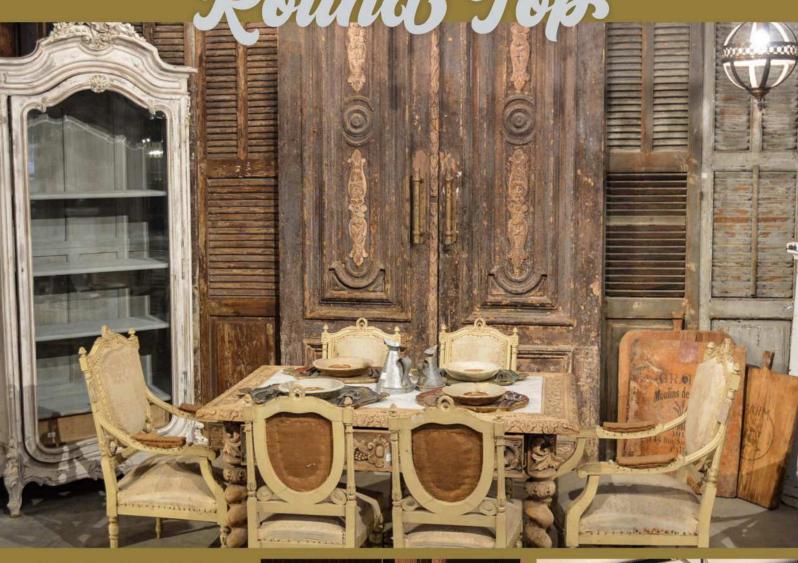
Worship and dine with the family at the Carmine Hall, located at 300 N. Hauptstrasse St. They will be serving their traditional kettle-fried chicken with side dishes. There will be a live and silent auction along with children's activities. Come and enjoy the season!

The "Polar Express" Christmas Fest December 5

Carmine Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Carmine Christmas Fest at the Carmine Hall. This year's theme is "Polar Express" with lots of activities for children. They can "ride" in the "Polar Express" and visit with Santa. Enjoy kettle-cooked beef stew or eat an old-fashioned hamburger & chips. Shop for unique and exciting Christmas gifts at the many special booths & bid at the silent auction.

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

WELCOME Round Top



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 is 87.









Front Row (left to right): Adam Mayer, Shelby Levy, Jenn Broadbent, Jeannette Burger, Lila Garlin, Dovie Morgan, Frank Hillbolt, Lisa Mayer, Lilla Blackburn Sivek, Helen Hink, Jack Maddox, Kyla Goebel, Denise Jacobs, Liz Blome, Nadine Hufnall, Tootie Lyons

Back Row (left to right): Claire Mayer, Ruth Ann Streiff, Ben Kastleman, John Hood, Bryan Roberts, Christopher Diehl, Jan Carroll, Sherry Krenek, Jesica Beken, Connie burch, Caitlin Jacob, Stephanie Jamison

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Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Plays



EVENTS

October Fall Antiques Show October 13-October 30

10th Annual OktoBierFest October 22

November Round Top Wine Fest November 4-6

24th Annual Theatre Forum at Round Top
November 12-14

Houston Chamber Ringers Handbell Concert November 20

December Round Top Lighted Christmas Parade December 4

Nutcracker Ballet at Festival Hill December 10

Round Top Rifle Association's New Year's Eve Dance December 31

January Winter Antiques Show January 19-22

February Library Fundraiser and Valentine's Day Concert at Festival Hill February 12

Mollie B & Squeezebox perform at Round Top Rifle Hall February 14

March James Dick Piano Recital at Festival Hill March 12

Spring Antiques Show March 16 - April 2

27th Annual Herbal Forum and Plant Sale March 18-19

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.

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

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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.

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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

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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

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OktoBierFest October 22

An annual event showcasing German tradition at its finest. Hosted by the Round Top Schützen Verein at the historic Round Top Rifle Hall, the allday event will feature German food, German music, and of course, German biers.

Round Top Wine Fest November 4-6

The Round Top Wine Fest is three incredible days of sipping, shopping, savoring, and celebrating in the town that's big-time small. Stop in and experience Round Top right. Cheers!

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



FAYETTE COUNTY GHOST STORIES

by Katie Janda

The most recognizable building in Fayette County is undoubtedly the Fayette County Courthouse located in the county seat of La Grange. The stately temple of justice was designed by 27 year old James Riley Gordon of San Antonio and constructed in 1891 at the cost of \$99,407.04. The architectural structure of the courthouse is Romanesque Revival style, which was popular during the mid to late 1800s. Both the casual tourist and busy local are often surprised by the natural light of the atrium that falls upon them as they enter one of the four sets of large wooden doors. Taking a stroll down the hallways and into the courtroom, many visitors are quickly engrossed by the various designs - the hand-carved wooden staircases, solid marble flooring, ornate ceiling tile, thick green foliage in the atrium, not to mention a courtroom in which you would expect to find Atticus Finch pacing the floor. It can be quickly overlooked that the building is not a preserved museum, but indeed a working courthouse - bustling with customers wanting vehicle registration, passports, court documents, and rural address numbers. But some claim that the sounds of our working courthouse do not end when the doors lock at five o'clock sharp.

With age and history come a myriad of tales that will make the hairs on your neck stand up. Many claim to have both heard and seen things of which they have difficulty explaining. I want to preface this with the statement that this article is not reflective of my opinion on the matter of ghosts, spooks, and the like, but simply a passing on of information that has been told to me throughout the years.

Some of the more common stories that have been shared over the years are that of simple sounds. When the employees shuffle out and the doors lock it seems as though the courthouse breaths a heavy sigh from the workload of its day (it is 128 years old after all). At night, every breath can be heard more loudly and clearly. Employees who work late or have run to their office late at night to grab forgotten items claim to hear some of the large wooden doors closing as well as footsteps echoing from the hallways. And the sound of rollers (shelves that have rolling units on them allowing for large books to slide easily onto shelves) are a common sound in certain office vaults.

Prior to building the Fayette County Justice Center near the Hwy. 71 bypass, the Fayette County Sheriff's Office was located on the first floor of the Courthouse. Former deputies might share their stories with you if you're lucky. Dispatchers who stayed through the night have their own stories to share. One dispatcher in particular shared that on numerous occasions he heard the sound of someone walking the halls. This happened at times when all doors to the courthouse were locked and no one else was inside the building. He also claimed that he and several others heard the sound of laughter coming from the courtroom in the afterhours. One evening, after the doors were locked from the public, noises were heard in a breakroom that was kept locked. Deputies approached the room, which had only one door, and prepared themselves to face an intruder who they thought was stealing something. Loud noises were heard from inside as if there were boxes being moved around. When the door was opened, the sounds ceased. The deputies walked in to a silent, empty room.

Over the decades, many changes have been made throughout the courthouse. The iron fence enclosing the block of the courthouse

was taken down in the early '20s, the chimneys were removed in 1927, elevators were added, as well as many other modernizations. But perhaps the biggest change came in 1949 when the atrium was enclosed with offices and vaults on each floor. In 2002, the Fayette County Commissioners' Court received a grant from the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Program for the complete restoration of the courthouse to its original grandeur. This was a grand task that involved efforts from many entities and people. At one point during the renovation, some of the workers who were renovating a room on the third floor left for a lunch break, leaving their tools and bags in the room. Upon returning from their break, they found the door to be nearly stuck, having to push it with some difficultly to re-enter. After entering they found the cause - their tools, bags, and equipment were pushed up against the back of the door - which was the only entrance and exit to that room.

Certain employees have also claimed to have seen persons... but only briefly. Two employees have described the same man from two separate encounters. Normally, this wouldn't stand out as anything unusual. Only, the first employee could tell he was not a real person. And the second employee described the same man when she witnessed him walk into a vault, but never come back out. In another instance, an employee saw a man who appeared to be working busily behind a counter, dressed in what you would imagine a male clerk would wear in the 1910s and 1920s. His hurried efforts to finish his work were almost as surprising as his translucency. In yet another instance, a woman who seemed to belong more in the Gilded Age than the new millennium was seen in the old women's bathroom in the second floor, which is now an office.

Regardless of the various sights and sounds that people have witnessed, one thing is certain - the Fayette County Courthouse has a rich history that merits re-telling over and over. Oftentimes the truth is stranger and more fascinating than most fiction. Court cases with names such as Langhorne, Dach, and Ross are now forgotten, but upon opening their files, you will find a world that you didn't even know existed in Fayette County. However, that's another article. Until then, enjoy the spooks.



Some county employees claim to have seen spirits wandering the courthouse









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FESTIVALS

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Heritage Fest & Muziky-Celebration of Czech Music & Culture

October 14-15

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange will host their annual Heritage Festival & Muziky The Fest will be altered to a one-day event for 2020 only. The Fest kicks off at 10 am with heritage and culture in the Czech Village, an early 1900s recreated village complete with residential houses, barns, and stores. Demonstrations of early life for the immigrants will take

place throughout the grounds all day, including working in the sawmill, the operation of the Czech Newspaper Museum press and engine, blacksmithing, corn shelling and grinding, hay pressing, and more. Plenty of food and cold beverages will be available as well.

14th Annual Scmeckenfest December 1

Scmeckenfest attracts visitors to the Courthouse Square to sample wassail (hot cider) that shop owners make with their very own special recipe. The event also includes music, delicious treats sold by local nonprofit organizations, and let's not forget a visit from Santa. The festivities begin with a Christmas parade and the lighting of the Fayette County Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn.

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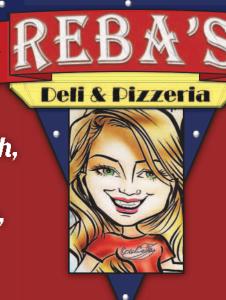
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LA GRANGE DEPOT MUSEUM

by Gale Lincke

You can find Santa Claus riding a sleigh almost anywhere, but a train? Yes indeed. Come the second Saturday in December, the Jolly Old Elf will roll into La Grange aboard a special Union Pacific locomotive to meet kids of all ages at the historic La Grange Depot Museum.

But you don't have to wait until Christmas to discover why railroads still tug at America's heartstrings. You don't even have to wait until Saturday, when volunteers open up the depot for free visits and patient explanation of how the railroads changed America – and La Grange.

Visitors can stop by the depot anytime and see the historic building that has been a hub of activity in La Grange for 125 years. There also are two cabooses to examine. And it's a great, safe place for a close-up view of the long freight trains that go right past the depot every day. An average of seven trains a day go through, although fewer than that on the weekends. Many are hauling coal to the nearby Fayette Power Plant, others take rock and gravel to the Houston area and still others move autos, containers or general cargo. An ornamental fence separates the depot and walkways from the active tracks.

The La Grange Depot Museum hosts special events, like Santa's arrival, an Easter event, movie showings and birthday parties, all through the year. Most every Saturday, though, volunteer docents open the Depot Museum about 10 a.m. to greet visitors. It can be opened on other days, too, by appointment. Email lgmktdepot@gmail.com to arrange a tour at any other time.

When a railroad first laid tracks into La Grange in 1880, it transformed the little town on the Colorado River. Suddenly

new markets were opened for its farmers and merchants, and modern transportation allowed speedy travel to and from the major cities of America. Exhibits and displays help visitors understand the excitement that met "the coming of the railways."

The depot building itself was erected in 1897 and it's thought to be the oldest railroad depot in Texas still standing on its original location. An earlier depot on the site was destroyed by fire. Since 2022 marks the depot's 125th anniversary, a number of special historical events are happening at the museum.

Located adjacent to the Texas Quilt Museum, the depot has become particularly popular with husbands who aren't quite as interested in quilts as their wives. But it's also popular with children, too.

Hands-on activities include a railroad telegraph. Kids can tap out Morse Code on one telegraph key and see the response of another key across the building. There's also the station master's typewriter to type on – something computer-age kids may have not touched before.

Overhead there's a G-gauge model train that runs on tracks suspended from the ceiling. There's a semaphore tower that was used to signal passing trains. The passenger waiting room is outfitted with benches along with display cases for interesting artifacts. There's also a freight room.

And outside, the two cabooses are opened up to explore.

The green one (a "steel sheathed" caboose) was acquired by the museum in 2009 and painted in the historically accurate style of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. Instead of the traditional cupola on top, this is a "bay window caboose," with the cupola on the side.

Until the 1980s, every freight train in the U.S. was required by law to have a caboose on its end. These iconic cars provided a look-out post for the train conductor and shelter for the operating crew.

The yellow one was among the last "wood sheathed" cabooses made by the M-K-T. It was built in 1937 in the Katy's Denison, Texas, shops and was retired from service in 1964. When the La Grange museum acquired it in 2014, it was painted in another historically accurate Katy Railroad color scheme. The caboose was featured in the movie "The Newton Boys" in 1998 as the caboose involved in the train robbery.

Steps from the ground have been added for both cabooses to make it easier for visitors to get in and out.

Inside the depot, history lives on through an original M-K-T safe, the ticket window, the station master's desk, a display of railroad lanterns, maps, photos and reproduced newspaper articles. A number of toy trains can keep the little ones busy. Numerous donated railroad books also can be had for a free-will donation. There is no admission charge at the La Grange Depot Museum. Public restrooms also are available.

There's more information about the La Grange Depot Museum on Facebook. Search for "La Grange M-K-T Depot Museum."

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THE FAISON HOUSE Living History of

by Marie Watts

The story begins when N.W. Faison left Tennessee for Texas to seek his fortune in the 1830s. After surviving the Dawson Massacre and imprisonment in Mexico, he returned to work in La Grange, Texas as Fayette County clerk, surveyor, real estate agent, settler of estates, cotton broker, and liquor license holder. Upon his death in 1870, he was one of the richest men in Texas, owning over 35,000 acres of land and \$4,700 in gold. Thirty men owed him money. He scandalized the City of La Grange by giving his home and a portion of gold to his mulatto housekeeper, Louisiana Brown.

Brown, a freedwoman, owned the house from 1870 until 1872 and went by the last name of Faison for the remainder of her life. One of the first freedwomen in the state to own property, she was popular with both blacks and whites. By making astute real estate deals, she overcame the odds and continued to be a property owner until her death in 1909.

Nathaniel's brother, Peter, and his family occupied the house beginning in 1872. The original furniture of the Faison family highlights life for the well-todo in the late 1800s. Despite all their wealth, the Faison children did not live happily ever after. None had children. Peter's daughter, Maria, mysteriously died in 1888 at the age of twenty-six. Her ghost is said to inhabit the residence.

Percy, the middle child, failed as an attorney and eventually held a position of Sanitation Inspector for the City of San Antonio. After his mother's death in 1921, he and his brother, Jimmie, sued each other over the estate.

Jimmie, the youngest, lived at home and did not marry until age fifty, when his mother died. His widow lived in the house until her death in 1960. The La Grange Garden Club bought the house and turned it into a museum. Its care was handed over to the Faison Preservation Society in 2022.



Maria Faison



Knabe Square Grand Piano circa 1860s



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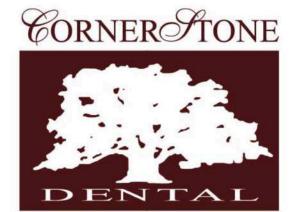


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History Comes to Life at Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill

by Gavin Miculka

As you walk down the trail toward the old Kreische House, the smell of smoked meats draws you toward the limestone-walled and cedarshingled structure just below the back porch. A plume of white smoke emanates from the partially opened doorway. As you glimpse inside, a drop of grease sizzles on the hot coals a few feet below the four or five dozen sausage links hanging from the smokehouse's rafters. "This is probably one of the first batches of smoked sausage to come out of here in 100 years or more," says volunteer Karl Oertli who is dressed as if he just stepped out of the 1880s.

Nearby, another costumed volunteer, Bobbie Nash, is preparing a traditional German meal over an open fire. Smoked sausage—recently pulled from the Kreische Smokehouse, of course—is mixed with sauerkraut and served with a slice of German rye bread. All of it was prepared over the fire using tools and equipment that the Kreische Family might have used 150 years ago.

These smokehouse and cooking demonstrations are part of a larger initiative to bring history to life at Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill State Historic Sites. "Some of our sister state historic sites with the Texas Historical Commission—like Barrington Plantation or Fort Griffin—have a long tradition of living history programs," says Assistant Sites Manager Gavin Miculka. "These programs allow visitors to step back in time to experience the past while also helping us understand how we got to where we are today." Most living history programs at Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill are hands-on and immersive. Visitors can touch and use reproduction tools or equipment, watch traditional crafts and trades in action, listen to the history of Fayette County's early residents, and—on occasion—taste the foods of the area's immigrant ancestors.

Costumed volunteers and staff will share living history programs on select weekends beginning this fall. In addition to the German-Texan historic foodways programs, the sites will demonstrate crafts, trades, and practices that were integral to everyday life in late 19th century Fayette County. Programs like ice cream making and parlor games illustrate the brief respites from the demands of agriculture and manufacturing. Interactive demonstrations related to quilting, embroidery, and gardening teach visitors about early residents' cottage industries and self-sufficiency. Staff are even developing a living history program that demonstrates early beer brewing (for now, they'll start with non-alcoholic ginger beer and root beer based on recipes found in 1880s La Grange newspapers). While each of these programs are historical in nature, they also echo lessons taught in our present-day classrooms by featuring concepts on

chemistry, nutrition, entrepreneurship, the environment, and more.

The Sites' renowned fall and winter events also feature living history and costumed interpretation. Reenactors representing the 1840s militia of the Republic of Texas will participate in the Monument Hill Remembrance at Texas heroes Day on September 17. Costumed soldiers will lay memorial wreaths and fire a gun salute in honor of those entombed on Monument Hill. In late October, volunteer actors will tell Texas spooky stories around the Bluff's bonfire while dressed as characters from the stories. December's beloved Trail of Lights features an array of seemingly endless holiday traditions, both modern and historical. The event uniquely allows visitors to step back in time to experience Christmas in the 1880s Kreische House. There, costumed interpreters explain German-Texas holiday traditions, demonstrate customary Christmas activities, and even share seasonal treats like kinderpunsch (like wassail) and lebkuchen (cookies). Don't forget about Archeology Day on October 8 where visitors can learn about artifacts, ruins, and the scientific study that inspires the sites' living history programs.

"The past is not dead," says Gavin Miculka. "It has so much to teach us about our ancestors and the roots of our community, but it also provides key context for our current, everyday objects and practices." The sites' expanding living history programs provide new experiences and perspectives for local residents and distant visitors alike. There's no time like the present to experience the past at Kreische Brewery & Monument Hill State Historic Sites.

FALL & WINTER EVENTS

Monument Hill Remembrance at Texas Heroes Day Saturday, September 17

> Archeology Day Saturday, October 8

Bonfire & Spooky Stories Saturday, October 29

Trail of Lights December 9-10 and 16-17

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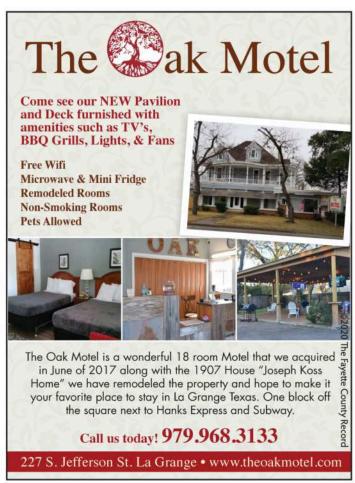
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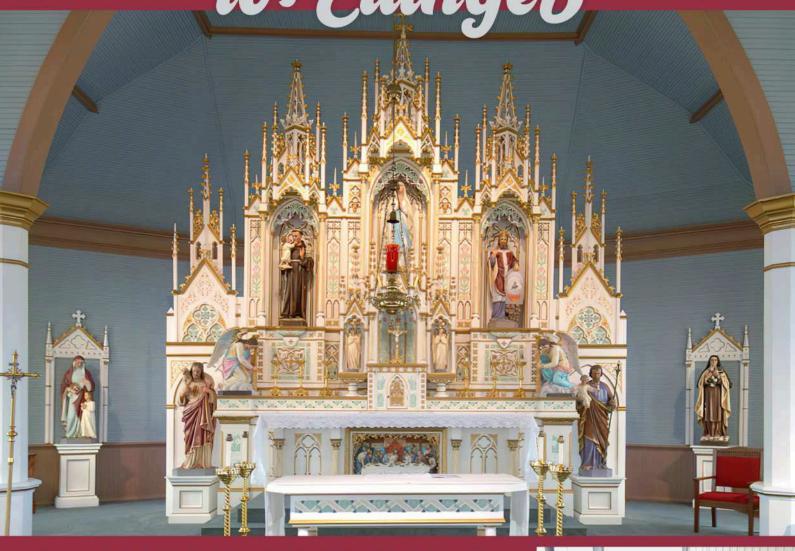


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WELCOME ter Ellinger



Ellinger's is Fayette County's newest town, With a population of 203, residents voted to incorporate into a city in 2020. 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.



Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Plays

EVENTS

October 30

October Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch & Bake Sale at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall

Bingo Night at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall October 29

December

29th Annual Polka Fest December 4

January

Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Chicken Noodle Soup Lunch & Bake Sale at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall

RESTAURANTS

Hruska's Store & Bakery 109 West Hwy. 71, Ellinger

Maria Taqueria 209 West Hwy. 71, Ellinger

Peters BBQ 301 West Hwy. 71, Ellinger

LODGING

Blackbird Farm Cabins 1488 FM 2503 Ellinger, TX 78938 www.blackbirdfarmtexas.com (713) 818-9766

CHURCHES

Catholic

St. Mary Catholic Church 815 St. Mary's Church Rd. Fayetteville, TX Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. www.stmaryellinger.com (979) 378-2277

Lutheran

Shared Lutheran Ministry of Fayette County St. John in Ellinger 110 West Fayette St. Worship 8 a.m. www.sharedlutheranministry.org (979) 249-3155

FESTIVALS

Ellinger Tomato Festival May 26-28

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!

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





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 is 2,633.





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SCHULENBURG Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play,

EVENTS

October

Turtle Wing Monster Dash October 22

Trunk or Treat October 30

November Sunset Shopping in Schulenburg November 5

Holiday in the Country Arts & Crafts November 13

Chamber Membership Gala November 16

Shop Schulenburg Days *November 26-December 17*

December Shop Schulenburg Days November 25-December 16

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Business & Residental November 28

Santa's Party in the Park December 4

January Turtle Wing Toast January 27

RESTAURANTS

Auntie Anne's at Pilot 709 US-77

Cinnabon at Pilot 709 US-77

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.

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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 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

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

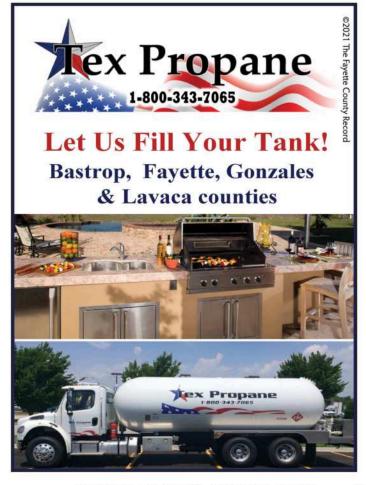
Others

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









The Annual Schulenburg Sausagefest

HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF APRIL

by Terri Wagner





Sausagefest happens in historic downtown Schulenburg. It is a fun-filled day of activities such as a fun run, a motorcycle ride, contests, shopping, a parade, music and dancing in the street. And you should not leave hungry as there are numerous food booths to satisfy your appetite.

The day opens with a 5K Fun Run and Black Bean Motorcycle Rally. These events are fundraisers to support local charities and non-profits.

We start the activities with the Shortest Parade in Texas, a one block walking parade. No floats, only ATV's and those who want to walk. Immediately following the Parade are the Opening Ceremonies with the Schulenburg Shorthorn Band playing the National Anthem, the school song, and a little bit of polka. Right after the Opening Ceremonies the Grand March begins which kicks off an afternoon of dancing in the street and music by local artists as well as artists from around the state.

The contests include a variety of homemade items. The sausage-making contests by amateur teams vie for cash prizes, trophies, and bragging rights. Contest categories include smoked sausage, fresh sausage, dry sausage, klobasniky (pigs-in-the-blanket), sausage-based concoctions, and Everything But the Oink! Visitors to the event may purchase tokens to cast votes for their favorite amateur sausage teams. Other contests are homemade wine, sauerkraut, and pickles. Rules and entry forms can be found on the website at www.schulenburgsausagefest.com.

A highlight of the afternoon is the Hog-Calling Contest where one can win a cash prize! Another fun event is the Sausage-Tossing Contest. This event is much like an egg toss but with sausage links instead of eggs. There are a variety of children's activities including sandboxes and a bounce house along with shopping at the many arts and crafts vendors.

All of the food and drink vendors will be local nonprofit organizations that get to keep 100% of their profits. Enjoy strudels from St. Ann's Altar Society, hamburgers from the Shorthorn Band Parents, and cold beer from the Schulenburg Lions Club, just to name a few.

Czech out our website, www.schulenburgsausagefest.com, to view a special video of Sausagefest filmed in 2022 by YOLO. YOLO is a San Antonio based television program which features events all over Texas.

Admission to the Sausagefest is free. Handicapped parking is available on North Upton Street near the Schulenburg Police Department. Those attending may want to bring lawn chairs however, coolers are discouraged. For more information, call the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce at 979-743-4514 or email schulenburgsausagefest@gmail.com.







WELCOME ter Flatonia



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 is 1,308.





FLATONA Places to Eat, Stay, Worship & Play,

EVENTS

October Czhilispel 49 October 28-30

November
E. A. Arnim Archives & Museum
Stew Dinner Fundraiser
November 6

Rail Fan Pavilion Party November 6

December
Flatonia Chamber of Commerce
Christmas Village Lighting &
Santa at Gazebo
December 1

Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Wonderful Winter Wine Walk December 3

Merry Market Vendors' Cookie & Candy Carnival with Santa & Photos December 4

January Relay for Life Breakfast Tacos Kick-Off at the Civic Center

Flatonia FFA & 4H Stock Show & Sale January 13-15

February Flatonia Golf Association "Fandango" at the Flatonia American Legion Hall February 26

March Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Parade of Quilts March 1-31

Flatonia Chamber of Commerce Market Day with Texas

Independence Relay March 26

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

Josesitos 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.

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

Catholic

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

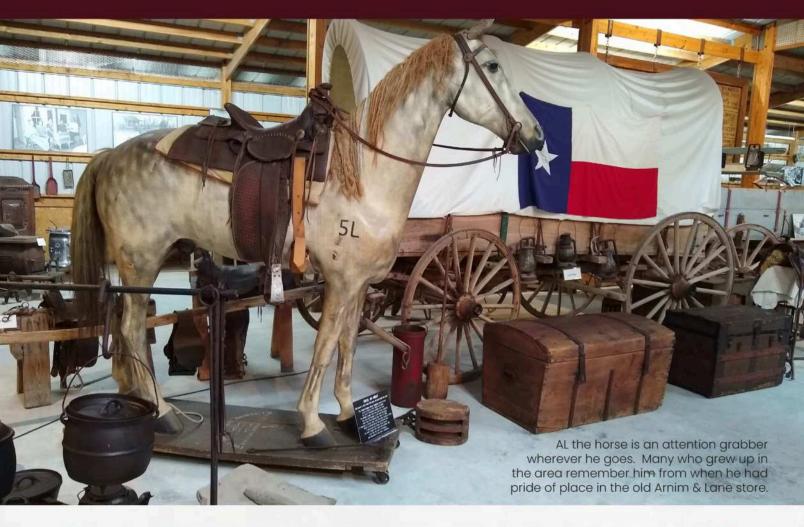
FESTIVALS

Czhilispel 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 Czech spelling and the German word "spiel" means play. Three days of live entertainment, biergarten, carnival, parade, contests, arts and crafts market, 5K, Czhili & BBQ cook-offs, and various family fun activities throughout the weekend. It is held every year on the fourth full weekend of October.

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





E. A. ARNIM ARCHIVES & MUSEUM

Building for the Future with an Eye to Flatonia's Past

by Judy Pate

From a full-sized 19th century model of a horse to a scrap of letterhead used as a page marker in an old general ledger, these are the things that make Judy Pate's job as curator and accessions manager at the E. A. Arnim Archives and Museum in Flatonia exciting. "We have a wonderful collections of objects that furnished homes, schools, churches and businesses that tell a lot about life in the late 19th and early 20th centuries," says Pate, and the collection is constantly growing through donations.

It was a particularly spectacular day at the museum when it acquired a full-sized horse that was used to model saddles and bridles in the old Arnim & Lane mercantile store. This horse was manufactured by the Toledo Display Horse Company in the 1880s and was probably a fixture in the store from the time its doors opened in 1886. He is in excellent condition for his age and is now nicknamed "AL" (for Arnim & Lane). A special stall is being prepared for him in the museum's main building—where he can see and be seen when not being shown off in his more natural habitat in the museum barn.

But smaller or more ephemeral things can be as delightful as the large: a coin token from the Knezek store in Praha, an 1877 invitation to a ball at Flato Hall sponsored by the Flatonia Brass Band Society, a 1904 piece of letterhead from a local boot and shoe maker (Cow-Boy Boots a Specialty), a 1913 stock certificate from the Flatonia Automobile Company—all of these and more have come to the museum just in the last year. Historical pictures of Flatonia and the surrounding area, letters, journals, and scrapbooks of days gone by are always welcome additions to the archives.

Sometimes there might be a long wait for a particularly coveted piece to come in, but patience is rewarded at last. Such was the case with a poster from 1926 that was originally intended to go to a museum in San Antonio, but very fortunately came to the town of its origin instead. Announcing a 16 de Septiembre celebration in Flatonia, it lists a complete program of a three-day event to honor the heroes of Mexico's struggle for independence from Spain. Speeches, music, and dancing marked the festivities, with the final dance beginning at 8pm in the evening and finishing at 5 o'clock in the morning. This poster has a lot of history on the face of it, and we are immensely proud to have it back in Flatonia, along with several pictures of this celebration from later years.

These and hundreds more utterly unique bits of area history are on display or in the archives at the E. A. Arnim Archives & Museum. We are located at 101 E. North Main Street in Flatonia. We are open Thursdays and Fridays 1pm – 4pm and Saturdays 10am – 12 noon and 1pm – 3pm, or other times by appointment (call 361-865-3455). Learn more by visiting our website at www arnimmuseum.org. Come for a visit and stay awhile!

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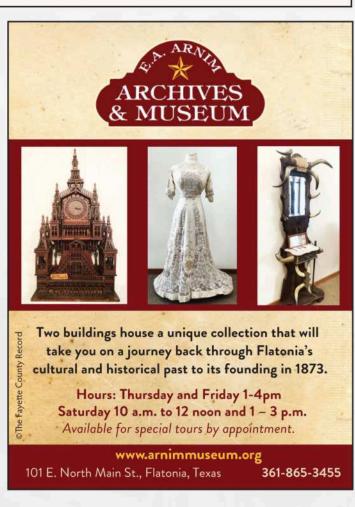


MERRY MARKET VILLAGE DECEMBER 3RD





The 16th of September was celebrated in Flatonia's Hispanic community for decades—at least from the 1920s and into the 1950s.
This poster lists the activities of a three-day event to honor the heroes of Mexico's 1810 struggle for independence from Spain.



WELCOME to Favetteville



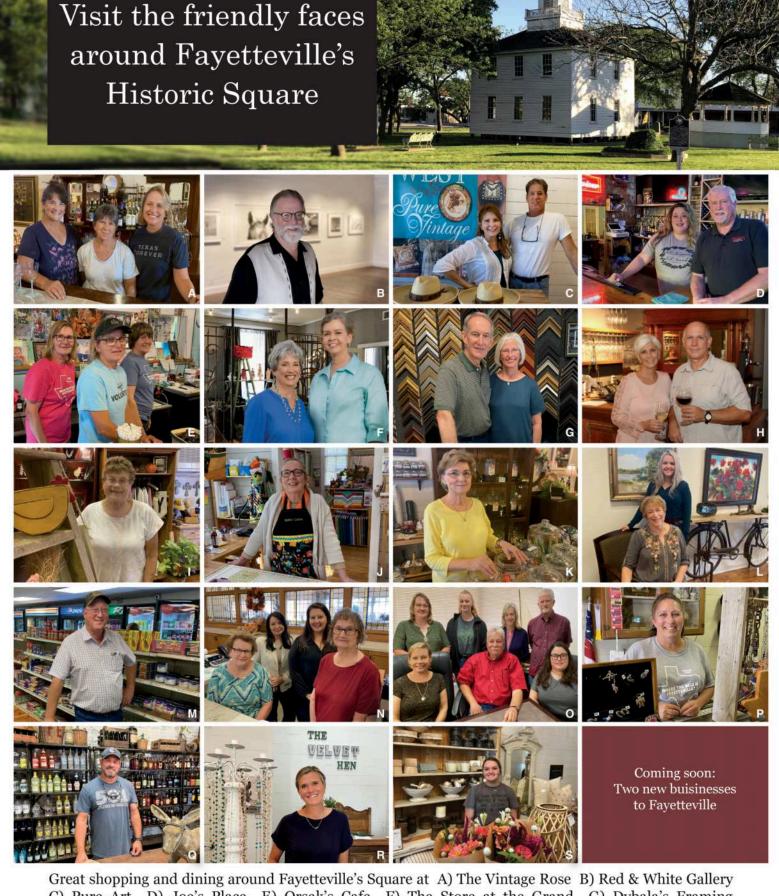
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CHERYL LONG'S

Pure Art embraces the Authentic West of Today

by Michelle Leigh Smith

As Texans reevaluate what's most important on the post-Covid landscape, revival, rebirth and a return to roots are common cultural denominators. In that spirit, artist Cheryl Long is reviving her 'Real Workin' Cowboy' series of original cowboy T-shirts. Look to the new generation of Gen Z-ers teaming them up with jeans and boots while their moms wear them with Lululemon. With the record-breaking Yellowstone TV series, the western aesthetic will be bigger than ever.



Long's collection grew from her Pure West mixed media photographs, to which she applied a single touch of color. She captured images of working cowboys on the great, sprawling ranches of the West for a calendar for Western Horseman. "I copyrighted black and white photos with the one touch of color phenomenon on T-shirts, Pure West was born, and evolved into a full clothing line," Long says. "Clients often ask for these to this day, so I'm reviving the line. I think they relate to the importance of documenting historic ranches and those who continue traditional cowboying to this day."

"I have longtime collectors call and say they still have their Pure West cowboy Christmas T-shirts from 1989 that they wore in their Christmas card family photos for years," she says. They have begged me to bring them back." To see more of Cheryl Long's art, visit PurewestbyCherylLong on Instagram and CherylLongartist. com. The T-shirt series debuts this October. Find them also at the Houston Ballet's Nutcracker Market in booth 300 at NRG or at her charming gallery on the Square in Fayetteville.

Fresh from a week-long invitation only show in Santa Fe, Long, the only woman invited from Texas to the Objects of Arts and American

Indian Art Show, is home in Texas. She thrives when she's able to show her work among pieces that are like nothing else. She's planning some special pieces for The Round Top Art Revival, hosting their first of the soon-to-be tradition Holiday Real Art show on November. The event will be held on the Round Top courthouse square on Nov. 25-26 during Thanksgiving weekend.

Long's signature works from her Cloud series and richly textured landscapes have grown in popularity on a national scale. Her pieces were favorites of celebrities from Brad and Kimberly Paisley, Andie McDowell, Jane Seymour and Clint Eastwood. "I met Clint in Texas while he was filming A Perfect World with Kevin Costner and he began collecting my art," Long says.

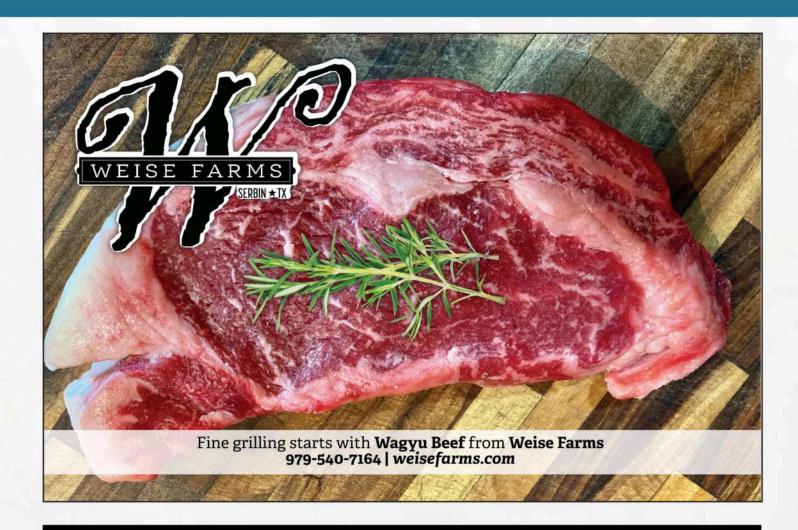
"My soul is touched by the skies above Yellowstone so I've focused on skyscapes inspired by the Lamar Valley, the Grand Tetons and Jenny Lake," says Long. "I've had client requests for larger abstract landscapes and brilliant sunsets. Santa Fe connected me with the serenity of the desert."

Buzz continues to build as more collectors discover Pure Art and commission new pieces for their homes, offices and ranches. Her paintings have been showcased at the Harry Ransom Center at UT, in J.P. Bryan's Torch Energy corporate headquarters, the Altermann and Morris Gallery in Santa Fe, NM, the E.S. Lawrence Gallery in Taos, NM and Aspen, in the offices of Ralph Lauren and Paine Webber in New York City and in the Compaq headquarters in Houston. Long's collection of vintage Native American turquoise has created its own loyal following. In her gallery, she'll show her art, vintage western clothing, antique Native American turquoise jewelry, her embroidered Pure West Couture, textile purses, designer couture, furniture and unique found antique collectibles.

The idea of perpetuating one-of-a-kind pieces of art and her love for craft has landed artist Cheryl Long with an invitation to show her mixed medium art designs at By Western Hands art gallery in Cody, WY. She'll be showing with some of the ten original designers from the very first Western Design Conference.

Cheryl Long was one of the ten national designers selected from hundreds for that original show in 1982 with artisans of Western furniture and traditions in Cody, WY. The show continued for years at the renowned Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody. It later moved to Jackson, WY and attracts collectors from around the world, perpetuating this truly American art genre.

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ARTS FOR RURAL TEXAS

by Gale Lincke

ARTS Galleries Are Worth the Visit

Arts for Rural Texas offers two galleries tucked into small towns in rural Texas. Each are a wonderful place to visit and provides exhibitions where visitors will be delighted at the quality and diversity of works offered by artists not only from the region but from across the nation as well. As an ongoing standard, ARTS features a variety of fine art from talented and renowned artists, exhibiting artwork that varies from paintings to fiber arts to sculpture to woodworking, photography, found object art, and more. These exhibits are held in the Ross Gallery located at ARTS' main campus in Fayetteville, and The ARTS Gorman Gallery in Schulenburg, the newest gallery. Both locations have educational campuses that accompany the galleries.

In addition to presenting professional works, ARTS has many programs for children. ARTS was built on the belief that the children in rural communities must have access to art experiences as a part of their basic education to develop skills in creativity, confidence, dedication, problem-solving, and accountability, traits that lead to future success. All the proceeds we receive from our galleries and fundraisers go into funding our children's programs that encourage them to create with their hands and minds. Our Art After School classes teaches a wide range of art methods, techniques, and media. Every summer we host Summer Art Camps that also provide a creative space for young artists. Each camp offers a fun and interactive curriculum where students can learn many different art forms and even have the chance to hang their creative pieces in our children's gallery.

In conjunction with the youth programs, ARTS also has a bevy of activities for adults. Along with the gallery exhibits, the organization offers the Spectrum Lecture Series, an informative series from people of diverse and interesting backgrounds. Performances and art exhibitions are included along with adult workshops and classes. There is a diverse range of offerings for all interests.

Visit us this fall and winter for our upcoming events.

- Jill Maytorena will be displaying her Patterned Beauty exhibit at the ARTS Ross Gallery in September.
- Amanda Danning, a sculpture, and fine art artist will be presenting an exhibit at the ARTS Ross Gallery from October to December.
- FotoFest an internationally known and respected photography exhibition will be showcased at the ARTS Gorman Gallery in Schulenburg from September to November.

Each December ARTS celebrates creativity and opens its walls to the public, to anyone in the community who wishes to submit one to two pieces of artwork to be displayed in the Holiday Show. This is the perfect opportunity for all in to express their creativity and talent and celebrate the joy of creation. Anyone can register for free and offer their works for sale at both gallery locations.

Famed pianist, Rick Rowley will perform in concert at ARTS in Fayetteville on October 22, 2022. Reservations are required. Please visit the ARTS website for more information or call 979-378-2113 for more information.

South Central Texas is home to two wonderful galleries, The ARTS Ross Gallery and the ARTS Gorman Gallery. Voted Fayette County's Best Gallery, each provides unique exhibitions and events with great art by artists from across the region and from across the nation. The galleries are located in Fayetteville and Schulenburg and offer wonderful escapes and good times to those who venture to the charming rural Texas communities nestled between Houston and Austin.

The galleries not only offer world-class artwork, but the receptions provide visitors the opportunity to meet the artists while enjoying wine and tasty hors doeuvres. House concerts and performances are offered in the spaces along with the informative Spectrum Lecture Series hosted by Arts for Rural Texas.

ARTS ROSS GALLERY 114 North Live Oak in Fayetteville are:

September 3 – October 8

Patterned Beauty by California artist, Jill Maytorena – Reception September 3 from 4 PM – 6 PM

October 15 - December 3

Paintings and Sculptures by Amanda Danning – Reception October $15-4\ PM-6\ PM$

December 10 - January 7

ARTS Holiday Show, a Celebration of Creativity – Reception on Fayetteville's Holiday Celebration day, December 10 – 4 PM

January 14 - February 25

Texas Atmospheres by Rhode Island artists Steve Schultz, Reception January 14 – 4 PM – 6 PM

ARTS GORMAN GALLERY 201 S. Kessler in Schulenburg is:

July 16 – September 10 Reflections by John Schaeffer

September 17 - November 18

Houston International Fotofest featuring the photographs of Arthur F. Stokes and Jerry D. Brown – Reception – September 17 – 4 PM – 6 PM. Famed jazz pianist Fred Sanders will provide music to delight all who attend this event.

December 1 – January 14 Holiday Show

Concerts and performances that are currently scheduled are:

October 22

House Concert by Rick Rowley -free event - reservations required

January 21

The Heart of Art Salon Performance by Mary Margaret Mann - \$35

ARTS Ross Gallery, 114 North Live Oak, Fayetteville, Texas 78940 - ARTS Gorman Gallery, 1201 S. Kessler, Schulenburg, Texas 78956



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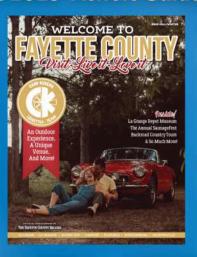
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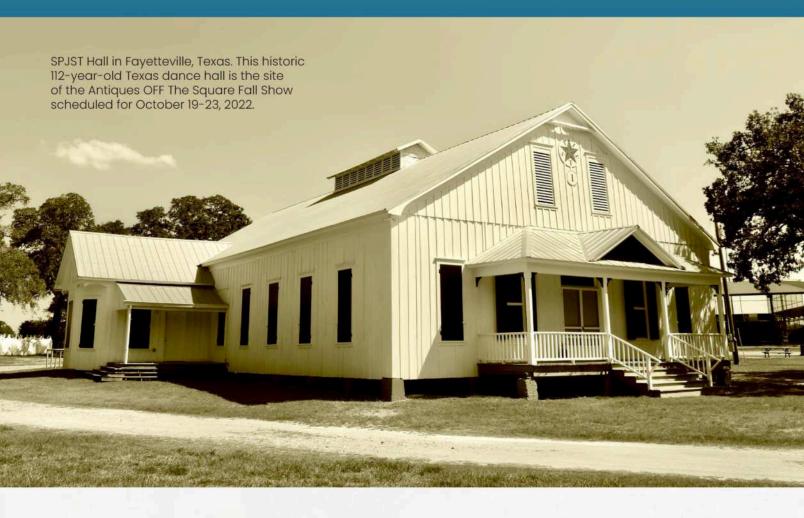




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ANTIQUES OFF THE SQUARE

An Iconic Texas Dance Hall is Home to The Fayetteville Antiques Show

by Emil Knodell

Antiques OFF The Square at historic SPJST Hall in Fayetteville happens each spring and fall as part of the county's huge Round Top antiques week event.

A Fayetteville tradition for over two decades, Antiques OFF The Square is a favorite of collectors, designers, decorators and dealers alike. Carefully curated by knowledgeable and friendly dealers from several states, the show presents an impressive array of American antiques, primitives and other unique vintage treasures. There's sure to be something of interest for everybody including furniture, collectibles, art, antique tools, advertising memorabilia, books, garden decor, plants and more.

Attending Antiques OFF The Square is made even more memorable thanks to the event's unique location, which qualifies as a true Texas architectural treasure. The popular Fayetteville antiques show is held at the historic SPJST Hall, an icon of Texas dance hall history.

Completed in 1910 the SPJST Hall is an outstanding example of Texas vernacular style wood-frame architecture. "This wonderful building is 112 years old," says Lisa Stansbury, the event's producer. "It's perfect for our show. We're always very excited to be here."

Entering SPJST Hall is like stepping back in time, especially when it is wall-to-wall with amazing antiques and collectibles. Here's how one shopper describes it, "The ambiance inside this lovely building filled with antiques is soft and romantic. Nostalgia at it's finest. What a beautiful place for this show."

Located on the east end of town next to the town's baseball field, SPJST Hall is less than a minute by car from Fayetteville's charming town square. The historic venue's lovely parklike setting, shaded by massive sprawling mature oak trees, is perfect for a relaxing picnic during the show. And there's plenty of free parking.

The five-day show concludes with a live no-reserve auction on Sunday October 23 at 6 pm sharp. The auction is a fun and friendly social gathering with lots of great deals for lucky bidders.

The Antiques OFF The Square Fall Show is slated for October 19-23, 2022. Show hours are 9 am to 8 pm daily with a complimentary happy hour at 5:30 each afternoon. Admission and parking are free. The street address for the event is 507 E. Main St., Fayetteville, TX 78940. For more information, contact: Lisa Stansbury at (318) 465-1603.

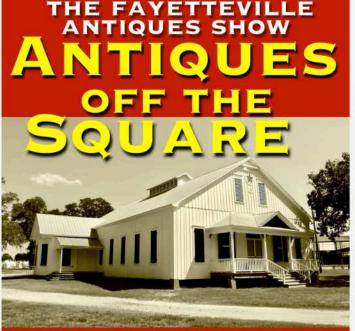


Lights twinkle inside SPJST Hall.

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EVENTS

October

Arts for Rural Texas' Palette Play-Watercolors by Kathy Callaway September 11-October 16

Fayetteville Picking Park October 8

Lickskillet October 16-17

Antiques on the Square-Fall Show October 19-23

Arts for Rural Texas' Paintings and Sculptures by Amanda Danning October 15-December 3

Halloween on the Square October 31

November

Arts for Rural Texas' Flyover Season-Fiber Arts by Bobbe Shapiro Nolan October 23-November 27

Rock 'n Road 100 November 12

Fayetteville Picking Park November 12

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December 10

Country Christmas and Lighted Parade December 10

Arts for Rural Texas' Holiday Show, a Celebration of Creativity December 10-January 7

January
Arts for Rural Texas' Holiday
Show featuring the works of
regional artists
December 11-January 15

Arts for Rural Texas' Artwork by Debbie Little Wilson January 22-March 5

March

Arts for Rural Texas' Fotofest, Featuring works by Jerry Brown and Art Stokes March 12-April 16

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October 15-16

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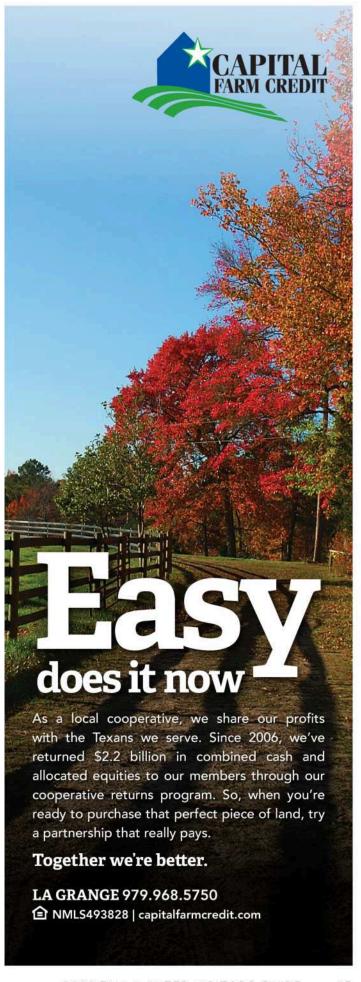
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