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Welcome from the Mayor Larry Vernon



Are you looking for a great town to raise your family, start a business, retire, enjoy life or just visit? Let me introduce you to Eastland, Texas. With a population of just under 4,000 people, located at the intersection of Interstate 20 and State Highway 6, Eastland is in a prime location. With Fort Worth only 85 miles to the east and Abilene 55 miles to the west, getting to the “city” is easy while still living in and enjoying a small-town atmosphere. Eastland is the home of world famous “Old Rip”, the horned toad that slept in the cornerstone of the Eastland County Courthouse for 31 years!

We are a family friendly town with great schools, a wonderful city park, amazing swimming pool, 18-hole golf course, gun and archery clubs and year-round sports for the young people. The gem of our town is the 8 story Connellee Hotel and Civic Center, home to the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, the Connellee Roof Garden Ballroom and the Eastland ISD Administrative offices. The Majestic Theater is just around the corner and shows first run movies each week. Weddings, meetings, conferences, reunions, or events of any kind can be held at the Lumberyard Event Center, Grimes Garden, Connellee Civic Center, or many other available locations.

Health care is essential, and Eastland has made it a top priority. Eastland Memorial Hospital is a highly rated rural health care facility with a well-staffed emergency room and ambulance service. Numerous doctors, dentists, and other health care specialists are available to take care of your health needs. We are proud of the Eastland Dialysis Center located beside the Woodlands Assisted Living Center. The Woodlands, located at the west end of town, has recently opened a skilled nursing facility, and the Eastland Memorial Hospital has added a Rural Health Clinic. Air Evac medical helicopter service is also based in Eastland.

Eastland is proud of our “miracle mile” of businesses and our downtown square with many wonderful shops. The City of Eastland, Economic Development Corporation, Industrial Foundation, Community Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, and many others work hard to make Eastland the place to be. The new business park on I-20 is another asset for Eastland and welcomes your business. The Eastland Municipal Airport boasts a 5,001 ft. lighted runway, AWOS system, and a state-of-the-art terminal building. The eight ft. game fence is designed to make your trip to the airport much safer.

Eastland will meet your needs now and in the future without the hassle of congested life in a bigger city. We look forward to meeting you!

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Welcome to Eastland

By City Manager: J. J. Oznick

On behalf of the City Commission, staff and employees, welcome to the City of Eastland. Eastland is a full-service home-rule Texas Municipality which provides a variety of Services including Police and Fire, Water & Sewer utilities, Streets and Parks, a Municipal Cemetery, as well as a modern General Aviation Airport. We have a City Commission form of Government which is governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners, as well the City Manager. We strive to ensure our residents live, work, and play in a community which is safe and provides the essential services to maintain a high-quality lifestyle.

The staff at City Hall is available to assist you in your visit or stay in Eastland. City Hall is open 8 A.M. – Noon and 1-5 P.M. daily except for holidays. City Hall has the Utilities office, Municipal Court, registrar services, as well as planning and code enforcements offices to assist you. If you wish to open a water and sewer account, our utilities office will be glad to help you. For a full list of services please see our website at www.cityofeastland.com.

Our Police Department is second to none. Our officers are professional, courteous, and well trained. Our Fire Department is staffed by both full-time and volunteer personnel and provides service to Eastland, as well as rural service in the greater Eastland Area. Eastland Memorial Hospital has outstanding medical services and provides ground ambulance service to our community. We also have Air-Evac Air Ambulance service available to our residents should it become necessary to move patients quickly to a larger medical treatment facility.

The City provides Water and Sewer utility service for our residents. Our water is supplied through the Eastland County Water Supply District, which has a new membrane water plant. We recently opened our new Wastewater Treatment Plant which will serve our residents with quality wastewater service for many years to come.

The city also provides garbage and trash collection through our provide partner, Waste Connections, Inc., for commercial and residential customers.

The Eastland Municipal Airport is a modern full-service General Aviation Facility. We are working hard with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide our residents with the finest General Aviation Airport in our region. The Airport has a new Terminal Facility which is the envy of many larger communities. We have a public use hangar space for overnight guests, an advanced Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS), game fencing, and will be adding pavement improvements and taxiways in the coming years. We are working with the Eastland Economic Development Inc. and the Eastland Industrial Foundation to offer an outstanding aviation business park with easy access to airport facilities. Come see and enjoy this outstanding facility.

The City of Eastland also provides a Municipal Park with playgrounds, outdoor water park, baseball and softball fields and picnic areas. Our Ringling facility is home to the Eastland Gun and Rifle Club, the Cross Timbers Archery Club, as well as ATV trails. Our Cemetery is attractive and well maintained, and is the location of the Veteran's Memorial Park, a thirty foot high Memorial Cross, and a new outdoor pavilion.

If you have any questions about City Services, please contact us at (254) 629-8321 or see our website at www.cityofeastland.com. We are confident you will like what you see in Eastland!

City of **EASTLAND**

City Hall

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The City of Eastland, under Home Rule Charter, is governed by a five member, non-paid, City Commission and City Manager form of government. Monthly meetings of the Commission are held on the third Monday at 6 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

City Park/Pool

Eastland City park has recently been updated with new equipment, basketball goals, and volleyball sandpit.

The Eastland Water Park is the perfect summer destination. There are splash pads, slides, and plenty of swimming room. Reservations for private parties begin in May.

Call City Hall for scheduling and questions.

Animal Control

Dogs will be picked up if they are running at large. Cats are only picked up if injured.

Pets must have a current rabies vaccination.

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City Cemetery

Home of Inspiration Cross, and newly added pavilion makes it a beautiful place to rest or visit loved ones.

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Phone: 254-629-2363

Ordinance

- *UNLAWFUL PROPERTY NUISANCE
- *JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES
- *PARKING IN YARD
- *OFF PREMISE SIGNS
- *DEPOSITING, DUMPING OR BURNING
- *WEEDS & VEGETATION

Questions of any ordinance please call City Hall
Find list at www.cityofeastland.com

Water/Waste Services:

The City of Eastland offers residential and commercial customers treated water through a contract with the Eastland County Water Supply District.

Waste collection is provided through a contract with Waste Connections and is billed along with city provided water and sewer accounts for residential and commercial addresses located within the city limits. To set up a new account call or stop by City Hall.

Get Social: find us at City of Eastland





Eastland County Commissioners

Left to Right: Commissioner Andy Maxwell, Commissioner James Crenshaw, County Judge Rex Fields, Commissioner Ronnie Wilson, Commissioner Robert Rains

Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	Precinct 4
Andy Maxwell	James Crenshaw	Ronnie Wilson	Robert Rains
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Each county is divided into 4 Commissioner Precincts, the boundaries of which are determined by population. Each commissioner is responsible for road maintenance throughout his precinct.

The 4 Commissioners, along with the County Judge, make up the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners Court is responsible for setting the budget for all county departments and adopting a tax rate.

The Commissioners Court is also responsible for:

- Setting personnel policies and benefits for county employees
- Oversees the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges
- Provides for rural ambulance and fire protection
- Provides for filling vacancies in elected and appointed positions
- Setting precinct boundaries for the Commissioners and Justices of the Peace
- Other duties as provided by law



Eastland City Commissioners

Left to Right: Commissioner Richard Rossander, Commissioner Benjamin McNabb, City Manager JJ Oznick, Chairman/Mayor Larry Vernon, Commissioner Zac Darr, Commissioner Cecil Funderburgh

Place	Name	Term of Office Through	Board Duties
1	Cecil Funderburgh	May 1, 2023	Secretary
2	Zac Darr	May 1, 2023	Asst. Treasurer
3	Ben McNabb	May 1, 2023	Treasurer
4	Larry Vernon	May 2, 2022	Chairman/Mayor
5	Richard Rossander	May 2, 2022	Vice-Chairman/Mayor Pro-Tem

The Eastland City Commissioners Court shall have and exercise criminal jurisdiction coextensive with the limits of the City of Eastland and such jurisdiction that is hereby vested in it, as provided for and in accordance with the provisions of state law, the Eastland City Charter and the City of Eastland Code of Ordinance.

The Board of City Commissioners are elected for two-year terms. All positions are At-Large, meaning they are elected on a city-wide basis. City elections take place on the first Saturday of May each year, with commissioners for Places 1-3 elected on odd years, while commissioners for Places 4-5 on even years. There are no term limits for City Commissioners. The Board of City Commissioners will elect one of its members as chairman which then serves as the Mayor of Eastland, TX.

Commissioners Court Meetings:

The Eastland City Commission regular meetings are at 6:00 PM on the third Monday of each month, unless it falls on a Monday holiday. They hold called or emergency meetings as required. All meetings are open to the public and the agendas and announcements are posted in accordance with the State of Texas Open Meetings Act. A majority of the Board is necessary to constitute a quorum for conducting business.

WELCOME from the Chamber

Whether you are passing through or looking to relocate to Eastland we want to help make the most of your time here. This is a great location if you are interested in hunting, fishing, ATVs, boating, golfing, shopping, visiting museums, going to the movies, enjoying great food, swimming, or looking to relax and settle down from a fast-paced lifestyle. There is something for everyone.

During the past couple of years, COVID-19 has influenced an influx of people to move to Rural America. Many projects and renovations have been made, and this is the perfect time to relocate to Eastland. With an innovative Economic Development Corporation, Award Winning health facilities, top-rated education system, and the capacity to grow, we are at the forefront of living a quality life within a small community.

While the community is seeing major changes, the Chamber staff and board are also working hard to continue to create new and innovative projects. In the past several years we have created the Chamber Ambassadors Program and the Junior Ambassadors Program. We have revamped our website and member's database system, as well as implemented quarterly networking events for members.

The Ambassadors and staff have been devoted to growing each of our events including Rip's Ribs Cookoff, Golden Deeds Awards Banquet, 4th of July Boat Parade, Old Rip Pageant, RipFest, and the Lighted Christmas Parade.

We are here to serve you through advocacy, connections, and resources. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way!



Laura Hobbs
Executive Director



Ashley Little
Secretary



We want to hear from you!

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Debbie Wharton

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Eastland Community
Foundation



Carolyn White

Owner
White's Ace Hardware
and Duffy's Lumberyard

Eastland Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

The Chamber Ambassador Program is the most active group of volunteers associated with the Chamber. They represent the Eastland Chamber of Commerce in our community and at Chamber-sponsored events. The Ambassadors are a group of dedicated volunteers from diverse businesses throughout the community. Their mission is to welcome, nurture, and recruit new and potential Chamber members, act as goodwill representatives at Chamber functions, and aid in the support of Chamber members.



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Individual Member



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Vice-President
Internet Sales Manager
Stanley Ford



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Bonnie Bird

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador Board are some of Eastland ISD's Top students from the Senior Class. The Chamber staff and Board of Directors identify and select highly motivated emerging leaders to participate in a year long program. The ambassador's purpose is to develop motivated, skilled, and effective leaders who will contribute to the future growth and direction of Eastland County.

The yearly objectives for participants are to come together to learn how to form and serve on a board of directors, represent the Eastland Chamber of Commerce at events and community outings, as well as learn about the varying aspects that make up Eastland such as economic development, healthcare, government, and history. Through speakers and tours each student will gather the strengths, challenges, problems, and needs of the county. During the duration of the year the Junior Ambassadors will help serve the community by completing multiple small or one large service project.

Once students have completed the year, they will receive the James T. Wright Community Service Scholarship Award presented by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce. In his memory, Mr. Wright, dedicated many years of his life to promoting business in Eastland as manager of the Chamber of Commerce.



Old Rip the Horned Toad

In 1897, a horned toad was placed in the cornerstone of the courthouse in Eastland, Texas, as it was being sealed. People remember the event, but no one thought much of it until 1928, when the courthouse was demolished to make way for a new, Jazz Art model. Three thousand people were on hand to watch the opening of the old cornerstone. The horned toad was found inside, flat and covered with dust, ALIVE, thirty-one years later.

The toad was christened “Old Rip” and soon became a national sensation. He toured the U.S. and even met President Calvin Coolidge. He was so popular that local gas stations gave away complimentary Old Rip replicas to customers.



Eleven months after Old Rip’s resurrection, he died of pneumonia. His body was embalmed and placed in a tiny, open, velvet-lined casket in the lobby of the new courthouse. Today, the casket can be viewed from the outside by climbing the steps on the Main Street side and looking through the window at the top. Since that time, Old Rip’s life and demise has been commemorated on the last Monday in February at the Eastland County Courthouse.

During the years, Old Rip has been featured in several television productions and documentaries including Ripley’s “Believe It or Not”. Recently, the Eastland Chamber of Commerce was contacted by an Austrian film maker who was making a nature documentary for the European version of Discovery Channel about animals in the Old West. Old Rip was included in the documentary for which the film maker won a European award equivalent to an Oscar.



Horned lizards (or toads) are in danger of becoming extinct, and collecting Old Rip memorabilia is a popular pastime. For those who collect, our Old Rip merchandise is available at the Chamber of Commerce and in several shops around town.

Facts about Horny Toads



Horned lizards – better known as horned frogs, horned toads, and horny toads – are well-loved by the people of Texas and indeed by virtually everyone who has come in contact with them. People in the Southwest have fond memories of playing with these docile creatures when they were young. Many children have tried to keep them as pets; unfortunately, few succeeded.

Horned toads are not as common or widespread as they were 40-50 years ago. Our organization, the Horned Lizard Conservation Society, hopes to promote appreciation and a better understanding of our “horny toads.”

WHAT IS A HORNY TOAD?

Horny toads are not frogs or toads, but a type of reptile – a lizard. Like all reptiles, horned lizards depend primarily on their environment to control their body temperature – and they like it HOT! Most horned lizards live in desert or semi-arid environments. They are often seen basking in the morning sun on a summer day. Even so, they are susceptible to overheating, so as the day gets warmer, the lizards move into the shade and may even go into burrows.

Horned lizards have many characteristics which distinguish them from other lizards. The most obvious characteristic is their body shape. They lack the sleek, tubular body shape of most lizards. Instead, they have a wide, flattened form which is well adapted for camouflage and their burrowing habits. Horned lizards are noticeably spiny, with a crown of horns adorning the back of their heads and various spines on their bodies.

All horned lizards prefer to eat ants, but they will also eat many other types of invertebrates, such as grasshoppers, crickets, beetles, pill bugs, and spiders. Usually, they search for prey in open areas, quietly waiting for an unsuspecting ant or other food item to come into view. When a prey animal passes by, the lizard quickly snaps it up with a flick of its tongue and swallows it whole.

Horned lizards’ foraging behavior puts them in danger of being eaten themselves. They are preyed upon by hawks, roadrunners, snakes, lizards, coyotes, ground squirrels, mice, cats, and dogs. Horned lizards attempt to avoid predators by using various tactics, ability to squirt a stream of blood from the corner

of their eyes. This stream may be directed with limited accuracy at the predator’s eyes and mouth.

Another behavior horned lizards exhibit is the ability to inflate their bodies until they look like spiny balloons. However, they most effectively avoid predators by simply holding still. Horned lizards’ color patterns closely match the soil on which they live and they can eliminate their shadows by flattening against the ground. If forced to move, a horned lizard runs only a short distance, stopping unexpectedly. The horned lizard lies flat, blending into its surroundings, and the predator is left chasing nothing.

Populations of the Texas Horned Lizard have disappeared in East and Central Texas, and are decreasing in North Texas as well. A decline and disappearance of them in Oklahoma and New Mexico has been noted. Other species of horned lizards throughout the Southwest are also in trouble.

In Texas, both the Texas and Mountain Short-horned Lizards are state listed as Protected: which means it is illegal for anyone to take, possess, transport or sell them without a special permit. Not only is it illegal to keep horned lizards, but they are difficult to care for in captivity, and most captured ones eventually die from improper care. If you see one, appreciate it in its natural surroundings, but please don’t take it from its home.

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GOLDEN DEEDS AWARD CENTENNIAL Gala



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Golden Deed's Award Winner Dr. Robert C. Deluca, DO

The Annual Golden Deed Award recognizes an individual who has made, during his or her lifetime, significant contributions to the welfare or betterment of the community. The individual must have demonstrated excellence, creativity, dedication, and initiative in providing leadership or service that ultimately made a real difference in quality of life in Eastland. Dr. Deluca is the County Health Official, and guided Eastland through the Pandemic. He has dedicated many years to Eastland and surrounding communities with health services.

Ex-Officio Award Leisha Elrod

Lesha Elrod received the Ex-Officio Award for 7 years of service to the Eastland Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. During her 7 years she was Vice-President for 1 year and President for 3 years. She led the Chamber to bring in the Senior and Junior Ambassadors program.



Dedicated Service Award Ron Duncan

Ron Duncan received the Dedicated Service Award for his many years as the City Manager for the City of Eastland. Ron was an exceptional City Manager that poured his heart and soul into the position. Ron is officially retired, yet continually serves our community with civic organizations and volunteering.



Prestigious Leadership Award James Morton

The Prestigious Leader Award was established to recognize an individual in the community that is a forward thinker while having a significant and positive impact. This person demonstrates how to be an excellent role model, inspire others, and foster pride in Eastland. As the Eastland Athletic Director, Coach Morton, has been at the forefront of leading a strong program of student athletes at EHS. He has been at the front of leading a strong program for athletes in EISD. He is helping build character and responsibility to ensure success beyond the field or court.

The Centennial Service Award Eastland Chamber of Commerce

The Eastland Chamber Board of Directors and Staff were recognized at the Chamber Banquet for serving 100 years in Eastland. Past Directors such as James T. Wright made a pathway for success in Eastland. The Chamber continues to provide tourism initiatives, events, and member services to the community.



Community Service Award David Bailey

The annual Community Service Award, named the "James T. Wright Community Service Award", in memory of James T. Wright, long-time manager of the Chamber of Commerce and relentless promoter of Eastland, honors outstanding individuals who give their time and expertise to the community, above and beyond their own field of endeavor, and demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in all they do. David Bailey rises to the call of action serving on numerous boards, helping with projects, and has a true love for Eastland and the community.

The Centennial Service Award Eastland Rotary Club

The Eastland Rotary Club also celebrated 100 years of dedicated service to Eastland in 2021. They were recognized for their continuation of activities that assist in building a strong community not only in Eastland, but world-wide. Projects include dictionary distribution, Senior Olympics, Rotary Radio Days, and many National Club programs.





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2021 Businesses



January: Rek-Tek



February: Kennedy Financial



May: Eastland Historic Hotel



June: Hip Chick Boutique



September: Stanley Ford



October: Eastland Centennial Library

of the Month



March: Big Country Title Company



April: Solid Rock Camps



July: White's Ace Hardware



August: Woodland's Assisted Living



November: Mae's Meat Market



December: LaQuinta Inn & Suites

2021 Ribbon Cutting and



Luby's Cafeteria at EMH: April 19th

Luby's, located inside the Eastland Memorial Hospital, celebrated their Grand Re-Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. A few short months after the EMH Volunteers celebrated Luby's Grand Opening in February of 2020, they had to close their doors due to hospital related Covid-19. For a delicious meal, visit the hospital at 304 S. Daugherty St. or call 254-631-5345 for more info.



EMH Regional Health Clinic: Apr. 29th

Eastland Memorial Hospital's Regional Health Clinic celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The addition of the rural health clinic will help meet the general medical needs and alleviate the reliance on the EMH ER as a primary care provider for residents in Eastland County. For an appointment, give them a call at 254-629-5001 or visit at 2314 W. Commerce St.



Rising Star Clinic & Pharmacy: Aug. 24th

Comanche County Medical Center celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Rising Star Clinic & Pharmacy with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House. CCMC is helping make healthcare easily accessible to residents in Rising Star and in the surrounding rural area by investing in this new clinic and pharmacy. For an appointment or prescription refill, call 254-643-3235 or visit 1870 A State Hwy 36 in Rising Star.



Burke's Outlet: Oct. 28th

Burke's Outlet celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. In 2020 Beall's Inc. of Florida, owner of Burke's Outlet, bought Stage Stores of Houston, previous parent company of Bealls. They then began remodeling and opening new Burke's Outlet stores in old Bealls locations to expand the brand. If you are looking for a great deal on apparel, home décor, or gift items, stop by 1405 E. Main St. Ste 100.



Hair Shop: Nov. 23rd

Hair Shop celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and guests enjoyed visiting with owner Dana Walker, her family, and stylist. Dana moved to Eastland and opened her hair salon in February of 2021. The Hair Shop offers a variety of services including hair, eyelashes, and facial waxing. For a full list of services or to book an appointment, call 254-334-8523 or visit 1471 E. Main St., B-200.



Grandpaw's Tool Shed Showroom: Dec. 1st

Grandpaw's Tool Shed Rental celebrated the Grand Opening of their new Rental Showroom with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. This showroom always Grandpaw's to better display their wide selection of event rental equipment like a photo booth, margarita & snowcone machines, bounce houses, dunking booth, along with tents, tables, and chairs. When it comes time to plan your next event, call 254-629-3363 or visit 1304 E. Main St.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies



MJ's Back Porch: May 8th

MJ's Back Porch celebrated their official Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, craft vendors, and live music. MJ's is a food truck serving soup, salads, sandwiches, coffee, and cupcakes with an outdoor seating area and family friendly yard games located at 402 N. College Ave. in Eastland. For a great meal, stop by or call 254-631-9026 for local delivery.



Lake Leon Dam: July 2nd

Eastland County Water Supply District celebrated the Grand Opening of the road over the Lake Leon Dam just in time for 4th of July weekend with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. It also marked the completion of the ECWSD's Lake Leon Dam Project to strengthen the structural integrity of the dam and help with flood alleviation for Lake Leon residents. For more info, visit Pg. 68.



Platinum Ranch Realty: Nov. 17th

John Boyette, Real Estate Agent for Platinum Ranch Realty hosted his Grand Opening at his house with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. John is not new to Eastland, as his family has lived in the community for generations. He has recently moved back and is optimistic about living in Rural Texas once again as he starts gaining local real estate clients. If you are looking to buy or sell, give John Boyette a call at 682-712-5462.



Big Country Title Company: Nov. 18th

Big Country Title celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at their customer appreciation Thanksgiving Feast. Nathan and Misty Lowery purchased Guardian Title Company in late 2019 but due to Covid had to delay their official Grand Opening. They also own branches in Abilene and Breckenridge. If you have title needs, call 254-629-8548 or find a full list of services at <https://www.bigcountrytitle.com>.



Sherry Green Insurance: Dec. 7th

Sherry Green celebrated the Grand Opening of her new Insurance Office in Eastland after relocating from Cisco with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Sherry Green has 30 years of experience selling commercial and personal insurance and is proud to now office out of Eastland. The next time you are needing insurance, give Sherry a call at 254-433-2654 or stop by her new office at 606 W. Main St. in Eastland.



2021 New Chamber Members:

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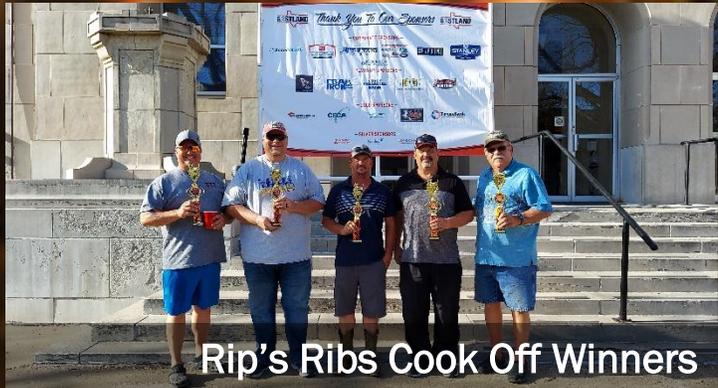
Golden Deeds Awards Banquet



Golden Deeds Grand Mixer



Rip's Wine Festival



Rip's Ribs Cook Off Winners



4th of July Boat Parade



Old Rip Pageant Winners



RipFest Vendor Booths



Bryan's Old Rip Car Show



Old Rip Parade



Boo in the Garden

Adventures in EASTLAND

2022 Calendar of Events

● Rip's Ribs Cook & Wine Festival	April 9	
● Golden Deeds Awards Banquet	June 3	
● July 4 th Boat Parade - Lake Leon & La Mancha Fireworks Show	July 4	
● RipFest, Old Rip Parade, 5K, Car Show, & Rip's Wine & Art Festival	October 1	
● Boo in the Garden	October 31	
● One Starry Night & Lighted Parade	December 3	

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One Starry Night



Lighted Christmas Parade

RIP'S RIBS COOK OFF

2nd Saturday in April!

- RIB COOK OFF - CASH PRIZES
- JAZZ FESTIVAL - WINE FESTIVAL
- VENDORS - CORNHOLE BOARDS



Do you think you have the best ribs around? Well come put that to the test at Rip's Ribs Cookoff on the Downtown Square in Eastland! Don't worry if you are not a professional team because this event is open to everyone. Our contestants range from traveling cookoff teams with large smokers to your local good ol' boys that just enjoy grilling at family BBQs. In 2018, the 1st Place winner of \$1,000, Booze Q, won with ribs cooked on a standard grill and many of our top placing teams have been recreational cookers over the years!

For the judging, the Chamber randomly hands out boxes with tickets taped to the bottom and brings in six non-local, celebrity judges to decide the winners. In previous years we have had celebrity judges such as Food Network celebrity Sandy Davis, H-E-B's Spotlight Kitchen star Chef Darlene Walton, Josh Allen with Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que & Catering in Abilene, Texas, and Caleb and Jacob Maynard brothers with Mesquite Pit Steaks and BBQ with locations in Mineral Wells, Granbury, and Weatherford just to name a few. Also joining in the fun and helping entertain the judge's room while helping pick our winners, is the crew from KEAN 105.1 which is comprised of Rudy Fernandez and his BBQ loving buddies.

There is a chance for big winnings for those with the top ribs in the competition: 1st Place wins \$1,000, 2nd Place wins \$750, 3rd Place wins \$500, 4th Place wins \$250, and 5th Place wins \$150. In addition to the cash prizes and trophies, comes a year's worth of bragging rights which surprisingly sometimes means more to our competitive group of cooks than the money itself!

That's not all, those that want to enter the People's Choice Optional Categories of appetizers, beans, meats (excluding completion ribs), and desserts can compete for a chance to win the entire cash pot for that category. In recent years, People's Choice Optional Category winners have received around \$200 in cash as more and more teams have started to participate.

Due to the increased popularity of the People's Choice Optional Categories, that judging is also now conducted in the judging room instead of having judges go around to each individual cooking team's spot to score their entries on site. It helps make this portion of the event as anonymous and unbiased as possible, like the ribs competition.

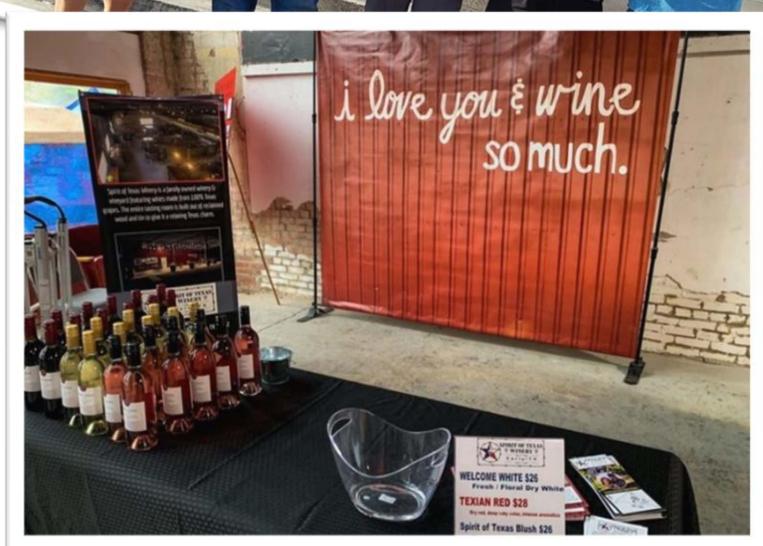
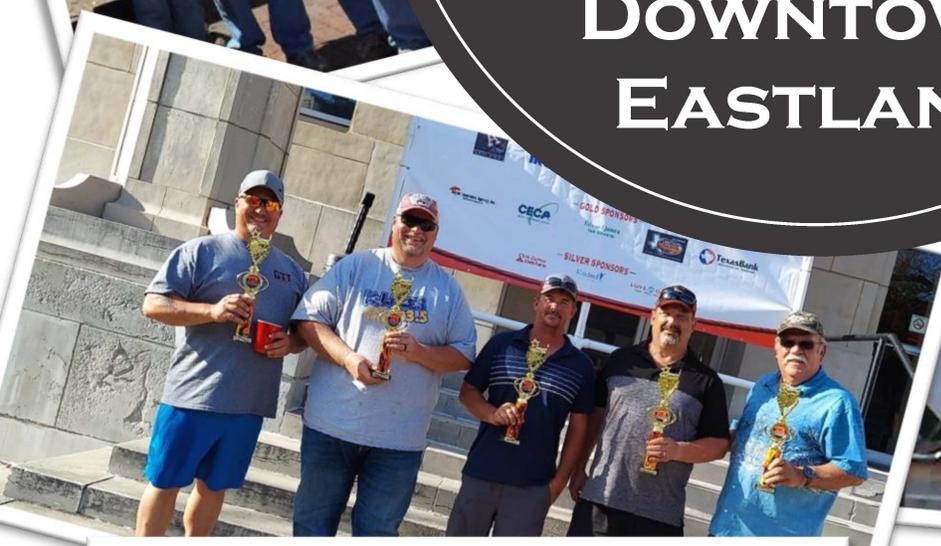
The Eastland Jazz Festival is hosted by the EHS Band will entertain the crowd on the south steps of the Eastland County Courthouse. The Jazz Fest consists of high school and college jazz bands. Also taking the stage during the event is a local favorite, Doc Rockin' Band.

Back by popular demand in 2022 is Rip's Wine Festival held under the big tent at the intersection of Commerce and Mulberry Street from 12:00PM to 5:00PM. By moving Rip's Wine Festival under the big tent for the first time this year, we hope this will allow more cooks to more easily participate if they want to and will also make for a fun atmosphere for all on the Downtown Square. So come sip on some delicious local Texas wines while you listen to jazz music, hangout with friends, and enjoy some amazing BBQ.

If you are interested in becoming a cooking team, vendor, winery, or would like to participate in the wine festival, visit EastlandChamber.com/Rips-Ribs-Cookoff. If you have any questions, please contact the Eastland Chamber of Commerce at 254-629-2332.



**RIP'S RIBS
COOKOFF
APRIL 9, 2022
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RIPFEST

1st Saturday in October!

- PARADE - LOCAL LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- VENDORS & FOOD - WINE & ART FESTIVAL
- KID STREET - CAR SHOW - 5K & FUN RUN



Each year the Eastland Chamber of Commerce kicks off Fall with RipFest on the first Saturday in October! This is Eastland's largest event of the year and draws in visitors from all over Texas and even out of state. RipFest along with all the activities that go with it are named after the famous horned toad, Old Rip. In 2018, Drive Across Texas attended RipFest and featured the history of Old Rip, RipFest, and Eastland as part of their new TV series.

In the month leading up to RipFest, the Chamber hosts the Old Rip Pageant to crown the new Old Rip Queen's Court that will represent Eastland during the Old Rip Parade and other local events for the following year.

On the day of RipFest, we start off in front of Siebert Elementary School bright and early at 8:00AM for the Old Rip 5K & Kid's Fun Run hosted by Meals on Wheels with assistance from Eastland Memorial Hospital's Earl and Billye Bradley Wellness Center and the Eastland 4H program. The 5K continues to grow each year and is a fun activity the whole family can participate in and enjoy.

From there, we head on over to Main Street on the Downtown Square for the Old Rip Parade at 11:00AM, which is made up of over sixty parade participants. Leading each year's parade is Dyess Air Force Base, the Hardin Simmons University Six White Horses, and our Grand Marshal followed by our first responders from all over Eastland County, classic vehicles, the Old Rip Queen's Court, and then all of our amazing parade participants that represent local non-profit

organizations, youth programs, churches, schools, businesses, equestrian groups, etc. The Old Rip Parade has continued to grow every year and is a great way to advertise your business or organization!

Following the parade, everyone is invited to join us for RipFest on the Downtown Square around the Eastland County Courthouse. There you will find live entertainment, Bryan's Old Rip Car Show & Tell benefitting Solid Rock Camps, and kids street full of entertainment for the young and young at heart. The event also hosts over 100 vendor booths which include arts & crafts, home décor, jewelry, clothing, informational, non-profit, Old Rip memorabilia, as well as lots & lots of FOOD!

New to the festival as of RipFest 2021 is Rip's Wine & Art Festival hosted in the Ballroom on the 8th floor of the Connellee Hotel & Civic Center overlooking the day's festivities happening on the Downtown Square. Come enjoy sipping on wine tasting from Texas Wineries while you browse through art created by local artists from 12:00PM to 5:00PM. You can purchase discounted Pre-Sale Wine Tasting Tickets on the Eastland Chamber of Commerce website, or you may purchase your tickets at the door on the day of the event. General admission into the Art Festival will also be available for those not wishing to participate in the wine tasting portion of the event.

If you would like to join us in the fun by becoming a vendor, winery, artist, or by joining the parade and/or car show, please give the Eastland Chamber of Commerce a call at 254-629-2332 or visit us online at www.eastlandchamber.com/ripfest.



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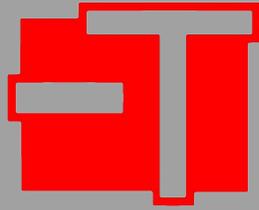
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History of Eastland

EASTLAND, TEXAS. Eastland, the county seat of Eastland County, is at the intersection of State highways 6 and 112, northwest of Interstate Highway 20 on the Missouri Pacific Railroad in the central part of the county.

In 1875 Jacamiah S. Daugherty and Charles U. Connellee purchased land on the C. S. Betts survey and platted a townsite. County voters opted to move the county seat from Merriman to the newly planted site, as it was closer to the center of the county, and the new community was named Eastland.

Connellee, Daugherty, J. B. Ammerman, and others built a stone courthouse, and the county commissioners court held its first session in the town in September of 1875. By January of 1876 the population was estimated at 250. The first public school was taught in the community in 1877, and Methodist, Baptist, and Christian churches were soon organized.

The city's growth was assured when, in 1880, the Texas and Pacific Railway was given a number of town lots to build through the community. Eastland Independent School District was established in 1882, and a second courthouse of red stone was constructed in 1883. By 1884 Eastland had three churches, a school, a flouring mill, two cotton gins, and an estimated 500 inhabitants. Among the early newspapers in the town were the Anchor and the Chronicle. Eastland was incorporated for the first time on June 6, 1891, with W. Q. Connellee as the first mayor and for the second time on April 6, 1897, with June Kimble as mayor. The second courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1896, and a third courthouse was built the following year.

A horned lizard, later to become famous as "Old Rip," was supposedly placed in the cornerstone. When the third and final courthouse was erected in 1928, the cornerstone was opened, and the toad was



Text by Ruby Pearl Ghormley

found to have miraculously survived. Though many doubted the toad's authenticity, he (and eventually his remains) got quite a bit of state and even national publicity and became an important part of town and county lore.

Eastland grew slowly in the first decades of the twentieth century, reaching 596 inhabitants in 1900 and 855 in 1910. By 1914 the community had two banks, telephone service, and a public library. The local economy was heavily dependent on cotton. Eastland County experienced a dramatic oil boom from 1917 to 1922, and the city of Eastland grew rapidly, though not as rapidly as other communities in the county, notably Ranger and Desdemona. Eastland population increased fourfold between 1910 and 1920, reaching 3,368 in 1920, though some estimates claim that there were as many as 10,000 people in the town during the height of the boom in 1919.

The town's prosperity in the 1920s helped fund city improvements like the new courthouse, a new high school, and the paving of city streets. The community reached its peak census population in 1930 with 4,648 inhabitants. Thereafter the city began a slow decline, falling to 3,849 inhabitants in 1940, 3,606 in 1950, and 3,178 in 1970. The community experienced some small-scale growth in the 1970s, as the number of businesses increased from 78 in 1972 to 154 in 1982, and the population increased to 3,747 in 1980. In 1990 Eastland had a population of 3,690 and in 2010, the population was 3,960. In 2020, Eastland's population has dipped slightly over the last decade to 3,836. The local economy depends on county government, agribusiness, and several manufacturing plants.

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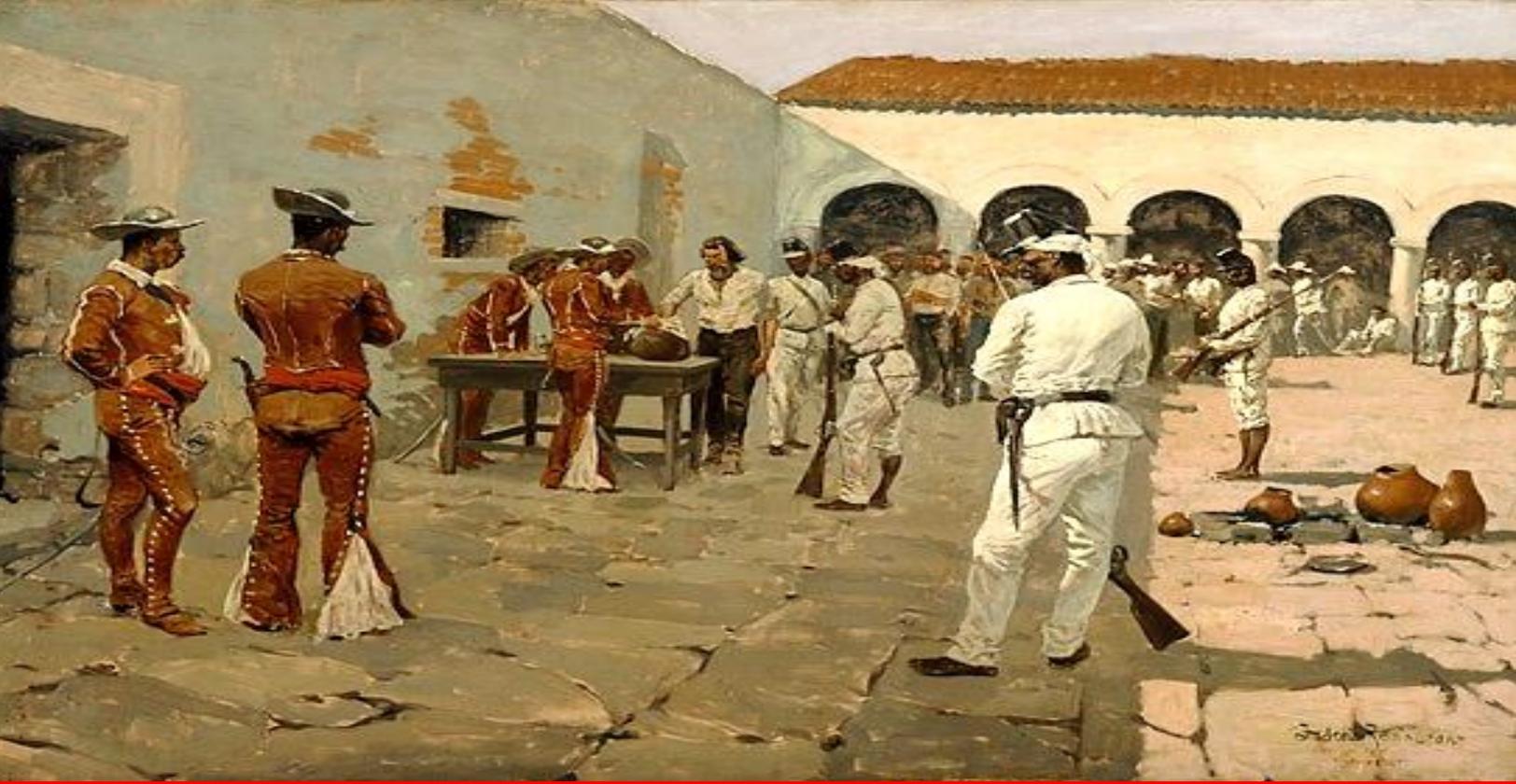
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EASTLAND'S NAMESAKE

EASTLAND, WILLIAM MOSBY (1806-1843). William Mosby Eastland was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, on March 21, 1806, the son of Thomas B. and Nancy (Mosby) Eastland. He later moved to Texas in 1834 with his wife, children, two brothers, and a cousin. They settled near the site of present La Grange in Fayette County.

From July 25 to September 15, 1835, Eastland served as first lieutenant of a volunteer company under Col. John H. Moore against the Waco and Tawakoni Indians. Eastland went on to fight several major battles that helped in settling the frontier of Texas.

Eastland not only fought in frontier battles but also served in and led companies in the Texas Rangers as they fought for Texas's independence from Mexico. In response to the raid of Adrián Woll in 1842, Eastland raised a company that he led to San Antonio; but he arrived too late to take part in the battle of Salado Creek. Eastland's men joined forces with Col. James R. Cook's First Regiment, Second Brigade, of Gen. Alexander Somervell's Army of the South West for the subsequent Somervell expedition.

Eager for revenge for the killing of his cousin and nephew by Woll's men, Eastland chose to remain on the

Rio Grande with William S. Fisher's command when Somervell ordered his expedition to return to San Antonio. Eastland was elected captain of Company B for the Mier expedition.

Eastland and his men were taken captive after the battle of Mier on December 26, 1842 and marched to the interior of Mexico. There he participated in the Texans' abortive escape attempt and was the first of the Texans to draw a fatal black bean, the only officer of the expedition to do so. In a brief private interview with Fenton M. Gibbon Eastland said,

“For my country I have offered all my earthly aspiration and for it I now lay down my life. I never have feared death nor do I now. For my unjustifiable execution I wish no revenge, but die in full confidence of the Christian faith.”

After giving his money to his brother-in-law, Robert Smith and sending word to his wife that **“I die in the faith in which I have lived,”** Eastland was shot to death, on March 25, 1843.

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Father of Eastland

CONNELLEE, CHARLES ULRICH (1851-1930).

Charles Ulrich Connellee, surveyor and state legislator, son of Sadosa T. and Lucy A. (Woods) Connellee, was born on August 21, 1851, in Scott County, Kentucky. After studying in the agricultural and mechanical department of the University of Lexington, he taught school in Scott County. In 1874 he was elected county surveyor, but in October of the same year he moved to Texas, where he established a real estate business in Dallas.



In January 1875 he bought and staked out a public square on 320 acres centrally located in Eastland County. The tract had originally been surveyed by C. S. Betts. In May, Connellee, Jack S. Daugherty, and J. B. Ammerman, surveyed the town of Eastland and were influential in getting the new community made county seat.

During the early 1880s Connellee was a leader in efforts to eradicate Texas fever and improve cattle breeds for the area ranches. In 1887 he was elected as representative from the Forty-second District in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second legislatures. In 1911 he was a member of the board that located and established the state tuberculosis colony. He served as a regent of the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Woman's University) from 1925 until his death.

Connellee married Mattie E. Payne on April 22, 1875. They had four children. After her death he married Lulu Ostrom, on September 1, 1888. On June 14, 1894, he married Tully Hardeman. On March 15, 1924, he married Mrs. Bula B. Whittington. Connellee died in Fort Worth on December 2, 1930 and was buried in Eastland.

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HISTORIC WALKING

Below is a walking tour of Historic Downtown Eastland. In addition, you will also find antiques, shops, restaurants, and other interesting things to see and do. You can begin your tour by parking behind the Connellee Hotel and entering the building through the rear foyer. From there, you will enter the Hotel lobby and be greeted by Chamber of Commerce staff behind the Hotel desk.

1. **209 W. MAIN** - Along Eastland's West Main Street is an extensive area called the **Eastland Civic Center**. It includes **The Connellee**, a restored hotel operating as a meeting/event facility and home to the **Chamber of Commerce**. The surrounding gardens are luscious and cool where you can return to relax before heading out for the next part of your trip.
2. **101 S. LAMAR** – **Austin McCloud Appellate Court Museum**, named in honor of retired Chief Justice. The Court of Appeals uses the courtroom for ceremonial proceedings.
3. **107 S. LAMAR** – **Eastland Center for the Arts – Lyric Theater Group** renovations are under way. Will feature live performances once renovations are complete.
4. **109 S. LAMAR** - **Proposed Art Center** shows not only finished pieces, but artists who will be working on their newest paintings, ceramics, or other projects.
5. **215 S. LAMAR** - **The First Christian Church** is the oldest church building in Eastland. The congregation started meeting back in 1878 in the county courthouse and eventually moved into their current location in 1907.
6. **114 S. SEAMAN** - **The Eastland County Museum** houses antiques and historical information about the county and is open Tuesday through Saturday.



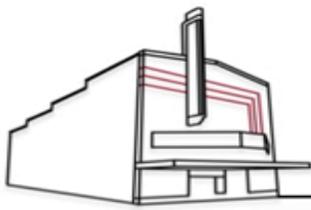
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Historic Theater

TOUR OF EASTLAND



7. 100 W. MAIN – The Historic **Eastland County Courthouse**, was built in 1928 and is the resting place of Old Rip. Old Rip is visible from the outside of the courthouse at the top of the steps on the North side. There have been three county courthouses throughout Eastland's history.
8. 108 N. LAMAR - The **Majestic Theater** has recently had a face lift by replacing the seating and flooring in the theater. The Majestic is open Friday through Monday for first run movies and is the only movie theater for sixty miles in any direction.
9. 200 N. LAMAR – The Historic **Eastland County Jail** (tours conducted by the Sheriff's Department, located around the corner at 201 W. White, 254-629-1774.) This is where the historic Santa Claus Bank Robber, Marshall Ratliff, was held until a mob of locals broke him out of the jail and hanged him from a telephone pole on November 19, 1929, for mortally wounding Tom Jones while attempting to escape.
10. 411 W. MAIN – Inside the **Eastland Post Office** is a mural made entirely of stamps. The mural was created by the postmistress at that time, Marene Johnson, and was dedicated on Flag Day, June 14, 1963.
11. 406 W. MAIN – Across the street from the Post Office is the **Victor Cornelius Printing Company**. This company was made famous by its founder, Victor Corneluis, who invented the napkin holder clip-on menus. Mr. Corneluis graciously donated the front portion of his historic building to Ranger College in late 2017.
12. 209 W. MAIN – Return to the **Connellee Hotel** and **Grimes Gardens**. Request a tour of the hotel from the Connellee Director. Then ask the **Chamber of Commerce** for a map of the **Outdoor Art Museum**. After resting at the outdoor Grimes Gardens, get in your car and take a driving tour of the Outdoor Art Museum and other points of interest in and around Eastland.

HOPE YOU HAD FUN & COME BACK SOON!



Majestic Theatre

A beautiful piece of history that is still being enjoyed today, formerly known as the Connellee Theatre, was built in 1920 by founding father himself, C.U. Connellee. The building was outfitted for complete stage productions with a large orchestra pit, 50ft “fly space,” and seven under-stage dressing rooms. The theatre once seated around 1,000 patrons to enjoy many famous live shows and moving pictures. The Connellee’s first talking picture was THE COVERED WAGON in 1923. Before they had local musicians perform to the silent motion pictures. In the 1930’s as the oil boom made an exit, and Eastland grew smaller the theatre entertained crowds with locals performing plays.

In 1946 under the leadership of Karl Hobitzelle and R.J. O’Donnell, negotiated a thirty-year lease and began remodeling the structure making it look much as it does today. Room was made for the present-day lobby and concession stand by reducing seating from over 1,000 to 850. Special painters climbed high scaffolds and created the cowboy mural on the walls and ceiling. After many years of struggling to compete with the modern age TV’s and at home movies the theatre was forced to close the doors in 1986.



The Majestic lives on thanks to a group of donors, and people willing to volunteer countless hours. The building was once again remodeled from plumbing to a new movie screen. The Eastland Fine Arts Association was formed to administer the use of the Theatre, and reopened in 1987.

As technology has changed so has the theatre. The time of splicing 35 mm film was becoming extinct, so it was time for a major upgrade. In 2012 the state of the art Barco Digital Projector was purchased making it a smoother process to show movies. More recently in 2017 the theatre went under another major renovation to replace the outdated seats and flooring. With the help from the City of Eastland using hotel-motel tax; the major tourist attraction in Eastland can once again compete with major theater chains. Comfortable seats, low prices, and new movies make it the perfect place to go on the weekends.

The Majestic Theatre of Eastland could not operate without the support of our many volunteers. These volunteers help with concessions, ticketing and cleaning. If you’re in line at the concessions remember to say, “Thank you!”

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Population			
Year	2020 (est.)	2010	2000
City	3,836	3,960	3,769
County	18,401	18,583	18,297

Climate	
Annual Average Temperature	62.15°F
Annual Average High Temperature	76.2°F
Annual Average Low Temperature	48.1°F
Annual Average Precipitation	27.51"
Annual Average Snowfall	2.68"
Elevation	1,440'

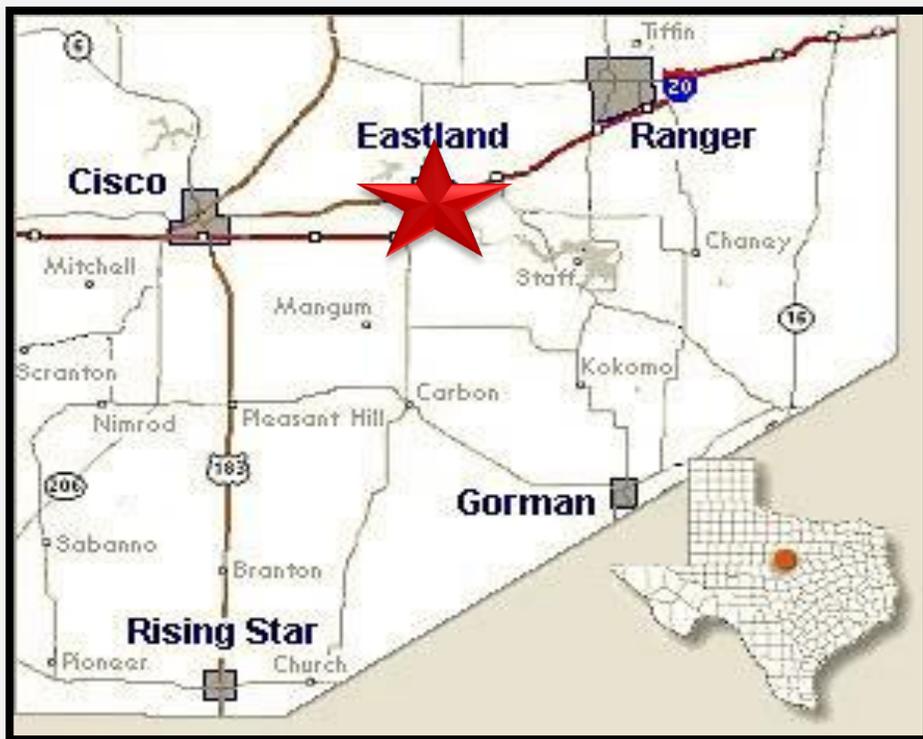
City Government	
Type	Home Rules
Number of Council	5
Municipal Police	10
Paid Firefighters	4
Volunteer Firefighters	15
City Zoning Body	Yes
Master Plan	Yes

Utilities	
Electric Energy Delivery	
Oncor Electric Delivery	
Natural Gas	
Atmos Energy	
Water Supplier	
Eastland County Water District	
Sewer System	
City of Eastland	
Telephone Service	
SBC	
Other Network Services	
ATT/SBC Telephone	

Transportation	
Air Services	
Eastland Municipal Airport	
Abilene Regional	
Rail Service Providers	
Union Pacific Railroad	
Freight Carriers	
FedEx, UPS, & USPS	
Central Freight Lines	
Central Transport	

Taxation	
Tax Rate (Per \$100 Assessed Value 2020)	
Eastland County	\$ 0.530000
Eastland City	\$ 0.585910
Eastland ISD	\$ 1.225000
Eastland Memorial Hospital	\$ 0.059700
Total	\$ 2.400610
Local Tax Rates	
Municipal Sales Tax	1.00%
State Sales Tax Rate	6.25%
Economic Development Tax	0.50%
Eastland Memorial Hospital	0.50%
Total	8.25%

Incentives	
Tax Abatement	Yes, Negotiable
Enterprise Zone	Yes
Industrial Foundation	Yes
Foreign Trade Zone	Yes
Reinvestment Zone	Yes
Freeport Exemption	Yes



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Education	
Eastland (2019)	
Budget	\$ 1,025,000.00
Facilities	Enrollment
Elementary	574
Middle/Jr. High	253
High School	311
Other Educational Opportunities	
Vocational Program Available	
State Industrial Job Training Available	



Media	
Weekly Papers	Yes
Digital News	Yes
Radio Stations	Yes

Recreation	
Parks	3
Area Lakes	3
County Clubs	1
Golf Courses	2
Health Centers	5
Theaters	1
Tennis Courts	4
Historic Hotel	2
Bed & Breakfast	1
Hotel & Motel Rooms	287
Libraries	1
Museums	3

Major Area Employers		
Employer	Industry	# of Employees
EBAA Iron	Ductile Iron Casting	300
Wal Mart	Retail Sales	185
Eastland ISD	Education	184
Eastland Memorial Hospital	Healthcare	170
Cisco College	Education	135
Ranger College	Education	103
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Pizza Heaven	1001 E. Main St.	254-629-2233
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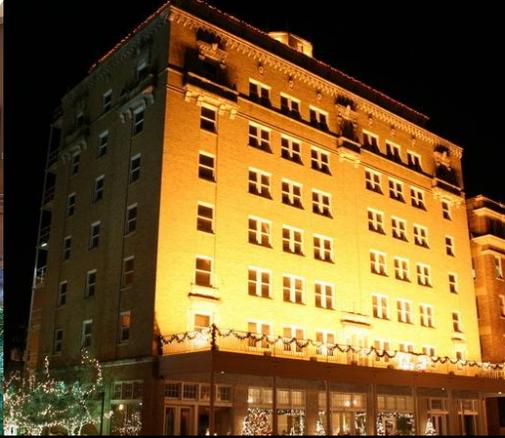
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On a plaque in the hotel, Connellee was quoted saying "This is the proudest moment of my life; it is my dream come true!" When the Connellee opened, it was a 100-room hotel, and each room had its own bathroom, which was unheard of at the time.

On the first floor, there was a restaurant that served free coffee until the hotel was closed in the '70's.

The Connellee closed due to the building of Interstate 20, which rerouted traffic, and the building needed to be updated.

Mabel Grimes Bradley attended her senior prom at the Connellee in 1953 and wanted to have her 50th class reunion at the hotel. In 2004 Mabel and her husband, Bill started the Eastland Community Foundation to begin the



renovations of the ballroom on the eight floor, the east and west rooms, and the lobby. They also added an outdoor garden, in memory of her grandparents, called the Grimes Memorial Garden. The renovations of the Connellee were completed just in time for the Bradley's 50th class reunion.

The Eastland Community Foundation has a 50-year lease on the Connellee so it can oversee the day-to-day operations and renovations of the building. The Connellee, which stands



eight floors tall, is the tallest building in Eastland with rich Eastland history.

The Connellee now is used for many different purposes. The first-floor historical lobby, caterer's kitchen, the East and West room are used for showers, luncheons, and small business meetings. The Eastland Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau are also located on the first floor. The newly renovated second floor is home of the Eastland Independent School Administrative Offices. The seventh floor is occupied by the Eastland Community Foundation, the Eastland Economic Development Corporation and private offices. The eight-floor ballroom hosts receptions, proms, banquets, private parties and business conferences.

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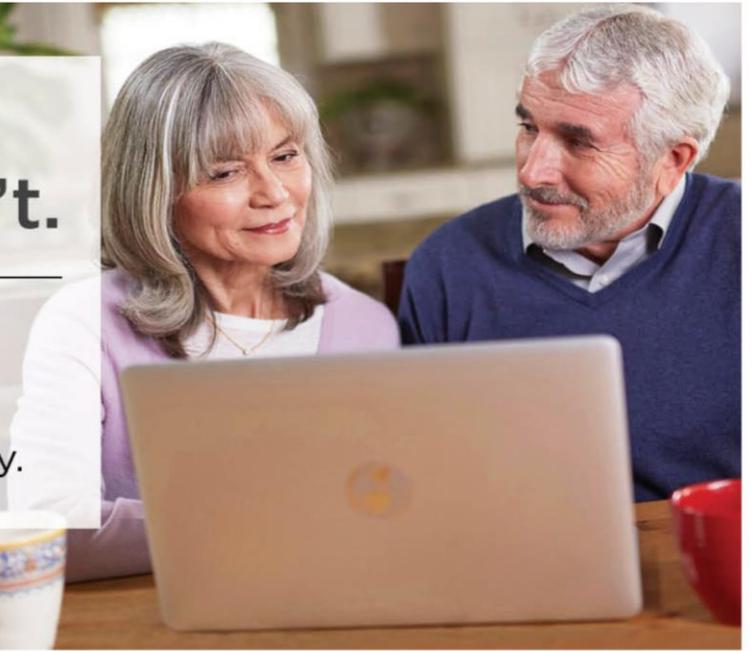
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EASTLAND LAKE

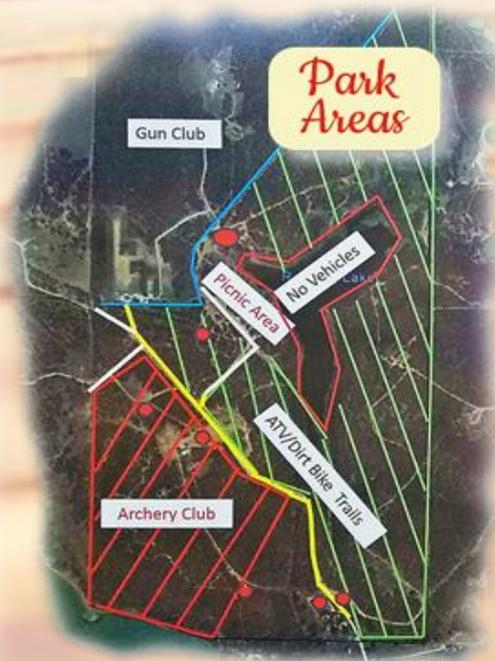
Eastland Lake is located north-west of downtown Eastland on FM 3101, and offers an excellent golfing experience at Lakeside Country Club. There is one gravel boat launch area near the bridge and several angler access points, including one at the dam. At 100 acres, it has plenty of water to support a variety of good sport fish populations, including largemouth bass, crappie, catfish and white bass. There is a good, under-fished population of largemouth bass in this lake.



RINGLING LAKE

Ringling Lake and Park were originally built as a water stop for the Eastland, Wichita Falls & Gulf Railroad (aka the Ringling Railroad). The line began in 1918 and was financed by John Ringling, of circus fame and was known for a time as the Ringling, Eastern and Gulf Railway. Unfortunately, the circus never stopped at the lake. The line was abandoned in 1944 and the property was deeded as a permanent park to the City of Eastland.

Currently ATV and dirt bike riders, along with members of the two recreation clubs, and oil/gas related personnel are allowed entry into the park. No other vehicles are allowed access to prevent damage to the lake and park areas. The public entry gate for ATV/dirt bikes is open daily from sunup to sundown weather permitting. No public access after wet weather or dark is allowed.



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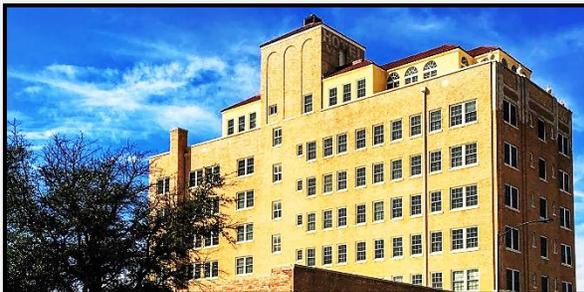
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The True Doc Scurlock Story

Frontier Legend's Resting Place in Peaceful Eastland County

By: Viola Payne (Eastland County Newspaper 1989)



The grave of William H. Bonney, alias Billy The Kid, lies in an old Fort Cemetery seven miles southeast of Fort Sumner, New Mexico. He is buried between two associates – Tom O'Folliard and Charlie Bowdre – who died several months earlier than The Kid's death at the hands of Sheriff Pat Garrett on July 14, 1881. A granite headstone marks the resting place of Bonney and his friends. Although, there is a lesser-known pal of Billy The Kid that is buried in Eastland County.

THE KID AURA

There is no way a visitor to Fort Sumner can miss the presence of The Kid's grave, or the aura of this young cowboy/gunman who had a leading part in the Lincoln County War. For Billy The Kid, dead at age 21, has become a mythological figure – a symbol of revolt against a sometimes hypocritical establishment.

A whole tourist industry revolves around this grave and The Kid's legend. People from all over the world turn off the State Highway to travel Billy The Kid Road 3½ miles south. There they may go inside the Old Fort Museum – for \$2 each and view the grave in the white-walled burial ground behind it.

THE GANG

A tourist-promotional group known as the "Billy The Kid Outlaw Gang" operates out of Fort Sumner, assisting with numerous historical events in the area. Some are in Fort Sumner, and others in Lincoln County 150 miles southwest. Every major event in the 1878-1881 Lincoln County War has been written about, debated, and a number of historical markers erected. The town of Lincoln is carefully preserved in Territorial style, with annual Billy The Kid – Pat Garret celebrations held during the summers.

In spite of international publicity, with books, films, and music based on his life, a lot of controversy, speculation and mystery surrounds Billy The Kid. Josiah G. Scurlock, who knew the answers to most of these questions, lies buried over 400 miles east of Fort Sumner – right here in the Eastland City Cemetery. He shares a marble headstone with his wife, Antonia Herrera Scurlock, the Basque-French girl he married in Lincoln, New Mexico in 1876.

As yet, no tourists are hurrying off the Freeway to visit the grave of Josiah G. Scurlock. There are only visits by family members in the area, or a few friends who remember the pleasant old Irish gentlemen who died in Eastland in 1929. Yet historians of the Lincoln County War will tell you that Josiah G. "Doc" Scurlock was a close associate of Billy The Kid – probably knew him as well as anyone who ever lived.

He and The Kid were in a group called the "Regulators" during the War, sharing the pain and violence of those times.

DOC TOOK PARDON

Their trails began to part when New Mexico Gov. Lew Wallace offered a pardon in 1879 to everyone on both sides of the Lincoln County War. There was one

stipulation for Billy The Kid – he would have to stand trial before he was pardoned. Scurlock and a number of the other Regulators took their pardons and made new lives for themselves – Billy The Kid refused.

A trial in Mesilla, New Mexico and a spectacular jailbreak from the Lincoln County Courthouse were some of The Kid's last adventures. After leaving Lincoln County and Fort Sumner for Texas, Josiah G. Scurlock was very reluctant to tell of his experiences in New Mexico. He related nothing outside the family, and made only brief remarks to family members. He indicated he had enemies who would kill him if they ever found him.

He did say that the law officials in Lincoln County at the time of the War were corrupt, and that he would never stand a fair chance with them. So during the rest of his life, he refused any position of prominence, or any situation that would give him public notice.

CONTRASTS

It would be hard to find two people with more contrasting backgrounds than Josiah G. Scurlock and Billy The Kid. They did have an Irish ancestry in common, but Josiah G. came from a settled family in Alabama with means and advantages.

A fierce pride of race, family and person was bred into the Scurlocks. One family member – thought to be Josiah's cousin – died in the Alamo. Daniel, an older brother, fought for the south in the Civil War. He is also buried in the Eastland City Cemetery, along with Josiah and Antonia's son William, his wife Liddie and Josiah's daughter Gladys.

YOUNG DOCTOR

Born in 1850, Josiah showed an interest in medicine when a young man. He studied under a Doctor in Alabama, then went to Charity Hospital in New Orleans to work on his Internship. He was a bright and handsome young man, and made a lot of friends.

Just before his graduation something happened which plunged Josiah into a wild depression. He was in love with a young nurse, and found that she had decided to marry another intern. Josiah left medical school and took a boat for Tampico, Mexico, where he found work treating patients with yellow fever.

By 1871 Scurlock feared he might have tuberculosis, and came back to the United States. He worked briefly for John Chisum, a Texas New Mexico cattle rancher. Chisum, who drove cattle out of Brown County, Texas in 1866, had established a headquarters in the Fort Sumner-Roswell area. At that time, he was reported to have one of the largest holdings of cattle in the world.

Scurlock was still restless, and he drifted over to Arizona. There he met Charlie Bowdre, and they operated a mine and cheese factory for a short while. One of their employees was an engaging youngster known as William H. Bonney, who was on the run from trouble in Silver City. Bonney had a stepfather, W.K. Antrim, who worked in mines around Mogollon. Scurlock took a liking to mild-mannered Bonney, with his ready smile and lightening draw of a gun.

FIRST KILLING

Bonney became involved in a bar-room killing and drifted south into Mexico. Scurlock and Bowdre decided to set up a ranch on the Rio Ruidoso in Lincoln County, New Mexico. After they settled there Scurlock taught school along with his ranching, and also served as a Doctor. There he acquired the nick-name Doc.

Lincoln County had some of the most beautiful scenes anywhere, with high mountain meadows and clear streams tumbling to dry flats near the Pecos River. But an explosive mix of people had converged on this area, and trouble was simmering.

South of the Ruidoso was Apache Indian Reservation, filling a territory supposedly inhabited by their Mountain Gods. Across the rolling grassy hills below the mountains were old-line Spanish and Mexican families, who established ranches there around 1850. To the east lay the vast holdings of John Chisum, the Texan planning to enlarge his territory. Just southwest of Lincoln was Fort Stanton, with U.S. Cavalrymen (sometimes black) and white officers.

THE RING

Business and finance in the town of Lincoln was under the control of a Murphy-Dolan group, financed by Thomas B. Catron, President of the First National Bank of Santa Fe. Catron was leader of the so-called "Santa Fe Ring", a group who exercised control of Territorial politics and manipulated scores of business ventures.

About this time Billy The Kid drifted out of Old Mexico to Mesilla, N.M., and finally to the John Chisum ranch. A large amount of cattle and horse stealing was going on in the territory, and The Kid got a job rounding up and returning Chisum's stolen stock.

When Chisum later decided Billy was a "loose gun" and quit paying him, The Kid allegedly continued to round up Chisum stock – but then he sold them and kept all the money.

A DUEL

About this time Scurlock, according to family tradition, lost his front teeth in a dispute which arose during a card game. He and his opponent fired at the same time, with the bullet entering Scurlock's mouth and coming out the back of his neck without inflicting a fatal wound. The man who fired that bullet is reported to have been less fortunate.

An English nobleman named John Tunstall had a ranch on the Ruidoso, and he and Scurlock became good friends. Billy The Kid hired on as a cowboy for Tunstall, and it was interesting how quickly the educated Englishman and Billy took a liking to each other. For Billy, it was a chance to eat regular meals and attend some of the local dances. There were some mighty pretty girls at the dances, and Billy was a favorite.

Scurlock was probably a favorite too, but he soon dropped out of the competition. He was in love with dark-eyed Antonia Herrera, daughter of a Basques ranch owner. (The Basques came from the border of Spain and France.)

A WIFE

The Scurlocks and Hererras had one thing in-common – each family believed its members were "too good" to marry "just anyone." Fernando Herrera was certain that lovely Antonia, born to his first wife (a French woman, who died young) was far superior to this cowboy stranger.

Doc Scurlock wasn't exactly considered an angel. He was high-spirited and hot-tempered, and there were some warrants out for him on cattle and horse rustling. Herrera liked the bunch of Scurlock ran with better than that other faction of Anglos – but he sure didn't want his daughter mixed up with any of them.

Somehow Scurlock managed to get Antonia to a Catholic Church in Lincoln on October 19, 1876. One story has him riding by the Herrera ranch, pulling her up on a horse and riding off. Others say this was not true. Either way, Antonia's father never really approved of her marriage to Doc Scurlock.

The couple did stay in the Herrera home some after their marriage, however. The final break seems to have come when Scurlock came in one day to find Antonia's stepmother ordering her to do some work.

He declared that "no one is going to make a maid out of my wife!" and moved Antonia and their two small children out of the house.

Although her father fought on the side of the Regulators during the Lincoln County War, Antonia had little personal contact with her family again.

The Lincoln County War was smoldering, with frequent clashes between Tunstall's cowboys and a group of gunmen under the leadership of James Dolan. In 1877 the Lincoln County Bank was organized with John Chisum – President, Alexander McSween (a lawyer) – Vice President, and John Tunstall – Treasurer. This made the Tunstall-McSween-Chisum faction a serious threat to the Murphy-Dolan group.

Local sentiment was about evenly divided between the newcomers and the establishment, and neutrality was about as dangerous as being on one of the sides. Major Murphy used his political influence to have William Brady made Sheriff of Lincoln County.

By Feb. of 1878, a dispute arose over money on an insurance policy Alex McSween had collected for a former partner of Murphy's. Murphy instructed Sheriff Brady to serve a writ of attachment on the property of McSween's partner John Tunstall.

TUNSTALL'S DEATH

On Feb. 18th, an armed and allegedly drunken posse met Tunstall on the road to Lincoln and killed him. Tunstall's cowboy's, including Billy The Kid, swore revenge for Tunstall's death. Before long they had ambushed and killed two members of the posse and killed Brady and another man named Hindeman on the streets of Lincoln. This began five months of violence and bloodshed in which neither side was ever able to claim a victory.

THE REGULATROS

Two days after Tunstall was killed, Scurlock, ranchers George and Frank Coe, Billy The Kid and about ten other supporters forcibly evicted the Sheriff's representatives from the Tunstall store and bank and seized control of the property. Styling themselves the Regulators, these friends of Tunstall set out to liquidate the posse they held responsible for his death. There was a swift ride over to a place called Seven Rivers, known to be a hideout for the group involved. Two men, Morton and Baker, were "executed" during this raid.

When word got around of the killing of Morton and Baker, concern settled on the minds of the townspeople. Who would the Tunstall Death Posse find next? On April 5th the Posse engaged Buckshot Roberts in battle at Blazer's Mill on the Mescalero Indian Reservation. Roberts failed to live up to his boast that he would "get" The Kid, but proved he was a tough gunfighter.

THE SPIDER WEB

As the killings continued on both sides, Doc Scurlock had special reason to fear for the safety of his family. His rides with the Regulators had brought down warrants for his arrest from Lincoln all the way to Mesilla. One day he hid Antonia and their two babies in a deep old cellar, using special care to leave the spider-webs across the cover intact. As Antonia sat in the darkness, enemy riders glanced at the cellar cover and decided no one was inside. Later Scurlock slipped Antonia and the children over to Fort Sumner for their protection.

THE SHOWDOWN

The climax of the Lincoln County battles came with a five-day siege of the McSween home in Lincoln. The house was the most luxurious in the territory, consisting of twelve rooms elegantly furnished, including a fine piano. Supporters of the Tunstalls and McSweens had gathered in the home or in positions nearby on the street.

One account says that Doc Scurlock was in a Montano house nearby during the battle. It is known that he was also in the McSween home during some of the worst of the siege. Susan McSween, her sister and two nieces were in the McSween house, with a Lincoln School teacher named Katherine Gates in the Tunstall-McSween store. As the current Sheriff Peppin and his followers gathered for a showdown, Mrs. McSween is reported to have played the piano to veil noise in the house.

Dolan, realizing McSween forces were solidly entrenched, called on Colonel Dudley of the Ninth Calvary at Fort Sumner for help. He was refused because of an army regulation forbidding troops to assist a civilian posse. But on Friday, July 19 the Colonel rode into town with three companies of soldiers.

It was announced that the military had come to protect the women and children. But – according to most New Mexico historians – the Colonel and his troops simply watched the subsequent burning of the house without taking any action for protective custody.

The women escaped, but the Regulators lost a number of their men, including McSween. The survivors, among them Scurlock and Billy The Kid, regrouped at an abandoned ranch house they often used as a hide-out. On Aug. 5th, they led a successful raid on the herds of the Mescalero Apaches.

Sheriff Peppin was unable to maintain a strong force, and the Regulators were riding in and out of Lincoln without molestation. About the first of September, Doc Scurlock and Bowdre moved to Fort Sumner, a town that had been generally friendly to their cause.

Scurlock went to work for Pete Maxwell, a rancher with large holdings in eastern and northern New Mexico. About the end of that month Lew Wallace, the newly appointed Governor of the Territory, entered upon his official duties. After the murder of Mrs. McSween's lawyer in Lincoln on Feb. 18, 1879, the Gov. decided to go to Lincoln and attempt to settle the continuing War.

PARDONS

His solution was to pardon all people on both sides who would lay down their arms and promise to obey the law. Billy The Kid would be tried and then pardoned. Colonel Dudley at Fort Stanton was to be investigated, and moved from his post.

Although Wallace met with him, Billy The Kid said he did not trust the Courts and could not take the pardon. If he laid down his guns some of his enemies would kill him, he declared.

GONE TO TEXAS

Scurlock took his pardon, and about this time apparently decided to make a break with his New Mexico associates. About October or November of that year, he gave away all his guns – with the exception of one squirrel rifle. He sold a gold mine he owned for \$500 (equivalent \$13,468.15 today) – the man who bought it later resold the mine for \$75,000 (equivalent to \$2,020,222.34 today). He moved his family to Tascosa, in the Panhandle of Texas. There he looked after horses on a mail-hack line, and also hunted wild horses.

During 1880, The Kid, Charlie Bowdre and Tom O'Folliard headed a makeshift group who apparently rustled cattle and horses for a living. They stayed one jump ahead of a young Deputy Sheriff named Pat Garrett, an acquaintance (but not a friend) of Billy The Kid.

SENTENCED TO HANG

In the winter of that year, O'Folliard and Bowdre were killed in Fort Sumner. Billy continued on his old trails, but was captured and tried in Mesilla for a number of murders. In April, he was convicted of the murder of Sheriff Brady of Lincoln, and sentenced to be hanged in Lincoln on May 13, 1881. The Kid was confined in Lincoln in a two-story building formerly occupied by the Murphy-Dolan mercantile firm. Deputy Sheriff Robert Ollinger – a member of the posse which had killed Tunstall – was one of his guards.

The Kid's jailbreak, the killing of two guards and his escape into hiding is now part of the legends which surround Lincoln County. Pat Garrett, who had become Sheriff on Jan. 1 of that year, made no outward sign of pursuit.

TO TASCOSA

The Kid had disappeared. But the Josiah G. Scurlock family knew where he was. According to family stories, he rode into Tascosa to the half-dugout where they lived, and stayed with them until he decided to go back to Fort Sumner.

By that time, the Scurlocks had a third child, a baby named John. During his lifetime, John told his family that "Billy The Kid held me when I was a baby."

In years which followed, John Scurlock also repeated something else he had probably heard from his father: "Billy The Kid never killed a man except in self-defense. He was actually a good and kind person."

Doc Scurlock tried to talk Billy out of going back to Fort Sumner, "You know that Pat Garrett will kill you, Billy." Billy insisted that he must see a certain Mexican girl in Fort Sumner – that would be worth all the trouble of the trip. Besides, Garrett would never face up to him.

AT MAXWELL'S HOUSE

So he rode into Fort Sumner late on July 14th. First, he stopped at the home of a Mexican family near the Fort, then decided to walk over to Pete Maxwell's house in the dark to get some beef to eat. He did not know that Garrett was already in the house, looking for him. Billy's last words were "Quien Es?"

The Scurlocks always felt sure that the "real" Billy The Kid was buried in the grave at Fort Sumner, in spite of occasional rumors to the contrary.

About a year after the Kid's death, the Scurlocks moved to Wilbarger County, near Vernon. Doc practiced medicine on the side and acquired knowledge of French and German from settlers in the area. He took up a wheat farm and in 1893 sold the property. Later the region became one of the large oil fields of Texas.

Eventually, the Scurlocks had ten children – Viola, Josiah G. Junior, John, Ellen, Presley, William, Linda, Gladys, Amy and Lola. From North Texas the Scurlocks moved near Cleburn, where Doc grew cotton and corn and taught Spanish and other subjects at Mehan Business College. From 1899 to 1913, he farmed at Granbury. Antonia Scurlock died at Acton, Texas in 1912.

For several years Doc worked as a bookkeeper for the S.L. Humas Co., a farming concern southeast of Athens. A Dallas newspaper tried to persuade him to write a series of stories on the Lincoln County War, but he was determined to stay clear of his past.

Family stories indicate that Scurlock was a devoted but rather strict father, who expected obedience and hard work from his children. He read extensively, almost entirely from the classics, and urged his family to read good books and get a good education. Such writing as he did was usually confined to poetry.



TO EASTLAND

In 1919, the family moved to Eastland, in Eastland County. Here "Doc" ran a candy store for a few years, just west of where the jail is now. In 1921, he worked for the State Highway Department. In 1925, he retired, living after that with some of his children. As a sideline he wrote book reviews for Students at the University of Texas, charging a small fee.

Josiah G. Scurlock apparently suffered a heart attack on July 25, 1929 and died the same night. After his burial in the Eastland Cemetery the remains of his wife Antonia were removed from Acton to Eastland and buried beside him.

There are a number of Scurlock descendants living in Texas. Among them are Joseph Theodore Scurlock, a grandson, of Breckenridge. Mrs. Mickey Wilson, a

granddaughter, of Hamby, and Marie Tollett, a granddaughter, of Amarillo and Sue Guthrie, also a granddaughter of Amarillo. Mrs. Lucille Stewart of De Leon is another granddaughter. Jodi Scurlock Brumfield of Eastland is a great-granddaughter, and Dona Brumfield (Jodi's daughter) is a great-great granddaughter. Thelma Lewis and Opal Watson of Eastland are other descendants.

Marie Tollett remembers that Grandpa (Doc) did not speak much about his experiences in the Lincoln County War. She learned much of what she knows from "Uncle" Frank and George Coe, whom she met when her parents went to Lincoln County in 1931. The Coe brothers would talk to them for hours about the battles the Regulators were involved in.



AN OLD FRIEND

Marie says she remembers that her parents and brothers and sisters were sitting in a church service when an elderly man tapped her father on the shoulder. John Scurlock stood and embraced his father's close friend, Frank Coe. Both men wept, and Coe told John that he looked just like his father. She said that for the rest of their stay in Lincoln County, Frank Coe kept the family supplied with vegetables from his garden.

In Eastland, Doc Scurlock would walk back and forth to the Library, check out good books for the grandchildren, then take them back. "You'll always be known by the books you read," he declared.

One of the family stories gives some hint of Scurlock's concern over Billy The Kid, and why he had to break with the New Mexico group. "He was a good looking young fellow, happy and easy-going," Scurlock once said. "But I could see he had changed. Toward the end – the last time I saw him – I could see he kinda got into the liking of being an outlaw."

Apparently Scurlock, the intellectual, had a totally different concept of what kind of lifestyle he really wanted.

HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT JOSIAH SCURLOCK

One of the things which makes the story of Josiah G. Scurlock's so interesting is that Scurlock was probably the most educated persons involved with the Regulators. He was about 25 yrs. old when he settled in Lincoln County, and he had far-ranging interests even at that age.

He was a physician, rancher, farmer, expert horseman, gun-fighter, school-teacher, miner, businessman, and poet. Later in life, he also become a linguist and scholar. His grandchildren remember that he "looked like a professor."

Scurlock's early life appears to have included a classic struggle between emotions and reason – with his strong feelings and temper often getting the upper hand. Rejection by a girl he loved in New Orleans set the stage for his long wanderings on the Southwestern frontier. There he came in contact with almost every type of person known to society.

The first mention of Scurlock found in newspapers of that time appears in 1875. The story alleges that he stole three horses, two saddles and a gun from a New Mexican citizen, and made his way to Arizona. (This accusation hardly ties in with the fact that about this time Doc Scurlock went into partnership with Charles Bowdre on a ranch on the Rio Ruidoso).

Scurlock is described in this way: "Twenty-two years of age, between five ft. eight of ten inches high, light hair, light complexion, front teeth out, writes a very good hand, quick spoken, and usually makes a good impression on first acquaintance."

In Lincoln County, Scurlock tried to defend a side he thought was right. Yet the killings in the war eventually caused him to be tagged as an outlaw. Although he was present at a number of the Regulator fights, it was never proved that he murdered anyone.

Numerous warrants went out for his arrests on various charges, but he usually was "no billed" on the charges or escaped from the local lock-ups. Since Billy The Kid was younger than Scurlock – and had once worked for him – it is probably that Scurlock had a "brotherly" or "fatherly" interest in The Kid.

The Kid probably turned to Scurlock for advice – as much as he turned to anyone. Doc Scurlock was not able to control him all the time, for The Kid sometimes danced around the edge of extinction. But then, so did Scurlock.

One of the happier parts of the Scurlock story is his marriage to Antonia Herrera. Apparently this was a good marriage and an enduring one. The hardships this couple come through can hardly be imagined today.

One interesting domestic sidelight is how Billy The Kid dropped his own activities to help the Scurlocks move to Fort Sumner on Sept. 1, 1878. Antonia and Doc Scurlock had two small children at that time. Fort Sumner, mostly inhabited by Spanish people, was considered a "safe" place for the Scurlocks and others of the Regulators.

Pete Maxwell hired Scurlock to work on his vast ranch. Pete, whose mother was Spanish, had an attractive sister named Paulita. Some historians believe that Paulita Maxwell was the girl Billy The Kid was in love with.

After the Scurlocks moved to Texas their lives must have changed a great deal. Probably some of the old friends visited them occasionally, but neither Antonia or Doc Scurlock ever returned to New Mexico. They worked hard to make a living for their children and "raise them right." Some of these children were fair-haired like the father, and some dark-haired like their mother.

Doc Scurlock seemed to prefer obscurity to any public attention. This trait became almost second nature to him. Photographs show that he would even turn his head sideways to a camera. His picture with daughter Lela is one of the rare times when he faced the camera.

The Scurlock descendants have been generally interested in education, and have excelled in various lines of work. Young men from the family have served in World War I, World War II, and other U.S. conflicts. Family members are active in churches, and none have had any serious trouble with the law. It appears that Josiah G. Scurlock was able to pass on some of his wisdom.

"BLOOD ON THE SADDLE"

Doc Scurlock's great-great-granddaughter, Mica Pharris, wrote "Blood on the Saddle" to help preserve the history and legacy of her family's connection to the notorious outlaw known as Billy the Kid. "Blood on the Saddle" can be purchased at the Eastland County Museum located on the downtown square in Eastland.

PULLING HARD AGAINST THE STREAM

It's in this world I've gained my knowledge
 And for it I've had to pay
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 Yet I've heard the Poets say
 Life is like a mighty river
 Rolling on from day to day
 And we as ships are launched upon it
 Some get wrecked and cast away

Refrain

Then do your best for one another
 Make this life a pleasant dream
 Help a weary careworn brother
 Pulling hard against the stream.

-Josiah "Doc" Scurlock



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Chief Joe Williamson

Eastland Fire Department: The Eastland Fire Department has proudly served the citizens and visitors of Eastland and Eastland County since 1907. We are a combination fire department with a roster of 4 career staff personnel and an average of 20 volunteer members. The Eastland Fire Department has many different safety programs and annual activities to support and connect with the community. We are financially supported by the City of Eastland Fiscal budget, Eastland County subsidy and generous donations from citizens and local businesses.

The Eastland Fire Department is an all-hazards emergency response agency trained and equipped to respond to a variety of emergencies such as wildland fires, structural fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, water emergencies and technical rescue events. Our initial response district covers approximately 194 square miles, serving a near 6000 population and we respond to an average of 750 calls for service per year. We also provide assistance to all other seven fire departments within Eastland County when requested.

We always welcome new members to join our team and volunteer to serve the community and each other. Whether you want to learn to suit up and fight a fire or work behind the scenes supporting the mission of the fire department, there is a place for everyone who wants to join. Please like us on our Facebook page or visit us at www.eastlandfire.com.

The Fire Department currently has 12 pieces of equipment:

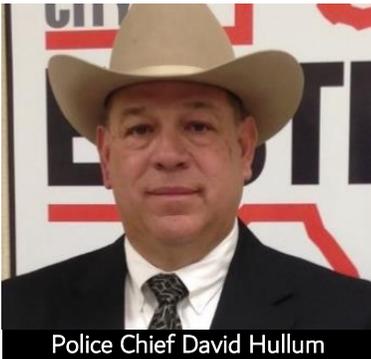
- Engine 6: 2007 Pierce 1500 GPM pumper
- Ladder 6: 2013 Pierce 75' aerial ladder
- Engine 61: 2002 Ferrara 1500 GPM pumper
- Tanker 6: 2003 Freightliner 2000 gallon capacity
- Rescue 6: 2002 Technical Rescue Rig
- Brush 61: 2013 1-ton Wildland Rig
- Brush 62: 2007 1-ton Wildland Rig
- Squad 6: 2020 1500: Special Response Vehicle
- Battalion 6: 2017 F250 Strategic Command Vehicle
- Marine 6: Boat for still water emergencies
- Utility 6: Polaris for special events
- Support 6 & Rehab 6: Support personnel on extended events

The Eastland Fire Department is proud to serve the citizens of Eastland and Eastland County.

They are always looking for new volunteers to add to their family!



LAW ENFORCEMENT



Police Chief David Hullum

Eastland Police Department Mission: 'YOUR' Police Department believes that living a good life in Eastland means feeling like you are safe at home, work or play and we take that, our responsibility, very seriously. We are committed to providing efficient, effective and professional police services to 'OUR' community so that all citizens, as well as visitors, can enjoy everything that Eastland has to offer.

Uniformed patrol officers are typically the most visible, but the Department also provides specialized units to address specific crimes and community issues. As stewards of the public trust, the personnel of the Eastland Police Department have committed themselves to the goals of delivering the most proactive, responsive and professional police services available, while maintaining a positive customer service attitude. We take pride in and strive to ensure that we live up to our motto "Honored to Serve, Dedicated to Protect" each and every day.



Sheriff Jason Weger

Eastland County Sheriff's Office: As the county seat, Eastland is honored to house the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. The position of Sheriff is arguably the oldest law enforcement position in existence today. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the county. The Sheriff's Office works with the Eastland Police Department and other local law enforcement offices in the county to ensure that all state laws and county ordinances are being enforced in the unincorporated portions of the county. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for providing courthouse security, service of process, conducting sales of seized properties, and maintenance and operation of the county jail.

Code Red Alerts: The Eastland Police Department and Eastland County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone of Code Red. Get updates and alerts for severe weather, road closures, Law Enforcement announcements, and emergency situations sent to your cell phone. Code Red also offers an app for Android and iPhone devices. Look in the app store and follow the instructions.

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EMH provides a full range of inpatient, outpatient and ambulatory services which

include medical/surgical nursing with Swing Bed availability, radiology, laboratory, respiratory therapy, physical, speech and occupational therapy, 24-hour emergency room, ambulance services, inpatient and outpatient surgery, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, wound care and a state-of-the-art Wellness Center. The hospital has an established and dedicated medical staff of 5 physicians who live and work in Eastland County as well as a full-time hospitalist program and full-time physicians in the Emergency Room. The ambulatory clinics host physician specialists in the fields of general surgery, nephrology, pain management, cardiology, interventional radiology, oncology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, orthopedic surgery, sports medicine, and podiatry.



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Projects and Updates in Eastland



Nursing Home Project
28,000 sq ft Addition



Ranger Hill I-20 Project
\$76 million reconstruction



Dam Project
\$4 million improvements



Mira Enterprises
Improvements



Bartee Metals
New Construction



U.S. Sand and Gravel
New Construction



Tractor Supply
New Construction



Burke's Outlet
New shopping opportunities



Downtown Renovations
Improvements



Eastland is continuing to expand with new infrastructure, improvements of existing facilities, and plans for growth. Being the midpoint of two major cities, Abilene and Weatherford along I-20, our city has seen an influx of new businesses and families moving here in recent years.

A large project that was completed in 2021 includes the combining and expansion of two nursing facilities, Woodlands Assisted Living and Eastland Nursing & Rehab. The Nursing Care facility is now at the same location as the Woodlands and renamed The Woodlands Nursing & Rehabilitation. This is a State-of-the-Art facility offering compassionate care to our aging community.

The Ranger Hill Reconstruction not only affects Eastland residents, but everyone traveling on one of the busiest Interstates in Texas. An 8-mile project was launched in 2017 to completely transform this stretch of Interstate 20 from a “mountain to a valley,” as The Abilene Reporter News wrote in an article. You can read more about Ranger Hill on page 66.

The Lake Leon Dam was built nearly 66 years ago in 1954. In August of 2018, the Eastland County Water Supply District was approved for a grant from FEMA HMGP to help with a \$4,000,000 project. The two goals of the project were to change the downstream slope of the Lake Leon Dam and to change the emergency spillway to help strengthen the dam and elevate future flooding. You can read more information on page 68.

In July of 2016, the Morgan Building and Spa Corp. officially ceased operations in a 50,000 sq. ft. building on North Seaman St. and the Eastland Economic Development, Corp. (EEDI) gained full control of the facility now known as the Airport Business Park. The facility was purchased and now houses Mira Enterprises. The “Old Morgan Building” received a complete transformation by the new owners. Mira Enterprises, Inc. which specializes in ground-up commercial construction as well as commercial remodeling and Point-Of Sale technology sales, installation, and support.

New to the Eastland Economic Development Incorporated’s Business Park is Bartee Metals and U.S. Sand and Gravel. Both businesses have ample exposure to Interstate 20. Bartee Metals is a distributor and manufacturer of Pre-Engineered metal buildings, Weld-Up metal buildings, metal roofing and siding, metal building components and accessories, structural steel and components, tool steel and alloys, fencing and more. U.S. Sand and Gravel has three businesses in one including Big State Concrete, and U.S. Rentals. U.S. Sand and Gravel can provide materials by the yard, trucking, road construction, and excavation. Big State Concrete produces volumetric concrete production solutions, which creates less waste, more flexibility, and total control of your concrete. U.S. Rentals offers a wide variety of items to rent including heavy equipment, attachments, hand tools, trailers, and more.

Tractor Supply is building a new location in Eastland on the Old Bankhead Highway just behind Heff’s Burgers. Now visible from I-20, the move to further uptown will be beneficial. The new location will be 15,500 square feet inside sales space along with a large outdoor green house, and drive thru side lot for loading.

With the closing of Beall’s and Shoe Department, new retail stores have taken over the facilities of the uptown shopping center. Burke’s Outlet opened in the old Beall’s, Inc. building. Burke’s is a chain department store selling apparel, housewares, shoes, and accessories at discount prices. They officially opened on October 28th with a large gathering for a ribbon cutting ceremony as they opened their doors to the public. Shoe Department’s recent location will now house Rugged Outdoors, which is a sporting goods retailer. They will have many popular name brand clothing lines, accessories, and sports equipment.

Last, but certainly not least, downtown renovation. Eastland prides itself with a large square that is continually being updated. Trees were recently removed to redo sidewalks and prevent the hiding of facades and signage on buildings. Many buildings have been given facelifts, and some completely remodeled bringing in new businesses to the square.

We look forward to continued growth in our rural city. Check in with the Economic Development or Eastland Chamber of Commerce for more information on any of the above mentioned projects.

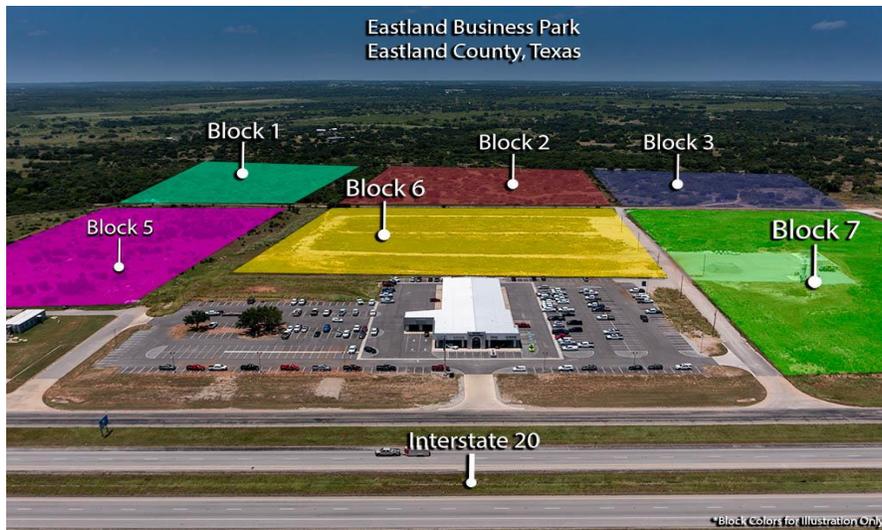
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Tom Bailey
Executive Director

Eastland Economic Development, Inc. was established in 1993, by vote of Eastland citizens and approved of the City Commissioners, as a non-profit economic development corporation under the Development Corporation Act of 1979. Its purpose is to “benefit Eastland citizens by assisting and enhancing economic development activities for the city.



Choice building sites are available in the EEDI Business Park. Bring your ideas so we can help you build a future in Eastland!



Barteer Metals, LLC

Barteer Metals has been manufacturing metal building components at its Eastland facility since 2019 and in 2020, they moved their retail sales operation to Eastland. In 2021, Barteer constructed a beautiful new facility in the EEDI Business Park combining all operations under one roof.



New Businesses in the Industrial Park

U.S. Sand & Gravel, Big State Concrete and U.S. Rentals will soon move into their new home in the EEDI Business Park. These businesses will offer concrete delivery to the area, all types of aggregate stone, heavy equipment operations and equipment rentals.



Mira Enterprises

Mike Batteas moved his business into a beautifully renovated facility in the Eastland Airport Business Park. Mira has been a long-time employer in Eastland and we are proud to see them in their new home!



Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply will soon move into an enormous new facility in Eastland with an extended line of products.

Red Star Travel Center



The old Red Star Truck Stop was totally demolished to make way for the new Red Star Travel Center. The new facility will bring a Burger King, a convenience store, and an updated restaurant to the newly energized Hwy 6 gateway into Eastland.



Ranger Hill I-20 Project

The new year is starting with good news for one of West Texas' most important transportation projects. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is nearly finished reconstructing a three-mile section of I-20 in Eastland County between the city of Ranger and

SH 16. Zachry Construction, the project contractors on the stretch of highway commonly known as "Ranger Hill," expects to have the project completed by early spring.



In April 2021, the new westbound mainlanes were opened to traffic.

2021 was a busy year. Crews opened the newly constructed westbound lanes, including the "slow-moving" vehicle lane. Workers also finished constructing the north (westbound side) frontage road, two retaining walls, and concrete traffic barrier. Work on the westbound Safety Rest Area exit, which began in 2020, was also completed.

Reconstructing the north frontage road exit ramp to the Safety Rest Area was a crucial step in supporting TxDOT's commitment to safety. Driver fatigue is one of the major causes of serious traffic crashes. The Eastland County Safety Rest Area is one of 80 such facilities across the state providing motorists with a safe and modern place to pull over and rest.



Workers completed the new westbound entrance ramp at SH 16 last summer.

The changes on I-20 mark a major improvement from the summer of 2017, when workers kicked off the project by blasting and drilling through the site's thick rock. In the following years, crews began improving drainage systems before moving into the roadway construction phases, which included embankment work, pouring concrete, building overpasses, and eventually reconstructing the mainlanes and frontage road.



Workers place Riprap on the north frontage road. Riprap, electrical work, and pavement markings are some of the last items needed to complete the project.

Completing these steps in reconstructing the section of interstate means the project is considered "substantially complete." As 2022 gets into full swing, workers have their sights set on relatively smaller but still essential project goals. Electrical work for illumination and the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) will be installed. Riprap, or rock placed along overpasses and bridges to protect against erosion, will also be placed at various locations along the project. Finally, crews will install pavement markings and safety rumble strips which can help alert and prevent drivers from leaving the roadway.

The project, with its new mainlanes, frontage roads, and exit/entrance ramps, is expected to be completed in just a couple of months. That's good news for the 21,000 motorists driving this stretch of I-20 each day. The Ranger Hill improvements will be an important element in keeping motorists and freight moving in the Lone Star State.

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Lake Leon Dam Project

Lake Leon Dam, built in 1954, has a new look as the Eastland County Water Supply District (ECWSD) completed the FEMA HMGP grant funded Lake Leon Spillway Improvements Project in July 2021. The project included:

- Downstream embankment stability improvements, reducing the slope steepness from 2:1 to 3.5:1
- Upstream embankment stability improvements, improving on the previous emergency slope repairs by extending the sheet pile wall an additional 150 linear feet to the north.
- Emergency spillway channelization to improve flood protection surrounding the lake.

ECWSD celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of FM 2461 (road over Lake Leon Dam) and the completion of the Lake Leon Spillway Improvements Project with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 2, 2021, just a year after breaking ground on the project in June 2020. ECWSD celebrated this momentous occasion with members of the ECWSD Board of Directors, Eastland County Judge Rex Fields, the project design team (HDR and EHT), construction team (Dorado Construction Group), KTAB TV along with other local news outlets, and Lake Leon residents present (see pg. ___ for picture).



Due to heavy rains in late May/early June and unusually cooler temperatures, TxDOT was unable to complete the final resurfacing of FM 2461 prior to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Prioritizing the importance of re-opening FM 2461 along with the boat ramp and camping facilities located at the dam prior to the 4th of July Weekend, the ECWSD Board decided to allow temporary access until TxDOT was able to complete that phase of the project during dry and warmer weather in the following weeks. TxDOT officially re-open FM 2461 in early August 2021.

In a continued effort to proactively keep our 68-year-old Lake Leon Dam safe and extend its life for decades to come, ECWSD is starting the planning and design phase for additional dam maintenance and rehabilitation improvements. The new improvements to the dam will include stabilizing the remaining gaps on the upstream embankment that haven't been stabilized yet with sheet pile, rehabilitation of pipe joints and concrete surfaces inside the 11-ft diameter concrete morning glory primary spillway conduit and inlet riser (the big "bathtub drain"), erosion prevention measures in the auxiliary spillway to protect against extreme flood events, and improvements to the raw water intake and pump station to improve safety and make the system more resilient. The new improvements will be able to be constructed without having to completely shut down FM 2461. The project will be funded by the GLO Community Development Block Grant for hazard mitigation (CDBG-MIT). The \$9,800,000.00+ Grant that the ECWSD was recently awarded will provide 99% of the total project costs with only a 1% local match.

The ECWSD will continue to employ the very highly trained and professional team of experts to design and oversee construction of these new improvements. Engineering (HDR, Austin TX and EHT, Abilene TX): our Engineering firms are experienced with CDBG Grants, numerous other Federal and State Grant Programs and combined have vast knowledge of dams, dam safety, hydraulics, hydrology, earth moving, structural design, permitting, spillway construction along with numerous other areas of expertise. ECWSD also has engaged the most qualified and proven Grant Writing and Administrative firms available: (Langford Community Management), with extensive experience with FEMA, GLO, CDBG and numerous other Federal and State agency grant programs. Langford Community Management also has a proven and professional working relationship with the contracted engineering firms. ECWSD has a lot of people, organizations, agencies and local Governments to thank for getting this first FEMA project put together, approved, constructed and completed to FEMA HMGP, TCEQ Dam Safety Division and TxDOT Standards along with all of the other affected Federal, State and County Agency Standards.

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City Park & Pool



The Eastland City Park and Pool are conveniently located on top of Park Hill on the Southwest side of Eastland near the intersection of South Niblett and West Plummer Street. The City Park and Pool is a great place to go and have fun during the summer! Many birthday parties, school picnics, and community gatherings have been held on Park Hill.

The park was built as a WPA Project in 1925 and serves as Eastland's primary park. The park has covered picnic tables, a large barbeque pit, children's play area and restrooms. In 2017, the park was updated with new basketball goals, painted courts, a new volleyball net, fresh sand, safety gravel for play areas, and plants. Paint was also purchased to repaint the park's iconic Lion's Club lion statue. Handicap swings were purchased and installed by the Eastland Lion's Club to enable everyone to enjoy the park.

The Park also features a splash pad type "Water Park" that opened in 2005 which is operated and maintained by the city. Eastland's City Pool stands out from other city pools with its large figure 8 body-shoot slide, mushroom waterfall, dual action kiddie slide, sunken ship slide, and a toddler section just toes deep. The Pool's Concession stand is open during normal pool hours and offers a variety of food and drinks. If you don't feel like swimming, the pool also has several picnic tables and a large grassy area for laying out or setting up lawn chairs.



For public safety, lifeguards are always on duty during normal pool hours. Any child that is unable to swim without an adult's assistance will be given a wristband to alert lifeguards and other swimmers if they head to the deeper end of the pool. This new program helps ensure that everyone has a fun and safe day at the pool!

The Pool is open from the end of May till the middle of August. Parties must be scheduled in advance. You can begin making reservations in May. Please contact the Eastland City Hall at 254-629-8321, for any questions or to make a reservation.



SANTA CLAUS BANK ROBBERY

At the time it occurred, the Santa Claus Bank Robbery was one of Texas' most infamous crimes and led to the largest manhunt ever seen in the state. It all began on December 23, 1927, around noon when Marshall Ratliff, Henry Helms, Robert Hill, all ex-cons, and Louis Davis, a relative of Helms, held up the First National Bank in Cisco. Ratliff had been caught with his brother Lee after robbing a bank in Valera, and they had each served only a year of their sentences before being pardoned by Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. They had planned to rob the Cisco bank together, but Lee had already been arrested again. So Marshall pulled in Helms and Hill, whom he knew from Huntsville, and a fourth man who was good with safes. As they planned the crime in Wichita Falls, the safe-cracker came down with the flu, and the trio pulled in Davis, a family man in need, with the offer of big money. The four stole a car in Wichita Falls and headed for Cisco. They arrived on the morning of December 23 and prepared to make themselves some easy money, or so they thought.

During this period three or four Texas banks a day were being robbed, and in response, the Texas Bankers Association had offered a \$5,000 reward to anyone shooting a bank robber during the crime. It was partly this reward that turned a simple bank robbery into a deadly crime. As the group neared the bank, Ratliff donned a Santa Claus suit he had borrowed from Mrs. Midge Tellet, who ran the boarding house where they had been staying in Wichita Falls. They let Ratliff out several blocks from the bank. Followed by children attracted to "Santa," Ratliff joined the other three in an alley and led the way into the bank. He did not respond to the greetings directed at Santa, and the other three drew their guns, indicating that it was a holdup. While the others covered the customers and employees, Ratliff grabbed money from the tellers and forced one to

open the vault. Mrs. B. P. Blassengame and her daughter entered the bank while the holdup was in progress. Mrs. Blassengame, realizing the danger, led her daughter out another door, despite warnings from the robbers that they would shoot. She went into the alley and screamed for help, alerting Chief of Police G. E. (Bit) Bedford and most of the citizenry about the robbery. Several minutes later, Ratliff had filled his sack with money and came out of the vault. Seeing someone outside, Hill fired a shot through the window, and a shot was returned. Hill fired several more shots into the ceiling to show that they were armed. A fusillade of gunfire began, as many citizens who owned guns were now outside the bank. The robbers forced all of the people in the bank out the door and towards their car. Several of these hostages were wounded as they emerged into the alley, including Alex Spears, the bank president. Most of the customers escaped; however, two small girls, Laverne Comer and Emma May Robertson, were taken as hostages. In a shootout in the alley, as the robbers tried to get to their car, Chief Bedford and Deputy George Carmichael were mortally wounded; Bedford died several hours later, and Carmichael held on until January 17. Ratliff and Davis were also wounded in the shootout, Davis severely.

As the four began their escape with their hostages, they realized that they were almost out of gas and one of their tires had been shot out. They drove to the edge of town, pursued by the mob, and attempted to commandeer an Oldsmobile belonging to the Harris family. Fourteen-year-old Woody, who was driving, gave them the car but took the keys. The robbers transferred their things to the Oldsmobile, in the midst of gunfire which wounded Hill, only to realize that they could not start the car. Davis was by then unconscious, so they left

him in the car and moved back to the first car with their two hostages. They did not realize until later that they had left the money with Davis. The mob found Davis and the money and temporarily gave up the chase. The money was returned to the bank. They had stolen \$12,400 in cash and \$150,00 in nonnegotiable securities. Estimates were made that there were at least 200 bullet holes in the bank, a number which many thought too low. Besides the two police officers, there had been six townspeople wounded in the shootout, but no one was sure whether the robbers or the mob was responsible. Davis died that night at a Fort Worth hospital.

The robbers abandoned the bullet-ridden car and the two girls several miles from town and continued on foot. They stole another car the next morning and managed to evade the search parties for a while, until they wrecked the car near Putnam. They commandeered a vehicle driven by Carl Wylie, forcing him to drive and taking him hostage for twenty-four hours. They then let Wylie have his car back and stole another car. The two wounded men, especially Ratliff, were doing very poorly due to their wounds, lack of food, and the icy, sleeting conditions. Eventually, the threesome was ambushed by Sheriff Foster of Young County at South Bend as they tried to cross the Brazos River. Another car chase followed, with a shootout in a field as the three tried to make their escape. Cy Bradford, a Texas Ranger^{qv}, was involved in the firefight, and it is rumored that he hit all three men. Ratliff was hit and fell to the ground. Helms and Hill were both wounded, but they managed to escape into the woods. Several days later, after dodging an intense manhunt assisted by an airplane, the two made it into Graham and were taken into custody by lawmen without a fight. Two more men had been wounded in the manhunt from accidental discharge of their weapons, bringing the total number of wounded to eight, excluding the three surviving robbers.

Helms, Hill, and Ratliff had several wounds apiece and had not eaten for days. All survived however, and soon faced trials. Hill pleaded guilty to armed robbery, took the stand on his own behalf, and in March was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He escaped from prison three times but was recaptured each time. After settling down, he was paroled in the mid-1940s, changed his name, and became a productive citizen. Helms was identified as the one who had gunned down both lawmen and was given the death sentence in late February. After an unsuccessful insanity plea, he was executed by electric chair on September 6, 1929. Ratliff was first convicted of armed robbery on January 27, 1928 and sentenced to 99 years in prison. On March 30 he was sentenced to execution for his role in the



Eastland Co. Jailer Tom Jones

deaths of Bedford and Carmichael, although no one could testify to having seen him fire a gun in the bank. Ratliff appealed his case and, when that failed, went for an insanity plea. He had begun acting insane the day that Helms was executed, & thoroughly convinced his jailers that he was. His mother, Rilla Carter, filed for a lunacy hearing in Huntsville. However, the citizens of Eastland County were infuriated that he had not been executed yet, and even further aggravated to know that Ratliff was attempting the insanity plea. Judge Davenport issued a bench warrant for an armed robbery charge, for stealing the Harris car, and extradited Ratliff to the Eastland County jail. There Ratliff convinced his jailers, Pack Kilbourn and Tom Jones, that he really was insane, as they had to feed him, bathe him, and take him to the toilet. On November 18 Ratliff attempted to escape, mortally wounding Tom Jones in the attempt. A crowd began to gather the next morning and by nightfall had grown to over 1,000. They began demanding Ratliff. Kilbourn refused but was overpowered, and the mob rushed in and found Ratliff. Dragging him out, they tied his hands and feet and headed for a nearby power pole. The first attempt to hang him failed when the knot came loose and he fell to the ground. The second time, however, the knot did not come undone. Ratliff was pronounced dead at 9:55 P.M. on November 19. Jones died that evening, bringing the total number of dead, including three bank robbers, to six.

No one was ever tried in association with the lynching, although a grand jury was formed. Several thousand persons viewed Ratliff's body the next day at a furniture store in Eastland before Judge Garrett ordered the corpse locked up. Ratliff's family took possession of the body and arranged for a funeral in Fort Worth, with burial at Olivet Cemetery. Many people in Cisco over the years have claimed to have been present at the robbery or related to someone who was, and it is now a part of local folklore. The First National Bank still stands in Cisco, although it is in a new building. It features a painting of the robbery, as well as a collection of newspaper clippings and pictures of those involved. In 1967 the Texas State Historical Survey Committee (now the Texas Historical Commission) placed a medallion on the bank commemorating the robbery.



The First Ratliff Hanging Rope

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Bringing the Arts to Eastland!

The idea of an arts center and community theatre started with one of Eastland's great benefactors, Bill Bradley. He had the dream to put a small community theater back into a building that once housed one of Eastland's movie theaters. This dream expanded to include an art center.

During the great Eastland renovating phase of 2004-2005, Mr. Bradley purchased a large building on the west side of the downtown square with the plans to make his dream a reality. Mr. Bradley donated the property to the newly formed Eastland Community Foundation who is responsible for the operations of the Connellee Hotel Civic Center, The Lumber Yard and Grimes Gardens.

In 2006 the community theater idea came about and with the blessing of the Eastland Community Foundation the Eastland Centre for the Arts was born. In 2007 that idea took root and formal documents were filed to declare Eastland Centre for the Arts a reality. By Laws, articles of incorporation and an IRS 501(c)(3) designation were accomplished making all donations tax deductible. In that same year the Eastland Community Foundation, at the urging of Bill Bradley, deeded the property over to the ECA and his vision for the Arts, Entertainment & Education for the citizens of Eastland County began.



Through the generosity of several individuals, funds were provided to do some needed repairs to the building such as roof patching, broken window boarding, and more. In 2008, the City of Eastland was recipient of a Texas Midwest Community Network award of \$2,500 and this money was presented to the ECA towards a building fund. Barrett Webb, architect and nephew of Texas Slim and Patsy Cline, aka Ron and Alice Holliday, stepped up and offered to do some free design work to help with the facade plans. Demolition of the ugly exterior began in April of 2009 and soon a new exterior was taking shape. New doors and windows were in-stalled and the building was ready for the brick work which began in the spring of 2010. Following the Texas Opry, Mr. Holliday's first Eastland fundraiser was held in May 2009 that led to the City of Eastland awarding a donation of \$35,000. Another \$20,000 was given by a local business man and combined with the original \$2,500, and the facade work was completed.



Mr. Holliday stepped up again and his USO Tour Show landed in Eastland for two November 2009 nights. During this time a sign was designed to announce events at the Lyric and with the original LYRIC letters from the 1940's marquee. The new neon sign and marquee, as well as a striped canvas awning over the Lyric entry were installed just in time for the 2010 Eastland All School Reunion.

In the summer of 2013 the City of Eastland again stepped forward with a Challenge Grant of \$50,000, and two brothers met that challenge with \$50,000 each!. Real work soon began with structural renovations of removing support columns, installing steel beams and supports, rough in plumbing, masonry work and more.

Fourteen months and \$114,000 later the building was really taking shape. By 2016 the restrooms and kitchenette areas were started and funds to complete were being asked for. Tile work, fixtures installed and HVAC systems were next on the list to complete.

In 2019 volunteer work began again to complete the restrooms and install HVAC. Once again, a local businessman stepped forward and donated the HVAC system. Later a huge fan from the Big Ass Fan Company was donated and installed. Work continued on the restrooms and by the end of the year they were fully ADA compliant and completed.

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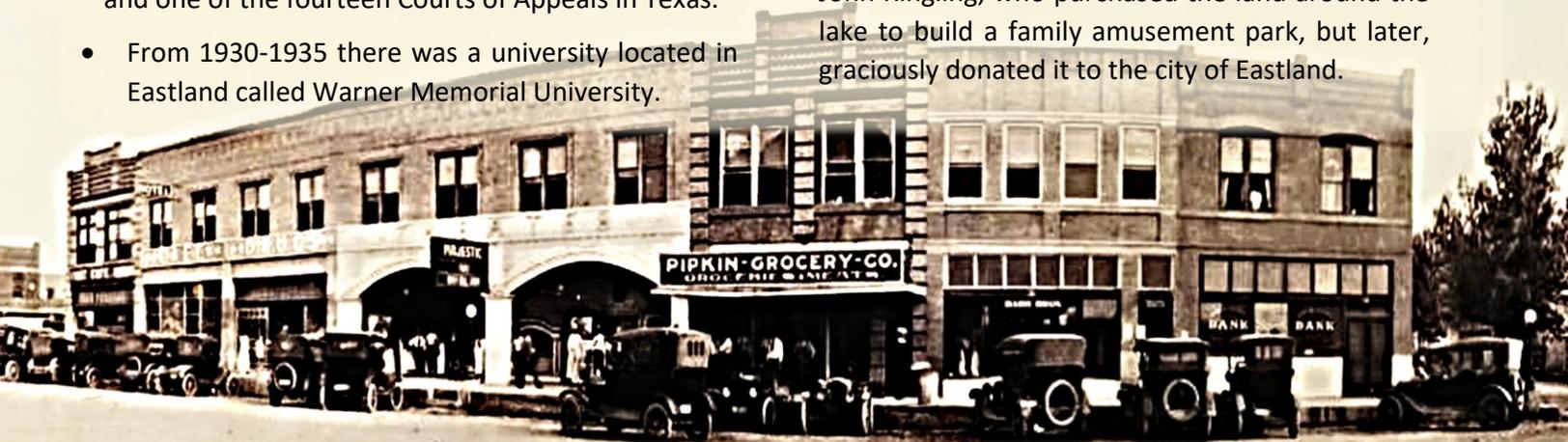
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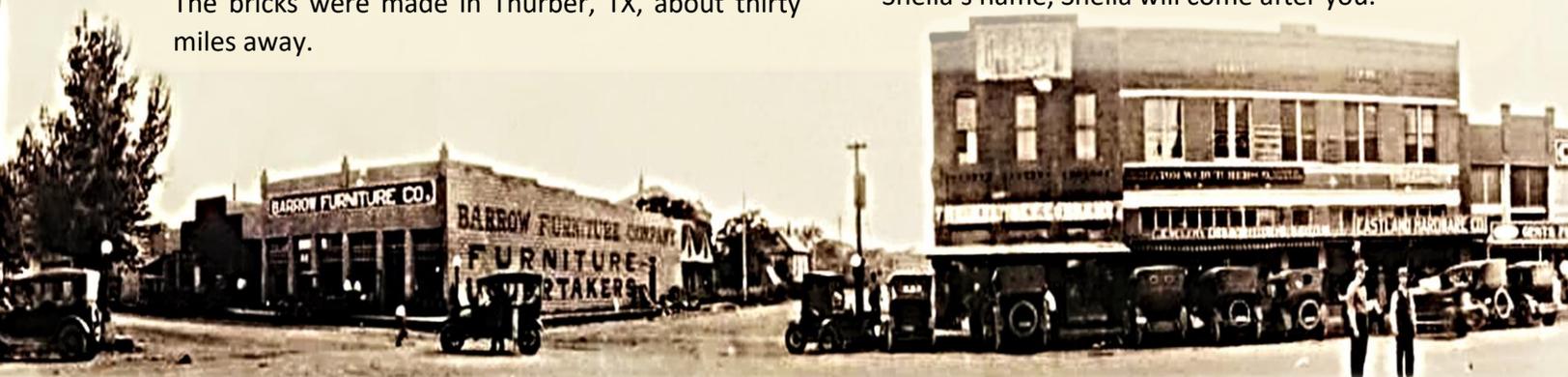
- William Pike Tindall was Eastland's only San Jacinto hero. He was a direct descendant of William Tyndale, the first man to translate the New Testament from Greek to English.
- The first newspaper in Eastland County was the *Eastland Review*, organized in 1876 by J. H. Davenport.
- Judge Connellee, Eastland's founder, owned a horse race track located in a field between Seaman and Daugherty Streets. The Majestic Theater was once named the Connellee Theater after him.
- In the early 1920's Agnes Doyle, a female pilot, crashed into the Eastland Airport, fell 500 feet, and lived to tell about it.
- In the 1920's the street that is now Commerce Street was Eastland's main highway and was called the Bankhead Highway, which was named after a United States Senator.
- In the 1920's, the Eastland City Park was built as Eastland Tourist Park. During this time was also when most of the buildings around the square were built.
- The first funeral home in Eastland was established in 1923 by the Barrow family. The Ben Hamner family operated it until it was sold to the Arringtons in 1964.
- The current Eastland County courthouse was built in 1928 and was the first building in town to have an elevator. Inside is a law library with 5,000 volumes and one of the fourteen Courts of Appeals in Texas.
- From 1930-1935 there was a university located in Eastland called Warner Memorial University.
- The Connellee Hotel, located in downtown Eastland, was built in 1928 by Mr. Jesse Jones. The hotel was temporarily referred to as The Village Hotel. It was the site of many formals and high school proms in the 1950's. Mrs. Bradley, a graduate of Eastland High School, had attended a prom at the Village Hotel shortly before it went vacant for 30 years. In 2005, her fond memories of the event led her to restore the ballroom of the historical hotel in 2005 for her 50-year class reunion.
- The last mob lynching in Texas was on November 19, 1929, when an angry mob hung Marshall Ratliff for robbing the Cisco National Bank while wearing a Santa suit. The hanging took place across the street from the county jail, behind the Majestic Theater. It took two ropes to hang Mr. Ratliff because the first one broke.
- Until the Great Depression, five banks were located around the square in Eastland. From 1930-1934, Eastland had no bank at all.
- A fighting ship, an addition to Uncle Sam's mighty naval fleet, was named the USS Eastland in honor of Eastland County in 1944.
- The Ringling Brothers solved the problem of transporting water to Eastland from Breckenridge by building a 27 mile long railroad. Ringling Lake was named after the well-known circus ringmaster, John Ringling, who purchased the land around the lake to build a family amusement park, but later, graciously donated it to the city of Eastland.



About Eastland's History

- The Eastland Independent School District was formed in 1916 and the current High School was built in 1927.
- In February of 1950 the Otis Colemans opened the Dairy King in Eastland, serving the only soft-serve ice cream between Abilene and Fort Worth.
- The City of Eastland's main water source is Lake Leon, built in the 1950's. Local lore says that while it was being built it rained for days and filled up the lake, leaving some of the equipment under water. It is supposedly still there today.
- The Marshall Complex, home of EHS basketball, was completed in 1995 and named after longtime Eastland educators Charles and Lois Marshall.
- In 1956, postmistress, Marene Johnson, designed a floral replica of the American flag and planted the flowers in front of the post office. The project took 1,250 flowers and the flag measured 18' by 40'. Mrs. Johnson also designed a mural made entirely of postage stamps. It is located in the lobby of the post office and is worth about a million dollars.
- Siebert Elementary was named for Mr. Wendell Siebert, Eastland's superintendent of schools for many years. Two elementary schools, South Ward and West Ward, preceded Siebert Elementary.
- In May 1980, a new jail opened. It complied with all state mandates for space and other regulations. The original jail still stands and can be toured.
- Eastland still has some of its original brick streets. The bricks were made in Thurber, TX, about thirty miles away.
- Victor Cornelius, an Eastland businessman, installed the first coin-operated music machine in Central Texas in 1930. He also invented the napkin holder clip-on menus.
- There is a monument at the football field that commemorates the Eastland Maverick's State Championship football team of 1982. The players were nicknamed the "Cardiac Kids" as they made last minute come back plays game after game to reach the State Championship.
- In May of 1985, a tank truck and an eastbound Missouri Pacific freight train collided at an Eastland crossing, causing the derailment of twenty-five of the ninety-nine train cars. Because of the intense heat, shock waves, and dangerous substances, a surrounding area of one mile had to be evacuated. There were a number of injuries and many buildings were damaged, including the courthouse.
- There is a local legend about a woman known as "Screaming Sheila." It seems that Sheila and her two brothers were walking across a bridge. The bridge collapsed and they all drowned in Ringling Lake. The brother's bodies were found, but Sheila's body was never recovered. Some say that at night you can still hear her screams.

Another version of the Screaming Sheila legend says that Sheila and her baby were walking across the bridge. Her baby crawled off the bridge and Sheila went off after him. The story goes that if you go to Ringling Lake at night, flash your lights, and scream Sheila's name, Sheila will come after you.



Eastland County Museum

Preserving our past for our future

The Great Oil boom of Eastland County brought people and businesses in from all over Texas and surrounding areas. In 1919 investors of First State Bank along with Architect, Henry T. Phelps, began building a five-story structure on the square in downtown Eastland. Seven banks dotted the downtown area until the Great Depression with First State Bank being the last to close its doors for good.

In 1934 The building was once again occupied as Eastland National Bank until relocated in 1980.

The Eastland County Museum & Historical Society was organized in 1992 and the former Eastland National Bank building was acquired in 2005 by a benefactor. The Museum occupies the first and second floors of the building with individual Community Rooms on the second floor. These rooms have the original dark woodwork and patterned glass and are used to display histories of different communities, past and present, of Eastland County. The third-floor houses office space available for renting. The fourth and fifth floors are vacant and available for development.

The Museum houses many historical pieces including a motorized chicken plucker used in a former slaughterhouse, a Linotype hot lead typesetting machine, to a complete medical museum acquired from the Dr. Luther Gohlke and Dr. W.K. Weir families of Ranger. We have stories of Eastland Counties most infamous residents including Old Rip, the horned toad that survived 31 years in the cornerstone of an Eastland County Courthouse; Josiah 'Doc' Scurlock, who rode with Billy the Kid and was a part of the Lincoln County War; and more.

From time to time, the Museum hosts traveling exhibits. One of the exhibits included the amazing *Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation*.

Many small exhibits from Texas Humanities draw visitors to the Museum. Recently the Museum hosted the Lonesome Dove exhibit, a collection of photographs from the set by photographer Bill Wittliff. Several exhibits have been selected for the 2022 year.

In April of 2018, the Eastland County Museum was honored to have been selected from over 100 applications nationwide to host The Wall That Heals, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund traveling exhibit. The one-half scale wall included a mobile education center and drew well over 5,000 people to Eastland for the 4 day exhibition.

In December 2020 the History Channel's American Pickers paid a visit to the Museum. Brothers Mike and Robbie Wolf picked through the Museum looking for treasures. One item of interest was an antique gasoline pump globe featuring Texas made Arab Aviation fuel. The brothers put the Museum in contact with a Texas collector who bought the item direct from the Museum. The episode was broadcast in June 2021 and has drawn interest to the Museum from across the nation.

Eastland County Museum is a Texas chartered private corporation and designated as a Charitable Organization under IRS Code 501 (c) (3). All donations are tax deductible.

The Museum is fully volunteer operated from board members to docents, and operates on a very limited budget derived from 3rd floor office space rental, a contribution from the Eastland County Commissioners Court, and private donations and fundraisers.

There is never a fee to visit the Museum. Our normal hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Due to limited funding and high electric costs associated with trying to heat a large historical building, the Eastland Co. Museum is open March through mid-November and closed during the winter months

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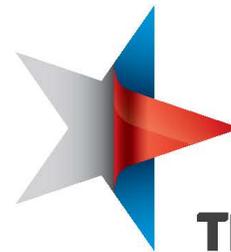
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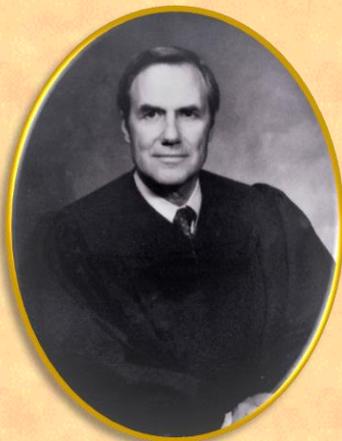
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The Museum offers presentations and tours to students from colleges and universities, so they might have a greater understanding of the appellate court system. Visitors have the opportunity to see actual cases that were presented before the Eleventh Court and other courts within Eastland County.

The Eleventh Court of Appeals was created in 1925 by an Act of the 39th Legislature (S.B. 189, Ch. 87, P. 258) as authorized by Article 5, Sections 1 and 6 of the Texas Constitution. The court is composed of three Justices: Chief Justice John M. Bailey, Justice Mike Willson, and the third Justice position is currently vacant. The court has jurisdiction of twenty-eight counties: Baylor, Borden, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Dawson, Eastland, Ector, Erath, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton. It has intermediate appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from lower

courts in twenty-eight counties of Texas; in civil cases where judgment rendered exceeds \$100, exclusive of costs, and other civil proceedings as provided by law; and in criminal cases except in post-conviction writs of habeas corpus and where the death penalty has been imposed.

"I hope residents of Eastland County will come and learn more about this special gem," said Sherry Williamson, Clerk of the Eleventh Court and Museum Curator. "Working with Judge McCloud to create this museum has been 10 years in the making and a true labor of love. We are so proud to share this special place with the community and welcome everyone to stop by for a visit."

The museum is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visitors frequently mention that they are impressed by the quality exhibits and appreciate the interesting stories they tell. Each display is beautifully crafted and will satisfy a variety of groups including those interested in local history, things uniquely Texas, as well as the judicial process. Guests also enjoy walking through and taking pictures in the beautiful courtroom on the second floor of the historic building. Add this special place to your must-visit list!

For tours of the museum at times outside the regular hours, please contact Sherry Williamson at 254-631-1216. Also, donations to the museum may be mailed to Sherry Williamson, 100 West Main Street, Suite 300, Eastland, TX 76448.

Bryans MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

Whether you're a kid, or just a kid at heart, there is something for everyone to enjoy at Bryans Motorcycle Museum. The museum is jam packed with motorcycles, larger than life photos, trophies and tons of other Jackson Family motorcycle memorabilia.

History shows that motorcycles have been a major part of the Jackson family since the 1920's and although some of that history has been lost, the museum has preserved most, including the last bike Bryan's granddad owned, which was a 1949 Harley Hummer.

Bryan grew up watching his dad, Kay, participate in hill climbs, lime runs, and a little flat tracking. One of Kay's bikes was a 1958 Ariel 500, which is also in the museum. And ladies, Bryan's mom, Bertie also rode motorcycles, and we're not talking in a side car. Although a few years have passed, she still has that same spunk today!



When you visit the museum you'll get to see the Yamaha Mini Enduro 60 that started Bryan's motocross racing career back in 1972. In the decades since, he's won multiple World Championships, along with numerous National Titles. But along with the good, comes the bad, which interestingly enough, is documented in the museum as well...a few surgeries, a few internal plates, and more than a few screws are holding Mr. Jackson together. And just like the Energizer Bunny, he keeps on going.

Bryans Motorcycle Museum is located at 925 E. Main Street, Eastland, in the same building as Bryan's Auto Parts—Computers—Signs & Graphics. The museum is free to the public and is open weekdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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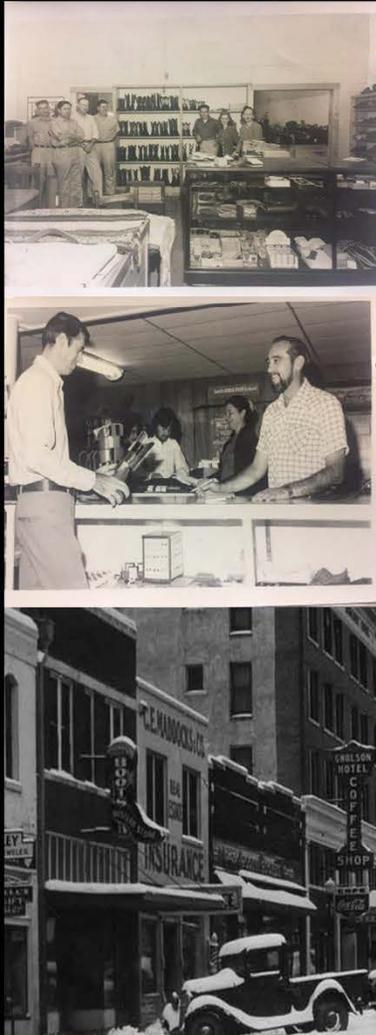


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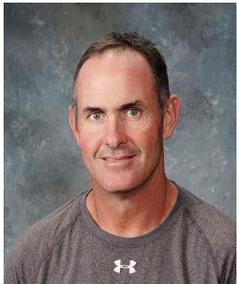
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MAVERICK ATHLETICS

Hello,



My name is James Morton and I am the athletic director and head football coach at Eastland High School. I consider it an honor, a privilege, and a calling to work with young people in our great school district. In my opinion, the middle school and high school years are the most challenging and formative times that young people go through as they head into the “real world”. Our coaching staff realizes the unique opportunity and challenge that we are faced with. We do not take this responsibility lightly; our coaches are coaching to win games, but more importantly, we are coaching to have a positive impact on young people.

Building relationships with our student-athletes, on and off the field, is at the core of our coaching philosophy. We know and embrace the belief that we are called to teach life lessons that will help our young people go out and be productive citizens and make a positive contribution to society. We offer many opportunities for our young ladies and gentlemen in the athletic arena. From cross country, girl’s volleyball, football, boy’s and girl’s basketball, baseball, softball, girl’s and boy’s tennis, and track, there is always an activity to keep young people engaged and involved in our athletic program.

Our principle belief starts with the phrase - “Make It Better”. We want to teach our student-athletes to adopt the philosophy that they can improve everything and everyone around them and then empower them to do so. Our athletes can be seen in the community and school being involved with service to others and being leadership oriented. Eastland is a great community, and the youth is our future. Our athletic program is excited about the role we play in this process, and we are excited about our future.

Most Recent Accomplishments:

- Football: Bi-District and Area Champions
- Volleyball: District and Bi-District Champions
- Cross Country: 2 different state qualifiers in the last 2 years
- Boys Golf: District Champs, State qualifiers
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- Girls Track: State Qualifier
- Softball: District, Bi-district, Area Champs
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Go Mavs – James Morton



The Eastland Band starts in 6th grade with all 6th graders in Eastland entering into the band program. Student learn the fundamentals of their instruments and have their first experiences with concerts and contest.

After 6th grade the students who wish to continue in the band audition into the middle school honor or symphonic band. 9th grade begins high school.

Ensembles Offered:

- 2 HS Concert Bands
- 2 MS Concert Bands
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- Jazz Band
- Eastland Pops
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- Small Ensembles
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The Eastland Band Program is under the direction of:

Middle School:
Jett Lowrance

High School:
Stephen Cox

Percussion:
Juan Hernandez



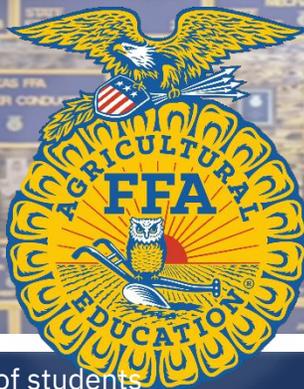
EASTLAND MAVERICK BAND PROGRAM

Eastland, TX is home to the Mighty Maverick Band Program. This award winning performing group has a proven history of success. Students are challenged through the performance of music to push themselves toward perfection in every detail. They learn teamwork, leadership, and character.

Students perform in concerts, compete as a team and individually in contest, and engage in community service. Leadership training and responsibility help prepare this generation of Eastland student for the challenges they will face as adults.

As of 2017, the program is approaching 300 student enrollment 6th –12th grade. Recent accomplishments include advancement to state marching contest in 2015, Middle School OPS March State Champion title 2016, and the high school’s 8th consecutive UIL sweepstakes in 2017. In 2017 the Eastland Band Performed at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago, IL in conjunction with Composer William Owens. In 2018 they earned the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series concert performance state title.

EASTLAND FFA



FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and careers success through agricultural education. Student success remains the primary mission of the FFA.

The FFA offers several opportunities for scholarships through several competitions including Career Development Events, Leadership Development Events, and Supervised Agricultural Events.



Students whose lives are impacted by the FFA will gain academic and personal growth, help strengthen American agriculture, and are provided with leadership abilities needed to build strong communities.



A common misconception about the FFA is that you HAVE to show livestock, or be involved with animals; however, this is not true. Showing livestock is just a small portion of the FFA, which is definitely NOT required.

Eastland FFA had many Career and Leadership Development teams, Production Proficiency Awards, and Public Speakers that advanced to the Area and State level.

Leadership Development Events:

- Job Interview
- Spanish Creed- State Qualifier
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- Floriculture

Proficiency Awards & Public Speaking

- Goat Production Proficiency
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- Jr. and Sr. Prepared Public Speaking



Jr. FFA:

The FFA is even eligible for younger children, who would like to show livestock or compete within specific competitions. This allows students to get practice and be prepared for competitions by the time they compete in high school.

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Eastland High School has a chapter affiliation with the student lead organization Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Their goal is to prepare our students for the future. FCCLA provides students with the knowledge and training to become leaders in their community. Our FCCLA students participate in competitive events known as "STAR Events", in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in chapter and individual projects, leadership skills, and career preparation. The competitions start on a Regional level and students can advance all the way to the National level. These competitions give our students the opportunity to show the world how knowledgeable and professional they really are. There are several different STAR Events for our students to choose from such as entrepreneurship, fashion design, parliamentary procedure, career investigation, leadership, and job interview.



As part of our fundraising for supplies to make the projects and for travel expenses to go to competitions, we cater events in town. We operate a full catering service that is ran out of the Culinary Arts classroom at the high school. Not only does it give the students funding for their trips, it also provides them with good life experiences. Our students do a fantastic job and have lots of fun while doing it.



It is an honor and a privilege to work with students every day, especially those who are willing to go the extra mile for something they love. This organization and group of kids are amazing. We are fortunate that each year brings a new and exciting group to the table.

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Ranger College's main campus occupies 50-acres of beautifully wooded, rolling hills and many lakes in Ranger, TX. Their large, rural acreage provides ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. Students may live in the college's dormitories and enjoy the college dining facilities or live at home and commute.

One of the oldest continuously operating public two-year colleges in the state of Texas, Ranger College opened its doors on the third floor of Ranger High School in August, 1925, with 30 students enrolled. Much has taken place since that austere beginning. Today the campus in Ranger serves several counties in north central Texas and awards Associate Degrees in Art, Science, and Applied Science.

Ranger College offers remote learning programs with their bustling satellite campuses in Brown County and Erath County. The college has expanded to include cosmetology programs located in Brownwood and Stephenville. In Brown County and at their center in Comanche, they offer Comprehensive Vocational Nursing programs. Ranger College also operates a Commercial Truck Driving program.

Ranger College has experienced tremendous growth in recent years throughout the district. Especially notable has been the rapid increase in dual credit enrollment at the 24 Independent School Districts served by the institution. Ranger College is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

In 2011, Community College Week reported that Ranger College was the fifth fastest-growing two-year college in the nation. In Fall 2014, enrollment was 2,011 students and has continued to grow in the following years. Despite all the growth and development, Ranger College maintains one of the lowest tuition and fee rates in Texas.

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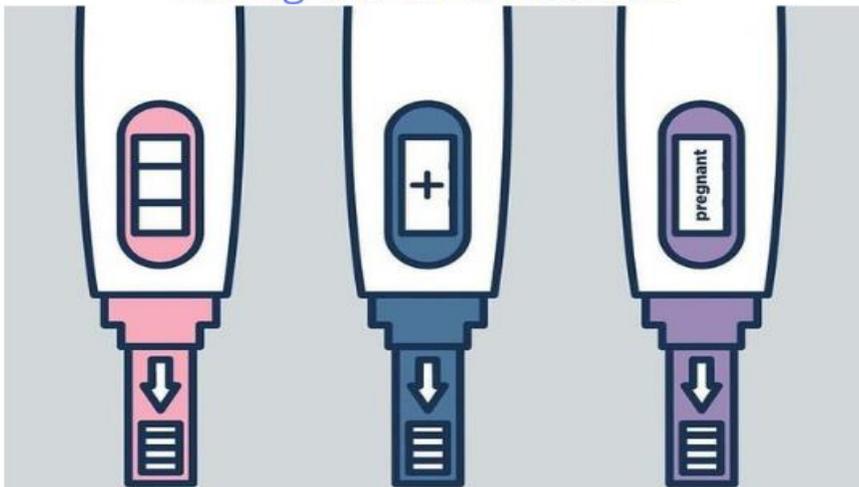
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102 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2222
<https://eastland.agrilife.org>

Flying Cow Ranch

2729 FM 2731
Rising Star, TX 76471
912-596-5687
www.flyingcowranch.us

Happy Stardust Enterprises, LLC (Christmas Tree Farm)

8017 HWY 569
Cisco, TX 76437
214-682-4155
www.happystardustfarm.com

Animal Services

Eastland Animal Control

535 Lens St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8836
www.cityofeastland.com

Eastland Co. AgriLife Extension

102 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2222
<https://eastland.agrilife.org>

Eastland Co. Veterinary Clinic

200 Pogue Ave.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8766
www.eastlandctvc.com

Lazy 3 Animal Care

9991 Hwy 6
Cisco, TX 76437
254-631-0816
www.lazy3animalcare.com

Apartment/Townhomes

Colony Park Apartments

500 W. Sadosa St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1473

Country Villa Apartments

1009 Lago Vista BLVD
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2769

Laguna Hotel Lofts

400 Conrad Hilton Blvd.
Cisco, TX 76437
254-271-9273
www.wilhoitliving.com

Maverick Townhomes

1101 Lago Vista Blvd
Eastland, TX 76448
254-433-7368

Sadosa Ridge Apartment Homes

600 W. Sadosa St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2518

Solid Rock Camps

599 CR 570A
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3219
www.solidrockcamps.com

Appliances

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.eastlandofficesupply.com

Attorney

Gary D. Peak, Atty at Law

101 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1333
www.peakattorneys.com

James P. Farrar, Attorney at Law

116 N. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8547

Turner, Seaberry, & Warford

PO Box 311
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1777

ATV & Boat Dealerships

Ken's Motorcycle Shop

1304 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2382
www.kensmotorcycleshop.com

Outdoor Specialties

10402 N. IH-20 Access Rd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8877
www.osboats.com

Auto Maintenance

Bayer Chevrolet Buick Cadillac

601 W. Walker St.
Breckenridge, TX 76424
254-559-2266
www.bayercadillac.com

Blake Fulenwider Chevy

1245 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2636
blakefulenwiderchevybuickgmc.com

Blake Fulenwider Dodge

9610 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0333
www.blakefulenwiderdodge.com

Everisto's Tire Shop

305 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3608

Main Street Oil & Lube

802 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0660

Mangum Service Center

300 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2616

Precision Tire & Auto

315 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2662
www.precisiontire.net

Stanley Ford

1308 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1786
www.stanleyfordeastland.com

Auto Parts

Bryan's Auto Supply -

Computers - Signs
925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1201

Banks & Credit Unions

Ag Texas

3145 W. Washington
Stephenville, TX 76448
254-965-3151
www.agtexas.com

Farmers & Merchants Bank

930 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3282
www.fmbank-tx.com

First Financial Bank

201 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-6100
www.ffin.com

Lone Star Ag Credit

101 East Road
Stephenville, TX 76401
254-965-3612
www.lonestaragcredit.com

Texas Bank

510 W. Main St.
Eastland TX 76448
254-629-8250
www.texasbank.com

Bedding/Mattresses

Great Times Furniture

3100 W. I-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3921
www.greattimesrusticfurniture.com

Burke's Outlet

1405 E. Main St., Ste 100
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8617
www.burkesoutlet.com

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Building Materials

Bartee Metals

9518 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-735-7034
www.barteemetals.com

Big State Concrete

9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-434-4256
www.bigstateconcrete.com

Duffy's Lumberyard

304 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8711

Flatworks Concrete

7402 HWY 183
Cisco, TX 76437
254-631-9987

Higginbotham Brothers

1125 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1311
www.higginbothams.com

Ingram Concrete, LLC

301 FM 3101
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1795
www.ingramconcrete.com

US Sand & Gravel

9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-4344277
www.ussandandgravel.com

Member Directory (by Category)

Vulcan Materials Company

702 CR 442
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2850
www.vulcanmaterials.com

White's Ace Hardware

404 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3373

Business Resources

Eastland Chamber of Commerce

209 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2332
www.eastlandchamber.com

Eastland Economic Development

209 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-271-9374
www.eastlanddevelopment.com

Workforce Solutions

500 Chestnut, Suite 1100
Abilene, TX 79602
325-795-4205
www.workforcesystems.com

Cable/Internet

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.eastlandofficesupply.com

New Source Broadband

979 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
888-670-7804
www.newsourcebroadband.com

TXOL Internet

105 W Main St
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3278
www.txol.net

Camping & Hiking

Inez Springs

10505 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-433-2550

Solid Rock Camps

599 CR 570A
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3219
www.solidrockcamps.com

Cell Service Provider

Cricket Wireless

1405 E. Main St. Suite 150
Eastland TX 76448
254-212-1093
www.cricketwireless.com

Christian Camp

Solid Rock Camps

599 CR 570A
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3219
www.solidrockcamps.com

Christmas

Happy Stardust Enterprises, LLC (Christmas Tree Farm)

8017 HWY 569
Cisco, TX 76437
214-682-4155
www.happystardustfarm.com

The Jackson Lighting Crew

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-1595
facebook.com/thejacksonlightingcrew

Churches

Corinth Baptist Church

302 CR 154
Cisco, TX 76437
254-433-0685

First Baptist Church

405 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3355
www.fbceastland.org

First United Methodist Church 215

S. Mulberry St.
Eastland, TX 76448 254-629-1022
www.fumceastland.org

River of Life Church

1247 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1015
www.eriveroflife.org

Clothing & Shoes

Allstar Athletics

305 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1444
www.tximprints.com

Burke's Outlet

1405 E. Main St., Ste 100
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8617
www.burkesoutlet.com

Goodwill Industries

2000 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8611
www.goodwillwesttexas.org

Greer's Western Store

1414 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3989

Hip Chick Boutique

115 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3300
www.hipchickboutique.net

Tina's Resale & Consignment

1006 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8318

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Coffee Shops

McDonald's

1490 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3613
www.mcdonalds.com

MJ's Back Porch

402 N. College Ave.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-9026

Ms. Brown's Coffee Shop

979 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-488-9080

Colleges

Cisco College

101 College Heights
Cisco, TX 76437
254-442-5122
www.cisco.edu

Ranger College

1240 College Circle
Ranger, TX 76470
254-647-3234
www.rangercollege.edu

Computer/Tech Support

Bryan's Auto Supply -Computers - Signs

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1201
www.ebryans.com

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.txol.net

Computer Sales

Bryan's Auto Supply - Computers - Signs

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1201
www.ebryans.com

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.txol.net

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Concrete

Big State Concrete

9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-434-4256
www.bigstateconcrete.com

Flatworks Concrete

7402 HWY 183
Cisco, TX 76437
254-631-9987

Ingram Concrete, LLC

301 FM 3101
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1795
www.ingramconcrete.com

Contractors/Builders

Bartee Metals

9518 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-735-7034
www.barteemetals.com

Big S Company

10505 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2550
www.bigsgcompany.com

C D Welding & Construction

618 CR 296
Carbon, TX 76435
254-488-2680
facebook.com/cdweldingandconstruction

DeBerry's All Pro

1500 Harrell Ave.
Cisco, TX 76437
254-334-1255
www.deberrysallpro.com

Kokomo Construction Co., LLC

1050 CR 357
Carbon, TX 76435
254-433-3515
www.kokomocustomhomes.com

McClure Company Construction – Flooring – Glass – Granite

1415 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3400
www.mcclurecompanytx.com

Convenience Store

Mav Grab N Go

601 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0757
www.mav-grab-n-go.business.site

Dealerships

Bayer Chevrolet Buick Cadillac, Inc.

601 W. Walker St.
Breckenridge, TX 76424
254-559-2266
www.bayercadillac.com

Blake Fulenwider Chevy Buick GMC

1245 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2636
www.blakefulenwiderchevybuickgmc.com

Blake Fulenwider Dodge

9610 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0333
www.blakefulenwiderdodge.com

Member Directory (by Category)

Stanley Ford

1308 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1786
www.stanleyforeastland.com

Dentists

Dental Excellence

1420 E Main St
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2655
www.drladuque.com

Accel Health

1100 W. Reynosa Ave.
DeLeon, TX 76444
254-893-5895
www.accelhealthcare.org

Digital Marketing

Flying Cow Ranch

2729 FM 2731
Rising Star, TX 76471
912-596-5687
www.flyingcowranch.us

The Modern Tradesman

1101 W. 12th St.
Cisco, TX 76437
254-218-4245
www.themoderntradesman.com

Education

Cisco College

101 College Heights
Cisco, TX 76437
254-442-5122
www.cisco.edu

Eastland High School

900 W. Plummer St.
Eastland TX 76448
254-631-5000
www.eastlandisd.net

Eastland ISD Administration

209 W. Main St.
Eastland TX 76448
254-631-5120
www.eastlandisd.net

Eastland Middle School

900 W. Plummer St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-5040
www.eastlandisd.net

Ranger College

1240 College Circle
Ranger, TX 76470
254-647-3234
www.rangercollege.edu/

Siebert Elementary School

100 Little Maverick Trail
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-5080
www.eastlandisd.net

Electrical Contractors

Bird Electric

8787 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0333
www.birdelectricinc.com

Microplex Electric Company

308 E. Patterson St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-5522

Electricity Providers

Comanche Electric Cooperative

PO Box 729
Comanche, TX 76442
325-356-2533
www.ceca.coop

Oncor Electric Delivery Co.

912 Sharp St.
Brownwood, TX 76801
325-641-4428
www.oncor.com

Emergency Services

Air Evac Lifeteam 115

9614 IH-20 Access Rd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1008
www.airmedcarenetwork.com

Eastland Co. Sheriff's Office

201 W. White St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1774

Eastland Fire Department

414 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8232
www.eastlandfire.com

Eastland Police Department

416 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1700

Eastland Memorial Hospital

304 S. Daugherty St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2601
www.eastlandmemorial.com

Employment

Summit Staffing Inc.

2229 E. Loop 254
Ranger, TX 76470
254-647-1400
www.summitstaffinginc.com

Workforce Solutions

500 Chestnut, Suite 1100
Abilene, TX 79602
325-795-4205
www.workforcesystems.com

Fiber Optics

ABP, Inc.

951 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1441
www.abpincfiberopticsdivision.com

Financial Services

Ag Texas

PO Box 812
Stephenville, TX 76448
254-965-3151
www.agtexas.com

Briscoe & Associates, LLC

820 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2201
www.briscoeandassociates.com

Donald Cate, CPA

717 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8901

Edward Jones-Tom Edwards

514 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3851
www.edwardjones.com

Farmers & Merchants Bank

930 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3282
www.fmbank-tx.com

First Financial Bank

201 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-6100

H&R Block

3600 W IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-965-3746
www.hrblock.com

Kennedy Financial

106 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3863
www.kennedy-financial.com

Lone Star Ag Credit

101 East Road
Stephenville, TX 76401
254-965-3612
www.lonestaragcredit.com

State Farm Insurance

– **Clint Coffee**
939 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1222
www.clintcoffee.com

Texas Bank

510 W. Main St.
Eastland TX 76448
254-629-8250
www.texasbank.com

Florists

Eastland Heaven Sent Floral

937 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2111
www.eastlandheavenscentfloral.com

Funeral Home/Services

Eastland City Cemetery

400 S. Halbryan St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2363

Edwards Funeral Home

411 S. Mulberry
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2611
www.edwards-funeral-homes.com

Sterling Memorial Industries, Inc.

9401 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-653-2363
www.sterlingmonument.com

Furniture

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.eastlandofficesupply.com

Great Times Furniture

3100 W. I-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3921
www.greattimesrusticfurniture.com

Meghann's Market

701 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0702

Gift Store

Amy's Cards & Gifts

939 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3521

Doc's Drugstore

905 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1000
www.docsparmacy.weebly.com

Eastland Heaven Sent Floral

937 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2111
www.eastlandheavenscentfloral.com

Love Oak Pharmacy

805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1791
www.loveoak.com

Meghann's Market

701 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0702

Serenity Escape Hair & Nail Salon

1300 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8001

SunShine Shoppe

304 S. Daugherty St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0110

Government

Charles Perry – State Senator

36 W Beauregard Ave Ste 510
San Angelo, TX 76903
325-481-0028
www.senate.texas.gov

Member Directory (by Category)

City of Eastland

113 E Commerce St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8321
www.cityofeastland.com

Eastland County Courthouse

100 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1263
www.eastlandcountytexas.com

Graphic Design

Allstar Athletics

305 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1444
www.tximprints.com

Bryan's Auto Supply -

Computers – High Impact Graphics

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2158
www.ebryans.com/

Sterling Memorial Industries, Inc.

9401 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-653-2363
www.sterlingmonument.com

Grocery/Department

Brookshire's

111 N. Seaman
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1667

Mae's Meat Market

201 Terri St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2800

Meghann's Market

701 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0702

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Guns and Ammo

I-20 Pawn and Gun Shop

212 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8585

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Gym/Wellness

The Earl & Billye Bradley Wellness Center

304 S. Daugherty
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2601
www.eastlandmemorial.com

Hair/Nail Salon

Serenity Escape Hair & Nail Salon

1300 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8001

Hardware

Duffy's Lumberyard

304 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8711

Higginbotham Brothers

1125 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1311

White's Ace Hardware

404 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3373

Health Care/Clinics

Accel Health

1100 W. Reynosa Ave.
DeLeon, TX 76444
254-893-5895
www.accelhealthcare.org

Air Evac Lifeteam 115

9614 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-433-1444
www.airmedcarenetwork.com

B & W Clinic

400 W. Plummer
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1744

Comanche Co. Medical Center

10201 TX-16
Comanche, TX 76442
254-879-4900
www.comanchecmc.org

Eastland Health Clinic

1004 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0111
www.eastlandhc.com

Eastland Memorial Hospital

304 S. Daugherty
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2601
www.eastlandmemorial.com

EMH Dialysis Center

2300 W. Commerce St. |
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3600
www.eastlandmemorial.com

EMH Rural Health Clinic

2314 W. Commerce St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-5001
www.eastlandmemorial.com

Family Health Clinic

500 W. Plummer St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3393

Rising Star Clinic & Pharmacy

1870 A, TX-36
Rising Star, TX 76471
254-643-3235

www.comancheclinic.org

Walnut Street Clinic

200 W. Walnut St.
Ranger, TX 76470
254-647-1182

facebook.com/walnutstreetclinic

**William F Simpson Jr. D.O.,
P.A./Western Wellness**

921 E. Main St.
Eastland TX 76448
254-629-3971

Home Décor**Amy's Cards & Gifts**

939 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3521

Burke's Outlet

1405 E. Main St., Ste 100
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8617

www.burkesoutlet.com

Great Times Furniture

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Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3921

www.greattimesrusticfurniture.com

Love Oak Pharmacy

805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1791

www.loveoak.com

Meghann's Market

701 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0702

Home Health/Hospice**Encompass Home Health**

300 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8200

www.ehhi.com

Legend Hospice

959 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
214-324-4565

www.legendhospice.com

Kindred at Home

405 E. Commerce St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1268

www.kindredhealthcare.com

Hotel/Motel**Best Western**

1460 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8071

www.bestwestern.com

Budget Host Inn

2001 W. HI-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3324

www.budgethost.com

The Eastland Historic Hotel

112 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8397

www.theeastlandhotel.com

LaQuinta Inn & Suites

10150 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1414

www.lq.com

Rodeway Inn

6750 IH-20
Ranger, TX 76470
254-647-5289

www.choicecentral.com

Quality Inn

10159 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2655

wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn

HVAC**J&J Air Conditioning, Inc.**

106 Pogue Ave.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2251

REK-TEK, LLC

610 W. Main Street
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-7959

www.rek-tek.net

Individual**C. Kelly Sikes**

205 S. Oaklawn
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-5841

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Gail Norris

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254-647-1716

Katelyn Chadeayne

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Eastland, TX 76448
254- 485-0260

Katelyn_elizabeth@live.com

Norma Taylor – Ranger Realty

PO Box 187
Eastland, TX 76448
254-488-0755

Industrial**Bartee Metals, LLC1**

145 N. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-735-7034

barteebuildingstructures.com

Big State Concrete

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Eastland, TX 76448
254-434-4256

www.bigstateconcrete.com

EBAA Iron

702 CR 442
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1737

www.ebaa.com/

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Ingram Concrete, LLC

301 FM 3101
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1795

Sterling Memorial Industries, Inc.

9401 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-653-2363

US Sand & Gravel

9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-4344277
www.ussandandgravel.com

Vulcan Materials Company

702 CR 442
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2850
www.vulcanmaterials.com

Insurance Agencies

Aaron Insurance Agency dba

LBK Insurance Agency
310 S Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8533
www.aaroninsuranceagency.net

Eastland Co. Farm Bureau

1311 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1704
www.txfb-ins.com

KRP Insurance Agency (Perkins Insurance Agencies, LLC)

104 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3933
www.krpinsurance.com

Sherry Green Insurance

606 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-442-14988
www.davidcallarmaninsurance.com

State Farm Insurance

– **Clint Coffee**
939 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1222

Jewelry

Classic Creations

104 ½ S. Seaman
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3484

Hip Chick Boutique

115 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3300
www.hipchickboutique.net

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Library

Eastland Centennial Library

210 S. Lamar
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2281

Massage Therapy

Lynda Walls Massage Therapy

111 W. White St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1611

Manifest Wellness with Shanda

1008 A W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-488-0955
www.manifesttx.com

Medical Supplies

Doc's Drugstore

905 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1000
www.docsparmacy.weebly.com

Love Oak Pharmacy

805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1791
www.loveoak.com

Movie Theater

Majestic Theatre

108 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2102
www.majesticeastland.com

Museums

Austin McCloud Museum

515 S. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-1216

Bryan's – Motorcycle Museum

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2158
<http://www.ebryans.com/>

Eastland County Museum

114 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0437
eastlandcountymuseum.com

Newspaper/Online News

Eastland County Today

215 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942
www.eastlandcountytoday.com

MicroplexNews.com

PO Box 456
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-6790
www.microplexnews.com

Nursery

Meghann's Market

701 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0702

Nursing Home/Ass. Living Facilities

The Woodlands Assisted Living, Nursing, & Rehab

125 Inspiration Blvd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1001
www.williamsonsurveyinginc.com

Office Supplies

Eastland Office Supply

105 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8942

Wal-Mart

1410 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Oil Field

Colt Midstream, LLC

210 Pogue Ave
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0559
www.coltmidstream.com

Link Field Services

8740 IH-20 E.
Olden, TX 76466
254-653-2708
www.linkfieldservices.com

Optometrists

Advanced Eyecare, Inc

1128 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-433-8562
www.abileneadvancedeyecare.com

Wadley EyeCare

719 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0200
www.wadleyeyecareabilene.com

Orthodontist

Dental Excellence

1420 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3330
www.drladudque.com

Outdoor/Seasonal Lights

The Jackson Lighting Crew

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-1595
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Pawn Shop

I-20 Pawn and Gun Shop

212 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8585

Pest Control

Pest Patrol

782 E. Hwy 80
Abilene, TX 79604
254-629-8444
www.westtexaspestpatrol.com

Pharmacy

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905 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1000
www.docsparmacy.weebly.com

Love Oak Pharmacy

805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1791
www.loveoak.com

Rising Star Clinic & Pharmacy

1870 A, TX-36
Rising Star, TX 76471
254-643-3235
www.comanchecmc.org

Wal-Mart

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Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3371
www.walmart.com

Plumbing

ASAP Plumbing LLC

PO Box 455
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254-639-3075

Collins & Son's Plumbing, LLC

PO BOX 1205
Cisco, TX 76437
254-433-6120

Elite Plumbing

PO Box 1187
Eastland, TX 76448
254-442-4422
www.eliteplumbingllc.com

Printing

Bryan's Auto Supply -

Computers – High Impact Graphics

925 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2158
<http://www.ebryans.com/>

Radio

KATX Radio

2010 W. Commerce St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2621
www.katxradio.com

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Real Estate

Cross Road Realtors

1101 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3800

www.crossroadrealtors.com

Platinum Ranch Realty, LLC

PO Box 224
Olden, TX 76466
682-712-5462

www.platinumranchrealty.com

Ranger Realty

PO Box 602
Ranger, TX 76470
254-433-2561

www.landsoftexas.com

Recreational

Eastland Co. AgriLife Extension

102 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2222

<https://eastland.agrilife.org>

Inez Springs

10505 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-433-2550

Ken's Motorcycle Shop

1304 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2382

www.kensmotorcycleshop.com

La Mancha Lake Ranch & RV Park

402 CR 567
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3651

Outdoor Specialties

10402 N. I-20 Access Rd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8877

www.osboats.com

Solid Rock Camps

599 CR 570A
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3219

www.solidrockcamps.com

Rental Equipment

Grandpaw's Tool Shed Rental

1304 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3363

www.grandpawstoolshed.com

Outdoor Specialties 10402

N. I-20 Access Rd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8877

www.osboats.com

US Rentals

9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-434-4279

www.usequipmentrentals.com

Rental Facilities

Chandelier Ridge Event Venue

5470 US Hwy. 183 S.
Breckenridge TX 76424
254-522-5884

www.chandelieridge.com

Connellee Hotel & Civic Center

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254-631-0708

www.eastlandfoundation.com

Restaurants

2 Grands Café

12760 HWY 6
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-0692

Canyon Road Barn & Grill

5790 FM 3418
Breckenridge, TX 76424
254-559-2400

www.facebook.com/CanyonRoadClub

Dairy Queen

1491 E Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2400

www.dqtexas.com

Doc's Drugstore

905 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1000

www.docsparmacy.weebly.com

Domino's Pizza

9972 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3399

www.dominos.com

Heff's Burgers

1500 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8157

www.heffsburgers.net

Love Oak Café

805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1791

www.loveoak.com

Mae's Meat Market

201 Terri St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2800

McDonald's

1490 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3613

www.mcdonalds.com

MJ's Back Porch

402 N. College Ave.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-9026

Sonic Drive-In
1475 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1492

Roofing

Big S Company
10505 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2550
www.bigsgcompany.com

RV Park/Cabins

Flying Cow Ranch
2729 FM 2731
Rising Star, TX 76471
912-596-5687
www.flyingcowranch.us

**La Mancha Lake Ranch
& RV Park**
402 CR 567
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3651

Solid Rock RV Park
2250 FM 2461
Eastland, TX 76448
254-647-3200
www.solidrockrvpark.com

Tiny Town at Lake Eastland
699 FM 3101
Eastland, TX 76448
650-224-2389
ExceptionalEnterprisesLLC.com

Sand & Gravel

US Sand & Gravel
9606 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-4344277
www.ussandandgravel.com

Vulcan Materials Company
702 CR 442
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2850
www.vulcanmaterials.com

Signs & Banners

**Bryan's Auto Supply –
Computers - Signs**
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Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1201

Social Clubs

Eastland Co. AgriLife Extension
102 N. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-2222
<https://eastland.agrilife.org>

Eastland Lions Club
10150 IH-20 Access Rd
Eastland, TX 76448
www.texaslions.org

Eastland Rotary Club
805 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
www.portal.clubrunner.ca/5284

VFW Post 4136 Eastland
918 FM Rd 570
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-8264

Social Services

CASA for the Cross Timbers Area
6556 S. Hwy 377
Stephenville, TX 76401
254-965-6610
www.casacta.org

**Cornerstone Community
Action Agency**
114 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
325-625-4167
www.cornerstonecaa.org

**Eastland Co. Crisis Center &
Children's Advocacy Center**
P. O. Box 1010
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3223
www.eastlandcrisis.org

**Nancy Seaberry FrostArts
Endowment**
PO Box 712
Eastland, TX 76448
www.nsfmakesmusic.org

The Open Door
1906 TX-206
Cisco, TX 76437
254-442-3000
www.supportopendoor.org

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918 FM Rd 570
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-8264

Stonework/Headstones

Sterling Memorial Industries, Inc.
9401 IH-20
Eastland, TX 76448
254-653-2363
www.sterlingmonument.com

Storage

Lago Vista Storage
1075 Lago Vista Blvd.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-7762
www.self-storage-eastland.com

Main Street Storage
1351 E. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-631-7762
www.self-storage-eastland.com

Surveying

Williamson Surveying
201 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8151
www.williamsonsurveyinginc.com

T-Shirt Printing

Allstar Athletics
305 S. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1444
www.tximprints.com

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www.ebryans.com

Tanning

Hip Chick Boutique

115 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-3300
www.hipchickboutique.net

Title Companies

Big Country Title

116 N. Seaman St.
Eastland, TX 76448
(254) 629-8548
www.bigcountrytitle.com

Security Title Co.

115 S. Lamar St.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-1300
www.securitytitle.com

Utilities

Atmos Energy

401-411 College Street
Eastland, TX 76448
325-481-3716
www.atmosenergy.com

Comanche Electric Cooperative

PO Box 729
Comanche, TX 76442
325-356-2533
www.ceca.coop

Oncor Electric Delivery Co.

912 Sharp St.
Brownwood, TX 76801
325-641-4428
www.oncor.com

Waste Connections, Inc.

317 Lee Rd
Mineral Wells, TX 76067
254-672-5094

Veterinarians

Eastland Co. Veterinary Clinic

200 Pogue Ave.
Eastland, TX 76448
254-629-8766
www.eastlandctyvc.com

Lazy 3 Animal Care

9991 Hwy 6
Cisco, TX 76437
254-631-0816
www.lazy3animalcare.com

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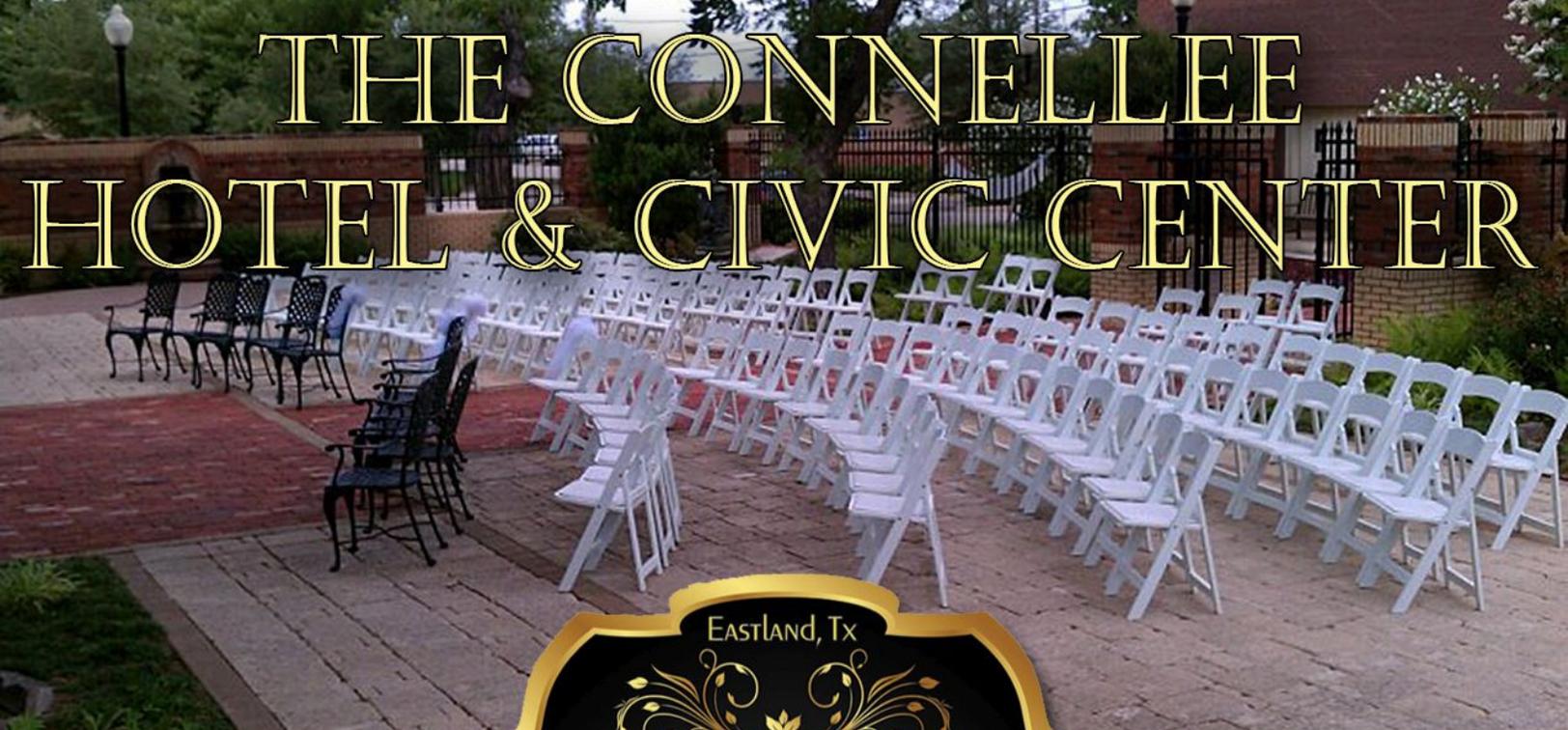
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Be Expert in your field

We master our craft and constantly improve
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We fix the system, not the symptom
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Be Nice

We go BIG-Begin in Gratitude
We follow the 20-foot Rule
We say please, thank you, and you're welcome
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We give customers and others the benefit of the doubt-we put ourselves in their shoes and feel their inconvenience.
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Blake Fulenwider Dodge is the second new car dealership purchased by Blake Fulenwider and his partners following the opening of the Dodge store in Clyde. Since 2009, the Eastland store has served the Eastland county and surrounding areas with both commercial truck sales and service as well as retail sales and service of Dodge Chrysler Jeep and Ram models.

In September of 2020 the Dodge dealership moved to a brand-new building located at 9610 IH 20 in Eastland. This move facilitated an increased service department with 16 service bays and 12 lifts, as well as two service drive entry lanes. Additionally, the inventory for new and used cars, trucks and SUVs is much larger with approximately 5 acres of paved parking lot for inventory as well as customer and service parking.

And in 2021 General Manager Michael Hicks became a partner in the dealership with Blake Fulenwider. His experience and automobile expertise has led to a new level of sales and service at the Dodge store that is breaking new records every month.

Blake Fulenwider has become one of the largest heavy-duty truck dealers in the United States and has sold trucks to every state in the union. Our customers depend on us for sales, reliable service and knowledge, as well as competitive prices every day. Our commitment is to provide everything our customers need to make

an informed and responsible decision to do business with Blake Fulenwider Automotive. We are a family company and treat every employee and customer with respect. It is our goal to make the dealership a great place to work and an even greater place for our customers and friends to visit. It's The Fulenwider Way! And we begin every day in gratitude for the trust our customers have placed in us and our ability to provide honest service every day.

The world has changed in 2020 so much has changed in the way we do business. Our **online shopping** is based upon a 60-minute promise that Blake Fulenwider offers. For those choosing to shop from home, all that is necessary to get started is to click on the Fulenwider Fast Pass graphic at blakefulenwiderdodge.com. You'll be the owner of a brand new or pre-owned vehicle in 60 minutes or less. Nothing could be easier or quicker than the Fulenwider Fast pass from Blake. Because at Blake Fulenwider Automotive, We Put You First.

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