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SOMERVELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

When the townsite of Glen Rose was first surveyed in 1878, the courthouse square was an open cornfield. Town promoter Tyler Calhoun Jordan agreed to erect the first courthouse if locals would buy commercial lots surrounding the square, and he constructed a simple stone building. It burned in 1893, and in that year Somervell County taxpayers built the current replacement. Since that time the Late Victorian limestone structure has served as the seat of government for Somervell County and has been the visual anchor for the town square. When a tremendous tornado struck Glen Rose April 28, 1902, destroying dozens of homes and killing six residents, it swept away the clock faces from the courthouse tower. The stone walls, however, withstood the winds. It was not until 1986, fully 84 years after the storm, that new clock faces replaced those lost in the tornado. The historic courthouse is a public building, so step inside during business hours and take a look.

STAR-SHAPED PETRIFIED WOOD fountain on Courthouse Square

The top of the star-shaped fountain is covered with angular pieces of petrified wood, but it wasn't always that way. When Somervell County citizens erected the drinking fountain in 1936 as part of their celebration of the centennial of Texas' independence,

the top was smooth concrete. Petrified wood and other decorative rocks decorated only the sides. The fountain replaced a much older concrete trough that for years had watered horses and mules. It drew its water flow from an artesian well the county had sunk in the courthouse yard years before. Local teenagers in the 1930s found the new public water fountain an appealing place to lounge. They lay along its sides while splashing the sulfurous water on each other, making a general spectacle of themselves. Adults eventually tired of the public displays and set the rough pieces of petrified wood into the upper edges of the fountain to make it less appealing as a gathering place for teenagers. Just like people in the past, you may want to sample the mineral-laden Glen Rose water just to see how it tastes.

BANDSTAND ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Music always has played a big role in the lives of people in Glen Rose. From its early days, the town abounded with bands, but the players didn't have a shelter beneath which to give open-air concerts. Then in 1933, the county gave the town band permission to erect an eight-sided masonry bandstand. This was during the depths of the Great Depression. Despite economic problems, the band members and their fellow citizens enjoyed music so much they scraped together enough money to erect this structure. They built it from

concrete, wooden timbers, decorative local petrified wood, and even the fossil footprint from a three-toed theropod dinosaur that in ancient times abounded in the area. Step inside and enjoy the shade. Then take a moment to read the marble plaques the builders set into the concrete during truly hard times in 1933.

BARNARDS OF THE BRAZOS SCULPTURE ON COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Charles and Juana Cavasos Barnard founded the town of Glen Rose when they built the still-standing Barnard's Mill on the banks of the Paluxy River just four blocks southwest of the square. Charles and his older brother, George, had been Indian traders in Texas since the 1840s. George ransomed Juana as a captive from the Comanches, and then she and brother Charles fell in love and married. Charles and Juana, together with at least two enslaved Africans and two white employees, in 1861 constructed a grist mill around which the town of Glen Rose eventually grew. Selling the property to Tyler Calhoun Jordan in 1870, they retired to live at the site of one of the Barnard trading posts near Comanche Peak. In 2007, nationally known local artist Robert Summers created a sculpture depicting the couple with Juana's horse, Pigeon.

GLEN ROSE COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY

Colors often identify products for consumers, and the bright red and

white of this building connected it with the beverage bottled inside — Coca Cola. For several years, Glen Rose held the distinction of being the smallest town in America to support a full-fledged Coca Cola bottling plant and the operations took place inside this building. The facility grew in three stages after bottling moved here about 1920. It was about the time when Grover C. Gibbs purchased the franchise. Production began in the brownstone to the right rear of the present facility. Gibbs, in the 1930s, made a similar-sized concrete block addition to the front and painted it white. Demand for the product continued to grow, and during the 1940s he again doubled the size of the plant. Red ceramic tile with white trimmed the addition on the left end, while the older concrete block section was faced with a matching veneer of red tile. This last expansion also included construction of a tiny second-story room atop the flat roof to hold canisters of syrup so it could flow by gravity to the bottling equipment below. The plant operated until 1974. Thereafter it has housed an insurance office, restaurants, a souvenir shop, and even the Glen Rose Chamber of Commerce.

TALLEY BUILDING

The tallest commercial building in downtown Glen Rose, the Talley Building doesn't look quite the way it did originally. The structure, with stone sides and a brick front, first shows up in photographs made after a 1905 fire that burned down all the wooden buildings on the northeast side of the square. The structure initially served two quite different purposes. While the downstairs provided commercial rental space for businesses, the upstairs formed the meeting space for the Glen Rose Masonic Lodge, including a large high-ceilinged ceremonial assembly room. Sometime after World War II, a fire damaged the upper level. Subsequently, the roof and walls were lowered, but stonemasons constructed buttresses reaching up from the lowered side walls to support the impressive high — but now false — front. The Talley Building had among the widest variety of occupants to be found in the

town, among them the Ford automobile dealership, motion picture theaters, offices of an electric utility company, a hardware store, hairdressers, accountants, a newspaper, and even the Somervell County Museum during its early years.

BRYAN'S DRY GOODS

Bryan's Dry Goods Building does not appear in any photographs made before a 1902 tornado devastated Glen Rose, but it had been built at least by Nov. 29, 1904, when burglars blew the safe inside the dry goods store. It was on the same night they also raided the post office in a wooden building next door. A year later, on Sept. 21, 1905, the stone walls of Bryan's Dry Goods stopped a fire that burned down every other commercial building in the block, all of which were of wooden construction. Over the years the structure housed a wide range of business enterprises, among them a dry goods, grocers, confectioners, clothing, flowers and antiques, not to mention two long-standing pharmacies. On the Barnard Street side of Bryan's store are the last known cut-limestone street curbs in downtown Glen Rose. They are worth examining, so step around and take a look. While there, admire the careful stone-cutting of the exposed limestone blocks forming the southeast side of the building.

CAMPBELL BUILDING

Dr. Thomas Bascom Campbell, who with his wife Melissa, came to Glen Rose from Alabama in 1877, was one of the earliest promoters of the town.

The couple purchased the entire Block 6 of the original townsite. There they erected the Campbell Building as investment property, together with an adjacent wooden livery stable and a four-story stone and wood hotel, the Campbell House. The two-story limestone Campbell Building, built in 1894, survived from this early construction and remains one of the most impressive structures in the downtown district. Campbell built it originally to house three retail tenants downstairs, while providing meeting space for a fraternal lodge and rental offices upstairs. Showing fashionable Victorian influences of Italianate style, it boasts fine stonework, multiple arched windows on both levels, and handsome original woodwork on some of its windows and doors. Since its construction, the building has housed multiple retail enterprises for well over a hundred years.

I.V. WILLINGHAM STORE

The earliest known photographs showing the southeast side of the courthouse square in Glen Rose include the modest I.V. Willingham Store. Oral traditions state it was built during the 1880s, and it clearly is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the downtown district. As can be seen from its two ends, the structure began with a gable roof that ran its whole length. This arrangement was changed to the current angled roof after construction of the adjacent building created drainage problems.





The Willingham Building, long used for commercial sales, has housed a remarkable variety of enterprises. Over the years, sellers of dry goods, general merchandise, ladies' fashions, and livestock feed have operated within its walls, as well as several restaurants. The variations and visible changes in the stonework comprising the long, exposed wall facing East Walnut Street show evidence of the multiple uses this adaptable building has served over the last 125-plus years.

GRESHAM AND COMPANY DRY GOODS

The plain-looking, cream-colored, artificial stone façade on the commercial building at 114 NE Barnard Street covers a structure that has an unexpectedly interesting history. About 1902 William Todd Gresham and his wife, Hattie, moved their retail dry goods store into a limestone building at this site, which previously had been a saloon. The business prospered, and Hattie, as a widow, expanded sales into the adjoining building to the right. In 1946, the Gresham family sold this building to Temple Summers to convert into a modest sized motion picture theater named The Palace. It was here that Glen Rose residents viewed such first-run movies as "Gone with the Wind" in 1940 and "Wuthering Heights" in 1945. Singing cowboy actor Monte Hale even made a personal appearance at The Palace in 1946. In the meantime, the Gresham family maintained its mercantile business next door to the right. Summers continued to operate the motion picture theater into the 1970s, later selling it to other owners. In time, retail merchants occupied the building, and it received

the present artificial stone facade.

MARTIN AND SONS GROCERY

For decades, the commercial building at 110 NE Barnard Street was the location of a grocery. At least by the turn of the 20th, W. L. Lilly and Sons sold groceries at this site, continuing for many years. The old wooden building here burned in 1926 and was replaced the next year by the present masonry structure that shares a unified brick facade with the structure to its left. Its decorative geometric pattern of red, brown and black bricks with white limestone inserts is easy to recognize. Soon after the 1927 rebuilding, I. E. Martin moved his grocery store into this space, little imagining that he and his descendants would sell foodstuffs inside these walls until 1973. In almost half a century of operation, Martin and Sons Grocery became an institution among Glen Rose residents, many of them considering it to be the town's last old-time grocery store. The store slogan, upon the square, referred not only to the location but also its policy of dealing fairly with customers. Since Martin & Sons closed, a number of commercial enterprises have occupied the building.

HUNGRY JUNCTION CAFE

In late 1926 a fire destroyed four adjoining commercial buildings on the southeast side of the Glen Rose courthouse square. Owners rebuilt three of the stores, but the space at 106 NE Barnard Street stood vacant for 20 years. Weeds grew in the gap, making it an eyesore. Finally, in 1946, experienced local restaurateurs Marion and Ruth May rebuilt the space between the shared side walls to create what they named and operated as the

Hungry Junction Cafe. The local press announced, "The building is completely air conditioned, and fluorescent lights shed their mellow glow over the interior." In time the Rives Cafe succeeded The Hungry Junction, and then the modest building for years housed a popular pool hall. After Jack W. Bridges sold his shares in the nearby First National Bank in 1974, he moved his personal offices and insurance business into the structure with an uncut rubble stone front, where for decades his successors have continued to provide insurance services.

DON HILL'S VARIETY STORE

For decades, the variety store operated by Don C. and Vivian Hill at 108 NE Barnard Street was a magnet for Glen Rose children. Though it also sold merchandise for adults, young people flocked here for inexpensive toys, games and craft supplies. One local resident exclaimed that for a child, "He had everything in the world!" Since the late 19th century, this town lot was a continuous scene of commercial activity, though a previous building had burned in late 1926. Property owner Charles W. Hill rebuilt on the site where he and his family had run a general store. Then the family sold it to son Don C. Hill and his wife, Vivian. The new building had a distinctive front of basket-weave pattern of red brick, making it stand out from the others in the block. For half a century, the couple operated their highly popular "five-and-dime" variety store until the mid 1970s, after which time the handsome building housed other retail enterprises.

SADLER'S DRUG STORE

Sometimes modest commercial buildings can be deceiving, and this is the case with Sadler's Drug Store. The simple, single-story stone structure has been a hub of commercial activity for well over a century. It first shows up in Glen Rose photographs at the turn of the 20th century, and it survived the devastating April 1902 tornado that destroyed much of the town. During its early years, the building was the site of Sadler's Drug Store and then the Glen Rose Drug Company. By the 1920s, local entrepreneur James Edward Ward used it as a dry cleaning and tailor shop, renting out part of the space to



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Jake Howeth for a barbershop. By the 1950s, Ward added services for distributing the Dallas Morning News newspaper to his business efforts. Then in 1960, he was elected to what became six terms in the Texas House of Representatives and used the old structure as his legislative office. The J.D. Echols Cleaners succeeded J.E. Ward in the building, for a while sharing it with the Glen Rose Chamber of Commerce. To this day it remains an important commercial space on the busy southeast side of the courthouse square.

A.P. HUMPHREY SALOON

A.P. "Bert" Humphrey gambled on his belief that Somervell County residents would retain a taste for alcoholic beverages when he erected this building in 1896. In that year, he temporarily moved his saloon, a preexisting wooden structure, into the street and on its vacant lot, he constructed a replacement. This was the most imposing of all the drinking establishments in Glen Rose. He operated it for the next six years, with a saloon downstairs and the meeting hall for the Knights of Pythias fraternal order upstairs. To Humphrey's undoubted disappointment, in 1902 the precinct encompassing Glen Rose voted "dry" in a local-option alcohol election. The entrepreneur closed his drinking emporium and sold the building to the First National Bank. It was used to house the bank's financial operations until 1977, when the structure became a library and then the Somervell County Heritage Center. If you look up to the top of the cornice on the front, you can read the "KP" initials that in 1896 identified that floor as the Knights of Pythias meeting hall.

CORNER DRUG STORE

Mrs. Mary E. Milam, the wife of physician Scott Milam, in 1880 purchased the lot where the Corner Drug Store stands for a princely sum of \$500. This was a prime business location where the road north from Walnut Springs intercepted the east-west road connecting Cleburne and Stephenville. At least as early as 1883, newspaper advertisements document that Scott Milam had opened a pharmacy here to serve his medical practice, and the stone building shows up in the earliest photographs of the town. For fully a century, a series of entrepreneurs operated drug stores inside those walls, which over the years were expanded and modified to the present form by the 1940s. These businesses provided more than just prescriptions, selling such goods as wallpaper, paint, jewelry, stationery, books and gift goods. The soda fountain was a favored hangout for teenagers during the 1940s and 1950s. Since the drugstore closed in the 1980s, the building has housed a variety of offices.



C.A. MILAM AND SON STORE

Although this appears to be two separate buildings, structurally it comprises the historic C.A. Milam and Son Store, one of the largest mercantile establishments in old-time Glen Rose. Family tradition states that J.R. Milam started the enterprise in 1881, when he built the first phase of the building, a cut limestone structure with 30 feet of street frontage. He later widened it 46 more feet to the right, with matching stonework and big display windows. From inside these walls, for eight decades, the Milam family supplied Somervell County residents with a general range of merchandise including groceries, dry goods, wheeled vehicles, harnesses, agricultural tools and caskets. After Milam's store closed in 1960, a series of enterprises occupied the space, among them being a White Auto Store selling automotive supplies, household goods and appliances. It was for this business the right side of the building was modernized with larger plate glass windows and an aluminum and fiberglass slipcover in 1962. This changed the exterior appearance of the building, but behind the cover the historic structure remains. In the last half-century the Milam store building has housed retail merchants and a church.

WILLIAM CARTER BUILDING

William Ninian "Bill" Carter was one of the business leaders of Glen Rose from the 1920s to 1960s. He served on the first city council of the town and helped to write its initial city charter, not to mention founding and operating the Glen Rose Funeral Home and a floral shop. In 1925 he purchased the two lots where the Carter Building now stands, thinking they might increase in value. His hunch was right, for in 1928 construction began on the three-story Glen Rose Hotel just to the southwest. This new hotel greatly increased both foot and vehicular traffic in front of the property, where Carter erected his building to rent to retail businesses. The building since that time has almost continuously housed commercial tenants. For decades, the Glen Rose Post Office operated in the left half of the building, while the Gavitt Drug Store



did business in the right half, even doubling as the local bus station. In recent years, the structure has been the site for such businesses as restaurants, a barbershop and shoe repairs.

GLEN ROSE HOTEL

The Glen Rose Hotel came into existence during the peak of U.S. hotel building during the 1920s, and Glen Rose offered a promising location for such a business. The town attracted thousands of pleasure seekers to its water parks and health seekers to its sanitarium. Many of them required places to stay overnight. C.R. Berry built the hotel in the popular Spanish Colonial Revival style, using fashionable cream-colored brick, limestone trim and faux tile at the cornice. The hostelry offered standard rooms, suites and a dining room serving

tasty meals. During the operation of the Snyder sanitarium next door, the hotel provided lodging for patients who could not get accommodations at the health facility. The hostelry also offered rental space for traveling dentists, salesmen and photographers, not to mention having a hairdressing salon. The hotel has continued offering accommodations to travelers since it opened in 1928.

SNYDER SANITARIUM

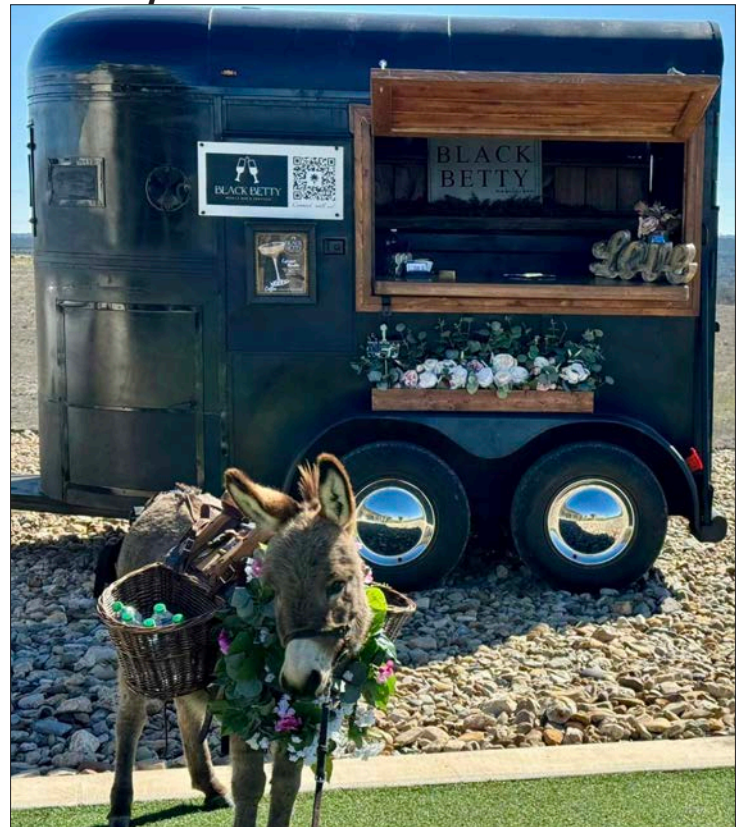
The two-story, U-shaped, Craftsman style Snyder Sanitarium building was the centerpiece of efforts by healer George Paul Snyder Sr. to meet the needs of health seekers who sought cures from the mineral waters that flowed to the surface at Glen Rose. Arriving from California in 1915, Snyder, who was not a physician, provided treatments that inexpensively emphasized mineral water, massage and the use of special electrical devices. Patients related that the healer had an uncanny ability to read their minds, diagnosing their physical ailments and helping resolve their personal problems. He developed a loyal following. One local person commented at the time Snyder “made a million dollars off of two dollar treatments.” In 1919 he constructed the sanitarium, which included a separate dining room, outdoor gardens with banana trees and other exotic plants, and even a menagerie with animals to entertain his clients. Snyder, his widow, and others continued to operate the medical facility into the 1970s, after which time its major building was adapted to become a bed and breakfast.

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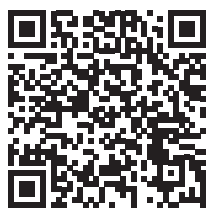
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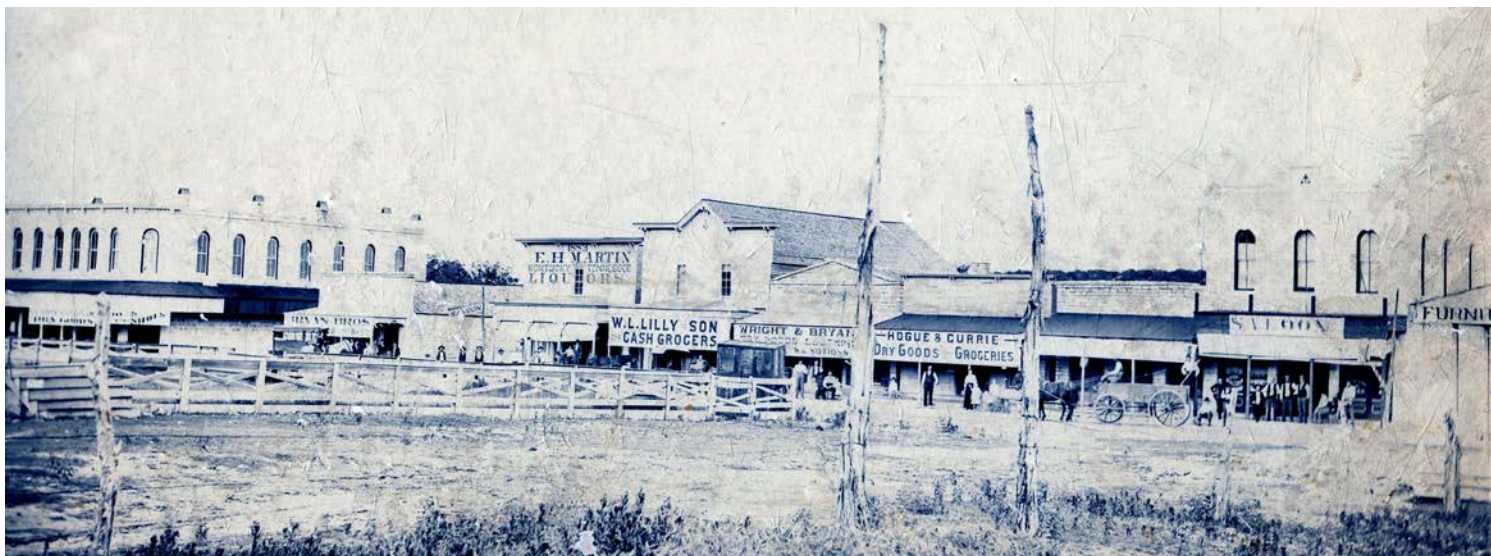


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VOGUE BEAUTY SHOP

In his day Maurice Marsh was one of the most popular ladies' hairdressers in Glen Rose, entering the business as early as 1926. He served the community until going into the armed forces of the United States during the Second World War. Returning from military service in 1946, he opened a salon called the "Vogue" in a small, drafty woodframe building at the site of the present shop. In 1954 he and wife, Ina Mae Marsh, purchased the land on which the shop stood, tore down the old saloon, and in its place erected the first commercial building in downtown Glen Rose in the then fashionable International Style. The flat-topped, brownish pink structure with a fixed plate glass window represented the height of modern style when the couple completed it in 1955. Maurice and Mae Marsh had successfully moved their hairdressing business from a weathered little wooden shack into one of the nicest looking commercial buildings in all of Glen Rose. Since that time, the well-built structure has continued to house hairdressing establishments.

MILES BUILDING

The present day Miles Building, with a unified facade in vernacular Art Deco style, has one of the most interesting histories among the buildings in downtown Glen Rose. It began about 1935 at its far-left end, where a concrete ice vault was constructed. Here, ice in 300-pound blocks was stored until it could be cut into more easily marketed 50 and 100-pound blocks or crushed into thick paper sacks that were sold out the front door. The icehouse was built on concrete pedestals above the intermittent Connell Branch, which served as a convenient natural drain for the melted water. In about 1945, Obie Jackson "Pop" Miles acquired the property and added a small concrete grocery store to the right side of the ice vault. Then, in the late 1940s, another concrete addition was made 15 feet to the right along Barnard Street to create commercial rental space. About this time the integrated cornice was added, connecting the three parts visually. Since that time the complex building has provided space for a wide variety of enterprises including ladies' dress shops, cafes, an optometrist, utility offices, jewelers and antique shops.

SHIELDS FURNITURE STORE

William and Elizabeth Shields, builders of this store, were born in Scotland, immigrated to America in 1872, and settled in Glen Rose in 1880, only two years after the townsite was laid out. Soon thereafter they built their first store at this site, a wooden structure where they combined furniture, hardware and mortuary undertaking. At some date after a tornado swept away the building in 1902, the Shields family constructed this handsome cut limestone store, where they continued to conduct business until 1931. R.T. Ratliff's Clover Farm Store then sold general supplies to farmers and ranchers over two decades, being followed by eating places, a coffee bar and a specialty gift shop. The high concrete sidewalk in front made it easier to move furniture and caskets in the early days.

ICEHOUSE

The windowless, square stone icehouse is perhaps the most unusual structure on the Glen Rose courthouse square. With its heavy, iron-banded, insulated wooden door and sloping shed roof, this storage building was built about 1930. Its purpose was to conserve ice in 50 and 100-pound blocks transported from icemaking plants elsewhere. Long-time Glen Rose residents remember paying for ice from this storage building at the feed store next door. At home, consumers kept perishable foods cool in ice boxes or used it in crank-style ice cream freezers.

GLEN ROSE PRODUCE COMPANY

During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, among the first man-made structures in Glen Rose were cheaply built, wood-frame and board-and-batten pine lumber buildings with gable roofs and false fronts. They stood on three sides of the Glen Rose courthouse square. Only one of them remains today: The Glen Rose Produce Company building, which many years ago was sheathed in galvanized steel siding. This structure has the most common earmark of a feed store, a raised sidewalk constructed to facilitate loading bags of livestock and poultry feed into wagons or motor trucks. The sidewalk in front of this building has that typical elevation as well as grooves in the sloped approaches to give men's boots traction. Oral tradition indicates the Glen Rose Produce

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Company building was erected about 1930, operated by Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Owens. By 1942, Earl Earp Jr. purchased the enterprise and ran it for a number of years. After feed sales were lost to larger competitors, the building was used for a number of commercial purposes including art and photography studios.

SOMERVELL COUNTY JAIL

Standing on the site of the preceding 1880s calaboose, the old Somervell County Jail in 1934 represented the height of modernity in criminal confinement. By the 1930s the 50-year old original jail had outlived its usefulness, but financial constraints of low tax collections during the Great Depression delayed its replacement. In 1933, newly inaugurated President Franklin D. Roosevelt used the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make available the first federal funds ever allocated to create jobs for unemployed Americans. It funneled the money through state welfare departments to local governments for public works projects. Somervell County applied for and received \$1,600 to pay workers to build a new jail, with the county providing the construction materials. This stone and concrete structure included quarters for the sheriff and his family downstairs, and upstairs were the old iron cells, recycled from the former jail, for the prisoners. It served local incarceration needs until 1984, when the new Somervell County Law Enforcement Center took its place.

GLEN ROSE REPORTER BUILDING

During the depths of the Great Depression, people sought the cheapest possible ways to do things, and this extended to the constructing of buildings. The Glen Rose Reporter Building illustrates one way that Americans sought to make their dollars go as far as possible. The front portion of this building, constructed about 1934, consists of a wood-frame supporting a "wall" of expanded metal mesh covered with moist stucco which dried into a waterproof skin. A lightweight flat roof and a cornice of sheet metal shingles simulating more expensive ceramic tiles were added. The rear half of the building, where an internal combustion engine

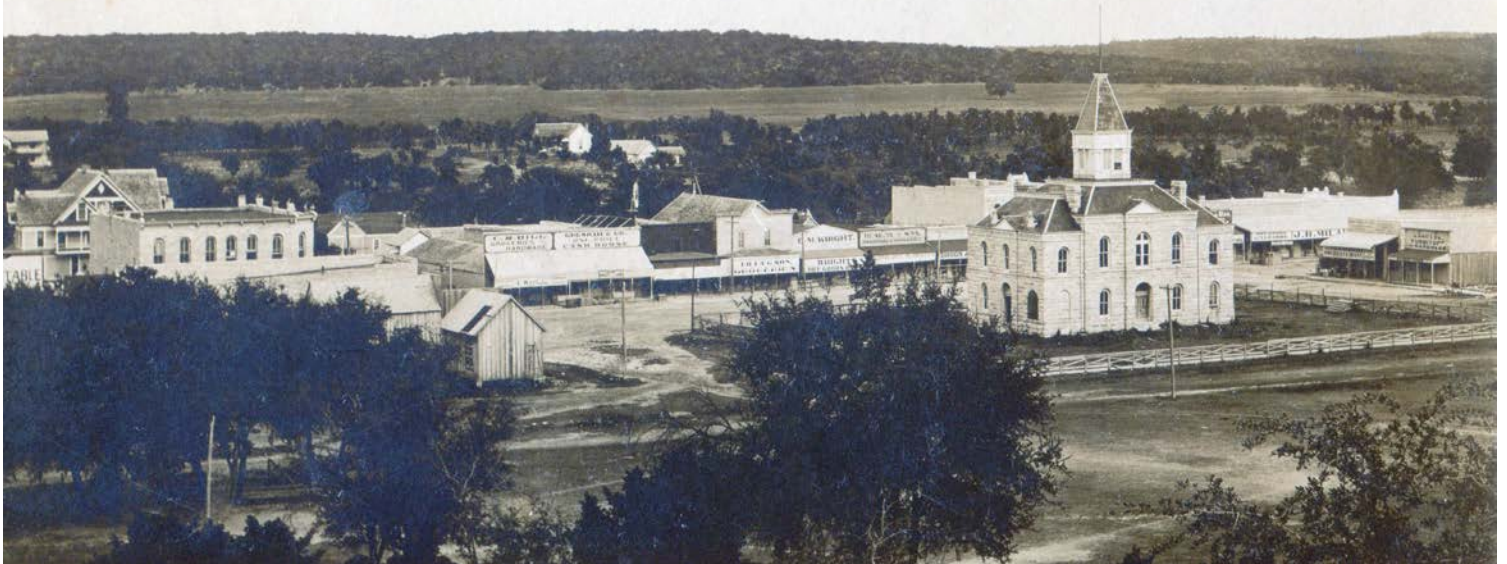
powered printing machinery, was roofed but the sides were open. Later they were covered with horizontal lumber and a layer of pressed asbestos siding. In time, the flat roof leaked so severely that a low gable roof was added. The Glen Rose Reporter was edited and printed here from the 1930s until 1979; since that time the building has been used for storage purposes. Sometimes cheap construction survives, and this structure serves as a significant example of that fact.

GRESHAM'S MAGIC LANTERN BUILDING

Prior to the 1902 tornado, the Glen Rose Herald newspaper was edited and printed in a stone commercial building on this site, but after the storm, only rubble remained from that building. Louis Sylvanus Gresham purchased the land and the ruins and erected a limestone commercial building with three tall double-door entries as a venue for screening commercial magic lantern shows as paid public entertainment. After motion pictures supplanted magic lantern shows, this building gradually expanded at the right rear to house, among other enterprises, a soft drink bottling plant, a grocery, a meat market, a general mercantile store, a hairdressing salon and a shoe repair shop. The Somervell County Historical Society purchased the structure in 1971 and moved its museum into the old Gresham's Magic Lantern Building, where the institution has operated since that time.

HAMILL'S GROCERY

Hamill's Grocery is the only building on the Glen Rose courthouse square with walls assembled solely from concrete blocks, and as such it exemplifies budget-conscious construction of the 1940s. Groceryman Burnet Wadle Hamill operated a food store in this simple rectangular structure at least as early as 1940 and continued into the 1950s. He advertised it as the place in Glen Rose for "good groceries, fresh meats, (and) saving prices." An original flat roof leaked so badly the present low gable roof was added to solve the problem. After competition from larger stores forced the family-run grocery store to close, the modest building housed a Radio Shack consumer electronics store and the offices of a surveying and mapping firm.



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BIG ROCKS PARK

Nature's Playground

Just a stone's throw away (pun intended) lies Big Rocks Park. Here, the Paluxy River flows as families gather for picnics or birthday parties on the banks, and the kids wade in the cool waters.

The massive boulders—some as big as cars—invite you to climb, explore, and connect with nature. Fish, tube, or enjoy a local snow cone in the sun! Big Rocks Park is one of the natural attractions that set Glen Rose apart. Be sure to stroll along the Riverwalk and experience the tranquility of life by the water.



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Pick up some locally made jams, pickles and fresh produce, while pleasant music fills the air. The shopkeepers greet you with genuine smiles, and be sure to notice the bell chiming as you enter some of the charming places around the square. Don't forget to stop by the County Museum! From Moonshining artifacts to the Lincoln assassination theories, it's a treasure trove of American History, packed with discoveries.



DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK

Just up the road from Dinosaur World, you'll find Dinosaur Valley State Park.

Discover the Footprints: The park's claim to fame? Actual dinosaur tracks imprinted in the ancient riverbed. Imagine standing where colossal sauropods once trod – it's a thrilling connection to our prehistoric past and one of our largest draws!

Scenic Wonder: Spread across 1,500 acres, this scenic haven straddles the majestic Paluxy River. Wooded hills, rocky terrain, and lush greenery create an enchanting backdrop for your adventure.

Dinosaur Valley isn't just about the past. It's alive with critters! Spot white-tailed deer, and coyotes, and maybe catch a glimpse of the elusive Golden-Cheek Warbler. Birdwatchers, rejoice!

Whether you're a paleontology enthusiast, a nature lover, or a family seeking adventure, Dinosaur Valley State Park welcomes you. Pack a picnic, lace up your hiking boots, and let the echoes of ancient roars guide your journey.



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Imagine an outdoor amphitheater nestled among rolling hills. The stars above twinkle as a live reenactment unfolds—the timeless stories of faith, courage, and redemption. That's *The Promise*, a life production of the life, death and resurrection of Christ told through story and song. An extremely popular production, so be sure to check showtimes and buy tickets in advance.

SQUAW VALLEY GOLF COURSE

Just Northeast of Glen Rose, Texas Squaw Valley Golf Course offers golfers a serene golfing experience that is fun and satisfying.

Squaw Valley is home to 36 holes of championship golf and is consistently rated as one of the top courses in the state. It features beautiful vistas of century-old oak trees and Squaw Creek that meanders through both courses.

Established in 1992, the original 18 holes, designed by Jeff Brauer and remodeled by John Colligan in 2008, feature Miniverde greens and 419 Bermuda tees, fairways, and roughs. Comanche Lakes, designed by John Colligan and opened in 2001, features Tifeagle greens and Tifsport tees, fairways, and roughs. Both courses feature large yet challenging greens. Wide fairways allow for a "grip it and rip attitude," and the occasional errant tee shot allows for a chance at par.

Located on the property is The Rooster Bar and Grill. The Rooster is a full-service restaurant with normal golf course food and drink plus some, and it boasts six televisions. The pavilion section of the Rooster can host meetings of up to 100 people.

The professional, courteous staff, and laid-back atmosphere will make your visit one to remember. They are open seven days a week, and tee times are accepted five days in advance.

Squaw Valley Golf Course is located at 2439 East Highway 67 in Glen Rose and can be reached by contacting 254-897-7956.



DINOSAUR WORLD

Step into a prehistoric wonderland at Dinosaur World! Thousands of visitors come from all over Texas and the United States to take their little dinosaur enthusiasts to this one-of-a-kind LIFE-SIZED dinosaur attraction!

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CREATION EVIDENCE MUSEUM

The Creation Evidence Museum of Texas is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational museum in Glen Rose that was chartered in Texas for the purpose of researching and displaying scientific evidence for creation.

The museum was founded in 1984 by Director Carl Baugh for the purpose of researching evidence and displaying exhibits that support the Biblical creation.

Baugh is the scientific research director of the world's first hyperbaric biosphere, simulating Earth's atmospheric conditions before the world-wide flood of Noah's day. He is the discoverer and excavation director of sixteen dinosaurs, including Acrocanthosaurus in Texas and Diplodocus in Colorado.

While providing scientific evidence for creation to thousands of people, each year artifacts and documents are added to the museum's collection through the generosity of individuals.

The museum's goals

- Provide a creation science message opposing the evolutionary theory.
- Educate children about the scientific and Biblical principles of our earth, as opposed to the evolutionary theory that is taught in the public school system.
- Lead efforts to introduce new and exciting evidence further proving God's design.

The museum is funded solely by contributions from individuals or groups wishing to see the truth of creation made known.

The Creation Evidence Museum is located at 3102 FM 205 in Glen Rose and can be reached by contacting 254-897-3200.



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From **Oakdale RV Park** to quaint **Country Woods Inn** or one of our many incredibly cozy BnB's — there's a PERFECT place for everyone to stay in Glen Rose!

LOCAL FOOD AND TEXAS MUSIC IS FUEL FOR THE SOUL

Hungry after your adventures? Glen Rose caters to all tastes.

The Riverhouse Grill is a charming restaurant with American fare and **Snyder's Tavern** is a full bar and grill attached to the popular **Inn on the River**. For an intimate steakhouse experience, **Whisky Woods** awaits. This uber-popular new restaurant combines speakeasy with moonshine history and stunning menu options. People come from neighboring towns to enjoy their Sunday brunch!

Try the BIG juicy Burgers at **The Green Pickle**, authentic Mexican food at **Mama Mia**, and even a new bakery coming soon! **Baked! Bread and Pastry Co.**, with its roots in the sister city Granbury, will open a second location right off the town square. **Storiebook Cafe** is a precious little lunch spot and **Massey's Barbeque** is a great new place for families to gather. They even offer Gospel music on Sunday! That's right. Small towns do that!

Another newbie, **Pinstripes**, serves up authentic New York pizza and walls filled with colorful insta-worthy art by a fabulous local muralist! **Sexton Mill** is a crowd-pleasing local staple, with many talented musicians performing on the regular—and with our recent Music Friendly Designation, the calendar just gets better!

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Glen Rose

Somervell County Seat

The area around present day Glen Rose was originally inhabited by Native American tribes, including the Tonkawa and Comanche peoples. The arrival of European settlers in the mid-19th century led to the establishment of small communities in the region, the first settled in 1849 by Charles Barnard who opened a trading post near Comanche Peak. After the region became a federal Indian reservation in 1855, Barnard moved his business to Fort Belknap. Around 1859, when the reservation was abolished, he returned to the area and built the first store on what is now the site of Glen Rose.

A three-story stone gristmill was constructed along the Paluxy River and the town that grew up around it became known as Barnard's Mill. The mill served as a focal point for economic activity and contributed to the town's wealth and was sold to Tyler Calhoun Jordan of Dallas in 1871 for \$65,000. Tradition states that Jordan's wife, a native of Scotland, decided to rename the town Rose Glen to reflect the area's natural surroundings, although census records show that she was a native of Alabama. The citizens later voted to call the community "Glen Rose."

A post office opened in 1874.

When Somervell County was formed March 15, 1875, Glen Rose was designated as its county seat. A Baptist college was organized in 1879 and was later sold to the Paluxy Baptist Association. In 1889, the northern Presbyterians opened Glen Rose Collegiate Institute (also known as Glen Rose College), which remained in operation for the next 15 to 20 years. A courthouse around Glen Rose's town square was completed around 1892, but burned down a year later. A new Romanesque style courthouse was constructed soon after with locally quarried limestone. That building sustained damage in a 1902 tornado that also damaged part of the town square.

Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Glen Rose grew into a bustling trade hub, fueled by its strategic location along major transportation routes. The town became known for its agricultural produce, including cotton, grains and livestock which were shipped to markets across Texas.

Throughout the period from the 1900s to the 1920s, Glen Rose was home to approximately 1,000 people. The area's mineral springs attracted numerous doctors and self-styled healers to the community. During Prohibition, the area was a center for moonshining and Glen Rose became known as the "whiskey woods capital of the state." The population remained steady during the Great Depression, although unemployment rates in both Glen Rose and Somervell County increased.

As part of the New Deal, Glen Rose borrowed \$80,000 under the Public Works Administration (PWA) to construct a new water and sewage system. Three low-water dams on the Paluxy River, several local school buildings, and a canning plant were built with WPA money.



During the post-war years, the population of Somervell County declined from 3,071 in 1940 to 2,542 in 1950 as many residents moved in search of greater employment opportunities. At the same time, Glen Rose grew from 1,050 residents in 1940 to 1,248 in 1950.

The construction of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in the mid-1970s brought financial advantages and new residents to the Glen Rose area. The city experienced a 34% increase in population between 1970 and 1980. The nuclear plant came to dominate the local economy. Other chief industries include farming, ranching and tourism.

Today, Glen Rose boasts a rich cultural heritage and continues to thrive as a charming community with a mix of historic charm and modern amenities. Its picturesque downtown area, vibrant arts scene and outdoor recreational opportunities attract visitors from far and wide.



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BrightView focuses on delivering high-quality products and exceptional customer service. Their commitment to transparency and trust has helped them build a strong reputation in the region.

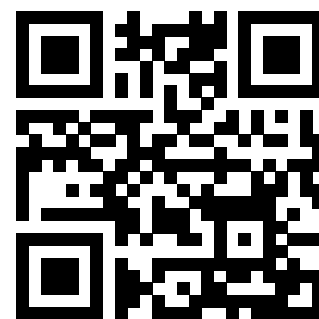
"Overall, BrightView's contributions have significantly improved home living standards in Hood and in surrounding counties, reinforcing their mission to help homeowners achieve their vision of the perfect home," Holdridge said.

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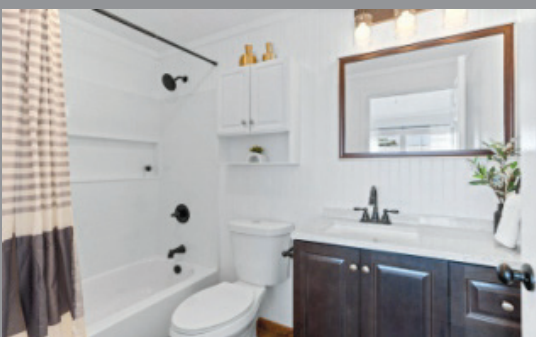
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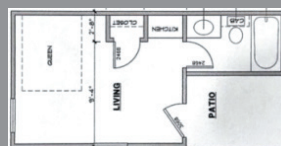
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“Transportation is something most of us take for granted every day; we get up, grab our car keys, and head out the door,” General Manager Derinda Long said. “Transportation doesn’t become important to most until the car won’t start, then it’s a crisis, and there are a lot of people in the communities we serve that do not have any mode of transportation and they use this service to maintain their independent lives.”

The Transit System offers Demand Response services to all people in their service areas. Up to four riders can ride for the same fare if they are picked up and traveling to the same location. TTS also provides a flexible route on Saturday’s, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and sometimes until 8 p.m. depending on the activities on the square.

The Transit System provides affordable trips to DFW and Love Field Airports, while also offering group rates. All trips are to be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, although TTS does offer same day services if they have an available driver. Trips outside of Glen Rose are available as well.

TTS also offers contact information regarding transportation resources for those who may need



transportation but can’t afford it. “We don’t determine the eligibility, only contact information to help with people who have transportation needs,” Long said.

Long expressed that TTS’s goal will always be to continue to provide safe, courteous, and affordable transportation for all who depend on it. “TTS is public transportation and is available to everyone,” she said.

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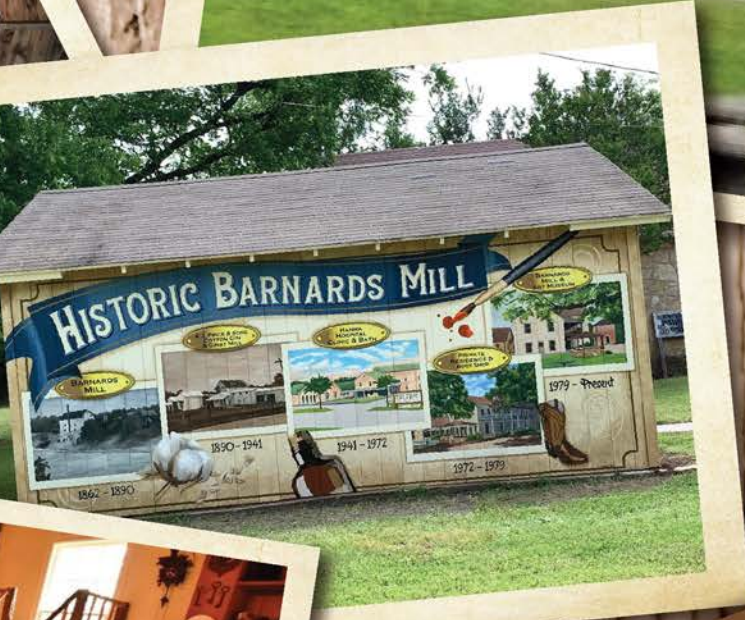
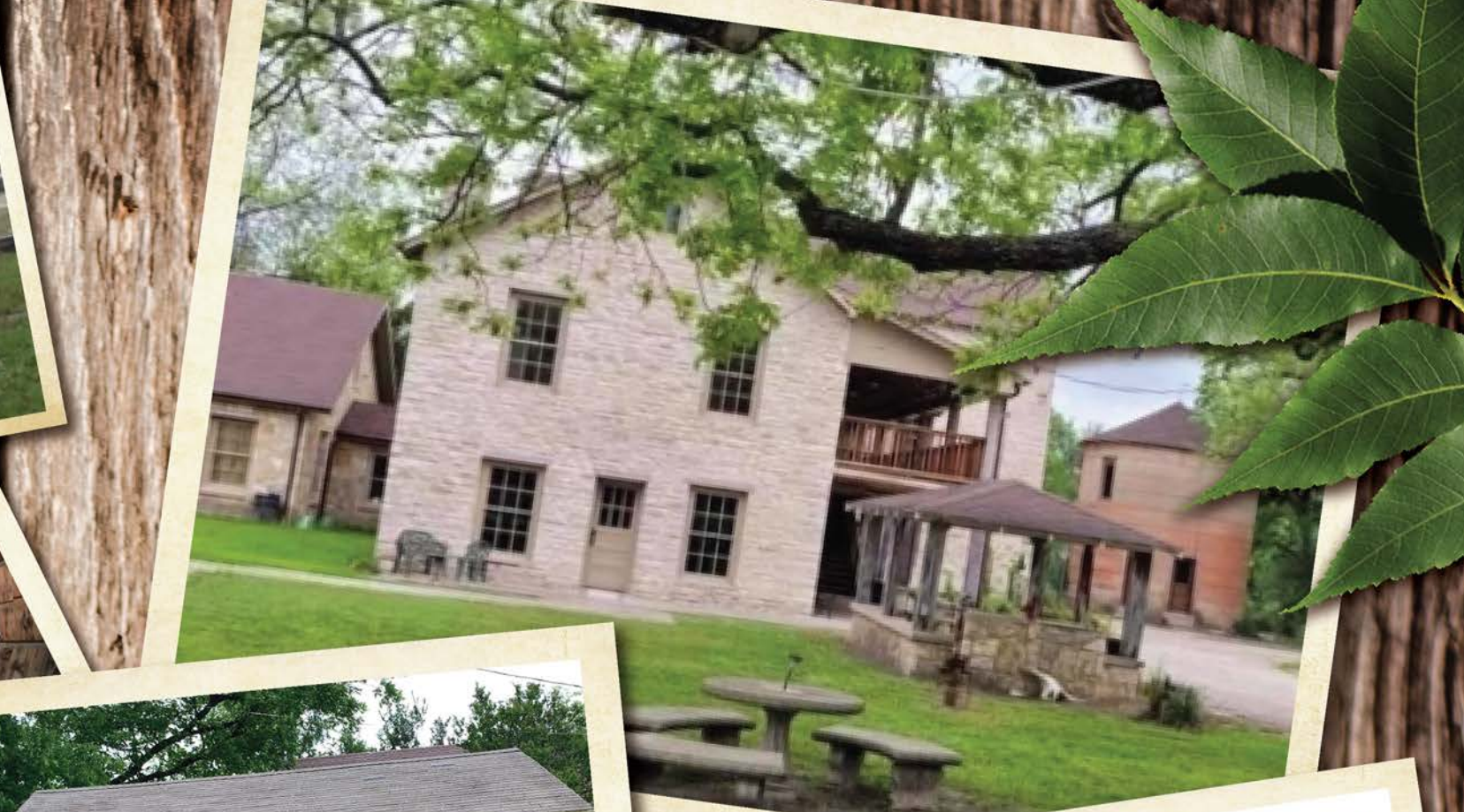
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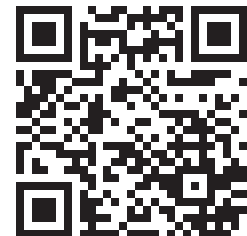
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Visit Granbury

Visit Granbury – The City of Granbury Convention and Visitors Bureau is the official tourism department for the City of Granbury and is the tourism engine which promotes Granbury to visitors across Texas and the United States.

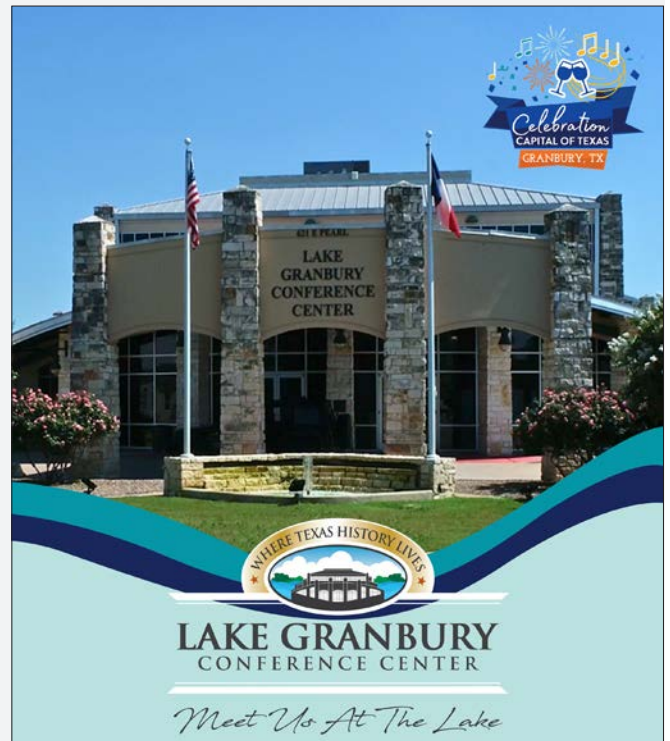
“Visit Granbury is important for the community as it serves as a resource both for the visitor and the community by way of promoting Granbury,” Tammy Dooley, director of Visit Granbury said. “Tourism plays a significant role in preserving and promoting Granbury’s cultural heritage and showcasing our local flavor and what makes our community special.”

Visit Granbury encompasses a wide array of services which includes operating the Visitor Center seven days a week, hosting a Rise and Grind Networking Event each week, sending out weekly visitor email blast promotions to over 12,000 people, connecting tourism partners to event sponsorships, managing event grant funding opportunities, and producing and providing marketing and promotional collateral material, maps, and brochures to visitors.

“Visitors are often eager to explore a destination's unique traditions, customs, and historical sites and in Granbury’s case they are excited to come celebrate all the festivals and our gorgeous lake,” Dooley said. “As our number one industry, tourism takes center stage in the economics of our future.”

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Julia Plaster - State Farm Insurance

Julia Plaster is a Glen Rose Native. She graduated from Glen Rose High School in 2007 and went on to achieve her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Kinesiology from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. Prior to beginning her career in insurance, she was the head volleyball coach in Hico, Texas for four years. She began working for her mother-in-law who is a State Farm agent and soon found a passion for this company and its mission to genuinely protect families. Julia opened her own State Farm office in November 2020 in Fort Worth, Texas. Guided by the Lord, she decided to bring it back home to Glen Rose in 2024. She is excited to make her roots even deeper and be able to always be a part of and give back to the community that helped raised her.

Julia is married to another Glen Rose High School graduate and together they have two beautiful, spoiled rotten kiddos.

Glen Rose has truly shown Julia that small town values and relationships are some of the most important aspects when it comes to running a successful business! Julia hopes to provide with her agency a place where people don't have to worry about insurance coverage as everyone who passes through the office doors is a friend and neighbor!

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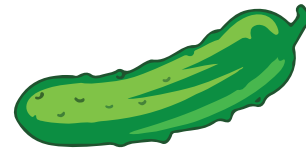
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Walking into WhiskyWoods feels like stepping into a different time. The ambiance and decor are meticulously designed to evoke the allure of the Prohibition era, blending historical charm with modern luxury. Every detail, from the vintage furnishings to the dim, warm lighting, is crafted to transport guests to a world of timeless elegance.

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WhiskyWoods isn't just about luxury; it's about community and exclusivity. In Glen Rose, WhiskyWoods offers an upscale yet welcoming retreat for both locals and visitors. The exclusive Bootleggers VIP Membership adds a unique touch, providing members with elite perks and a sense of belonging. WhiskyWoods fosters a sense of community while maintaining an atmosphere of refined exclusivity, making every guest feel like part of an elite circle.

Elevating dining in Glen Rose to an extraordinary experience, with a commitment to quality, tradition, and the pursuit of excellence, WhiskyWoods invites you to discover unparalleled sophistication and warmth. Join us at WhiskyWoods and indulge in a journey of timeless elegance and culinary delight.

WhiskyWoods is more than a dining destination; it's a cherished part of the Glen Rose community. It embodies the spirit of luxury and connection, making every visit a memorable occasion. Whether you're a local or just passing through, WhiskyWoods promises an experience that is both unforgettable and uniquely its own.



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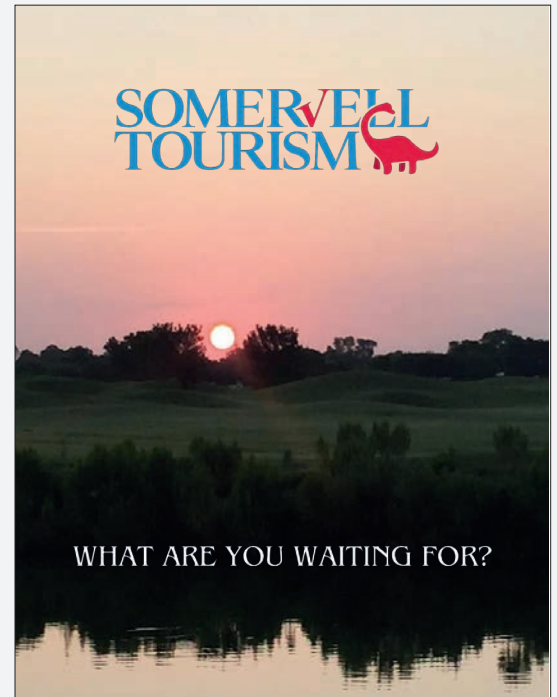
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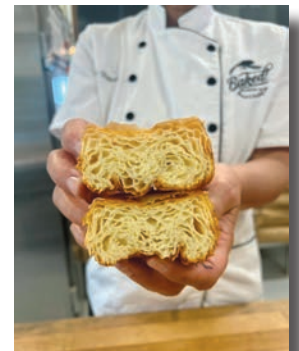
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Surrounded by hill country, guests can explore walking and cycling trails, fishing in a five-acre pond, or partake in skeet shooting at the hilltop range.

While being located on over 2,000 acres, the ranch has three different buildings, which includes The Homestead Saloon (Reception Hall), Homestead Quarters, and the Bridal Casita. It is a completely secluded setting for celebrations of all kinds.

Owner of Diamond A Ranch Events, Ali Epler, ranches in Wyoming and has a deep-rooted love for both travel



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From the multifunctional rooms to the clever storage solutions that keep belongings neat and organized, Patriot Time Homes is passionate about turning a home buyer's dream into reality.

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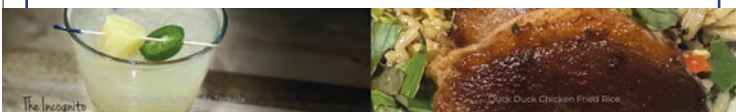
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Throughout the early 20th century, Nemo flourished, buoyed by the growth of industries such as ranching, farming and timber. Its population swelled as newcomers arrived seeking opportunity and prosperity in the fertile lands of North Central Texas.

However, like many rural communities, Nemo faced its share of challenges over the years, including economic downturns, natural disasters and shifts in demographics. Despite these obstacles, the town endured, thanks in large part to the resilience and perseverance of its residents.

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The origins of the community's name date back to the 1890s. Area residents requested a post office and gathered to choose a name. During the meeting, a thunderstorm occurred, followed by a rainbow. The residents, struck with the rainbow's beauty, named their town after it.

In the 1920s, Rainbow had a population of approximately 113. The population began to decrease after that period, reaching a low of 40 in 1960. Throughout the years, Rainbow was an agricultural center with cotton, corn and cattle driving the local economy. With the opening of the nearby Dinosaur Valley State Park in the 1970s, the population increased. Current estimates of Rainbow's population range from 76 to 121.

Today, Rainbow remains a tight-knit community where neighbors greet each other with a friendly smile.



A promotional graphic for the Railroaders baseball team. It features a baseball player in a white uniform with "Railroaders" and the number "18" on it. He is wearing a blue cap and holding a baseball in his right hand and a gold glove in his left. The background is blue with a white outline of Texas and a baseball bat. Large white text reads "BASEBALL IN YOUR BACKYARD". At the bottom, there are logos for "RAILROADERBASEBALL.COM", "LA MOJERNA FIELD", and the "PROFESSIONAL PARTNER LEAGUE".

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DT Roofing is more than just an average roofing company. They have been voted the best roofer in Hood County for ten years running starting in 2013, and offer an array of services to their customers.

“We’re so grateful to have the customers we have, and we don’t take any one of them for granted; it’s a privilege to live, work, go to church with, and serve this community,” owner and COO Randy Hurtado said. “Customer service to us means serving our neighbors, our friends, and our community. And we wouldn’t have it any other way.”

With years of experience and dedication to quality craftsmanship, DT Roofing prides themselves on being the go-to expert for all roofing needs. From installations to repairs, its trained professionals are committed to delivering top-notch service and exceeding your expectations.

“When it comes to our customers, we treat them the way we’d want to be treated. We treat every home like it’s our own and every issue with highest priority,” Hurtado said. “That’s why we’re number one in the West-o-Plex. Every company will tell you they’re great, reliable, and trustworthy, but everyone knows it’s the customers who will tell the real story.”

Hurtado expressed, “We believe what makes us stand out



Randy Hurtado, Owner/Chief Operations Officer

is that we truly care; we love investing in the communities in which we live. We love helping our neighbors in need, sponsoring the local high school football team, and being a part of Small Town Texas.”

“We believe one of the biggest reasons for our success is the roots we’ve dug deep, the relationships we’ve made both with people and businesses, and the friendships we’ve fostered,” Hurtado said.

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Dinosaur Valley State Park

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Dinosaur Valley State Park, nestled in the quaint town of Glen Rose, boasts a rich history that stretches back millions of years. The park's story begins in the Cretaceous period, approximately 113 million years ago, when the area was submerged beneath a vast inland sea. It was during this time that dinosaurs roamed the land, leaving their mark in the form of footprints preserved in the riverbeds.

The first discovery of dinosaur tracks in the area dates to the late 1930s when fossil hunter Roland T. Bird stumbled upon a set of massive footprints along the banks of the Paluxy River. This discovery sparked a flurry of scientific interest and led to further excavations throughout the region.

In 1969, Dinosaur Valley State Park was officially established with the goal of preserving and showcasing the area's rich paleontological heritage. Since then, the park has been a haven for researchers, fossil enthusiasts and nature lovers alike, offering a glimpse into the world of the dinosaurs that once roamed the land.

Today, visitors to Dinosaur Valley State Park can explore more than 20 miles of hiking and biking trails, marvel at the impressive dinosaur tracks preserved in the riverbeds and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. The park continues to be a source of fascination and wonder, drawing visitors from near and far to experience the magic of Glen Rose's prehistoric past.

Located at 1629 Park Road 59 in Glen Rose, the park is open daily; The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The gate is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The park often reaches capacity and reservations are highly recommended for camping and day use.

Entrance fees: \$8 per adult with children under age 12 free.

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Daffan Cooling & Heating

Daffan Cooling & Heating, established by the Daffan family in 1999, has grown from its humble beginnings with David Daffan as their first service technician. David, a Glen Rose High School graduate, entered the HVAC industry at 18 and quickly advanced to become a Master Technician.

In 2011, David and his business partner took ownership of the company when his uncle retired. By 2021, David and his wife Shaneé Daffan, along with their family, became the sole owners of Daffan Cooling & Heating. Proud residents of Glen Rose, their children attend Glen Rose schools, and they embrace being part of the community as proud Tigers.

Daffan's commitment to quality and community is encapsulated in their mission statement: "Daffan provides professional solutions, guided by integrity, which build



lasting relationships that make the community a part of our family." With a focus on professionalism and integrity, Daffan Cooling & Heating strives to deliver exceptional HVAC solutions while fostering strong, lasting connections with their community.

Endless Discoveries

Kristin Carnes, founder of Endless Discoveries Child Development Centers, began a career in the child development field about 21 years ago with the sole focus of providing care for children in a way that is like the love they get from home, but with an educational component.

Kristin has established three childcare facilities including one in Saginaw with 155 students, Hico which is licensed for 100 children, and in Glen Rose that is licensed for 135 children. Endless Discoveries Glen Rose has been serving the area with quality, educational childcare services since 2019.

Endless Discoveries' philosophy and goals for its children include learning through active play, fostering an acceptance of self and the differences in others, developing respect and caring as a result of freedom within limits, providing individualized attention within a group setting, working with parents as active partners in their child's development, as well as strengthening a child's development socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. Children receive countless opportunities to promote their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. The center provides a nurturing and caring environment that will offer your child consistency and security. At Endless Discoveries, the teachers care for and treat each child as one of their own.

All of the centers have personnel trained in CPR/First Aid, SIDS, Infant Brain Development, Shaken Baby Syndrome, with a focus on Conscious Discipline and many other child development classes. One of the core values of the company



Owner Kristin Carnes enjoys time with her family on the river.

is to promote continuing education in the early childhood field, and find ways to continually improve. Each center takes pride in the quality measures taken and has the highest rating with Texas Rising Star, the state's quality evaluation process, and holds the National Accreditation through NAC and Early Learning Leaders. Parents can feel confident that Endless Discoveries Child Development Centers take early childhood education seriously.

Endless Discoveries Glen Rose is located at 200 Commerce Street in Glen Rose. Families are welcome to drop in for a tour, call (254) 436-8036, or schedule a tour on the website: www.EndlessDiscoveriesCDC.com.

Glen Lake Camp

An enduring legacy

The Methodist Church Camp in Glen Rose has a storied history deeply intertwined with the community's religious and cultural fabric. Founded in the early 20th century, the camp initially served as a retreat for Methodist congregations seeking spiritual renewal and fellowship in the serene natural surroundings of Glen Rose.

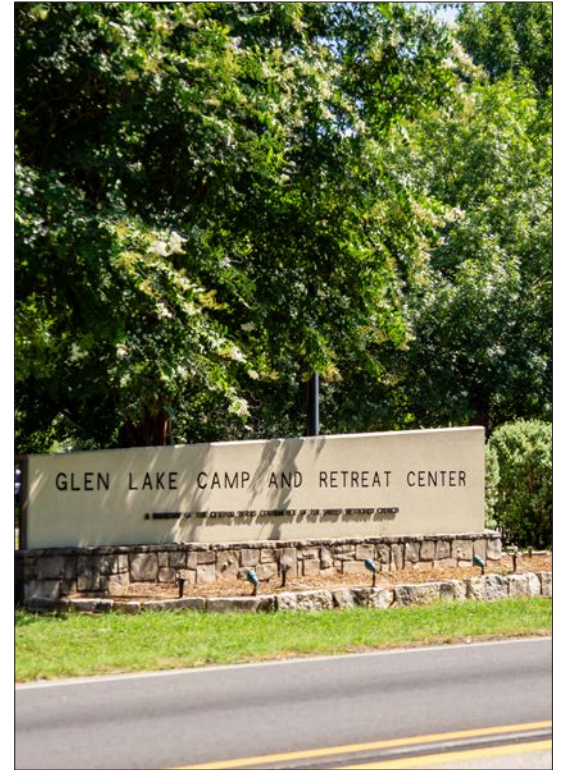
Throughout the years, the camp evolved into a cherished gathering place for families, church groups and individuals seeking respite from the demands of everyday life. Its rustic cabins, sprawling grounds and tranquil atmosphere provide the perfect setting for worship, reflection, and connection with nature.

As the camp grew in popularity, so did its facilities and programs. Over time, new amenities were added including dining halls, chapels, recreational areas and outdoor

amphitheatres, enhancing the camp's capacity to accommodate gatherings and events.

Throughout its history, the Methodist Church Camp has remained steadfast in its commitment to fostering spiritual growth, community bonding and Christian values. Countless individuals have passed through its gates, forging lifelong friendships, deepening their faith and creating cherished memories that endure to this day.

Today, the Methodist Church Camp in Glen Rose continues to serve as a beacon of hospitality, offering a welcoming space for retreats, conferences, youth camps and other religious and community events. Its enduring legacy stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith, fellowship and the natural beauty of Glen Rose.



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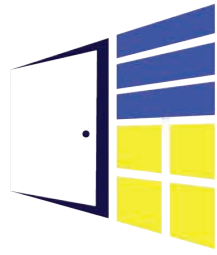




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The Promise

An enduring legacy

“The Promise” in Glen Rose is a renowned outdoor musical production that traces its roots back to the late 1980s. It all began when Alva and Ernie Fambro, local ranchers with a passion for storytelling and theater, envisioned a way to share the timeless message of hope and redemption with their community.

In 1989, their vision came to life with the inaugural performance of “The Promise.” Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Texas Hill Country, the production vividly brought to life the Biblical story of Jesus Christ through music, drama and dance. The Fambros’ dedication to authenticity and attention to detail ensured each performance was a truly immersive experience, transporting audiences back in time to the ancient world of Judea.

Over the years, “The Promise” has grown in popularity, attracting visitors from across the state and beyond to witness its powerful portrayal of faith, love and sacrifice. The production has become a beloved tradition in Glen Rose, drawing thousands of attendees each season and earning acclaim for its talented cast, stirring performances and breathtaking production values.

In addition to its artistic merits, “The Promise” also has a significant impact on the local community, serving as a source of pride and economic stimulus for Glen Rose and the surrounding area. It has become a cornerstone of the town’s cultural identity, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose among residents and visitors alike.

As “The Promise” enters its fourth decade of performances, it continues to captivate audiences with its timeless message and inspiring storytelling. Through its enduring legacy, it remains a testament to the power of faith, creativity and the enduring spirit of community in Glen Rose.

The Promise utilizes an award-winning musical score, live animals and a cast and crew of over 200 dedicated Christians. It offers breathtaking technology with its lighting and sound system, as well as a 45,000-gallon moat, and rain curtain. “The Promise” is presented on weekends every Fall at The Texas Amphitheater, a 3,250-seat venue built just for this production.

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The County Judge is Chairman of the Juvenile board, Director of Emergency Management which directs operations of the Emergency Operations Center, heads civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and along with the county auditor prepares the county budget and presents to the Commissioners Court for approval..

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Regular business meetings of the Glen Rose City Council are held on the second Tuesday of each month, as well as on the fourth Tuesday in the months of May - September, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 201 NE Vernon.

Special meetings may be called throughout the year as needed.

GLEN ROSE ISD

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Glen Rose Independent School District is a public school district based in Glen Rose, Texas which serves the vast majority of Somervell County including the unincorporated areas of Glass, Nemo and Rainbow. Superintendent, Dr. Trig Overbo, has led Glen Rose ISD to several notable accomplishments during his tenure including consistently improved academic performance, higher student achievement scores and graduation rates. Glen Rose ISD is noted for their outstanding school facilities and generally regarded as an outstanding educational facility utilizing innovative educational programs such as career and educational pathways, to prepare their students for future success

GRISD consists of the Glen Rose Elementary School (Grades pk-2), the Glen Rose Intermediate School (Grades 3-5), the Glen Rose Junior High School (Grades 6-8) and the Glen Rose High School (Grades 9-12).

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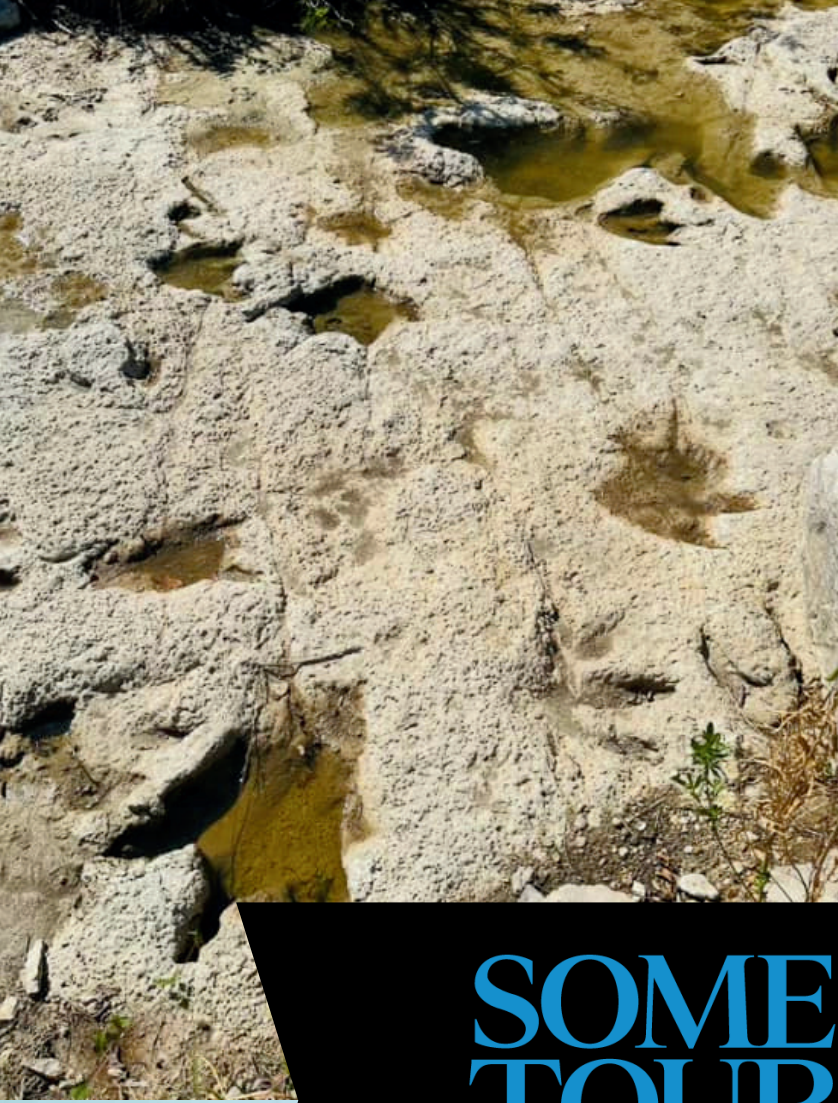


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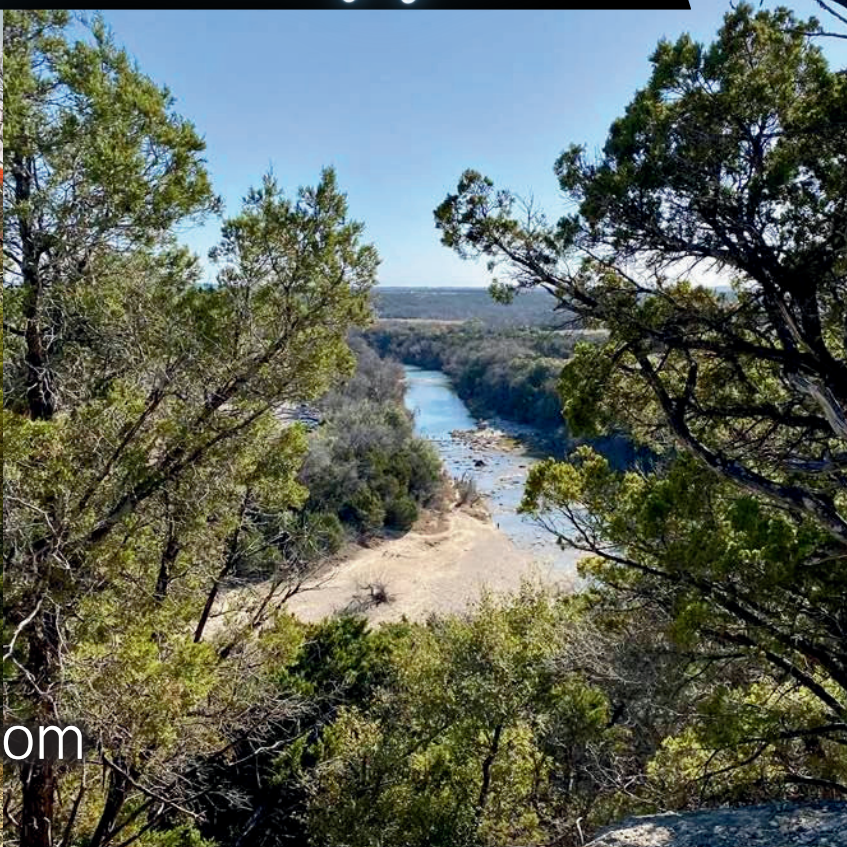
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