



February 2016 - Newsletter

## MISSION

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region will preserve, protect and promote the cultural, historic and natural resources of its 19 counties.

## VISION

The Texas Hill Country Trail Region will develop partnerships to protect our heritage and sustain our natural and cultural resources through promotion, preservation, education and tourism.

# Awesome adventures in the Texas Hill Country, seen through Instagram photos

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For those who are still going strong on their new year's resolution to become healthy (or for those who already dropped the resolution but want to start up again), you're not doomed to celery sticks and a bland gym.

The Hill Country, aka the biggest playground in Texas, is filled with a bunch of cool activities that can also keep just about anyone on the fitness track. Even vacation rental website HomeAway named the Hill Country as one of the best destinations in the U.S. for keeping up healthy resolutions.

"A green gem in the center of Texas, Austin and its hilly environs boast robust cycling and running communities, possibly due to the inspiring trails, hills, and natural wonders," HomeAway stated in the report.

From dancing at Gruene Hall to kayaking the Medina River and hiking at Enchanted Rock, millennials, hipsters and workout enthusiasts alike are loving what the Hill Country has to offer – and their love for the rolling hills is prevalent on social media.

Read more at the link below:

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/lifestyle/travel-outdoors/article/ways-to-be-active-in-the-Texas-Hill-country-6751780.php - photo-9238256>

## Featured February Events in the Texas Hill Country

### Bandera

February 5-6, 2016

#### 1st Annual Twin Elm Ranch Chuck-Wagon and BBQ cook-off

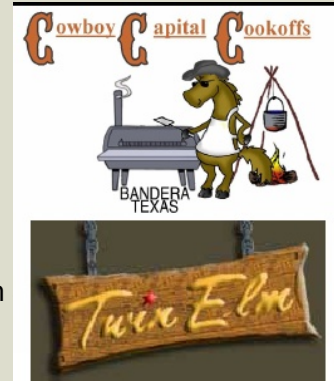
Twin Elm Ranch, 810 FM 470

Bandera, TX 78003

210-378-3055

Cowboy Capital Cookoffs presents the Twin Elm Ranch 1st Annual Chuck Wagon details and registration can be found on our website.

<http://www.cowboycapitalcookoffs.com/twin-elm-ranch-cookoff.html>



### Boerne

Saturday, February 13, 2016 - 7:00 pm

#### Broadway for My Valentine

Cave Without A Name

325 Kreuzberg Rd.

Boerne, TX 78006

830-537-4212

\$25 in advance; \$30 at the door



Some of Fredericksburg Theater Company's favorite performers hit the stage at Cave Without A Name, Throne Room singing some of Broadway's greatest hits. Featuring vocalists such as Kerry Goff, Zac Tiedemann, Katie Murphy, Ashleigh Goff, and Brynn Bowyer, accompanied by pianist, Nancy Rickerhauser, these artists will be taking you through the great American musical theater songbook.

<http://www.visitboerne.org/calendar/broadway-my-valentine>

### Uvalde

February 26 & 27 and March 4 & 5 at 7 pm

#### Sahawe Indian Winter Ceremonials

The Sahawe Indian Dancers are members of Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew 181 in Uvalde. The Ceremonials feature dances of the Southwest Pueblos in a 2-hour program. Dances from the Taos, Hopi, Santa Clara and San Juan Pueblos are presented. The elaborate costumes, songs, dances, history and folklore are enjoyed by audiences of all ages. They will perform 3 times each weekend, the last weekend of February and the first weekend of March.

Winter Ceremonials are held inside the Weston

Hall at Uvalde's First United Methodist Church.

301 North High Street.

Fees/Admission

Adults \$6. Children 4-11 & seniors \$3.

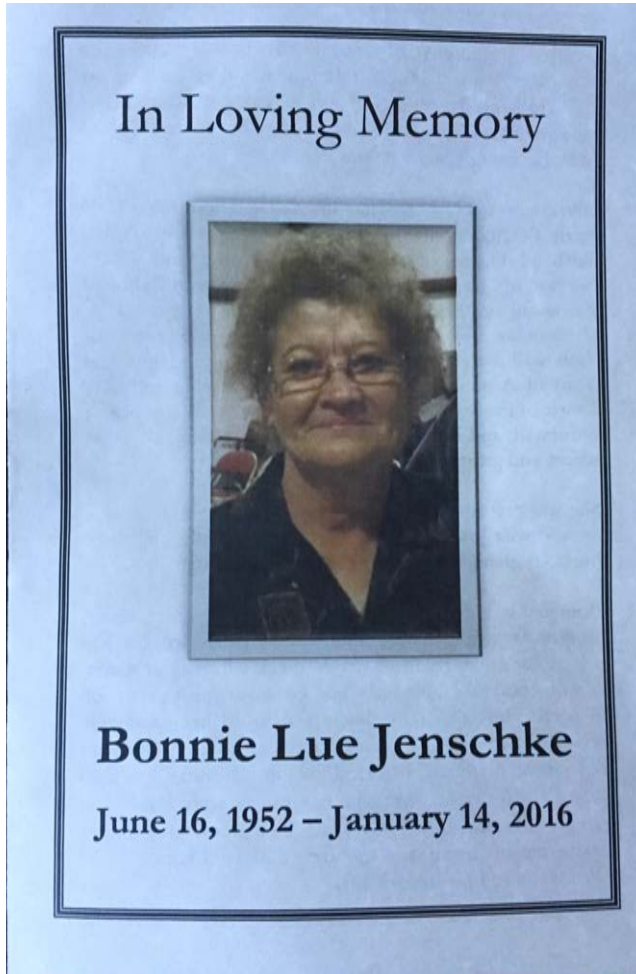
Children under 4 and uniformed boy or girl scouts free.

Contact: 830-261-9568

<http://www.visituvalde.com>



## HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....



Bonnie Jenschke was a true ambassador of the Texas Hill Country Trail Region and she will be greatly missed.

Bonnie Lue Jenschke of Stonewall passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2016. Bonnie was born on June 16, 1952 to James Porter and Juneth Whitaker Watson of Hye. She graduated from Johnson City High School in 1970 and was the Senior Class Favorite Female.

Bonnie was a dearly loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend. She was known for her infectious smile, resonant laugh, quick wit, playful nature and practical jokes, big hugs, and generous spirit to anyone in need. Most of all she knew and loved her Lord. She served as the Assistant to the Superintendent at the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park in Johnson City for 40 years. When not at work, she enjoyed treasure hunting at garage sales and thrift stores, cooking home-style meals, baking banana bread, and spending time with family. She loved her Lord Jesus Christ.

## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

March Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2016

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park

Address

Johnson City, TX 78636

830-868-7128

Details to come for  
our March meeting.

Texas Historical Commission  
Texas Heritage Trails Program Update



**Websites:**

We've kicked off a project to integrate the THC State Historic Site websites into the main agency website. No THTP web projects are currently scheduled.

**HT Product Development Projects:**

**Hispanic Heritage Travel Guide**

The Spanish version of Hispanic Texans has been printed and is available for distribution. If you would like any, please contact Mae Perkins in PIE as you do for other print materials.

**Travel Theme Tourism Development Project – Driving Tourism Along the Historic Bankhead Highway**

The Military Vehicle Preservation Association's convoy reenactment across the Historic Bankhead Highway that took place Oct. 2-10 garnered significant press attention and community participation. One convoy participant told me that when they arrived in Texas it was like a light switch had been turned on – such was the great reception they received in small communities and through our metropolitan areas. Congratulations Texas Bankhead communities! The HT program distributed a Swiss-cheese style press release statewide and the THTP regions promoted their communities. It sets a high bar for the upcoming cruises scheduled for 2016 and collaborative communication that will take place over Basecamp.

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

San Antonio Recipe

GREEN CHILI STEW

1/2 lb. breakfast sausage  
1/2 lb. ground beef  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can Ro-Tel tomatoes  
1 can green enchilada sauce

Green chilies, roasted & chopped or 1 small can  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
1 pkg. Lipton vegetable soup

Brown the meat, onion and garlic. Add all ingredients in a crockpot and cook for 4-6 hours. This is one of those soups you can cook for hours and it is wonderful.



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