



July 2014 - 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.



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Longhorns from Official State Herd Now Residing at LBJ State Park

STONEWALL – Consider the nation’s last president “of the land,” Lyndon B. Johnson revered his Texas Hill Country roots, its people, plants and animals. Visitors to [Lyndon B. Johnson State Park & Historic Site](#) this summer can share the late president’s love of one of Texas’ most enduring icons by viewing eight steer from the Official Texas Longhorn Herd.

Park Superintendent Iris Neffendorf says the new additions to the approximately 700-acre park, which is located between Fredericksburg and Johnson City, came from the 100-plus head kept at San Angelo State Park.

“LBJ didn’t raise longhorns, although he kept a sizable herd of herefords at the LBJ Ranch that sits just across the Pedernales River from the state park,” Neffendorf says. “LBJ helped the park when it opened in many ways and encouraged the inclusion of longhorns, bison and other indigenous wildlife in game pens for visitors to see.”

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has auctioned off LBJ State Park’s few resident longhorns of mixed lineage and replaced them with eight young steers hailing from descendants of the pure longhorn line preserved in the 1940s by Texas oilman Sid Richardson and Texas writer and historian Frank Dobie. Today’s Official Texas Longhorn Herd totals 205 head pastured at Fort Griffin State Historic Site and Copper Breaks, LBJ, Palo Duro and San Angelo state parks.

Plans are in the works at LBJ State Park to develop interpretive programs focused on the Official Texas Longhorn Herd and update longhorn signage/kiosks by the small game pen inside the park. Upcoming [park events](#) include Free Fishing Day on June 7 and celebration of LBJ’s 106th Birthday on Aug. 27.

Click here to read complete News Release > <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/releases/?req=20140603b>

Featured July Events in the Texas Hill Country

Johnson City

July 4th & 5th: 12th Annual July 4th Spangle Dangle Parade & Celebration
Johnson City - Blanco County Fairgrounds

A TWO Day Celebration. Fireworks at dusk BOTH nights. Parade at 10 a.m. on July 5th around the Courthouse - Town Square! Watch for more news!

See <http://www.spangledangle.com/> for further information



Lampasas

The Lampasas, Texas Spring Ho Festival

Monday, July 7th through Sunday July 13th 2014.

A Full Week of Happy Fun, Fun, Fun, Fun!

Having fun and being happy since 1972!

<http://www.springho.com>



Georgetown

Music on the Square Summer Concerts

This summer, enjoy live music on the Courthouse Square each Friday night in the Music on the Square Summer Concert Series. All concerts are free and are from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Fridays in June, July, and August. Pick up dinner at one of the Downtown Restaurants or bring your picnic (no glass please). See the schedule below:

June 27 - Cowboy Nemo playing Country

July 4 – Jo Ellen & A Box of Chocolates playing great Rock favorites from the past

July 11 – Annie & Kate playing Rock and Pop

July 18 - The Second Line Jazz Band

July 25 – Bill Harris playing Neil Diamond Hits

August 1 – Lone Star Swing Band

August 8 – Not Past 11 Jazz Band

August 15 – Escape Band playing Classic Rock

August 22 – Wound Loose Band playing Rock, Country and Electric Blues

August 29 – Franklin's Tower playing Upbeat Bluegrass



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HILL COUNTRY HAPPENINGS....

The Texas Heritage Trails Program met in June for their Statewide Meeting in Round Rock. The day and a half conference covered a variety of topics including Agency and Program Updates, Combined Travel Guide and Product Development Project Updates, Marketing and Regional Website Update along with presentations from TradeMark Media and the Brazos, Tropical, Mountain & Lakes Trail Regions. Regional Updates and Breakout Sessions wrapped up the end of the conference with all ten trail executive directors present and a board representative from each trail participating.

Texas Heritage Trails



The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) award-winning heritage tourism initiative. This economic development initiative encourages communities, heritage regions, and the state to partner and promote Texas' historic and cultural resources. These successful local preservation efforts, combined with statewide marketing of heritage regions as tourism destinations, increase visitation to cultural and historic sites, and bring more dollars to Texas communities. This, in turn, supports the THC's mission to protect and preserve the state's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education economic benefit, and enjoyment of present and future generations. - See more at: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-heritage-trails-sthash.wg5iEJDB.dpuf>

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MEETING....



Texas Hill Country Trail

July Meeting

Thursday, July 17, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

The Old Post Office (restored into a private home)

Joe & Maricela Corcoran's Home

401 E. 2nd St.

Lampasas, TX 76550

512-556-1968

For those of you that would like to meet for lunch prior to the meeting Ron Hall has suggested:

Giovanni's Italian Restaurant
801 S. Key Ave
Lampasas, TX 76550

Arrive at 11:30 a.m.
Dutch Treat
RSVP to hctrail@verizon.net
to ensure we have plenty of seats at the table!



Texas Historical Commission Texas Heritage Trails Program Update

Announcements/ Items for Immediate Action:

Combined Travel Guide:

Texas Monthly Custom Publishing (TMCP) has been awarded the contract for production of the combined travel guide featuring cities and sites from all 10 regions. Work is progressing. Lydia Saldana, the TMTP contracted travel writer, is conducting the initial research and will perform fact-checking on the communities in the ten current travel brochures for inclusion in the new combined guide. Staff is currently reviewing the second design prototype. The RFP for printing the guide is going through the approval process before posting to the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD). The guide is scheduled for completion in late July- August.

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY?

New Braunfels Recipe

TOMATO BASIL SOUP

8 fresh ripe tomatoes, stems removed and quartered	2 cloves fresh garlic
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil	Pinch white pepper
1 can diced red peppers	Pinch red pepper flakes
1 (12 ounce) can tomato sauce	Salt to taste

In a food processor, combine all above ingredients and blend well. Cook over medium heat in a heavy saucepan 20 to 30 minutes.

Garnish: Croutons - baked rounds of French bread brushed with olive oil and sprinkled with more chopped basil. Sprinkle grated Romano cheese on top and serve.



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