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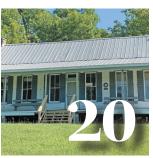
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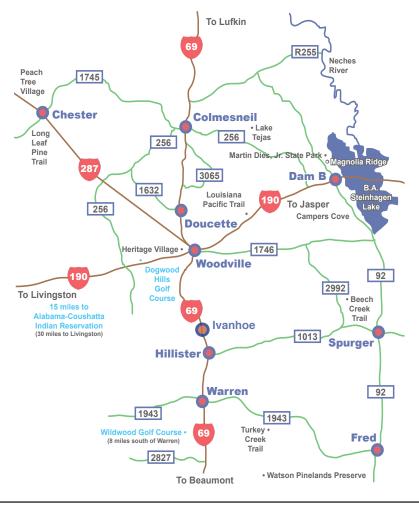


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Tyler County Area Map



This year, we are celebrating the 26th edition of this publication, focusing on tourism. Nature tourism is big in our region, with hiking trails at Heritage Village featured on the cover, Big Thicket trails around the county, birding and other wildlife viewing opportunities around the B.A. Steinhagen Lake and Martin Dies Jr. State Park. In addition to nature tourism, we also have Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Naskila Casino, historic sites, libraries and museums, the famous Lake Tejas, and a multitude of shopping and dining opportunities unique to our area. We welcome you to Discover Tyler County.

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Start your trip here! The visitor center, in the middle of the Big Thicket region, is the best place for information about the preserve. Swing by to grab some maps before you hit the trail or stay awhile and watch our park film. We're here to help you make the most of your Big Thicket trip. **NPS Photo**

TAKEAHIKE

Hiking through the Big Thicket National Preserve

Information and photos courtesy of the National Park Service

The Big Thicket National Preserve protects 113,114 acres of land and water spread over seven counties in southeast Texas. While public roads connect the units of the preserve, few roads lead into it; the best way to explore and experience this area is by foot or by boat. Approximately 40 miles of hiking trails and countless miles of creeks, bayous, and the Neches River wind through the Big Thicket. Most people come to walk, birdwatch, canoe, and kayak.

There are 4 trails in Tyler County, located in 3 units of the preserve.

The visitor center is located about 7 miles north of the city of Kountze at the intersection of US 69/287 and FM 420. Address: 6102 FM 420, Kountze, TX 77625 Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm, 7 days a week (closed Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1) Phone: 409-951-6700

Questions About Camping?

What does backcountry camping mean?

There are no campgrounds in the preserve. You'll need to hike or paddle in with all of your supplies. Camping is allowed in the woods, at least 500 feet from roads, trails, and the park boundary. Paddlers may camp on sandbars along certain waterways. Camping in a vehicle at a trailhead or road-side pullout is prohibited.

Camping Permits

A free permit is required for camping in the preserve. All permits are issued at the visitor center. No reservations needed.

Check-In

Check in for your permit at the visitor center. You'll need to provide the following information about your trip:

- •Where you plan to camp, including the entry/exit trailhead
 - •Dates of your trip
- •Number of people in your group (8-person maximum)

- Method of travel (foot, kayak, canoe, etc.)
- •Vehicle description: color, make, model, license plate
- •Your contact information: name, address, phone number
- •Emergency contact information: name, phone number

Check-Out

To check out, call 409-951-6701 and leave a message that includes the name of the permit holder and the date.

Where to Camp

Camping is available year-round in the Big Thicket, though there are some seasonal closures to certain areas. Most of the preserve is open for camping during the spring and summer months (March 1–September 30). In fall and winter (October 1–February 28), camping is limited to areas that do not allow hunting. Check the park map to see the location of each unit.

TURKEY CREEK UNIT



Stay dry on the wooden boardwalk above the pitcher plant bog. NPS Photo/Scott Sharaga

The Hike

The Pitcher Plant Trail leads hikers to a vast, natural garden of carnivorous pitcher plants and sundews.

The trail is a 1-mile loop with options to hike further north or south on the Turkey Creek Trail. To see the pitcher plants, follow the paved path from the trailhead as it leads to a wooden boardwalk over the pitcher plant bog. Past the boardwalk, the trail becomes a dirt path as it goes through the woods, briefly joins the Turkey Creek Trail, and loops back to the trailhead.

Getting Here

GPS Coordinates: 30.582384, -94.336575

The trailhead is on County Road 4850, about 2 miles south of FM 1943 and 4.5 miles east of Warren.

Accessibility

The beginning of the trail is paved and leads to a wooden boardwalk through the pitcher plant bog. Beyond the boardwalk, the trail is a dirt path, which can get muddy following heavy rain.

More Information

Backcountry camping is allowed along the Turkey Creek Trail year-round with a free permit.

The first quarter-mile of the Pitcher Plant Trail passes through longleaf pines into a large bog of pitcher plants and sundews. The 1-mile trail continues through a mixed woodland, joining the Turkey Creek Trail for a short distance before looping back to the trailhead. This loop trail is marked with green trail blazes

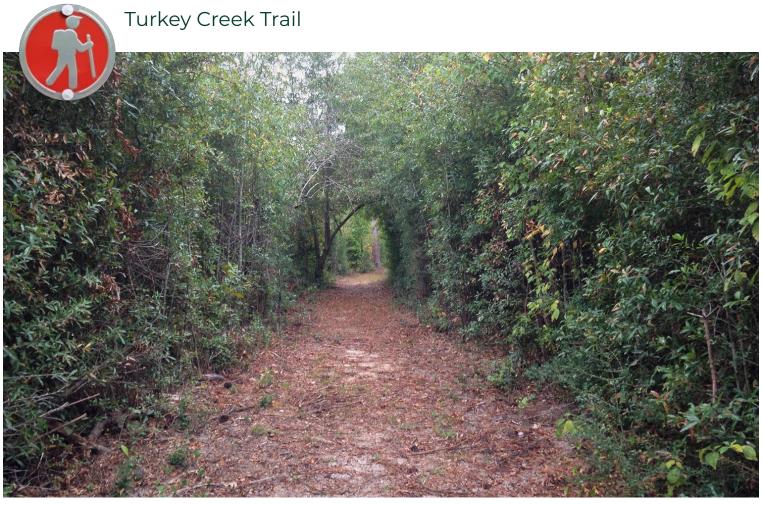
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A pair of pale pitcher plants (Sarracenia alata). Can you see the wasp going down the funnel? **NPS Photo/Scott Sharaga**



TURKEY CREEK UNIT



Find solitude on the Turkey Creek Trail NPS Photo

The Hike

This is the northernmost trailhead for the Turkey Creek Trail. Start here and head south to experience the backcountry of the Turkey Creek Unit.

The entire Turkey Creek Trail is 17 miles long, from FM 1943 to FM 420. Shorter hikes are possible along the route, as the Turkey Creek Trail crosses a few roads and trails along the way.

Getting Here

GPS Coordinates: 30.613469, -94.344245

This trailhead is located 3.5 miles east of Warren on FM 1943. The Turkey Creek Trail can be accessed via these trailheads as well: Pitcher Plant Trail, County Road 4825, Gore Store Road, and Kirby Nature Trail.

Accessibility

The trail surface is hard-packed soil with uneven surfaces, tree roots, and muddy sections.

More Information

Located in the Turkey Creek Unit of Big Thicket National Preserve

Backcountry camping is allowed on the Turkey Creek Trail year-round with a free permit.

Six trailheads provide access to different parts of this 17-mile trail, providing opportunities for hikes of varying distances. The trail roughly parallels Turkey Creek and passes through several plant communities, from hardwood forests to cypress sloughs. Hikers can access this trail on FM 1943, 3.5 miles east of Warren; at the Pitcher Plant Trail, 2 miles south of FM 1943 on County Road 4850; on County Road 4825; along Gore Store Road, 4 miles east of US 69/287; and on FM 420 at the Kirby Nature Trail. This trail is marked with red trail blazes.

Amenities

Benches/Seating, Grill, Parking - Auto, Pets Allowed, Picnic Table, Restroom, Restroom -Accessible, Toilet - Vault/Composting, Trailhead, Trash/Litter Receptacles



Pitcher plant bog

NPS Photo / Mary Kay Manning

HICKORY CREEK SAVANNAH UNIT

Sundew Trail



Follow the Sundew Trail through a forest of pines and ferns NPS Photo/Mark Kay Manning

The Hike

This is one of the best places in the Big Thicket to see birds and wildflowers, as well as the tiny red sundew plants.

Both the inner 0.3-mile loop and the outer 1-mile loop pass through a small bog of pitcher plants. The inner loop continues through a savannah that has abundant summer wildflowers, while the outer loop winds through a pine forest with many longleaf pines.

Picnic Area & Pavillion

The picnic area at the trailhead has a large shaded pavilion with 4 picnic tables and 2 charcoal grills.

Getting Here

GPS Coordinates: 30.548274, -94.409666

The trailhead is located about 4 miles south of Warren and 14 miles north of Kountze. From US 69/287, head west on FM 2827, then turn left (south) onto County Road 1910. Follow the signs to the Sundew Trail parking area.

Accessibility

The wheelchair-accessible inner loop has a mix of pavement and wooden boardwalks. The outer loop is a dirt path and can get muddy after heavy rain.

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Pink sundews. Look closely and you can see tiny insects caught on the sundews' leaves. NPS Photo

BEECH CREEK UNIT

Beech Woods Trail



Ferns create a jungle-like atmosphere on the Beech Woods Trail. NPS Photo/Scott Sharaga

The Hike

The Big Thicket forms the southwestern limit of the range of the American beech tree, which extends from southeast Texas to the northeastern United States and Atlantic Canada. Follow the Beech Woods Trail to see magnificent beech trees, along with magnolia and loblolly pine. The trail is a 1-mile loop with an out-and-back section at the beginning. If you want to hike further, follow the old logging road beyond the loop to explore more of the Beech Creek Unit.

Getting Here

GPS Coordinates: 30.719469, -94.227299

The trailhead is on FM 2992 near Spurger. From Kountze, head north on US 69/287, then east on FM 1013, then north on FM 2992. From Woodville, head east on FM 1746, then south on FM 2992.

Accessibility

The beginning of the trail follows a wide, old dirt road. The trail portion is gener-

ally wide-enough for a wheelchair, but some obstacles exist, such as tree roots and uneven surfaces. The trail is hard-packed soil, covered with leaves.

More Information

Located in the Beech Creek Unit of Big Thicket National PreserveBackcountry camping is allowed in spring and summer with a free permit.

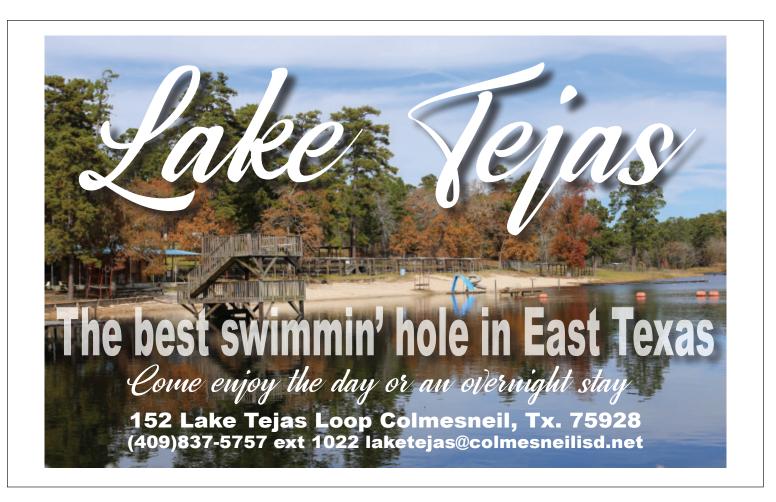
Hikers in the Beech Creek Unit can follow either the Beech Woods Trail, which makes a 1-mile loop, or a former dirt road that extends from the trailhead for 6 miles through the unit. The Beech Woods Trailhead is located on FM 2992, 1.5 miles north of FM 1013. NOTE: Hunting is allowed in the Beech Creek Unit during the fall/winter season. The trail is not in the hunting area. Hikers who explore beyond the trail during hunting season are encouraged to wear Hunter Orange.

Amenities

Benches/Seating, Grill, Parking - Auto, Pets Allowed, Picnic Table, Restroom, Restroom -Accessible, Toilet - Vault/Composting, Trailhead, Trash/Litter Receptacles



Forest of American beech trees *NPS Photo / J. Barker*









World Famous Pickett House, the jewel of Heritage Village. Photos by Mollie LaSalle

The Pickett House: Chicken and Dumplins Every Day

"If you go away hungry, it's your fault."

By Mollie LaSalle

he Pickett House restaurant has something of a reputation; this old school house nestled in the east Texas piney woods has been serving old-fashioned, down-home meals boarding house style since the 1960's.

This unassuming old building is known for its simple fare of fried chicken and various tasty side dishes. On any given day, you can get your fill of their world-famous fried chicken, and if you leave still hungry, you've got no one to blame but yourself.

The Pickett House story begins in 1908 when some Polk Countians donated two and one - half acres of land near the old Midway church. A two-room schoolhouse was built on the land, and named "Midway School". The work was done by the W.T. Carter sawmill in Camden. The Midway Way school ceased to operate in 1945, when the students were transferred to the Big Sandy School District. At that point in time, Charles Dickens purchased the building, and moved it to Highway 190, where he operated it as the County Line Grocery Store for several years.

Eventually, Clyde Gray, the owner of Heritage Gardens

in Woodville, bought the building, and through some cloak and dagger operations, the old Midway school building found its final home at Heritage Gardens. The Pickett House formally opened in 1965 in the spot it is in to this day; it is the drawing card to visitors of the now re-named Heritage Village and Museum.

The menu at the Pickett House has pretty much remained the same since they opened: All you can eat fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, greens, green beans, biscuits, cornbread muffins, and all the fixings. You pretty much help yourself to your choice of drink, including sweet or unsweet tea, lemonade, water, buttermilk, and coffee. canned drinks are also available for purchase. The food is brought to your table, and you eat what you want, and seconds, (or thirds) are brought out when you need a refill. In house peach cobbler with vanilla ice cream, (if you want it) is offered to finish off your meal, and if you left room for it, it is a treat.

There is a sign and it is their "Eatin' Rules" which says: 1. Fix your own drink at the drink bar. 2. We will show you where to sit. 3. The cooks will bring the food. 4. Eat all you want-what you can't eat leave on the table-we got hogs to feed. 5. Take your plate & tools to the kitchen, boarding house style. 6. The cook's pot goes to the cooks.



The first thing you will notice inside the Pickett House is the extensive collection of vintage circus posters adorning the walls. There are two most frequently asked questions from visitors, one being about the posters. Clyde Gray's good friend Bubba Voss was a circus expediter with over 22 years experience traveling the United States playing trumpet in circus bands. Voss began donating the circus posters during the early days of the Pickett House's existence, some dating as far back as 1914, and no, they are NOT for sale. The other question most frequently asked is where did the name originate from for the restaurant. C.A. Pickett was a good friend of Clyde Gray's who was instrumental in helping Gray secure loans through the Small Business Administration. Pickett was a mayor in Houston in the early 1940's.

The Pickett House has become somewhat of a celebrity lately. For the folks who are not lucky enough to live in Tyler County, there have been countless stories written about the restaurant. The popular national syndicated weekly show, "The Texas Bucket List" visited the Pickett House in July, and host Shane McAuliffe and crew greatly enjoyed the food, along with the ambiance of the village.

The Pickett House recently began hosting "Pickin' at the Pickett House", earlier this year, on the last Friday of every month, which has showcased various musical acts from around east Texas. The inaugural show took place Memorial Day weekend 2024, and featured up and coming entertainer Tyler Dozier of Spurger. In October, Yasha Hubert, a classically trained violinist from Chester, entertained diners, and November's performer was Brian Winfield from Nacogdoches.

New manager Troy Miles, elaborated on some of the plans he has for the restaurant going forward into the new year, "We plan on trying to get some better marketing for the restaurant, going into different cities like Lufkin, Livingston, Jasper, and even Beaumont, putting out flyers, maybe even billboards, hopefully bring in more people just out of curiosity, to check out the place". He added, "revamping the building....kind of not necessarily a face-lift, but make it close to its original appearance, make it brighter, more appealing, have it shine like the jewel of Tyler County, as it should be".

The Pickett House is located inside Heritage Village at 157 Private Road 6000, Woodville, Texas. Hours of operation are: Sunday, 11 a.m-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday & Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The Pickett House is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and Easter. ■



From the collection of Clyde Gray's good friend Bubba Voss. Posters date back to the early 1910's.



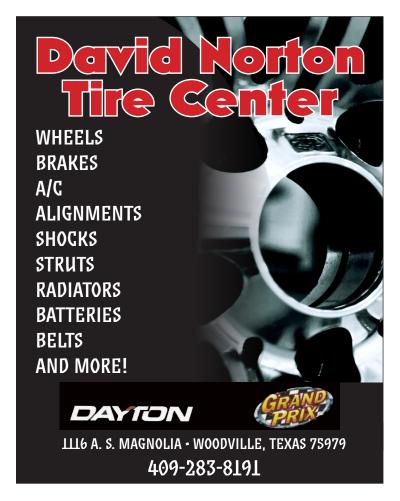


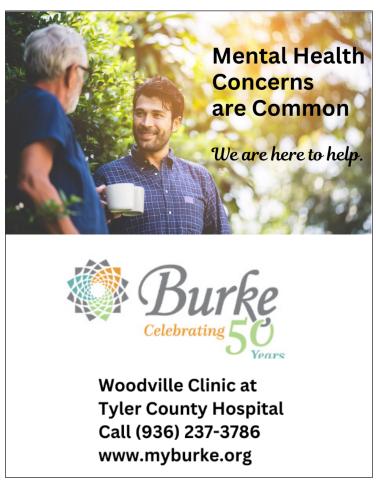
















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DAY TRIP

ALLAN SHIVERS LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Step into the life, career, and accomplishments of Governor Allan Shivers to preserve, educate, and share his role in contributing to the history of Texas.

Self-guided tours are offered Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Admission is free for individuals and groups of less than 10. Please call ahead for groups of 5 or more. Admission is \$2 for docent-led tours for groups of 10 or more. There is no fee for school groups.

Adjoining the museum is a completely equipped library for reading, study, and research.

The Allan Shivers Library & Museum is located at 302 N. Charlton, Woodville, TX 75979. The phone number is 409-283-3709.

For more information visit allanshiverslibrary.com.











Naskila Casino:

AC Tribe's recipe for Ivinning

By Chris Edwards

illing itself "The Luckiest Spot in Texas," Naskila Casino, which is located on Alabama-Coushatta tribal land, between Woodville and Livingston, off of US Highway 190, is flourishing.

It provides visitors with a chance to win big without leaving Texas, and in 2024, the tribe announced plans to expand that vision further, with the construction of a new casino and resort. Final details are yet to be finalized on that front, but the tribe did confirm that the new venue will offer a variety of amenities, including, but certainly not limited to, hotel accommodations, new dining and entertainment options and a state-of-the-art casino gaming floor.

The tribe has fought an uphill battle to operate Naskila on its land. Most forms of gambling are prohibited in Texas, but the Kickapoo Tribe was permitted, under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, to operate a casino, and while the law allows federally recognized native American tribes to offer gambling on their reservation lands, both the Alabama-Coushattas and the Tigua tribes faced opposition with their efforts to offer gambling.

An attempt to open a casino on Alabama-Coushatta land in the early 2000s sputtered, and the tribe was only able to reopen Naskila in 2016. Since then the operation has greatly expanded, and in June 2022,

the United States Supreme Court sided with the tribes to affirm their right to offer gambling, regardless of state laws. Twenty-twenty-five could see a renewed legislative push to offer sports betting, statewide, in Texas.

A poll conducted in 2023 by the University of Texas showed that a majority – 75% – of participants favored gambling expansion in the state.

Tribal Council chairman Ricky Sylestine said the new casino will "not only provide significant economic benefits for those living and working in the region, but will also become a vibrant destination for visitors."

Naskila, which with its current venue, offers dining options and live music, along with the many opportunities to win cash prizes, as well as vehicles, boats and other great offerings during different promotional events, encourages visitors to "come enjoy a whole world of winning."

Naskila – which is tribal tongue for "dogwood," offers more than 800 games, with titles such as "Dublin Your Luck" and "Crystal Star" to celebrity-themed games like Willie Nelson's "Shotgun Willie," and even a game based on the cult classic film "Little Shop of Horrors."

Within its 30,000-square foot building, Naskila employs more than 400 team members, many of them tribal members, as well as many Tyler County residents.

Naskila Casino is located at 540 State Park Road 56 near Livingston. The phone number is 936-563-2WIN





The historic Peter Cauble House as it appears today. Photos by Chris Edwards

Ties to Texas history in Peach Tree Village

By Chris Edwards

he oldest house in Tyler County and a striking, beautiful brick chapel are basically all that remain of Peach Tree Village, which sits two miles north of Chester, off Farm Road 2019. According to historian Henry Chenoweth, Peach Tree Village is classified as a ghost town, yet it is more of a memorial from a son to his parents.

The son in question was born in 1860 as John Henry Kirby. As a lawyer, Kirby earned a reputation for representing lumber companies and took his fortune to invest in his homeland. He built a railroad and founded the Kirby Lumber Company. Kirby later served in the Texas Legislature for two terms. He also established the Kirby Petroleum Company, and with his many ventures, became known as "The Prince of the Pines," in the eyes of his peers. That moniker would also serve as the title of a biography, written by Mary Lasswell Smith.

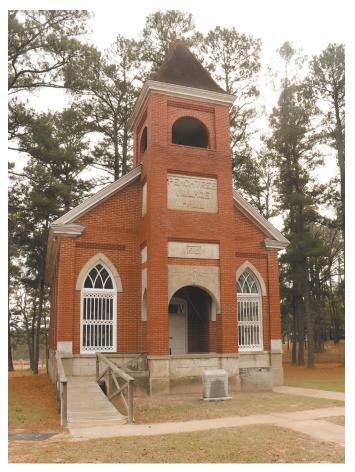
As accomplished in the eyes of the world as Kirby became, he never got beyond his raising. He preferred the quiet, rural atmosphere of Peach Tree Village and built his parents a home there, and in 1912, three years after his father died, he erected the red brick chapel in

honor of his parents.

While Kirby, whose list of titles stretches longer than most modern "Renaissance men" was the most famous export of Peach Tree Village, the area located near the Neches River, factors into the rich tapestry of our state's history in surprising ways outside of its favorite son.

The village was founded by the Alabama Indians in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The name Peach Tree Village was given to the area by white settlers. Prior to that, it was known as Indian Village, and the white settlers in the region knew of the peaceful Alabama Indians and their trading post there. According to historian Bob Bowman, the Alabamas' claim to the land that comprised Peach Tree Village was contested for the first time in 1834 by Col. Peter Ellis Bean, an American who served in the Mexican Army. Bean, who was stationed at Nacogdoches, applied for and received a grant of 11 leagues of land from the Mexican government.

Bowman writes that the natives who occupied the village were on good terms with the white settlers in the area, who included Peter Cauble and Valentine Ignatius Burch. Cauble, who settled at Peach Tree Village around 1831, was Burch's father-in-law. The latter man



The striking chapel at Peach Tree Village.



The cornerstone of the Peach Tree Village chapel, which bears a dedication to John Henry Kirby's parents.

settled there about 1845 after marrying Cauble's youngest daughter.

Cauble, who was a first-generation American born to German immigrants, was a schoolteacher by trade. In Peach Tree Village, he became so well-known as a teacher that the residents bestowed the title of "Professor" upon him. He and his wife Mary Rotan moved to Peach Tree Village when Mexico offered plentiful parcels of land to homesteaders. The house Cauble built around 1835 still remains.

The dogtrot house's porch faced the Jordan Ferry Road, otherwise known as the Old Beef Trail, and was once used to hail to travelers news of San Jacinto still standing, according to historian Col. Eddie Boxx. The house served as a major milestone, as the road sometimes known as the Old Beef Trail passed through Peach Tree Village along the timbered ridge into Polk County and on into the Brazos Valley.

The house is the oldest known structure still in use in Tyler County, and in 1846 was recognized via legislative action as a locator for pinpointing the common

boundary line between Tyler and Polk counties, which is two miles west of the home. It is now owned by the Tyler County Heritage Society, which has taken care of it since 1990.

When Sam Houston began to build his army of Texians to fight for independence from Mexico, Cauble, then 50 years of age, joined up, as did his son-in-law. When the war ended, Cauble, whom Boxx has written about as an "irascible and a larger-than-life figure," returned to Peach Tree Village, where he and his family lived until his death. He served in many roles, including Road Commissioner and Justice



John Henry Kirby, the "Prince of the Pines" (Photo used by Creative Commons license)

of the County Court, after returning. Burch, who fought at the Battle of San Jacinto, also became a leader in the community, and a key figure in the development of Peach Tree Village.

Burch and his wife Helen often hosted travelling Catholic missionaries, and the village thrived during the years of the Republic of Texas. It boasted a store, a cotton gin, saloon, grist mill, church, school and a post office. The Alabamas, who remained neutral during the Texas Revolution, gradually left Peach Tree Village and moved five miles southeast to the Fenced-in Village, an area of land granted to the tribe by the Republic of Texas.

The construction of the Trinity and Sabine Railway in 1883 and establishment of the city of Chester caused a decline in Peach Tree Village, as the post office, school and commercial businesses were moved to Chester. The chapel Kirby built in 1912 still stands, and it, along with two acres of land surrounding it, are under the trusteeship of the Tyler County Commissioners Court. Along with the chapel, a donation of 22.4 acres of land was developed into Camp Ta-Ku-La, a non-denominational campsite

that is available to churches and groups for activities, retreats and youth camps. According to the site's history, the word "Ta-Ku-La" is an Alabama Indian word meaning "peach tree."

Even though little remains of the once prosperous frontier town, its history is still accessible to anyone who finds their way there. The story of Peach Tree Village, as written by Kirby, is still on display on a sign in the center of the village and the art inside the chapel, which Kirby hired a Russian artist to render, uses images to tell the story of the area and its part in the formation of the state of Texas.

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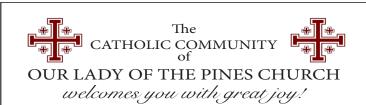
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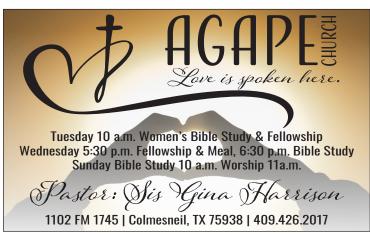


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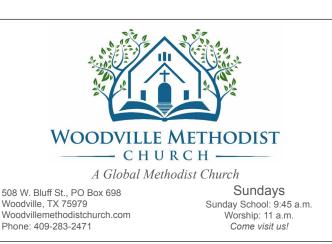


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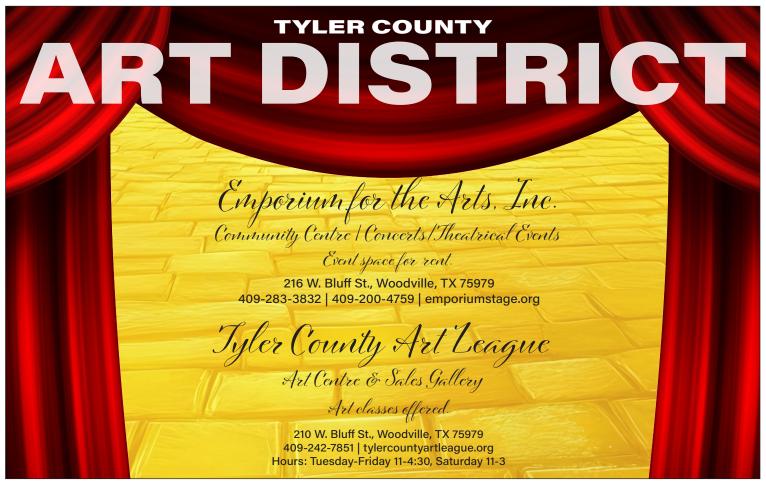






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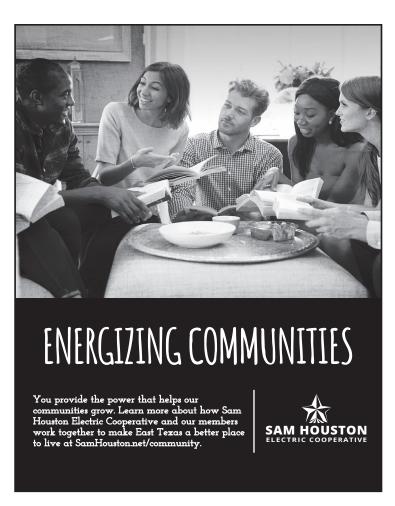
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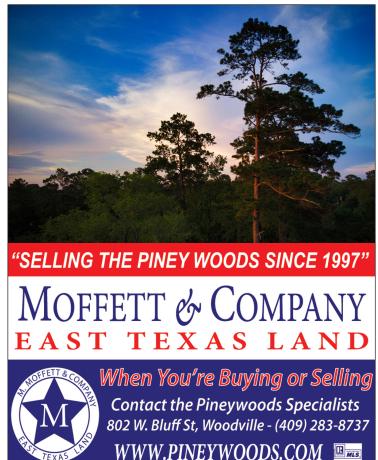
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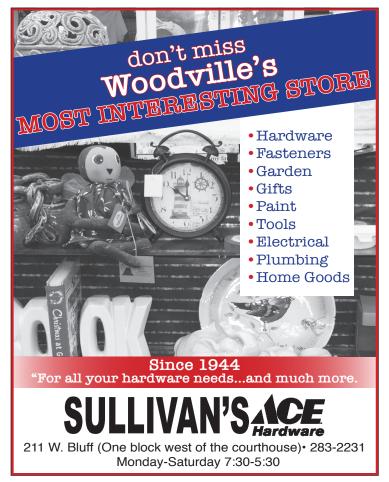
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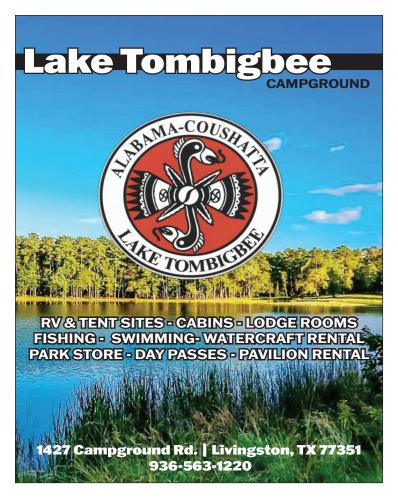














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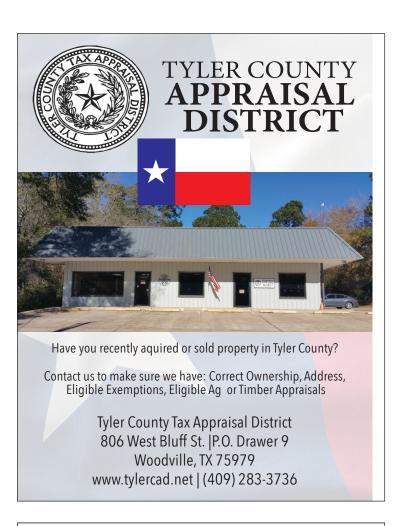
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