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This convenient guide provides information to help new and returning residents settle into their homes, enroll in schools and colleges, get involved in the local communities, and enjoy the area's wide variety of activities and attractions.

It includes information on registering vehicles, hooking up utilities, searching for a job, understanding the workings of local governments and receiving assistance from the many service organizations in the area.

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Upon moving to Texas, individuals can legally drive with a valid, unexpired license from another state or country for up to 90 days. Within that time, individuals must apply in person at any driver's license office for a Texas license.

To apply, residents must prove their residence is in Texas and they have lived here for at least 30 days.

Residents must get their vehicles inspected prior to registering or renewing their vehicle registration.

There are a number of forms that can be used to prove residency:

- Current deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet or a residential rental/lease agreement.
- Current homeowner's or renter's insurance policy or homeowner's or renter's insurance statement.
- Valid, unexpired Texas voter registration card.
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### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Texas residents must register their vehicles in the state within 30 days of

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# Killeen preserves rich history as it continues to grow

Killeen is a growing metropolitan city with a rich history, and has adapted its diversity and splash of southern hospitality in its support of one of the largest military posts in the world.

The city was established in 1882 with the arrival of the first Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad train, and incorporated in 1983, primarily as a shipping center for agricultural and textile materials and products. Its namesake is Frank P. Killeen, a senior railroad official and native of Ireland.

The rural community began with a few hundred people, and gradually expanded until it boomed during the war era of the 1940s. Camp Hood, later designated Fort Hood, was set up in 1942 as a development and training center to fight German tanks. Killeen grew with the influx of soldiers and families, and became a melting pot of cultures, food, ideas, languages and people.

About 140,000 people live in the city, a 10.1 percent increase from 2010, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The city sprawls over more than 55 square miles.

Downtown Killeen is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Infrastructure and amenities continue to expand to keep up with demand.

In addition to essential city services, a variety of quality-of-life amenities are offered, including hiking and biking trails, public libraries, a recreation and fitness center, a disc golf course, swimming pools, skate parks, and an 18-hole golf course.

Killeen has two airports: Skylark Field, which serves smaller private airplanes and offers fuel and hangar services, and Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport, connecting residents and visitors to the world with service through American Airlines, Delta, and United Airlines to hubs in Atlanta, Houston and Dallas.

Texas A&M University-Central Texas was granted stand-alone status in 2011, culminating more than a decade of work to bring an upper-level university to the city. The two-year school offers upper-division classes and acts as a supplement to Central Texas College, a two-year college, where many Central Texans begin their journey.



About 140,000 people call Killeen home.

## Council, mayor work with city staff

Killeen uses the council-manager form of government, established in its City Charter in 1949.

Under its weak-mayor form of government, the City Council and city manager provide services to the city.

Although Mayor Jose L. Segarra is the chief elected officer, his administrative power is limited. He presides over the seven council members, who set policy.

The city manager is the chief administrative officer, and is responsible for leadership throughout the city organization.

Four council members represent Killeen's districts: Councilwoman Shirley Fleming represents District 1, Councilwoman Debbie Nash-King represents District 2, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kilpatrick represents District 3 and Councilman Steve Harris represents District 4.

The three at-large council members — Councilmen Gregory Johnson, Jonathan Okay, and Juan Rivera — represent the city as a whole. Residents of each district choose representatives, but at-large members are elected by the entire city.

Council terms are two years and service is limited to three consecutive terms.

Elections are held in May during even-numbered years for mayor and at-large council members. Elections for the four district council members are held in May during odd-numbered years.

City Hall is at 101 N. College St., and can be reached at 254-501-7600.

Go to [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov) for a schedule of upcoming council meetings, agendas and minutes, along with more information on the city government.

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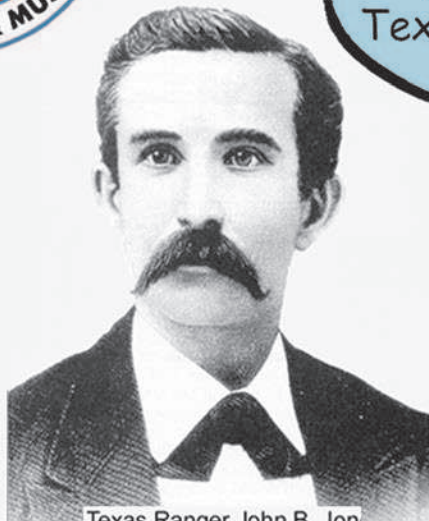
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Go to [KilleenTexas.gov](http://KilleenTexas.gov) to see a full list of ordinances.

Code enforcement can be reached at 254-501-7608.

Animal control, curfew, false alarm, noise disturbance, property maintenance, and waste are among the most commonly violated ordinances.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

Animals must be restrained to an enclosure, such as a house, fence or cage and must be on a leash when in public.

Pens must be ventilated and large enough for pets to stand with legs fully extended and allow the pet access to clean food and water.

Owners of unattended dogs must post signs by each gate entrance warning visitors of a dog.

To sell, trade or give away any live animal on any roadside, public right of way, commercial or private parking lot within the city limits is unlawful.

All cats and dogs more than 4 months of age living within the city limits are required to be spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated against rabies as prescribed by a veterinarian.

## CURFEW

Minors are not permitted in public places without a parent or guardian escort between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning, and Saturday and Sunday from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. When school is not in session between June 1 and Aug. 15, minors are prohibited from being in public places between 12:01 a.m. and 6 a.m. daily.

## FALSE ALARMS

Permits are required for all fire alarm systems. The fire department responds to all fire alarms, but property owners can be fined if the department responds to an excessive number of false alarms. False alarms of security alarm systems may result in a service charge to the user upon the fourth false alarm in a calendar year.



Cats and dogs more than 4 months of age living within the city limits are required to be spayed or neutered, microchipped and vaccinated.

## HOME BUSINESSES

Residents can operate a business from home, but there are certain restrictions. Signs or advertising for the business cannot be posted on the property and sales of goods cannot take place. Employees are limited to those in the owner's immediate family and the business cannot emit noise or other disruptions.

## NOISE

The minimum fine for first-time offenders is \$100, and \$250 for a second violation. The ordinance applies to especially loud animals, parties, car stereos and any noise that affects the comfort and quality of life.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass and weeds must not grow more than 12 inches on a parcel of land that is smaller than two acres. Parking on lawns or other unpaved spaces is prohibited. Vehicles that weigh more than one ton may be parked in residential driveways, but cannot block sidewalks or be parked on the street.

A vehicle that does not display a valid license plate or inspection certification is considered a "junked" car by the state, and cannot be stored on residential property if visible from a public place or right of way.

Open storage of building materials, rubbish, tires, appliances or abandoned vehicles is prohibited. Property owners should not allow standing, stagnant water to accumulate in holes, containers or pools.

## PAYDAY LENDING

Credit access businesses, better known as payday and car title lenders, are required to register with the city of Killeen and conspicuously display a certificate of registration.

They must also prominently display a sign regarding the Military Lending Act. A payday advance may not be made for an amount more than 20 percent of the borrower's gross monthly income, and a car title loan may not exceed the lesser of 3 percent of the borrower's gross annual income or 70 percent of the retail value of the vehicle.

When credit extension is repaid in installments, the lender may not refinance or renew the loan. When repayment is made in a single lump sum, repayment cannot be refinanced or renewed more than three times.

The lender is also required to use at least 25 percent of each installment toward the loan principal.

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Dumping of any litter or junk, including tires, construction materials, and furniture, on public or private property is illegal.

Killeen residents may dispose of up to 300 pounds of excess trash at no cost once per month at the Killeen Transfer Station at 12200 State Highway 195. Dumping of any liquid or solid waste such as pool water or lawn clippings or other non-stormwater contaminant into a waterway, stormwater drain, gutter or other inlet is against city ordinance.

To protect the sewer system, residents and businesses may not dispose of fats, oils and greases through drains.

Common examples of foods containing fats are cooking oil, butter, fried foods and salad dressings, which should be wiped with a paper towel and thrown away or poured into a sealable container and thrown away or taken to the Killeen Recycle Center at 111 E. Avenue F.

## GARAGE SALES

Permits are required for garage sales in Killeen. A permit can be obtained at Building Inspections, 100 E. Avenue C, for a fee of \$5.

## Here's how to set up a Killeen utilities account

The city's Utility Collections Division, 210 W. Avenue C., manages billing for water, sewer and trash.

New accounts can be set up during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Visit by noon for same-day service; after-hours services are available for an additional fee.

A \$25 account fee and \$90 deposit are required to set up water, sewer and solid waste services, but there is a good credit waiver of deposit for account holders who previously have had 12 months of service with no late payments.

A lease or deed to a property is required to begin services, as well as photo ID for each person listed on the account, and proof of Social Security number.

The transfer of service from one Killeen address to another must be done in person or via email to [utilitybilling@killeentexas.gov](mailto:utilitybilling@killeentexas.gov). Service

can be on at both addresses for up to seven days during the transfer; and more time requires a second deposit. Deposits for commercial accounts are based on meter size.

Applications are available at [KilleenTexas.gov/utilitycollections](http://KilleenTexas.gov/utilitycollections) or at the Utility Collections office.

Payments can be made in person via drop box or drive-thru lane. To pay by phone, call 254-220-4183. Payments are accepted online, and by mail or bank draft. A \$2 fee is applied to credit card transactions.

Go to [KilleenTexas.gov/utilitycollections](http://KilleenTexas.gov/utilitycollections) for more information or call 254-501-7800.

Call 254-501-6500 or 254-501-6319 to report water leaks or sewer blockage/overflow.

Trash service is often set up at the same time as water and sewer; its customer service can be reached at 254-501-7785. More information about garbage rates, yard waste, container sizes, prohibited items, and special collection can be found on the city's website.

## Two library branches serve Killeen residents

The Killeen City Library System is an educational and cultural asset.

The main library at 205 E. Church Ave. in downtown Killeen, and the Copper Mountain Branch Library at 3000 S. W.S. Young Drive, offer two locations for residents with a dynamic book collection, electronic resources and seasonal children's activities.

Downloadable audiobooks, e-books, and research databases can be found in the Virtual Branch Library at [killeentexas.gov/libraries](http://killeentexas.gov/libraries).

The libraries have a selection of about 140,000 books, 10,000 DVDs, 2,500 audiobooks on CD and 14,500 e-books and audiobooks for residents with library cards.

Borrower cards for residents of Bell, Coryell, Lampasas and Williamson counties are free at either library with valid state or federally issued photo ID and proof of residency. Children between 5 and 17 years old can be issued library cards on a parent or legal guard-

ian's account.

Access to the Texas A&M University-Central Texas library is available to Killeen library card holders who are not students through the Warrior-Connect program. For research purposes, the library's database can be accessed in person and online.

The libraries offer weekly story times for children year-round, and have active summer reading clubs in June and July. Specialty programs and events throughout the year also are available.

The Main Library is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Copper Mountain Branch Library is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Both locations are closed Sunday and legal holidays.

Go to [KilleenTexas.gov/libraries](http://KilleenTexas.gov/libraries) for more information or call 254-501-8990.



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# Killeen police, firefighters serve and protect the community

The Killeen Police Department is one of only 4 percent of police agencies in the nation that holds accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

The department's efforts to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for residents are accomplished through an array of programs and services performed by 242 officers and other personnel. The police department serves residents from two locations: its 80,000-square-foot Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design headquarters building at 3304 Community Blvd. and from the historical downtown North Precinct at 402 N. Second St.

The department offers a variety of programs to the community such as the Citizens Police Academy, National Night Out, Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood Watch, Kid Watch, Business Watch, KPD Explorers, community forums and Soda Pop with a Cop.

The Killeen Police Department recognizes that Killeen's greatest strength is its diversity, and the department works closely with prominent local chapters of organizations like the NAACP, League of United Latin American Citizens, Korean-American Association, and the Multi-Ethnic Cultural Association. These partnerships allow the department to better align its manifold services to the needs and expectations of the community.

The Killeen Police Department's main phone number is 254-501-8800. If an emergency exists, please call 911.

Charles Kimble became the chief of police on Sept. 1, after the department



Killeen firefighters discuss an air conditioning unit fire in November at Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers on Clear Creek Road in Killeen. The small fire did not damage the restaurant.

went nearly a year without a permanent police chief. Before him, now-assistant chief Margaret Young became the first-ever woman to be police chief when she took over in the interim role. For more information, go to [www.killeenpd.com](http://www.killeenpd.com). In addition to police services, the department oversees Killeen Animal Services located at 3118 Commerce Drive. The shelter offers pet vaccinations and adoptions. Call 254-526-4455.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Killeen Fire Department provides residents with fire, emergency medical, rescue, hazardous materials, and Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting services.

The department is staffed with 229 Texas Commission on Fire Protection and Texas Department of State Health Services certified/licensed firefighters/EMS personnel and six civilian person-

nel. It operates two battalions out of seven strategically located fire stations in Killeen.

When Fire Station No. 9, located on Bunny Trail, south of Stan Schlueter Loop at John Helen Drive, went online in January 2016, the Killeen Fire Department was be operating out of eight stations. The fire stations are strategically placed to provide quick response and maximum coverage to Killeen residents.

KFD is managed by a command staff that includes the fire chief, three deputy chiefs, a fire marshal, six battalion chiefs, 36 captains to include fire prevention officers. The fire department operates a full-time Fire Academy and EMS staffed by captain and five full-time instructors governed by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

The Fire Academy assists the department in expanding its candidate pool to more adequately provide employment opportunities to a more diverse population, attempting to mirror the city's diverse population.

The department also works with the Killeen Independent School District's career and technical education program to provide a full-service fire and EMT academy to high school students.

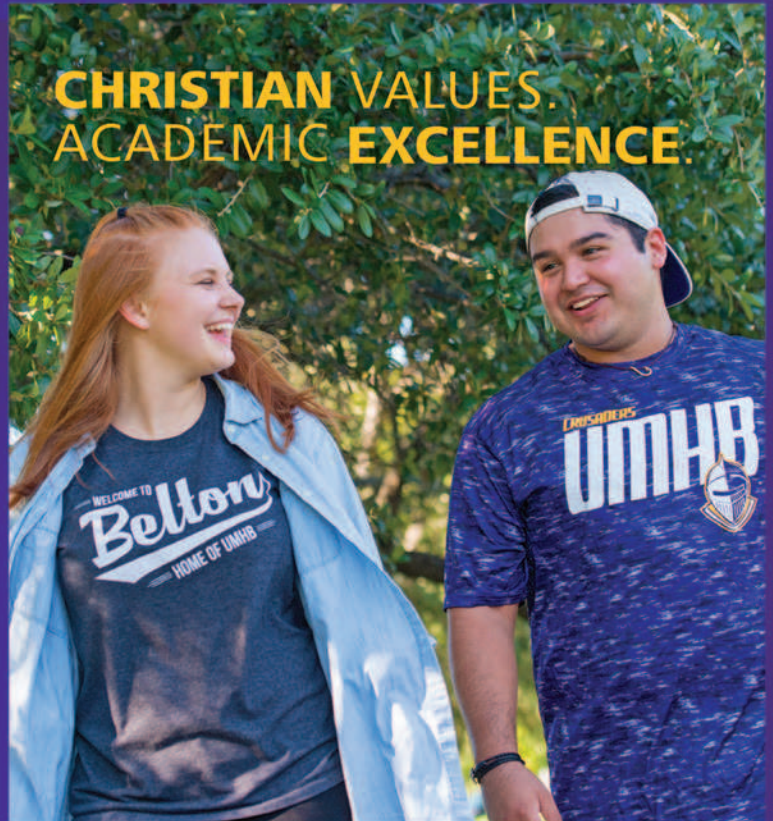
The fire marshal and four fire prevention officers/investigators provide fire and life safety code inspections, fire and arson investigations and public fire education. For more information, go to [www.killeenfire.com](http://www.killeenfire.com).



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# Harker Heights shows housing, commercial growth

Harker Heights has witnessed tremendous growth and economic development since its incorporation in 1960.

Located on Interstate 14 just 10 miles west of Interstate 35, and abutting Stillhouse Hollow Lake, the city is 15.65 square miles in size.

The city's population is estimated at 30,000, but officials expect it to grow to between 45,000 and 50,000 people.

"Harker Heights has that unique sense of place that continues to attract new residents and businesses," City Manager David Mitchell said.

Harker Heights continues to expand commercially. In the past year, the city has welcomed businesses such as McDonald's, Express ER, Great Clips, and a commercial office center. Several other businesses are in the planning phases and are expected to break ground soon within the city.

Contract bidding will open in December 2017 for a proposed construction project that will widen Interstate 14/U.S. Highway 190 from four to six lanes by adding the third lane of through traffic in each direction in the existing median.

The project will extend from one mile west of Farm-to-Market 2410 (Knights Way) to FM 2410 (Sammons Road) or approximately 8.58 miles.

Construction funding is not currently available for the entire length of the project, however a construction project that will extend from one mile west of FM 2410 to FM 3423 (Indian Trail) could begin in early 2018.

Housing developments continue to have strong demand in Harker Heights. Residential permits (single-family and duplex) year-to-date in 2017 total 138 and a total of 162 were issued in 2016.

Stillhouse Flats, a 96-unit, multifamily development, also began to open some of its units in early 2017 with expected opening of the entire complex to continue throughout the year.

Some of the public services that the city provides include parks and recreation, library, planning and development, pet adoption center, fire and EMS, police and public works.

The city's parks system contains something for everyone, from disc golf, running, walking, exercise stations,



Teens jump into Carl Levin Park's pool in Harker Heights.

## Heights elects mayor, five council members

The council/manager form of government in Harker Heights functions with five elected council members and an elected mayor.

The city manager is a full-time employee who carries on the day-to-day operations of the city.

Serving as council members are: Hal Schiffman, mayor pro tem; Steve Carpenter, Place 2; Jackeline Soriano Fountain, Place 3; John Reider, Place 4; and Jody Nicholas, Place 5.

The mayor of Harker Heights is Spencer H. Smith.

The mayor and council serve three-year terms and are eligible to run for two consecutive terms.

Smith is serving a first term that expires in May 2020. Schiffman is serving a second term that expires in May 2019. Carpenter is serving a first term that expires in May 2018. Fountain is serving a first term that expires in May 2019. Reider is serving a first term that expires in May 2020. Nicholas is serving a first term that expires in May 2018.

David Mitchell has been the city manager since January 2014.

Mitchell's responsibilities are to execute the city laws, prepare the budget, and administer the day-to-day governing of the city under the leadership of the council. The staff of the city is under Mitchell's direction, aided by Patty Brunson, assistant city manager.

The council meets at City Hall in the Kitty Young Council Chambers at 305 Miller's Crossing.

According to Ayesha Lealiiee, assistant finance director, the recently approved budget by the council, maintains the current tax rate of 67.7 cents per \$100 valuation for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The tax rate will provide the general fund with \$9,173,000 in revenues and the debt service with \$2,577,500. The new budget does call for a 3 percent increase in water and wastewater rates but no increase in drainage or sanitation rates.

Regular council meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The council also holds workshop meetings at 3 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, kids play areas and even a dog park. A list of park facilities can be found on the Parks Department's page on the city's website.

The city also provides traditional sports leagues and non-traditional programs such as the "Go Heights" program, which teaches such things as

camp fire building or wild land survival.

One of the programs that is at the heart of what makes the city such a special place is the Super Hero program. It provides sporting activities and events for special-needs children.

For more about Harker Heights, go to [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us/).



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# Heights library offers opportunities for lifelong learning

The Stewart C. Meyer Harker Heights Public Library, at 400 Indian Trail, is a dynamic resource for encouraging lifelong learning and reading enjoyment.

The library has something for everyone — from storytimes for children to book clubs for adults, volunteer groups for teens, and a variety of electronic resources for all.

“We offer individuals and families occasions for growth by visiting the Library facility and encouraging the use of our numerous resources online,” Library Director Lisa Youngblood said. “We are meeting the educational, informational, and recreational needs of our patrons through a variety of collections, services and programs for all ages.”

There are separate spaces for children, teens, and adults, a computer lab, study rooms and a drive-thru window to pick up books.

“If people call ahead, we can get their items ready and have them at the drive-thru window,” Youngblood said.

More than 50,000 materials fill the library’s teen, adult and children section.



Gavin Mcquilliams, 4, gets his face painted for Batman Day at the Harker Heights library.

Those include books, DVDs and audio books, magazines, newspapers, electronic databases, downloadable audio books, e-books and journals.

Thousands of people visited the library last year. Many experienced an array of quality programming, such as traveling performers, Full STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts,

and Mathematics), the Kids’s Festival and Summer Reading Club.

“We are particularly proud of our Virtual Library that offers resources to clients that are convenient to them,” Youngblood said.

Find the virtual library at: [www.ci.harkerheights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harkerheights.tx.us). Included are booklists, a research database, encyclopedias, job search and training information.

Staff members assisting Youngblood operate the library on a day-to-day basis include: Sandy Nelson and Kelly Williams, reference librarians; Amanda Hairston, children’s librarian; Betty Schubert, circulation manager; and Rose Ramon, library clerk.

Part-time clerks are Tyran McCall, Amy Nutrall, Kendall Barber, Destinee Barton and Eduardo Pelliccia. Sara Chon and Kiara Richie serve as part-time pages.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is closed Sundays. For more information, call 254-952-5491.

## Harker Heights provides water, garbage recycling services

Harker Heights provides for a full array of utility services: solid waste collection, drainage, wastewater and water.

Establishing water service costs \$55 for a residential meter deposit and \$200 for a commercial meter deposit.

To establish service, residents must present a driver’s license or other government-issued picture ID and a lease agreement along with a completed application for service.

Sewer and trash services are set up at the same time as water service for residential customers. The city provides a variety of ways to pay your utility bills including walk in, through mail, online, over the phone, at First National Bank Texas locations in the Harker Heights H-E-B, Harker Heights Wal-Mart and Market Heights, drop box and at the kiosk at City Hall.

The city contracts with Centex Waste

Management for garbage collection. Residents have trash pickup twice a week and pay \$18.33 per month for the service. Brush must be cut and bundled in lengths not more than four feet in length and weigh no more than 50 pounds each. Up to five bundles of brush will be picked up per collection day. A list of all non-pickup holidays can be found on the city’s website under the Public Works Department.

Commercial customers must call Centex Waste Management to set up services at 800-800-5804.

Centex Waste Management handles the billing and payment collection for commercial trash pickup and adds a fuel surcharge to the monthly invoice for commercial services.

The city provides a free brush, bulk item and recycling collection point at the solid-waste drop-off center at 1761 Knight’s Way.

The recycling service is provided through a partnership with Fort Hood. Only the following recyclable materials are accepted: plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard (all boxes must be broken down), scrap metal and tires with and without rims.

All recyclables can be combined except for cardboard, which has a separate bin at the collection site. The center will not accept motor oil.

Residents must present a current water bill and a driver’s license to utilize the drop-off center. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Call Public Works at 254-953-5649 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 254-681-6779 for emergency after-hours water leaks. Call 254-702-4893 for emergency sewer stoppages. After-hours duty phone for streets, drainage and sanitation: 254-319-4996.

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Derrick Bunch, right, and Harker Heights firefighter Jordan Clopton survey the damage to Bunch's home after a fire in Harker Heights.

## Police and fire departments keep Heights residents safe

The Harker Heights Police Department is tasked with making sure residents live and work in a peaceful and safe city.

Chief Mike Gentry leads HHPD, which consists of 57 sworn peace officers and 10 civilian employees.

The department is divided into three divisions: criminal investigation, patrol and administration. Most HHPD officers are in the Patrol Division, which is the most common interaction people have with police. They are the officers driving around the streets. A Special Operations section also works with patrol.

The Criminal Investigation Division consists of investigators and detectives who solve crimes.

The Administration Division includes animal control, records, sex offender registry and checks and community services. The department also has a full-time social worker who identifies at-risk homes and helps provide available social services to those in need.

The department has been housed at 402 Indian Trail behind the library since the station opened in 2007.

The city's animal control division, which used to be run by the police, is now operated by the information technology branch of the city. Contact HHPD at 254-953-5400.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Harker Heights Fire Depart-



Emergency personnel work the scene of an accident on Interstate 14 in Harker Heights.

ment's mission is to provide emergency medical care, fire suppression and rescue for city residents. It also assists surrounding agencies when needed.

The department has been headed by Fire Chief Paul Sims since Sept. 30, 2016. He comes from Conroe, where he was the assistant fire chief.

Sims' staff members work out of two stations that provide critical services to the community 24/7.

One of those stations is at 401 Indian Trail accommodates the administrative staff as well as a team of on-duty firefighters and rescue vehicles.

The second station is located at 3207

Stillhouse Lake Road, and serves the southern part of the city. That station also houses a team of on-duty firefighters and rescue vehicles.

The department also operates a regional mobile command center to respond to large-scale events, such as wildfires.

The department is roughly divided into two divisions: operations and fire prevention.

Operations oversees day-to-day rescue and fire suppression incidents.

Fire prevention includes a fire marshal, building inspections and education.

# Bell County the heart of Central Texas

Bell County is a diverse cross-section of towns and cities located in the heart of Central Texas. The county was founded in 1850.

The Killeen-Fort Hood area is the county's largest population center, located on the western edge of the county.

The Temple-Belton area in the central and northern portion of the county is the county's other major population center.

The U.S. Census in 2010 estimated the county's population at 310,235, making it one of the fastest growing counties in Texas.

The historic city of Belton is the county seat. There, four elected county commissioners and the county judge meet and make decisions affecting the services the county provides to its residents.

The county also oversees the entire judicial system, except municipal (traffic) courts. Those include district and county courts, justice of the peace courts, Bell County Jail, Bell County Juvenile Detention Center, juvenile and adult probation, the district and county attorneys' offices. The county is the steward of property as well as marriage records and operates emergency 911 communications.

The county has its own law enforcement agency, the Bell County Sheriff's Department. It provides assistance to all local law enforcement agencies while also having chief jurisdiction over all unincorporated areas of the county. In addition, sheriff's deputies are often the main patrol in smaller Bell County cities, such as Nolanville, outside of business hours.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

All elections for county officials are partisan elections. Each elected official serves a four-year term. Commissioners' terms are staggered. Each of the four commissioners represents a geographical portion of Bell County divided into four precincts, each with approximately equal population.

County Judge Jon Burrows leads the meetings and is subject to a countywide election. He was first elected in 1998 and announced this year that he would not



The historic Bell County Courthouse is in Belton, the county seat. Bell County was founded in 1850 and is now home to more than 310,000 people.

seek re-election in 2018.

Burrows is a lawyer by trade, practicing law in Bell County for 22 years. He received his law degree from University of Texas-Austin. He earned his undergraduate and a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Burrows served on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He retired as a colonel in the Reserves.

Precinct 1's commissioner is Russell Schneider, of Temple. Schneider won a runoff against Richard Cortes, who held the seat since 1992, in 2016.

Precinct 2 has been represented by commissioner Tim Brown since 1995.

Brown is an architect and developer from Salado.

Bill Schumann represents Precinct 3 and is a retired engineer who lives outside of Troy. He was first elected in 2012.

John Fisher, a Killeen businessman, represents Precinct 4. He was first elected in 2002.

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Dakota Brown, 11, of Killeen, twirls in her dress before a performance to celebrate Mexican Independence Day at the Train Whistle Jamboree in Nolanville.

# About 5,000 people call Nolanville home

Nolanville is about 10 miles east of Killeen and is home to about 5,000 residents.

The city is involved in several projects, including a new park, major plans to improve street and sidewalk infrastructure and the improvements created by the construction of Interstate 14.

City officials strive to continue improvements to the town's landscape and quality of life.

A tax base contributes to the city's approximate \$1,717,435 operating budget that operates the administration in addition to the police and public works departments.

All departments are centrally located in the new Nolanville Municipal Building at 101 N. Fifth St.

Nolanville manages city business with a council-manager form of government. A six-member council convenes for regular meetings at 6 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of every month in council chambers in the Nolanville Municipal Building.

The governing body includes Mayor Christina Rosenthal, Mayor Pro Tem Butch Reis and Council members George French, III, James Bilberry, David Williams and Joan Hinshaw.

The city manager is Kara Escajeda, who was appointed in March 2015.

Crystal Briggs serves as both assistant city manager and city secretary. Briggs

is in charge of day-to-day operations and administrative business.

Stephen Peters currently holds the position of city treasurer but moved the leadership of the finance department to Marlene Fey.

Judge G.W. Ivey leads the city's municipal court. Monica Skelton serves as court clerk. The court conducts hearings once a month.

Daniel Porter is the chief of the Nolanville Police Department. He guides the activities of six other full-time officers and several reserve officers. The department was expected to gain an additional full-time position in October.

Chris Atkinson is the director of Nolanville's Public Works and is in the lead of the city's code enforcement, permits, animal control and more. He manages two public works employees and oversees contracts pertaining to the city's streets and other infrastructure.

The Central Bell County Fire and Rescue volunteer department provides fire protection for Nolanville. Jason Worsdale is fire chief. Ambulance services are contracted with Acadian.

Nolanville residents receive water from two private water services – 439 Water Supply and Bell County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 3. WCID No. 3 handles the majority of the city's water and sewer services as well as billing for those

services and trash services provided by Texas Disposal Systems.

Nolanville Economic Development Corporation uses a one-quarter percent of the city sales tax to be used for economic and industrial development under the provisions of Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code 4B. Colleen Smith is coordinator of the Nolanville EDC and has been president since its development.

"We focus on several quality of life initiatives to include park matching grant funds and Main Street improvements. We are conducting site development in anticipation for the growing demand along I-14," Smith said.

The NEDC also coordinates activities through a subcommittee known as Keep Nolanville Beautiful that resulted in a second-place recognition by the Governor's Community Achievement Award in 2016 and a Gold Star Affiliation with Keep Texas Beautiful.

There are numerous boards and committees that provide feedback to the city. The chairpersons of the committees include: Brenda Huckaba, zoning board of adjustments; Chevan Jessamine, zoning board of adjustments and two new committees: youth advisory committee and the citizen advisory committee.

Committee and board application forms are available on the city's website at: [www.ci.nolanville.tx.us](http://www.ci.nolanville.tx.us).

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The city of Belton is home to just over 20,000 people and attracts thousands annually with a unique blend of locally owned restaurants, shopping and entertainment choices. Belton's largest annual event is its Fourth of July festivities, which attract 50,000 people with a parade, carnival and rodeo.

One of the city's most popular attractions is a 2-mile kayak and tubing trail that begins near the MLK bridge and ends near Confederate Park and the downtown area.

Those who enjoy Texas history can experience historical gems like the Bell County Courthouse, built in 1886.

The Bell County Museum on Main Street is one of 12 Andrew Carnegie library buildings still standing in Texas. It is home to a collection that encompasses the history of the county, as well as hosting temporary exhibits on everything from the Civil War to Depression-era photography. The museum also boasts an impressive monument in the courtyard that shares the story of Belton's place along the historic Chisholm Trail.

The oldest department store in Texas is in Belton. Cochran, Blair and Potts, on Central Avenue, opened its doors in 1884.

Belton is home to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, a private university chartered by the Republic of Texas in 1845. With more than 3,500 students from across the globe, UMHB has a student body that competes in sports and performs epic dramas.

While Belton has a rich history, it also offers a variety of attractions and events. The Bell County Expo Center hosts conventions, rodeos and sporting events year-round, as well as numerous graduation ceremonies. And a new equine center addition that is surely going to be a popular amenity is under construction.

Belton and other communities celebrate the Central Texas State Fair beginning Labor Day weekend.

Belton Lake offers 12,300 surface acres and 136 miles of shoreline for outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy. Park lovers can take their pick — Chisholm Trail Park, Confederate Park, Heritage Park, Harris Community Park, Yettie Polk Park —



Scarlett Dott of Belton shows her patriotism while riding a float during the Belton July 4th Parade, which has been held annually since the mid-1800s. In 2008, USA Today named the Belton 4th of July Parade as one of the Nations "Top Ten Places to Fly Your Flag on the 4th."

and two splash pads welcome hundreds of children each summer.

Other attractions include The Gin at Nolan Creek complex — a shopping destination in downtown Belton that offers antique shops, restaurants and services.

Schoepf's Bar-B-Que's Thursday night concert series during the summer attracts visitors from all over Central Texas, along with live music most weekends at The Gin, Miller's BBQ, and The Dead Fish Grill, has Belton touting itself as the "Live Music Capitol of Bell County." The locals also rave about The Grand Avenue Theater near the corner of State Highway 317 and Farm-to Market 439. The six-screen theater offers "dinner and a movie."

If you're fishing for a great place to be — with two lakes, two rivers and a creek that runs through the center of downtown — Belton is a great catch.

The mayor and six council members

are elected at-large on staggered two-year terms, and act as the elected representatives of the residents of Belton to formulate public policy to meet community needs and assure orderly development in the city. The council appoints the city manager, city attorney and municipal judge, along with various boards and commissions.

All ordinances and resolutions, the annual budget and ad valorem tax rate, and the strategic plan are adopted by the council. The council establishes the fees and rates for all city goods and services, and approves purchases and contracts as prescribed by the city charter and state law.

Belton's elected officials are mayor Marion Grayson, mayor pro tem Craig Pearson, and council members Paul Sanderford, David K. Leigh, Dan Kirkley, Guy O'Banion and John Holmes.

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## Arts, antiques draw tourists to Salado

Salado is a true Texas treasure. Visitors can enjoy romantic getaways at one of the many bed and breakfasts, historic lodges or national chain hotels in the historic community.

Shopping is an adventure with shops featuring everything from custom designer jewelry and home decor to antiques and incredible glass art and pottery.

Located in Bell County between Waco and Austin, Salado was an original stop for the stagecoach lines and was home of the first coeducational college in Texas.

The Salado College ruins are open and available for guests to tour.

Salado is one of a handful of state-recognized Cultural Art Districts in Texas, earning this distinction, in part, because of the large number of acclaimed artists who have chosen Salado as the place for their creations.

Salado is home to the well-known Tablerock Amphitheater, a critically

acclaimed outdoor sculpture garden and many historic buildings designated on the national register.

One of the most iconic venues is the Stagecoach Inn & Restaurant, once a stagecoach stop in the pioneer days, that now serves as a place for dinner and meetings.

Salado is home to internationally known painters, glass blowers, sculptors, potters, carvers, writers, actors, and others in the creative arts. Music fills the air in many of the food and beverage establishments.

Salado hosts many annual events throughout the Village including Wildflower Arts & Crafts Festival, Christmas in October, The Scottish Gathering & Highland Games, The Salado Christmas Stroll, and much more. The Lonestar Music Series takes place at Johnny's Outback and features many well-known artists at the outdoor venue.

Learn more at [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com) or 254-947-5040.



Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division's Horse Detachment make their way along the parade route of the Florence Friendship Day Festival.

## Small-town charm draws residents to Florence

Florence has more than 1,100 residents, and the city offers small-town charm and appeal to people in the area.

The government of Florence is made up of five elected councilmen and women and a mayor. The current mayor of the city is Mary Condon. The mayor pro tem is Debra Bartos Cahill, and Alderwomen Lesa Ragsdale and Denise Deichmann and Aldermen Kory Woolverton and Richard Moon make up the rest of the council.

Business growth in Florence is experiencing a surge upward with several new enterprises opening over the last few years.

Florence offers a wide variety of restaurants and eateries for visitors or residents of the community, from D. Boone's Country Store on Farm-to-Market 487, to Chunky Cow Cafe & Creamery on Main Street, to La Fuente, a Mexican restaurant at 214 E. Main St. Two other restaurants, The Florence Diner at 204 E. Main Street and Mano's Mexican Food at 103 N. Patterson, are still serving up delicious meals to longtime residents and newcomers, as well.

Besides all the restaurants opening their doors in Florence, other businesses are finding their way there, as well. Jess Morse's Country Mile Appliance Warehouse is one of them. You'll find both new and scratch and dent top-of-the-line kitchen and laundry appliances at Country Mile Warehouse, as well as an expanding selection of outdoor grilling equipment, including Napoleon and Kamado Joe Grills.

April May and Jason Walston recently moved Busy Bee to a new storefront. Located at 509 Brewster Ave., Suite D, they carry beekeeping supplies, as well as local honey. Florence residents, they are excited about their new location and anxious to share their knowledge and experience to the public.

The Gettin' Place is still located at 219 E. Main St. Owners Shauna and Shane Elms offer rodeo wear and riggin' for the entire family.

You'll also find a custom cabinet shop in Florence. Total Trim and Cabinet is located on the corner of Brewster and Howell.

When leaving Florence, a must-stop on

FM 487 is The Vineyard at Florence, a definite jewel in Florence.

Tuscan in architecture and surrounded by the beautiful fields of grapevines, The Vineyard at Florence offers award-winning wines, as well as rental villas and lots for home building.

Recently, the Vineyard opened a spa and fitness center, which offers a variety of massages and facial treatments. The Vineyard at Florence lends itself as a beautiful backdrop for weddings and events.

Heading north on Highway 195, is another new attraction for the Florence area, veteran-owned and operated Mountain Creek Range, an indoor gun range and training facility.

Located at 205 Mountain Creek, Mountain Creek Range is an indoor climate-controlled facility boasting two shooting bays with 10 lanes each.

In addition to the gun range, they offer sales and rentals, plus classes that include Texas, LTC, private pistol instruction, tactical rifle and other NRA training courses.

Learn more at [www.florecetex.com](http://www.florecetex.com).



The Bell County Justice Center off Loop 121 is home to the 27th, 146th, 169th, 264th and 426th district courts as well as County Courts-at-Law 1, 2 and 3.

## Justice complex the epicenter for Bell County courts

The Bell County Criminal Justice Complex in Belton functions as the epicenter for civil and criminal justice in Bell County.

The large complex of buildings at 1201 Huey Road off Loop 121 is home to the 27th, 146th, 169th, 264th and 426th district courts as well as County Courts-at-Law 1, 2 and 3.

The offices of the district clerk, county clerk, district attorney and county attorney are at the justice complex. The facility is adjacent to the Bell County Jail.

The 27th, 264th and 426th district courts are where all felony criminal cases are heard. Judges hear cases ranging from state jail felonies up to capital cases in these courts.

Judge John Gauntt is the judge for the 27th District Court. Residents elected Gauntt in 2012. His court is the first felony courtroom on the scenic second floor of the Bell County Justice Complex.

Gauntt also hears all cases in Lampasas County.

Adjacent to Gauntt's court is Martha Trudo, who was first elected judge of the 264th District Court in 1994. At the end of the second floor hall lies the 426th District Court, created in 2006 in response to an overwhelming caseload in Bell County. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Judge Fancy Jezek to the bench, and she has been re-elected since.

The 146th and 169th District Courts hear only civil suits, including family law, divorces and claims for damages.

Judge Jack Jones won election to the 146th District Court in 2012. Gordon G. Adams has served as judge for the 169th District Court since 2000.

In Bell County, county courts-at-law hear all misdemeanor and juvenile cases. After longtime judge Edward Johnson's retirement from County Court-at-Law 1, where he served on the bench

since 1979, the longest serving judge in the county was replaced by Jeanne Parker, who was elected to the court and took the bench last year.

Judge John Mischian oversees County Court-at-Law 2. Mischian was elected in 2006. Rebecca DePew has served as judge of County Court-at-Law 3 since 2011.

State law requires district and county judges to be licensed attorneys for at least four years prior to becoming a judge. They must reside in their judicial districts.

The Bell County District Attorney's Office prosecutes all felony cases in the county and also has investigators.

Henry Garza has served as the district attorney since 2001.

The Bell County Attorney's Office prosecutes all misdemeanors, juvenile cases and hot checks. Voters elected Jim Nichols to the position in 2012.

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

Justices of the peace are elected officials who perform a number of important services in the county — everything from orchestrating marriages to arraigning people charged with crimes.

In Bell County, the justices of the peace are elected to four-year terms, but do not have term limits. Two justices of the peace serve Precinct 4, which encompasses most of western Bell County, including Killeen and Harker Heights. Claudia Brown became the Place 1 Justice of the Peace in January. Bill Cooke has been the Place 2 Justice of the Peace since 1996. He is running for re-election this year.

The two justices trade off each week when they are on call. During that time, they act as the initial magistrate judge for people charged with crimes and set bond rates. They also issue the times of death for fatalities and order autopsies. Their responsibilities also include acting as a judge in Class C misdemeanor cases, which typically are traffic violations. Their jurisdiction includes all tickets written by Bell County deputies and Texas state troopers. Judges also hear certain civil cases including evictions, small claims up to \$10,000, debt claims and tenant repair and remedy suits. Precinct 4's office is in the Bell County Annex at 301 Priest Drive in Killeen.



Melanie Mlinarich, CASA recruiter and training coordinator, talks to Becky McDonald about the organization during Hood Howdy at Fort Hood's Club Hood.

**Special advocates help with court cases**

Court Appointed Special Advocates began in Bell County in 1997 and is now headquartered 2820 W. Avenue O, Suite B-2, in Temple. It now serves Coryell County as well.

CASA volunteers are screened and highly trained and then appointed by judges to represent and advocate for a child's best interests in the child protection system. CASA volunteers are each assigned to help one child or set of siblings at a time, so they can focus on giving that child or sibling group the individualized advocacy and attention they need. CASA volunteers save taxpayers money and children's futures by helping children find a safe, permanent homes as soon as possible.

CASA continues to provide valuable volunteer advocacy for every abused

child in this area. CASA volunteers serve as the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases.

This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect.

CASA volunteers are frequently the only stable presence in these children's lives as they navigate the foster care system. These volunteers bring three critical qualities to their work: they focus on one case at a time; they bring a unique perspective to the court case; and their sole objective is representing the best interests of the child.

The CASA office is at 2820 W. Avenue O, Suite B-2, in Temple. Call 254-774-1881, email [ed.bccasa@outlook.com](mailto:ed.bccasa@outlook.com) or go to [www.casabellcoryell.org](http://www.casabellcoryell.org).

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# Tax assessor-collector issues vehicle titles, collects fees

If you're new to Bell County and wish to vote or drive a motor vehicle, it's important to make use of the tax assessor-collector's office, under the direction of Shay Luedeke, who began his term in January.

The main office is in Belton, and satellite offices are located in Temple, Killeen and Fort Hood.

The duties of the tax assessor-collector include issuing certificates of title and license plates for motor vehicles and trailers, collecting registration fees and sales tax for the county and state.

The office also contracts with the Bell County Appraisal District for assessment and collection of property taxes.

County and Belton residents needing to take care of business in person can visit the Belton office at 550 E. Second Ave.

Three other full-service locations can be found in other cities: in Killeen at 307 Priest Drive; in Temple at 205 E. Central Ave.; and the Visitor's Control Center Building 69004 outside Fort Hood's main gate. Both the Temple and Fort Hood offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Killeen office is open 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday, and from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Thursday. Vehicles can be registered at the tax assessor-collector's office. Registration renewals can be made online at [www.txdmv.gov](http://www.txdmv.gov).

To complete the online transaction, a vehicle owner must be a county resident and the vehicle must have a current registration that does not expire more than six months before the renewal process. The vehicle also requires a state inspection not more than 90 days prior expiration date of registration.

Residents have the option of paying with Visa, MasterCard or Discover and American Express. Customers are assessed a \$3 convenience fee per \$100 of the transaction.

If the transaction is more than \$500, the convenience fee is 3 percent of the total. Debit cards with MasterCard or Visa logos can be used.

The other primary service of the tax assessor-collector, besides collecting property taxes, is voter registration.



Shay Luedeke talks with Dan Corbin while waiting for election results in 2016.

## BELL COUNTY CLERK

The government of Bell County exists to promote and sustain a superior quality of life in Central Texas.

The Bell County Clerk's office assists in that mission and handles much of the paperwork that documents the lives of Bell County residents, from births to deaths and all the steps in between.

The office provides administrative support to the commissioners court and three county courts-at-law. Republican Shelley Coston has been the Bell County clerk since Jan. 1, 2007. Deputy clerks in the office focus on specific duties in five departments — vital statistics, land records, probate, civil and juvenile records and criminal records.

The duties of the county clerk include acting as recorder of property deeds; filing and recording livestock brands; filing and recording birth and death certificates; issuing marriage licenses; recording assumed names; recording military discharge papers; filing wills and probates; processing civil case records with a monetary value of up to \$200,000; and misdemeanor criminal case records.

The office, at 1201 Huey Road in Belton, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Go to [www.bellcountytexas.com](http://www.bellcountytexas.com) or call 254-933-5171.

Bell County now has an election administrator who oversees voter registration and elections.

New voters can register year-round. Residents must be 18 to vote, but they can register two months before their 18th birthday. Voter registration cards can be picked up at political party headquarters, libraries, local government offices and at any of the tax assessor-collector offices. Go to [www.votexas.org](http://www.votexas.org).

The tax assessor-collector also collects county fees for beer licenses issued for businesses in Bell County.

Those licenses must be renewed through the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission Office in Belton or online at [www.tabc.state.tx.us](http://www.tabc.state.tx.us). According to the assessor-collector's website, those surcharges are subject to change each year. Learn more at [www.bellcountytexas.com](http://www.bellcountytexas.com) or call 254-933-5318.



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# Clearwater manages Bell County groundwater resources

Maintaining fresh water for Central Texas communities is the role the Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District, an agency created by state Legislature in 1989.

Voters confirmed the district's creation in August 1999.

Clearwater protects and enhances groundwater in Bell County. It is made up of five elected board members, whose mission is to develop and implement economical, efficient and environmentally sound groundwater management programs.

Directors serve a four-year term, and officers are elected by the board each year. Four of those elected officials are aligned with Bell County commissioners' precincts, and one serves at-large.

Board members are David Cole, director at-large; Leland Gersbach, president, Precinct 1; Gary Young, director, Precinct 2; Wallace Biskup, vice president, Precinct 3; and Judy Parker, secretary, Precinct 4.

The district is governed by Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, which gives the district the authority to issue permits and set regulations for managing the underground water resources.

The district's jurisdiction includes



Dirk Aaron, general manager of Clearwater UWCD, answers questions during the 16th annual Bell County Water Symposium in 2016.

all of Bell County, or about 1,055 square miles.

The board regulates nonexempt water wells that are capable of producing more than 17 gallons per minute, located on less than 10 acres or used for purposes other than domestic, livestock or poultry.

The district requires Bell County residents to register wells, which is done mostly at no cost. If the well user is a business or a user who needs more than

25,000 gallons daily, an operating permit from the district is required. A permit requires the well to be metered, and the owner monitor the meter monthly.

The district provides water quality screening at no cost on registered wells.

About 5,100 wells and about 160 permitted wells are in Bell County.

The district monitors the Edwards and Trinity aquifers quarterly to measure water levels. The Edwards Aquifer runs under the southern portion of Bell County and the Trinity Aquifer runs under all of Bell County.

Funding for the district comes from ad valorem taxes at a current rate of .00385 or \$3.85 per year on a home valued at \$100,000.

The district's mission is also to help promote public education and conservation, and the district has compiled a resource library of books, curriculum guides, videotapes and other items that address other aspects of surface water and groundwater.

District directors are available to speak with schools and other organizations regarding the district and its responsibilities.

Call the district at 254-933-0120 or go to [www.cuwcd.org](http://www.cuwcd.org).

## Central Texas Council of Governments helps area grow, improve

The Central Texas Council of Governments is an association of cities, counties, school districts and special districts spanning a region of seven counties in Central Texas.

The purpose is to help communities work together on services targeting economic development and regional planning, services for the elderly and housing assistance.

The council was established in 1968 as a result of state legislation that served local government by planning for common needs and helping governments improve regional development.

The council has no regulatory or taxing ability, but it helps the region identify areas it can strengthen and develop. The council's governing body

is made up of representatives from each of its regions. When representatives see a need in their district, they bring it before the entire group. At that point, the council decides what projects take priority.

CTCOG serves more than 385,000 residents in the Central Texas area. Representatives are chosen yearly.

The representatives elect the organization's executive committee. The committee appoints an executive director who makes all policies and gives the official approval for undertakings of the council.

Current executive director is Jim Reed. Other directors include Katie Anderson, housing and assistance director; Carter Maria Thompson, plan-

ning and regional services director; Michael Irvine, finance director; and Kerry Phillip, Area Agency on Aging director.

The council also forms committees dedicated to technical, study and policy work. The committees work alongside a professional staff that answers to the executive director.

Each jurisdiction pays individual dues to the council, which allow each jurisdiction to take advantage of some state-funded financial assistance. They also participate in regional planning.

The council takes on special projects on a fee-for-service basis.

Headquarters is at 2180 N. Main St., Belton. Call 254-770-2200 or go to [www.ctcog.org](http://www.ctcog.org).



# Register to vote and take part in political process

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

As soon as residence is established, a person is qualified to register to vote. Residents may register to vote year-round, but must be registered at least 30 days before an election.

Bell County residents may register during regular business hours at the Bell County Tax Assessor and Voter Registrar's Office, at 550 E. Second Ave. in Belton, the County Annex at 307 Priest Drive in Killeen and the Fort Hood visitor control center.

A person must be 18 years old or within 60 days prior to his or her 18th birthday and be a U.S. citizen to register. A person may not register to vote if declared mentally incapacitated or convicted of a felony. Anyone who has been convicted may retain his or her right to vote once the sentence or probation has been completed.

Residents must have a Texas driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety or the last four digits of your social security number.

Coryell County residents may register to vote at the Coryell County Courthouse at 620 E. Main St. in Gatesville or at the County Tax Office at 330 Cove Terrace in Copperas Cove.

In Bell County, call 254-933-5319 or 254-634-0265. In Coryell County, call 254-865-5911. Forms may be downloaded at [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).



A voter leaves the Harker Heights Recreation Center after casting a ballot.

## VOTER ID

Voters will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polls:

- Driver's license issued by Texas Department of Public Safety.
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS.
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS.
- Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS.
- U.S. military ID card with photo.
- U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph.

- U.S. passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. If a voter does not possess and is not reasonably able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter may vote by signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is reasonably unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID or providing one of various forms of supporting documentation.

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# Elected officials represent area in Legislature, Congress

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## U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 31

U.S. Rep. John Carter represents the 31st Congressional District, an area of Central Texas that includes Killeen and Harker Heights, in the U.S. House of Representatives. Carter, a Republican from Round Rock, is a seven-term member of the House.

Carter's Bell County office is in Temple at 6544-B S. General Bruce Drive. Call 254-933-1392 or go to <http://carter.house.gov>.

Carter has said he will run for re-election next year. The primaries are in March, and general election is Nov. 6, 2018.

## U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 25

In January of 2016, Lampasas County, along with Coryell County and a part of Killeen, moved to District 25, represented by Republican Roger Williams of Austin. He was elected to the seat in November 2012.

Williams' Austin district office is at 1005 Congress Ave., Suite 925 Austin, TX 78701. Call 512-473-8910 or fax 512-473-8946.

Williams has said he will run for re-election next year. The primaries are in March, and general election is Nov. 6, 2018.

## TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Five legislators within the Killeen Daily Herald's coverage area represent citizens at the state Capitol in Austin.

### SENATE DISTRICT 24



Republican Dawn Buckingham represents Senate District 24. The Lakeway resident represents a multi-county region that includes Bell, Coryell and Lampasas counties.

The district also contains two major military bases, Fort Hood in Killeen and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

She was elected in 2016.



U.S. Rep. John Carter, R-Round Rock, front, and U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin, visit Fort Hood.

Call her office at 512-463-0124. Her term will expire in 2021.

### HOUSE DISTRICT 54



In the House of Representatives, District 54 is represented by Republican Scott Cosper, a Killeen resident. He was elected in 2016.

The district includes much of western Bell County, as well as Lampasas and Burnet counties.

Call Cosper's office at 254-680-5568 or 512-463-0684.

He is running for re-election in 2018, and as of Oct. 7, one other Republican, Killeen veterinarian Brad Buckley, has announced he is running for the seat. The primaries are in March, and general election is Nov. 6, 2018.

### HOUSE DISTRICT 55



District 55 is represented by Republican Hugh Shine, of Temple. He was elected in 2016.

Reach his office at 254-742-7616 or 512-463-0630. He is up for re-election in 2018.

### HOUSE DISTRICT 59



Republican J.D. Sheffield of Gatesville has represented District 59 since 2012.

The district includes six counties, including Coryell County and parts of Fort Hood. Call his office at 512-463-0628. Sheffield won re-election in the Republican primary last year, and ran unopposed in the general election.

He is up for re-election in 2018.

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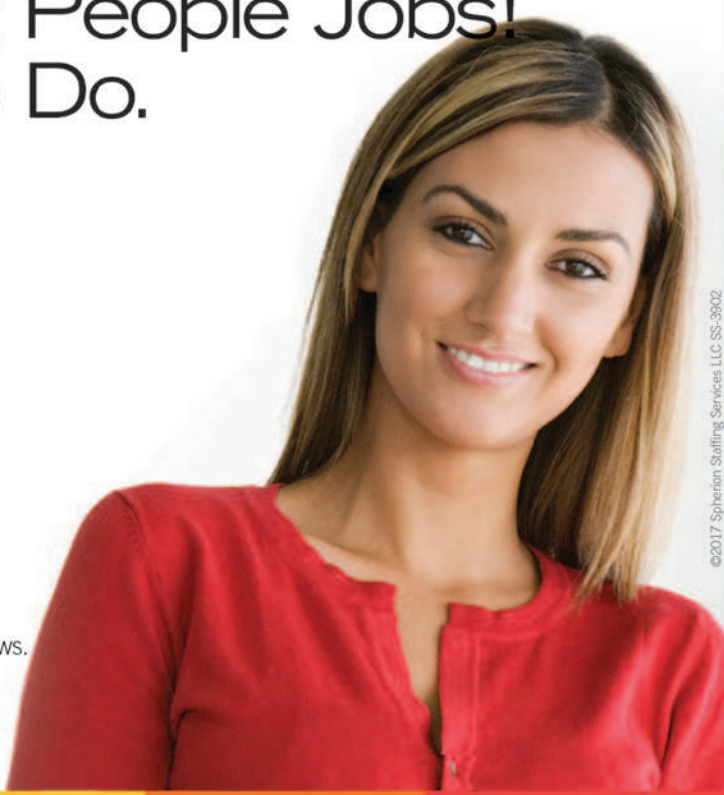
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# Democratic, Republican parties active in Central Texas

Bell County voters can join a community of like-minded political residents by getting involved with the Democratic or the Republican Party. Coryell County also has both political party groups.

## DEMOCRATS

Bell County Democrats meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the historic courthouse in downtown Belton in the commissioners' meeting room to discuss ways of promoting voter registration, training for precinct representatives and finding innovative ways to express their political beliefs.

Call party chair Christine Rosenberg at 254-563-2417 or go to [www.bellcodems.com](http://www.bellcodems.com) for more information. The website also has a calendar of events, and Bell County Democrats also runs a Facebook page. The headquarters is in Killeen, 1808 E. Rancier Ave., and can be reached at 254-563-2417.

The Stonewall Democrats of Central Texas (LGBT) can be on Facebook under the page Stonewall Democrats Central Texas. The group meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 1 p.m., at the Bell County Agriculture Extension Office building, 1605 N Main St. Co-chairs of the group are Dion McFall and Kelly Sinclair.

Bell County Texas Democratic Women meets monthly on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Bell County Agriculture Extension Office building, 1605 N. Main St. The group can be found on Facebook on the Bell County Texas Democratic Women page. The group's chair is Barbara Garrett.

Democrats in Coryell County can get involved by calling County Chair Gene Whittle at 254-865-8162 or email [gene.whittle@embarqmail.com](mailto:gene.whittle@embarqmail.com).

The Democratic Headquarters of Copperas Cove meets the second Tuesday of the month 6 p.m. at German Imbiss, 302 S. 1st St., in Cove.

President of the Democratic Club of Copperas Cove is Ed Bryant. He may be reached at 254-547-5048.

## REPUBLICANS

The Republican Party of Bell County is headquartered at 206 Farm-to-Market Road 1237 (Pendleton Road) in Troy. The



Political campaign signs are seen during an election judge training class in 2016 at the Republican Party of Bell County headquarters in Belton.

## Nolanville resident part of Silver-Haired Legislature

The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature is a nonprofit body that was created by the 69th Texas Legislature in 1985, to develop a nonpartisan forum for older Texans to address senior citizen issues and establish legislative priorities for the state Legislature to consider.

Seniors 60 and older are elected to a two-year term by their peers from 123 districts in Texas.

The Central Texas Council of Governments oversees the Area Agency on Aging Central Texas, and under that organization comes the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Locally, seniors are represented by Irene Andrews, of Nolanville, who was elected to the 17th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature this year.

Andrews retired after 15 with Killeen ISD as a special education instructor, and was elected for the legislature's 2017-2019 term.

She was sworn during a statewide orientation in July.

According to the Texas Demographic Center, the number of seniors living in Texas is about 3.8 million with a projected increase to almost 6 million by 2030. Currently, Texas ranks third in the U.S. with total population of seniors.

party chairman is Nancy Boston. For more information, call 254-228-0521 or go to [www.belltxgop.org](http://www.belltxgop.org).

The Central Texas Republican Women, affiliated with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, is an auxiliary of the Bell County Republican Party. The president is Kathy Ruiz. Contact the group at 254-681-2112 or go to [www.ctrw-pac.com](http://www.ctrw-pac.com).

Salado Area Republican Women, affiliated with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, is an auxiliary of the Bell County Republican Party. You may reach the president, Deborah Roberson at 281-787-1073 or Droberson.

[sarw@gmail.com](mailto:sarw@gmail.com). The website is [www.saladoarearw.com](http://www.saladoarearw.com).

Bell County Young Republicans is also active, with Michael Jones as president. Contact Information: 254-913-9451 or [bellyoungrepublicans@gmail.com](mailto:bellyoungrepublicans@gmail.com).

Pints & Politics is a Republican group operating in Bell County, and meets monthly on the first Friday 6 to 9 p.m. Contact information: [dswarthout1@centurylink.net](mailto:dswarthout1@centurylink.net) or 414-378-2341.

Residents in Coryell County can get involved with the GOP, too. Jack P. Barcroft serves as party chairman. Contact information: Coryell GOP at 254-865-2126; Website: [coryellgop.org](http://coryellgop.org).



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There are numerous post offices in the greater Killeen area. New residents can change addresses online or in person at a post office. Information may be obtained 24 hours a day by calling 800-275-8777 or visiting [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

In the northern part of Killeen, residents with the ZIP codes 76540, 76541, 76543 and 76544 are served by the Main Post Office at 300 N. 10th St., downtown.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Passport applications are taken from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays. Call 254-634-0281.

Residents in the southern portion of Killeen, ZIP codes 76542, 76547 and 76549 are served by the Copper Mountain Post Office, 3100 S. W.S. Young Drive, which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 254-554-3033.

Residents in southwestern Killeen, ZIP code 76549, are served by the Wil-

### PARCEL SERVICES

The community has several parcel services, including Eagle Express at 108 E. Farm-to-Market 2410, Suite F, in Harker Heights; the UPS stores at 1033 S. Fort Hood St., Suite 200, 2511 Trimmier Road Suite 140 and 3804 W. Stan Schlueter Loop, Suite 103 in Killeen, 451 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite D in Harker Heights and at 101 Oak St., Suite A, in Copperas Cove.

low Springs Post Office at 2403 W. Stan Schlueter Loop.

It's open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 254-501-8601.

The Harker Heights Post Office, serving ZIP code 76548, is at 415 E. Farm-to-Market 2410.

It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 254-699-2111.

The Fort Hood Post Office is in Building 332 on 761st Tank Battalion Avenue.

It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 254-287-2728.

There are postal contract stations in Fort Hood National Banks at Clear Creek Road in Building 50005 and at Clarke Road in Building 91079. All are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Nolanville Post Office, serving ZIP code 76559, is at 201 N. Main St. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Call 254-698-2626.

The Copperas Cove Post Office, serving ZIP code 76522, is at 802 E. Avenue D. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 254-547-3605.



Maj. Gen. John C. Thomson III, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Maurice Jackson participate in a 1st Cavalry Division color-casing ceremony at Cooper Field.

# Fort Hood home to nearly 37,000 troops

Fort Hood, nicknamed the “Great Place” is one of the largest military installations in the free world.

With nearly 37,000 troops and nearly 220,000 acres of training ground, Fort Hood is big.

In 2015, the Texas Comptroller’s Office said the post has an annual economic impact of more than \$35.4 billion statewide.

The post services more than 380,000 area active-duty soldiers, family members and retirees at its commissaries, post exchanges, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center and other facilities.

It is, by far, the biggest employer of the Killeen-area economy. Major units include III Corps, 1st Cavalry Division, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, First Army Division West and the 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

Other brigade-size units include the U.S. Army Operational Test Command, 89th Military Police Brigade, 1st Medical Brigade, 36th Engineer Brigade, 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, 48th Chemical Brigade, 504th Military Intelligence Brigade, 11th Tactical Theater Signal Brigade and 85th Civil Affairs Brigade.

Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II commands III Corps and Fort Hood. He joined the Phantom Corps in February 2017.

III Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Crosby joined the Fort Hood command team in August 2017. The command team and III Corps headquarters

is currently deployed to the Middle East in command of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve for a one-year deployment.

Fort Hood’s deputy commander for maneuver is Maj. Gen. John C. Thomson III. The deputy commander for support is British Maj. Gen. Douglas Chalmers.

Fort Hood’s garrison commander is Col. Henry C. Perry, who took command in July 2017.

Across the post, most of the original World War II-era buildings have been torn down to make room for modern brick-and-stone buildings. Construction on a new \$24 million Training Support Center was completed in January. The center was dedicated in honor of 1st Cavalry Division Medal of Honor recipient Master Sgt. Mike Castaneda Pena, who was killed in action Sept. 5, 1950, at Waegwan, South Korea.

Being the first in the digitized warfare arena and having the most modern equipment, Fort Hood soldiers use state-of-the-art training facilities.

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to the field.

Its motor pools and hangars hold more than 260 tanks, 165 aircraft and 320 Strykers.

Two urban training areas offer soldiers the chance to practice the type of warfare they may face during missions to Iraq, Afghanistan or other areas.

Once in the field, soldiers find themselves in a semiarid terrain that has 413 miles of paved roads and 449 miles of dirt roads. Live-fire exercises take place on more than 60 ranges, which support all Army weapons and most aerial weapons with eight automated, multi-purpose ranges for digitized units and six automated small-arms ranges.

Bombs that weigh up to 2,000 pounds can be handled and military aircraft have the ability to maneuver in restricted airspace to 45,000 feet.

The newly remodeled Robert Gray Army Airfield radar approach control center opened in September. The radar control tower controls air space within a 60-mile radius of Fort Hood from the surface to 12,000 feet. In order to monitor and secure this environment, the facility interfaces with other federal aviation administration air route traffic control centers located across the state in Houston, Waco and Austin. The collaboration of these FAA centers enables over 10,000 flights each year with safe passage to Dallas, Houston and Atlanta.



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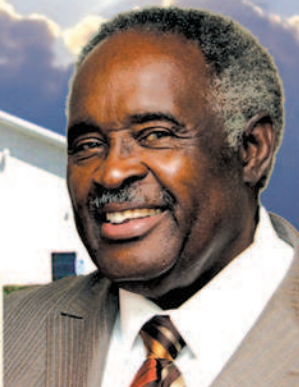
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# Camp Hood became major training ground in WWII, beyond

Killeen was largely rural when talks of Camp Hood came about during World War II.

In 1942, 108,000 acres of Central Texas land were transformed from farmland into Camp Hood, home of the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center. Tank destroyers — mobile anti-tank guns on armored half-tracks — were developed to fight in the European Theater.

The roughly 300 families who resided on land that is now Fort Hood were relocated and replaced by nearly 38,000 troops. The number of soldiers multiplied until it peaked at almost 95,000 in less than one year's time.

That number dropped after the end of the war, but Camp Hood nevertheless became Fort Hood, a permanent installation, in 1950.

Fort Hood is named after Confederate Gen. John Bell Hood, commander of the Texas Brigade during the Civil War.

Fort Hood's garrison command mission is to control the infrastructure that trains, maintains, sustains and enables the combat units on post to perform in theater. The directorates making up the garrison command perform daily, vital support missions include:

The Directorate of Logistics performs or oversees supply, transportation and general support maintenance.

The Directorate of Public Works plans new construction, administers housing on the installation, protects the environment, and maintains existing buildings, roads and grounds.

The Directorate of Resource Management monitors the expenditure of funds for tenant units as well as the directorates and manages the workforce. The Directorate of Contracting oversees the development, awarding and execution of contracts for goods and services.

The installation aviation officer administers the airspace around Fort Hood. The Directorate of Civilian Personnel performs all personnel management functions for the civilian workforce at Fort Hood. The Equal Employment Opportunity Office administers the Equal Opportunity program for civilian workers at Fort Hood.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service supports more than 400,000



Lt. Gen. Paul Funk II, III Corps and Fort Hood commander, is greeted by a guest at a meeting of the Central Texas chapter of the Military Officers of America Association at the Shilo Inn on April 21.

soldiers, family members and retirees with retail merchandise in more than 20 outlets on post.

The Defense Commissary Agency supports soldiers, family members and retirees with groceries in two stores.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provides various athletic, social and creative opportunities for soldiers and families.

The garrison chaplain administers spiritual life programs installation-wide.

## III CORPS HISTORY

The history of III Corps, headquartered at Fort Hood, dates from 1918, when it served in World War I. During that fight, the corps won battle streamers for the Aisne-Marne, Lorraine and the Meuse Argonne campaigns. Made inactive in 1919, the corps was reactivated in 1940 to train combat divisions.

During World War II, the corps was deployed to Europe and earned the name "Phantom Corps" by hitting the enemy when least expected. Made inactive again in 1946, III Corps was reactivated in 1951 and served on active duty until

1959, when it was once again made inactive. It was promptly reactivated, however, and returned to duty at Fort Hood during the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

In 1962, III Corps was designated part of the U.S. Army Strategic Army Corps. During the Vietnam War, III Corps trained and deployed two field force headquarters and many combat service support units totaling more than 100,000 soldiers.

In recent years, III Corps soldiers have fought in and supported operations worldwide, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Grenada, Panama, Honduras, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.

III Corps is responsible for 120,000 soldiers within 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kan., and the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

The corps is currently led by Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, who, with approximately 350 soldiers of the corps headquarters element, is leading the fight against the Islamic State in the Middle East.

# Fort Hood has armored combat, air, artillery and sustainment

## 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Maj. Gen. Paul T. Calvert took command of the 1st Cavalry Division from Maj. Gen. John C. Thomson III on Oct. 4 during a change of command ceremony at Cooper Field, presided over by U.S. Forces Command commander Gen. Robert B. Abrams.

Thomson immediately took over as the deputy commanding general for maneuver of III Corps and Fort Hood and will serve as the corps' senior officer while the corps' commander, Lt. Gen. Paul E. Funk II, is deployed to the Middle East for Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve.

The 1st Cavalry Division, known as America's First Team, is an armored division. It has three armored brigade combat teams, a Stryker brigade and an air cavalry brigade, as well as artillery and sustainment units. About 20,000 soldiers wear the unit's distinct, large patch.

Two unique assets to the division are the Division Band and the Horse Cavalry Detachment, a company-sized unit with more than 30 horses to present a living history of the cavalry. The division fought in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, among others.

## FIRST ARMY DIVISION WEST

First Army Division West has the unique mission of training, readiness oversight and mobilization for U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard units.

The division is headquartered at Fort Hood and commanded by Maj. Gen. Erik C. Peterson. It has four training brigades stationed at Fort Hood and other installations.

## OPERATIONAL TEST COMMAND

U.S. Army Operational Test Command is headquartered at West Fort Hood and commanded by Brig. Gen. John Ullrich. As the Army's only independent testing organization, it plans, conducts, and reports rigorous operational tests, assessments and experiments in order to provide essential information for the acquisition and fielding of warfighting systems.



Commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, Maj. Gen. Daniel Karbler, right, hands the guidon to incoming commander of the Operational Testing Command, Col. John Ulrich.

## FORT HOOD UNITS

- III Corps
- 1st Cavalry Division
- 1st Army Division West
- 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command
- U.S. Army Operational Test Command
- 1st Medical Brigade
- 3rd Cavalry Regiment
- 36th Engineer Brigade
- 48th Chemical Brigade
- 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade
- 85th Civil Affairs Brigade
- 89th Military Police Brigade
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- 504th Military Intelligence Brigade
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- Warrior Transition Brigade
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- Hood Mobilization Brigade
- 3rd Air Support Operations Group (Air Force)

The command has about 240 soldiers and employs about 340 Department of the Army civilians to maintain its operations and has directorates at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and Fort Bliss.

## 3RD CAVALRY REGIMENT

The 3rd Cavalry Regiment is led by Col. Jonathan Byrom, the 77th commander of the regiment.

On order, the "Brave Rifles" deploy to designated contingency area of operations by sea, land or air and conducts combined arms operations to prevent conflict, shape the operational environment and win any fight.

## 13TH EXPEDITIONARY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

The 13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command is led by Brig. Gen. Douglas M. McBride Jr. Its mission is to deploy, provide command and control of assigned, attached and operationally controlled units and plan and provide sustainment, distribution and health service support for full-spectrum operations.

The 13th ESC also maintains training and readiness authority over dozens of units across the western United States.

## AIR FORCE

About 360 airmen call Fort Hood home. The 3rd Air Support Operations Group and its two squadrons provide direct support to Army units for joint operations. The group's 3rd Weather Squadron provides weather data for III Corps and Fort Hood.

# Hood Howdy a warm welcome for service members, families

The Hood Howdy Information Fair is a twice-yearly installation event conducted by Fort Hood's Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation as well as Army Community Service, Relocation Readiness Branch, in February and August.

The event serves as an overall installation "welcome" to the Great Place, and provides newly arrived soldiers and family members with the opportunity to become familiar with the installation and community businesses and agencies. Many groups set up booths to provide information to the thousands of new Fort Hood residents who stop by the event.

The February Hood Howdy highlights wellness for soldiers and their families as well as caregivers and local veterans and informs them about programs and services that are free on the installation as well as in the community.

The August Hood Howdy focuses on youth and schools to help families who just arrived on post get settled and ready for a new school year. The Employment



Vendors, soldiers, veterans and civilians attend the Hood Howdy event in February at Fort Hood.

Readiness Branch also sponsors a mini career fair with more than 25 employers participating in conjunction with the event.

"Military life is a whole different style of life," said Shirley Quick, Army Community Service, Relocation Readiness

Branch, program manager. "(The event) shows that Fort Hood is indeed a great place to be."

Hood Howdy takes place at Club Hood, Building 5764, on 24th Street and Wainwright Drive. Call 254-287-4471 or go to ([www.hoodmwr.com/hoodhowdy](http://www.hoodmwr.com/hoodhowdy)).

## Fort Hood accessibility safe and reliable for soldiers, visitors

As of September 2015, officials discontinued vehicle decal requirements to drive onto the installation, but a Defense Department ID card is required to drive through the Fort Hood gates.

Nonmilitary personnel may gain access to the post by obtaining a pass from the visitor's center. This is a requirement.

Those looking to access Fort Hood by vehicle without a DOD ID card need to stop at Fort Hood's Marvin Leath Visitors Center for a temporary pass.

Entry requirements for person without a Valid DOD ID Card requesting unescorted access:

- A valid purpose for entering the installation; (attend meeting, visit museum, job interview, etc.)
- Valid driver's license
- Current vehicle registration (If operating a vehicle)
- Proof of current insurance (If operating a vehicle)

- License plate number
- Provide the destination, name of facility, building number, street address, or unit name/designation

Upon satisfying the above criteria and vetting requirements an installation access pass/badge will be issued to the person.

Marvin Leath Visitor's Center: take the Fort Hood main gate exit off U.S. Highway 190 on the west side of Killeen. Stop in the visitor's center with a state registration document for the vehicle, a valid state driver's license and proof of insurance.

For a small fare, taxis will transport people arriving by bus at the Killeen bus terminal. Direct phones are located in the terminal.

### PLACES TO KNOW

#### Marvin Leath Visitors Center

Building 69012

Open 24 hours, seven days a week

Phone: 254-287-9909

#### Copeland Soldier Service Center

Building 18010

Open 24 hours, seven days a week

Phone: 254-287-3832

#### Phantom Express

Building 69005

Hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays

Phone: 254-553-1104

### VILLAGE OFFICES

- Comanche I & II Villages, 51814-1 Comanche Ave., 254-285-2243.
- Comanche III Village, 53301 Drum Song Trail, 254-285-2289.
- Kouma & Montague Villages, 48810 Washington St., 254-285-2245.
- McNair & Chaffee Villages, 6310 Tank Destroyer, 254-285-2251.
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# Army has stores, services for military personnel, families

The Army and Air Force Exchange Services, offers goods and services to military personnel and family members through The Exchange stores, which are similar to department stores.

AAFES operates on funds generated through sales of merchandise and services, not tax dollars.

Clear Creek Shopping Center, which opened Oct. 1, 2015, is the main post exchange at Fort Hood.

It has sections for clothing, shoes, cosmetics, jewelry, hardware, books and magazines, outdoor living, toys and a variety of specialty stores and restaurants.

Fort Hood had two other post exchanges — Clear Creek Main Exchange and the Warrior Way Specialty Store — which have been repurposed.

The old Clear Creek site is now home to a barber shop and stores for military clothing, alterations, embroidery and furniture. The remainder of the building is being mapped out to accommodate other potential vendors and or services.

The Warrior Way facility houses a NAPA Auto Care and Domino's Pizza. Fort Hood will take possession of the rest of the space, part of which will be converted into a Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness center.

AAFES also operates more than a dozen on-post Express stores near neighborhoods and a main Class Six. Of these, eight Express locations sell

## COMMISSARIES

Fort Hood has two commissaries, one on Clear Creek Road and the other at the intersection of Warrior Way and 10th Street. A military ID card or a dependent card is required to shop in the commissaries, which are grocery stores for the military.

The commissaries offer a variety of services, including an ATM, a bakery, deli, fresh sandwiches to go, party cakes, plants and rotisserie chicken. Fresh produce, lean meats and more are available at a low cost. Deli trays and fruit baskets are available upon request. The commissary also offers cleaning supplies and pet supplies such as food, toys and treats.

They take debit and credit cards, cash and Lone Star card for SNAP food benefits and Woman, Infants and Children program benefits.

Both commissaries are closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Check the store page under the Locations tab on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) for other holiday hours.

### CLEAR CREEK COMMISSARY

Building 50001 Clear Creek Road

Phone: 254-287-3905

Store Director: Wanda Dotson

Hours: Sunday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Monday: Closed; Tuesday-Saturday: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### WARRIOR WAY COMMISSARY

Warrior Way and 10th Street

Phone: 254-287-8025

Hours: Sunday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.;

Monday and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Wednesday: Closed; Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

gas and the III Corps Express is open 24 hours. AAFES also operates three Auto Care Firestone locations on post.

To use these facilities, an individual must present a military ID or military dependent ID when paying for goods and services, except at restaurants.

All post visitors are authorized to dine at all Fort Hood exchange facilities. Post exchanges are tax-exempt and offer electronics, clothing, home furnishings, appliances and food and alcohol.

The Clear Creek Shopping Center, Building 4250 Clear Creek Boulevard, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 254-532-7200.

Palmer Theater is operated by AAFES and offers movies with a military ID. The theater is in Building 334 and the 24-hour movie hotline is 254-287-3851.

Shopping is also available online at [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com).

## FORT HOOD CHURCHES

For more information about Fort Hood religion services, visit <http://www.hood.armymil/chaplain>.

### Spirit of Fort Hood Chapel

Tank Destroyer Boulevard,  
Building 320  
254-286-6785

### Old Post Chapel

761st Tank Battalion and 50th Street  
254-288-6545

### Comanche Chapel

Tank Destroyer Boulevard,  
Building 52024  
254-288-6556

### The Ohana Place

Battalion Avenue, at 19th Street  
254-287-2690

### 25th Street Chapel

Battalion Avenue, at 25th Street,  
Building 10041  
254-285-6751

### The Spiritual Fitness Center

Battalion Avenue, at 33rd Street  
254-553-1195

### 58th Street Chapel

Battalion Avenue, at 58th Street  
254-287-4034

### 73rd Street Chapel

Battalion Avenue, at 73rd Street  
254-287-0469

### 76th Street Chapel

Battalion Avenue, at 76th Street  
254-288-5145

### West Fort Hood Chapel

Headquarters Avenue, at Clark Road  
254-288-9442

### 13th ESC Chapel

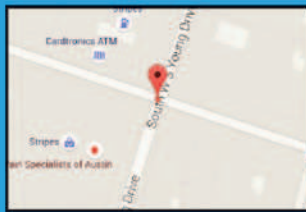
67th Street and Support Avenue  
254-287-1391

### Darnall Community Hospital Chapel

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254-288-8849

### North Fort Hood Chapel

Headquarters and 18th street,  
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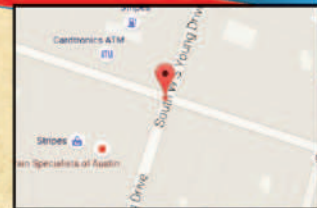
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# Museums help preserve military history of Fort Hood

Fort Hood is home to one of the Army's most storied divisions, along with one of its most history-steeped regiments.

Both the 1st Cavalry Division's and the 3rd Cavalry Regiment's tales are told through their on-post museums and memorials. A museum to honor all of Fort Hood and Central Texas is in the planning and fundraising stages. The Mounted Warrior Museum will be built just outside the main gate and will provide a unique educational experience, preserving and interpreting the story of mounted units and soldiers who have served at Fort Hood and worldwide, and the rich history, values and heritage of Killeen/Central Texas.



The 1st Cavalry Division museum is at 56th Street and 761st Tank Battalion Avenue at Fort Hood.

## 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

The 1st Cavalry Museum, Building 2218, is at 56th Street and 761st Tank Battalion Avenue.

Exhibits highlight the First Team's history from frontier forts of the American West to its involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 1st Cavalry's outdoor exhibit of more than 60 vehicles also includes the Skycrane, one of the largest helicopters built by the Army.

The museum's phone number is 254-287-3626. Steven Draper is the director.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and training holidays. The museum is closed on

Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Easter and Thanksgiving.

## 3RD CAVALRY REGIMENT

The 3rd Cavalry Museum holds artifacts dating back to the unit's beginnings 171 years ago. The unit formed in 1846. After following the regiment around the country and Europe, the museum debuted at Fort Hood in January 2010.

Located in two buildings, the history of the regiment is found in flags, uniforms, equipment, and weapons. The outdoor vehicle park displays vehicles

from World War II through the present day.

The museum is located between Battalion Avenue and 761st Tank Battalion Avenue just west of 24th Street. The entrance to the parking lot is on 761st Tank Battalion Avenue.

Call 254-288-3590 or 254-287-8811. Fred Adolphus, is the director.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and training holidays, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and federal holidays. The museum is closed on Christmas Day, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.



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# AUSA's mission is civilian support of Army

The Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is not only the biggest in the country, but also one of the most active. AUSA members include retired military personnel, with combat experience dating back to World War II, and local businesspeople. Active-duty soldiers also attend meetings.

Since 1950, the Association of the United States Army, created by the Army for the Army, has worked to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interests of America's Army and the men and women who serve. Its mission is "Voice for the Army—Support for the Soldier."

Thanks to donations from the community, AUSA provided \$62,000 in scholarships to about 60 local active-duty or retired soldiers, Department of the Army civilians employed at Fort Hood, and members of their immediate families in 2016.

The local chapter president is Stephanie O'Banion, president and CEO of the United Way of Central Texas. O'Banion began her term as the local AUSA president in 2016.

"We serve as the liaison between the Army and local civilian communities; as well as help educate the public about the needs for a strong national defense and the Army," she said. "CTFH AUSA is involved in a variety of programs to



Stephanie O'Banion, left, Central Texas-Fort Hood Association of the United States Army president, gives the 1st Cavalry Division Award to Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Heinze on Nov. 28, 2016.

help support deployed and mobilized soldiers and their families. Some of our activities include general membership meetings with high-profile guest speakers, community involvement events, special events honoring the Army and outstanding soldiers, professional development forums, scholarships, and a strong soldier support program; helping soldiers and their families in need.

"Whether you are interested in membership, making a donation, or want to participate in an AUSA event, there are a number of reasons why you should lend your support to AUSA," O'Banion

said. "We are the only professional association for the entire Army. We advocate for the men and women in uniform who serve. We support the soldiers and the civilians and families who work alongside of them in the local community who support us."

The association holds four local general membership meetings a year, in addition to regular charitable events.

A large local contingent also travels to the national conference in October in Washington, D.C.

For more information, go to [www.forthoodausa.org](http://www.forthoodausa.org).

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# Copperas Cove grows into city built for family living

The history of Copperas Cove dates back to when the developing cattle industry cut through the region with the Chisholm Trail in the 1870s.

A resident petition for a post office named the settlement “Cove” but added “Copperas” to reflect the mineral taste of the spring water.

Marsden Ogletree became the first postmaster in 1879 and lends his name to Ogletree Gap Park.

Today Copperas Cove touts itself as “The City Built for Family Living.” It is the largest City in Coryell County and is home to many retirees, active-duty military and others.

Copperas Cove had an estimated population of about 33,919 citizens as of Jan. 1, 2017. Residents are served by four major entities — the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce, the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation, the Copperas Cove Independent School District and the City of Copperas Cove municipal government. The municipal government is led by a mayor and seven-member council.

Day-to-day operations are conducted by the City Manager Andrea Gardner. The police and fire departments provide emergency public safety services, and crime and fire prevention awareness. The police chief is Eddie Wilson and the fire chief is Michael Neujahr. Municipal Court Judge Bill Price presides over cases involving city ordinance violations and other offenses. The court is located at 602 S. Main St.

Animal Control, another public safety department, is overseen by Police Lt. Brian Wyers. Animal Control collects, shelters and adopts out stray animals, protects residents from vicious animals and regulates animal care ordinances for the city. They have also conduct free monthly adoption events. The shelter is located at 1601 N. First St.

The Public Works Department is run by Public Works Director Michael Cleghorn, who oversees streets/drainage, water, sewer collection, wastewater, fleet maintenance and solid waste. The public works main office is at 1601 N. First St.

Building Development, at 914 S. Main St., Suite G., is headed by Chief Building



McAlister's Deli is one of the newest restaurants in the Five Hills shopping center in Copperas Cove.

## Cove governed as a home-rule city

The city of Copperas Cove is governed as a home-rule city that looks to the Texas Constitution and its city charter to determine how it operates and functions.

Making the financial and governing decisions of the city is its elected City Council, consisting of a mayor and seven council members.

Residents elect this governing body in November of each year, with rotating seats up for election each year. The at-large members serve three-year terms, and may only serve the maximum of two consecutive terms.

The governing body meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with workshop meetings beginning at 5 p.m. and regular meetings beginning at 6 p.m.; an exception is that meetings are only held on the first Tuesday in December.

Meetings are held at the Council Chambers, 508 S. Second St. Learn more at [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov).

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

#### **Frank Seffrood, Mayor**

Term of Office: Through Nov. 2018  
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#### **George Duncan, Place 6**

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#### **Matthew Russell, Place 7**

Term of Office: Through Nov. 2017  
Email: [mrussell@copperascovetx.gov](mailto:mrussell@copperascovetx.gov)

Official Mike Morton. Operations allow for businesses and residents to receive permits and regulate development and various other activities like garage sales.

The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau promotes the area's business community and organizes and conducts numerous tourist and citywide events throughout the year.

The Economic Development Corporation has a board of directors appointed by the City Council. The entity's goal is to attract businesses to locate and stay in Copperas Cove. It has played significant roles in securing the Five Hills shopping center and is currently developing The Narrows, a business and technology park.

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# Ordinances outline rules Cove residents must follow

The Copperas Cove City Council passes laws and restrictions, otherwise known as city ordinances. Although these rules can be amended, ordinances outline policies and punishments for lawn clippings in the street, failure to maintain property, right of way parking and other actions. The entire list of ordinances can be found on the city's website at [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov)

Ordinances most often responded to by city officials include property maintenance, animal control and obstructing city property.

**High grass/weeds, trash, rubbish and debris:** The city regulates high weeds, grass, rubbish, obstruction by tree limbs, junk or other objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter in private yards, to include branches overhanging the street or sidewalk. A person or owner responsible for or claiming or having supervision or control of any real property commits an offense by permitting or allowing weeds, grass, brush or vegetation not regularly cultivated to grow to a height greater than 12 inches.

Residents are responsible for keeping the sidewalk or street clear of obstructions caused by intruding and overhanging brush and/or tree limbs, requiring a clearance of at least 8 feet above a sidewalk and 14 feet above a street.

They are also responsible for stagnant or unwholesome water, filth, carrion, weeds, rubbish, rubble, junk or garbage, or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, including, but not limited to, all vegetation that by size or material usually not suitable for timber or livestock and easily subject to becoming a fire hazard or harborage for rodents, dead grass, tree limbs or tree stumps.

**Basketball goals:** Residents are not allowed to construct, erect or place any obstruction or encumbrance, permanent or temporary, on any street, alley, parkway, sidewalk, right-of-way or other public place in the city.

Obstructions or encumbrances include but are not limited to permanent or portable basketball goals, posts and fences, all trees, shrubs or bushes over two feet in height above the pavement and other landscaping structures or ornaments to include signs.

## Copperas Cove provides numerous utility services

The city of Copperas Cove provides a number of utility services for its residents. Here is a breakdown of a number of the key services:

### UTILITY ADMINISTRATION

The city government in Copperas Cove provides multiple services to its residents, including solid waste collection, recycling, water and sewer.

The city recently entered into an agreement with Fathom Water Management Inc. to provide the Fathom Smart Grid for Water — delivering a complete solution including infrastructure, software, services and utility billing and customer care operations. Fathom provides the city's customers with real-time access to their water usage and billing information, while also improving utility revenue and overall operations with data-driven insights.

The Utility Administration Office is located at 914 S. Main St., Suite A, and is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to make payments, schedule transfers, activations and disconnects online at: <https://copperascove.u2you.gwfathom.com>.

Fathom Customer Care can be contacted at 844-685-6349 from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### SOLID WASTE

The solid waste division collects residential trash, brush, bulky items and recyclables. Residential trash collection occurs once a week, Monday through Thursday, through an automated trash collection system.

The service requires a one-time

deposit of \$40 per residence and a monthly fee of \$17. The city provides residents with a 96-gallon container; however, a resident can opt for a smaller, 64-gallon bin.

Residents can receive additional bins for an additional charge. The solid waste department is located at 2605 S. FM 116 and is open Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, the scale closes daily at 4:30 p.m. Go to [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) or call 254-547-4242.

### RECYCLING

Recyclable items are collected twice per month during residents' regularly scheduled trash collection days. Residents who participate receive a 96-gallon single-stream container. The solid waste department is at 2605 S. FM 116 and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; however, the scale closes daily at 4:30 p.m. Go to [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) or call 254-547-4242.

### WATER AND SEWER

Copperas Cove residents are provided with safe, uninterrupted water through the water distribution department. Deposits for water services start at \$50. The city's sewer deposit also starts at \$50. The rate for water in the city is \$4.05 for residents and \$4.96 for commercial businesses per 1,000 gallons, with a minimum base rate of \$11 per month for water depending on water meter size.

The rate for sewer in the city is \$5.67 for residents per 1,000 gallons used with a minimum rate of \$11 per month for all customers.

The water distribution department is at 914 Tank St.. Go to [www.copperascovetx.gov](http://www.copperascovetx.gov) or call 254-547-2416.

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## Copperas Cove library offers a variety of programs

The Copperas Cove Public Library is located in the heart of Copperas Cove adjacent to the Central Fire Station.

The library offers internet terminals or Wi-Fi connections, read to your children, catch up with current magazine or newspaper articles, borrow audio books on CD, or maybe even check out a book to read.

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### ADULT AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

The library's collection includes popular fiction and nonfiction books, graphic novels and large print works as well as videos and audio CDs of favorite books. Books not in the inventory can be requested through interlibrary loan for a modest fee. The library offers many special programs offered throughout the year and a Book Club throughout the year.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

The children's room in the library has

a wide selection of books, CD books, and video (both VHS and DVD), stuffed toys and a puppet theater. It offers Toddler Time for 1- to 3-year-old children on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Story Time for 3- to 5-year-old children on Thursdays at 10 a.m.. The annual Summer Reading program runs from mid-June into early July with special activities and performers in the library each week.

The library is at 501 S. Main St., Copperas Cove, and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; closed on Sunday. Kevin Marsh is the library director. The phone number is 254-547-3826.



The Copperas Cove Fire Department's main office is at 415 S. Main St.

## Cove Fire Department sees increase in calls, fewer EMS situations

The Copperas Cove Fire Department responded to 924 calls in 2016, according to its annual report. That was an increase of more than 7 percent from 2015. The department experienced a decrease of nearly 3 percent in emergency medical service calls (3,277) during the same period.

The fire chief is Michael Neujahr and the main office is at 415 S. Main St., Copperas Cove. The department has approximately 50 firefighters.

"The Copperas Cove Fire Department will continually strive to exceed our citizen's expectations working within a healthy, safe and innovative environment that enhances the professional and efficient delivery of emergency services," Neujahr said.

"We will strive to be an organization providing community safety education and information, keen to anticipate, influence and embrace change."

In 2016, there was an estimated \$4.19 million in property damage caused by fires. Response times in the city and county response areas were reduced by more than 4 percent. The department spent \$5.1 million in 2016, more than \$200,000 less than the budget projection. The department saw revenue during 2016 of \$1.3 million.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently thanked the department

for its efforts in the Houston-area floods. Copperas Cove Fire and Rescue received 10 sets of turnout gear valued at \$23,839.

The awarded gear, which includes pants, coats, suspenders, helmets, boots, gloves, hoods and storage bags, will replace old, damaged gear, allowing firefighters to provide safe and efficient services to their community.

A majority of the gear being replaced is approaching 10 years in service, which ensures the department will remain in compliance with the National Fire Protection Association's recommended 10-year retirement for protective gear.

For more information, call 254-547-2514 or email [fire@copperascovetx.gov](mailto:fire@copperascovetx.gov).

### New chief has ideas for Cove police

The Copperas Cove Police Department is organized into two major divisions; uniform services and support services. Each division falls under the command of a lieutenant who oversees the operations of various sections.



Wilson

The patrol division consists of 22 patrol officers, six corporals, and three sergeants. The patrol section is divided into three shifts that provide the citizens of Copperas

Cove professional police coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The section handled 18,203 requests for police service in 2016 compared to 19,123 calls for service in 2015, this is a 5 percent decrease in calls for service.

The chief is Eddie Wilson, now in his first full year as the police chief.

"Our community will see many changes in 2017," Wilson said. "We have worked diligently at adding 11 new faces to our patrol ranks and are now looking to add five new dispatchers to our staff. The new look will continue with Ford Explorers added to our patrol fleet along with a better, more functional uniform worn by our officers.

"We will implement new policies and procedures to meet the compliance requirements of the Texas Police Chiefs Recognition Program. This recognition will validate the essential best practice standards that already exist within our operations.

The most significant change will be the unveiling of a new patrol initiative that will strengthen our focus on crime prevention and community relations."

There are 73 men and women who make up the department.

The main office is at 302 E. Avenue E, Copperas, Cove. The phone number for non-emergency call for the police department is 254-547-8222.



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# Coryell County's rural population passes 76,000

The history of Coryell County dates back to the early days of the creation of Texas. The county is 1,057 square miles and Gatesville is the county seat.

According to the County website, Coryell County was created by the Texas Legislature in 1854 and is named for James Coryell, an early explorer of the region. Gatesville, the county seat, grew up around Fort Gates, established in 1849 to protect settlers from marauding Indians.

The habitation of Coryell County dates as far back as 4500 B.C. The Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, Kiowa and Comanche were among the tribes who migrated through the area at various periods.

When the General Colonization Law went into effect in 1824, followed by the 1825 State Colonization Law of Coahuila y Tejas, Robert Leftwich obtained a grant to settle 800 families in Texas. The grant went through several legal challenges, and later became Robertson's Colony, named for Sterling C. Robertson.

The grant encompassed all or parts of 30 present-day Texas counties. Settlers began moving into the area after Fort Gates was established at Gatesville.

Land for a courthouse square was acquired and a one-story framed structure was constructed in 1865 on a corner presently occupied by a filling station. In 1872, a two-story structure of native white limestone was erected on this property and served as a focus of county business for the next 25 years.

On May 15, 1897, architect W.C. Dodson was commissioned to draw plans and specifications for a third courthouse at a contract price of 3½ percent of the total building cost. The only stipulations imposed on the architect were that the building have a cupola on top with a Seth Thomas Clock and a bell of not less than 800 pounds, and that the building be roofed in metal with the dome on the cupola in clad copper. In addition, there were to be dual statues of Liberty and Justice at the north and south entrances."

The flag of Coryell County was de-



The Coryell County Courthouse, built in 1898, still serves the county and district courts.

signed by Donald K. Fisher, a member of the Commissioners' Court, and adopted on Feb. 24, 1986, in preparation for a number of anniversary events.

In gold on white, it depicts the county seal and the date of the county's creation and organization, 1854. The colors do not have any particular significance but were selected to avoid the overused red-white-blue combination.

Cities in Coryell County include Copperas Cove (32,808 population), Gatesville (15,498), Evant (406), Jonesboro (774), and Oglesby (459). The county's population is more than 76,000 residents.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

The county has a sheriff's depart-

ment and a county commissioners court consisting of five members.

Judge John Firth announced earlier in the year he would not be running for office in the May 2018 election. Other commissioners include: Precinct 1, Kyle Matthews; Precinct 2, Daren Moore; Precinct 3, Don Jones; and Precinct 4, Ray Ashby.

The Coryell County Commissioners Court recently passed a \$16.4 million budget for 2017-18. The tax rate for fiscal year 2017-18 is 54.53 cents per \$100 of taxable value.

Scott Williams was elected sheriff of Coryell County, on May 24, 2016, and became sheriff on Jan. 1, 2017.

For more information, go to [www.coryellcounty.org](http://www.coryellcounty.org) or call 254-865-5911.



# Gatesville officially known as the ‘Spur Capital of Texas’

In 2001, the Texas Legislature designated Gatesville the “Spur Capital of Texas.” The Coryell County Museum in Gatesville is home to the Loyd and Madge Mitchell Collection of about 10,000 pairs of spurs, thought to be the largest such collection in the world.

What do Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Pancho Villa have in common? Both of them have a pair of their spurs on display at the Coryell County Museum. The museum is at 718 E Main St., Gatesville.

The mayor of Gatesville is Gary Chumley, a banker. The population of Gatesville is approximately 15,000. The City Council has six members including: David Mitchell, Randy Hitt, Meredith Rainer, Jack Doyle, Ronnie Viss and Dwight Suson. The November election for three council seats has

been cancelled, according to documents provided by the clerk, since each of the incumbents is running unopposed for three seats. David Mitchell will become the Ward 1, Place 1 council member; Meredith Rainer will be elected as the Ward 1, Place 3 council member; and Ronnie Viss becomes the Ward 2, Place 5 council member.

A tax rate of 51 cents per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the council. The city passed a budget for 2017-2018 for \$13.6 million.

Gatesville encompasses a land area of 8.7 miles and is the county seat of Coryell County. The city also borders the north side of Fort Hood.

The police department that serves this community is broken down into three major divisions, patrol, investigations, and administration, and employs 30 full

and part-time employees. The chief of police is Nathan Gohlke.

“The employees of the Gatesville Police Department are expected to serve the public with dignity, fairness, and respect,” Gohlke said on the city’s website.

“Quality customer service is our goal with continued emphasis on our law enforcement mission. Policing requires persons of high character and integrity and nothing less is expected of our employees. We are proud of the Police Department and the facilities provided to us by the City of Gatesville. We are always open, and it would be our privilege to visit with you.”

Billy Vaden is the fire chief with more than 30 on the department’s roster.

To connect with a city representative, call 254-865-8951 or go to [www.ci.gatesville.tx.us](http://www.ci.gatesville.tx.us).

## Despite incorporation in 1997, Kempner has a long history

The area around Kempner has a long and somewhat wild history.

The city was founded in 1882 and was named after Harris Kempner, a Texas philanthropist, banker and railroad magnate.

Kempner was incorporated only 20 years ago. The town voted in 1997 to incorporate by a vote of 200 in favor, 33 against. The push to incorporate came when the Copperas Cove City Council annexed land that extended into Lampasas County, leaving residents to wonder if their community could be next, according to the city’s website.

The Kempner Police Department began with a city marshal in May 2000. The office of chief of police was established in April 2004. The current department is comprised of a chief (Forrest Spence) and three officers.

Kempner has been a type A general law municipality since Aug. 9, 1997.

The area was rowdy and lawless in its early days around the 1850s. According to Kempner’s website, there was considerable Indian trouble. Resident Dan Taylor asked then-Gov. F.R. Lubbock for ammunition to help the



Vehicles travel through Kempner.

settlers hold their own against the Comanche, but Lubbock wrote back that he and his neighbors should contact a man named Mr. Foster in Burnet for their gunpowder. As if that wasn’t bad enough, several stagecoach and mail robberies occurred between Taylor’s Creek and Belton.

In 1882 the Gulf, Colorado and Santa

Fe Railway was built through the area, two miles from the Taylor store, and the community’s center finally became fixed when the post office was moved to a frame building near the railroad tracks and renamed Kempner after Harris Kempner, a Galveston merchant and director of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

The first postmaster at the new location was Johnnie Chance. The coming of the railroad caused the population to double.

Today, the city has police, a volunteer fire department, justice of the peace, post office and city park. The population is nearly 1,100 residents.

Carolyn Crane is the mayor and Robert McKinnon is the mayor pro temp. Council members include Clinton Morse, McKinnon, Bob Crane, David Richardson and Melba Vandever.

The council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 12288 E. Highway 190. The city recently passed a 2017-18 budget of just over \$400,000 with a property tax rate of 23.5 cents per \$100 of taxable value. Learn more at [cityofkempner.org](http://cityofkempner.org).

## Rural lifestyle attracts Lampasas County residents

Lampasas County is relatively small and quiet, making it a contender for residents looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city without being too far away from one.

The county has a population upwards of 20,100 residents. The county seat is Lampasas, and the governing body for the county is the commissioners' court.

The court, led by County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse and four commissioners, meets at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month in the Lampasas County Courthouse courtroom, 501 E. Fourth St., Lampasas.

Commissioner Bobby Carroll from the Kempner area serves Precinct 1; Commissioner Jim Lindeman of Lampasas represents Precinct 2; Commissioner Lewis Bridges from Lometa represents Precinct 3 and Commissioner Mark Rainwater from the Adamsville area represents Precinct 4.

In addition to the court's responsibilities required by the state, other responsibilities include setting the county's annual tax rate, monitoring the expenditure of county funds, handling budget responsibilities for all county offices and issuing bonds for building purchases and repairs to county buildings.

County Attorney John Greenwood is the chief prosecuting attorney for the county court.

The county attorney prosecutes misdemeanor cases, and motions to revoke cases and bond forfeitures.

Some of County Sheriff Jess Ramos' duties include criminal investigations, traffic enforcement and jail operations.

County residents can register to vote with Lampasas County Elections Administrator Mark Bishop.

For more information, go to [www.co.lampasas.tx.us](http://www.co.lampasas.tx.us).



Members of the Ben Hur Shriners drive their mini cars through downtown Lampasas during the annual Spring Ho Parade.

## Lampasas offers small-town charm

Lampasas — a city of almost 7,000 people — has struck a balance between small-town charm and convenience.

Lampasas was founded in 1883, and today it is run by a council-manager style of government led by Mayor Misti Talbert, Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Williamson, and council members TJ Monroe, Robert McCauley, Delana Keele-Toups, Mike White, Greg Smith and City Manager Finley deGraffenried.

Council members and the mayor are elected at-large for two-year terms. The council, which meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month at City Hall, 312 E. Third St., is responsible for adopting budgets, determining policies, appointing the city manager and approving legislation.

A major attraction is the city's annual Spring Ho Festival, which is traditionally held on the second weekend in July. Founded in 1972 by residents Gary Martin and Milton Boone, the festival commemorates the rejuvenating powers of Sulphur Springs.

In February 2017, the city hired Mandy Walsh as the director of the Economic Development Corporation, and developments have continued to spring up



The Lampasas County Courthouse is at 501 E. Fourth St. in Lampasas.

around Lampasas.

One new business that has come to Lampasas recently is Builder Homesite Inc., a software company based out of Austin. The company manages marketing efforts for large homebuilders in the area, and will be working with area homebuilders.

The company just settled into its permanent location on Key Avenue and has created several new, technology positions in the past year.

The city is hard at work on the strategic plan city administrators developed in July 2017. Learn more about the city at [www.lampasas.org](http://www.lampasas.org).

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# Road projects improve transit across Central Texas

Investments continue to be made in Killeen-Fort Hood area projects. Construction remains a common sight, but some projects have been completed, while others are still ongoing.

The Waco District of the Texas Department of Transportation plans, designs, builds and maintains the state transportation system in eight area counties.

Upcoming projects put a focus on safety by dedicating more than \$86 million on striping, texturing and raised pavement markers. About 63 percent of state projects are completed on time, while 95 percent are finished under budget.

## INTERSTATE 14

The area's main east-west thoroughfare, U.S. Highway 190, received its official designation as an interstate highway in January.

The 25-mile stretch from Belton to Copperas Cove is now Interstate 14, and is the first segment of a strategic deployment route that will eventually connect forts to ports from El Paso to Savannah, Georgia. More than \$100 million of state and local investment brought the Killeen and Fort Hood portion to interstate standards.

While already designated, work continues east of Killeen.

The highway from the west end of Killeen to Nolanville was widened from four to six lanes from the Fort Hood main gate to just west of Farm-to-Market 2410 in Harker Heights. The next phase of the widening project will be from just west of FM 2410 near Seton Medical Center Harker Heights to Simmons Road west of Belton.

TXDOT continues construction.

## ROSEWOOD DRIVE OVERPASS

The city of Killeen completed an overpass on U.S. Highway 190 at Rosewood Drive in October 2015. The overpass created a major north-south route by connecting Rosewood Drive under the highway.

## INTERSTATE 35

The construction, widening and safety-proofing of Texas' primary north-south interstate continues in Bell



Trimmier Road is under construction from Jasper Drive to Elms Road to widen the north-south thoroughfare in Killeen.

County. The multiyear project will widen the highway to three lanes on both sides from San Antonio to Hillsboro. It is funded through federal stimulus money along with a voter-approved road construction initiative.

An interchange flyover now connects U.S. 190 with Interstate 35.

Construction began in fall 2010, but stalled in 2013 because of right-of-way purchase issues in other areas of the I-35 widening project.

## STATE HIGHWAY 195

State Highway 195 construction is finalized from Georgetown to Killeen. The large project turned one of the main routes from the Killeen area to Austin into a four-lane divided highway and included a bypass of Florence. Construction began in 2011.

Other projects include construction to enhance the landscape near the southern part of Killeen city limits near Sharp Cemetery Road; a turnaround underpass for north and south traffic on SH195 frontage roads and FM 3470; and milling and inlay from U.S. Highway 190 to FM 3470.

## STAGECOACH ROAD

Construction on Stagecoach Road

continues as crews now work to fix the Killeen road.

The \$17 million project was expected to reach completion by fall 2016, but there was a failure in the asphalt that caused cracking.


Previous work widened Stagecoach Road from a two-lane road to five with a continuous center turn lane. The project includes construction of a 12-inch waterline, a 16-inch force main and an 18-inch gravity sewer main. New traffic signals also were planned.

## TRIMMIER ROAD

Trimmier Road is under construction from Jasper Drive to Elms Road to widen the north-south thoroughfare to five lanes in the busy commercial corridor and install new signalization, intersections, entrances and sidewalks.

The \$7.7 million multi-part project began in January 2015 and is scheduled for completion in December.

Portions already complete are the addition of a continuous center turn lane on W.S. Young Drive at Bacon Ranch Road, installation of a four-way signal at Lowe's Boulevard and Wal-Mart Boulevard, extension of Lowe's Boulevard east to Florence Road and the Gateway Drive connector.



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## Killeen airport offers convenience

The Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport provides local residents and travelers with access to three major airline hubs, making most destinations a quick hop away.

Convenience is a key draw.

American Airlines, United and Delta offer flights daily to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson, respectively.

The airport at 8101 S. Clear Creek Road in southwest Killeen, which opened in 2004 and expanded in 2011, is easily accessed via improved area highways, and is easy to get to from anywhere in Central Texas.

Paid short- and long-term parking is adjacent to the terminal; the first half hour is free. Veterans and military award recipients who qualify are exempt.

Rental car companies as well as taxis and shuttles provide ground transportation.

The Ted C. Connell Terminal Building, which spans 91,000 square feet, has a gift shop, coffee shop and ATMs.

The terminal's namesake originally brought air service to Killeen in 1966. Connell was an automobile, banking, real estate, and regional airline businessman, and former Killeen mayor from 1962 to 1966. He also served as a personal aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 2004, a 7-foot bronze statue was erected at the airport's grand open-

ing in his honor.

Go to [FlyKilleen.net](http://FlyKilleen.net) for flight schedules, additional services and more information.

### SKYLARK FIELD

The city's general aviation airport is on the east side and serves private aircraft, charter jets and aviation businesses.

The airfield at 1523 Stonetree Drive, next to Stonetree Golf Course, does not offer commercial airline passenger service.

It served as Killeen's commercial airport for decades prior to the opening of Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport.

The airfield formerly known as Killeen Municipal Airport has a 5,500-foot runway with precision instrument approach, making it a popular choice for private aircraft.

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The HOP coordinates many kinds of trips with routes and services across Central Texas.

## Transit district offers area bus service

Hill Country Transit District operates The HOP, a regional public transit system that started in the 1960s as a volunteer transit service that has since grown to serve a nine-county area covering over 9,000 square miles.

In the last decade, the system has experienced significant growth and consists of three divisions: The nine-county rural division, the Killeen Urban Division consisting of Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, and Killeen; and the Temple Urban Division consisting of Belton and Temple.

The HOP coordinates many types of trips. Service is provided to passengers with disabilities via the special transit service which often connects with the fixed route service. The HOP partners with many area social service agencies to provide transportation to their clients.

About 15 people gathered at the Harker Heights Activities Center earlier this summer for a public hearing on planned cuts to bus service in the Killeen area.

It was the first of five public hearings sponsored by the Hill Country Transit District, which operates the public service known as The HOP.

Robert Ator, director of urban operations for The HOP, explained a plan that will close three Killeen routes and restrict service system-wide for disabled residents.

Ator said these kinds of challenges are not unique to public transit and noted

that public transit is never going to meet the transportation needs of everyone.

The three bus routes targeted for closure are Route 7, which operates in southwest Killeen; Route 21, which operates through central Killeen; and Route 30, which operates in southeast Killeen.

Disabled residents in south Killeen will also have their service discontinued.

Administrators at the HOP worked out a number of issues, especially in one route in Copperas Cove.

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# Enrollment in Killeen ISD nears 45,000 students

Enrollment continues to increase in Killeen Independent School District.

As of September 2017, 44,297 students attend school in KISD,

The school district's enrollment increased by nearly 350 students from the 2016-2017 school year.

Two new schools were dedicated at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year: Alice Douse Elementary and Roy J. Smith Middle School.

Smith houses the new STEM Academy, focusing on science, technology, engineering and math.

More than 450 new teachers were hired by the district for the 2017-2018 school year. There are also two new principals in the district this year: Cassandra Spearman at Hay Branch Elementary and Tanya Dockery at Timber Ridge Elementary.

KISD extends over 400 square miles, through four cities.

Superintendent John Craft described the district:

“The District is comprised of 32 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, four high schools, four special campuses, a state of the art Career Center and an Early College High School.

“The district employs approximately 7,000 individuals dedicated to working together as a well-orchestrated team to ensure facilities are inviting; campuses are safe and orderly; curricula remains rigorous, innovative and challenging; and extra-curricular activities provide avenues for students to become well-rounded individuals.”

Killeen ISD continues to grow its Early College High School program, with juniors taking classes at Central Texas College. Freshmen and sophomores in the program attend the Early College High School at Fort Hood, housed in the renovated building of the former Smith Middle School.

The ECHS programs were made for students who want the opportunity to expedite their academic careers and will help better prepare themselves to obtain a bachelor's degree.

For the 2017-2018 year, over 800 students will be taking courses in the Early College curricula.

Superintendent Craft continued,



Students are seen in the classroom at Early College High School in June 2016.

## KILLEEN ISD REGISTRATION

For families arriving in the area in the middle of a school year — no problem! Killeen Independent School District has made it possible for students to be enrolled in their schools online.

Visit [www.killeenisd.org/frontPageV3/onlineregistration.cfm](http://www.killeenisd.org/frontPageV3/onlineregistration.cfm) to begin the process. After clicking the “Enrollment Online” button, it will be necessary to create a new user account. Once that process is completed, the registration application can be completed. If more than one student will be registered, it's even possible to copy the basic information from one application to another, rather than having to retype everything.

Once the registration is submitted online, it is necessary to visit the school which the child will be attending to verify the information. KISD requires a number of documents to be provided, as well: the student's immunization records, birth certificate and Social Security card and withdrawal form/transcript; guardian's photo ID and proof of residency.

For more information about Killeen ISD registration, call 254-336-0000.

“KISD offers a wide range of academic opportunities to include International Baccalaureate programs, numerous advanced placement and dual enrollment courses, a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Academy, a bio-science program offered in partnership with Scott & White Medical Center-Temple and Temple College, a Leadership Academy, numerous character development programs, as well as Career and Technology courses which lead up to industry level certifications.

“In addition, there are numerous

opportunities within athletics, fine arts, and many other clubs. We are extremely fortunate to be able to provide students with personalized graduation plans, which will allow them to capitalize on the numerous learning opportunities provided throughout the district.”

The school district has met its curriculum standard on the STAAR test exams in recent years, with many students achieving above the Texas state average.

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Senior Trajon Thompson dressed as Sparky, the Copperas Cove High School mascot, inspects T-shirts being given to incoming freshmen by the Copperettes Dance Line during the Dawghouse Welcome at Copperas Cove High School on Aug. 2.

## Cove ISD achieves academic success amid rapid growth

Copperas Cove Independent School District has become one of the most rapidly growing school districts in the area.

With a strong presence of active-duty and retired veterans living among the Copperas Cove community, CCISD grew by nearly 200 enrolled students for the 2017-2018 school year.

With an area of just more than 18 square miles, the small quaint town just west of Fort Hood offers students a small-town feel that reaches beyond the neighborhood and into the classroom.

With an enrollment of just under 8,200 students, CCISD instills the importance of education from the beginning stages.

CCISD has been recognized as one of the best pre-kindergarten educational options in the state, having been repeatedly awarded a Texas High Quality Pre-Kindergarten grant for its premier program.

The school district encompasses six elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. As a whole, there are more than 1,200 faculty members working on campus in CCISD.

Because the CCISD is located adjacent to Fort Hood, many of the students have military backgrounds which instill

### COPPERAS COVE ISD REGISTRATION

The registration process for students in the Copperas Cove Independent School District is simple.

By visiting the district's website — [http://www.ccisd.com/292614\\_3](http://www.ccisd.com/292614_3) — parents or guardians will find the registration form, health form, student profile and other documents which can be filled out online and printed.

Then, the forms can be brought to the student's school to complete the registration. The student's birth certificate and immunization records are also required when completing registration.

Questions about Copperas Cove ISD registration should be directed to 254-547-1227.

hardworking, respectful, and honorable values. These values have produced not only great students academically as CCISD earned 20 distinctions on the latest STAAR test.

Not only have CCISD students done well in the classroom, but they are also highly successful in fine arts, band, choir, theater arts and athletics.

CCISD has a budget of around \$71.9 million for the 2017-2018 school year. This budget is more than a \$7 million decrease from two years ago, when the budget reached almost \$79 million.

The CCISD school board is made up of eight members: Mike Wilburn, Jim Co-

peland, Bob Weiss, Harry L. Byrd, Vice President Inez Faison, President Joan Manning, Secretary Dr. Karen Harrison, and Superintendent Joe Burns.

Parents must register all new students in the Copperas Cove Independent School District in person before attending school. Returning students may register online at their schools' respective websites.

If you would like additional information about CCISD, call the district office at 254-547-1227 or visit the website at [www.ccisd.com](http://www.ccisd.com).

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# Belton ISD plans construction to keep up with growth

The Belton Independent School District added more than 3,000 students over the past decade, and a demographic study commissioned by the district projects that it will add 3,600 in the next 10 years.

As of Sept. 21, 2017, Belton ISD had 11,513 students. It is among the 83 fastest growing school districts in Texas.

The district operates 15 campuses.

Since 2013, Belton ISD has opened two new elementary schools and a new middle school. The district also has converted an existing elementary school to a pre-kindergarten campus and a middle school building to additional space for Belton High School.

In May 2017, voters approved \$149.7 million in bonds to fund the construction of an elementary school, a second comprehensive high school and updates to two other facilities.

In addition to the ongoing SAT and ACT prep work of the Superintendent Scholars, Belton ISD celebrated about 100 students who received 107 awards from the College Board for taking and successfully passing three or more Advanced Placement exams. Of the 107 AP awards, approximately one-third of the students achieving those awards took and passed five or more AP exams.

Belton ISD Career and Technology



Belton's Kelsey Surovik (13) and Elicia Jackson go up to block against Salado's Katie Robinson.

Education continues to benefit from the example set by instructor Craig Sullivan, Belton's Secondary Teacher of the Year and ESC 12's Secondary Teacher of the Year for 2017.

Sullivan was the sponsor for the team of four Belton High School students that took first place in the TeamWorks event at the 2017 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference this summer.

The 2017-2018 school year is the first year that dual credit EMT courses are

being offered and students enrolled in Automotive Technology courses are also now enjoying a new state-of-the-art facility that opened on the high school campus.

The district's superintendent is Susan Kincannon. The Board of Trustees is comprised of Board President Randy Pittenger, Vice President Mike Cowan, Secretary Sue M. Jordan, Leo Camden Jr., Jeff Norwood, Janet Leigh and Ty Taggart. Learn more at [www.bisd.net](http://www.bisd.net).

## Florence ISD educates more than 1,000 students on three campuses



Florence running back Landon Byrne attempts to avoid a Holland defender.

The Florence Independent School District currently serves 1,049 students in three separate schools in Florence, which is located south of Killeen on State Highway 195.

In football, Florence High School — the home of the Buffaloes — competes in the UIL District 13-3A.

Florence Elementary School and Florence Middle School round out the district's schools.

Paul Michalewicz is in his third year as superintendent of Florence ISD.

The school board meets regularly on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Florence High School library, 401 Farm-to-Market 970.

Agendas for district meetings are available at [www.florenceisd.net](http://www.florenceisd.net).

The district headquarters is at 306 College Ave. Call 254-793-2850 for more information about Florence ISD.

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Serving nearly 3,400 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, the district is a perfect match for families interested in rural living while remaining in close proximity to modern conveniences.

"We are working hard to provide better opportunities for our kids each day," Superintendent Chane Rascoe said about beginning this 2017-2018 school year. "We have expanded our Career Technical Education program in an effort to offer students opportunities to enhance their job ready skills as they graduate high school."

In addition to expanding the district's CTE program, the district expanded

their one to one technology initiative over the summer to the high school.

"The IPAD roll out at our middle school campus went very smoothly this past year, so we decided to extend the initiative to the high school this coming year," Rascoe said. Lampasas High School rolled out one-to-one Chrome-books for the freshman class at the start of the year and plans to expand to the other grades very soon.

Rascoe said the elementary campuses have been challenged to continue their success of the past.

"The Read On Lampasas program started last year and was a tremendous success," he said. "We plan to further improve the program this coming year. Our schools and community have responded well to the challenge of improving the Reading level of our kids. We look forward to seeing the lasting impact of this great program."

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# Salado ISD awarded for excellence

Salado Independent School District continues to strive for academic excellence, and its schools continue to receive numerous accolades on the state and national level. The district takes pride in a history of excellence, which shows in a number of awards and positive ratings both in academics and in administration.

The total enrollment in Salado ISD for the 2017-2018 school year is 1,862. The district is comprised of four schools: Thomas Arnold Elementary (pre-K to second grade), Salado Intermediate (third through sixth grades), Salado Junior High (seventh and eighth grades), and Salado High School.

Under the state's new school rating system, the district and all four of its campuses were designated as "met standard" by the Texas Education Agency.

Salado ISD started a health/medical science program at Salado High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

"This is going to be a great program for students interested in a career as a doctor, nurse, radiologist, anesthesiologist, paramedic, or any other field

of health care," said Michael Novotny, Salado ISD superintendent.

Salado ISD was awarded the Postsecondary Readiness Distinction Designation in 2017. This is the only distinction that the Texas Education Agency awards to school districts. Fewer than 5 percent of the 1,216 school districts in Texas received that recognition.

Novotny has been with the district since 2010. "We have outstanding students, employees, and parents that work together to make this a great school district," Novotny said.

Salado High School has won three Lone Star Cups (2008, 2013, and 2014). The Lone Star Cup goes to the school that accumulates the most points based on finishes in each sport plus academics and One Act Play.

Salado High School has won nine Academic UIL State Championships, including in 2013 and 2014. There is only one high school that has won more Academic UIL State Championships than Salado.

For more information, call 254-947-5479 or go to [www.saladoisd.org](http://www.saladoisd.org).

## Gatesville ISD serves 2,800 students

The Gatesville Independent School District was formed in the 1880s, according to the Coryell County Museum's website. The district currently has nearly 2,800 students, and board members recently passed a \$25.6 million budget for 2017-2018.

Eric Penrod has been the district's superintendent since 2015.

"This district has a long tradition of academic excellence, coupled with a strong commitment to the success of every student," Penrod said in his mission statement on the district's website. "Our mission is to provide all students with programs of excellence that instill a passion for lifelong learning, while preparing them for the challenges of tomorrow."

Penrod said he may be reached at [epenrod@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:epenrod@gatesvilleisd.org).

The district has five school build-

ings, including a primary (pre-kindergarten and kindergarten), elementary (1-3), intermediate (4-6), junior high (7-8) and high school (9-12). A new elementary school was completed in 2015.

There are seven school board members including: Board President Dr. Stephen Norris; Vice President Deborah Ford; Secretary Lisbeth Appelman; and members Mary Anne Leib, Joe Nolte, Michelle Edwards and Cheyenne Kizer.

Norris, Appelman and Ford will be up for re-election on Nov. 7. Fourteen candidates are vying for the three positions.

The administration building is at 311 S. Lovers Lane, Gatesville, Texas. For information on the school district, call 254-865-7251 or go to [www.gatesvilleisd.org](http://www.gatesvilleisd.org).



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## PARENT PROGRAMS

MCEC parent programs empower parents to become informed, proactive supporters, allowing them to make a positive impact in the needs of their children. Parent to Parent provides informative and interactive parent workshops to groups and organizations in the local community that address academic, social and emotional issues associated with a military family lifestyle.



Abby Rodriguez, left, a Military Student Transition Consultant for Killeen Independent School District, is handed backpacks by Freddy Hicks and Linda Salinas.

## TRANSITION CONSULTANT

A military student transition consultant is a highly-specialized education professional embedded within the school district who is dedicated to supporting military-connected students and works directly with children, parents and school personnel. The consultant is an expert “navigator” and advocate for military-connected students and their families who works to decrease turbulence in family life and build resiliency in students.

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## RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY

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Many private schools in the area also serve Killeen students.

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## KILLEEN ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY

Killeen Adventist Junior Academy offers a Christian education featuring a traditional academic curriculum taught by certified teachers. The school serves students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The academy is accredited by the Texas Education Agency. The school is at 3412 Lake Road in Killeen. Call 254-699-9466 or go to [www.mykaja.org](http://www.mykaja.org).

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Students gather inside the Mayborn Science Theater for Central Texas College's Math Appreciation Day.

## Central Texas College offers variety of programs

With the start of the fall 2017 semester, Central Texas College marked its 50th year of providing higher educational opportunities to residents throughout the region.

CTC has evolved into a unique institution focusing on an affordable, accessible education. The school's diverse student population, which reflects our community, includes nearly 6,000 students per semester at its Killeen and Fort Hood campuses and an additional 10,000 area students taking classes online.

CTC prepares students for jobs or to transfer to four-year universities, with more than 100 associate degrees and certificates of completion available in many diverse fields.

Programs of study include aviation science, business administration, communications, computer science, computer-aided drafting and design, electronics technology, industrial technology, interdisciplinary studies, language, mathematics, nursing and paramedic, science and computer and information technology.

CTC offers more than 400 online and blended (a combination of online and

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CTC also offers a Weekend and Evening College program to allow students with busy work and family schedules to complete any of 27 associate degree plans or 11 certificate programs at night and on weekends.

CTC now offers a new Accounting Technician associate degree within the Business Administration program. Also added were new stackable Business Management Accounting Specialist and Human Resource Management certificate programs which provide students with immediate workforce skills.

CTC has expanded its flexible class format offerings with its new Degrees On The Go program. Students can earn an associate degree in 15-16 months through a combination of online classes and evening/weekend classes at either the CTC central campus in Killeen or its Fort Hood campus.

The Electronics department now offers an Industrial Control and Robotics certificate program which prepares students for employment in operating, testing, maintaining and calibrating unmanned, automated, servo-mechanical or electromechanical equipment.

This type of robotic equipment may be found aboard submarines, aircraft and equipment at worksites such as oil rigs, deep ocean exploration or hazardous waste removal. The program also prepares students to assist engineers in testing and designing robotics equipment.

CTC's Office Technology and Medical Office Technology program now offers a competency-based option for students to complete their studies. Classes in these areas as well as medical coding and billing courses are now offered in an alternative blended format. Students can set their own schedules to attend classroom/lab activities for 3.5 hours and then work 3.5 hours from home or other location each week.

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Texas A&M University -Central Texas is the 11th of 12 universities within The Texas A&M University System, one of the largest and highly ranked university systems in the United States.

The university's stated purpose is to provide quality, accessible, and affordable higher education opportunities.

A&M-Central Texas offers 24 bachelor's degrees and 16 graduate degrees, eight of which are offered completely online.

As an 'upper-level' university, and as a part of our commitment to accessibility, the school's admissions policies are purposefully encouraging, requiring a 2.0 GPA and a minimum of 30 hours of college level coursework.

Typically, students who apply for admissions at A&M-Central Texas have attended other universities or community colleges, but are looking for a way to complete their undergraduate (bachelor's) degree.

The university partners with local community colleges via The Warrior Corps Transfer Program which outlines the specific courses community college students should take to effect a smooth transfer into our degree programs.

The university's students represent a number of diverse communities. The majority are employed, raising a family, active in their communities, and committed to the pursuit of their degree.

The university proudly serves those who are military-affiliated, having completed careers in military service, or are a spouse or family member of active or retired military.

The faculty is similarly diverse, many with 'real world' as well as theoretical expertise that enhances traditional curricula with innovative principles and opportunities for community service.


The university also offers a tuition guarantee that ensures tuition and mandatory fees will not increase for new students who participate in the program. Students also have the opportunity to benefit from a "tuition cap" which allows students to take between 12-21 credit hours without incurring additional tuition charges (specific rules apply).

A&M-Central Texas sits on a 672-acre campus located at the intersection of State Highways 195 and 201 in Killeen.

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For the ninth year in a row, the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor's fall enrollment has broken all previous records. The total head count for fall 2017 is 3,914 students, with more than 1,900 of this year's students living on campus. This year's freshmen number 754 students.

Despite this consistent growth, the university remains committed to the personal attention that has been a cornerstone of the UMHB experience for more than 170 years. The current student-to-faculty ratio is just 18:1.

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor offers bachelor's degrees in 47 undergraduate majors, seven master's degree programs, and three doctoral degrees (Doctor of Education, Doctor of Nursing Practice and Doctor of Physical Therapy).

The university augmented its undergraduate programs this year with the expansion of its pre-engineering program into a full engineering degree; UMHB's competency-based education program for adult degree completers was also expanded to include an online RN-to-BSN degree program.

In October, the university dedicated its new Sue & Frank Mayborn Performing Arts Center. The centerpiece of the center is the Baugh Performance Hall, a 525-seat theater with a proscenium stage.

The facility's design allows it to be used as a teaching facility as well as a venue for performances. Through the support of generous alumni and friends of the university, the \$20 million building was completed debt-free.

The performing arts center was the final project of the Campus Master Plan adopted in February 2011, so this fall the university is also celebrating the success of Momentum: The Campaign for Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The campaign has exceeded its \$60 million goal by raising more than \$80 million for scholarships and Campus Master Plan projects. Since 2011, the university has completed eight new facilities, including the Bawcom Student Union, Baugh Center for the Visual



UMHB's Markeith Miller (27) is tackled by Wheaton's Nick Blazek (12) during the 2016 NCAA Division III Football Championship quarterfinals at Crusader Stadium in December.

Arts, Crusader Stadium, and Isabelle Rutherford Meyer Nursing Education Center.

UMHB students take active roles in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ across the world. Last year nearly 300 students, faculty, and staff members took part in mission activities in 33 countries. In addition, more than 200 students were regularly involved in missions and service projects in Central Texas.

In April, UMHB held its 78th Annual Easter Pageant. The student-led production depicts the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The pageant performances drew more than 6,000 spectators and, for the first time ever, the performances were also streamed online, where they were watched by another 6,700 people around the globe.

Last year was one of the greatest in the history of UMHB athletics. For the first time in its 19-year history, the Crusader football program won the NCAA Division III National Championship. The team closed out the season with a perfect 15-0 record to set new school and American Southwest Conference records for single-season victories. Ten of the university's other athletic programs went on to compete in post-season play.

UMHB was chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas. It is a private, Christian university affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Learn more at [www.umhb.edu](http://www.umhb.edu).

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# Metroplex meets health care needs across Central Texas

Metroplex Adventist Hospital, located on Clear Creek Road in Killeen, opened its doors in 1978 to serve the growing population of the area, including a growing military community.

The hospital originally had 10 physicians on staff. Today, Metroplex has more than 300 physicians in 35 specialties. The 232-bed, multicampus Metroplex Health System, a faith-based organization, employs about 1,200 area residents and cares for more than 100,000 patients each year.

Metroplex is one of 45 facilities within Adventist Health System, a faith-based health care organization headquartered in Altamonte Springs, Florida. A national leader in quality, safety and patient satisfaction, Adventist Health System's more than 78,000 employees maintain a tradition of whole-person health by caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of every patient.

In 2008, Baylor Scott & White Health partnered with Adventist Health System to acquire a minority interest in Metroplex, which is a partnership that continues to flourish today.

In 2017, Metroplex was honored with several awards, including: being a finalist for the Quest Award for High-value Healthcare; Mission: Lifeline Gold Receiving Quality Achievement Award; Mission: Lifeline Gold-Plus Award; and Mission: Lifeline NSTEMI Bronze Quality Achievement Award. Additionally, Metroplex received its sixth consecutive "A" grade for its hospital safety score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from medical errors, injuries and infections within the hospital.

"We are honored to be recognized for our many successes, and we always make patient safety and providing quality care our priority," said Carlyle Walton, president and CEO of Metroplex Health System. "These awards belong to every one of our team members who make our mission of Extending the Healing Ministry of Christ their priority, day in and day out."

In addition to its many awards, Metroplex Adventist Hospital received Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers from The Joint Commission. Standards for the certification are based

on best practices found in the Brain Attack Coalition's "Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers," and "Revised and Updates Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers."

## ROLLINS BROOK

Metroplex Health System operates several health care facilities, including Rollins Brook Community Hospital, a 25-bed critical access hospital in Lampasas. It offers many technological services, including a 24-hour emergency center, a state-of-the-art laboratory, medical and surgical rooms, CT and MRI scanning, digital mammography, cardiopulmonary services with EKG and stress testing, sleep disorder center, bone density testing and wound care therapies.

## CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Metroplex Center for Behavioral Health is the area's only full-service behavioral health center for children, adolescents, adults and seniors.

The 60-bed facility offers numerous treatment programs including inpatient, partial hospitalization and outpatient options. The center is a designated Killeen Independent School District campus, giving it the ability to meet the educational needs of children and adolescent patients while in inpatient or partial hospitalization care.

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS

**Metroplex Heart and Vascular Center:** Staffed by a team of highly trained technologists and diagnostic and interventional cardiologists, the Metroplex Heart and Vascular Center offers 24/7 cardiac services.

**Metroplex Clinic Physicians:** An ever-growing physician services organization and home to eight physicians who practice a variety of specialties, a nurse practitioner and a licensed social worker.

**Home Care of Metroplex:** Accredited by The Joint Commission, Home Care of Metroplex is an award-winning provider of home health care services.

**Metroplex Rehabilitation Center:** As the largest outpatient rehabilitation center in Central Texas, the Metroplex Rehabilitation Center offers state-of-the-art

treatments for physical and occupational therapy, speech/language pathology services for children and adults, and a new lymphedema management program.

**Metroplex Open MRI:** Metroplex Open MRI utilizes the advanced Hitachi AIRIS Elite Open MRI system and is the only "true" Open (on four sides) MRI available in Killeen.

**Metroplex Centers for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine:** With centers in Killeen, Lampasas and Harker Heights, the Metroplex Centers for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine provides advanced wound treatment, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

**Metroplex Sleep Center** offers outpatient diagnostic testing for sleep/wake disorders.

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**Community Wellness:** Each year, Metroplex Wellness provides a variety of services for the community such as support groups, parenting classes, free exercise classes, free immunization and flu clinics, and free health screenings. A variety of wellness events are held, including the KidFest Health and Safety Fair, and the Silver Classic 5k. Community services are supported as well, such as the Greater Killeen Free Clinic.

**Sue Mayborn Women's Center** addresses women's health for all stages of life, including obstetrics and gynecology, labor and delivery, well-woman exams, mammograms and bone density testing.

**Hemingway Medical Office Building:** Located on the corner of Clear Creek and Bell Tower roads, the building houses physicians specializing in pediatrics, endoscopy, cardiology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, gynecology and surgery.

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**Scott & White Medical Center-Temple**, part of Baylor Scott & White Health, is a 640-bed, fully accredited nonprofit hospital in Temple.

As the only Level 1 trauma center between Dallas and Austin, Scott & White Medical Center provides a broad spectrum of hospital and clinical services including heart and vascular, cancer care, transplantation, women's services and neurosciences.

While Scott & White Medical Center is in Temple, the system has 14 locations for health care services in the Killeen area, and is a partner with the Metroplex Health System.

**Scott & White Clinic-Killeen** at 3801 Scott & White Drive features family medicine and pediatrics. Services include family medicine, OB/Gyn, nephrology, psychology, adolescent medicine, chronic care, acute care for minor injuries, allergy care, preventive care that includes immunization and other vaccinations. Radiology and laboratory services are provided at Scott & White Clinic-Killeen.

Clinic services are available by appointment for patients of all ages by calling 254-680-1100. Weekend clinic hours are available for pediatric patients; call 254-724-5437 to schedule an appointment.

**Scott & White Urgent Care Clinic-Killeen** is at 5702 E. Central Texas Expressway. The Urgent Care Clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. The clinic includes exam rooms, a treatment room, X-ray, laboratory services and a community education wellness center. No appointments are necessary.

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Killeen West**, 4501 Clear Creek Road, is staffed by family medicine providers. The clinic features 24 exam rooms and two treatment rooms offering services including primary care, family medicine, including the care of infants and children,

women's health (OB/Gyn), as well as on-site X-ray and laboratory services.

It is open from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Call 254-501-6400.

**Scott & White Specialty Clinic-Killeen Hemingway** at 2405 S. Clear Creek Road is home to 14 Scott & White specialty clinics including adult services for pain management, cardiology, cosmetic surgery, gastroenterology, general surgery, neurology, women's health (OB/Gyn), orthopedics, podiatry, pulmonary, radiology, urology, and pediatric services including cardiology, hematology/oncology, pulmonology, nephrology, and gastroenterology. Some Baylor

Scott & White physicians in the Killeen Hemingway clinic also provide services at nearby Metroplex Hospital.

**Scott & White Cancer Center-Killeen** is in the Ledger-Smith Professional Building at 2207 S. Clear Creek Road, Suite 101, located on the Metroplex Hospital campus. The center provides chemotherapy, radiation therapy, anticoagulation, and other professional services for patients in Killeen, Nolanville, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove, Lampasas and beyond. Call 254-200-3200.

**Scott & White Dialysis Center-Killeen**, at 3701 Scott & White Drive, is a 12-station facility. Services include advanced dialysis equipment and heated seats in treatment areas. Hours of operations are 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. Call 254-680-1371.

**Scott & White Dialysis Center-Killeen West** at 2201 S. W.S. Young Drive, Suite 101B is a 12-station facility. Call 254-501-6467. Hours of operations are 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**The Scott & White Mental Health Clinic-Killeen** is at 3106 S. W.S. Young Drive, Suite B-204. The clinic provides outpatient mental health care for your family, from individual therapy to couples, family or group therapy. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 254-953-7600.

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Copperas Cove** at 239 W. U.S. Highway 190, is staffed by family medicine and internal medicine providers, as well as a cardiologist. The clinic features 24 exam rooms and two treatment rooms offering

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**Scott & White Clinic-Harker Heights** is at 907 Mountain Lion Circle and offers preventive care, family medicine, sports medicine, general pediatric care, laboratory and X-ray services. Call the clinic at 254-953-7700. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Scott & White Eye Clinic-Harker Heights** is a part of the Scott & White Eye Institute, and is at 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 1270 in Market Heights. With a full-time, board-certified optometrist, it offers comprehensive eye exams for ages 8 and over and a full optical shop with the latest styles in eyewear. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call 254-953-7650.

**Scott & White Clinic-Salado** offers primary care, general pediatric care, cancer screening, chronic disease management, office surgery, women's health, and preventive care and lab services. A Scott & White Pharmacy is in the same building. The clinic is at 3525 Farm-to-Market 2484. Call 254-947-7500. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Appointments can be scheduled by calling any individual clinic. Non-acute care appointments can be made online at [appointments.sw.org](http://appointments.sw.org).

**Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center** is the first hospital exclusively for children in Central Texas at 1901 SW H.K. Dodgen Loop in Temple.

McLane Children's is an integrated pediatric health care system including a 112-bed, fully accredited, nonprofit hospital, ground and air transport, a five-story children's specialty clinic and 10 pediatric clinics located throughout Central Texas. McLane Children's provides more than 40 specialty services including general pediatrics, pediatric surgery, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurosurgery, pediatric dialysis, and pulmonology services.

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Medical care on an average day at Darnall includes eight births, 3,867 outpatient visits, 26 surgeries, 31 hospital admissions and 170 emergency room visits, according to the hospital. In addition, more than 5,000 prescriptions are filled daily, along with 6,719 radiology procedures and 2,400 laboratory procedures. The hospital is staffed by more than 3,608 military personnel, civilians and contractors.

Through its patient-centered medical homes, Army wellness centers, health fairs and other programs and services aimed at improving physical, psychological and emotional health, the hospital promotes healthy lifestyle choices to improve the readiness and resilience of soldiers, and the health and wellbeing of Army families.

Fort Hood Medical home opened on Oct. 5, 2016, and serves family members and retirees. It is located on the corner of Darnall Loop and Wratten Drive in the old Women's Health clinic building.

There have been quite a few changes since Darnall opened 50 years ago. The hospital is named in honor of Brig. Gen. Carl Rogers Darnall, a doctor who discovered the value of using compressed liquefied chlorine gas to purify water for use by troops in the field. His invention in 1910 of mechanical liquid chlorine purifier (chlorinator) is now used throughout the world.

Darnall was the first of three permanent Army hospitals of the 200- to 300-bed size. The original facility served a one-division installation of 17,000 troops, but expanding post numbers made reconstruction necessary in 1984. It became an Army medical center in 2006. The new \$547 million replacement hospital opened for patient care April 3, 2016, replacing the former facility. At 947,000 square feet, the facility is 60 percent larger than the former building. It includes a six-story hospital tower, three

outpatient specialty clinic buildings and three parking garages.

Other new construction includes the National Intrepid Center of Excellence Satellite Center at Fort Hood, the fifth of nine planned facilities across the country, which opened in January 2016. The 25,000-square-foot facility, at the corner of Santa Fe Avenue and 58th Street, treats service members with complex medical conditions, including traumatic brain injury, behavioral health, chronic pain and other related ailments using traditional and alternative treatment options.

Darnall's Women's Health Clinic offers family-centered care before, during and after childbirth. Medical staff stays busy delivering America's next generation, with an average of 200 babies being born a month at Darnall. The Women's Health Clinic prides itself in the compassionate care it provides, such as respect for your emotional well-being, privacy and personal preferences and cultural beliefs; choices in treatment options for pain management, medications and tests; and the flexibility to welcome fathers, significant others and siblings to be part of the birth experience.

Darnall is affiliated with Texas A&M University Health Science Center's College of Medicine, Baylor University, The University of Texas at Austin, Arlington and Houston; Texas Tech Nursing and school of Pharmacy and Texas Wesleyan University graduate medical education programs.

This year has seen several new endeavors to improve access to care for beneficiaries. For example, eligible military dependents enrolled to Killeen and Belton school district grades six through 12 can receive primary care services at three in-school adolescent medicine clinics located at Audie Murphy Middle School, Killeen High School and Belton High School.

The school-based health clinics are open to care for patients from 8 to 11:30 a.m. one day per week. The adolescent medicine team will provide comprehensive primary care services to include physical exams, immunizations, and the management of minor illnesses and injuries. Classroom consultation on wellness issues and referrals to specialty

care are available. All students younger than 18 must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian on file to receive health clinic services.

The military adolescent school-based health initiative is a joint effort of the Belton ISD and division of Adolescent medicine within Darnall's pediatrics department. Services have also expanded in the last year with the addition of a rheumatologist, oncologist, cardiologist and spine surgery.

In recent weeks Fort Hood soldiers with musculoskeletal injuries can get help at the new SPARTA Clinic. Soldier Peak Performance and Advanced Reconditioning for the Tactical Athlete is an Army effort to improve soldier readiness through prompt initial evaluation and rehabilitation of those who suffer musculoskeletal injuries.

The SPARTA triage clinic is in Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's orthopedics department and is open 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. SPARTA rehabilitation and reconditioning clinic in the Intrepid Spirit Clinic is open 6:30 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Clinic services are available to any Fort Hood soldier experiencing musculoskeletal injury symptoms for seven days or less. Soldiers should first report to their unit provider to obtain a sick slip. Soldiers meeting program criteria will be sent to the 10-day reconditioning and rehabilitation portion of the program at the Intrepid Spirit Center.

"Musculoskeletal injuries are the No. 1 impact to readiness across the Army," said Lt. Col. Leah Triolo, chief of orthopedic surgery. "We had a promising pilot run, and we're looking forward to treating the soldiers and assessing the effectiveness of the program."

Darnall is also the first Army medical center in Texas to earn the Texas Ten Step Program Star Achiever facility designation from the Texas Department of State Health Services. The program encourages breast-feeding as the preferred method of feeding for newborns and infants and is part of a five-year quality improvement project aimed at reversing the low percentage of Texas mothers who exclusively breast-feed for six months.

# Seton continues improving, plans additional accreditations

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, a partnership between Seton Healthcare Family in Austin and Ardent Health Services in Nashville, Tennessee, is an accredited, Catholic hospital that celebrated its fifth year in 2017.

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, 850 W. Central Texas Expressway, was recognized in the past year with a four-star Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

The hospital ranks among the nation's Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare.

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights holds Joint Commission and Chest Pain with PCI accreditations, with plans toward stroke and joint replacement certifications.

It opened in June 2012 with 192,400 square feet with room for expansion, and employs more than 400 associates, 38 of which are providers with Wellstone Health Partners.

The 83-bed hospital offers a full-service emergency department with a Level IV Trauma designation. It includes an array of services including: acute care, cardiology, family practice, gastroenterology, general medicine, imaging, internal medicine, intensive and critical care, nephrology, neurology, oncology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, otolaryngology, plastic surgery, podiatry, rheumatology, surgical services, urology, and



women's health.

The hospital is recognized with an overall hospital quality rating of four stars, something CEO Zach Dietze is proud of. "We opened the hospital with a mission to provide exceptional care to every patient we encounter. Over the last few years, we have worked diligently to achieve this mission, and continue to focus on excellence in everything that we do including the quality of care that we provide, the level of service with deliver care with, and the capabilities that we have to support the community," Dietze said.

The first group of registered nurses graduated in 2015 from the hospital's fellowship program. Its nurse residency program has had an average of 13 residents graduate since the program's start.

The Armed Services YMCA and Seton

Medical Center Harker Heights partnered for the new ASYMCA building and Seton opened its first outpatient therapy center offering physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Wellstone Health Partners, in affiliation with the hospital, brought on six new providers and three midlevel staff in 2017. Along with the location in Harker Heights, Wellstone has locations in Killeen and Belton.

Wellstone offers gastric sleeve surgery for weight loss, and a total joint replacement program.

The Wellstone Health Partners Medical Pavilion is next to the main hospital, where doctors' offices are located and represent numerous specialties.

Go to [setonharkerheights.net](http://setonharkerheights.net) for more information or to find a physician, or call 855-855-4469 or 254-690-0900.

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The Greater Killeen Free Clinic is at 718 N. Second St.

# Greater Killeen Free Clinic helps meet community health needs

The story behind the Greater Killeen Free Clinic began in 1993, after an assessment determined that the needs of social service clients could be better met with more affordable medical care.

The facility at 718 N. Second St. (inside the Killeen Arts and Activities Center complex) opened less than a year later in November 1994, and continues to provide primary health care to children and adults who are impoverished, uninsured, or who have limited health care access.

The free clinic is nonprofit and volunteer-based, and is open Monday through Thursday. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Check-in is 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Simple, uncomplicated conditions are treated, such as rash, ear infections, and bladder infections, as well as simple injuries, such as certain sprains or strains.

In addition, care of simple wounds and nonsurgical wound infections can be administered, tooth pain treatment, and the administration of tetanus shots, and suture or staple removal of non-surgical wounds.

The Well Women's Clinic provides services to women older than 44 who need gynecological care outside of family planning.

Women receive a Well Woman exam and a free screening mammogram; it is

available by appointment only.

The Chronic Care program provides treatment for patients diagnosed with diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, asthma/COPD and thyroid disease. It includes a mandatory education component.

Patients receive free medications through enrollment in the Prescription Assistance Program. Chronic Care enrollment is by appointment only.

Patients seeking services must provide a photo ID, and proof of residency and household income for the previous month.

Free Zumba classes, Lunch n' Learn and The Walk Club are open to the community at no charge, and are included in the Health Promotion program.

The clinic received an Episcopal Health Foundation grant in late 2015 to help increase staffing and physical space to allow expansion.

The clinic also is partnered with Texas A&M University and its psychiatry residency program, and Baylor Scott & White Health. Fourth-year psychiatry residents provide mental health services to clients referred the Bell County Indigent Defense Program.

Clients must be uninsured and not eligible for other health care programs to qualify for care at the clinic.

For more information, call or email 254-618-4211, [clinic@gkfclinic.org](mailto:clinic@gkfclinic.org) or go to [www.gkfclinic.org](http://www.gkfclinic.org).

# Bell County Public Health District offers variety of services to area residents

Personal health is important, and finding ways to remain healthy and safe may be even more important. The Bell County Public Health District is a valuable tool for area residents and offers a wide array of services to help people stay healthy.

## CLINICAL SERVICES

BCPHD offers well woman exams (including issuing a wide variety of contraceptive methods), immunizations, travel vaccines, pregnancy testing (to include proof of pregnancy for Medicaid), sexually transmitted disease testing/treatment, tuberculosis testing/treatment.

The clinics in Killeen and Temple are open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday. The Killeen office is located at 309 N. Second Street and the district's Temple office is at 509 S. Ninth St. Phone numbers are: 254-526-8371 in Killeen and 254-778-4766 in Temple.

The public health district's services are based on family size and income. Services are either walk-in or appointment based, depending on the type of service desired.

## WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN PROGRAM

Texas WIC Program provides the services, support and inspiration for families to eat right, have a healthy pregnancy, and breastfeed successfully.

WIC helps families save at the grocery store and offers cooking lessons and health and nutrition wellness tips to support your lifestyle. WIC provides personalized support from registered dietitians, nutritionists, and lactation consultants.

Call for information or to make an appointment at one of the following four sites: Temple: 201 N. Eighth St., 254-778-1511; Killeen: 111 Santa Fe Plaza, 254-526-2033; Fort Hood: Re-Location TBA, 254-532-8680; Copperas Cove: 213 W. Avenue D, 254-547-9571.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Health Division



A nurse prepares an immunization shot for a patient during National Infant Immunization Week at the Bell County Health Department in Killeen.

services include routine inspections of food establishments, day care facilities and foster homes; food safety education, permitting of on-site sewage facilities and investigations of public health complaints.

The Killeen office can be reached at 254-526-3197. Contact food protection at 254-771-2106 or environmental at 254-778-7557 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## PREPAREDNESS DIVISION

Preparedness Division prepares for threats such as infectious disease outbreak, bioterrorism event, chemical spill, contamination of drinking water, and natural disasters.

Contact preparedness at 254-773-4457 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday.

More information can be found on the Bell County Public Health District's website, [www.bellcountyhealth.org](http://www.bellcountyhealth.org).

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# Several area facilities offer mental health services

Public and private mental health services are available to adults, adolescents and children at various facilities in Killeen and throughout Bell County.

## METROPLEX

The Metroplex Center for Behavioral Health is the area's only full-service behavioral health center for children, adolescents, adults and seniors. The 60-bed facility offers numerous treatment programs including inpatient, partial hospitalization and outpatient options.

The center is also a designated Killeen Independent School District campus, giving it the ability to meet the educational needs of children and adolescent patients while they are in inpatient or partial hospitalization care.

The Metroplex Behavioral Health Center specializes in the needs of the military community, and is Tricare health care provider. Call 254-628-1000 or 800-926-9869. Intake is available 24 hours a day.

## BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE

The Baylor Scott & White Killeen Mental Health Clinic is at 3106 S. W.S. Young Drive, Suite B-204. The clinic provides an array of care from individual therapy to couples, family or group therapy. Call 254-953-7600 to reach the Killeen office, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 254-724-2585 for the Temple location at 2401 S. 31st St. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## CEDAR CREST

Cedar Crest is a full-service provider of mental health and substance abuse treatment. It has served Belton, Killeen and surrounding communities for nearly 30 years through inpatient, outpatient, residential and partial hospitalization services.

Whether pediatric, adolescent or adult, Cedar Crest is a place where a safe, therapeutic environment can be found. The treatment team specializes in individualized and group therapy on the 33-acre campus or outpatient satellite clinic.

The assessment and referral department is available 24/7 and offers free assessments/referrals. Most insurances

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Substance abuse treatment and recovery services are available to Killeen-area residents, including residential and outpatient programs for drugs and alcohol.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held regularly in the Killeen area every day. Go to [sober.com](http://sober.com) to find times and locations.

Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, 1009 N. Georgetown St. in Round Rock, through a state program, services a 30-county Central Texas region that includes Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, and Williamson counties.

The main line is 844-309-6385 and the crisis hotline is 800-841-1255.

The Scott & White Mental Health Center, 2401 S. 31st St. in Temple, offers five-week evening outpatient sessions to make getting help convenient.

Individual and group therapy are incorporated, as well as seminars/presentations, therapeutic recreation, and 12-Step participation. A program for seniors is available. Call 254-724-2585.

Cedar Crest Hospital, 3500 S. Interstate Highway 35 in Belton, offers inpatient and outpatient alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs for children, teens and adults. Call 877-220-8379.

Central Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse offers outpatient treatment, and provides educational programs for children. The center operates in Killeen, Harker Heights and Temple. Call 254-690-4455.

Christian Farms Treehouse, 3804 Riverside Trail in Temple, offers a Christian approach to treatment. It offers 30-, 60- and 90-day programs, and is funded by the United Way. Call 254-933-9400.

Abuse hotlines: Call 254-813-3313 in Copperas Cove and 254-690-5439 in Harker Heights.

Go to [dshs.texas.gov/sa-search/](http://dshs.texas.gov/sa-search/) for additional resources listing licensed facilities.

are accepted. Cedar Crest Hospital and Residential Treatment Center is at 3500 N. Interstate 35 in Belton.

Call 877-220-8379. Cedar Crest has an outpatient clinic in Killeen at 3106 S. W.S. Young Drive, Suite B-201. Call 254-519-4162.

## CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES

Publicly funded outpatient services are provided by Central Counties Services in Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas and Milam counties.

Services are designed for people with severe mental health disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities and other behavioral health needs.

Psychiatric evaluation, medication, case management and rehabilitation services are provided to those who qualify.

Early Childhood Intervention services are provided for children with developmental delays from birth to 3 years old.

Youth, ages 3 through 17 with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a

diagnosable mental illness and/or who exhibit serious emotional behavioral problems, are eligible for services.

Family and individual skills training services, case management, psychiatric evaluation and other therapeutic services are offered.

The crisis support line is 800-888-4036. The main line for general questions is 254-298-7000.

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness is a grass-roots support group for people with mental illness and their families, providing advocacy and education services to the community. The local chapter provides a support group the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Temple VA Hospital, in conference room 5G31, 1901 S. First St. Call 254-771-3638.

The NAMI Texas office can be reached at 512-693-2000; regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



# Medical homes link Darnall with off-post communities

In keeping with improving access to care, Fort Hood's Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center has three Army-run, community-based medical homes, which are primary care clinics located off post in the communities where Fort Hood families live. Medical center leadership is currently investigating the need for a fourth medical home in north Killeen.

The clinics offer more than just a convenient location. The patient-centered medical home is both revolutionary and old fashioned.

Each patient partners with a team

of health care providers, physicians, nurses, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists and others to develop a comprehensive, personal health care plan. That health care team works with each patient over time to take care of health issues as they arise, ensure delivery of prevention screening and services, manage chronic conditions, and promote a spirit of health, wellness and trust.

Each clinic is capable of servicing more than 8,000 patients, with 30 exam rooms, a medical lab and a pharmacy in each. The clinics offer women's health

care, well baby and child exams, sports physicals and school immunizations, minor surgery, a pharmacy and laboratory services.

## LOCATIONS

The Killeen facility is at 3404 Kaydence Court, off Elms Road near Stan Schlueter Loop.

The Harker Heights Medical Home is in the Market Heights shopping center at 201 E. Central Expressway, Suite 200.

The Copperas Cove Medical Home Clinic is at 458 Town Square on West Business Highway 190.

# County's indigent health department works with providers

Local residents who need help accessing health care services and qualify by being very low income can use the Bell County Indigent Health Services.

The department works closely with area free clinics, local hospitals and other helping organizations to coordinate to fill gaps in health and human services.

Collaborations include addressing homelessness, mental illness and transportation needs of Bell County residents.

The department operates under the

direction of the Bell County Commissioners Court to administer the County Indigent Health Care Program, an eligibility-based health coverage program funded by the county that provides medically necessary health care benefits to the lowest-income residents who meet income, resource, residency and household criteria, but who are not eligible for the Texas Medicaid program.

## APPOINTMENTS

To request an appointment or a CIHCP application for assistance, call

254-519-1229 or 254-618-4165 or toll free at 877-516-8593.

The office at 309 Priest Drive operates Monday through Friday and is open to the public without an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Appointments are available other days of the week. It is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

The department has outreach services at the Temple Community Clinic, 1905 Curtis B. Elliott Drive, on Tuesdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The department is headed by Rita Kelley.



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# Killeen chamber provides leadership to local businesses

The mission of the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce is to provide vision, leadership, and support to business and community leaders to create economic prosperity. This is accomplished through a variety of membership and economic development programs, including the Killeen Economic Development Corporation.

The chamber's office is at 1 Santa Fe Plaza in downtown Killeen and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday.

The organization is governed by a board of directors elected from its membership of about 700.

The chamber's full-time, professional staff specializes in communications, economic development, military relations, public policy, and community and talent development.

The chamber offers a variety of products, services and events throughout the year to benefit member businesses and the community.

Leaderscast, an elite one-day leadership program offered only in select locations around the world, brings world-class leadership training to local professionals each May.

The Military Relations Council promotes the importance and sustainability of Fort Hood and defense-related industries and builds on the strong relationship between the community and Fort Hood and with the U.S. Army.



Michael E. Linnemann accepts an award for Small Business of the Year at the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The Public Education Council works with educational institutions to create and execute collaborative strategies to produce the workforce of tomorrow. The Public Policy Council creates and executes strategies designed to unify the voices of the chamber's business and economic development leaders on important policy issues.

The Central Texas Business Resource Center — a partnership between the GKCC, Central Texas College and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas — offers free counseling and workshops for small-business operators or those interested in starting a business.

The Greater Killeen Young Professionals offers networking and professional development for young entrepreneurs and professionals.

The chamber also offers businesses exposure through ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking ceremonies, directory listings, event promotions, and a variety of advertising options. The chamber can help members build and launch targeted, multichannel marketing campaigns at a fraction of the cost of traditional solutions. For more information, visit [KilleenChamber.com](http://KilleenChamber.com). For membership information, call 254-526-9551 or email [info@killeenchamber.com](mailto:info@killeenchamber.com).



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# Heights chamber promotes partnerships to help business

The more than 30,000 residents of Harker Heights partner with the Heights Chamber of Commerce as the resource center for all questions about the city billed as the Bright Star of Central Texas.

The mission of the chamber is not only to recruit new businesses and encourage them to become chamber members but to promote a partnership that will assist with the success of that business.

The visitor's center part of the mission is not only to showcase the highlights of the city but also to attract major events throughout the year that will bring people into the community who've never been there before.

Gina Pence, president and CEO of the chamber, said, "Creating a great place to live and work is not a single event. It is a continuous process where we simplify and improve on what we've been doing."

The team joining Pence in this quest consists of Mary Shabunia, business retention, Dustin Baker, business development, Alexia Matthews, business development and Jean Knowles, event coordinator.

The chamber board is made up of five officers and 10 directors. The chamber membership now totals 850.

"We want to work with all of our members, whether they're new or charter members," Pence said.

Locally, the chamber sponsors



The Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce now has 850 members across Central Texas.

ribbon-cuttings for new businesses, networking events such as the Coffee Connection, Sip and Social After-Hour Business Mixers, free membership tools to grow businesses with job fairs, job postings with 4,632 views on the website and a welcome bag program numbering 3,500. The chamber also hosts events in support of Fort Hood.

Tourism comes to Harker Heights in many forms such as bus tours, day-trippers, doctor and hospital visits, church events, the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, education, shopping, tournaments and conventions.

Similar to the last eight years of the annual Food, Wine and Brew Fest, a large crowd, numbering close to 5,000,

came early and stayed late at this year's event.

A new venture for the chamber was a first-ever Texas Team Trail National Fishing Tournament on Belton Lake with assistance from Destination Central Texas partners. Over 500 anglers attended from around the state.

A bright spot at the chamber for the past four years has been Vision XXI, inspired by Dr. Jim Anderson, retired chancellor of Central Texas College. The leadership group has attracted businessmen and women, educators, civic leaders and high school students.

To find out more about the chamber, go to [www.hhchamber.com](http://www.hhchamber.com) or call 254-254-699-4999.

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# Copperas Cove EDC, chamber focus on economic growth

Voters Nov. 7 will get a chance to decide whether to change the Economic Development Corporation to a Municipal Development District. Proposition A, as worded on the ballot, calls for: “The authorizing the creation of the Copperas Cove Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of three-eighths percent for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district.”

If passed, the MDD would not be funded until the EDC was dissolved. That would take a separate election, more than likely in May. There would not be an increase in taxes. If the MDD is passed, and the EDC is dissolved, tax money from the EDC would be transferred to the MDD.

Some of the differences under an MDD are: boundaries for tax collection can be expanded beyond the city limits; City council members could be included on a MDD board of directors; the MDD does not require public hearings, performance agreements or elections, although bylaws could be created to tackle some of those issues; MDD projects would include all of the projects from a Type B economic development and community development plus a convention center facility, a civic center

building, hotel or auditorium.

The primary purpose of a Type A Economic Development Corporation is to create or retain primary jobs. Marc Farmer serves as the director of the EDC.

Former EDC Chairman Marc Payne believes the EDC is the solution for Copperas Cove. “The only reason the EDC may not be eliminated is if the MDD fails and is not voted in,” he said. “That would be the best-case scenario.”

Payne said the MDD model is not transparent and relatively new. “It was originally set up to serve cities of 10,000 or less in population. The MDD does not have to report to the state, city or citizens, thus, some small cities have been forced to return to an EDC because of the misappropriations of funds.”

Cove City Councilman Davis Morris counters that the bylaws would be set up by the council — a group that has been tough on accountability with various groups in the last few years. He said the council discovered the EDC was not sending in state reports for two years and quickly changed that practice.

“We as a council will help form their (MDD’s) bylaws, but require all of the same (EDC) reports to the state,” Morris said. “Other than changing a couple of initials, I want to see the same account-

ability and standards in spending the money we currently have.”

## COPPERAS COVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce promotes tourism and helps attract new businesses to the city. Businesses pay dues according to their size. Annual dues garner a better business climate and make the community a better place in which to live and do business, according to the chamber website.

The chamber has more than 300 members. One of the primary goals of the chamber is to keep cash registers ringing all around town. To facilitate this, the chamber holds numerous tourism programs and events such as the Gallop or Trot, Summer Run to Fun, Jack Rabbit Run 4 Hope and the Rabbit Fest.

The chamber president is Maurice Tobin and a nine-person board meets monthly. Board members include W.B. Maples, J.C. Stubbs, Charlotte Heinze, Robert Weidinger, Butch Ronne, Lisa Kubala, Dr. William Louis, Vicki O’Dell and Chairwoman Tammy Rodriguez.

The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 254-547-7571 or email [chamber@copperascove.com](mailto:chamber@copperascove.com).

## Better Business Bureau a valuable source of information

The Better Business Bureau is designed to be a valuable resource residents can turn to for objective, unbiased information on businesses and charities.

The BBB’s vision is to promote an ethical marketplace where buyers and sellers can trust each other.

As a nonprofit organization, BBB provides a significant amount of free consumer and business education information, as well as tips and alerts on scams and “bad players” in the marketplace.

There are more than 100 BBB’s across the U.S. and Canada. The BBB, serving the Heart of Texas, covers the Greater Killeen area. The region-

al office in Waco serves 14 counties, including the surrounding cities of Copperas Cove, Gatesville, Lampasas, Hillsboro, Killeen, Salado, Temple, Waco and Fort Hood.

Adam Price is BBB’s regional director and coordinates public relations, including a free speaker’s bureau for civic organizations and other groups.

BBB offers the following basic information and services:

**Business Reviews:** Information on businesses’ performance in the marketplace on both accredited and non-accredited businesses.

**Charity Reports:** Information on charities and other soliciting nonprofits that seek public donations.

**Dispute Resolution:** Help in resolving complaints against businesses using conciliation, mediation and arbitration services.

**Consumer Information Clearinghouse:** Brochures, books, public library videos and Internet advisories on many important topics to assist consumers and businesses in making wise purchasing decisions.

**Fighting Fraud:** Information for consumers and law enforcement agencies about current marketplace scams and frauds.

Go to [www.bbb.org/central-texas](http://www.bbb.org/central-texas) or call 800-580-8477 or 254-791-2222.

The regional office is at 200 W. Highway 6 in Waco.



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# Many options for local banking needs

Residents have a variety of banking options throughout Central Texas, including local and national companies and credit unions.

**Bank of America**

- 2551 Trimmier Road, Killeen.
- 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 1900, Harker Heights.
- 301 Constitution Ave., Copperas Cove. (ATM only)

**Chase**

- 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Unit 1800, Harker Heights.
- 1500 Lowes Blvd., Killeen. (ATM only)

**Extraco Banks**

- 1002 W. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen.
- 100 W. Central Texas Expressway in Harker Heights.
- 1003 E. U.S. Highway 190, Copperas Cove.

**First National Bank Texas**

- 507 N. Gray St., Killeen.
- 2201 Trimmier Road, Killeen.
- 4304 E. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen.
- 1002 N. 38th St., Killeen.
- 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Harker Heights.
- 107 W. U.S. Highway 190, Copperas Cove.

There are also First National Bank Texas services in these Wal-Marts:

- 1400 Lowes Blvd., Killeen.
- 3404 W. Stan Schlueter Loop, Killeen.
- 2020 Heights Drive, Harker Heights.
- H-E-B also houses several banking locations:
- 2511 Trimmier Road, Killeen.
- 601 Indian Trail, Harker Heights.
- 2990 E. U.S. Highway 190, Copperas Cove.

**First State Bank Central Texas**

- 181 W. U.S. Highway 190, Suite 2, Copperas Cove.
- 661 W. Central Texas Expressway, Harker Heights.

**Fort Hood National Bank**

- 210 Constitution Drive, Suite A, Copperas Cove.
- Bldg. 109 T.J. Mills Blvd., Fort Hood.
- Bldg. 50004 Clear Creek Road, Fort Hood. (ATM only)
- Bldg. 4250 Clear Creek Road, Fort Hood.



First State Bank has locations in Harker Heights and Copperas Cove.

- Bldg. 91079 Clarke Road, Fort Hood.
  - Bldg. 85006 Warrior Way, Fort Hood. (ATM only)
  - Bldg. 18010 Hood Road, Fort Hood.
- National United Bank**
- 4103 E. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen.
  - 505 E. U.S. Highway 190, Copperas Cove.
  - 905 E. Main St, Gatesville.
- SouthStar Bank**
- 905 E. Farm-to-Market 2410, Harker Heights.
- Union State Bank**
- 120 N. Gray St., Killeen.
  - 100 E. Main St., Florence.
  - 345 E. Farm-to-Market 2410, Harker Heights.
  - 120 N. Gray St., Killeen.
  - 2201 E. Stan Schlueter Loop, Suite B, Killeen.

**CREDIT UNIONS**

- Covenant Savings Federal Credit Union
- Educators Credit Union
- Greater Central Texas Federal Credit Union
- Heart O' Texas Federal Credit Union
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- Pentagon Federal Credit Union
- Texas Partners Federal Credit Union
- Texell Credit Union
- USAA Financial Center

# Workforce Solutions helps job seekers

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, funded by the Texas Workforce Commission and the U.S. Department of Labor, helps area residents find jobs, develop skills and meet the labor needs of area businesses.

The local branch of the state service's mission is to provide quality education, training and labor market services that give employers and residents of the region a competitive advantage in the global economy.

It operates four facilities throughout Central Texas where residents can attend job skill training classes and businesses can participate in a variety of helpful workshops.

Workforce Solutions also helps residents locate jobs and establish skills such as interviewing and resume construction to help them land a job.

Local businesses also can make use of the system by posting jobs with the organization, which allows them to connect directly with the labor force in the area. There is no charge or cost for these services.

## AREA LOCATIONS

The following is a list of Workforce Solutions' four area locations:

- Killeen, 300 Cheyenne Drive. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 254-200-2000.
- Temple, 102 E. Central Ave., Suite 300. Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Lampasas, 1305 S. Key Ave., Suite 102, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 512-556-4055.
- Belton, 200 N. Main St., P. O. Box 450, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 254-939-3771. Go to [www.workforcelink.com](http://www.workforcelink.com).

## EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

There are also several private employment agencies serving Central Texas:

• Adecco Employment Services offers some positions in the Killeen area, but its closest offices are in Waco and Austin.

Those seeking employment can use [www.adeccousa.com](http://www.adeccousa.com).

• Express Employment Profession-

als, 1801 Trimmier Road, Suite A-7, in Killeen, offers short- and long-term job placement for administrative, clerical, data entry, light industrial and construction personnel. Express also offers contract and direct-hire placements for professional and technical candidates. Fill out applications at [www.expresspros.com](http://www.expresspros.com). For the Killeen office, call 254-554-5700.

• Kelly Services has mostly temp-to-hire clerical and some light industrial positions in Killeen, as well as government contract work at Fort Hood. Apply at [kellyservices.com](http://kellyservices.com). Kelly has offices in Waco and Austin.

• Labor Ready, 1038 S. Fort Hood St. in Killeen, offers temporary day-to-day labor jobs in landscaping, cleanup, moving and packing, lifting and other general labor. Those are among services available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 254-634-3033.

• Manpower provides temporary and contract employment for secretarial, clerical, light industrial and marketing personnel. No fees are required. The office, at 1904 W. Avenue H in Temple, is open weekdays. For more information, go to [www.manpower.com](http://www.manpower.com) or call 254-774-9722.

• Nan Vaden's Temple Temps provides placement in clerical, industrial, construction and temp-to-hire positions. No fees are required. Applications are accepted Monday through Thursday. The office is at 315 W. Avenue M in Temple. Call 254-791-8367.

• Sedona Staffing Services at 1109 E. Central Texas Expressway in Killeen is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. No fee is required. Call 254-690-5627 or go to [www.sedonastaffingtx.com](http://www.sedonastaffingtx.com).

• Spherion, 2309 Birdcreek Terrace in Temple, offers positions in information technology, accounting, finance and office professions including administration, executive administration, banking and customer service, light industrial work including assembly and warehousing, in the Temple, Belton and Killeen areas. Positions are temp-to-hire and direct placement. Call 254-778-0533 or go to [www.spherion.com/jobs](http://www.spherion.com/jobs) for more information.



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# Shelters provide services to area's homeless population

## FRIENDS IN CRISIS HOMELESS SHELTER

In 2013, Families In Crisis was approached by the city of Killeen to address the long-standing absence of shelter services for the homeless in Killeen. Using a building already owned by the agency, FIC began a \$1.4 million renovation project, resulting in what is now a 78-bed, full-service homeless shelter, named Friends In Crisis, at 412 E. Sprout Ave.

Open since Dec. 23, 2015, Friends In Crisis provides overnight shelter, an evening meal, access to showers and laundry facilities, breakfast items, and case management services. On most days, it is a 16-hour-per-day shelter, opening at 3 p.m., which allows time for the cleaning of the facility and the washing of all bed linens and towels for the next night.

On-site services from partner organizations include assistance for veterans from the Veterans Administration Healthcare for the Homeless program, a medical clinic from the Greater Killeen Free Clinic, mental health services from Central Counties Services MHMR, and substance abuse assistance from Cenikor.

As a full-service shelter, it offers shelter, crisis intervention, job and life skills assistance, counseling, referrals, and transitional housing assistance.

For the first nine months of 2017, the average number of persons nightly was 78.6, a total of 21,451 bed nights for the period. In September, the average was 83.4 persons per night with the largest number for one night of 104. When the total exceeds the 78 beds, cots are used.

Many organizations, churches, service groups, and individuals are showing great support for this much-needed facility and services for the homeless. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, call 254-634-1184 or go to [www.familiesincrisis.net](http://www.familiesincrisis.net).

## FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Families In Crisis Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit United Way organization, houses, supports and empowers people experiencing family violence, sexual violence, and homelessness in Bell, Coryell, and Hamilton counties, including Fort Hood.

Formed in 1980 and located at 1305 E. Rancier Ave., it has since evolved into a widely-recognized community partner



Marlin and Kathy Bostdorf wait for the Families In Crisis homeless shelter to open in Killeen.

with 39 employees and an annual budget of over \$2 million.

The FIC domestic violence shelters offer emergency safe shelter to survivors at a 65-bed facility in Killeen and a 15-bed facility in Temple.

Additionally, outreach services are available to family violence survivors who are not seeking shelter, or who have already left one of the agency's shelters. Services to family violence survivors include crisis intervention and case management, safety planning, hospital accompaniment, life skills classes, food and necessary items, referrals, and transitional housing assistance.

In 1983, FIC merged with the Central Texas Rape Crisis Center to offer comprehensive services to women. In 2008, FIC began offering rental assistance and supportive services to very-low income veterans and their families, youth aging out of foster care, and the general homeless population through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

FIC continues to offer rental assistance and supportive services to very-low income veterans and their families through funds from the Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Services for Veteran Families and the Texas Veteran's Commission.

A hallmark achievement in 2012 was the establishment of the agency's family violence survivor transitional housing

program, which significantly expanded the agency's capacity to provide housing options to family violence survivors.

In 2016, FIC's family violence shelters provided 28,366 shelter nights to 1,134 survivors for an average of 78 persons per night; 521 survivors were seen through the agency's outreach program and the hotline answered 6,316 calls. That same year, it provided over \$1 million in rental assistance, including assistance to 134 new survivors who entered the agency's transitional housing program and 168 veterans and their families.

FIC's 24-hour family violence/sexual assault hotline can be reached at 1-888-799-SAFE. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, call 254-634-1184 in Killeen, 254-773-7765 in Temple, or go to [www.familiesincrisis.net](http://www.familiesincrisis.net).

## HERITAGE HOUSE

The Heritage House of Central Texas located at 1103 N. Gray St., Killeen is a nonprofit organization dedicated to help the homeless and/or at risk of homelessness to achieve stable and independent lives. It accomplishes this by providing outreach services, crisis intervention, job and life skills training, counseling, and referrals.

The core of Heritage House is its 10-step program designed to achieve self-reliance through case management and support services, it provides the necessary skills required to develop and maintain self-sufficiency.

Heritage House accepts individuals and families who walk in as well as referrals. Walk-in hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays. Appointment hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The center has on-site case managers and counselors to assist residents in becoming self-sufficient.

Go to [www.hhct.weebly.com](http://www.hhct.weebly.com) or call 254-226-4072.

## FRONT DOOR HOMELESS DAY SHELTER

The Front Door Homeless Day Shelter is at 1103 N. Gray St. in Killeen.

The day shelter provides substance abuse assessments and anger management classes for the Killeen Probation Department as well as an array of services for individuals needing help





Rochelle Pascual, from left, Charles Prihoda and Amora Green pack food into boxes at a Food for Families drive in Killeen.

finding employment, earning a GED, finding affordable housing and more.

Avlin Dillard, owner and director of Front Door and Christian Assistance Network, said the facility hopes to have laundry and shower capabilities in the future. The day shelter offers long-term, ongoing services during normal business hours, unlike a typical homeless shelter that offers room and board accommodations 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information about the Front Door Homeless Day Shelter in Killeen, call 254-213-7657 or go to <http://www.thefrontdoorkilleen.org>.

### COVE HOUSE

For more than 20 years, the Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter Inc., has provided shelter and support for homeless residents in Bell and Coryell counties.

Located at 108 E. Halstead Ave. in Copperas Cove, the shelter serves as the emergency food pantry for residents in Copperas Cove, Kempner, Lampasas and Fort Hood. It provides two- to four-week emergency shelter for homeless residents. The emergency shelter works on a first-come, first-serve basis and has provided area residents with shelter since January 1996.

The shelter is equipped with men's and women's houses, as well as two family homes. Shelter office hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The shelter accepts baby supplies, household goods, food items and financial donations. Go to [www.covehouse.org](http://www.covehouse.org) or call 254-547-4673.

In 2013, Cove House opened a free clinic. Open on Tuesdays, sign-in is from 5 to 6 p.m. The free clinic is in the Lovett Ledger Medical Plaza at 806 E. Avenue D, Suite D, in Copperas Cove.

# Food banks feed struggling families

### KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER

The Killeen Food Care Center serves more than 80,000 clients and distributes more than 250,000 pounds of food a month every year. It is operated by Executive Director Ken Adams.

No requirements have to be met to receive food from the center. New clients need to bring photo identification, proof of address with a letter or bill and income information.

Food is provided from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, with extended hours from 4 to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of the month.

The Food Care Center is at 210 N. 16th St. in Killeen. Call 254-554-3400 or visit [www.foodcare.org](http://www.foodcare.org).

### SOUTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY

Southside Food Pantry is a cooperative food pantry program, also providing free food to families in need.

It is open from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday and 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at 1505 Trimmier Road in Killeen. Applications for service are required.

Call 254-526-3041.

### OPERATION PHANTOM SUPPORT

Operation Phantom Support's food pantry serves soldiers, veterans and their families in Central Texas. Hours of operation are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at 315 E. Avenue C in downtown Killeen. Go to [www.operationphantomsupport.org](http://www.operationphantomsupport.org).

### HARKER HEIGHTS FOOD CARE CENTER

On average, about 350 families, or more than 1,000 individuals, are fed per month from the Harker Heights Food Care Center. Families and individuals receiving food submit an application, which follows the U.S. Department of Agriculture's guidelines for income.

The center is open from 8 to 11:30 a.m. the first, third and fourth Saturday of each month at 100 E. Ruby in Harker Heights First Baptist Church.

Gift cards and donations can be made to P.O. Box 2238, Harker Heights,

TX 76548. Go to [www.hhfoodcenter.org](http://www.hhfoodcenter.org).

### BAPTIST BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY

Baptist Benevolence Ministry is a collection of five Copperas Cove Baptist churches through which Copperas Cove families can get food, clothing and financial assistance from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The ministry operates at 507 N. Fifth St.

Call 254-542-6780.

### MY BROTHER'S HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

My Brother's House Food Pantry is operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove. It serves Copperas Cove and Kempner residents with proof of identification.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. It is located at 107 Lyons St. in Copperas Cove. Contact Lynn Capps at 254-547-5206 to volunteer, or go to [www.hf-cc.org/st-vincent-de-paul-svdp](http://www.hf-cc.org/st-vincent-de-paul-svdp).

### THE COVE LITTLE HOUSE

The Cove Little House is operated by the Church of Christ and started with mothers in the congregation sharing clothes. Clothing items for all ages, household goods and emergency food are offered free to anyone in need. It is open to the public 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday at 306 W. Avenue E, in Copperas Cove. Call 254-547-3509.

### COVE HOUSE

Copperas Cove gives food once a month to those living in Copperas Cove, Kempner, Fort Hood and Lampasas. Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday at 108 E. Halstead Ave., in Copperas Cove. Call 254-547-4673.

### NOLANVILLE FOOD PANTRY

Nolanville Food Pantry is operated by Mary Faye McDonald through Capital Area Food Bank. The food pantry is open from 3 to 6 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 200 N. Main St. Call 254-698-6820.

# Fort Hood Habitat for Humanity helps with homeownership

Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance, through shelter across Central Texas.

Serving Bell, Coryell and Lampasas counties, the nonprofit, ecumenical, Christian housing ministry builds simple, affordable housing for low-income families who cannot qualify for home financing from traditional lending institutions.

Qualified homeowners pay a no-profit monthly mortgage payment based on a reduced cost, thanks to volunteer labor.

Each family must perform a minimum number of “sweat equity” hours in the construction of homes and other community activities before work will begin on the family’s home.

As Habitat for Humanity is not federally funded, the agency relies on donations and fundraising.

This includes the ReStore, a home improvement store, open to the public, for projects and construction materials.

The ReStore is at 2601 Atkinson Ave., in Killeen. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 10



Friends, family of Nicole Lawrence, and volunteers of the Fort Hood-area Habitat for Humanity pray April 16, 2016, outside Lawrence’s two-bedroom house.

a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The local organization is led by Ken Cates, CEO/executive director.

Volunteers can get involved by working in the office, at the ReStore, serving on one of their committees, or on construction sites and through Helping Hands projects, which involve critical home repairs and neighborhood

revitalizations.

The organization’s goal is to construct five to six homes a year, repair two to three homes and reduce construction waste across the three-county area.

To donate items to the ReStore, or to volunteer, call 254-680-4007, email [community@fhahfh.org](mailto:community@fhahfh.org) or go to [www.fhahfh.org](http://www.fhahfh.org).

## Hill Country Community Action Association provides many services

The Hill Country Community Action Association provides a variety of programs and services in 17 counties.

Headquartered in San Saba, the HCCAA is dedicated to providing opportunities and resources to improve the lives of low-income children and families and the elderly in Central Texas.

Assistance includes paying energy bills, weatherizing homes, senior nutrition and more.

Some of the services for seniors include outreach, nutrition, and general counseling.

Hot, nutritious lunches are served Monday through Friday at the Killeen Senior Center and 11 other senior centers in the service area.

The Meals on Wheels program provides a meal to home-bound seniors and persons with disabilities Monday

through Friday.

The Energy Assistance program helps low-income households reduce their energy burden by paying utility bills.

Crisis assistance may also be offered for utilities when there is a threat to the well-being of a member of the household such as an elderly or disabled person or children under the age of 5.

The NEAT Audit software is used to assess homes for the Weatherization program to help residents reduce their energy consumption by providing insulation, weather stripping, new doors and windows, and replacing inefficient heating and cooling appliances.

RSVP provides civic participation and volunteer service opportunities to persons 55 years and older.

The Head Start and Early Head Start

Program is available for children from low-income families and for newborns to age 5. It offers children the opportunity for early childhood education.

Disability, dental care, nutritional and medical services are a few of the resources available to enrolled children.

The organization has partnered with the Central Texas Workforce Board to assist low-income families with paying for child care while the parents are working or in job training.

Services are provided at the Multi-Service Senior Center located at 916 Rev. R.A. Abercrombie Drive in Killeen. The phone number is 254-699-8888.

HCCAA also provides services at the Killeen HELP Center, 718 N. Second St.

Call 254-519-3360 for more information.

# Red Cross responds to emergencies

The American Red Cross works to provide relief and support to those in crisis, and helps people be prepared to respond in emergencies. The organization's stated mission is to "prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies."

With offices in Waco, Killeen, Austin and Bryan/College Station, the Red Cross is able to serve victims of any type of disaster that may befall the residents of Central Texas. The Heart of Texas Area Chapter provides services to 17 Texas counties, including Bell, Coryell and Lampasas, as well as Fort Hood.

Volunteers of all ages, skills and backgrounds and are always needed, and there are many different types of volunteer roles available. The Red Cross also provides training in CPR, first aid, water safety and babysitting to individu-

als and businesses.

Disaster assistance provides affected families with assistance in covering immediate needs such as food and shelter, replacing clothing, medicines and essential household furnishings destroyed in the disaster.

For military families and personnel, the Red Cross facilitates emergency communications worldwide, also helping veterans and active military in many other ways within the community.

The Red Cross provides 40 percent of the blood supply in the United States, collecting blood through local drives. Sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Access Red Cross services, information and volunteer opportunities through [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call the local Red Cross office at 254-523-4985, located at 9205 Oak Creek Drive, Woodway.

# Salvation Army helps families in need

The Salvation Army annually assists 25 million people nationwide. The Killeen branch offers services to low-income families in times of need through its international Christian faith-based organization.

The Killeen organization has combined administrative operations, social services and a family thrift store at 1306 E. Rancier Ave., and a worship center at 501 N. Second St.

The thrift store is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Donations can be made to the thrift store during operational hours.

The Social Services branch of the organization is open 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

At the Family Store, people can purchase new and gently used clothing, appliances, furniture and various other items.

The Social Services office offers help to area residents suffering through difficult times with food, clothing, utilities assistance, Back-to-School and Christmas assistance.

Worship services are at 10 a.m. Sunday with youth character building groups on Wednesday.



John Stephenson volunteers as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army.

Donations to the Salvation Army help provide these services and more for those in need. The Salvation Army also assists during disasters through its Emergency and Disaster Services mobile feeding vehicle.

The Salvation Army accepts volunteers for its annual Angel Tree Program, Red Kettle fundraising at Christmas, and in the Family Store year-round.

The Killeen location is headed by Majors David and Karen Craddock and covers the Greater Killeen area including Nolanville, Harker Heights and Fort Hood.

The Killeen Salvation Army branch can be reached at 254-634-7172.

## KILLEEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Killeen Housing Authority is available for low-income families and residents who need assistance.

Two programs provide options for safe and affordable housing: public housing and voucher-based housing. There are often waiting lists for services, so it is important to be proactive.

The wait list for voucher-based housing is closed, and the leasing jurisdiction is limited to a five-mile radius. It includes Killeen, Harker Heights and Nolanville.

When the wait lists are open, applications are available online at [www.killeen.housingmanager.com](http://www.killeen.housingmanager.com).

Both programs at the housing authority are funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Five commissioners appointed by the Killeen mayor provide oversight and set policy for the authority.

The main office is located at 101 E. Avenue B in Killeen, but assistance is offered to residents looking to move to Harker Heights and some areas of Nolanville.

For more information, call 254-634-5243 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday or visit the authority's website at [www.killeenha.org](http://www.killeenha.org).

## APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

Adults in public housing must perform eight community service hours monthly unless exempted.

The Apartment Association of Central Texas, 445 Central Texas Expressway in Harker Heights, also plays an integral part in helping area residents find affordable housing.

The association of more than 200 members includes businesses, management companies, and owners, and services to cities from Bartlett to Lampasas, including Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove.

Go to [aactonline.org](http://aactonline.org) or call 254-939-5655 for more information.

# Shelters provide services, adoption for stray animals

## KILLEEN ANIMAL SHELTER

The Animal Services Unit handles all animal-related issues for the city of Killeen. Issues can include barking dogs, dangerous animals, strays and neglect.

The Killeen Animal Services Unit provides a multitude of services to the community and is under the Killeen Police Department.

The unit also runs the Killeen Animal Shelter located at 3118 Commerce Drive. The shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and holidays.

Adoption fees are \$25 for unaltered animals and \$50 for sterilized cats and dogs. All dogs must now be micro-chipped to be adopted, so an additional \$15 fee is added for that service.

Animal Services officers respond to calls between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Concerns and complaints may be called in at 254-526-4455 or reported to [animal@killeentexas.gov](mailto:animal@killeentexas.gov).

The shelter provides 24-hour service, as on-call employees will respond after hours for emergencies. After-hours emergencies can be reported by calling 254-501-8800 between 4 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The shelter works closely with area veterinarians, local rescue groups, volunteers and Petco in locating forever homes for the animals in its care.

Employees assist in reuniting owners with lost animals, responding to reports of stray animals, investigating animal bites and animal cruelty cases, micro-chipping, animal rescues and more.

The shelter's rules dictate that stray animals are housed for a minimum of three days before they are considered for adoption. Owners who want to surrender animals, such as deploying Fort Hood soldiers, may do so at the shelter on weekdays. The ability to intake owner surrenders is contingent on space. The shelter charges \$30 for Killeen residents and \$40 for nonresidents.

There is no fee for stray animals to be deposited at the shelter during normal business hours. Anyone considering adoption or relinquishment of an animal should be prepared to present government-issued identification. Vol-unteers are welcome.



Mary Sheppard, licensed veterinary technician, does a routine check-up on a cat at the Killeen Animal Shelter.

In 2015, the city adopted an ordinance that requires all cats and dogs more than 4 months of age living within the city limits to be spayed or neutered and microchipped. In an effort to prevent pets from being at large, to reunite lost pets with their owners and to control animal overpopulation, the Killeen City Council adopted changes to the city's animal ordinance in November 2014 that established these new requirements.

City officials said there are limited exceptions to the ordinance. Animals with a current breeding permit may be exempted from spaying and neutering but must have a veterinarian health statement that verifies a microchip with number. Competition animals may be exempted with from sterilization and microchipping with proper documentation. Medical reasons documented by a veterinarian may also exempt an animal from the new requirements.

All dogs and cats that are processed through or held at the Killeen Animal Shelter will now be microchipped, if not already, before being released. A microchip fee will be added to impoundment or redemption fees, according to city

regulations.

When redeeming a pet, the owner must provide proof that the animal has been spayed or neutered. If the pet is not sterilized, the owner must sign an agreement to have the animal sterilized within a specified period of time.

Veterinarians offer spay, neuter and microchip services. Low-cost options can be found in local business listings.

For photos and descriptions of animals available for adoption and a full list of ordinances, services and fees go to [www.killeentexas.gov/animals](http://www.killeentexas.gov/animals).

## OTHER ANIMAL SHELTERS

### Harker Heights

Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center is located at 403 Indian Trail. Adoption hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 254-953-5472.

### Copperas Cove

The Animal Control Facility is at 1601 N. First St. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. It is closed on Sunday. Call 254-547-5584.

### Texas Humane Heroes

Originally CenTex Humane Society, the Second Chance Animal Shelter merged with the Humane Society of Williamson County to create Texas Humane Heroes.

The no-kill shelter is at 5501 Clear Creek Road in Killeen. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. It is closed on Mondays. Call 254-526-6200 or go to [www.texashumaneheroes.org](http://www.texashumaneheroes.org).

### Fort Hood

The Fort Hood Stray Facility is on 80th Street and Engineer Drive in Building 4902. It is open noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is closed on weekends. For more information, call 254-287-4675.

### Bell County Animal Shelter

2509 S. Loop 121, Belton.

Monday-Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 254-933-6780.

### Temple Animal Services Department

620 Mama Dog Circle, Temple

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# Gun laws govern ownership and handling across Texas

Texas may be a gun-friendly state, but the Legislature has several laws governing gun purchase, ownership and carrying by residents.

The law can differ depending on the type of gun one plans to purchase and carry. Rifles or long guns are generally legal to purchase and possess at the age of 18. No one under 21 is allowed to purchase a handgun. Open carry of long guns or rifles is generally permitted by Texas law. However, it is possible to be cited for disorderly conduct for openly carrying a rifle in urban areas if law enforcement believes that act is intended to cause alarm. Unconcealed handguns must be carried in a shoulder or belt holster, and there is no separate license required to open carry.

Texas laws allow for handgun owners to earn a concealed handgun license. All applicants must be 21 years old with a clean criminal history, including military service records and recent juvenile records. Convicted felons may not possess firearms and cannot apply for a CHL. Five years must also have elapsed since the conviction of either a Class A or Class B misdemeanor.

Applicants also cannot be subject to a protective order, be addicted to drugs or alcohol, or unsound mind or delinquent in paying fines, fees, taxes, child support or student loans.

Concealed carry is permitted on college campuses, while open carry is not. There are several zones at Central Texas College in which firearms are not permitted. Among them are any interscholastic sporting event location including



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intramural sports, locations where people younger than 17 are present, voting poll locations, board of trustee meetings, mental health care service locations including individual and group sessions and science laboratories where dangerous chemicals may be stored.

Institutions are permitted to establish rules that regulate the storage of handguns in residence halls and dormitories. This law was made public for junior colleges on Aug. 1.

Before getting a CHL, applicants must take a state-mandated course that includes all applicable laws for use of force and deadly force. The state requires applicants to pass an exam that covers conflict de-escalation, resolution, firearms safety, criminal trespass and obligations to retreat. Concealed handgun laws initially went into effect in 1995.

It is illegal to carry guns in many businesses, such as bars. Many other places, such as hospitals also prohibit the carry of guns. Guns are also illegal to bring into government buildings, school grounds, courts and airports. Walk into the Killeen Mall, and one of the first things you will notice is a sign disallowing the open carrying of a firearm.

It is also illegal to discharge a firearm within the city limits of Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove.

The state prohibits possession of the following weapons: explosive weapons, machine guns, short-barrel firearms, silencers, switch blades, brass knuckles, zip guns and armor-piercing rounds.

The state does not require any firearms to be registered. Texas residents are not subject to any waiting periods for the purchase of handguns or rifles.

## FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN CITY LIMITS

Residents in Bell and Coryell counties are allowed to celebrate a special occasion or holidays like the Fourth of July and New Year's Day with fireworks, but must always be cognizant of frequent dry months that make fireworks unsafe.

In both counties, fireworks can be bought, sold and used in unincorporated areas, on property you own or with permission of the property's owner. But if you're inside the city limits of

any Central Texas city, you may be breaking the law when entering a city with fireworks.

Many cities have ordinances against setting off fireworks inside city limits.

In Killeen, it is unlawful for any person to possess, store, offer for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks within the limits of the city, and up 5,000 feet within the city limit.

Copperas Cove also has made it illegal for any person to manufacture, assemble, store, transport, receive,

keep, sell, offer, use, discharge, detonate, fire any fireworks of any description within the city. Harker Heights and Nolanville also prohibit the use of fireworks within the city limits.

Violations of the various cities' regulations could result in tickets and fines, sometimes as expensive as \$570. Bell and Coryell residents should also be aware the county can also call for a burn ban, and prohibit fireworks countywide, in times of extreme dryness and high winds.



Killeen police Chief Charles Kimble speaks with Pastor Jimmy Towers during National Night Out.

## Local police promote community partnerships with National Night Out

In order to promote communication, trust and partnership with the community, local police departments offer a number of programs for residents and citizens.

Area police departments engage in community events like block parties, educational programs and neighborhood watches. The biggest annual event for police departments is National Night Out.

Police departments in Killeen, Copperas Cove and Harker Heights each participate in the annual event that is designed to let neighbors get to know each other and their police officers.

The goal is for neighbors to become familiar with who should and should not be in their neighborhoods. Fort Hood, Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove hold the event in early October. Residents throw parties and invite their neighbors. Police stop by each party to mingle with citizens.

### CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove each offer a course that teaches residents the inner workings of their respective departments and what policing looks like on a day-to-day basis.

Over the course of several weeks, students learn the structure of their

police department, how different units investigate different crimes, along with the practices and policies.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

To provide more eyes and ears for officers, local police participate in neighborhood watch programs. Alerting criminals to the presence of a neighborhood watch through street signs and window stickers can act as a preventative measure. A neighborhood watch is led by a block captain, who serves as the liaison between the police department and residents.

Participants also learn simple crime prevention techniques such as making sure doors are locked, garage doors are closed and valuables are taken out of cars.

The Killeen Police Department also oversees Killeen Citizens on Patrol, a similar program. However, this volunteer program asks for people to actually patrol streets. It requires a background check, an eight-hour course and a ride-along with a police officer.

For more information about Killeen police community outreach programs, call Tammy Moseley at 254-501-8805.

Copperas Cove residents should contact Sgt. Martin Ruiz at 254-547-8222. In Harker Heights, call Sgt. Steve Miller at 254-699-7600.

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# United Way supports variety of local organizations

The Greater Fort Hood Area United Way assists a wide range of local organizations, from substance abuse centers to special-needs child care facilities.

The United Way was established to support communities by raising funds and awareness with the hope the community will come together and live united. The local United Way's fundraising goal this year is \$675,000.

"We feel confident and optimistic that we will meet our goal," said Aaron Montemayor, executive director.

Montemayor said the organization uses the funds it receives to help provide human service programs to area residents in a timely manner. "Most processes are six months to a year to apply for funding," he said. "We can respond, based on the need, very quickly."

United Way supports 23 charitable programs through its member agencies. The programs align with the organization's four areas of focus — basic needs, education, financial independence and health. The United Way office is at 208 W. Avenue A, Killeen. It can be reached at 254-634-0660 or go to [unitedway-gfha.org/index.html](http://unitedway-gfha.org/index.html).

## UNITED WAY-SUPPORTED AGENCIES

### AMERICAN RED CROSS, HEART OF TEXAS AREA

**CHAPTER:** 254-200-4400 — [www.waco.redcross.org](http://www.waco.redcross.org). Serving Fort Hood, Bell, Coryell, Lampasas and Hamilton counties. Provides Armed Forces Emergency Services, community disaster services, CPR, first aid, aquatics, youth programs, and volunteer opportunities.

### ARMED SERVICES YMCA:

254-634-5445 — [www.asymca.net](http://www.asymca.net). It is a human service organization that provides educational, preventive and social development programs for both the military and civilian populations throughout Central Texas.

### AWARE CENTRAL TEXAS:

254-939-7582 — [www.awarecentraltexas.org](http://www.awarecentraltexas.org). Services are provided to children, and parents/caregivers that are at-risk of child abuse, neglect and family violence. Services include education, mentoring, case management, nurturing support and family coaching.

### BELL COUNTY HELP SERVICES:

254-519-3360 — [www.bellcountytexas.com](http://www.bellcountytexas.com). Provides short-term/emergency assistance with utilities, rent, water, identification, childcare, education supplies, employment supplies, other

basic needs, information and referrals.

**BRING EVERYONE IN THE ZONE:** 254-681-9112 — [www.bringeveryoneinthezone.org](http://www.bringeveryoneinthezone.org). Provides peer support, resources and basic needs to service members, veterans and dependents to help improve their quality of life.

**BOY SCOUTS LONGHORN COUNCIL:** 817-231-8500 [www.longhorncouncil.org](http://www.longhorncouncil.org). The council provides a comprehensive youth development program for boys ages 7-15 and young men ages 15-20 years.

**CASA OF BELL AND CORYELL COUNTIES:** 254-774-1881 — [www.casabellcoryell.org](http://www.casabellcoryell.org). Screen, train, and supervise community volunteers as the leading voice for safe, permanent and nurturing homes, for abused and neglected children in the court system.

**CENIKOR FOUNDATION — CARE COUNSELING SERVICES:** 888-236-4567 — [www.cenikor.org](http://www.cenikor.org). Provides substance abuse services to people on an outpatient basis. A pregnant and postpartum intervention program assists women who are at high risk for substance abuse.

**CENTRAL TEXAS 4-C:** 254-778-0489 — [www.ct4c.org](http://www.ct4c.org). High-quality, comprehensive child development program for low-income children ages 0-5 and their families. Includes health, disabilities, education, nutrition, literacy, mental health and family services.

**CENTRAL TEXAS YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU:** 254-939-3466 — [www.centraltexas-youth-services.org](http://www.centraltexas-youth-services.org). Providing the following no cost services to children and youth 0-21 years of age: emergency shelter, maternity group home, transitional/independent living programs and street outreach.

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF CENTRAL TEXAS:** 254-939-2946 — [www.cacct.com](http://www.cacct.com). Provides collaborative, investigative and therapeutic services to victims of child abuse in order to lessen trauma, heal and enhance their quality of life.

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS:** 254-554-2132 — [www.cis-tx.org](http://www.cis-tx.org). CIS closely monitors academics, behavior and attendance of at-risk youth. It promotes students staying in school and graduating, improving their chances for success in life.

**COVE HOUSE EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER:** 254-547-4673 — [www.covehouse.org](http://www.covehouse.org). Provides free emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. It also provides a free clinic for the community on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

**FAMILIES IN CRISIS — FRIENDS IN CRISIS:** 254-634-1184 — [www.familiesincrisis.net](http://www.familiesincrisis.net). Provides safe shelter, crisis intervention,

and outreach services for victims of family violence and sexual assault. Homeless shelter. Free and confidential. 24-hour hotline 1-888-799-SAFE.

**FOOD CARE CENTER:** 254-554-3400 — [www.foodcare.org](http://www.foodcare.org). Providing supplemental assistance with food, clothing, and household items for low-to moderate-income families, both civilian and military.

**FORT HOOD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** 254-680-4007 — [www.bellcohabitatforhumanity.org](http://www.bellcohabitatforhumanity.org). A universal Christian Housing Ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building houses, (built by volunteers) which are sold to low-income families at 0 percent interest.

**GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL TEXAS:** 800-733-0011 — [www.gsctx.org](http://www.gsctx.org). Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

**GREATER KILLEEN FREE CLINIC:** 254-618-4211 — [www.gkfclinic.org](http://www.gkfclinic.org). Provides medical treatment, medications and specialty referral to low-income, uninsured children and adults. Limited dental and mental health services, case management and health promotion programs.

**HERITAGE HOUSE OF CENTRAL TEXAS:** 254-226-4072 — [www.hhct.weebly.com](http://www.hhct.weebly.com). Provides direct services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless that are designed to help achieve stable and independent lives.

**HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION:** Copperas Cove 254-547-6022 — Killeen 254-699-8888 — [www.hccaa.com](http://www.hccaa.com). The Senior Nutrition Program provides congregate and home-delivered meals to eligible elderly, age 60 and older and disabled participants five days a week, Monday through Friday.

**THE REFUGE CORPORATION:** 254-547-6753 — [www.refugecorporation.org](http://www.refugecorporation.org). Helping to preserve family and community by providing a shelter for women and children, and health education programs in Central Texas.

**VETS FOR PETS FOUNDATION:** 254-690-4000 — [www.texasvetsforpets.com](http://www.texasvetsforpets.com). Killeen's locally owned and operated low-cost, nonprofit spay, neuter and wellness provider. Serving the in-need Bell County-area families and their pets since 2013.

**VIALE OPTIONS IN COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS:** 903-872-0180 — [www.voiceinc.org](http://www.voiceinc.org). Serves children and their families by teaching healthy living skills, including tobacco, alcohol and drug education at schools and community sites.





Boy Scouts Chase O'Gorman, Peyton Duran and Christopher Inman raise the American flag.

## Scouts provide leadership opportunity and fellowship for Central Texas youth

### The Leon Valley District of the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and oldest values-based youth development organizations.

In the local area, boys and young men, ages 6 to 20, get to experience the many benefits of the diverse programs offered by The Leon Valley District of the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts. The district includes Fort Hood, Killeen, Harker Heights, Copperas Cove and Gatesville. Belton, Temple and Salado are a part of the Chisholm Trail District.

The programs achieve the Boy Scout objectives of developing character, citizenship and personal fitness. Some of the programs include a STEM Center, space simulators and reptile shows and aquatic programs and summer camps, plus many more.

Go to [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or call Dustin Weins at 254-772-8932.

A popular program is the Venture Crew, which is available for both boys and girls ages 14 to 20. This program provides hobbies that teach leadership skills, sports and gives them the opportunity to teach others.

Additionally, there are two programs in Harker Heights and Copperas Cove, the Explorer Post through the Killeen Police Department for kids ages 14 to 21, who are interested in pursuing a law enforcement career.

The program provides youth with the knowledge of day-to-day police operations in their community, and serves

more than 1,200 kids. Contact Julian Martinez at 254-200-7930 for information.

### Girl Scouts of Central Texas

The mission of the Girl Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, and it is open to girls in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The young girls experience learning opportunities in all areas, such as STEM, outdoors activities and life skills and entrepreneurship.

A new activity is a Super Saturday, in which a Girl Scout bus travels around Central Texas offering arts and crafts, new ways to earn more badges and gives training ideas to leaders.

The Central Texas council is one of seven high-performing councils in the state. There are five units in this area, and all programs are girl-inspired by providing a meaningful leadership experience.

Whether they're learning to write computer code for their program or hitting an archery target at summer camp, Girl Scouts cultivate their own spirit of adventure. They make contributions through community service, enjoy field trips and learn interpersonal skills while working in a team atmosphere to accomplish goals.

Volunteers are always welcome to help with individual programs, serving on committees and manage cookie sales.

The Killeen Girl Scouts Service Center is located at 2909 Lake Road, PH. 1-800-733-0011. The Temple Service Center is at 2721 Exchange Place. Call 800-733-0011, or go to [www.gsctx.org](http://www.gsctx.org).

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Local youths can enjoy a variety of programs and activities provided by the Boys & Girls Club of Central Texas that help them grow into productive young adults.

The clubs are a safe, clean haven for children ages 6 to 18 in Bell, Coryell and Lampasas counties.

At the center of the programs are the five core areas: character and leadership, education and career, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation and specialized programs. Additional clubs are located in 16 middle and high schools in Killeen and Copperas Cove.

**The Clements Teen Center** at 2900 E. Elms Road in Killeen provides an indoor air-conditioned gym for basketball, volleyball, a STEM center and offers many arts and crafts classes, leadership training and lifestyle skills. Call 254-699-7406.

**Bigam Unit** facilities located at 304 W. Avenue B in Killeen include a game room, computer lab, outdoor playground and arts and crafts. Call 254-699-5808 Ext. 100.

**The Woody Hall Unit** at 5100 Trimmer Road in Killeen has a pool, gymnasium, and education rooms. This unit will also feature a new state-of-the-art interactive playground. Call 254-634-0308 Ext. 100.

**The Boys & Girls Club of Copperas Cove**, 1002 Veterans Ave., features a computer lab, arcade and movie room, and learning lab. Call 254-547-5578.

**The Boys & Girls Club of Lampasas**, 107 N. Main St., offers a full meal after school and homework assistance, plus a technology and learning center and sports activities year-round. Call 512-564-1669.

**The Boys & Girls Club of Gatesville** at 2533 E. Main St., offers after-school meals, has a computer lab, library, new activities center and gym. Call 254-865-8347.

**Belton Christian Youth Center**, 505 E. Avenue C, Belton, 254-939-5759.

For more information, visit [bgctx.org](http://bgctx.org) or Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas on Facebook.

# Centers offer activities, fellowship for area seniors

Central Texans, age 55 and older, have plenty of opportunities to enjoy an active lifestyle at area senior centers.

## KILLEEN

**The Bob Gilmore Center**, at 2205 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd. is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday until 9 p.m. The phone number is 254-501-6554.

**The Lions Club Park Senior Center**, at 1700-B E. Stan Schlueter Loop, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays with extended hours on Tuesday until 9 p.m. Its phone number is 254-501-6399.

Membership in both centers is free, regardless of residency, to a person age 55 or older. A person under 55 may join if their spouse is 55 and a member.

Both centers provide a daily hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. for \$3. Activities include weekly dances, daily exercise classes, arts and crafts classes, board games,

computer classes, driver safety, grief counseling, billiards, pickle ball, and day trips. Membership at both centers totals more than 7,000 people.

“Whether seniors join for entertainment, exercise or enrichment, the variety of programming offered at our centers provides something of value for every member,” said Director of Communications Hilary Shine.

## COPPERAS COVE

**The Copperas Cove Senior Activity Center**, in the Human Resources Building at 1012 North Drive, Suite 5, accepts individuals age 55 and older. The programs include meals twice a week and a breakfast event monthly, and a monthly potluck. Community organizations perform health checks every month, exercise classes are offered three times a week, along with a yoga class on Mondays and most Wednesdays.

Recreational activities include games, crochet, knitting, cards and dominoes, gardening, and crafts during the week. The center has a pool table, library and treadmills, plus time for fellowship. For more information, call 254-547-6049.

## HARKER HEIGHTS

The Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program is designed for ages 50 and up and offers free programs in socialization, recreation, nutrition, health and social services.

With over 430 members, seniors enjoy taking monthly day trips, playing granny basketball and getting crafty with art classes. Programs are offered Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Activities Center, 400 Indian Trail.

Pickleball and granny basketball are played at the Recreation Center, 307 Miller’s Crossing. For more information, call 254-953-5493.

## Armed Services YMCA offers programs for all ages

The Armed Services YMCA Killeen provides discounted or low-cost youth development, fitness and recreational programs for the military and their families. All ASYMCA programs are open to all community members.

Central Texans are served by ASYMCA centers in Killeen, Copperas Cove and Harker Heights. The Armed Services YMCA is the largest provider of school-age child care in Central Texas area, providing care to nearly 1,200 children daily.

The ASYMCA Killeen serves children in 41 elementary schools in Killeen, Copperas Cove, Florence, Belton, Nolanville and Lampasas.

Child-care services start at 6 a.m. until school starts, and are offered after school until 6 p.m. The ASYMCA also offers services on teacher in-service days and spring and winter breaks.

The Armed Services YMCA Killeen-Harker Heights Program Center is at 100 E. Beeline Lane, Harker Heights. This center serves as a youth center for children ages 10-18 and pro-

vides a variety of programs to include community service activities, STEM programs and field trips.

Also located on the premises is the ASYMCA Aquatic Center, which is open during the summer months with a fully staffed pool and a spray pad. The ASYMCA has swim lessons for everyone from 6 months to adults, with morning and evening classes.

The Armed Services YMCA Killeen-Copperas Cove Family Center is at 501 Clara Drive, Copperas Cove. This facility holds activities for the whole family, as it offers a basketball court, teen center and fitness area. The building offers a staffed child-watch area for members who work out, get personal training or are involved in Zumba, yoga, martial arts, running groups, Home School P.E., boot camps and bidy sports, with some offered free with memberships or at low cost.

In spring 2016, the Armed Services YMCA opened the Harker Heights Wellness Center at 110 Mountain Lion Road. The 54,000-square-foot facility

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The ASYMCA has free child watch for members of the family plans. The majority of group exercises are free with membership; some premium classes carry a fee; however, it is deeply discounted for members. Fitness classes are available for the entire family, and classes dedicated to children.

The ASYMCA has partnered with the Killeen Independent School District to provide lanes for swim practice.

Another partner, Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, provides outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy. Call 254-618-4900.

The Armed Services YMCA Killeen is always looking for volunteers, employees, donations and community partners. For more information, call 254-634-5445 or visit [www.asymca.net](http://www.asymca.net) or [Facebook.com/asymcakilleen](https://www.facebook.com/asymcakilleen).

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# Festivals, fairs showcase the best of life in Central Texas

Central Texas has something going on throughout the year from rodeos, food and wine festivals, and arts and craft fairs to sports events, plus plenty more. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Here's a sampling:

## MARCH

**Take 190 West Art Festival, Killeen** — Take 190 West is Killeen's weeklong salute to the arts. The event attracts sculptors, painters and authors, and events include book signings by authors, a sculpture contest featuring professional sculptors and the Killeen ISD student Art Show.

Go to: [take190west.com](http://take190west.com).

**The Army Marathon, From Killeen to Belton** — The marathon honors the service and sacrifice of all military personnel, their families and survivors by raising money for qualified veteran charities. Runners can choose from a full marathon, half-marathon, 5K or the handcycle marathon.

Go to: [thearmymarathon.com](http://thearmymarathon.com)

**Wildflower Art Fair & Festival, Salado** — Enjoy a weekend of art and nature strolling the grounds of Pace Park at this family-friendly event featuring 50 tents of art, entertainment and food. Activities include scrapbooking to oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and woodwork, sculpture and jewelry.

Go to: [salado.com](http://salado.com)

## APRIL

**Celebrate Killeen** — This festival celebrates Killeen's diversity. It features many international foods, multicultural entertainment performed by local artists, a statewide slow-pitch softball tournament, a 5K fun run and a car show.

Go to: [killeentexas.gov](http://killeentexas.gov)

**Paws in the Park, Harker Heights** — Paws in the Park at Purser Family Park is one of two annual dog-friendly events. Sponsored by the Harker Heights Parks & Recreation, the event celebrates all things canine, including contests for Best Dog Trick, Dog & Owner Look-A-Like, Best Dressed with dog-friendly vendors, too. The event also raises awareness about the city's pet adoption center and the park's dog facilities.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

**Bloomin' Fest, Lampasas** — Springtime gardening is the focus of this free event held in Historical Downtown Lampasas at Courtyard Square. The festival offers gardening information and exhibits as well as plant, flower and craft vendors. There is a children's area on the grounds, and bandstand entertainment throughout the day.

Go to: [lampasaschamber.org](http://lampasaschamber.org)

## MAY

**Rabbit Fest, Copperas Cove** — Rabbit Fest is a four-day arts and crafts festival that draws more than 30,000 people an-

nually. The family-friendly festival offers a live rabbit display, a parade, carnival rides, food and craft vendors and live entertainment.

Go to: [rabbitfest.com](http://rabbitfest.com)

**Rodeo Killeen** — Rodeo lovers kick up their spurs for this family favorite event. PRCA riders compete in bareback riding, barrel racing, and bronc riding, bull riding and steer roping. Additional events include a children's stick horse parade and a Rodeo Queen competition.

Go to: [rodeokilleen.com](http://rodeokilleen.com)

## JUNE

**Florence Friendship Days Festival, Florence** — Florence loves to celebrate its friendliness. Events include the Miss Friendship Pageant and baby pageant, a live auction, a kiddie parade and parade down Main Street, a washer tournament and Cow Chip Contest. Vendor booths feature arts, crafts, food and more. A street dance caps off the festival.

Go to: [florencechamberofcommerce.org](http://florencechamberofcommerce.org)

## JULY

**Fourth of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo & Festival, Belton** — Fourth of July in Belton is a weekend of All-American fun. More than 30,000 spectators watch the annual parade filled with decorated vehicles, antique cars and floats and marching bands. The PRCA Rodeo has some of the best bullriders, barrel racers and ropers competing. The Festival on Nolan Creek is held at Yettie Polk Park offering crafts, food and live music.

Go to: [rodeobelton.com](http://rodeobelton.com)

## AUGUST

**The Flavors of Central Texas, Killeen** — Many of the area's best restaurants and caterers gather under one roof, so everyone can sample their finest dishes. There is a cooking competition, cooking demonstrations and a silent auction.

Go to: [killeenchamber.com](http://killeenchamber.com)

**Pooch Pool PAW-TY, Harker Heights** — It is the dog days of summer, and the outdoor pool at Carl Levin Park has gone to the dogs. Owners and their pets can enjoy swimming in the pool. Dogs are required to be on a leash outside the pool's fenced area.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)



Muralist Anat Ronen paints a large image of Oveta Culp Hobby during the annual Take 190 West Arts Festival in Killeen. The festival is at the Killeen Civic and Conference Center each March.



Carnival rides are seen during the 37th annual Rabbit Fest at Copperas Cove's City Park. The event is held each May.

## SEPTEMBER

**The Central Texas Food, Wine & Brew Festival, Harker Heights** — A little bit of everything is available at the area's largest food and wine festival. Learn wine basics at the Wine 101 class and sample Texas craft beers. The event features live culinary demonstrations and a people's choice beer and wine competition.

Go to: [hhfoodandwine.com](http://hhfoodandwine.com)

**Four Winds Intertribal Society Powwow, Killeen** — Providing a unique cultural and educational experience, the annual powwow showcases Native American life. More than 15 different nations are represented with eight dance competitions and Indian arts and crafts vendors.

Go to: [fourwindstx.blogspot.com](http://fourwindstx.blogspot.com)

**Puppypalooza, Harker Heights** — Bring your dog to the free event filled with dog-friendly activities, such as an agility course and swimming for dogs. The contests include Best Dog Trick, Dog & Owner Look-A-Like, Best Dressed and Biggest & Smallest Dog. The event also includes dog-friendly vendors.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

## OCTOBER

**Monster Dash** — The Rotary Clubs of Copperas Cove, Harker Heights and Killeen join to raise funds for youth oriented, local projects.

Participants can select the Monster Dash 5K walk/run, or 5K team competition or the 1/3-mile Little Monster Dash for children 10 years old and under. Children 10 years old and younger can participate in a costume competition.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

**Sweet Eats Fruit Farm Festival, Georgetown** — Some of the activities include pony rides, a petting zoo and games and picking your own fruit, along with a hay maze and a huge pumpkin patch, plus many more events.

Go to: [sweeteats.com](http://sweeteats.com)

**Annual Herb & Art Festival, Lampasas** — This free event takes place at the unique Sculpture Garden in Campbell Park. Festivities include over 100 arts and crafts booths, great food, herbal gardening booths and a children's play area and live music.

Go to: [Lampasaschamber.org](http://Lampasaschamber.org)

## DECEMBER

**Frost Fest, Harker Heights** — Santa comes to town to kick off the Christmas season. The free event includes food, hot chocolate, music and light displays.

Go to: [www.ci.harkerheights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harkerheights.tx.us)

**Krist Kindl Markt, Copperas Cove** — The first weekend in December comes to life in downtown Copperas Cove with the charm of a German Christmas. A parade, food, arts and crafts and entertainment highlight the weekend festivities.

Go to: [copperascove.com/specialevents/krist-kindl-markt](http://copperascove.com/specialevents/krist-kindl-markt)

**Santa Fest Holiday Market, Temple** — Get in the spirit of the season and enjoy arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and free entertainment. Admission to the market is free.

Go to: [discovertemple.com](http://discovertemple.com)

**Georgetown Christmas Stroll, Georgetown** — Georgetown Square transforms into a Norman Rockwell-picturesque scene with window displays, carolers, goodies and local vendors. Visit the live nativity and see Santa at the parade.

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# Bell County Expo Center hosts events large and small throughout the year

The Bell County Expo Center in Belton hosts large events and does so with style. Concerts, rodeos, trade shows, conferences and more take place there each year.

Built in 1987, the county-owned facility hosts up to 300 events annually.

The main arena, which seats about 7,600 people, is the site of rodeos, horse shows, concerts and conventions of all types. It hosts area school graduations each spring. Musical acts include big-name rock, country, Christian and rhythm and blues groups. Other events include circuses and arts and crafts shows.

The Central Texas State Fair is a major attraction on Labor Day

weekend. This year, more than 28,000 people attended the fair.

Other facilities include the assembly hall with 17,000 square feet that can seat 800 people. It is used for banquets, trade shows and other events.

In 2017, the center broke ground on a \$25 million equestrian center, an enclosed facility with a permanent dirt floor. It will seat about 1,000.

A special events room can hold about 200. A 120,000-square-foot expo building with 55,000 square feet of exhibit space and two dirt arenas hosts many equestrian and livestock shows.

For booking or more information, go to [www.bellcountyexpo.com](http://www.bellcountyexpo.com) or call 254-933-5353.

# Explore history at Bell County Museum

The Bell County Museum has become a popular tourist attraction and a fun place to learn about Texas history.

The 16,000-square-foot facility located in downtown Belton, has both permanent and temporary exhibits, and educational programs for students, families, and adults of all ages. The museum's permanent exhibits focus on the history and prehistory of Bell County.

The Passport through Time includes objects and information related to county history, including the extensive Ma Ferguson Collection, the largest publicly held collection of Moustache Tea Cups in the United States, and interactive elements such as the Victory Garden and Morse code machine.

"The Gault Project: An Adventure in Time" is a permanent exhibit featuring large murals, discovery drawers, microscopes and a film funded by the Texas Historical Foundation.

The museum also rotates new traveling exhibits every two to three months. Recent exhibits include, "Bell County and WWI", "Quilts of Valor", "From Swords to Plowshares: Trench Art from WWI," and "Harley-Davidson and the



Evolution of the Motorcycle."

The museum is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The museum owns more than 12,000 objects related to Bell County and Central Texas. From projectile points made by early peoples to real-life clothing from the 18th through the 20th centuries, the museum regularly rotates artifacts and exhibits. Call 254-933-5243 or go to [www.bellcountymuseum.org](http://www.bellcountymuseum.org) to become a Friend of the Museum. Friends receive gift shop discounts, invitations to exhibit openings, and a North American Reciprocal Museum membership, with free admission to over 900 museums across the country. NARM benefits apply to Friends at the \$100 per year level and above.

# Killeen Civic and Conference Center offers space for events of all sizes

The Killeen Civic and Conference Center is a modern, multifunctional and accessible meeting space with a flexible floor plan capable of hosting public and private events of any size.

The conference center, 3601 S. W.S. Young Drive, boasts 64,000 square feet, and offers a variety of meeting rooms to accommodate intimate parties and theater-style seating for up to 2,000 people.

A large ballroom can be arranged to seat 1,000 guests, or 100 to 750 guests in smaller spaces. Meeting rooms are flexible, too. Curved, glass-paneled walls adorn the view in a special events room; 3,500 square feet to host 125 banquet seating or 250 theater-style. An executive board room offers sophistication. A grand lobby and full kitchen ensure that the needs of all types of events are met.

Technology is embedded throughout the complex and provides several attractive capabilities, including internet-connected rooms and Wi-Fi access, video-conferencing and satellite, and media projectors and sound.



The conference center anchors the city's entertainment complex, which is also home to the Special Events Center with 53,000 square feet capable of hosting auctions, food drives, roller derby and more. The Killeen Rodeo Grounds hosts the city's annual rodeo each May.

Finally, the complex proudly features the November 5, 2009 Memorial and a Korean War Memorial.

Staff are experienced and ready to help with scheduling, room layouts, and catering — everything you expect from a full-service organization.

Go to [KilleenCivicCenter.com](http://KilleenCivicCenter.com) for more information or call 254-501-3888.

## Mayborn Science Theater features 60-foot domed screen

The Mayborn Science Theater, located on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen, opened in 2003 and is the only full-scale digital entertainment venue in the area. After a million-dollar digital upgrade in 2009, the Mayborn Science Theater delivers state-of-the-art technology for projecting images on its 60-foot domed screen for an immersive experience with its full-dome shows and laser light shows that combine 3-D graphics, laser-generated colors and 15,000 watts of digitally reproduced sound.

The Mayborn Science Theater offers Saturday evening shows, Saturday and weekday matinees. It also features monthly star tours of the night sky, fun-filled science classes for youngsters, educational science exhibits and is home to GeekFest.

In addition, the Mayborn Science

Theater hosts group shows, field trips, birthday parties and school programs. Groups of up to 180 people may reserve the theater for private showings, meetings or functions.

Membership is available. Benefits include free admission to shows, members-only invites to premieres, special screenings and events, guest passes and discounted or free admissions to more than 250 museums, ASTC science centers, arboretums and aquaria across the country.

The ticket counter is available only during scheduled shows, opening 30 minutes before showtime. The administrative office is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, at 6200 W. Central Texas Expressway, Killeen. Call 254-526-1800 or go to [www.starsatnight.org](http://www.starsatnight.org) for more information.

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# Local theaters bring arts, culture to Central Texas

Art is a vibrant part of life in Central Texas. From the performing arts to concerts and symphonies, residents can enjoy exciting shows at local nonprofit community-based venues.

## VIVE LES ARTS THEATRE

After more than 40 years, Vive Les Arts Theatre remains the premiere community theater in the Fort Hood-Killeen area. The 2017-2018 season features something new in the theater's history — an innovative partnership with Waco Civic Theatre, under the direction of Eric Shepard. "There's a wonderful range from the comic to drama, and celebrations of theater that relate directly to today's world," he said.

The 400-seat theater has a proscenium stage and is equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and audio instruments, with mounted TVs in the theater and lobby.

Funding comes from a variety of sources, like the city of Killeen's hotel and motel taxes, grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts, season memberships, fundraisers and other contributions. It is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all contributions are tax deductible.

The 2017-2018 season includes comic favorites and musicals, such as "The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On," and "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," plus several musicals — "Sister Act," and "Hands on a Hardbody." Each summer also brings a children's production to the stage.

Vive Les Arts Theatre is at 3401 S. W.S. Young Drive. For more information, call 254-526-9090 or go to [vlakilleen.org](http://vlakilleen.org).

## THE TEMPLE CIVIC THEATRE

The Temple Civic Theatre has staged entertaining, family-friendly performances for more than 50 years. Founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in 1965, the theater originally worked under the Cultural Activities Center. In 1974, it built its own theater — an 11,000-square-foot facility with a 228-seat thrust stage auditorium.

This season consists of traditional favorites and current shows, including "Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None," and "Southern Fried Funeral," along with "Little Women,"

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## TABLE ROCK

A true Central Texas original, The Goodnight Amphitheater at Tablerock Festival, is famous for its outdoor venues. The nonprofit's theater production is "Salado Legends," an epic musical/historical drama with a cast and crew of more than 100.

The "Young Writers Contest" and "Central Texas Poetry and Prose Readings" spotlights local writing talent.

A Halloween classic is the annual "Fright Trail." With the help of 80 vol-

unteers, a guide takes visitors through scenes from Dracula, Frankenstein, and Phantom of the Opera, with excerpts from Edgar Allen Poe.

The annual production of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" is a family-friendly staple each December. The spring and summer seasons bring music to Salado with the Gospel Festival, Salado ISD Band Concert and Shakespeare On the Rock.

The nine-acre Tablerock space is at Royal Street and Tablerock Road in Salado. Call 254-947-9205 or go to [tablerock.org](http://tablerock.org) for more information.

## CENTRAL TEXAS ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

Central Texas Orchestral Society offers performances by internationally known artists. Among the 2017-2018 performers include Daniel Hsu, Van Cliburn Bronze Medalist, Calidore String Quartet and Frisson and Spanish Brass Quintet. CTOS also provides a venue where patrons are able to closely interact with artists during pre- and post-concert events. Performances usually take place at Temple's Azalee Marshall Cultural Activities Center, Mayborn Auditorium, at 3011 N. Third St., Temple.

Call 254-773-9926 or go to [cacarts.org](http://cacarts.org) for more information.

## TEMPLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

As the Temple Symphony Orchestra enters its 24th season, the board of directors implemented a new endowment campaign. Executive Director Jan Salzman said, "The value this dynamic group of musicians brings in terms of entertainment and education to Central Texas is immense."

Founding Conductor and Musical Director Thomas Fairlie added, "The ongoing success of this orchestra is vital."

Among the many shows in the 2017-2018 season are "Roman Carnival Overture" and "Piano Concerto No. 5 'Emperor'" by Beethoven as performed by James Dick, pianist, and The Van Cliburn Recital, as well as a holiday concert.

The concerts take place in the Mary Alice Marshall Performing Arts Center Auditorium, Temple College, 2600 S. First St., Temple. Call 254-778-6683 or go to [templesymphony.org](http://templesymphony.org).



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- Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church 4201 S Zephyr Rd., K 680-4378
- Holy Light United Baptist Church  
1602 S. Main, CC
- Holy One Baptist Mission  
211 E. Ave. C, K 519-3990

- The Homecoming  
10060 E. Trimmier Rd., K 833-6359
- Killeen Baptist Temple  
508 Jasper, K 526-4410
- Killeen Korean United Baptist Church  
4103 Zephyr Rd., K 690-2233
- Landmark Missionary Baptist Church  
7512 E Trimmier Rd, K, 501-9193
- Korean Memorial Baptist Church  
113 S. 8th St., K 526-8866
- Korean Mission First Baptist  
N. 5th & Ave. B, CC 547-3717
- Lawler Baptist Church  
FM 2843 & CR 230, 254-793-2414
- Liberty Community Church  
3002 Gus Drive, K 526-0114
- Light of Christ Missionary Baptist Church  
307 East Avenue D, K, 254-634-9620
- Lifeway Fellowship  
4001 E. Elms Road, Killeen
- Marlboro Heights Missionary Baptist  
2901 Illinois, K 690-4521
- Memorial Baptist Church  
801 R.A Abercrombie Dr., K 690-4526
- Memorial Baptist Church  
4001 Trimmier, K, 634-6882
- Missiona Bautista  
54th & Turner K 699-5852
- Mountain View Baptist Church  
Corner of FM 2410 & Cedar Knob
- Native American Baptist Fellowship Church  
6161 S 5th St, Temple 721-5758
- Nolan Valley Baptist Church  
13206 W. FM 93, Belton 939-8367
- NorthSide Baptist Church  
1800 W Hwy 190, Nolanville, 690-6722
- Oak Hill Baptist Church FM 2657 and Boys Ranch Rd., CC 547-4623
- Pershing Park Baptist Church  
1200 Old FM 440, K 634-1013
- Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana  
4102 Turner Ave. & 54th St., K 634-0486
- Red Sea Baptist Church  
1004 North 18th St., K, 628-8999
- Robertson Ave Baptist Church  
305 E. Roberston Ave. CC 547-3155
- Second Street Baptist Church  
1602 N. 2nd St. K 690-2886
- Simmonsville Missionary Baptist Church 509 S. 42nd St., K 699-1956

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## AREA CHURCHES

- Skyline Baptist Church  
906 Trimmer, K 699-4479
- Southern Hills Baptist Church  
South FM 116, CC 547-0009
- Sunset Baptist Church  
814 W. Ave. C, K 634-5055
- Tabernacle Baptist Church  
6601 S. Ft. Hood St. K, 554-2920
- Thy Word is Truth Christian Ministries  
Missionary Baptist  
1803 Sherman Dr. K, 254-526-8310
- Trinity Baptist Church  
403 FM 2410, HH 699-4436
- Triple 7 Baptist Fellowship,  
1501 Riverside Dr., K 254-290-1552
- Westside Baptist Church K 628-1004
- Westview Missionary Baptist Church - ABA 1102 W. Main St., G 404-2316
- Unity Missionary Baptist Church  
903 N. 1st, CC
- Youngsport Baptist Church  
Rt. 2, Box 94, RM 2484, K 616-2484

## BIBLE CHURCH

- Grace Bible Church  
1203 Winkler Ave., K 690-1728
- Instituto Biblico Hosanna  
205 E. Hallmark Ave., Suite B, K 953-1113
- Killeen Bible Church  
4717 Westcliff Road, K 690-4748
- Maranatha Bible Institute  
Harker Heights, 699-8400

## BUDDHIST

- Wat Pah Samarkki  
20905 State Highway 195 K, 793-3713
- SGI-USA Killeen Activity Center  
116 E. Ave. D, Killeen 554-6960

## CAO DAI

- Cao Dai Temple of Harker Heights  
127 E. Ruby Rd., HH 699-5074

## CATHOLIC

- Red Team Chapel/58th St. Chapel  
Corner of 58th & Battalion, 288-6548
- Holy Family Catholic Church  
1001 Georgetown Rd., CC 547-3735
- St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
2903 E. Rancier, K, 634-7878
- St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church  
1000 E. FM 2410, HH 698-4110

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

- Cantico Nuevo  
1801 Rancier, Killeen 258-2958
- Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
1301 Trimmer, K 526-2179
- Copperas Cove Christian Church (disciple of Christ)  
1908 Morrow D.C.C. 547-2486
- Iglesia Christiana Sinai  
701E. Stan Schlueter Lp. K. 628-1539
- Deliverance and Praise Temple Church of God in Christ  
702 Harley Dr., 699-4346
- Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
1301 S. Trimmer, K 526-2179
- Copperas Cove Christian Church Disciples of Christ  
1908 Morrow Dr., CC 547-2486
- Crestview Independent Christian Church  
2608 S. FM 116, CC 547-4013
- Deliverance Ministries, Household of Faith, Church of the Living God  
329 Indian Trail, HH 519-4659
- The Fellowship of Praise & Worship  
301-A S. Main St., CC 458-8429
- House of Refuge Ministries  
908 Highland Ave., K 213-0465
- Iglesia Cristiana Sinai  
701 E. Stan Schlueter Lp, K 628-1539
- Iglesia Cristiana Misionera A.I.C.  
1801 Nathan Dr, K 633-6230
- Iglesia Cristiana Nueva Vida  
3709 Zephyr Rd., K 680-4422
- Iglesia Cristiana Uncion y Poder  
313 S. 1st. St., CC 518-4452
- Min. Divina Misericordia  
205 E. Hallmark Ave., Suite B, K 953-1113
- Restoration Christian Church  
Upstairs National Bank, CC 520-5419
- Samoan Christians Fellowship Assembly  
406 N. 4th St. K 542-3792, 628-5449
- Samoan Congregational Christian  
1st Cav. Div. Memorial Chapel, FH
- Solid Rock Family Christian Center  
340A Copperas Cove Plaza, CC 518-1411

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

- Christian Science  
Cowan Amenity Ctr., 1433 Cool Spring Way  
Sun City - Georgetown, 512-943-4784



Steven Burnette examines a pumpkin at a pumpkin patch at First United Methodist Church in Killeen.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Central Union Church of Christ  
3202 Westcliff Ste. 100, K
- Church of Christ  
400 N. W.S. Young Dr., K 634-7373
- Church of Christ 306 W. Avenue E., CC
- Church of Christ  
Cemetery Rd, Kempner
- Church of Christ Iglesia Ni Cristol  
508 E. Jasper Dr., K
- College View Church of Christ  
123 Yates Rd. , K (at Reese Creek)  
254- 290-3541
- Nolanville Church of Christ  
Main Street, Nolanville 462-5614
- Leon Church of Christ  
4404 Twin City Blvd., Belton 939-0682
- Southside Church of Christ  
1505 Trimmer, K 526-3041
- Westside Church of Christ  
152 Westside Church Rd. K, 554-6711
- Youngsport Church of Christ  
Youngsport, 634-3754

## CHURCH OF GOD

- Christo-Vision Ministries  
201 Ave. C., K 690-8200
- Abundant Life Church of God (Cleveland, TN)  
1210 Florence Rd, K 526-4598
- Church of God  
The True Vine 211 Ave. D. Killeen
- End Time Church of God;  
Rt. 7, Box 7252, Twin Lakes Estates

Belton 939-0326

- Deliverance Church of God (Cleveland, TN)  
1618 Vet. Blvd., CC 518-3181
- Community Life Chapel  
Developing Community Leaders  
254-415-2414
- West End Church of God in Christ  
3601 S. WS Young Drive, K 254-213-5511

## CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

- Agape Church of God in Christ  
3716 E. Veterans Mem. Blvd, Suite C,  
K 690-6147
- Bibleway Church of God in Christ  
300 Jasper Rd, K 213-9134
- Bountiful New Life Church of God in Christ meets at Cove Library  
501 S Main St, CC 702-3816
- Deliverance and Praise Temple C.O.G.I.C  
702 Harley Drive, HH 699-4346
- Divine Faith Ministry Holiness Church  
2201 W Stan Schlueter Lp, K 680-7951
- First Church of God in Christ  
5201 Westcliff Rd., K 953-3100
- Garden of Gethsemane  
111 Cox Dr., HH 690-2703
- God's Holy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ  
500 S. 44th St., K
- New Bethel Christian Worship Center  
4013-A Stan Schlueter Lp, K 368-6400

- Power House  
110 FM 2410 Suite A, HH 699-2127
- Trinity Cathedral Church of God in Christ 1312 George Town Road, CC - 547-5493

**COWBOY**

- 5 Hills Cowboy Church  
139 CR 4630 Kempner, 290-6005
- Maxdale Cowboy Church  
FM 2670 & Wolfbridge Rd., Maxdale, 254-368-2563

**EASTERN ORTHODOX**

- Eastern Orthodox Call Father Paul Anderson at 254-768-7649 for times, locations.

**EPISCOPALIAN**

- Darnall Army Hospital FH 288-8850  
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
2800 Trimmier, K 634-7474
- St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
1602 South FM 116, CC 547-0331
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
4th & Chestnut, Lampasas 556-5433

**FULL GOSPEL**

- Bountiful Blessing Full Gospel Ministries  
608 S. Ann St., HH 220-8899
- Grace Bible Fellowship  
718 N. 2nd St., K 628-2111
- First Samoan Full Gospel Pentecostal Church Inc.  
2602 S. FM 116, CC 245-2700 or 638-2900
- Full-Gospel Baptist Church  
Call for information 634-0940
- New Testament Christian Church  
3500 Florence Rd., K 526-2149
- The Potter's House  
Corner of 10th & Ave C, CC 547-7918

**HEBRAIC ROOTS**

- B'nai Yisrael  
2006 S. 57th St., T 598-2135

**HOLINESS**

- Divine Faith Ministry Holiness Church  
2201 W Stan Schlueter Lp, K 680-7951

**HOME & CELL CHURCHES**

- Association of Home Churches  
Call 690-5856

**INDEPENDENT**

- Casa De Oracion-Asambe Dios

- 313 S. 8th St., K 634-3772
- Cornerstone Ministry  
Nolanville 698-2055
- Full Gospel Killeen Church English Congregation (Multi-Purpose Education & Activity Center)  
1410 Trimmier Road, 499-7689
- Killeen Bible Church  
4717 Westcliff, K 690-4748
- Protestant Women of the Chapel
- Comanche Chapel, FH Diane Kohl  
542-7042
- Old Post Chapel, FH, 288-6545
- Post Chapel, FH, 287-5283-2642
- Post (Comanche) Chapel, FH, 288-6544
- Soldier's Hospitality House  
3981 Chaparral Rd, K 634-0822
- West Fort Hood Chapel (Praise Service) FH 288-9219  
1401 Elms Rd., K 634-6990

**INTERDENOMINATIONAL**

- Bell County Faith Fellowship & Christian Life Center  
4705 E. Rancier Ave., K 681-1085
- North Pointe Church  
1115 N. Main St. CC 547-7470
- St. John's Faith Outreach Baptist Church  
3507 Cranford Ave., K 699-4874

**ISLAMIC FAITH**

- The Islamic Community of Greater Killeen  
5800 S. Fort Hood Road, K 634-8799, 634-1990

**JEWISH**

- Jewish Community Fort Hood  
The Spirit of Fort Hood Warrior and Family Chapel Campus, Tank Destroyer & 31st St, FH 254-287-3411
- Congregation Simcha Sinai  
102 Cattail Circle, HH 231-4930

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2nd & Mary Jane, K 526-3013
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1502 Virginia, CC 547-1248
- Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Hillcrest Rd., Temple 547-7850

**LUTHERAN**

- Abiding Savior WELS

- 458 Turkey Trot Killeen, 953-4442
- Faith Lutheran Church LCMS  
Old Austin Rd. & Sunflower, L 512-556-3514
- Fort Hood Lutheran Fellowship  
Old Post Chapel, 761st Tank Destroyer Blvd 512-556-3514
- Grace Lutheran Church LCMS  
Trimmier & Bacon Ranch Rd., K 634-5858
- Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA  
3801 Cunningham Road, K 634-2772
- Immanuel Lutheran Church LCMS  
922 Lutheran Church Rd, CC 547-3498
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
1215 South Wall, Belton 939-0824
- Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hwy 190 & Morris, CC 547-2225

**METHODIST**

- 4 ID Memorial Chapel, FH, 287-5334
- Adams Chapel AME Church  
125 Ario, HH 699-3435
- Anderson Chapel AME Church  
1002 Jefferies, K 690-5030
- Conder Valley Community Church  
3601 Edgefield St., K 616-1664, Claudia 547-3349
- First United Methodist Church  
Killeen  
3501 E Elms Rd, Killeen 634-6363  
www.fumckilleen.com
- First United Methodist Church  
302 E. Curry St. F 793-2535
- Grace United Methodist Church  
S. Main & Ave. F, CC 547-3729
- Harker Heights United Methodist Church  
Cardinal & Harley, HH 699-6271
- Hillside Evangelical Methodist Church  
2602 S. FM 116, CC 547-3349
- Kempner United Methodist Church  
Hwy 190, Kempner 512-932-3011
- Nolanville United Methodist Church  
300 W. Ave I, Nolanville
- Pidcoke United Methodist Church  
11230 FM 116, Gatesville 254-598-6094
- St. Luke United Methodist Church  
102 E. Church Ave., K 526-3993, 526-5234
- St. Andrew's United Methodist Church  
Florence and Fowler, K 634-7721
- Thomas Chapel AME Church

- 901 N. Main, CC 547-2410
- Topsey United Methodist Church  
Rev. Deanna Ranes, 4406 FM 1113, CC 780-9245

**NAZARENE**

- Belton First Church of the Nazarene  
1701 Sparta Rd., 939-3404
- First Church of the Nazarene  
951 Stagecoach, K 634-7676
- First Church of the Nazarene  
W. Hwy 190, CC 547-4032

**NONDEMONINATIONAL**

- Abundant Life Christian Church  
3301 E. Rancier Ste. 102-B, K 813-1061
- Amazing Grace Fellowship  
1600 E Rancier Ave, K 290-0403
- Antioch Fellowship Ministries  
Church of God & Christ  
210 W. Mary Jane, K 634-2101
- Agape Christian Center  
321 N. Penelope, Belton 939-9673
- Bethesda Fellowship Ministries  
1803 Pecan Cove, CC 547-3455
- Beyond the Veil Ministries  
1801 N. 8th St., K 628-0145
- Calvary Christian Fellowship of Georgetown  
Dell Pickett Elementary School 1100  
Thousand Oaks Blvd, Georgetown, 512-888-8892
- Carinthian Christian Church  
Rte. 2 Box 65 D, CC 547-3755
- Chapel by the Lake Oakalla Road, K
- Christian House of Prayer  
916 W. 190 CC 526-7021  
3300 E. Stan Schlueter Lp, K 526-7021
- Common Ground Ministry  
1600 E. Rancier Ave., K 383-4705  
www.commongroundministry.org
- Deliverance Ministries, Household of Faith, Church of the Living God, Inc.  
329 Indian Trail, HH 690-0856
- Destiny World Outreach Center  
101 N. W.S. Young Dr., Killeen 690-0856
- Disciples Church  
Meets at Eastern Hills Middle School  
300 Indian Trail HH  
www.MakeDisciplesNow.org
- Divine Grace Ministries  
205 E. Ave. C, K 458-0146

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## AREA CHURCHES

- Exalted Praise Worship Center  
600 Indian Trail, Suite 201, HH  
466-0749
- Excellent Covenant Powerhouse  
Ministries 4103 Zephyr Rd, K  
699-6920
- Faith Christian Center  
103 E. Mockingbird Dr., HH 519-3226
- Faith Community Church  
3705 Zephyr Rd, K 254-338-8777
- Faith Tabernacle  
812 Harley at Beeline, HH 394-0572
- Family Dominion Ministries Inc.  
PO Box 11143, K 520-4269
- For Whosoever Will  
3310 Florence Road, K 512-932-2716
- Fully Persuaded Church of  
Reconciliation 602 Gray Street  
526-2100
- Gift of Life Ministry  
5802 Wedel Cemetery Rd.  
Heiden Heimer, TX 983-1911
- God's TrueVine House of Worship  
906 South Ann Blvd. HH, TX 338-  
2872
- Grace Abound Tabernacles  
10th Street, Nolanville, 698-9910
- Grace Awakening Church  
5400 East Veterans Memorial, K  
554-2500
- Grace Bible Church  
1203 Winkler Ave., Killeen 690-1728
- Grace Christian Center  
1401 Elms Rd., K 634-6990
- Grace Ministries Apostolic Church  
3119 Commerce St., K
- Greater Love Outreach Ministry  
3603B E Veterans Memorial Blvd., K  
634-2879
- Greater Vision Community Church  
2000 E. Stan Schlueter Lp, K 200-  
4382
- Guiding Light Ministries  
524 Shady Drive, Ste. A & B, K 690-  
0198
- Harker Heights Community Church  
425 E. Cen Tex Expwy, HH 289-3861
- Harvest of Prayer  
605 W. Ave. G, Temple 254-547-  
8877
- Killeen Christian Fellowship  
803 E. Central Texas Expressway  
723-6414
- Knowledge is Power Ministry  
815 Florence Rd. Killeen 634-3463
- Iglecia Cristiana Jehova Es Mi  
Pastor  
805 Hall St., Killeen 554-2147
- Iglesia Divina Misericordia  
205 Suite B, Hallmark Ave K 953-  
1113
- Joint-Heirs with Christ Ministries  
219 E. Ave. D., Killeen 526-0599
- Liberty Christian Center  
801 N. 8th St., K 287-2470 415-7336
- Montessori Children's House  
School  
Killeen, 699-104
- Movement of Faith International  
Ministries 810 W Rancier Ave STE  
100, K
- New Beginnings for All People  
113 S 20th St, K 254-9004, www.  
NBIMINC.org
- New Bethel Christian Worship  
Center  
1301 8th St., K 254-368-6400
- New Covenant Christian Church  
104 County Road #221., Oakalla  
547-5082
- New Covenant Ministries Worship  
Center  
1340 E. Knights Way, HH 247-7466
- New Life Christian Center of Killeen  
625 E. Vets Memorial Blvd, HH 699-  
5200
- New Life Fellowship  
708 East Four, Belton 939-8011
- New Life Ministries  
207 E. Avenue C, Killeen 953-3179
- New Covenant Mission Outreach  
3401 Zephyr Rd, Killeen 501-FIRE
- New Jerusalem Church  
1209 Hillcrest Rd., Temple 985-2079
- New Vision Church of Fellowship  
1601 N Eighth St, K 371-1179
- The People's Choice Worship  
Center  
802 N 2nd St., Building G; K 690-  
2066
- Praise & Deliverance House of  
Prayer 315 Gray St. Killeen 289-  
2922
- Praise Fellowship Church, 680-  
2983
- Precious People Ministry  
319 N. Gray, K & 702 Elm Road, K
- Rivers of Living Waters  
508 N. Gray St., K 690-9673
- Shekinah Glory Worship Center  
205 S. 2nd St. & Ave E., CC 542-  
6100
- Southern Gospel Worship Center  
501 W. Elms Rd, K 702-2777
- Tabernacle of Praise  
348 S. 40th St. K, 702-1690
- Templo Victoria  
514 E. Ave D, K 554-5371
- The Church of the New Command-  
ment  
997 Stagecoach Rd., K 681-0530
- The Home Full Gospel  
1613 Illinois, K 699-0169
- The Salvation Army  
501 N. 2nd, K 634-7172
- Transforming Life Fellowship  
Ministries 4107 Westcliff Rd.,  
526-2997
- Trinity Worship Center  
1802 Martin Luther King Blvd., CC
- True Gospel Church  
1101 W. Ave E, K
- True Worship Ministries  
103 E. Mockingbird Ln, HH 690-8730
- True Deliverance Ministries  
508 Hall Ave., K 634-7082
- Truth and Deliverance Ministries  
203 S. 2nd St., CC 514-2348
- Word of Knowledge Ministries  
625 E. Vet. Mem. Blvd, HH 501-9105
- Word of Life  
1506 McCarthy Ave, K 634-7082
- World Outreach Church of Killeen  
1100 Hwy 440
- United Faith Church  
1101 N. 1st, CC 547-8005
- Unity Church of Temple  
12 S. Main St., Temple 770-0070
- Universal Life Wiccan Church  
107 E. Ave E, CC 542-1555
- Victory Life Family Church  
1196 Amy, HH 368-8690
- Vineyard Christian Fellowship  
East Hwy. 36, Temple 778-2802
- Word of God Christian Fellowship  
808 N 8th St, Killeen 690-3315
- God 1704 N. 38th, K 690-1011
- Iglecia Cristiana Jehova Es Mi  
Pastor  
805 Hall St., K 554-2147
- Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith Temple  
Church  
701 Sun Meadows Dr., HH 698-2000
- Jesus House of Prayer Apostolic  
Ministries  
Suite 911-B, Trimmier Rd., K 213-8164
- Killeen Holiness Church  
607 W. Avenue G, K 634-5387
- The Lighthouse United Pentecostal  
Church  
1411 N. 38th St., K 519-1123
- Pentecostal Experience Holiness  
Church  
309 W. Ave. F, CC
- Potter's House  
1306 E. Rancier Ave, K 554-4120
- Rivers of Living Waters  
508 N. Gray St., K 690-9673
- Samoan First Assembly of God  
502 N. 38th St, K 554-2901
- Tabernacle of Praise Pent. Church,  
Inc.  
5010 Trimmier Rd, K 526-4686
- True Deliverance Pentecostal  
Holiness Church 524- C Shady Ln, K  
245-6063/ 245-6099
- United Pentecostal Church of Cop-  
peras Cove, Pecan Cove Rd., CC  
547-2264
- Saints Center of Copperas Cove  
801 Industrial Ave. CC 542-3211

### PRESBYTERIAN

- First Presbyterian Church  
4705 East Rancier Ave., K 690-6464
- First Presbyterian Church  
704 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., CC  
542-4884
- First Presbyterian Church  
2500 Church St., B 939-2115
- Hill Country Church (PCA)  
1604 S. W.S. Young Dr, K 698-4950
- Presbyterian Church of Salado  
105 Salado Plaza Dr. Salado 947-  
8106

### TRANS DENOMINATIONAL

- Common Ground Ministries  
1600 E. Rancier, K 383-4705

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
1726 Morgan's Point Road,  
Morgan's Point 780-1008

# Plenty of opportunities to get moving in area cities

Killeen has a hike and bike trail that is six miles long and includes a pedestrian bridge over Nolan Creek. It extends from South W.S. Young Drive to East Avenue G in downtown Killeen.

This is just one of the unique fitness experiences that Killeen Parks and Recreation has to offer.

There are 20 parks scattered throughout the city, including five community parks and 15 neighborhood parks, an expansive new athletic complex and three seasonally open pools.

The Killeen Parks and Recreation Department also provides activities such as art, fitness and dance classes. Five community parks — Conder Park, Lions Club Park, Community Center Complex, Long Branch Park and Fowler Park — are heavily used with events.

Two hike and bike trails, including the 1.4-mile-long Lions Club Park Hike and Bike Trail, are part of the region's ambitious long-range vision to build a series of trails linking Killeen's nearby lakes: Belton and Stillhouse Hollow.

Athletic fields host many regional and national tournaments for youth and adult sports, including soccer, football and baseball.

In 2008, the city opened the Lions Club Park — a campus that houses the Family Recreation Center, Senior Center and Aquatics Center. It is at 1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop.

The Family Recreation Center gym is called Tommie Harris Fitness Center after the Killeen native who starred in football for the Oklahoma Sooners and Chicago Bears. Harris donated almost \$200,000 of gym equipment to the city. For more information, call 254-501-6390.

A wide variety of learning opportunities are available at the Killeen Community Center at 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd. Classes include salsa dance for beginners, yoga, intermediated belly dancing, smooth cool line dancers, low-impact aerobics, kids Zumba, tai chi, oil painting, American ninjutsu, adult self defense and taekwondo. For schedules, visit [www.KilleenTexas.gov](http://www.KilleenTexas.gov).

## HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation has plenty of options for all ages with its



Gracie Nelms, 4, of Kempner, practices dribbling during a soccer camp at Copperas Cove City Park.

long list of facilities and programs.

After creating an adaptive sports program in 2010 and the superhero program in 2011, Harker Heights Parks and Recreation continues to provide a diverse set of activities for groups and individuals from children to adults.

The Superhero Program is for youth with physical and visual disabilities and children with mental impairments, who want to participate in athletics.

There are also free adaptive sports programs for disabled residents, including wheelchair basketball, hand cycling and adaptive rock climbing. The programs also include wheelchair archery and bocce.

Community Park houses eight baseball and softball fields, a batting cage, a concession stand, walking trail, covered playground, picnic tables and more.

Other facilities include the 4,300-square-foot Activities Center at 400 Indian Trail and the Harker Heights Community Park at 1501 E. Farm-to-Market 2410.

The Recreation Center at 307 Miller's Crossing houses the Parks and Recreation Department offices, which is where residents can sign up for sports leagues or other recreation programs. It is also the location for activities like

yoga, hapkido, taekwondo, ballet and Zumba.

Among the youth sports leagues available to residents are winter soccer and basketball, spring baseball/softball and volleyball in the summer. Adults have their own activities, including year-round softball.

Harker Heights' most well known park is just down the street from the Recreation Center on Miller's Crossing. Carl Levin Park comprises 35 acres and features picnic tables, grills, a basketball court, a walking and jogging trail, playground equipment, an outdoor pool, exercise stations, a fishing pond, a 40-by-60 foot pavilion, gazebo and amphitheater.

Other parks under Harker Heights Parks and Recreation Department include Kern Field, Kern Park, Cardinal Park, Booker Park and Purser Family Park, which features a disc golf course.

## COPPERAS COVE

Copperas Cove owns and operates seven parks. South Park offers a hike and bike trail, swimming pool, splash pad for kids, two sand volleyball courts and two youth soccer fields.

Ogletree Gap Park offers plenty of acreage for walking and exploring.

The City Park Complex is an 88-acre park. The complex offers picnic areas, children playscapes, soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, basketball and volleyball courts and an Olympic-sized swimming pool with a diving well, circular slide, mushroom fountain and a duck pond.

The city maintains tennis courts at Martin Walker and Mae Stevens Elementary schools, Turkey Creek Activity Center and Copperas Cove High School.

Youth can register for cheerleading, tackle and flag football, boys and girls soccer, volleyball and track. Adult sports include softball and flag football.

The department hosts the Polar Bear Swim event every January and Fishing in the Park in February. Additionally, the department puts on its annual Easter Egg Round Up and annual Christmas tree lighting.

The Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department can be reached at 254-542-2719 or go to [CopperasCoveTX.gov](http://CopperasCoveTX.gov).

## Fort Hood offers many recreation opportunities for soldiers, families

Whether you want to sit back and enjoy the game, burn a few calories, feel the rush of competition again or enjoy some fun with the kids, the Fort Hood Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation department has something for you.

The MWR enhances quality of life by providing recreation and numerous services designed to equal those of their civilian counterparts and encourages growth and a feeling of self-reliance within the military community.

November brings about Anniversary Bingo to celebrate 21 years of the Community Events and Bingo Center. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID card holders.

Those new to the area are welcome to a soldier and family newcomers orientation presented by III Corps at Club Hood. This is a free seminar for spouses with free on-site child care and free lunch, and service members may obtain more information at the USAG Reception Detachment, Building 16008 or Building 16011 or by calling 254-287-4549.

Fort Hood offers fee-based Zumba, spin and yoga fitness classes. Spin classes are offered at the Abrams Physical Fitness Center, Zumba classes are offered at the Applied Functional Fitness Center and West Fort Hood Physical Fitness Center, and yoga classes may be taken at the Applied Functional Fitness Center.

Fort Hood MWR offers a variety of league and varsity sports opportunities in bowling, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball, golf, racquetball, flag football and even roller derby.

For more information on the Fort Hood MWR, go to [hoodmwr.com](http://hoodmwr.com) or call 254-287-4916.



Sailboats can often be seen on Belton Lake.

## Area lakes offer fishing, boating

Area residents have long enjoyed fishing, pitching tents, boating, swimming and grilling meat, and all five activities are occurring on area lakes.

Run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the lakes' facilities include recreational activities at campsites, boat ramps, swimming areas and much more.

Campsites cost between \$14 for primitive tents-only sites to \$18 to \$40 for RV sites and \$30 for the screen shelters. These prices are subject to change.

Federal discount passes are accepted.

Day-use fees are \$5 per car per day. And these fees can change as well.

People can register for campsites early by calling 877-444-6777, going online to [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or in person at any gate house.

Both lakes are known for bass fishing. Tournament anglers enjoy fishing both lakes as do recreational anglers. Boating recreation, including water skiing and wake boarding, are also popular activities on the lakes.

### STILLHOUSE HOLLOW LAKE

Stillhouse Hollow Lake has seven areas for recreational use, most of which include day use and camping areas, hiking and horse trails, swimming areas,

volleyball courts and horseshoe pits.

Stillhouse Park is a day use-only park and has several picnic areas and a swimming area. While the marina is open year-round, the day use portion of the park is closed between Dec. 1 and March 1. Union Grove is a popular camping site on Stillhouse Hollow.

Call 254-939-2461 for information. For camping reservations, call 877-444-6777.

### BELTON LAKE

There are 14 areas for recreational use on Belton Lake. Much like Stillhouse, they include campsites, boat docks and parks. Temple Park has the largest day use in the area.

Cedar Ridge Park is a popular camping ground, and contains a marina, a large group camping area that will accommodate 12 RVs, about 68 regular campsites and eight screen-in shelters that campers who don't have tents can use.

BLORA — the Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area — on Sparta Road, six miles off Loop 121 North in Belton, is run by Fort Hood's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department.

Call 254-287-4907 or go to [Hoodmwr.com/lake\\_activities.htm](http://Hoodmwr.com/lake_activities.htm) for more information.

# Beat the summer heat at local pools

Beating the summer heat in Killeen and its surrounding areas is easier with a trip to one of the refreshing swimming pools and aquatic parks.

Pools are a convenient and great alternative to the lake, and many pools have lifeguards and aquatic staff on duty. Daily admission and season passes are available for all of the area's public pools, which keep summer hours with swimming lessons available at some of the pools.

## KILLEEN

**Family Aquatic Center at Lions Club Park**, 1800 E. Stan Schlueter Loop. The 10,360-square-foot multiuse pool also features a 25-meter lap pool (one-half the size of an Olympic pool) and has three water slides. For more information, call Julianna Baxter, aquatics supervisor, at 254-501-6537 or call 254-501-6390.

**Long Branch Pool**, 1101 Branch Drive. Call 254-690-SWIM.

**Junior Service League Spray Pad**, 1101 Branch Drive. Call 254-690-SWIM.

## HARKER HEIGHTS

**Carl Levin City Park Pool**, 400 Miller's Crossing. Call 254-953-1300. The lap swim area measures 45 feet by 82 feet. The pool has zero entry.

**YMCA Spray 'n' Play** is zero-depth with a 7,000-square-foot spray and play park, 901 S. Ann Blvd. Call 254-634-5445.

## COPPERAS COVE

Copperas Cove has two pools open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information, call 254-542-2719.

**City Park Pool**, 1200 W. Avenue B.

**South Park Pool**, 2602 Dennis St.

## BELTON

**Harris Community Park** offers a splash pad, 312 N. Alexander St. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 254-933-5861 or 254-933-5860.

## FORT HOOD

All swimming pools are authorized for use by all active duty, National Guard and Reservist, retired military, family members and Department of Defense civilians and contract workers. Autho-



Paris Moore, 13, Daisahni Heath, 14, and Victoria Moore, 14, enjoy the water at Carl Levin pool.

rized patrons will need to show ID and may sign in two guests.

**Abrams Indoor Pool**, at the intersection of 62nd Street and Support Avenue, Building 23001. Call 287-4648.

**Comanche Pool**, Tank Destroyer Boulevard, Building 52932, next to the Comanche Youth Center. Call 254-287-7544.

**Martin Pool**, T.J. Mills Boulevard, Building 137, next to Fort Hood National Bank. Call 254-287-5037.

**Patton Pool**, located at the intersection of 24th Street and Tank Destroyer Boulevard, Building 5774. Call 254-285-5837.

**The 1st Cavalry Division Pool**, Hell on Wheels Avenue, Building 2479. Call 254-618-7336.

**42nd Street Pool**, Old Ironsides Avenue, Building 1676. Call 254-287-4094.

**13th Sustainment Command Pool**, Support Avenue, Building 2239. Call 254-287-3689.

**West Fort Hood Pool**, Headquarters Avenue, Building 91070. Call 254-288-9838.

## LAMPASAS

**Hanna Springs Swimming Pool** is 75 feet long with six lanes. 512 E. North Ave. Call 512-556-4048 or 512-556-6831.

**Hancock Springs Free Flow Pool** is the oldest spring fed pool in Texas. Hancock Park Highway, U.S. 281, Lampasas, TX 76550. Call 512-556-4048.

## GATESVILLE

**City Pool** is at 300 S. Eighth St. Call 254-535-4794.

**Splash Park** is in Raby Park at 910 Bridge St. Call 254-865-4012.

## Skate parks offer Killeen, Fort Hood residents places to try new tricks

Local skaters have multiple options when it comes to skate parks whether they are in Killeen or Fort Hood.

The Mickey's Convenience Store Skate Park opened in 2010 and is located in Long Branch Park at 1101 Branch Drive in Killeen.

The concrete pad is about 9,000 square feet and includes 14 obstacles, a lighted pavilion, restrooms and landscaping.

The obstacles include a 200-square-foot bowl with railing and ledges, multiple quarter pipes and a 360-degree concrete centerpiece with rail and stairs.

The park also sports several objects with steel-reinforced edges for grinding, including planter boxes, benches and a picnic table. The lighting also makes night skating possible at the facility.

Killeen also boasts a skate park in Conder Park, on the corner of Veterans Memorial Boulevard and Conder Street.

The 10,000-square-foot facility is also a modular park and can accommodate about 30 skaters from sunup to sundown.

The Conder Park facility features a mini ramp, a fun box, ledges, quarter pipes, flat rails and bank ramps all underneath a covered awning.

For more information on either Killeen skate park, call 254-501-8889.

Fort Hood also boasts two skate parks, including one at the Bronco Youth Center on Tank Destroyer Boulevard. That facility sports a mini ramp, quarter pipes, a fun box and rails.

Fort Hood has a second skate park between Abrams Physical Fitness Center and Robertson Blood Center.

Temple also has a skate park at Seventh Street and Avenue B across from the Santa Fe Depot.

## Wicked City Roller Derby League entertains, raises funds for many causes

If intriguing competition on roller skates fits your fancy, the Wicked City Roller Derby League is for you.

The first and only roller derby league in Killeen, the organization is dedicated to providing fun and affordable entertainment to the area, while also focusing on assisting the community through various special events.

Established in 2012, the league has grown in popularity among Bell County residents with nearly 1,000 fans attending weekly games.

The league is composed of numerous Army wives, who use the contact sport as an outlet and a means of support.

Participants practice twice a week with games played on Saturdays.

Along with its about 120 league members, an additional youth league named Wicked City Kidz was created and is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17.

The league adheres to Modern Athletic Derby Endeavor and USA Roller Sports rules.

The sport is played by two teams of five members skating in the same direction around a track. Each bout consists of a series of matchups with each squad designating a scoring player.

That player scores points by lapping members of the other team, while opposing members attempt to simultaneously help their team member and stop the other team's scoring player.

In addition to playing for fun, the league holds various special events used to raise donations for a variety of causes, including victims of natural disasters, charities and individual medical situations.

Events are held at the Killeen Special Events Center located at 3601 S. W.S. Young Drive.

## Strike up some family fun – go bowling

Killeen and Fort Hood both offer multiple centers for bowling.

The Killeen Bowlerama has been around since the 1950s and boasts a loyal customer base. The center hosts many leagues for adults, youth and senior bowlers.

At 922 N. 38th St., the 24-lane center also hosts the Killeen High School and Harker Heights High School bowling clubs.

Hallmark Lanes has been open for nearly 30 years and has hosted the Professional Bowlers Association for 22 consecutive years. The PBA Killeen Southwest Open brings the greatest bowlers in the world together for a three-day event that includes several competitions.

Located at 4203 Shawn Drive, Hallmark is modern and up-to-date after some remodeling work. Newly remodeled restrooms, large-screen televisions at lane side and a newly paved parking lot are just a few of the renovations. The center also installed synthetic lane surfaces.

Hallmark also offers leagues for adults, youth and seniors and sponsors the Ellison, Copperas Cove, Shoemaker high schools and Memorial Christian Academy bowling clubs.

Phantom Warrior Lanes is located at Building 49010 Clear Creek Road at Fort



Orion Seery, 12, gets some advice from his mom April, while bowling at Hallmark Lanes.

Hood and is the newest of the centers.

The 48-lane center is open to all active-duty and retired military, government employees and their spouses. The center hosts all types of leagues and is a local stop for the Traveling Classic Bowling Association.

The Greater Killeen-Fort Hood USBC Bowling Association conducts numerous tournaments throughout the year and rotates them between the centers.

## Residents compete in Special Olympics

In 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver officially started Special Olympics, a program that allowed children and adults with special needs to compete in athletics. Today, more than 5 million athletes are involved in Special Olympics in 170 countries.

Those with special needs in the Greater Fort Hood area can participate on a popular area team called Killeen-Cove-Hood Phantoms. There is no charge to participate.

Special Olympics is funded by donations. The competitions are open to athletes ages 8 and up.

Parents of kids who participate in Special Olympics often say the fun, camaraderie and good-spirited competition helps the young athletes make

friends and develop better social skills. Of course, preparing for the competition helps adults and kids alike remain active.

The KCH Phantoms hold various fundraisers throughout the year.

Families often get involved in the Special Olympics experience. Family members, by either attending the events or helping coach the athletes, offer encouragement.

For more information, email [kchphantoms@yahoo.com](mailto:kchphantoms@yahoo.com).

The Special Olympics athlete's oath, which was first introduced by Shriver at the inaugural Special Olympics international games in 1968, is "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."



# Central Texas offers many places to hunt, fish for sport or fun

Newcomers to the area will soon find out about the many places to both hunt and fish.

Belton Lake and Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir are popular places to catch fish, whether competing in tournaments or angling for leisure.

There are plenty of small lakes at Fort Hood at which to cast your lines, as well.

Many local hunters lease land from ranchers. If you're looking for a lease or a group to join, you can check the classified sections of the Killeen Daily Herald and look online at websites such as TexasHuntingForum.com. Keep in mind that hunting on private land requires the permission of the landowner.

Public hunting land is available at wildlife management areas around the local lakes. Anyone who chooses to hunt on public land is required to have proof of a hunter's education class.

Hunting is often ample at Fort Hood. A Fort Hood hunting permit is required and there are specific requirements governing access to these lands. It's best to check with Sportsmen's Center at Fort-HoodHunting.com or call 254-532-4552.

A Public Lands Hunting Permit is required and can be purchased at local license retailers of the Texas Parks and Wildlife office. Once you purchase this permit, you will receive a map booklet detailing all the public lands administered by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Whitetail deer hunting is the most



Michael Carson, left, and Serenity Russell fish on a cloudy day at Chalk Ridge Falls Park in Belton.

popular type of hunting in the area.

Be sure to check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual magazine, which is available wherever hunting licenses are sold, for specific regulations on bag limits and antler restrictions. You'll also want to make sure that you're only hunting during the legal season, and that information is in the magazine.

Feral hogs can be hunted at any time with no bag limits.

The website for Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual is [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov) and the site will be helpful to make sure you hunt in each animal's legal season.

## HIKING

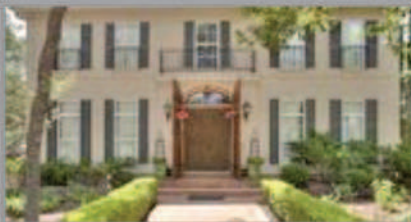
Hiking opportunities are available at Mother Neff State Park and Chalk Ridge Falls Park Trail.

Mother Neff State Park is located at 1680 TX-236 Highway in Moody. Daily entrance fees are \$2 for adults, and children get in free.

For more information, call 254-853-2389 or visit [tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mother-neff](http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mother-neff).

Chalk Ridge Falls Park Trail is a 2.5-mile, heavily-trafficked out-and-back trail at 5600 FM 1670 in Belton. Call 254-939-2461 for more information.

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# Cowboys show off skills during area rodeos

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Whether you are a competitor, fan or just curious to see one of the wildly popular events firsthand, there are plenty of options in and around Killeen.

## KILLEEN

The 71st annual Rodeo Killeen will be held just north of the Killeen Civic and Conference Center in May.

Opening night is designated as Military Appreciation Night with reduced pricing for active-duty personnel and their dependents, as well as retirees.

In addition to the regularly scheduled activities, there will be special demonstrations and performances. Nightly, pre-show activities begin at 7:30 p.m.

More information can be obtained at [RodeoKilleen.com](http://RodeoKilleen.com).

## LAMPASAS

The annual Lampasas Riata Roundup Rodeo has become a popular event in Central Texas every year. It gets underway with the Lampasas County Jackpot Team Roping on opening night with the top 10 teams advancing.

The following evenings consist of rodeo competitions, team roping finals, children's activities, dancing, live music and the crowning of a new Riata Roundup Rodeo Queen.

Additional information on the rodeo can be found at [LampasasChamber.org](http://LampasasChamber.org).



Hunter Mariante of Holland competes in mutton busting during a PRCA Rodeo at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton.

## BELTON

Belton hosts the Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Rodeo every year in accordance with Independence Day at the Bell County Expo Center.

While the rodeo serves as the centerpiece, an entire array of events coincide with it. The rodeo, which has been an annual tradition since 1924, is the biggest draw, but the celebration includes a nationally acclaimed parade winding through the city's streets, a carnival, patriotic programs, a kickoff barbecue and the Festival on Nolan Creek — a free event with vendors, entertainment and The Texas Old Time Fiddler's Contest.

The entire schedule and additional information for both the rodeo and all other accompanying activities can be found at [RodeoBelton.com](http://RodeoBelton.com).

## GATESVILLE

The annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo will be held in late July or early August at the Gatesville Riding Club Arena.

With special nightly events such as mutton busting, team mugging and wild cow milking, the rodeo is an attraction for all ages.

For more information, go to [GatesvilleRidingClub.org](http://GatesvilleRidingClub.org).

## College sports programs thrive across Central Texas

For those who love college football, Central Texas is a place that offers plenty of options.

From big-time NCAA Division I teams that include national title contenders to a perennial Division III powerhouse, some of the best college football in the country is just a short drive away.

Two-time Big 12 champion Baylor University and the 2016 NCAA Division III champion University of Mary Hardin-Baylor both boast beautiful

new facilities in McLane Stadium and Crusader Stadium, respectively. McLane Stadium is located in Waco, while Crusader Stadium is in Belton.

Waco is also home to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, which is walking distance from McLane Stadium.

Established in 1951, the Texas Sports Hall of Fame was the first sports hall of fame specific to one state in the United States. More than 300 Texas athletes have been immortalized in the museum.

Also a short drive away is the Univer-

sity of Texas (Austin) and Texas A&M University (College Station).

The Longhorns have won four national championships with the most recent coming in 2005, and also appeared in the national championship game in 2010 while under former head coach Mack Brown.

The Aggies have two national titles with the last one coming in 1939. The Aggies boast a newly renovated stadium named Kyle Field, which now holds 102,512.

# It's always a great time for golf

If you love golf, you'll love Central Texas, where there's no offseason.

Sure, it gets chilly in the winter. You might even see snowflakes, but a cold snap here doesn't last for long.

There are plenty of days with sunshine, and even in the coldest month, January, the average high temperature is still 58 degrees.

At the other end of the spectrum, it can get mighty hot in the summer, with highs topping 100, but that's when the best deals can be had. It's really not so bad in a car, and every course worth doing business with has ice-cold water stocked all over its layout.

In the immediate area, there are plenty of public places to play, with nine courses within 45 minutes of downtown Killeen.

And almost all of them have made dramatic innovations or additions in the last couple of decades, including Mill Creek Golf Club.

The longtime Salado gem, which expanded to 27 holes in 2001, was ravaged by a 2010 flood that severely damaged most of the holes that played across and adjacent to Salado Creek.

An 18-hole layout was fashioned out of the remaining holes, but the course lost some its charm and most of its business until a new ownership group purchased the club four years ago and saved it from a possible closure.

Since then, many improvements and renovation projects have been undertaken and completed, with many more in the works and the group has vowed to restore the course to 27 holes, eventually.

Killeen's Stonetree Golf Club and Temple's Sammons Park Golf Links have also seen fairly recent renovations and updates. Stonetree is highly regarded in the online community for its facilities and course conditions.

Copperas Cove's Hills of Cove, Fort Hood's Courses of Clear Creek and Lampasas' Hancock Park have all expanded in the last couple of decades.

Fort Hood's golf course expansion in 2000 made it a 27-hole facility. The Fort Hood course is open to the public, but civilians will need to get a pass at



Belton High School's Preston Pratt hits a tee shot during the opening day of the District 8-6A tournament at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen.

the Bernie Beck Main Gate. Make sure your vehicle registration and insurance are up to date before entering the post. Civilians avoiding peak traffic times will usually get through fairly quickly.

As the name implies, Hills of Cove Golf Course in Copperas Cove is not flat.

Bring your "A" game for the back nine, which features two, steep par-3s and a narrow par-5 cut into the side of a hill.

Gatesville may be a small town, but its Gatesville Country Club is a surprisingly fun 18-hole course.

For those who don't mind driving a little farther, some of the best courses and golf resorts in the nation can be found in the Austin and San Antonio metro areas, which are just 1½ to 3 hours away.

The trio of outstanding courses in Georgetown's Sun City retirement community are also easily accessible within 45 minutes via State Highway 195.

Many courses in and around the area offer bargains on their websites. Great deals can also be found at online tee time retailers like golfnow.com, golf18network.com, idealgolfer.com and teeoff.com.



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Several gun ranges in the area help residents improve their aim and qualify for gun licenses.

## Aim to improve skills at gun ranges

Do you enjoy relaxing or competing at the gun range? There are five ranges in the area — two ranges near Florence on U.S. Highway 183, two at Fort Hood and one in Copperas Cove.

Two others are in the process of being built in Killeen.

### FORT HOOD

Fort Hood has one open range and one skeet range. Both are open to the public, but all weapons must be registered at the visitor's center before they can be brought on post.

The skeet range is at the Sportsmen's Center at 1937 Rod & Gun Loop.

The range is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekend.

Call 254-532-4552 for more information.

### FLORENCE

Lonestar Range & Academy, 10000 N. Highway 183 in Florence, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is also open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It is closed on Mondays. The cost ranges from \$15 a day for adults to \$10 for children age 17 or younger.

An annual membership is available for \$250, and a biannual membership costs \$150 for six months. There are dis-

counts for seniors, and TSRA and NRA members. The facility offers a 100-yard rifle range and a 25-yard pistol range.

Group events are available and the training academy has classes for a variety of subjects from introduction to handguns to personal defense programs and NRA training programs.

Call 512-516-7640 for more information.

Astro Shooting Range, 300 Highway 183 in Florence, is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The range offers a 7- and 15-yard pistol range, 25-, 50- and 100-yard rifle ranges, two shotgun ranges and a bow-and-arrow range.

Individuals can shoot for \$12 a day, and discounts are available for military and law enforcement. Monthly concealed handgun license classes are available.

Call 512-489-2061 for more information.

### COPPERAS COVE

EJI Firearms, 2901 Deer Flat Drive in Copperas Cove, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and costs \$16 plus tax per shooter. Gun rentals are \$9 plus tax.

Hearing protection, safety glasses, staplers and seating and table are provided.

There are five pistol ranges from 3 to 25 yards and one rifle lane at 100 yards.

Call 254-547-8433 for more information.

## Texas Stars bring professional hockey to Cedar Park

The Texas Stars are about to begin their ninth season of play in the American Hockey League.

They were 34-37 last season and finished third in the Pacific Division.

In 2013-2014 they won the Calder Cup Championship.

Texas is the top minor league affiliate for the National Hockey League's Dallas Stars. A majority of NHL players go through the AHL to gain professional experience to improve their game.

The all-time season record for goals scored by a Texas Stars player is 37 by Matt Fraser, who accomplished the feat in (2011-2012). Travis Morin set the team's all-time assist record with 56 (2013-2014). Morin has played for the Dallas Stars. The top GAA (goals against average) was recorded by Richard Bachman, 2.20, in 2010-2011. Bachman now plays for the Vancouver Canucks.

The Texas Stars play their home games at the Cedar Park Center. The venue holds 6,800 fans for hockey games and 8,700 for concerts.

The AHL season runs from October to April and for more information, call 512-600-5000 or go to [texasstars.com](http://texasstars.com). The Cedar Park Center is about 60 miles from Killeen. Fans can get to the arena via Farm-to-Market 2657 and U.S. Highway 183, Interstate 35 and Ranch Road 2243.



## Catch a Triple-A game at Dell Diamond

Arlington, home of the Texas Rangers, is within range for baseball fans to visit Globe Life Park and enjoy fresh, green grass and the loud crack of the bat.

A trip to the Dell Diamond in Round Rock gives fans a chance to see tomorrow's Rangers today at one of the best minor league parks in the country.

The Round Rock Express play in the Pacific Coast League and are the Triple-A affiliate for the Rangers. The Express posted a record of 66-72 during the 2017 season.

The Express were named after Hall-of-Fame pitcher and Lone Star State legend Nolan Ryan.

From 2000 to 2004, the Express were a Double-A affiliate in the Texas League

and moved up a level in 2005 to become the Houston Astros' top farm team.

The Express play their home games at the Dell Diamond, a stadium that has more than 8,000 permanent seats and has hosted crowds in excess of 12,000.

The Dell Diamond was named the Top Minor League Park by Minor League News in 2006 and 2007 and was the runner-up in 2008.

The Dell Diamond is about an hour's drive from Killeen via Interstate 14/ U.S. Highway 190 east to Belton and south on Interstate 35 or take state Highway 195 south to Georgetown. It is located off U.S. Highway 79 east of Round Rock.

For more information, call 512-255-2255.

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# Killeen Daily Herald brings news, information to residents

The Killeen Daily Herald, in continuous operation for more than 127 years, is one of the oldest businesses in the community.

First published as a small weekly publication in 1890, the newspaper has evolved into a thriving, multifaceted media company that is recognized as an important source of news and information across Central Texas.

The Herald offers daily print and online editions, as well as several niche publications and digital services for the rapidly growing community.

Along with its sister paper, the Temple Daily Telegram, the Herald created FME News Service, enabling the two papers to combine resources — bringing readers of both publications a broader range of news, sports and information.

The Herald's commitment to timely, thorough and accurate reporting of local, regional and state news — along with compelling photography and creative design — has earned the newspaper an array of prestigious journalism awards in recent years.

In March, the Associated Press Managing Editors recognized the Herald with awards for Star Investigative Report, Star Reporter and Star Opinion Writer — the top honors in each circulation category.

The Star awards were among 15 total awards the Herald earned at the Texas APME conference in Houston, equaling the number the paper garnered the previous year.

In 2011 and 2013, the Texas APME named the Herald as Newspaper of the Year in its circulation category, and in 2009, 2010 and 2012, the Herald took second-place honors.

In addition to its award-winning daily product, the Herald also produces three weekly publications.

The Fort Hood Herald, the longest-running weekly, publishes each Wednesday, providing soldiers and their families with in-depth news and information.

The Harker Heights Herald and Copperas Cove Herald publish Friday, offering expanded coverage of news and events in those communities.

Another collaborative effort between the Temple Daily Telegram and the



Killeen Daily Herald is Tex Appeal magazine, a monthly publication about life and style in Central Texas. The magazine features articles on travel and leisure, food, fashion, health and interesting people who call Central Texas home.

The Herald's community involvement goes far beyond providing residents with informative and entertaining publications. The newspaper also regularly sponsors political forums, job fairs and an annual bridal show.

The Herald's website, KDHnews.com, offers subscribers access to the latest news and sports, plus classified ads, interactive forums, links and contact information, as well as videos, photo slideshows and blogs. The site can be accessed from any location via the Herald's news app, which is available on all iPhone and Android devices.

Readers also can connect with the Herald on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The Herald news staff provides live tweeting of Killeen City Council meetings, public hearings and political forums.

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The Herald also provides area residents with an established, full-service commercial printing service.

"The newspaper continues to grow with Central Texas, both in print and online," said Terry E. Gandy, the Herald's vice president and general manager. "We're very proud of the accomplishments of our news operation."

The newspaper was established as The Killeen Herald, in June 1890 by W.E. Bennett.

J.T. Carter bought the paper in 1903. In 1953, communications pioneer Frank W. Mayborn bought the Herald and guided the newspaper for more than three decades until his death in 1987.

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- Assistance with childcare, transportation and work related expenses, such as special uniforms.
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