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# Welcome to Central Texas

The Fall 2020 Newcomers Guide is designed to help new residents familiarize themselves with the communities that comprise the greater Killeen-Fort Hood area.

This 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.

Because of mandated and voluntary restrictions to help stop the spread of the coronavirus, some of the services and programs listed in this guide may be impacted, as well as the hours of operation of some of the entities profiled. Please use the phone numbers and websites provided in this guide for the latest information.

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  - Current homeowner's or renter's insurance policy or homeowner's or renter's insurance statement.
  - Valid, unexpired Texas voter registration card.
  - Texas vehicle registration or title.
  - Texas boat registration or title, Texas concealed handgun license.
  - Utility statement (including electric, water, natural gas, satellite TV, cable TV or non-cellular phone bill) dated within 90 days of the application date.
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## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Texas residents must register their vehicles in the state within 30 days of moving and should do so prior to

applying for a Texas driver's license. Proof of insurance and an inspection from a Texas Department of Public Safety inspection station are needed.

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# Multiple post offices service Central Texas residents

Killeen residents have plenty of options when it comes to sending and receiving mail. New residents can change addresses online or in person at a post office. Call 800-275-8777 or go to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for more information.

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 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 254-634-0281.

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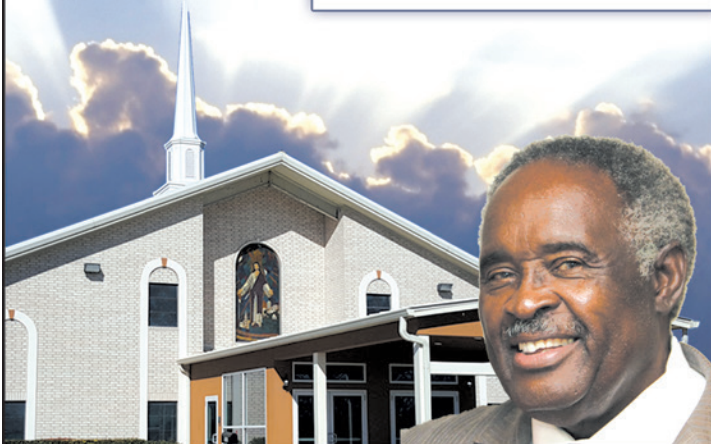
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The Killeen City Council prepares to vote on the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

# Killeen approaching 139 years of growth

For the last 138 years, Killeen has grown into a metropolitan city with a rich history, and has adapted its diversity in its support of one of the largest military posts in the world.

The city was established with the arrival of the first Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad train, and incorporated in 1882, primarily as a shipping center for agricultural and textile materials and products.

The city was named after Frank P. Killeen, a senior railroad official and native of Ireland. The rural community began with 350 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 150,000 people currently live in the city that 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. Recently, new artwork is displayed alongside its buildings.

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.

## City has council-manager form of government

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

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, Kent Cagle, is the chief administrative officer, and is responsible for oversight of all operations of the 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 — Gregory Johnson, Butch Menking 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 typically held in May in 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. This year's May election was moved to Nov. 3 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council's Governing Standards and Expectations call for workshops on the first and third Tuesday of each month and regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday unless rescheduled by the council.

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 agendas and minutes and more information.

The city's Utility Collections Division, 210 W. Avenue C, manages billing for water, sewer and trash services. 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. Go to [killeentexas.gov/utilitycollections](http://killeentexas.gov/utilitycollections) for more information or call 254-501-7800.

Trash service is often set up at the

same as water and sewer; its customer service can be reached at 254-501-7785.

The Killeen City Library System is an educational and cultural asset. The main library at 205 E. Church Ave. downtown and the Copper Mountain Branch Library at 3000 S. W.S. Young Drive offer two locations for residents with a dynamic collection and seasonal children's activities.

Go to [killeentexas.gov](http://killeentexas.gov) to learn more about the city and its services.

# Harker Heights continues to attract residents, businesses

Harker Heights continues to witness growth and economic development since its incorporation in 1960. Located on Interstate 14 about 10 miles west of I-35, and abutting Stillhouse Hollow Lake, the city is 15.65 square miles.

The city's current population surpassed 30,697 in 2020, and city officials expect it to reach 45,000 to 50,000 people.

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

Construction work continues with widening of Interstate 14 from four to six lanes by adding a third lane of through traffic in each direction in the existing median. The first phase of the project is completed and extends from one mile west of Farm-to-Market 2410 (Knights Way) to just west of Indian Trail. The second phase, currently under construction, will carry the project further eastward toward Simmons Road. The end goal is for I-14 to be a six-lane road section (three lanes each direction) all the way to I-35.

Housing developments continued to have strong demand in Harker Heights. The city issued 144 residential permits (single-family) with an additional 18 duplex permits. There were 14 new commercial permits issued in 2019. For the first three quarters of 2020, the city has issued 90 residential permits along with three new commercial permits.

Cedar Brook Ridge, a new subdivision off FM 3481, began selling residential lots in 2018 and continues to be the most significant single-family development. Pecan Meadows, with 27 single-family residential lots and two commercial lots, is anticipated to begin construction in early to mid-2021.

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 disk golf, running, walking, exercise stations, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, kids play areas and even a dog park. An interactive map of park facilities can be found on the



The Harker Heights Farmers Market is open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays in May through October in the Seton Medical Center parking lot. Learn more about it at [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us).

## Harker Heights' elected leaders

Harker Heights is a home-rule city that operates under a council-manager form of government. Serving as council members are:

- Mayor — Spencer H. Smith, first term expires May 2020 (extended to November 2020)
- Place 1 Council Member — Jennifer McCann, first term expires May 2022
- Mayor Pro Tem — Michael Blomquist, first term expires May 2021
- Place 3 Council Member — Jackeline Soriano Fountain, second term expires May 2022
- Place 4 Council Member — John Reider, second term expires May 2020 (extended to November 2020).
- Place 5 Council Member — Jody Nicholas, second term expires May 2021

City Manager David Mitchell began his tenure in January 2014. The council meets at the Harker Heights City Hall in the Kitty Young Council Chambers at 305 Miller's Crossing. Regular council meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Workshop meetings normally begin at 3 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays. Council agendas and meeting minutes and can be found at [www.harkerheights.gov](http://www.harkerheights.gov). Items may be placed on the agenda by submitting a written request either in person, by email, or regular mail to City Secretary Julie Helsham at [jhelsham@harkerheights.gov](mailto:jhelsham@harkerheights.gov) no less than seven days prior to the scheduled council meeting.

Billy Ray Hall serves as Harker Heights' municipal court judge. Garland Potvin serves as the alternate municipal judge.

Parks Department's webpage at [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us).

The city provides traditional sports leagues and non-traditional programs such as the “Go Heights” program, which teaches such things as campfire 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 Ability Sports program (formally known as the Superhero Program). It provides

sporting activities and events for special-needs children and is supported by public and private donors.

Looking for an entertaining program or event? Check out the library's website.

Harker Heights provides a full array of utility services: solid waste collection, drainage, wastewater, water, and street maintenance. Call Public Works at 254-953-5649 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for more information.

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## Belton's July 4 parade attracts large crowd

As the county seat of Bell County, Belton really knows how to celebrate. The city's largest event of the year is the Fourth of July festival, which traditionally attracts over 50,000 people to the city with a population of more than 22,000. The festivities include a rodeo, a carnival and festival on Nolan Creek.

"Nothing in Central Texas can top the city of Belton's July 4th parade," City Manager Sam Listi said. "It is the best way to kick off Independence Day and celebrate all things American."

Nolan Creek, which winds its way downtown, offers plenty of recreation opportunities. A park with nature trail and kayak/tube launch area is just below the MLK bridge on Nolan Creek. Parking is available just east of the bridge. Year-round the Downtown Belton Merchants Association hosts Belton Market Days on the third weekend of each month. Downtown streets near the historic Bell County Courthouse are closed, and a variety of vendors sell their wares.

Belton's Annual Bacon, Blues and Brews Festival takes place each fall in Downtown Belton around the Courthouse Square. The two-day festival features blues bands, food trucks and breweries. The highlight of the festival is the bacon cook-off competition.

The city government consists of a mayor and a council with six members.

Marion Grayson is the mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Carpenter, David K. Leigh, John R. Holmes, Sr., Dan Kirkley, Guy O'Banion and Craig Pearson make up the council.

The coronavirus delayed the May election for mayor and two council seats until Nov. 3. Four other council seats will be up election in May 2021.

Learn more at [beltontexas.gov](http://beltontexas.gov).

# About 6,200 call Nolanville home

Nolanville, located along Interstate 14 between Belton and Harker Heights, is home to about 6,200 residents.

The city is involved in several projects, including upgrades to the city park and street infrastructure improvements.

One of the council's focus for the year was enforcing building standards and property maintenance codes. Another priority is the inclusion of a technology strategic plan through a partnership with Texas A&M University.

The city's \$2 million operating budget funds the administration in addition to the police and public works departments. All departments are located in the Nolanville Municipal Building at 101 N. Fifth St.

Nolanville manages city business with a council-manager form of government. A five-member council and the mayor convene 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 Andy Williams, Mayor Pro Tem James Bilberry and council members Joan Hinshaw, David Williams, Butch Reis and Patrick Ramsdell.

The city manager is Kara Escajeda, who was appointed in March 2015. Council appoints the municipal judge every two years, Judge Kevin Madison is the primary presiding judge and Judge Ebony Todd is the alternate. Misha Johnson serves as court clerk. The court conducts hearings once a month. Police Chief Michael Hatton guides 10 full-time officers and several reserve officers. The Nolanville Economic Development Corporation uses 0.25% of the city sales tax for economic and industrial development. Kerry Phillip was appointed this year as the economic development coordinator.

Learn more about services on the city's website: [www.nolanvilletx.gov](http://www.nolanvilletx.gov).

## Elected officials govern Bell County

The backbone of Bell County financial administration is the commissioner's court, which is comprised of five elected officials: the county judge and four precinct commissioners. The court meets every Monday at 9 a.m. at the Bell County Courthouse at 101 Central Avenue in Belton. If there is a Monday holiday, the court meets on the following Tuesday. Agendas and minutes back to 2010 are available on the Bell County website. "The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of county judge, who presides over a five-member commissioners court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations," according to Bell County. "The commissioner's court is responsible for building and maintaining the roads and bridges of the county..." and adopts the tax rate and budget for the county. As of October, the current Bell County Commissioner's Court consists of County Judge David Blackburn, Precinct 1 Commissioner Russell Schneider, Precinct 2

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, Precinct 3 Commissioner Bill Schumann, and Precinct 4 Commissioner John Driver.

### COUNTY BUDGET, POPULATION INCREASING

The county budget has increased, mainly because the population has swelled. In 1960, the county's population was a little over 94,000. As of 2020, the population is more than 395,240, according to the 2020-2021 proposed budget. More people means more costs, such as the number of autopsies, appointed attorneys and health care. The county commissioners have proposed a \$133 million budget for 2020-2021, including more than \$109 million in the general fund. Property taxes make up the lion's share of the county's income, accounting for more than 67 percent of revenue for the operating budget, according to the budget proposal. Visit the Bell County website at [www.bellcountytexas.com/county\\_government/commissioners\\_court](http://www.bellcountytexas.com/county_government/commissioners_court) to learn more about the commissioners, to view a precinct map, and to view agendas and minutes.

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City residents can obtain permit applications online at <http://www.killeentexas.gov/207/Permit-Applications-Forms-Reports>.

Completed applications can be emailed to [buildingpermits@killeentexas.gov](mailto:buildingpermits@killeentexas.gov) or faxed to 254-501-6302. Permits can also be dropped off to the Building Inspections Office in person at 100 E. Avenue C. Forms can also be mailed to the Building Inspections Office, P.O. Box 1329, Killeen, TX 76540.”

### HARKER HEIGHTS

At [www.mygovernmentonline.org](http://www.mygovernmentonline.org), residents can create an account and navigate to the Harker Heights portal, where permits can be completed electronically. Residents may also obtain applications at <http://www.harkerheights.gov/index.php/permits-and-forms>. Submit forms at the Building Inspections Office, 305 Miller’s Crossing.

### NOLANVILLE

Residents may obtain city permits online at [http://www.nolanvilletx.gov/page/Forms\\_Permits](http://www.nolanvilletx.gov/page/Forms_Permits). Submit forms at city hall, 101 N. Fifth St.

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Residents can now complete the permitting process online via the MyGovernmentOnline Portal at <https://www.mygovernmentonline.org/>. Specific questions or concerns may be addressed by stopping by City Hall, 914 S. Main St., Suite G, or calling 254-542-3528.

### BELTON

Residents can complete the process online at [beltontexas.gov/permit](http://beltontexas.gov/permit). Applications can be submitted at Belton City Hall, 333 Water St. The planning department accepts emailed forms at [planning@beltontexas.gov](mailto:planning@beltontexas.gov).

## Arts, antiques draw tourists to Salado

The Village of Salado is a mixture of small-town life against a rural backdrop in the Hill Country. The small town contains a wealth of activities for tourists and area residents alike. From the annual Salado Christmas Stroll in December to the Wildflower Weekend in late March, the village in south Bell County is constantly attracting tourists.

The Village is steeped in rich history and has been a destination for travelers for hundreds of years. It has art galleries, a microbrewery, a winery, an exceptional culinary scene, and many historic lodging options.

More than 2,300 people call Salado home. 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 distinctive Tablerock Amphitheater, an acclaimed outdoor sculpture garden, and over 40 historic buildings designated on the

national register. Salado is also 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.

One of the most iconic venues is the Stagecoach Inn & Restaurant, which has been renovated. Once a stop on the Chisholm Trail in the pioneer days, it now serves as a place for dinner, meetings, and a historic headquarters if you want to stay awhile. Salado’s elected government is comprised of a mayor and a board of five aldermen.

The May municipal election was delayed to Nov. 3 due to coronavirus. Terms will be ending for the mayor, mayor pro tem and one alderman.

The current aldermen are Mayor Pro Tem Frank Coachman, Michael Coggin, Amber Dankert, John Cole and Rodney Bell comprise the council along with Mayor Skip Blancett.

Learn more about the city at [www.saladotx.gov](http://www.saladotx.gov) or [www.salado.com](http://www.salado.com).

## Florence known for archaeological site

Florence is known worldwide as the oldest hometown in America.

The discovery of ancient relics at the Gault Archaeological Site was a result of years of archaeological digs, research and testing, which now gives Florence bragging rights to a home foundation. The site dates back thousands of years, even earlier than the Clovis culture.

People can book tours of the site through the Bell or Williamson County museums.

Now, the city of Florence is a small town with big dreams. The city of about 1,200 residents in northwestern Williamson County, south of Killeen, is in the middle of an economic revival of its downtown area.

“Florence once was predominantly a ranching and farming community, but now the city is experiencing a resurgence of interest,” said Peggy Morse, president of the Greater Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. “The entire country is seemingly pulling

up roots and heading to Texas.”

The territorial limit of Florence has grown by 8 percent since 2000.

Managing all that growth is the elected government that consists of Mayor Mary Condon and five city council members: Debra Bartos Cahill, mayor pro tem, Lesa Ragsdale, Richard Moon, Candy Kyle and Amanda Vance.

Residents will be casting their ballots for mayor and two city council seats on Nov. 3 after the May election was postponed amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city’s small but busy Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library offers classes, children’s programs and a book club that meets on Tuesdays. For more information about the library, visit [florencepubliclibrary.wordpress.com](http://florencepubliclibrary.wordpress.com) or call 254-793-2672.

For more information on local businesses and events, go to [florencechamberofcommerce.org](http://florencechamberofcommerce.org) or [florencetex.com](http://florencetex.com).

# Meet the area's elected officials

Residents in the greater Killeen area have multiple ways to get their voices heard. The area is served by two congressional districts. Both are represented by Republicans, though the Nov. 3 election could bring new faces to some of the offices below in January.

## 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, R-Round Rock, was elected to the House in 2003. Carter's Bell County office is in Temple at 6544B S. General Bruce Drive. Call 254-933-1392 or go to <http://carter.house.gov>.

## U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 25



Lampasas County, Coryell County and part of Killeen are part of District 25, represented by Republican Roger Williams of Austin. He was first 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 202-225-9692.

## TEXAS LEGISLATURE

Four 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 multicounty region that includes Bell,

Coryell and Lampasas counties. The district contains two military bases, Fort Hood in Killeen and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene. She was elected in 2016. Call 512-463-0124 or email [dawn.buckingham@senate.texas.gov](mailto:dawn.buckingham@senate.texas.gov). Her address at the Capitol is P.O. Box 12068 Capitol Station Austin TX 78711.



## HOUSE DISTRICT 54

District 54 is represented by Republican Brad Buckley, a Killeen veterinarian and Salado resident elected in 2018. His district includes

much of western Bell County, as well as Lampasas County. Buckley's Capitol address is Room E2.720, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768. Call 512-463-0684. Buckley has district offices at the Historic Fowler House, 1301 N. Stagecoach Road in Salado, and in the Lampasas County Courthouse, 501 E. Fourth St., Suite 301.



## HOUSE DISTRICT 55

District 55 is represented by Republican Hugh Shine. He was first elected in 2016. Call his office at 254-742-7616 or 512-463-0630. His address is Room E1.308 P.O. Box 2910

Austin, TX 78768. His local office is at 4 S. First St., Temple.



## HOUSE DISTRICT 59

Republican J.D. Sheffield of Gatesville has represented District 59 since being elected in 2012. The district includes Coryell County and parts

of Fort Hood. Call 512-463-0628. Sheffield was defeated in the Republican primary by Shelby Slawson, an attorney and entrepreneur. Her term begins Jan. 1.

## REGISTER TO VOTE

Residents must be registered at least 30 days before an election to vote in it.

Bell County residents may register 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.

Coryell County residents may register at the Courthouse at 620 E. Main St. in Gatesville or at the County Tax Office at 330 Cove Terrace in Copperas Cove. Lampasas County residents may register at the courthouse at 501 E. Fourth St. Download forms at [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us).

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"We want to protect both the groundwater across Bell County so that it is available to future generations, but at the same time balance that role while protecting property rights" said Clearwater General Manager Dirk Aaron.

The district's website, [www.cuwcd.org](http://www.cuwcd.org), provides updated information on the state of the county's underground water resources as well as a drought monitor and even a GIS map platform allowing citizens to know and understand their property's site specific geology in the county. The platform is also a repository of all known information about site

specific wells across the county.

Clearwater also has an elaborate monitor well network across the county due to the board of directors investing in several wells that are used only for research purposes. These allow Clearwater to take measurements of the groundwater in various areas of the district. Clearwater participates in a collaborative manner with the Texas Water Development Board. The TWDB has now combined all surface water, groundwater and weather stations to one website known <https://www.waterdatafortexas.org>.

Clearwater is a key partner with the Texas Water Development Board and the governor's initiative to create the TexMesonet Weather System across Texas thus live data can be found at <https://www.texmesonet.org/>.

More information as well as annual reports and financial audits can be found online at [www.cuwcd.org](http://www.cuwcd.org). The district is located at 700 Kennedy Court in Belton; call 254-933-0120.

## 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.

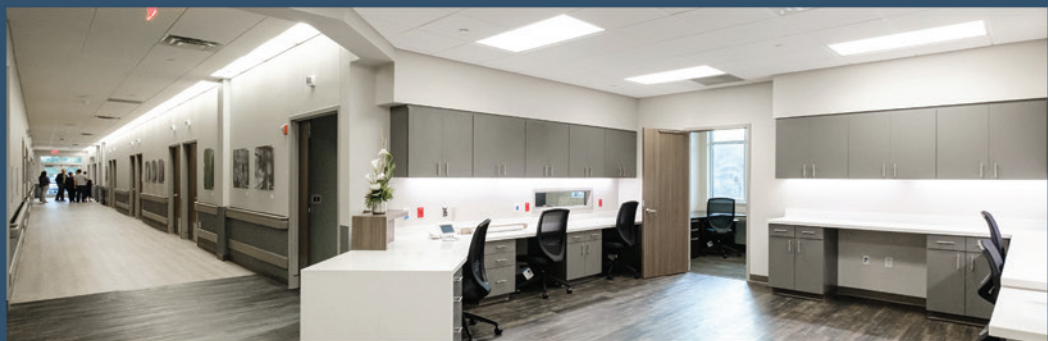
The council was established in 1968 as a result of state legislation that served local government by planning for common needs and helping governments improve regional development. The council has no regulatory or taxing ability, but it helps the region identify areas it can strengthen and develop.

The council's governing body is made up of representatives from each of its municipalities. When representatives see a need in their district, they bring it before the entire group, which decides what projects take priority.

CTCOG serves nearly 489,000 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. The current Executive Director is Jim Reed. Other directors include George Losoya, area agency on aging director; Uryan Nelson, planning and regional services director; Michael Irvine, finance director and Carmen Lim, housing division 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, email [info@ctcog.org](mailto:info@ctcog.org) or go to [www.ctcog.org](http://www.ctcog.org).

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It is, by far, the biggest employer of the Killeen-area economy.

Lt. Gen. Robert “Pat” White currently commands III Corps and Fort Hood. He joined the Phantom Corps in June 2019. III Corps Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel T. Hendrex joined the Fort Hood command team in January 2019. Both are currently deployed to Iraq in command of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve.

Fort Hood’s deputy commander for maneuver is Maj. Gen. Scott Efflandt. The deputy commander for support is British Maj. Gen. Gerald Strickland. Fort Hood’s garrison commander is Col. Jason Wesbrock, who took command in May 2019, and the garrison senior enlisted adviser is Command Sgt. Maj. Byron C. Larsen.

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 \$24 million Training Support Center was completed in 2017. It 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.

Housed in the Close Combat Tactical Trainer are exact replicas of tank and Bradley fighting vehicle crew compartments, which allow troops to play realistic video-game-type scenarios to familiarize themselves with the equipment and how to interact as a unit



Soldiers with 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, arrived in Poznan, Poland, in July to take part in DEFENDER-Europe 20 training exercise.

## FORT HOOD UNITS

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 1st Army Division West  
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before taking the high-dollar equipment 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 semi-arid 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, multipurpose 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 2017. The radar control tower controls airspace 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.

# Fort Hood has many kinds of units

## 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION

Known as America's First Team, the 1st Cavalry Division is led by Maj. Gen. Jeff Broadwater. It has three armored-brigade combat teams, a Stryker brigade and an air cavalry brigade, as well as artillery and sustainment units. More than 15,000 soldiers wear the unit's distinct, large patch. Two unique assets 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. The division was first stationed at Fort Hood in 1971.

## 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. Frank W. Tate. 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 Col. David W. Gardner. 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. 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. Ralph Overland, the 78th 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. The 3d Cavalry Regiment uses the

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# AUSA: A voice for the Army, support for soldiers

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 — to include the largest active-duty unit membership in the Army, the 1st Cavalry Division.

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.

The local chapter president is Larry Phelps, who began his term as the local AUSA president in 2018. The chapter serves 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, Phelps said.

CTFH AUSA is involved in a variety of programs to help support deployed and mobilized soldiers and their families. Some 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.

AUSA is the only professional association for the entire Army, according to the organization's website, [ausa.org](http://ausa.org). The organization advocates for the men and women in uniform who serve and supports the soldiers and the civilians and families who work alongside of them in the local communities which support them.

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).

## Museums on Fort Hood help tell Army's story

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 and are open to the public with visitor passes acquired at the visitor center outside the main gate.

The 1st Cavalry Museum, Building 2218, is at 56th Street and 761st Tank Battalion Avenue. Call 254-287-3626 for more information.

The 3rd Cavalry Museum is 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 for more information.

## MOUNTED WARRIOR MUSEUM

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.

To learn more about the museum, go to <https://nmwfoundation.org/about-the-museum>.

# Information fair welcomes new soldiers and their 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, held 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 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 to begin.

The February Hood Howdy highlights wellness for soldiers and their families

as well as caregivers and local veterans, informing them about programs and services that are free on the installation as well as in the community.

The Employment Readiness Branch also sponsors a mini Career Fair with more than 25 employers participating in conjunction with the event.

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



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- \*ESL (Mon.-Tues.; Thurs.-Fri.)
- For Kids' Sake Seminars (4 hours, \$40/participant)
  - Family support for the transitions of divorce
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# Copperas Cove continues growth in many areas

Copperas Cove continues to experience year-to-year population growth, even as the city seeks more industrial and business opportunities to help support that population.

The city's history dates back to when the cattle industry cut through the region on the Chisholm Trail in the 1870s. A resident petition for a post office named the settlement "Cove" but added "Coperas" to reflect the mineral taste of the spring water; the name was later changed to Copperas Cove. Marsden Ogletree became the first postmaster in 1879 and lends his name to Ogletree Gap Preserve.

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

Copperas Cove has an estimated population of 35,307 residents as of Jan. 1. Residents are served by four major entities — the Copperas Cove Chamber and Visitors Bureau, the Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation, the Copperas Cove Independent School District and the City of Copperas Cove Municipal Government.

Developers continue construction in several residential subdivisions. The Five Hills Retail Center continues to be a hub for city shoppers, while The Narrows Business and Technology Park has available space and is slated to get sidewalks. Construction on a median project for the U.S.

Business 190 corridor is slated to begin later this year. New sidewalks, turn lanes, and pedestrian crossings will be added from Avenue D to Constitution Drive.

The Improvement Plan is intended to provide safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians as they travel along the main highway. The roadway will remain three lanes in each direction, but will include variable width raised medians with left turn-controlled access.

Copperas Cove has a variety of events and activities each year, from the Five Hills Art Guild Festival in March to the annual Rabbit Fest in May. The Rabbit Fest brings an estimated 25,000 people to Copperas Cove and features a parade,



Noah Ainley, 10, picks up trash in Copperas Cove City Park on Sept. 19 during Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful's Fall Sweep. His mother, Millisa Ainley holds the bag open.

## Cove's elected leaders

The Copperas Cove City Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, with workshop meetings at 5 p.m. and regular meetings at 6 p.m. at the Technology Center, 508 S. Second St.

Cove's current elected officials are:

- Mayor Bradi Diaz
  - Joann Courtland, Council Place 1
  - Fred Chavez, Council Place 2
  - Dan Yancey, Council Place 3
  - Jay Manning, Council Place 4
  - Dianne Campbell, Council Place 5
  - Marc Payne, Council Place 6
  - Jack Smith, Council Place 7
- Learn more at [copperascovetx.gov](http://copperascovetx.gov).

carnival, car show and rabbit show.

The city continues to promote the festival and similar events in hopes of drawing more visitors from around the area and increasing overnight stays at local hotels.

The Chamber of Commerce took over the responsibility of being the city's Visitor Bureau last year and serves as a hub for information about events, tourism and business opportunities.

The Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department offers several events, including the 5K Run to the Polar Bear Plunge, Fishing in the Park, the Easter Egg Roundup, the Food Truck Festival, and the Fall-O-Ween Festival. They also host a Farmer's Market on Thursdays from May through October.

Copperas Cove offers golfing at the Hills of Cove Golf Course, basketball courts, baseball/softball diamonds and multi-purpose fields at eight locations. The Parks and Recreation Department has been overseeing improvements to the city's parks, which will include new bathrooms, concessions and pavilions, as well as improving parking lots, walking trails, and lighting.

Another huge event that takes place annually in Copperas Cove is the Five Hills Scholarship Pageant. The pageant has been named one of the top three new events in the state by the Texas Festival and Events Association. More than \$80,000 in scholarships and prizes are awarded to boys aged 0-8 and girls and women of all ages, who in turn dedicate themselves to charitable projects benefiting Copperas Cove and surrounding communities.

## Kempner incorporated in 1992 to avoid annexation

Kempner says on its website that it is a community of rural living and traditional family values.

The city was founded in 1882, named after Harris Kempner, a Texas philanthropist, banker and railroad magnate. Despite that lengthy existence, Kempner was incorporated in 1997. 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.

Kempner is a type A general law municipality and was incorporated on Aug. 9, 1997.

The area was rowdy and lawless in its early days. According to Kempner's website, there was friction with the Comanche. In 1882, the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway came through and the area was renamed after Harris Kempner, a Galveston merchant and director of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe.

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.

Keith Harvey became the first Black mayor of the city of Kempner in 2019. He says his goals for the city are to help bring in new business and new jobs while maintaining the community's "heart." He points to the completion of having paved six city roads as signs that work is being done to improve the city's infrastructure and meet the expectations of its residents.

Council members include Melba Vandever, Charlie Gipson, Betty Parker, John Wilkerson, and Mack Ruskiewicz. The council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 12288 E. Highway 190. More information is available at [cityofkempner.org](http://cityofkempner.org).

# Coryell County established in 1854

Coryell County history goes back to the early days of Texas.

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. 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.

Land for a courthouse square was acquired and a one-story framed structure was constructed in 1865 on a corner presently occupied by a city 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. The flag of Coryell County was designed 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.

Coryell County's largest city is Copperas Cove, with a population of just over 35,000. The county seat of Gatesville has just over 12,000 residents, according to 2018 U.S. Census estimates, and is home to five State Prisons and one State Jail as part of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Other communities in the county include Evant, Jonesboro and Oglesby. The county's population is estimated at a little less than 76,000 residents within an area of 1,057 square miles.

The government is administered by the Coryell County Commissioners' Court: County Judge Roger Miller; Precinct 1, Kyle Matthews; Precinct 2, Daren Moore; Precinct 3, Don Jones; and Precinct 4, Ray Ashby.

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

## Growth brings change to Gatesville

With an eye to the future, the Gatesville officials spent much of the last 18 months on a plan to guide the city's growth and development. In May 2020, that process culminated in the adoption of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. With the Vision Statement: "The City of Gatesville commits to providing a high quality of life for all its citizens while building on its unique character. Working collaboratively, we will foster pride, develop a vibrant economy, thoughtfully plan for the future, and preserve our small town feel."

Coryell Health, based in Gatesville, has made significant progress on the \$42 million renovation and expansion project, while continuing to provide safe care to patients and residents during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Coryell Health celebrated the completion of construction of a 25-bed hospital with an open house in December 2019. The facility features two new operating rooms, a sleep center,

a stress test center, and a cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation center. The original hospital is being renovated into assisted and independent living apartments.

Coryell Health RehabLiving at The Meadows opened a 16-bed inpatient short-term rehabilitation center.

Gatesville offers visitors some unique experiences. The Last Drive-In Picture Show opened in 1950 and still offers first run movies. The Coryell Museum features exhibits and artifacts reflective of the history of the area, including the original Old Log Jail and a collection of over 10,000 spurs. While looking to the future, Gatesville can't forget our past.

In 2020, a local artist painted a stunning mural on the wall of the Gatesville Printing Company at 817 E. Main Street depicting the rich history of Coryell County.

Find a full list of dining and shopping options along with events at [VisitGatesvilleTX.com](http://VisitGatesvilleTX.com).



Murals like this one showcasing Texas wildflowers that are painted on the sides of buildings in downtown Lampasas help bring tourists to town.

# Lampasas offers lots of small-town rustic charm

Lampasas walks the line between small-town rustic charm and big-city convenience, with a population of about 7,000 and a short drive to Copperas Cove.

Lampasas — about 30 miles west of Killeen — was founded in 1883, and is run by a council-manager style of government led by Mayor Misti Talbert, Mayor Pro Tem TJ Monroe, and council members Chuck Williamson, Randy Clark, Delana Keele-Toups, Mike White and Catherine Kuehne, as well as City Manager Finley deGraffenried.

Council members and the mayor are elected at-large for two-year terms. Lampasas typically holds elections for city council members every two years, in May. This year's election has been postponed until Nov. 3.

The council, which meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Jack Calvert Municipal Building at 302 E. Third St., is responsible for adopting budgets, determining policies, appointing the

## Lampasas County governed by commissioners

Lampasas County's population is over 20,100 residents. The county seat is Lampasas, and the governing body is the commissioners' court.

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

Commissioner Bobby Carroll from the Kempner area serves Precinct 1; Commissioner Jamie Smart represents Precinct 2; Commissioner Lewis Bridges from Lometa represents Precinct 3 and Commissioner Mark Rainwater from the Adamsville area represents Precinct 4.

County Attorney John Greenwood is the chief prosecuting attorney, handling 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 Elections Administrator Mark Bishop.

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

city manager and approving legislation.

A major attraction is the 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. Learn more about the city at [www.lampasas.org](http://www.lampasas.org).

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# Road projects improve transit across Central Texas

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

Current and upcoming projects in the Greater Fort Hood Area put a focus on safety by dedicating more than \$200 million on roadway upgrades, added capacity, seal-coating and overlays. About 81 percent of Waco District projects are completed on time, while 91 percent are finished on budget.

## INTERSTATE 14

The area's main east-west thoroughfare — U.S. Highway 190 — received its official designation as an interstate highway in January 2017. 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 connect ports 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 I-14, work continues east of Killeen to expand I-14 from Harker Heights to just east of Nolanville at FM 2410, with completion set for summer 2021. Further expansion of I-14 from FM 2410, east of Nolanville to I-35 at Belton, is tentatively set to begin in the fall. A \$4.5 million project to reconfigure the I-14 frontage roads at Clear Creek Road, by constructing a westbound to eastbound turnaround bridge, began in August 2018 and was completed in November 2019. A west-to-east I-14 turnaround at FM 2410 in Harker Heights is tentatively planned for construction in Fall 2020. A project to add two lanes to the roadway from Clarke Road, west of Killeen, to the Coryell County/Lampasas County line, is also tentatively planned for 2021.

## INTERSTATE 35

The construction, widening and safety-proofing of Texas' primary north-south interstate is officially completed in Bell County. The project was to widen the highway in both directions. The overall \$2.5 billion TxDOT



Construction crews work to pave sections of the Interstate 14 frontage road near the Killeen Mall.

project, from Salado to Hillsboro, also improves frontage roads and ramps, reconstructs bridges and overpasses and interchanges. It was funded through federal stimulus money along with a voter-approved road construction initiative. Projects are ongoing in McLennan County and Hill County.

## STATE HIGHWAY 195

The \$8.4 million project was completed as of March 2020. The construction included a turnaround underpass for north and south traffic on SH195 at FM 3470 (Stan Schlueter Loop), milling and resurfacing the roadway and replacing cable barriers from FM 3470, south, to the Bell/Williamson County line.

## STATE HIGHWAY 36

An \$11.1 million project to rehabilitate a portion of SH 36 in Bell and Coryell counties, began in October 2018 and was completed earlier this year. The project, designed to increase safety along SH 36, included resurfacing and widening 11 miles of the existing roadway from FM 931 at Flat, east of Gatesville, to the west side of the SH 36 bridge at Belton Lake in Bell County. Intermittent passing

lanes were also added.

## STATE HIGHWAY 95

A \$3.5 million project to rehabilitate a portion of SH 95, in Bell County, designed to increase safety along SH 95, resurfaced just over five miles of the existing roadway from Loop 363, southeast of Temple, south to FM 436 at Little River Academy started in July 2019 and was completed in the fall.

## BUSINESS 190

A \$5 million project to add a shared-use lane, raised medians and sidewalks and resurface the roadway from Constitution Drive to FM 116 is expected to be completed by June 2022. The contractor is TTG utilities.

## STATE HIGHWAY 9

A \$4.8 million project will add an exit ramp to Tank Destroyer Boulevard and an entrance ramp from Old Georgetown Road. It is currently in the design phase, with bids expected in June 2021.

A \$14 million safety improvement project to add an overpass at SH 9 and FM 116 in Copperas Cove is in the design phase, with a completion date unknown.

# Killeen-Fort Hood airport offers convenience for travelers

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

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

The airport at 8101 S. Clear Creek Road is easily accessed via improved area highways. Paid short- and long-term parking is adjacent to the terminal; the first half hour is free. Disabled 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 has a Blimpie Subs and Sandwiches, gift shop, coffee shop and ATMs.

The terminal's namesake brought air service to Killeen in 1966. In 2004, a 7-foot bronze statue was erected at the airport's grand opening in his honor.

The airport honors Robert Gray, a Killeen native, who was a pilot on the famous Doolittle Raid in 1942. The airfield is named after him and a 7-foot bronze statue as well as memorabilia is displayed in the terminal.

This year, the Killeen City Council approved a \$645.3 million master plan



Visitors at the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport browse a display of Killeen native Capt. Robert "Bob" Gray's World War II artifacts. Gray flew in the famous Doolittle Raid over Tokyo in 1942.

that will guide the development of the airport for the next 20 years.

One of the long-term projects in the plan is a 10,000-foot by 200-foot offset parallel runway, along with expansion of an existing runway, totaling \$328.9 million in cost.

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

## SKYLARK FIELD

The city's general aviation airport serves private aircraft, charter jets and aviation businesses.

The airfield at 1523 Stonetree Drive does not offer commercial airline

passenger service. It has a 5,500-foot runway with an RNAV (GPS) approach to Runway 01, making it a popular choice for private and business aircraft.

Aviation fuel sales, T-hangar and tie-down space rentals and tenant services are available.

About 65 single- and multi-engine aircraft are based at Skylark Field. The airfield is home to the Central Texas College aviation program.

The terminal building is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, except major holidays.

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The HOP strives to provide seamless public transportation, though its service areas are divided into rural and urban segments.

Urban service is provided in Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Belton and Temple, with a direct connector route providing stops in Harker Heights, Nolanville, Belton and Temple. The rural service covers over 9,000 square miles in nine counties including Milam, Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Mills, Lampasas,

San Saba, Llano and Mason counties.

The HOP operates nine fixed routes indicated by numbered signs along area streets, and each bus stop has map and schedule information. Urban services operate from approximately 5:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. weekdays. No weekend service is offered.

Multiride tickets and monthly passes can be purchased at the Killeen City Library at 205 E. Church Ave. or in person or by mail through the Belton office. Bus passes also can be purchased at Copperas Cove Library, at Harker Heights City Hall, at Temple City Hall, at the Temple Visitor's

Center, and at Belton City Hall.

Each year, riders on The HOP make approximately 850,000 trips. In the rural service areas, riders make more than 11,100 rides each month. In urban service areas, riders make nearly 46,000 trips using the fixed route bus service, and more than 13,500 trips are scheduled each month using the Special Transit Service, a door-to-door service provided by The HOP in these urban areas.

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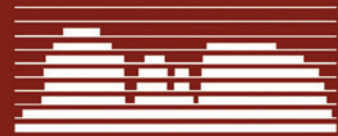
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# Killeen ISD provides quality education to students

While much has changed in the Killeen Independent School District the past seven months, the school district continues to provide quality education in a safe environment and leans heavily on its best neighbor, Fort Hood.

Killeen ISD began the 2020-21 school year Aug. 17, its originally scheduled start time, but did it in an all-virtual environment. Two weeks later, the school district opened its doors to welcome students whose families chose to begin face-to-face instruction. Over 60% of students across the district returned to learn in-person, and on average 92% of students are engaging virtually or in-person daily.

The school district is committed to keeping the public informed of its continuing Return to Learn plans and provides access to an online dashboard that tracks current COVID-19 cases among KISD students and staff members.

The latest COVID-19 response plans are available at, [www.killeenisd.org/RTL](http://www.killeenisd.org/RTL).

Across the sprawling school district that stretches from Nolanville to Fort Hood, construction projects are ongoing, many connected to a \$426 million bond issue voters approved in 2018.

In 2019, district and community leaders celebrated the biggest project contained in the bond program, with a ground breaking ceremony for KISD's sixth high school.



Clifton Park Elementary School first-grade teachers write chalk messages for students.

This year, the school district opened a second middle school STEM site within the new Nolan Middle School and hosted a socially distanced ribbon-cutting ceremony. The school is KISD's 14th middle school and is located on Warriors Path in Harker Heights.

In addition, KISD rolled out a mobile STEM lab last year that began providing enhancement for students at 26 elementary schools throughout the school year. The mobile lab began the year providing virtual projects.

Killeen ISD features a new Military Families section on the website for transitioning families with an assortment of resources for all grade levels.

## RESPONDING TO COVID-19

In March, KISD joined the rest of the nation and globe in shifting gears to provide for students and staff in the midst of a state-ordered shelter-in-place directive in response to the spreading COVID-19 virus.

District leaders labored to form contingency plans, opened a Continued Learning Center with online platforms for continued learning and began providing take-home packets for elementary students without sufficient technology options.

In October the district began serving free breakfast and lunch to ALL children ages 0-18 at ALL campuses through December 18, regardless of free and reduced lunch status.

Parents of 4-and 5-year-olds are encouraged to enroll them in our free, full-day programs are available to all students who live in KISD. Enrollment is guaranteed if the child meets the criteria. Details regarding pre-K and kindergarten programs is available online, [www.killeenisd.org/enroll](http://www.killeenisd.org/enroll).

Killeen ISD is committed to providing rigorous learning for students in-person and virtually and plans to continue offering families the choice of formats throughout the school year. Students who learn virtually must log-in daily, and for Secondary students, each course to be counted present.

Learn more at <https://www.killeenisd.org>.

# Gatesville ISD serves nearly 3,000 students on five campuses

A strong education system is an important asset for the Gatesville community and the support for that was evident with the passage of a \$9.9 million bond in 2019 for improvements to the Gatesville High School campus.

The project includes a 55,000-square-foot addition with new classrooms, a new cafeteria, and a new library. Renovations to existing portions of the school include repurposing the existing library into the new administration suite and converting the existing cafeteria into additional classrooms.

Superintendent Barrett Pollard said

Gatesville is a generous, supportive, family-oriented community in a message on the school district's website.

"Over the past few years, we have placed a high priority on literacy as well as career and technical education (CTE) courses," he said. "Our curriculum offers students a wide variety of courses that will prepare them for college, a career, or the military."

Pollard can be reached at [bpollard@gatesvilleisd.org](mailto:bpollard@gatesvilleisd.org).

The district has five school buildings including a primary (PK-K), elementary (1-3), intermediate (4-6), junior high

(7-8) and high school (9-12). The school district has nearly 3,000 students and budgeted close to \$30 million to operate this school year.

There are seven school board members including: Mary Ann Leib, board president; Charles Alderson, vice president; Cheyenne Kizer, secretary; and Rob Erwin, David Fincher, Brenda Byrom, and Linda Maxwell.

Three seats are up for election in November.

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

# Copperas Cove ISD sees rapid enrollment growth

Copperas Cove Independent School District has become one of the most rapidly growing school districts in the area. With city boundaries of slightly more than 18 square miles, Copperas Cove ISD boundaries include parts of both Coryell and Bell Counties.

With a strong presence of active-duty and retired veterans living in the Copperas Cove community, Cove ISD provides students with a small-town feel that reaches beyond the neighborhoods and into the classrooms.

But students benefit from all of the amenities of metropolitan area with Copperas Cove High School and Crossroads High School offering certifications in more than 30 career fields and advanced degrees through the Early College High School Program, Texas University On-Ramps Program, dual-credit and advance placement courses.

With an enrollment of just over 8,300 students, CCISD instills the importance of education from the beginning stages. Copperas Cove offers young children a great foundation with its pre-K learning facility that was named one of the top 25 in the state of Texas. The school district encompasses one pre-K school, six elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools with more than 1,400 staff members.

CCISD students currently have the option of learning on-campus or at-home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



C.R. Clements/Hollie Parsons Elementary school nurse Shalom Brown and student Jaliyah Davis demonstrate the proper way to sanitize hands.

Approximately 75 percent of students are learning on campus with 25 percent choosing to learn at-home or through a hybrid model to include UIL activities.

Because CCISD is located adjacent to Fort Hood, many of the students have military backgrounds through which hardworking, respectful and honorable values are instilled. These values help produce great students academically, as CCISD earned more than 20 distinctions on the latest STAAR test and is ranked in the top 30 percent of schools in Texas.

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

CCISD has a robust JROTC program and internationally ranked DECA and HOSA programs. Both the Pride of Cove Band and the CCHS Choir produced All-State student selectees in the 2019-20 school year. Copperas Cove High School's graduation rate for the 2019-20 school year was 95.6%, more than 10% higher than the national average and 6% higher than the state.

CCISD has a budget slightly higher than \$78 million for the 2020-21 school year. This budget reflects a \$3 million increase over last year's budget.

The CCISD school board consists of eight members: Mike Wilburn, John Gallen, Ann Davis, Jeff Gorres, Vice President Inez Faison, President Joan Manning, Secretary Dr. Karen Harrison and Superintendent Joe Burns. The CCISD Board of Trustees was named the 2019 Region 12 School Board of the Year, the second time the board has received the honor. Burns is also a former Superintendent of the Year.

Parents must register all new students in person to provide documentation 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 go to the website at [www.ccisd.com](http://www.ccisd.com). You can also follow the district's Facebook and Twitter pages.

## Lampasas ISD expands career and tech programs

Serving approximately 3,400 students enrolled in grades pre-K – 12, the Lampasas Independent School District is a perfect match for families interested in rural living while remaining in close proximity to modern conveniences.

In addition to Superintendent Chane Rascoe, the Lampasas school district is overseen by a seven-member school board: board president David Millican, Bill Brister, Dan Claussen, Randy Morris, Jeff Rutland, Ryan Shahan, and Sam Walker.

The district's Career and Technical Education program has surpassed its goals and has become one of the fastest-growing programs in the area. With the program, more students are becoming job-ready certified than ever before.

"We are very pleased with the progress and have future plans to expand our CTE program to include facility upgrades very soon," Rascoe said.

One of the most important goals for the district is to improve the reading ability of the students. Teachers and staff are working hard to reach this goal.

The district's UIL athletic and academic extracurricular programs have had tremendous success this past year, reaching post-district-level performance in most areas.

"We thank you, our staff, students, parents and amazing school board for their hard work in making LISD such a wonderful place," Rascoe said.

Learn more at [www.lisdtx.org](http://www.lisdtx.org).

# Belton ISD adds campuses to accommodate growth

Belton ISD is one of the fastest-growing public school districts in Texas, with families joining the Big Red Community from across the state each year.

To accommodate this growth, the district opened its second comprehensive high school in August. Home of the Broncos, the new Lake Belton High School 385,000-square-foot campus located in west Temple, opened serving ninth- and tenth-grade students. The campus will be adding an additional grade level the following two years.

Other changes are also on the horizon. The Belton High School ninth-grade campus was repurposed and opened in August as Belton Middle School, the district's fourth campus for grades 6-8.

New fine arts facilities at Belton High School are also slated to be complete in fall 2020. The new orchestra addition includes 3,200 square feet for a dedicated orchestra rehearsal hall, sectional room and three practice rooms, along with renovations to 1,200 square feet of existing band hall, instructor office space and the band music library. This project also added a new look to the main entrance of the campus.

Belton ISD was one of 18 school districts in Texas honored by the



Lake Belton High School Principal Jill Ross addresses students and community members.

College Board with placement on their 10th Annual AP District Honor Roll. To be included, Belton ISD had to increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP exam scores of 3 or higher and this fall, 125 distinctions were awarded to Belton High School and Belton New Tech High School @ Waskow students.

The district has also been ranked in the Top 100 districts in Texas, according to Niche.com's 2019 School District Report Cards. With an overall grade of an A, Belton ISD ranked 82nd out of

1,021 school districts reviewed by the online research company.

Belton New Tech High School @ Waskow has been awarded a silver medal, as one of the best high schools in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings. Fewer than one-third of schools nationwide are recognized.

In serving each and every student in Belton ISD, the district values clarity, kindness and unity in purpose in providing exceptional learning experiences across all 19 of the district's campuses.

# Florence ISD plans campus renovations across the district

In the November 2018 election, voters within the Florence Independent School District approved a bond proposal for \$7.5 million in renovations and improvements district-wide.

With the bond money, the district is renovating the science labs on all three campuses, according to Superintendent Paul Michalewicz.

It will also include the construction of secured vestibules to add to the safety and security of the students and staff, he said.

"The projects will also include improvements to technology infrastructure," Michalewicz said. "We continue to systematically address the needs of our students by improving infrastructure and by providing hardware and software to meet the needs

of our instructional staff and of our students.

"We now have the ability to support a true One to One initiative."

In addition to these renovations, we are adding additional flexible learning space at the High School campus.

The COVID-19 pandemic did slow the completion of the bond projects. However, work is continuing and we are excited for the projects to be completed soon.

Florence ISD continues to see growth in the student population, Michalewicz said.

"We have seen roughly a 4 percent increase in student population over the past 5 years," he said.

Florence operates a before- and after-school program as a part of the

21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. The program provides for academic support and instruction, as well as TEKS-aligned enrichment activities, family and community engagement activities, and College and Career Readiness activities. Transportation is provided for participating students.

"While the COVID-19 crisis has altered the way teaching and learning takes place, Florence ISD continues to serve the academic needs of our students," Michalewicz said.

At this time, roughly eighty percent of Florence ISD students receive instruction in-person, on-campus. We are currently providing parents of students wishing to receive instruction in a remote format the ability to do so.

# Salado ISD enrollment grows

The Salado Independent School District is having another great school year in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. The majority (84%) of students are attending in person. The other 16% are attending remotely, officials said.

The district's enrollment is 2,087 students, which is an increase of 739 students (or 55%) over the past eight years. This is the highest percentage increase of all 76 school districts in the Waco region during that time period.

Voters approved a \$49.4 million bond election in May 2018. The district has completed all of those bond projects, including renovations at the elementary school and athletic stadium and a new middle school, baseball field, softball field, and tennis courts.

Our students have a long tradition of excellence in academics and activities. Our high school has won three Lone Star Cups, which is the highest UIL award for academics, athletics, and fine arts. Out of 1,357 high schools in Texas, only 42 have

ever won a Lone Star Cup and only 10 have won more than Salado High School. Salado is the only high school in Bell County that has ever won a Lone Star Cup.

Salado ISD has won nine state championships in UIL academics. Only two high schools in Texas have won more state championships.

"There are 56 high schools in our region and we have won the Regional Championship in UIL academics twenty consecutive years," Superintendent Michael Novotny said.

"We have four teachers at Salado High School that have won the UIL Sponsor Excellence award: Dennis Cabaniss, Tim Cook, Alan Haire, and JJ Jonas. We are the only high school in Texas with four recipients of this award," he added.

"Our district received the highest possible rating (Superior) and a perfect score of 100 on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)."

The district also added a high school dance team this year.

## MCEC helps military children be college and workforce ready

The vision of the Military Child Education Coalition is that every military-connected child is college, workforce, and life-ready.

MCEC is a national nonprofit that works with area schools, businesses, and military installations to ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, transition, deployments and family separation.

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# Charter, private schools offer alternatives for education

Several charter and private schools serve as an alternative option for parents seeking to enroll their children outside of standard public education.

## OAK CREEK ACADEMY

Oak Creek Academy is a nonprofit private school for students in prekindergarten through 12th grade. Established in 2013, Oak Creek offers curriculum tailored to individual students' needs, with in-house speech, occupational, physical and behavioral therapies. This non-graded school has a 1:5 teacher to student ratio that promotes one-on-one learning and individualized instruction. Parents also work with teachers and therapists to promote learning in and outside of the classroom. Oak Creek is at 1020 Trimmier Road in Killeen. Call 254-526-9299 or visit [www.oakcreekkilleen.org](http://www.oakcreekkilleen.org).

## RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY

The Richard Milburn Academy students in grades nine through 12 have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma in an environment in which they feel safe, supported and valued. Students can choose from two daily sessions to complete their nontraditional academic, career and



Operation Homefront volunteer Dan Morgan gathers backpacks for military families during a drop off at Oak Creek Academy in Killeen.

life skills curriculum. RMA is at 802 N. Eighth St. Call 254-634-4444, or go to [www.rmaschools.org](http://www.rmaschools.org).

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Joseph Catholic School is a parochial classical school of the Austin Diocese School District dedicated to the Catholic education of children. The school is accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Commission which is recognized by the Texas Commissioner of Education for the purpose of accrediting Catholic schools in the State of Texas.

It's a full-day school offering pre-K-3 through eighth grade. A Classical school teaching humanities, science, religion, band, and Latin. The school is at 2901 E. Rancier Ave. in Killeen. Call 254-634-7272.

## KILLEEN ADVENTIST JUNIOR ACADEMY

The Killeen Adventist Junior Academy is a private, tuition-based school for prekindergarten through ninth-grade. The academy's curriculum is distributed by the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Education Department while also incorporating the Common Core standards. The mission of Killeen Adventist Junior Academy is to provide a high quality, Christ-centered education in a safe, caring, learning environment.

The academy is accredited through an extension of TEA. Call 254-699-9466. The academy is at 3412 Lake Road in Killeen.

## MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Memorial Christian Academy is a private religious school. Its academic curriculum for students prekindergarten through 12th grade is based on biblical teachings and promotes a Christian worldview. The school is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Athletics, as well as before- and after-school care for students, are offered. Call 254-526-5403 or go to [www.mcawarriors.com](http://www.mcawarriors.com). The academy is at 4001 Trimmier Road, Killeen.

# Dropout prevention program serves 54 campuses

Since its founding in 1992, Communities In Schools of Greater Central Texas has grown to serve 56 campuses in six school districts: Killeen, Copperas Cove, Temple, Belton, Salado, and now Jarrell.

"Communities In Schools is the nation's largest and most effective dropout prevention organization because we do whatever it takes to keep kids in school and on the path to graduation," Executive Director Michael Dewees said.

The purpose of CIS is to improve student achievement, help decrease the dropout rate and increase the graduation rate. Dewees believes the program is important due to the sheer

size of the school districts within the Greater Central Texas area, which serve over 75,000 students collectively.

"Communities In Schools of Greater Central Texas can assist these youth by bringing outside resources inside schools to assist with immediate necessities like food or clothing to more complex needs like supportive guidance or emotional support," Dewees said. "It is our goal to continue to empower our youth to stay in school and achieve in life." To accomplish its goals, CIS partners with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers and volunteers.

In these uncertain and challenging times presented by COVID-19,

Communities In Schools is "deeply concerned for the well-being of our students and families," Dewees said. "Loss of work and income, and being cut off from the school community can impact access to basic needs like food, shelter, and other necessities. ... Our CIS team is adapting to this ever-changing situation, and we are committed to doing everything in our power to support students and connect them to needed resources and services."

Monetary donations are accepted online at [www.cis-tx.org](http://www.cis-tx.org) or by mail to: Communities In Schools, 4520 E Central Texas Expwy., Ste 106, Killeen TX 76543. "Thank you for being part of our community of support," he said.



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This year represents a significant milestone for UMHB as the university celebrates the 175th anniversary of its founding. While the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of some anniversary events, there has still been plenty to celebrate this year.

Even as the size of UMHB has grown, it has continued to offer students the personal attention that has been a cornerstone of the UMHB experience for 175 years. This fall the university offers more than 70 unique academic programs, including bachelor's degrees in 50 undergraduate majors, 11 master's degree programs, and 3 doctoral degrees (Doctor of Education, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and Doctor of Physical Therapy).

In January, the first group of students began coursework in the newly launched Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. Classes are held in the new occupational therapy wing of Hardy Hall, which added 15,000 square feet

of laboratory, classroom, and office space to the building.

This year also saw the creation of the Cru Community Clinic, which provides mental health counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy at no cost to members of the Central Texas community. The space offers a dynamic and innovative environment where compassionate healthcare practitioners develop their professional skills through interprofessional education/practice, hands-on student learning, and faith-informed community service.

When COVID-19 stay-at-home orders made it necessary to shift classes to an online format mid-spring, students had to adapt quickly. To help them adjust to the situation, 100 staff members joined forces to call all UMHB students. The goal of the effort was to provide information and resources, identify at-risk students, and learn how the university family could be praying for students around the country.

In August, UMHB welcomed its students back to campus using a CruFlex format. Through this innovative approach, students can choose to attend their classes face-to-face, watch their classes online as they are taking place, or access their courses' videos and assignments online 24/7. Additionally, students can move between these three modalities at any time during the semester, as needed.

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CTC is the top college choice for graduating high school seniors in the area as more than 20% come to CTC.

With more than 100 associate degrees and certificates of completion available in many diverse fields, CTC prepares students for careers or to transfer to a four-year university.

Programs of study include aviation science, business administration, logistics, 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.

This fall, CTC added Associate of Applied Science degree programs in robotics technology and cybersecurity, fine arts and child development. New class offerings were added in the areas such as business, drafting and design, communication and social science.

Distance education or online class offerings continue to expand as CTC now offers more than 400 classes and 60 degree and certificate programs which can be completed entirely via distance education. CTC is continually ranked among the best online colleges in the country by [affordablecollegesonline.org](http://affordablecollegesonline.org) and [bestvaluesschols.com](http://bestvaluesschols.com).

CTC offers a Weekend and Evening College program that enables students to complete any of 27 associate degree plans or 11 certificate programs at night and on weekends. Programs include the evening/weekend Licensed Vocational Nursing, Office Technology, Computer Electronics, Industrial Technology and Business Management programs.

For the safety of its students during the COVID-19 pandemic, CTC has converted many classroom courses to synchronous real-time virtual classes. CTC also offers blended classes that combine online and classroom delivery of course material when hands-on training is required.

CTC continues to support Fort Hood through various programs for transitioning soldiers. A recent partnership with TAS creates career opportunities in the automotive industry for transitioning soldiers as an entry level Ford technician and immediate employment with a sponsoring Ford dealer in Texas. CTC also offers more than 20 credit and

non-credit programs approved by the Army for the Credentialing Assistance program. Courses in these programs will increase a soldier's value by helping them attain industry recognized credentials, improve Army readiness, enhance career progression and learn skills and capabilities that reflect civilian qualifications.

CTC's Continuing Education program expands each semester with classes in a variety of areas. Courses include pharmacy technician, clinical medical assistant, certified veterinarian assistant, licensed massage therapy, professional truck driving, certified nurse aid and the most recent addition blacksmithing. Exercise/fitness classes are also available along with numerous arts, hobby and crafting classes. This fall, veterinary medical terminology, veterinary clinical skills and veterinary office management were added.

Recently, the CTC Foundation created the Eagles' Nest Food Pantry to assist students in need.

The CTC Child Development Center earned reaccreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Moving forward, CTC looks to continue enhancing its alliances with local school districts and the community through its' dual credit programs, the Early College High School and STEM Academy. Learn more at [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu).

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# AdventHealth cares for patients across Central Texas

AdventHealth Central Texas, located on Clear Creek Road in Killeen, opened its doors in 1978 as Metroplex Hospital to serve the growing population of the area, including the military community.

The hospital started with only 10 physicians on staff. Today, AdventHealth Central Texas has more than 300 physicians in more than 40 specialties. With its other facilities, the faith-based, nonprofit organization employs about 1,200 area residents and cares for more than 110,000 patients each year.

AdventHealth Central Texas is one of 50 facilities within the AdventHealth system, which is headquartered in Altamonte Springs, Florida, and spans 10 states. AdventHealth's more than 80,000 employees provide compassionate care and maintain a tradition of whole-person health by caring for a patient's physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

In 2008, AdventHealth Central Texas forged a partnership with Baylor Scott & White Health that continues to grow and flourish.

## ADVENTHEALTH ROLLINS BROOK

AdventHealth Rollins Brook is 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 and bone density testing. Cardiology, orthopedics, podiatry, general surgery and advanced wound care are also available.

## CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The AdventHealth Behavioral Health Center 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.



A crowd of healthcare workers outside AdventHealth Central Texas in Killeen hold signs as four helicopters fly overhead during a salute to healthcare workers in May.

## ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS

### AdventHealth Family Medicine Rural Clinic in Copperas Cove and Lampasas:

With more than 12 providers on staff, the clinics provide whole-person primary care for Central Texas.

### AdventHealth Heart and Vascular Center:

Staffed by highly trained technologists and diagnostic and interventional cardiologists, along with interventional radiologists, the center offers 24/7 cardiac services.

**AdventHealth Medical Group:** From primary care providers to leading specialists in cardiology, women's health, general surgery, podiatry and orthopedics, our providers are part of a connected health care system across Central Texas, providing care when you need it.

### AdventHealth Sports Medicine and Rehab:

As the largest outpatient rehabilitation center in Central Texas, AdventHealth Sports Medicine and Rehab offers state-of-the-art treatments for physical therapy provided by PT Solutions in Killeen, Harker Heights and Lampasas. Inpatient and outpatient occupational therapy, speech/language pathology, and lymphedema management services are available.

### AdventHealth Imaging Harker Heights:

Offering state-of-the-art technology with the MAGNETOMSkyra 3T Open Bore MRI, the AdventHealth imaging facility in Harker Heights can accommodate the need of any patient. The features of the MAGNETOMSkyra, combined with 3 Tesla (T) magnet strength — the strongest clinically available — means that AdventHealth patients will enjoy a larger array of imaging options with high quality images and less exposure time.

**AdventHealth Wound Care:** With centers in Killeen, Lampasas and Harker Heights, the AdventHealth Wound Care provides advanced wound treatment, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

### AdventHealth Sleep Center Killeen:

The center offers outpatient diagnostic testing for sleep/wake disorders.

**AdventHealth Surgery Center:** The center is equipped to offer the most up-to-date surgical care, minimally invasive surgery options and a comprehensive joint replacement program.

**AdventHealth Endoscopy Center:** The center offers a comforting and caring environment for colonoscopies and other procedures specifically intended for the diagnosis and treatment of gastrointestinal disorders.

### AdventHealth Sue Mayborn Women's Center:

The center offers women one convenient location where they can receive health care for all stages of life. Services at the center include obstetrics and gynecology, labor and delivery, well-woman exams, 3D mammograms and bone density testing.

**Community Wellness:** Each year, the AdventHealth Wellness Department provides a variety of free services for the community such as support groups, parenting classes, exercise classes, immunization and flu clinics, and health screenings. Community services are supported as well, such as the Greater Killeen Community Clinic. AdventHealth gives back to the communities it serves with approximately \$40,000 per day in charitable donations and wellness.

For more information, go to [AdventHealthCentralTexas.com](http://AdventHealthCentralTexas.com).



## Seton provides medical care to Harker Heights and beyond

Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, a partnership between the Seton Healthcare Family in Austin and Ardent Health Services in Nashville, Tennessee, is a Joint Commission accredited, Catholic hospital proudly serving the Greater Fort Hood area. The hospital, at 850 W. Central Texas Expressway, has seen significant growth since its doors opened in 2012 with a staff of 269 employees. Now, with a staff of about 500, Seton is continuing to provide exceptional quality care to patients.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, enhanced safety practices are in place, including screening staff and patients for symptoms upon entry, limited visitation, masks and physical distancing. Waiting rooms, lobbies, restrooms and other areas with frequently touched surfaces are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.

With quality patient care as a top priority, Seton Medical Center Harker Heights is an accredited chest pain center and strives to offer the newest methods and best practices in heart care. Also designated an Advanced Primary Stroke Center, the hospital provides best practice-driven stroke care. Seton Medical Center is ready and able to manage all types of medical emergencies in a safe environment with outstanding medical expertise.

The American College of Cardiology recently awarded Seton Medical Center with the Chest Pain — MI Registry Gold Performance Achievement Award. Seton Medical Center is one of only 60 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor for consistently treating heart attack patients with a

higher standard of care. Seton Medical Center also received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with the Guidelines — Stroke Bronze Quality Achievement Award for 2020. Facilities that receive this recognition are top-performers in stroke care and prevention.

"To be recognized among the best in the nation is a reflection of Seton Medical Center Harker Heights' ongoing commitment to provide treatment for stroke-related medical problems with a high level of expertise," said Patrick Swindle, Seton Medical Center CEO. "I want to thank our associates and physicians whose intense focus and hard work have earned this recognition. They are an exceptional team and I'm honored to work beside them."

Outpatient services are another key focus for the hospital. Seton's outpatient therapy program opened in 2016 in partnership with the Armed Services YMCA in Harker Heights.

Another area of growth is the Wellness Works program, which serves more than 70 companies and thousands of employees in Bell County. The service coordination team and a corporate health consultant work together to build and maintain relationships with employers through wellness activities including blood pressure screenings, flu-shot clinics, scheduling annual wellness exams and assisting with appointments for imaging or laboratory services.

Seton Medical Center also continues its partnership with Freedom Urgent Care in Harker Heights and Killeen.

For more information, visit [www.setonharkerheights.net](http://www.setonharkerheights.net).

### Greater Killeen area offers substance abuse treatment services for those seeking help

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. 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 254-213-2529 in Harker Heights.

Go to [dshs.texas.gov/sa-search/](http://dshs.texas.gov/sa-search/) for additional resources.

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# Baylor Scott & White offers care throughout region

In Killeen, and across Central and North Texas, Baylor Scott & White Health offers a range of medical services to meet the needs of patients.

**Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Temple**, 2401 S. 31st St., is a 636-bed medical center in Temple. As the only Level 1 trauma center (capable of treating the most severe injuries) between Dallas and Austin, a broad spectrum of hospital and clinical services are available, including heart and vascular, cancer care, transplantation, women's services and neurosciences.

**Baylor Scott & White McLane Children's Medical Center**, 1901 SW H.K. Dodgen Loop in Temple, features a 112-bed hospital that includes a five-story children's specialty clinic.

At the only medical center exclusively for children between Dallas and Austin, a range of subspecialists are available, as well as a surgical team that is on site and available around the clock for consultation, care and emergency intervention.

More than 40 specialty services are provided, including general pediatric care, pediatric surgery, cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, neurosurgery, pediatric dialysis, and pulmonology services. The medical center is also the area's only Level IV pediatric trauma facility. Ten pediatric clinics are located throughout Central Texas.

## CLINICS

Baylor Scott & White Health has several locations in the Killeen area including:

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Killeen**, 3801 Scott & White Drive, offers family medicine and pediatrics, including cardiology, hematology/oncology, pulmonology, nephrology, and gastroenterology. Services also include women's health, nephrology, psychology, adolescent medicine, chronic care,



People raise their hands at a praise and prayer event held for medical workers in the parking lot of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Temple in April.

acute care for minor injuries, allergy care, preventive care that includes immunization and other vaccinations. Radiology and laboratory services are available. 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.

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Killeen Harker Heights**, 5702 E. Central Texas Expressway, is staffed by family medicine providers. Services offered include primary care, family medicine including infant and child specializations, women's health (OB/Gyn), as well as X-ray and laboratory services. It is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 254-680-7650.

**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. Services offered include primary care, family medicine including infant and child specializations, women's health (OB/Gyn), as well as X-ray and laboratory services. It is open from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Call 254-501-6400.

**Baylor Scott & White Specialty Clinic-Killeen Hemingway**, 2405 S. Clear Creek Road, is home to 14 specialty clinics with adult services for pain management, cardiology, cosmetic surgery, gastroenterology, general surgery,

neurology, women's health, orthopedics, podiatry, pulmonary, radiology, and urology. General pediatric services are offered. Some Baylor Scott & White physicians provide services nearby at AdventHealth Central Texas.

**Baylor Scott & White Cancer Center-Killeen** is in the Ledger-Smith Professional Building at 2207 S. Clear Creek Road, Suite 101, on the AdventHealth Central Texas campus. The center provides chemotherapy, radiation therapy, anticoagulation, and other professional services for patients in Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville, Copperas Cove, Lampasas and beyond. Call 254-200-3200.

**Baylor Scott & White Dialysis Center-Killeen**, 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. Monday through Saturday. Call 254-680-1371.

**Baylor Scott & White Dialysis Center-Killeen West**, 2201 S. W.S. Young Drive, Suite 101B, is a 12-station facility. Hours of operations are 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 254-501-6467.

**Baylor Scott & White Mental Health Clinic-Harker Heights**, 326 Morgan St., provides outpatient mental health care to individuals, couples, families and groups. It is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call 254-953-7600.

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Copperas**

**Cove**, 239 W. U.S. Highway 190, is staffed by family medicine and internal medicine providers, as well as a cardiologist. The clinic has 24 exam rooms. Two treatment rooms offer services that include: primary care, family medicine including the care of infants and children, women's health (OB/Gyn), cardiology, as well as X-ray and laboratory services. It is open 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call 254-542-9000.

**Baylor Scott & White Eye Clinic-Harker Heights**, part of the Baylor Scott & White Eye Institute, is at 201 E. Central Texas Expy, Suite 1270, in the Market Heights Shopping Center. 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 eyewear styles. It is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call 254-953-7650.

**Baylor Scott & White Clinic-Salado** offers primary care, pediatric care, cancer screening, chronic disease management, office surgery, women's health, and preventive care and lab services. A Baylor Scott & White Pharmacy is in the same building. The clinic is at 3525 Farm-to-Market 2484. It is open 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 <https://www.bswhealth.com/find-care>.

Call 1-844-279-3627.

# Darnall expands patient services for soldiers, families

Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood is expanding and growing patient services after two years in its new 1.6 million square-foot facility.

The vision is to be the Premier Readiness Center — An Exceptional Experience — Every Single Time. Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center's mission is "Enabling Phantom Readiness by partnering to Improve Health and Save Lives."

The hospital system serves over 100,000 beneficiaries, and consists of the main hospital with primary care and emergency services along with inpatient medical and behavioral health services.

Darnall has a 151-bed capacity. On an average day, Darnall sees 3,681 daily visitors, which equates to roughly 1 million encounters per year. Of those visits, about 1.2 million prescriptions keep its 13 pharmacies busy.

Darnall's command team, led by commander Col. Richard G. Malish, says providing quality, patient-centered care that promotes soldier readiness, as well as community health and resilience is the aim. Readiness is the priority.

In addition to the main hospital on post, Darnall's primary care clinics are on the installation and within neighboring communities.

Of the primary care clinics, four are patient-centered medical homes, four are soldier-centered medical homes, and four are community-based medical homes. Darnall has more than 40 medical specialties on the team.

Darnall has received recognition for its level of care. It's ranked No. 2 of 42 military health system facilities, putting it in the top 5%. It ranked in the top 4% of U.S. hospitals in the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program, and was awarded the 2017 Excellence in Teaching Award by Uniformed Services University. It also was rated No. 1 for surgical safety by the National Surgical Quality Improvement-American College of Surgeons.

This year has been an exceptional year for Darnall. Darnall received the Practice Greenhealth Top 25 award.

Darnall's Women's Health Clinic offers family-centered care before, during and after childbirth. A layette



The Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center system serves over 100,000 beneficiaries.

## Darnall has four family-practice clinics

Fort Hood's Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center offers four U.S. Army Medical Homes in the community to provide medical care off-post for active-duty soldiers, retirees and their families.

- The Killeen facility is at 3404 Kaydence Court, off Elms Road near Stan Schlueter Loop.
- The West Killeen Medical Home is at 5200 Bunny Trail Drive.
- The Harker Heights Medical Home is in the Market Heights shopping center at 201 E. Central Texas Expressway, Suite 200.
- The Copperas Cove Medical Home Clinic is at 458 Town Square on West Business Highway 190.

program ensures each baby delivered receives a unit-branded gift.

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.

In addition, more than 3,526 prescriptions are filled daily, along with 693 radiology procedures and 3,065 laboratory procedures. The hospital is staffed by more than 3,608 military

personnel, civilians and contractors.

## TREATING INJURIES

To help soldiers dealing with fitness-related injuries, Darnall launched the Fort Hood Sparta Clinic, which is open during morning physical training. It provides early evaluation and treatment for acute musculoskeletal injuries.

In January 2016, the Fort Hood Intrepid Spirit center opened its doors and began patient treatment, caring for soldiers suffering from traumatic brain injuries, as well as post-traumatic stress and other psychological health conditions.

The \$11 million facility was privately funded through the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. It is the fourth in a series of nine such facilities to open on military bases across the country.

The Intrepid Spirit Center is one component of the comprehensive system of behavioral health care offered for service members and their families.

# Bell County Public Health District offers services, programs

The motto of the Bell County Public Health District is “promote, prevent and protect.” The organization offers a wide array of services to help people maintain their health.

## CLINICAL SERVICES

The health district 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 and 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 at 309 N. Second St. and the district’s Temple office is at 2905 W. Adams Ave.

The phone numbers for the offices 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

The WIC Program provides the



Amanda Robison-Chadwell, director of the Bell County Public Health District, speaks during a news conference about coronavirus cases.

services, support and inspiration for families to eat right, have a healthy pregnancy and breast-feed successfully.

Call for information or to make an appointment at one of the following four sites: Temple: 820 N. 31st Street, 254-778-

1511; Killeen: 111 Santa Fe Plaza, 254-526-2033; Fort Hood: Building 36000 Darnall Loop (the second floor of the old Darnall Hospital), 254-532-8680; Copperas Cove: 213 W. Avenue D, 254-547-9571.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Environmental Health Division 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.

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

## Community clinic helps meet health needs of Killeen residents

The Killeen Community Clinic (formerly the Greater Killeen Free Clinic) celebrates 25 years of serving the community this year. The story behind the 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., Suite A (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 clinic is nonprofit and volunteer based, and is open Monday through Thursday.

Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients are asked to make a contribution to their care based on their income. Waivers are granted on a case-by-case basis. Check-in is 3:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Simple conditions are treated, such as rash, ear infections,

and bladder infections. The clinic also treats minor injuries, such as sprains or strains, and does care of simple wounds and administers tetanus shots.

The Well Women’s Clinic provides services to women older than 44 who need gynecological care outside of family planning. Women get an 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 is by appointment only.

Patients seeking services must provide a photo ID, 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.

Call 254-618-4211 or visit [www.gkfclinic.org](http://www.gkfclinic.org).

## Better Business Bureau a valuable source of information

The Better Business Bureau is a valuable resource Central Texas 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 offices across the U.S. and Canada. The BBB serving the Heart of Texas covers the Greater Killeen area. The regional office in Waco serves 14 counties, including the cities of Copperas Cove, Gatesville, Lampasas, Hillsboro, Killeen, Salado, Temple, Waco and Fort Hood. The regional office provides a variety of services, 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, 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. The regional director is Amy Rasor.

## Killeen chamber supports 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, Business Resource Center, Greater Killeen Young Professionals and 14 Forward Foundation.

The chamber's office at 1 Santa Fe Plaza in downtown Killeen is open by appointment only until social distancing precautions cease. After that, normal operating hours are 8:30 am 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 more than 600. The chamber's full-time staff specializes in 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, such as monthly mixers, Chamber

Networking and News, Flavors of Central Texas, the annual membership banquet, and informative workshops.

The Greater Killeen Young Professionals offers networking and professional development for young entrepreneurs and professionals. For more information, visit [gkyp.org](http://gkyp.org).

In 2017, the chamber launched 14 Forward, an aggressive five-year campaign designed to help grow the region's economy. Visit [killeenchamber.com/forward](http://killeenchamber.com/forward) for more information.

The Killeen Economic Development Corporation is housed at the chamber and acts on behalf of the City of Killeen in the promotion and development of commercial, industrial and manufacturing enterprises and to promote and encourage employment and public welfare. KEDC also provides demographic and industry data at [killeenedc.com](http://killeenedc.com) or upon request.

The chamber offers businesses exposure through ribbon-cutting and groundbreaking ceremonies, directory listings, event promotions, advertising and sponsorship options. Go to [KilleenChamber.com](http://KilleenChamber.com) or call 254-526-9551.

## Heights chamber promotes partnerships

The Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce is a vital part of the ongoing growth in Bell County.

"The chamber is focused on working together to enhance the economic vitality of our members and the quality of life in Harker Heights," said Gina Pence, president and CEO.

A recent study identifies Harker Heights as one of the fastest-growing cities in Bell County with a median household income \$75,526, which is 30% greater than Bell County and is the single most diverse city in the county.

With more than 800 members, the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner in the area's economic success, ensuring the city is the foremost location for economic development and business prosperity.

The chamber provides access to the premier business leaders in the county, as well as a multitude of opportunities

to network, further careers, hear success stories, stay up to date on community/industry news and socialize.

The chamber is a catalyst between business and community for achievement. As the voice of business in the community, it strives to understand the legislative issues important to its members. Key to this effort is building and maintaining strong relationships with local, state and federal officials.

Graduates of the Vision XXI Leadership program are serving in positions throughout our community.

The Visitor's Center provides resources that highlight the amenities and attractions in the community. Under the chamber's tourism division, the Mug Run 5K showcases Texas craft beers and is hosted throughout the year. Celebrating its 12th year, the HH Food, Wine & Brew Fest attracts thousands of wine and food aficionados to the area.

# Workforce Solutions helps job seekers

Connecting employers to skilled employees and helping job hunters are two of the most important missions of Workforce Solutions of Central Texas.

The organization supports training in skilled, high-wage jobs that are predicted to have a consistent or growing need for employees. Data provided by the Workforce Solutions show that more than 28,700 people were helped in 2019, including almost 3,000 veterans. The organization also helped more than 2,800 young people and children, including sponsoring child care for about 2,400 youngsters.

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas partners with community non-profits, city and county offices, chambers of commerce, businesses, colleges and universities of the region committed to building economic success in Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, San Saba, and Mills counties. They are committed to customer's success, from career exploration to assistance

earning degrees and certifications and into finding employment and building a sustainable career.

Resources for military and military-connected job seekers and businesses are abundant.

Fort Hood is the largest single economic driver of the Central Texas economy, credited for \$35.4 billion in statewide economic activity. It supports more than 66,000 people on post, including more than 21,000 civilians.

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas is governed by a board of 27 members, each representing a spectrum of business, education and community interests.

The office is at 300 Cheyenne Drive in Killeen. It is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to [www.Workforcesolutionsctx.com](http://www.Workforcesolutionsctx.com) or call 254-200-2021 for more information.

Workforce Solutions serves all of Central Texas, there also are locations in Temple, Belton, Lampasas and Rockdale.

## Chamber, EDC work to bring businesses to Copperas Cove

The Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce has a new name and mission. The organization is now known as the Copperas Cove Chamber and Visitors Bureau. The Copperas Cove City Council voted last year to move the responsibilities of the Tourism office back to the Chamber.

It was a move welcomed by Chamber President Alicia Menard.

"It was very important that the designation came back to us," Menard said. "I definitely think that was my proudest moment of 2019. The staff deserved that title because they had already been working so hard for the community promoting tourism through annual events, welcoming and assisting visitors, and providing relocation information."

The decision led to a flurry of activity at the chamber offices at 204 East Robertson Ave. The lobby of the building now welcomes visitors with a variety of brochures and flyers.

The chamber actively promotes annual city events such as the Polar Bear Plunge, Easter Egg Roundup, Farmer's Market, and the Food Truck Festival. The chamber also promotes events by other community organizations and chamber members. Chamber-sponsored events include the annual Rabbit Fest, the Jack Rabbit Run, H-E-B Summer Run to Fun, the Gallop or Trot and the Krist Kindl Market. Information about those events and others can be found on the chamber's website, [www.copperascove.com](http://www.copperascove.com).

The Copperas Cove Economic Development Corporation is tasked to support existing businesses on retention and expansion projects, new and small businesses starting or beginning to grow, working with companies considering expansions into Copperas Cove and developing infrastructure to help create jobs. The EDC was formed in 1990, but recently was reorganized and fully staffed with a new mission statement and program of work. The EDC is at 113. W. Avenue D downtown.

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# Area shelters offer assistance to those in need

## FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Many families across the state and the country are suffering, whether it be due to homelessness, violence or some other factor. These families often need help, and fortunately there are several places in Central Texas that offer it.

Families In Crisis, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit United Way organization that 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 evolved into a widely recognized community partner offering services to residents affected by family violence, sexual assault, homelessness and housing assistance.

The FIC domestic violence shelters offers 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. In addition to shelter, services to family violence survivors include crisis intervention and case management, safety planning, hospital accompaniment, life skills classes, provision of food and necessary items, referrals, and transitional housing assistance.

In keeping with its history of responding to the needs of the community, FIC has expanded services over the years to include other underserved populations and unmet community needs.

In 1983, FIC merged with the Central Texas Rape Crisis Center to offer comprehensive services to women.

In 2009, 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



Betti Gardner, left, and Julius McGowan listen to a conversation while tasting food and wine at a fundraiser for Families in Crisis in Harker Heights.

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.

## FRIENDS IN CRISIS

For homeless residents, FIC operates Friends in Crisis, 412 E. Sprott St., Killeen. The 78-bed facility has room for 54 men and 24 women/families. Clients can check in at 3 p.m. every day and check out is 7 a.m. every day. The shelter has laundry and shower facilities. It also provides an evening meal every night.

In 2019, the Killeen domestic violence shelter averaged 56.2 people per night. Temple averaged 8.2 people per night, and the homeless shelter averaged 74.9 people per night.

Also, in 2019, FIC provided assistance to 486 people for transition housing. For the shelters, there were 6,987 hotline calls and 207 sexual assault calls in 2019.

FIC offers clients assistance, encouragement, and empowerment throughout the rebuilding process, helping them discover the tools within themselves to recover from violence and/or homelessness and lead stable, independent, economically viable lives.

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.familiesin crisis.net](http://www.familiesin crisis.net).

## COVE HOUSE

For more than 20 years, the Cove House Emergency Homeless Shelter Inc., at 108 E. Halstead Ave. in Copperas Cove, has provided shelter and support for homeless people in Bell and Coryell counties.

Those who stay at the temporary emergency shelter must meet the shelter's requirements and will be put on the schedule. Call the Cove House at 254-547-4673 to find out the requirements.

The shelter is equipped with one men's and one women's house, 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. The general clinic is on Tuesdays. The women's health and specialty clinic is on Thursdays. Appointments are required at the clinic. To schedule an appointment, call 254-298-9865 and leave a message. The free clinic is in the Lovett Ledger Medical Plaza at 806 E. Avenue D, Suite H, in Copperas Cove.

# Adoption centers help animals find permanent homes

Killeen's Animal Services Division handles all animal-related issues for the city, including barking dogs, dangerous animals, strays and neglect. The division also runs the Killeen Animal Shelter at 3118 Commerce Drive. The shelter is open for adoptions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays.

Adoption fees are \$55 for all animals. All dogs must be microchipped 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. After-hours emergencies can be reported by calling 254-501-8800 between 4 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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. Volunteers are welcome. For photos of animals ready for adoption and a list of ordinances, services and fees go to [www.killeentexas.gov/233/Animal-Services](http://www.killeentexas.gov/233/Animal-Services).

## HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Pet Adoption Center is located at 403 Indian Trail. Adoption hours are 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 and holidays. Call 254-547-5584.

## TEXAS HUMANE HEROES

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 noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Call 512-260-3602 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 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 to noon Saturday. For more information, call 254-287-4675.

## BELL COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

The Bell County Animal Shelter is at 2509 S. Loop 121, Belton. It is open Monday through Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 254-933-6780.

## TEMPLE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Temple Animal Services Department is at 620 Mama Dog Circle, Temple. It is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are needed because of COVID-19. Call 254-298-5732.

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Volunteers load food into the back of a vehicle in September during the monthly Refuge Mobile Food Pantry in Killeen.

## Food banks provide resources to struggling families

### **KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER**

The Killeen Food Care Center serves more than 84,000 clients and distributes more than 2.4 million pounds of food a month every year.

It is operated by Executive Director Raymond Cockrell. Donations of \$1 are able to provide seven meals for their clients, and they can be made on the website or by check to their mailing address: P.O. Box 1656, Killeen.

No requirements have to be met to receive food from the center, 210 N. 16th St. in Killeen. Call 254-554-3400 or visit [www.foodcare.org](http://www.foodcare.org).

### **OPERATION PHANTOM SUPPORT**

Operation Phantom Support's food pantry serves soldiers, veterans, first responders and their families. The food pantry is at 401 N. Eighth St. in downtown Killeen. Go to [www.operationphantomsupport.org](http://www.operationphantomsupport.org).

### **SOUTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY**

Southside Food Pantry is at 1505 Trimmier Road in Killeen. Applications are required. Call 254-526-3041 or visit [www.killeenchurch.org/capital.html](http://www.killeenchurch.org/capital.html).

### **REFUGE MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

The Refuge Mobile Food Pantry typically serves more than 500 families per month at its food distribution events. It is a ministry of the Christian House of Prayer in Killeen. Food distribution events are conducted on the third Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. Locations can vary. Follow the mobile pantry at [facebook.com/refugemobile](https://facebook.com/refugemobile) for information.

### **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, 906 S. Ann Blvd., Harker Heights. 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) or call 254-220-3602.

### **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. It operates at 300 W. Avenue B. Call 254-542-6780.

### **COPPERAS COVE LITTLE HOUSE**

The Copperas Cove Little House is operated by the Church of Christ and offers clothing items for all ages, household goods and emergency food. It is at 305 W. Avenue D, Copperas Cove. Call 254-547-3509.

### **COVE HOUSE**

Cove House gives food once a month to those living in Copperas Cove, Kempner, Fort Hood and Lampasas. It is at 108 E. Halstead Ave., in Copperas Cove. Call 254-547-4673.

### **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. It is at 107 Lyons St. in Copperas Cove. Contact the church office 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).

### **NOLANVILLE FOOD PANTRY**

Nolanville Food Pantry is operated by Mary Faye McDonald through Capital Area Food Bank. It is at 200 N. Main St. Call 254-698-6820.

**RED CROSS RESPONDS TO EMERGENCIES**

With offices in Waco, Killeen, Austin and Bryan/College Station, the Red Cross is able to serve victims of any type of disaster in 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 are always needed. The Red Cross also provides training in CPR, first aid, water safety and babysitting.

The organization's Home Fire Campaign is dedicated to ending the loss of lives from home fires by installing free smoke alarms.

The Red Cross also provides 40% of the blood supply in the United States. Sign up to donate at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Access services, information and volunteer opportunities at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call the local Red Cross at 254-523-4985. The office is at 9205 Oak Creek Drive, Woodway.

**Salvation Army helps families in need**

The Salvation Army offers services to low-income families in times of need.

The organization works to meet the needs of Bell County residents from its Temple location at 1305 W. Avenue G.

The Social Service department employs case managers to assist with rental and utility assistance (when funding is available), housing, back-to-school, and Christmas assistance, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A food pantry is also open Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. To help end the cycle of homelessness, case managers can design goal-oriented programs, specific to the needs of the individual that can lead to long-term self-sufficiency.

The Salvation Army also helps to serve the needs of individuals and families displaced by a disaster.

Sunday worship services will resume at 11 a.m. Nov. 1 at The Salvation Army in Temple, 419 W. Avenue G. To ensure the safety of all those who attend, the rules, and guidelines set forth by the



Krystal Higdon, a Killeen resident, sorts through clothes outside the Salvation Army Family Store in Killeen before it closed in May.

CDC to socially distinct and wear masks will apply.

Christmas is just around the corner and The Salvation Army accepts volunteers for its annual Angel Tree Program, Red Kettle fundraising at Christmas and year-round.

Lt. David Beckham heads the Salvation Army in Bell County. He can be reached at 254-774-9996, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# United Way supports variety of local organizations

The mission of the local United Way is to increase the organized capacity of the community to address the health and human service needs in the Fort Hood area. The Greater Fort Hood Area United Way assists a wide range of local organizations, from substance abuse centers to special-needs child care facilities. Annual campaigns raise money and awareness.

Aaron Montemayor, executive director of the United Way of the Greater Fort Hood Area, 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,” Montemayor said. “We can respond, based on the need, very quickly.”

United Way supports many 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). The United Way supports these organizations:

**AMERICAN RED CROSS, HEART of TEXAS AREA CHAPTER:** 254-200-4400 — [www.waco.redcross.org](http://www.waco.redcross.org)

The American Red Cross serves Fort Hood, Bell, Coryell, Lampasas, and Hamilton Counties by providing 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)

The YMCA provides educational, preventive and social development programs for both the military and civilian populations throughout Central Texas.

**BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA-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.

**BRING EVERYONE IN THE ZONE:** 254-681-



Volunteers work on playhouses at the Fort Hood Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Killeen.

9112 — [www.bringeveryoneinthezone.org](http://www.bringeveryoneinthezone.org)

The organization provides peer support, resources and basic needs to our service members, veterans, and dependents to help improve their quality of life.

**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 is provided by this organization. Services include health, disabilities, education, nutrition, literacy, mental health, and other family services.

**CENTRAL TEXAS YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU:** 254-939-3466 — [www.centraltexasyouthservices.org](http://www.centraltexasyouthservices.org)

The Youth Services Bureau provides 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.

Hotline 1-800-421-TEEN (8336).

**CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF**

**CENTRAL TEXAS:** 254-939-2946 — [www.cacct.com](http://www.cacct.com)

The center provides collaborative, investigative and therapeutic services to victims of child abuse in order to lessen trauma, heal and enhance their quality of life.

**CASA OF BELL AND CORYELL COUNTIES:** 254-774-1881 — [www.casabellcoryell.org](http://www.casabellcoryell.org)

CASA screens, trains and supervises community volunteers as the leading voice for safe, permanent and nurturing homes for abused and neglected children in the court system.

**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 with the goal of keeping kids in school until they graduate, 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.

They also provide a free clinic for the community on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

**FAMILIES IN CRISIS – FRIENDS IN CRISIS:** 254-634-1184 — www.familiesin crisis.net

Provides safe shelter, crisis intervention, and outreach services for victims of family violence and sexual assault. It is free and confidential. Call the 24-hour hotline at 1-888-799-SAFE.

**FOOD CARE CENTER:** 254-554-3400 — www.foodcare.org

Provides 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.belcohabitatforhumanity.org

This national Christian Housing Ministry is dedicated to eliminating poverty by building houses (built by volunteers) that are sold to low-income families at zero percent interest.

**GIRL SCOUTS of CENTRAL TEXAS:** 800-733-0011 — www.gsctx.org

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

**GREATER KILLEEN COMMUNITY CLINIC:** 254-618-4211 — www.gkfclinic.org

The clinic 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 are available.

**HERITAGE HOUSE OF CENTRAL TEXAS:** 254-226-4072 — www.hhct.weebly.com

Provides direct services to the homeless and people at risk of becoming homeless. Services are designed to help people achieve stable and independent lives.

**HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION:** 254-699-8888 — www.hcca.com

The Senior Nutrition Program provides congregate and home delivered meals to eligible elderly, age 60+, and disabled participants five days a week, Monday through Friday.

**THE REFUGE CORPORATION:** 254-547-6753 — www.refugecorporation.org

The Refuge helps to preserve family and community by providing a shelter for women and children, and health education programs in Central Texas.

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS PROVIDE SERVICES FOR LOCAL YOUTH

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas spans seven communities in the Central Texas area and serves approximately 12,500 youth per year. Members can enjoy a variety of programs and activities provided by professionally trained staff. Learn more at bgctx.org.

**CLEMENTS TEEN CENTER (AGE 13-18)** 2900 E. Elms Road in Killeen: Annual membership is \$20, and free for military-connected youth. Call 254-699-7406.

**WOODY HALL UNIT (AGE 7-12)** 5100 Trimmier Road in Killeen: Annual membership is \$20, and free for military-connected youth. Call 254-634-0308.

**NOLANVILLE UNIT (AGE 6-12)** 100 Gold Star Avenue in Nolanville: Located in the City of Nolanville's Mary Marie MultiUse Center. Annual membership is free for all youth thanks to a partnership with the city of Nolanville. Call 254-275-8166.

**KILLEEN ISD CLUB SITES (AGE 11-18) Nolanville, Harker Heights, and Killeen:** Clements Boys & Girls Clubs, the local affiliate of BGCTX, operates Club sites at 15 campuses across Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove. Annual membership is \$20, and free for military-connected youth. Call 254-699-5808.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF COPPERAS COVE (AGE 6-12)** 1202 Veterans Ave. in Copperas Cove: The membership fee is \$100 per year, and free for military-connected youth. Call 254-547-5578.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF LAMPASAS (AGE 6-18)** 107 N. Main St. in Lampasas: Annual membership is \$20, and free for military-connected youth. Call 512-564-1669.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF GATESVILLE (AGE 6-12)** 2533 E. Main St. in Gatesville: Annual membership is \$20, and free for military-connected youth. Call 254-865-8347.



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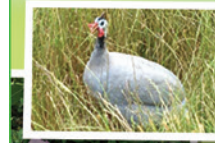
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# Scouting teaches leadership skills to area youth

Local boys and girls who are kindergarten through age 20 get to experience the many benefits of the diverse programs offered by the Leon Valley District, Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts. Their Family Scouting program includes girls in grades K-5 who want the opportunity to join Cub Scouts. The district includes Fort Hood, Killeen, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove. Gatesville, Belton, Temple and Salado are a part of the Chisholm Trail District.

The Leon Valley District's programs achieve the Boy Scout objectives of developing character, citizenship and personal fitness. Some of the programs include a STEM Center, space simulators, reptile shows, aquatic programs and summer camps, plus many more. Go to [www.beascout.org](http://www.beascout.org) or call Tim Hays at 254-772-8932 or 682-429-7476, or email him at [Tim.hays@scouting.org](mailto:Tim.hays@scouting.org) for more information.



Boy Scout Troop 287 assembles food bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas distribution.

Another popular program within Scouting is Venturing, which is available for ages 14 through 20. This program provides hobbies that teach leadership skills, sports, high adventure and gives youth the opportunity to teach and mentor each other. Additionally, there is the career exploration co-ed program through the Killeen Police Department for youth ages 14 to 21.

Contact Julian Martinez at 254-200-7930 for more information.

## GIRL SCOUTS

The mission of the Girls Scouts is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, and it is open to girls in kindergarten through 12th grade. Girls experience learning opportunities in all areas, such as STEM, outdoors activities and life skills and entrepreneurship. The Central Texas council is one of seven high-performing councils in the state. There are four units in this large area, covering the Temple-Killeen-Waco area to Austin. Volunteers are always welcome to help with individual programs, serving on committees and manage cookie sales. The Killeen Girl Scouts Service Center is at 2909 Lake Road. The Temple Service Center is at 2721 Exchange Place. For more info, call 800-733-0011 or visit the website: [www.gsctx.org](http://www.gsctx.org).

## Centers offer exercise classes, low-cost meals for senior adults

Central Texans who are 55 and older usually have opportunities to enjoy an active lifestyle provided by several senior centers, but all are temporarily closed because of COVID-19.

### KILLEEN

Killeen has two senior centers: The Bob Gilmore Center is at 2205 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd. Call 254-501-6554 for hours of operation. The Lions Club Park Senior Center is at 1700-B E. Stan Schlueter Loop. Call 254-501-6399.

Membership in both centers is free, regardless of residency, to a person 55 years or older. A person under 55 may join if their spouse is 55 and a member. When open, both centers provide a daily hot lunch at 11:30 a.m. for \$3. There are many fun and engaging activities, including weekly dances; daily exercise classes, like aerobics, circuit training, and Zumba, yoga, and tai chi, along with state-of-the-art exercise equipment in the Gary Purser Jr. Fitness Room. Arts and

crafts classes include pottery, ceramics, scrapbooking and knitting, crocheting, quilting, plus many seasonal crafts.

Seniors can also enjoy playing a variety of board games, taking computer classes, driver safety, grief counseling, and billiards, pickle ball, and day trips. During the year, the centers host many parties and celebrations, among other activities. Membership at both centers totals more than 7,000 people.

### COPPERAS COVE

The Copperas Cove Senior Activity Center provides seniors with enrichment programs that encourage social interaction and fun, new experiences. Located in the Human Resources Building at 1012 North Drive, Suite 5, the center accepts individuals age 55 and older. The programs include meals twice a week with a breakfast and a potluck once a month. Community sponsors perform monthly health checks,

exercise classes are offered three times a week, along with a yoga class. Recreational activities include games, crochet, knitting, cards, and dominoes, gardening, and crafts during the week. The center has a pool table, lending library and treadmills, plus weekly time for fellowship. Occasional field trips are offered so members can visit an interesting town or see a new sight. For more information, call 254-547-6049.

### HARKER HEIGHTS

The Harker Heights Senior Recreation Program is designed for ages 50 and up.

With over 400 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 254-953-5465.

# LULAC, NAACP support Black, Latino communities

Three organizations in Killeen continue to work in Central Texas to improve Black and Latino communities.

## NAACP KILLEEN BRANCH #6189

Outreach efforts for 2020 focus on education, economic development, voting rights and engagement, Census 2020 and health disparities in the black and brown communities.

The Killeen branch of the NAACP meets on the third Monday of every month at Greater Peace Missionary Baptist Church at 4201 Zephyr Road, starting at 5:30 p.m. with the executive board meeting and 7 p.m.

for the general membership meeting. Meetings are open to the public.

To learn more about the NAACP, call 254-286-9211 or go to [naacpkilleen.org](http://naacpkilleen.org).

## LULAC HERENCIA COUNCIL 4297

The mission of the Herencia Council is to inspire, nurture, and support the educational attainment of members of the Hispanic community and elevate those in need. Monthly meetings are held at the Harker Heights Recreation Center on the second Monday of the month, from 6-8 p.m. The organization posts regularly on its Facebook page: [facebook.com/LULACHerenciaCouncil4297](https://facebook.com/LULACHerenciaCouncil4297).

## KILLEEN-FORT HOOD LULAC COUNCIL 4535

The oldest LULAC Council in Bell County is continuing to provide scholarships and classes in citizenship and ESL. The organization provides numerous outreaches into the community. "We partnered with Texas Mission of Mercy and the Texas Dental Association Smile Foundation to provide dental services for any uninsured person," said Myrna Malic-Banzon, secretary for the council's foundation.

For more information on scholarships, banquets, tickets or membership, call 1-800-KILLEEN or visit [www.killeenlulac4535.com](http://www.killeenlulac4535.com).

# Armed Services YMCA offers programs for all ages

The Armed Services YMCA Killeen/Harker Heights has several significant programs to serve both the military and civilians of the greater Fort Hood area.

The national Armed Services YMCA was established during the Civil War to support service members and their families.

One noteworthy local program is the Before and After School Child Care Program, which runs at more than 41 area schools in Killeen, Copperas Cove, Lampasas, Florence and Belton.

The ASYMCA provides curriculum, activities, arts and crafts that provide additional support to what they are taught in the classroom. The ASYMCA Killeen also provides child care during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break and it starts as early as 6 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.

The organization also offers a summer child care program for children that are in need of all-day child care. Financial assistance is available for all child care programs. A program center is at 100 E. Beeline in Harker Heights for ages preschool age and up, which provides a safe place for children to partake in activities, field trips and programs.

Located adjacent to the program center is the ASYMCA Aquatic Center that includes a swimming pool and

spray pad that opens during the summer months and is open to the public.

ASYMCA Specialty Camps are also available. These camps run during spring, winter and summer times. Specialty Camps are an alternative for children who do not need all-day child care, but would like to learn a craft, hone a skill or just have a good time.

Each camp is dedicated to a specific topic, including arts and crafts to STEM, cooking or sports. There is something for everyone, from cooking classes to basketball or tae kwon do.

Also, the ASYMCA offers Kids Night Out, which gives parents an opportunity to enjoy a night out while their children are in a safe and nurturing environment for an evening, offering activities for ages 6 months to 13 years old.

The nonprofit organization is known throughout the world for its fitness centers. The Harker Heights Wellness Center, 110 Mountain Lion Road, is a 54,000-square-foot facility and open seven days a week.

It has a heated 10-lane lap pool, warm water therapy pool, 7,000-square-foot fitness floor, group exercise classes, personal training, child watch, basketball court, indoor running track, swim lessons and a café. The ASYMCA tries to remove all barriers to anyone

wanting to improve their health.

The ASYMCA Killeen has a long history of military support programs. Operation Kid Comfort is a program in which volunteers make quilts for children of deployed soldiers to help them cope with the separation due to deployments. On the horizon, the ASYMCA provides military support programs that include Children's Waiting Room which provides child care so that parents can focus on their health during appointments, and keeps children away from other sick patients. This program will reduce the financial hardship and stress to find drop-in child care, and will improve the overall health of the military family.

The Operation Little Learners program in Copperas Cove and Harker Heights is a parent and child class that emphasizes Kindergarten readiness, socialization, and positive parent/child interaction. It provides a structured learning environment that prepares children for the classroom.

Another partner, Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, provides outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy. Call 254-618-4900.

To find out more about the ASYMCA Killeen, go to [www.asymca.net](http://www.asymca.net), visit its Facebook page or call 254-690-YMCA.

# Many fairs, festivals offer year-round entertainment

Central Texas has something going on throughout the year, from rodeos, food and wine festivals, to arts and craft fairs, sporting events, and plenty more. Here's a sampling, though some events may be disrupted because of COVID-19:

## DECEMBER

**Frost Fest, Harker Heights** — Santa comes to town each year to help kick off the Christmas season. The free event includes tasty treats with plenty of hot chocolate, music and Christmas 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 & crafts vendors, food trucks, and free entertainment. Admission to the market is free.

Go to: [discovertemple.com](http://discovertemple.com)

## 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).

**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)

**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

**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

**Farmers Markets** — Killeen has two locations where Farmers Markets take place on Saturday mornings: the Tractor Supply Company parking lot, 2002 E. Central Texas Expressway, and the Lowes parking lot, 2801 S. W.S. Young Drive.

Harker Heights' Farmers Market is on Saturdays from May to October, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Seton Medical Center Harker Heights, 850 W. Central Texas Expressway.

Copperas Cove's Farmers Market takes place on Thursday evenings, May to October, from 4 to 7 p.m. at City Park, 1206 W. Avenue B.

**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)

**Rabbit Fest, Copperas Cove** — Rabbit Fest is a four-day arts and crafts festival that draws more than 30,000 people annually. 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** — The quaint town of 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 with live music caps off the festival.

Go to: [florencechamberofcommerce.org](http://florencechamberofcommerce.org)



Josie McKinney of Let's Eat restaurant in Killeen talks to a would-be patron, about her specially made sauces at the downtown Killeen farmers market in June.



People enjoy ice skating at Frost Fest in Harker Heights in December 2019.

**JULY**

**Fourth of July Celebration & PRCA Rodeo & Festival, Belton** — 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 bull riders, 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 so everyone can sample their finest dishes. There is also 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 area.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

**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 chef

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 cultural and educational experience, the annual powwow showcases Native American life. More than 15 nations are represented with eight dance competitions and Indian arts and crafts vendors.

Go to: [fourwindstx.blogspot.com](http://fourwindstx.blogspot.com)

**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)

**Halloween Hoopla** — Harker Heights offers area residents a safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Families can dress up in costume and enjoy a spooky evening with inflatables, games, candy and more.

Go to: [www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us](http://www.ci.harker-heights.tx.us)

**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.

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# Arts abound in Central Texas with local theaters

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

After more than 40 years, Vive Les Arts Theatre remains the premiere community theater in the Fort Hood-Killeen area.

Jami Salter, who was a teacher for three decades, is the VLA's executive director. "We've always been committed to producing current works that are in line with what's just coming off Broadway," she said.

The 400-seat theater has a proscenium stage and is equipped with state-of-the-art lighting and audio instruments, large mounted screen 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) nonprofit organization, so all contributions are tax deductible. Vive Les Arts Theatre is at 3401 S. W.S. Young Drive. For more information, call 254-526-9090 or go to [www.vlakilleen.org](http://www.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 that offers patrons an excellent view from every seat. Temple Civic Theatre is at 2413 S. 13th St., Temple. Call 254-778-4751 or go to [templecivictheatre.com](http://templecivictheatre.com) for more information.

## TABLEROCK

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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.

## ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

The Central Texas Orchestral Society offers performances by internationally known artists. CTOS also provides a venue where patrons are able to closely interact with artists during pre- and post-concert events.

It is the parent organization of the Wildflower Belle and Junior Cotillion programs that aim to teach students appropriate social and concert etiquette while fostering an appreciation for classical music.

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

The Temple Symphony Orchestra has been performing more than 25 years. "The value this dynamic group of musicians brings in terms of entertainment and education to Central Texas is immense," said Executive Director Jan Salzman.

Concerts take place at the Mayborn Performing Arts Center, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, 810 N. Main St., Belton. For tickets and more information, call 254-778-6683 or go to [templesymphony.org](http://templesymphony.org).


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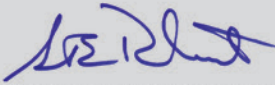
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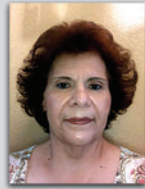
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# Bell County Expo Center hosts events large and small

One of the prime venues for a variety of events in the area is the Bell County Expo Center, located right along I-35 in Belton.

Livestock events are a popular attraction, which is why the Expo Center touts its air-conditioned equestrian and livestock complex with 220,000 square feet of area that can seat around 1,000 people.

The complex includes a performance arena, warm-up arena, bar and grill, concourse and stock pens.

The Expo Center is marking its 33rd year in 2020.

The center has been the site of big-name concerts such as Willie Nelson, Casting Crowns, Bone Thugs N Harmony, ZZ Top and Alan Jackson. The Expo Center also hosts rodeos, trade shows, conferences and more.

Built in 1987, the county-owned facility hosts up to 300 events annually. The main arena, which seats about 8,000 people in concert seating, 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, and draws 20,000 to 30,000 people. Other



A rider competes in the Cavender Junior Classic in September as part of the Bell County Classic Barrel Race at the Bell County Expo Center Equine/Livestock Center in Belton.

facilities include the assembly hall that can seat 800 people. It is used for banquets, trade shows and other events.

For booking or more information, go to [www.bellcountyyexpo.com](http://www.bellcountyyexpo.com) or call 254-933-5353.

## Bell County Museum in Belton keeps area's history alive

The Bell County Museum is 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 owns more than 12,000 objects related to Bell County and Central Texas, regularly rotating artifacts and exhibits. They also host events, big and small, throughout the year, including and Homeschool Days, summer camps and even a Victorian Lemonade Party in May. Permanent exhibits focus on the history and

prehistory of Bell County.

The five permanent collections are the Discover Bell County History Exhibit, Gault Prehistoric Site Exhibit, Marshall Family Cabin, Moustache Teacup Collection and the Miniature House Collection.

The Moustache Tea Cup Collection is the largest publicly held collection of the tea cups in the country.

“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. People also can sign up for tours of the famous Bell County archaeology site. The

museum also rotates new traveling exhibits every two to three months to provide new and engaging exhibits, along with permanent ones, all blending regional with national interests.

Call 254-933-5243 or go to [www.bellcountymuseum.org](http://www.bellcountymuseum.org) for more information or 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. The museum, at 201 N. Main St. in Belton, is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

# Killeen Civic and Conference Center offers space for events of all sizes

The Killeen Civic & Conference Center is a modern, multifunctional and accessible meeting space with a comfortable and 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 100-750 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 WiFi 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 event each May.

Finally, the complex proudly features the Nov. 5, 2009 Fort Hood 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 to make an event successful.

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, on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen, opened in 2003 and is the only full-scale digital entertainment venue in the area. The 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.

The Mayborn Science Theater reopened in September and offers six shows Saturday morning and afternoon, weekday matinees on Wednesday, Laser Fridays the last Friday of the month and monthly star tours of the night sky. Currently, seating is limited to 30 people for each show to maintain appropriate social distancing. Patrons will also have to follow all of the CTC safety protocol regarding COVID-19 which includes wearing face masks or coverings.

When the campus reopens after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayborn

Science Theater will resume its schedule of fun-filled science classes for youngsters, educational science exhibits and hosting Epcally Geeky Expo (formerly GeekFest). The facility will also then be able to host group shows, field trips, birthday parties and school programs. Groups of up to 180 people may then 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.

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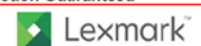


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# City parks and rec programs have plenty to offer

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.

It is one of the 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 athletic complex and swimming 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, intermediate belly dancing, smooth cool line dancers, low-impact aerobics, kids Zumba, tai chi, oil painting, American ninjutsu, adult self defense and taekwondo. For schedules, go to [www.KilleenTexas.gov](http://www.KilleenTexas.gov).

## HARKER HEIGHTS

Harker Heights Parks and Recreation has plenty of options for all ages with



Lions Club Park has lots of places to walk.

its 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, now known as Harker Heights Ability Sports, 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's 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).



Belton Lake has 14 areas for recreation use, including docks to launch boats for fishing.

## 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 \$12 for primitive tents-only sites to \$24 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 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 site. It contains a marina, a large group camping area that will accommodate 12 RVs, about 68 regular campsites and eight screened-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.

## Roll into area's skate parks, skating rinks

The Mickey's Convenience Store Skate Park opened in 2010 and is 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 a modular park and can accommodate about 30 skaters. The Conder Park facility features a mini ramp, a fun box, ledges, quarter pipes, flat rails and bank ramps all underneath a covered awning. Call 254-501-8889.

Fort Hood also has 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. The other is between Abrams Physical Fitness Center and Robertson Blood Center.

Temple also has a skate park at Seventh Street and Avenue B.

### SKATING RINKS

The Killeen area also has several indoor skating rinks.

Texas Skateland, at 205 E. Cox Drive in Harker Heights, is the oldest continuously operated skating rink in the area.

Other local rinks are 254 Cascade, at 4400 Fort Hood St. in Killeen, and Wheels Family Skating Center, 814 N. 31st St. in Temple.

# Pools, aquatic parks offer ways to keep cool in summer

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, with lessons at some pools.

## KILLEEN

**Family Aquatic Center at Lions Club Park**, 1800 E. Stan Schlueter Loop. The 10,360-square-foot multi-use pool also features a 25-meter lap pool (one-half the size of an Olympic pool) and has three water slides. This center is closed until Memorial Day Weekend. For more information, call Julianna Baxter, aquatics supervisor, at 254-501-6537 or call 254-501-6388.

**Long Branch Pool** is closed until Memorial Day Weekend. The pool is at 1101 Branch Drive. Call 254-690-SWIM.

**Junior Service League Spray Pad** is closed until late spring. The spray pad is at 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

Belton splash pad season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

**Harris Community Park** offers a splash pad, 312 N. Alexander St.

**South Wall Tiger Park splash pad**, 1895 S. Wall St.

For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 254-933-2469 or 254-933-5860.

## FORT HOOD

All swimming pools on Fort Hood are authorized for use by all active duty, National Guard and Reservist, retired military, family members and Department of Defense civilians and contract workers. 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 254-287-4648.

**Comanche Pool**, Tank Destroyer

Boulevard, Building 52932, by 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**, at the intersection of 24th Street and Tank Destroyer Boulevard, Building 5774. Call 254-285-5837.

**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.

The city's **Splash Park** is in Raby Park at 910 Bridge St. Call 254-865-4012.

## 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 23 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, go to [hood.armymwr.com](http://hood.armymwr.com) or call 254-287-4916.

# It's always a great time to play a round of golf

For those who enjoy golfing, there are several quality courses in the area.

**Stonetree Golf Club** was built in 1970 and renovated in 2005. Formerly operated by the City of Killeen, management of the club was contracted out to Billy Casper Golf last year. There are five sets of tees to provide a challenging, but fair test to golfers of all skill levels.

Tee times are available up to seven days in advance, with the first available time being 7:30 a.m.

Reservations can be made by calling 254-501-6575.

Season passes are also available.

The course offers its own downloadable mobile app, providing users with GPS yardage, an interactive scorecard and the ability to track stats, book tee times and receive last-minute specials along with other features.

The pro shop is kept fully stocked with the latest in golf equipment and apparel.

The address is 1600 Stonetree Drive, Killeen. For more information about Stonetree, go to [golfkilleen.com](http://golfkilleen.com).

**The Courses of Clear Creek** is on Battalion Avenue in Fort Hood.

The course is open to the public,



A golfer hits out of a fairway bunker at Stonetree Golf Club in Killeen.

though civilians will need to obtain a visitor's pass at the main gate.

The course is open from dawn to dusk each day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and severe weather days. The pro shop can be reached at 254-287-4130.

There is a 27-hole championship golf course and a free, four-hole course designed especially for youngsters.

Full and half-sets of clubs are available for rent. Season passes and lessons are also available. A 45-minute instruction session costs \$35 to \$45.

The 4,500-foot clubhouse has a full snack bar serving breakfast, lunch and drinks.

**Hills of Cove Golf Course** is an 18-hole

facility at 1408 Golf Course Road in Copperas Cove. It is owned and operated by the City of Copperas Cove.

The original nine holes were built in 1972. A second nine was added in 1999. The par-71 layout winds its way through the rolling terrain of northeast Copperas Cove and features five par 3s.

The phone number is 254-547-2606. Tee times can also be made at [hillsofcovegc.com](http://hillsofcovegc.com).

The course offers a full service pro-shop, beer sales, lighted driving range, grill and a fleet of 40 golf carts.

Hills of Cove is open from dawn to dusk daily, except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

## Hunting, fishing and hiking opportunities abound

Belton Lake and Stillhouse Hollow Lake 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.

### HUNTING

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](http://TexasHuntingForum.com).

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.

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.

Hunting is often ample at Fort Hood. A Fort Hood hunting permit is required and there are specific requirements governing access to these lands. Check with the Sportsmen's Center at [FortHoodHunting.com](http://FortHoodHunting.com) or call 254-532-4552 for more information.

Whitetail deer hunting is the most 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 at 1680 State Highway 236 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.



Fireworks are illegal inside city limits, but are allowed in unincorporated areas.

## Know the rules about fireworks

All Central Texas cities prohibit the use of all fireworks within city limits. But most fireworks are allowed in unincorporated areas of Texas counties, and this holds true for Bell County and Coryell County.

### KILLEEN

In Killeen, KPD spokeswoman Ofelia Miramontez reminds residents that it's illegal to possess, sell or explode fireworks in the city and up to 5,000 feet outside city limits. Those who do may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, and fined up to \$2,000. "The use of fireworks can put an unnecessary strain on police and fire departments," she said in a news release. Police focus on extra patrols during holidays that are typically accompanied by fireworks. Those extra patrols come from a grant called the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program from the Texas Department of Transportation.

### COPPERAS COVE AND HARKER HEIGHTS

It is illegal to sell or store fireworks in Copperas Cove and Harker Heights, or within 5,000 feet of city limits, according to the city ordinances.

In Copperas Cove, people can apply with the fire chief for display permits, but otherwise fireworks are illegal to possess.

In Harker Heights, possession or ignition of fireworks is illegal and punishable with a citation.

# Aim to improve skills at gun ranges

### 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.

### KILLEEN

**The Gun Range**, 2401 Fort Hood Street in Killeen, is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost ranges from \$30 to \$35 an hour depending on the type of firearm. Firearm rentals vary between \$15 and \$25. An annual membership is available at three various packages ranging from \$35 a month to \$59 a month.

The facility includes 12 handgun lanes, four rifle lanes, a state-of-the-art simulator, a TV lounge of live feed of those shooting in the handgun range, a snack bar, a retail section and on-duty gunsmith. Sign-up is available in-person or online for classes including license to carry, beginning to advance handgun proficiencies and rifle reloading.

**Mountain Creek Gun Range**, 205 Mountain Creek Road in Killeen, is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Mondays the facility is available for special events or by appointment only. Mountain Creek Range is an indoor facility with 20 lanes and offer NRA and LTC classes.

Gun and ammo sales are done on site and rentals are available. An all day shooting pass is \$15 and there is special pricing available. Call 254-312-0243.

### FLORENCE

**Lonestar Range & Academy**, 10000 N. Highway 183 in Florence, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 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



A man aims at a target on a pistol lane at One in the Chamber Sports Range in Gatesville.

costs \$150 for six months. There are discounts 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. Call 512-516-7640.

### COPPERAS COVE

**EJ 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.

### GATESVILLE

**One in the Chamber Sports Range**, 717 County Road 148 in Gatesville, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The range is also open on holidays, but hours may vary. The range offers 10 pistol lanes up to 16 yards and 25 rifle lanes up to 600 yards. The range offers courses. Go to <https://oneinthechambersportsrange.com/> for dates and times. Call 254-216-1443.

**Holley Gun Range**, 1502 Bald Knob Road, Gatesville, is open seven days a week. It is open from noon to 7 p.m. on Monday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Follow the gun range on Facebook or call 254-292-8941.

**Hicksville Gun Range**, 225 Dusty Lane, Gatesville, is open 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week, weather permitting. The range offers pistol and rifle ranges. Go to <https://www.hicksvillegunrange.com/default.html> or call 254-223-1362 or 254-679-1362.

# Cowboys show off skills at rodeos across the region

If you enjoy rodeos, you won't be disappointed. Whether you are a competitor, fan or just curious to see one of the wildly popular events firsthand, there are plenty of options in the area.

## KILLEEN

The annual Rodeo Killeen is 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 are special demonstrations and performances. Learn more at [RodeoKilleen.com](http://RodeoKilleen.com).

## 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.



Participants compete in barrel racing at the Texas Senior Pro Rodeo Association rodeo in August at the Bell County Equine and Livestock Complex in Belton.

The entire schedule and more about the rodeo and accompanying activities can be found at [RodeoBelton.com](http://RodeoBelton.com).

## LAMPASAS

The annual Lampasas Riata Roundup Rodeo has become a popular event in Central Texas every April. 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 Round-up Rodeo Queen. Additional information on the rodeo can be found at [LampasasChamber.org](http://LampasasChamber.org).

## GATESVILLE

The annual Gatesville Riding Club Rodeo is 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).

## Strike up some family fun — go bowling at local lanes

Killeen and Fort Hood both offer options 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 more than 30 years and has hosted the Professional Bowlers Association for more than two decades. 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. 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 at Building 49010 Clear Creek Road at Fort 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.

# Killeen Daily Herald brings news, information to residents

Now in its 130th year of continuous operation, the award-winning Killeen Daily Herald is one of the oldest businesses in the Greater Killeen-Fort Hood area.

First published as a small weekly publication in 1890, the newspaper has evolved into a thriving, multimedia company that is recognized as an important source of news and information across Central Texas.

The Herald offers a variety of products to serve the rapidly growing region, including daily print and online editions, as well as several niche publications and digital services.

Herald subscribers can get instant access to the latest news, sports and information through the KDH News app, which can be downloaded for free at the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

In addition, the Herald's text alert system provides readers with the latest breaking local news via text message to their smartphones.

The Herald offers streaming coverage of selected events and meetings via Facebook Live, as well as real-time Twitter updates, increasing reader accessibility and engagement.

The scope of the Herald's regional news coverage extends far beyond the immediate Killeen-Fort Hood area.

FME News Service — a joint collaboration of the Herald and its sister paper, the Temple Daily Telegram — brings readers a broader spectrum of news, sports and information spanning the coverage areas of both publications.

In addition, the Associated Press, Washington Post and Texas Tribune news services bring news and commentary on state, national and world events home to Central Texas readers.

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.

The Herald has been recognized as Newspaper of the Year for its circulation category three times since 2011. The honor is given by the Texas Associated



Press Managing Editors at the group's annual conference.

Earlier this year, the Herald was recognized with 12 Texas APME awards, including third-place honors for both Newspaper of the Year and Newsroom of the Year.

The Herald's opinion editor was recognized as Star Opinion Writer of the Year by the Texas AP Managing Editors for three consecutive years, from 2017 to 2019, and earned honorable mention recognition in that category this year.

This year's Texas APME honors give the paper more than 80 awards from the organization since 2015.

In addition to an award-winning daily newspaper, the Herald also continues to produce three weekly publications to better serve specific audiences within the Central Texas community.

The Fort Hood Herald, has been published each Wednesday since March 2004, providing soldiers and their families with in-depth news and information.

The Copperas Cove Herald, established in 2003, and the Harker Heights Herald, launched in 2010, both publish on Fridays, offering expanded coverage of news and events in their respective communities.

Another collaborative effort between the Temple Daily Telegram and the Killeen Daily Herald is Tex Appeal magazine, a publication about life and style in Central Texas.

The magazine, which publishes four times annually, features articles on food, fashion, health and people who make a difference throughout Central Texas.

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 slide shows and blogs. Readers also can connect with the Herald via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Readers can stay on top of the latest political news through the Herald's Center for Politics site, KDHnews.com/centerforpolitics. The site features articles, candidate video interviews and election information.

Local prep sports fans can access KDHPressbox.com for expanded coverage, scores and sports information.

KDH Digital Services provides small businesses with management of online reputation and social media, mobile marketing consulting and other services dedicated to increased visibility and revenue maximization.

The Herald also provides area residents with an established, full-service commercial printing service, offering everything from business cards, programs and fliers, to banners and plaques.

"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.

His wife, Sue Mayborn, assumed responsibilities as the owner, editor and publisher of both the Herald and the Telegram in 1987 and actively continues in that role today.

For print and digital subscriptions to the Herald, call 254-501-7400 or go to KDHnews.com.

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