

## **Big State Drugs**

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Welcome to Big State Drug. We are a family owned pharmacy, soda fountain and grill that has been operating since 1948. We offer a wide range of services from filling prescriptions in our pharmacy to making burgers and your favorite flavor milkshakes in our old fashioned soda fountain and grill.

In addition to being a full service pharmacy we offer special order items, compounded drugs, and delivery. We offer a large selection of durable medical equipment as well as over the counter medications, health and beauty aids.

We also offer a wide array of gifts, collectables, greeting cards, and complementary gift wrapping. See the location link above for hours and a map.





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Big State Drugs was established in 1948 when the B&H Dry Goods Store was sold to Clay and Jean Burney. Downtown Irving, especially establishments off Main St. were very popular during that time period. Big State Drug boasted a soda fountain, jukebox, banana splits, sundaes and air conditioning (a luxury at the time) and was a popular hang-out for high school students. In 1992, Brian and Stacy Smith took over the operation, keeping the drug store/soda fountain atmosphere that made the establishment such a popular attraction mid-century. Big State celebrated its 50th anniversary with a street celebration, including a nine-piece Dixieland Band, in the summer of 1998. Today Big State Drug is widely respected as one of only two fully operational Soda Fountains in Dallas county. Historically, Big State Drugs is located on what was originally developed by Charles Stovall for his Banner Mercantile store, a large frame building at the time. Circa 1914 C.T. Lucas, a former employee, turned renter, turned owner, moved the frame store located at the corner of First and Main. He built the permanent brick building in its place where Big State currently resides. Mr. Lucas also used the vacant land just south of the building as a poultry farm. He owned and operated the Banner Merchantile until the early 1930's.





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