

# OUT & ABOUT

IN THE CENTRAL PLAINS

SECOND QUARTER 2016 EDITION



BASTROP, FAYETTE, LEE & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

# Welcome to *Out & About*

In the Central Plains

Nestled in the Central Plains, Bastrop, Fayette, Lee and Washington Counties offer visitors plenty of rich history and old fashion country charm. There's something for everyone with plenty of museums, art, theatre, antiques, excellent dining and parks for recreational activities.

The county seat of Bastrop County, Bastrop, is an authentic small town in the heart of Lost Pines nestled on the banks of the Colorado River with wonderful historic homes, historic churches, parks, and trails. The city of Smithville is a still-rural area of eastern Bastrop County that's ideally situated in a central location between Houston and Austin. Buescher State Park is just outside of the town along with some of the best city parks anywhere!

Moving along to Fayette County, the county seat, La Grange is nestled along the Colorado River and features something for everyone to enjoy, including rich history, festivals, museums, concerts, shopping, great dining, and an annual county fair. While in Fayette County, be sure to visit the city of Schulenburg. Schulenburg is well known for its German and Czech culture and beautiful painted churches. Also don't forget to visit the Texas Polka Music Museum while you're in town!

Lee County is a short drive from the major population centers of Texas and provides all the benefits of a small community. The charm of the county supports good country values and strong sense of community among its inhabitants. Stop by to discover all of the county's hidden gems of Texas!

Finally in Washington County, visit the place renowned as the "Birthplace of Texas." This special area completely embodies Texas history, culture and beauty. The county seat, Brenham, is a small community with a lot of heart located in between Houston and Austin. Visit one of the local wineries and take in the sights during a scenic road trip of beautiful bluebonnets and other wildflowers in the Spring.



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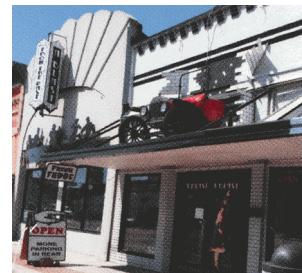
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The Windmill Ranch is a new name for the legendary land. It was chosen because the front pasture of the ranch, where the main entrance is located, has been called the Windmill Pasture for the past 100 years. This is where the original, old windmill was and still is located. Previously the ranch was called Carmine Charolais Ranch. The ranch still has these Carmine Charolais Cattle.

There are a few historical stories based on this land. One includes a wagon quarantined under a grove of very old live oaks because of yellow fever. At least 50 years ago an elderly gentlemen in Carmine remembers delivering medicine as a young boy from the Carmine doctor to the wife of the family. On his pony, this boy met her about two miles away from the quarantined grove of trees. Unfortunately only the wife survived the yellow fever attack. She buried her family and left in the wagon never to be heard from again. This certainly proves the strong pioneer spirit that many of our ancestors had.

Several Native American camps were also located on the property and there was a time that eagles regularly returned to nest in certain trees.

In 1961 hurricane Carla, which ranks as the most intense U.S. tropical cyclone landfall on the Hurricane Severity index, blew a prickly pear cactus in a tree where it rooted on a limb and continued to grow. This category 5 hurricane reached winds of up to 175 mph. The drought of 2011 caused much of the cactus to fall to the ground, but it survived. The cactus still grows on the limb of the old live oak today.

This cattle ranch owned by Conway and Marlene Waak runs Charolais herds and Bradford herds with Charolais bulls. There are also a few Brahma cows and a Hereford bull used mostly for replacements for the Bradford herds. Various breeds of heifers are also offered for seedstock at different times. The owners pride themselves in producing quality stock that has the commercial rancher's needs in mind.

## About Us

Conway is a petroleum engineer consultant and Marlene is a retired school teacher. Both have graduated from Texas A&M. Conway and Marlene do their very best to be available for their customers and welcome visitors. They strive to have quality cattle for their practical customers who want to profit from their calf crops whether it is selling at the local auctions or providing seedstock to sell. Therefore these owners search for genetics with stamina, fast growth, and calving ease.

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## June

### Good Old Summertime Bicycle Classic

June 5, 2016 - 8am

Historic Square, Fayetteville, TX

[www.fayettevilletxchamber.org](http://www.fayettevilletxchamber.org)

If you participated in our Fayetteville ride, I don't need to tell you how great the riding is but if not, here is a great chance to enjoy quiet rolling roads and possibly even make a mini-vacation by booking a hotel or B&B room. This is the 19th Annual Good Old Summertime Classic. All net proceeds are donated to the Athletic Department and Education Foundation of the Fayetteville ISD.

### 2016 Round Top Music Festival

June 5 - July 17, 2016

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June 10, 2016 - 6pm

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### Blue Flame Cruisers Annual Car Show

June 18, 2016 - 8am to 4pm

Bastrop City Hall • 512-581-0613

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July 4, 2016

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### Fury on the 4th Championship Bull Riding

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August 13, 2016

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Windy Winery, 4232 Clover Rd, Brenham, TX

[www.WindyWinery.com](http://www.WindyWinery.com)

Countryside neighborhood festival with Chappell Hill Lavender Farm AND Windy Winery, featuring tastings, crafts, vendors, music, lavender cuisine, demonstrations. Lavender farm is open 9-4. Windy Winery 11-6. Free parking, free admission at both locations. Wine tastings and grape stomps have fees.

### Giddings Swap Meet

August 26 & 27, 2016

Lee County Sheriff's Posse Arena, Giddings, TX 78942

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## September

### Texas Word Wrangler Book Festival

September 9, 2016

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### Wendish Fest

September 25, 2016

Texas Wendish Heritage Society

1011 County Rd 212, Giddings, Texas 789422

979-366-2441 • [www.texaswendish.org/Pages/WendishFest.aspx](http://www.texaswendish.org/Pages/WendishFest.aspx)

Enjoy the traditions of the Wendish and see demonstrations of noodle, saurkraut & sausage making as well as the painting of the beautiful Easter eggs. Tour the St. Paul Lutheran painted church and Wendish Museum. Other sites and activities include food, stone ground corn meal, classic autos and farm equipment, contests, coffee cake bake off, auctions and things for the children.



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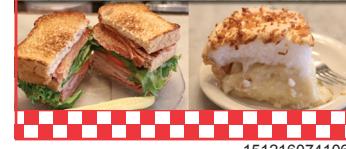


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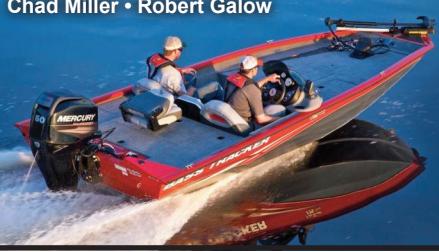
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## Washington County

### Fireman's Park

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Fireman's Park covers 30 acres and is located just blocks away from downtown Brenham. The park includes playground areas,

picnic areas, a skate park, Veteran Memorial Plaza, volleyball court, Fireman's Park Baseball, Greenwade Field, and more.

### Henderson Park

500 E. Blue Bell Rd., Brenham, TX 77833  
979-337-7250 • [cityofbrenham.org/parks](http://cityofbrenham.org/parks)

Henderson Park is located just blocks away from downtown Brenham, across the street from Fireman's Park. The 22 acre park is part of the 2 mile Hike n' Bike Trail and features the Henderson Baseball Field, Fink Softball Field, Korthauer Softball Fields, playground areas, a kitchen with an open-air canopy, basketball court, and picnic areas.

### Holt Park

2425 N. Park St., Brenham, TX 77833  
979-337-7250 • [cityofbrenham.org/parks](http://cityofbrenham.org/parks)

Holt Park is the newest addition to the Brenham Park System as well as the largest covering 85 acres. The park features 9 holes of disc golf, 3 sand volleyball courts, 8 baseball/softball fields, 11 soccer fields, an approximately 1 mile trail, the Dr. Bobbie M. Dietrich Memorial Amphitheater, and All Sports Building.

### Jackson Street Park

1300 S. Jackson St., Brenham, TX 77833  
979-337-7250 • [cityofbrenham.org/parks](http://cityofbrenham.org/parks)

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Camp is located near Comfort in the scenic Texas Hill Country. Campers choose from eight summer sessions at the Riverside location for girls or Hilltop location for boys. The two sites are separated by only one mile.

During their six-day stay, campers participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities under the guidance of a trained staff. The first session for 2016 will run from June 12-18. The last session will run from July 31-Aug. 6. Open House will be held on Saturday, June 11, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Families can attend open house and come and go as they please – a reservation does not need to be made.

While at open house, participants can take tours, meet camp staff, eat lunch, visit the climbing wall, swim, make a craft project and try other activities. Children can even bring their friends! This is an excellent time to introduce prospective campers and first-year campers to Hermann Sons Youth Camp. Hermann Sons Youth Camp is an accredited camp of the American Camp Association. ACA Camps are committed to the highest standards established for the camping industry. Although there are many state and federal laws and regulations that address basic safety concerns, ACA standards go a step further in addressing specific areas of the camp program. ACA camps have met or exceeded standards evaluating camp's site and food service, transportation, health and wellness, operational management, human resources, program design and activities, aquatics and other professional practices.



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## An Old Time General Store

The Struermer Store is a working museum located in the original 1870 General Store and features antique store furniture and merchandise; crafts supplied by local artisans such as bonnets, crocheted items, painted wood designs.

The saloon is restored and operated as an ice cream and sandwich shop. It is open daily from 8am to 4pm and is located at 100 US 290 East at FM 1291 in Ledbetter. Their phone number is 979-249-5642.

## Dime Box Museum

The Dime Box Heritage Society has kept the colorful heritage of Dime Box alive in the museum with exhibits and scrapbooks of the early Stephen F Austin settlers and later the German and Czech residents. The mailbox made famous by President F.D. Roosevelt in the 1945 March of Dimes campaign is one of the many interesting items on display. Admission is FREE and there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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