



Welcome Visitors!



Mayor Mike McMahan

By Mayor Mike McMahan
Welcome to the City of Goldthwaite. We invite you to begin your visit by stopping at our newly completed Welcome Center.

Information about area attractions, restaurants and retail shopping can be obtained. The Welcome Center is located in our growing cultural and historic district in the center of downtown.

Goldthwaite, population 1,878, is the county seat for Mills County. Our restored courthouse proudly stands on the courthouse square. We invite you to tour it. It is a lasting reminder of our industrious community, traditional Texas values and our "can do" spirit.

Our rural history spans many generations of Texans and still includes numerous family

owned businesses. Our business community takes great pride in offering you first class services and goods, many unique to Goldthwaite and the surrounding Hill Country area.

If you like history, if you like the outdoors, if you like experiencing traditional small-town Texas, then this is the place for you. Escape from the hustle and bustle of the big city lights and traffic. You can hunt, fish, hike, bird watch, horseback ride, visit a ranch, explore, view the wildflowers, experience the history of our area or just relax and enjoy a beautiful Hill Country sunset along the banks of the Colorado River.

A visit to Goldthwaite would not be complete without a stop at our Mills County Historical Museum, a self guided tour of the newly developed Legacy Plaza and Texas Botanical Gardens, or crossing over the Regency Swinging

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Bridge.

Other recreational activities abound. The local golf course is conveniently located by the Goldthwaite Municipal Airport and just south of town on State Highway 16. The runway is 3,200 feet and the course is headquartered at the airport terminal building. Drive in or fly in - the course is open 7 days a week. During the summer months you can escape

the heat by visiting the city swimming pool located in the city park. If you need to get caught up on your reading or check your email, the Jennie Trent Dew Library is located downtown next to the Museum.

We have an active Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors family oriented events all year long. Goldthwaite is home to a sanctioned Official Texas State Championship Goat and BBQ Cook-off. This event is held the fourth Saturday in April of every year. Cookers compete for the right to be named the Texas Champion Goat Cooker and to represent Texas at national competitions. And you won't want to miss Goldthwaite at Christmas. The City Park is filled with lights and displays and the Chamber hosts its annual Parade of Lights on the first Saturday in December. Other events include a fireworks display for the July 4th celebration and a Wild Game Supper in November.

Goldthwaite is a progressive community that seeks a balance between a pro-business environment while preserving our rural and agricultural heritage. The Economic Development Corporation focuses on assisting business and job creation for our area.

Goldthwaite Consolidated Independent School District provides a quality learning environment in a small school setting. Academic and ath-

letic opportunities are available to all our students. Band, 4-H, FFA, Scouting, and Art activities are also available. Goldthwaite students have received numerous recognitions and awards for their Academic, Athletic and Art projects.

Goldthwaite is a great place to visit, live, work, locate your business, or just hang out. I know your stay will be enjoyable. Come see us in Goldthwaite.



ON THE COVER

The photographers at *The Goldthwaite Eagle* take hundreds of thousands of photos each year covering the news, people and events of Mills County. So, picking the cover photo for our annual Visitor Guide is never an easy task. But, this year's cover photo was the unanimous choice of our staff. We hope you enjoy seeing the photo as much as we enjoy taking them.

PHOTO: Jayden and Cheyenne Roddy drive their entry in the Patriotic Kids Parade as part of the Chamber of Commerce Independence Day Celebration in the Park held around July 4th each summer. Photo by Steven Bridges