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October Lecture:

Quanah Parker and the Reign of the Comanches in North Texas

OCTOBER 9TH



October's lecture drew our largest crowd of the year, with 64 attendees gathering to hear Ruth Sears present Quanah Parker and the Reign of the Comanches in North Texas. Ruth offered an engaging look at Quanah Parker's life and legacy, exploring the history of the Comanche people and their influence across North Texas.

The gathering was made even sweeter with a birthday celebration honoring Leigh Plagens and Darlene Singleton. Happy birthday to both!

Missed the lecture? You can watch the recording on YouTube using the link below:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQsYrapBlyg&t

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Check out our Social Media!

Museum Hours:
Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm
Sunday 1pm-4pm

Visit us at:
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Museum Updates

- A new informational plaque presented by the Rockwall Art Commission was installed at the Mosaic Tractor on museum grounds!



- Fall has arrived at the museum! Come explore our newly added festive fall decor and enjoy the cozy autumn touches throughout the museum this month!



Rockwall Agricultural History Display



In 1886, workers with the Dallas and Greenville Railway Company laid tracks, rail by rail, from Caddo Mills to Dallas—forever changing agriculture in Rockwall County.

Former small scale cotton farming and processing operations boomed with the newfound connection to the larger MK&T railroad and local trading hubs. The connection served as an economic boon that sustained the community for decades to come. As a result, 18 cotton gins were built in total with more than 1,000 farms in operation, and by 1925, Rockwall County grew cotton on more than 60,000 acres.

Over time, other industries, such as aluminum production, took priority over cotton and Rockwall County gradually phased out the crop. Throughout the decades, cotton could still be seen growing across the county, but as of 2026, it is a rare sight.

Today, with help from Rockwall County 4-H, FFA, and Master Gardeners, we grow cotton at the museum to honor the crop that helped shape our community.



RCHF Ornament Bundle







Shop the bundle online here, or stop by the museum in person.

Interested in adding to your RCHF ornament collection? You can now purchase the 2024, 2025, and 2026 RCHF Ornaments together at a discount of just $55!

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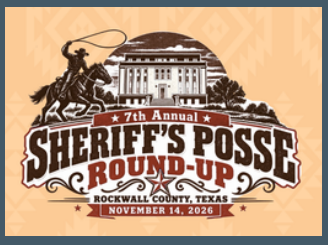
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 13 - CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE ROCKWALL LIONS CLUB

JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER BROWN BAG LECTURE AS RICK WILCOX AND MARK RUSSO CELEBRATE THE ROCKWALL LIONS CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

12PM - 1PM
101 E RUSK ST, ROCKWALL, TX
THIRD FLOOR COURTROOM
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 14 - SHERIFF'S POSSE ROUNDUP



THE ROCKWALL SHERIFF'S POSSE IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL ROUNDUP IN DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL! COME CHECK OUT OUR BOOTH AND ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES!

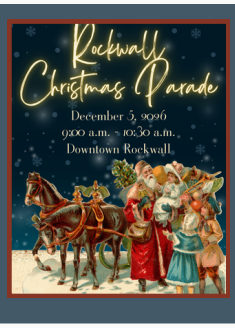
9AM - 1PM
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL

NOVEMBER 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MUSEUM CLOSED



DECEMBER 5 - ROCKWALL CHRISTMAS PARADE



ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES IN THE TOWN SQUARE AND LOOK FOR THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION TEAM IN THE PARADE!

9:00AM-10:30AM
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL

Join RCHF today to

Saddle Up for a Rockwall Tradition



FREE ADMISSION ALL ARE WELCOME

COME EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 9AM - 1PM

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ROCKWALL

FREE PONY RIDES ★ MARKETPLACE

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT