

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

**AN AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE *Fort Concho Museum Board*
THE CITY OF SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
November 19, 2024 3:30 pm
Fort Concho Mess Hall 4, Flipper Street**

FORT CONCHO'S MESS HALL 4 IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. IF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO OBSERVE OR COMMENT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE FORT CONCHO BOARD LIAISON, BOB BLUTHARDT, 630 South Oakes, 481-2626 AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

*As a courtesy to those in attendance, please place your cell phone on "Silent" or "Vibrate"
Thank You!*

I. OPEN SESSION

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Determination of a quorum**
- C. Approval of excused absences**
- D. Introduction of Guests**
- E. Presentations**
- F. Public Comment**

The Board takes public comment on all items in the Regular Agenda. Public input on a Regular Agenda item will be taken at its appropriate discussion. Public input on an item not on the Agenda or Consent Agenda may be identified and requested for consideration by the Board at this time. The Board may request an item to be placed on a future agenda, or for a Consent Agenda item, to be moved to the Regular Agenda for public comment. Those wishing to make public comment must register with the board liaison before the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Consideration of Approving the October 19 2024 Minutes
- 2. Treasurer's Report
- 3. Site Manager's Report

III. REGULAR AGENDA: PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENTS

- 4. Update on The Wall That Heals Proposed at Fort Concho in March-2025
- 5. Nominations Report
- 6. Update on Christmas at Old Fort Concho 2024
- 7. Consideration of Canceling Regular Meeting of December 17, 2024
- 8. Report on Big Bend Studies Conference and Participation by Eunice Tibay and Daisy Herr
- 9. Collections Report

10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3-4 Reconstruction Project
11. Fort Concho Foundation Report
12. Review of Upcoming Events
13. Staff News
14. Future Agenda Items

Tour of Barracks/Mess Halls 3-4 facility

Given by order of the Fort Concho Museum Board and posted in accordance with Title 5, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Friday, November 15, 2024



Robert F. Bluthardt
Site Manager
Fort Concho

Fort Concho Museum Board Minutes

October 15, 2024

Barracks 6

I. Open Session

A. Call to Order – Board President Don Barnhart called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM

B. Determination of a Quorum – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt confirmed a quorum was present: Don Barnhart, Monty Stanley, Lt Col Raymond Kuderka, Dr. Jason Pierce, Lisa Marley, Colleen Haddad, Ewell Loudermilk, Sarah Clemens, and Tommy Earnest. Absent: Tracy Simpson, Sherley Spears, Yukio Kuniyuki, George Balli, Asher Rogers, and Penny Roberts.

C. Approval of Excused Absences – Motion made to excuse the absences by Dr. Jason Pierce and seconded by Sarah Clemens. Motion carried.

D. Introduction of Guests – Lt Col Kuderka introduced himself and expounded upon how grateful he and his family are to be in San Angelo/Goodfellow AFB and being on the Museum Board. Dr. Jason Pierce introduced Dr. Michael Powers as his potential replacement (another bearded historian). Dr. Powers is Professor of History at Angelo State University and on the Railway Museum of San Angelo Board.

III. Regular Agenda: Public Hearing and Comments

8. Collections Report – Fort Concho Curator Cory Robinson told the Board of a possible acquisition of a roll top desk that was owned by John G. Murphy, who established the San Angelo (SA) Standard newspaper in 1884. This desk would come from the Murphy family. In addition, the Fort may also acquire the desk of Houston Harte who purchased the paper from Murphy in 1922. Per Cory, acquiring a newspaper man's desk is akin to getting a military uniform that's tied to the Fort. The Fort already has the original printing press of the SA Standard. Next, Cory told of an 1872 Pattern Officers' dress helmet used by Mason Maxon, a First Lieutenant in the 10th Cavalry stationed at Fort Concho from 1872 to the 1880s. Our man in Tucson, Dr. John Langellier, came across the auction of the helmet and procured the item. It will be on "loan" to the Fort for the time being. Cory is working on getting the helmet in time for a display during C@OFC. Cory always brings to the Board meetings news of very interesting items.

I. Open Session

E. Presentations – No presentations

F. Public Comment – Site Manager Bob Bluthardt told the Board of new Public Comment rules that will be followed at the Council meetings and those rules will filter down to the various Boards and Commissions.

II. Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of Approving the September 17, 2024 Minutes – the Minutes were Acknowledged and Accepted by the Board.

2. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lisa Marley reported that September marks the end of the fiscal year and final numbers will not be known until the end of year audit by the City Finance department and the total expenses are completely processed. Information that can be reported at this time includes:

*Overall, the Fort earned and received about \$1,262,769 in FY 2023-24. This is about \$30,000 more than last fiscal year and just over \$6,100 over budget.

*The Gift Shop was up and attendance slightly up over last year.

*Special events (thanks to upcoming Halloween events booked in September) were way up over last year.

*Christmas is up almost \$10,000 over last year.

*Membership revenue had the best year in last ten years.

*Interest was up due to higher fund balance and higher interest rates.

*Rent was down a little; and will be watched carefully next year.

Bob took the floor and stated that when the books are closed for this fiscal year, that if the Fort is within \$20K of budget, that would be acceptable given special expenses that arose this past year. Monies from the Fund Balance will make up for any shortfall.

No action was taken on the Treasurer's Report.

3. Site Manager's Report – Bob referred the Board to the Report in the Board packet. Big shoutout to Sarah Thieme who coordinated the activities for the 150th Anniversary of the Red River Wars events.

4. Update on The Wall That Heals Proposed at Fort Concho in March 2025 – Nothing new at this time.

5. Nominations Report – All Board members who were eligible to continue serving have expressed their desire to continue on the Board. Sherley Spears still working on a replacement.

6. Fort Concho Logo Committee Update – No news, but ad agency is working on some prototypes.

7. Update on Christmas at Old Fort Concho 2024 – No discussion

9. Fort Concho Membership Drive Update – Up almost \$2,500. Will look at updates in early '25 on benefits, etc. Had a 10% increase.

Bob and Don told of the upcoming event at the Fort, "A Murder At Fort Concho", which is based on the board game "Clue". Brendalee Brown is heading this event.

10. Update on Barracks & Mess Halls 3 & 4 Reconstruction Project – Static book shelves in B3 installed. Rolling shelves in B4 installed. Upon adjourning, the Board will have a tour of the facilities. Certificate of Occupancy still pending. Small items still be worked on.

11. Fort Concho Foundation Report – will meet in November

12. Review of Upcoming Events – National Mule Day on Saturday October 26, Fort Concho Volunteer Party on November 12th in OQ8.

13. Staff News – Daisy Herr is again the Fort’s ASU Student Honors Program Intern. Good to have her back.

14. Briefing on National 2026 250th Celebration and Fort Concho Centennial 2027 – to be determined, the Fort will be supportive but not in the lead on the 250th. Bob will test the waters with contacts at City Hall. Lt Col Kuderka interjected that 2025 is the 250th anniversary of the US Army. The Army Ball will be in the Stables June 2025.

15. Future Agenda Items – Nothing noted.

Motion to Adjourn made by Colleen Haddad and seconded by Ewell Loudermilk. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.

Tommy Earnest, Secretary

/s/ *Tommy Earnest*

FORT CONCHOS MONTHLY INCOME **September**

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Admissions	589	518	604	556	0	1,101	1,118	780	747	691
Shop Taxable	1,588	2,071	2,033	1,244	2,255	2,567	1,629	1,526	1,490	1,317
Shop Non Taxable	27	0	0	0	0	110	0	0	181	91
Xmas at FC	27,750	35,400	30,925	12,450	0	16,275	29,975	28,753	26,725	6,450
Membership	1,810	3,825	3,455	1,280	7,555	3,440	3,040	1,670	2,490	1,575
Living History	700	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
Rent	10,720	3,638	11,105	32,331	9,650	15,550	9,101	11,597	18,297	7,512
Miscellaneous	603	620	0	0	15,098	15,441	0	1,582	566	1,414
Donations	229	671	806	93	696	149	2,951	1,182	172	100
FC Press Taxable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shop Non Taxable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Bldgs	32,250	28,333	27,500	27,250	26,250	25,417	24,612	24,612	24,583	24,163
Discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Events	68	280	176	176	0	0	0	0	800	500
Special Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Interest	2,036	1,384	992	164	0	1,054	17	593	285	214
Programs/W'shops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	78,620	77,240	77,596	75,804	61,504	81,104	68,424	72,345	76,411	43,955

FORT CONCHO MUSEUM

End of Year Income

Projected f FY 2024	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
15,984 Admissions	8,535	7,537	13,227	2,945	8,913	15,726	13,371	13,913	11,701	9,583	8,989
27,000 Shop Taxable	24,497	19,790	21,173	25,817	18,224	28,889	20,874	21,963	20,180	19,184	18,370
250 Shop Non Taxable	80	214	75	0	0	110	22	0	181	243	102
110,000 Xmas at FC	108,442	98,816	115,191	45,325	79,671	92,281	118,422	96,361	133,044	136,462	76,664
47,000 Membership	51,700	44,450	48,065	46,180	35,660	43,638	47,406	46,470	41,700	44,090	51,750
1,000 Living History	1,079	1,100	0	498	500	500	740	1,921	724	283	50
142,500 Rent	135,105	129,458	135,336	118,139	55,800	109,591	123,244	123,359	134,933	110,073	87,751
5,000 Miscellaneous	13,891	4,970	1,183	1,037	16,589	24,353	6,823	10,419	11,438	10,849	13,014
5,000 Donations	5,015	4,978	5,969	11,704	7,091	4,112	8,441	5,288	8,718	8,239	1,753
100 FC Press Taxable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
0 FC Press Non Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
390 State Buildings	390,000	340,000	330,000	330,000	315,000	305,000	296,348	295,348	295,000	290,000	300,000
50 Discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0
4,991 Special Events	11,160	4,228	5,241	982	2,808	3,260	5,489	2,805	2,005	4,340	5,468
6,000 Special Projects	565	3,939	4,999	2,771	1,090	1,570	810	4,788	5,090	1,731	1,000
17,116 Interest	29,274	17,091	6,141	1,823	7,941	11,272	4,959	1,886	843	498	434
1,500 Prgrams/W'shops	105	0	0	80	555	1,298	0	933	1,898	0	2,350
0 Other	0	19	19	0	1,175	0	0	0	0	0	0
773,543 TOTAL	779,448	676,471	686,769	587,301	550,961	639,540	645,948	625,491	665,213	635,573	567,745

Fort Concho Museum YTD Expenses END of Fiscal Year
October 1 - September 30

Summary of Accounts	2023-2024			2022-2023		
	Budgeted	Spent	Percentage	Budgeted	Spent	Percentage
Salaries & Benefits	900,437	918,253	100.90%	855,200	780,098	91.20%
Supplies & Services	300,042	303,630	101.29%	308,050	297,491	90.70%
Christmas Event	50,200	48,305	96.20%	49,700	44,796	90.10%
Special Events	5,740	5,739	100.00%	5,750	4,290	74.60%
Living History	6,000	5,270	87.80%	6,500	5,491	84.50%
Gift Shop	18,848	19,336	102.59%	18,848	19,564	103.8
Programs & W/Shops	1,500	973	64.90%	1,500	0	0
TOTAL	1,282,767	1,301,526	101.50%	1,245,548	1,133,730	91.00%

FORT CONCHO MUSEUM	Monthly Income											
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Admissions	401	962	984	2,736	2,815	3,423	1,311	918	745	690	990	783
Shop-Taxable	1,088	3,445	1,143	1,848	899	1,636	1,250	870	1,051	1,260	1,235	1,063
Shop Non Taxable	29	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christmas	7,670	9,510	8,700	9,950	8,150	6,300	6,215	18,745	35,200	27,950	16,725	9,700
Membership	7,160	2,100	725	35	355	975	520	200	100	70	675	620
Living History	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	205	0	0	180
Rent	8,425	5,400	8,640	6,925	3,300	10,325	12,024	9,773	9,675	7,856	6,915	6,225
Misc	90	0	0	194	964	750	1,144	1,448	947	622	452	1,287
Donation	2,902	126	230	334	192	250	158	251	0	45	82	74
FC Press	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FC Press Non Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Buildings	34,583	32,500	28,333	27,500	25,417	24,612	24,612	24,583	24,167	25,000	25,000	24,583
Discounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Special Events	6,418	7,868	1,786	398	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Interest	3,207	1,462	840	155	681	25	23	19	22	0	0	15
Pro/W'shops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	80,861	63,373	51,381	55,127	42,773	48,318	47,307	56,537	72,612	63,495	52,119	45,051

Fort Concho Museum Monthly Expenses

October 8.3% of FY

Summary of Accounts

	2023			2024		
	Budget	Spent	Percentage	Budget	Spent	Percentage
Salaries & Benefits	900,437	80,280	8.90%	968,568	76,488	7.9%
Supplies & Services	300,042	16,648	5.50%	307,105	17,436	5.7%
Christmas Event	51,200	1,500	2.90%	52,200	1,500	2.9%
Special Events	5,740	0	0	4,470	0	0
Living History	7,000	1,129	16.10%	6,000	39	0.7%
Gift Shop	18,848	1568	8.30%	20,848	719	3.4%
Programs & Workshops	1,500	190	12.70%	1,500	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	1,284,767	101,219	7.90%	1,382,961	93,210	6.7%

Fort Concho Museum Board

Site Manager's Report

October 16 – November 19, 2024

Programs/Events/Public Service

Staff and volunteers have had a very busy last thirty-plus days!

Our living history troops have travelled to events at Fort Stockton on October 18 and Fort Belknap on October 25. A November visit to Fort Richardson is also set for November 15.

The "Murder at Fort Concho," the last of the Halloween troika, was well attended on October 18 & 19.

We hosted two holiday events for the Fort Concho Elementary School in the Stables Hall.

National Mule Day served a few families on October 26 who enjoyed meeting our quadrupeds.

SAMFA's Plein Air event went well on October 25-26.

The Fort Concho Artillery saluted ASU football team scores at the home games of October 26 and November 16

We hosted a SAPD retirement ceremony at Barracks 6 on October 31

Staff assisted at the tourism booth at the State Fair of Texas and presented a talk at the regional TRAPS (Texas Recreation and Parks Society) conference held in San Angelo on October 24.

Our archivist Eunice Tibay and ASU Honors Program intern Daisy Herr presented a program at the Big Bend Studies Conference on November 9 in Alpine.

We remained open for the Veterans Day holiday on November 11; our living history program marched in the Veterans Day Parade on November 9 with three city councilors riding our float; we provided the artillery salute at the annual ceremony at Fairmount Cemetery on November 11.

Our annual Volunteer Thank-you party took place on November 12 and we hosted the annual Christmas at Old Fort Concho Media Party on November 14.

The fort hosted the annual City of San Angelo staff United Way Breakfast on November 18.

Buildings & Grounds

A tip of the hat to George Perez of our maintenance crew who took the lead in replacing three crumbling fencing units that secured our HVAC units in the rear of the Quartermaster and Commissary Buildings. The long drought after the Labor Day weekend rains ended with a crash with several inches-or more—of rain on November 7-8, moisture that should endure until our Christmas event weekend and keep blowing dust away. Staff are now concentrating on building/grounds issues related to the Christmas event.

That storm also knocked out the fort's phones and internet connection as of Friday, November 8 and the systems remained out of service as of Wednesday, November 13. The fort's connection take its feed from a tower at the City Fleet Shop on St. Ann Street and that tower seems to be susceptible to major wind events. The City IT Division tell us that "better days are coming" with a new system.

Barracks/Mess Halls 3 & 4

The last construction issues have been addressed; City Certificate of Occupancy given; and in near future the San Angelo Area Foundation will "sign off" and assign the buildings to the City. Given the short time before our Christmas event, we will defer any formal moving of books, resources, and equipment until next year. Both buildings do have their shelving units installed.

Christmas at Old Fort Concho

It's a month or so to go, and we seem to be on track. We are finishing sponsorship calls and the totals are nearing projections. If board members know of any likely prospects, there is still time to get aboard! All merchant spots are filled and we are taking applications for the waiting list should an accepted entry cancel. Volunteer recruitment is ongoing as is entertainment recruitment. Board members are encouraged to forward any prospective volunteer contacts for individuals or groups to Beth Rowe at 650-2585 and entertainment leads to Brendalee Brown at 657-4444.

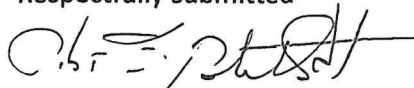
Board News

We welcome Dr. Michael Powers from the ASU History Department who was approved by the City Council on November 5. He fills the slot held by Sherley Spears and we thank her for her extended service. The slot currently held by Dr. Pierce ends in January of next year. The board is welcome to recruit/suggest candidates.

Barbara Hesse

I have enclosed a copy of the wonderful obituary for Barbara, a past member/president of this board and a founding member of the Fort Concho Foundation, and a part of numerous projects, committees, commissions, and events over the past sixty years. The gravesite service at Fairmount reflected her style in life, dignified and focused! And, she now rests in a plot next to the Carson Family and Ginevra Wood Carson (1872-1958), the founder of the West Texas Museum in the late 1920s, a project that morphed into the Fort Concho Museum and Preservation in 1930. I would like to think that she and Mrs. Carson are trading stories about their work and things they would like to see finished!

Respectfully submitted



Robert F. Bluthardt

Site Manager/Board Liaison

Barbara Mary Hesse



SAN ANGELO - A life well lived: Barbara Mary Stephens Hesse, a resident of San Angelo for 74 years, died October 27, 2024, at the age of 94.

Barbara was born on April 27, 1930, on a farm in Carson County, Texas, to John Lawrence Stephens of Cornwall, England and Dorothy Bice Stephens of Devon, England. She was the youngest of three children and a first-generation American. Her sister, Patricia Stephens Rainey, and her brother, Jack L. Stephens, both predeceased her.

Barbara grew up in rural Carson County, Texas, near White Deer/Groom, Texas and started her formal education in a one-room schoolhouse located a few miles from the family's farm. She later attended school in Pampa, Texas, where she completed her primary and secondary education. In high school, Barbara played piano, marimba and tympani in the school band and orchestra, and in her senior year, she was elected Band Sweetheart. Barbara was interested in drama, and she earned roles in the Junior Play, as well as in the Senior Play. She also served as a member of the Journalism staff for the Little Harvester, the high school yearbook.

After graduating from Pampa High School in 1948, Barbara moved to Denver, Colorado to attend Colorado Women's College (now Denver University), where she studied English literature and journalism. She was president of Beta Phi Gamma, a national honorary journalism fraternity and a member of the college Fencing Club. She graduated from college in 1950 with an Associate's Degree in Journalism.

In 1950, Barbara moved to San Angelo, where her great aunt, Helen Jackson, was then the first woman reporter for the San Angelo Standard Times. Barbara soon took a job with the Standard Times and thereafter called San Angelo home.

Later, on what had appeared to be a normal weekday, Barbara and a friend were crossing a street in downtown San Angelo. As fate would have it, Sam Hesse was crossing the same street in the opposite direction. The three paused in the middle of the street for Sam's introduction to Barbara, and nothing was ever the same. Barbara had met the love of her life and her partner for all times and in all things. Sam and Barbara were married in San Angelo on October 20, 1951.

After a brief stint in Midland while Sam worked in the Land and Legal Department of Standard Oil of Texas, Barbara and Sam returned to San Angelo where they lived for the rest of their lives. Both Barbara and Sam worked for Hesse Real Estate/Hesse Insurance Company Agency, a real estate and insurance firm that Sam's father had founded in the 1920s. Barbara gave up journalism, trained as a real estate broker and joined the San Angelo Board of Realtors. Her work in real estate helped Barbara learn about San Angelo, about Tom Green County and about the people who live in West Texas.

In the mid-1950s, the Hesses welcomed a daughter, Karen, and a son, Stephen, both of whom grew up and went to school in San Angelo. The family joined the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo; they regularly attended worship services and actively participated in congregational activities. Barbara was a group leader in Community Bible Study, taught Sunday School and, later, served as an Elder.

The Hesses celebrated their family and became involved in numerous aspects of life in San Angelo and Tom Green County. They worked hard together, gave back to the community and made many memories just having fun. Both Barbara and Sam loved to dance, and on weekends, they often

rolled up the living-room rug to jitterbug!

In 1961, about the time that Fort Concho was designated a National Historic Landmark, Barbara discovered her passionate and life-long dedication to conserving and rebuilding the Fort. As a member, and later as President, of the San Angelo Junior League, Barbara furthered the Chapter's work at historic Fort Concho, which was greatly enhanced and extended by Barbara's personal commitment, her sincere dedication and her ever expansive dreams. In addition to her volunteer activities, Barbara demonstrated leadership qualities. She initially served as a Member of the Fort Concho Board of Directors, and later she served as President of the Fort Concho Board of Directors.

In 2009, the Girl Scouts honored Barbara as one of Eight (8) San Angelo "Women of Distinction" for her civic contributions to the City, including her exemplary work at Fort Concho, her appointment to the City of San Angelo Preservation Task Force, her service as San Angelo's Historic Preservation Officer and her receipt of the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Award for Historic Preservation.

The Texas American Institute of Architects presented Barbara Hesse its Honor Award for her preservation and restoration work at the Fort, and the Texas Society of Architects recognized her with a Citation of Honor for that work, as well as her conservation and preservation work throughout San Angelo and Tom Green County.

A further honor is the Hesse Championship Cup, named in Barbara's honor. It is the trophy that goes to the winner of the U.S. Cavalry Association Regional Competition held annually at Fort Concho. The event incorporates contests in combat and military horsemanship, jumping, saber and pistol.

In addition to honors received in connection with her Fort Concho work, Barbara has also undertaken significant work to preserve historic parts of downtown San Angelo and to safeguard San Angelo's architecture. She served as an Executive Committee Member of Historic San Angelo, Inc. and as a Board Member and

Director of the San Angelo Old Town Conservancy. Notably, Barbara worked to create the "Old Town" section of downtown San Angelo for the relocation and restoration of historic home and buildings in danger of destruction.

Barbara was predeceased by her husband, Sam Hesse; her parents, John and Dorothy Stephens; her brother, Jack Stephens; her sister, Patricia Stephens Rainey; and her grandson, Sam Clayton Hesse.

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Karen Hesse Smith; her son-in-law, Mark Smith; her granddaughter, Alejandra (Sacha) Hesse Smith, all of San Angelo; her son Stephen Hesse; her daughter-in-law, Gretchen Steib Hesse; her grandson, Curt Christopher Hesse and his wife, Keley Rieger Hesse; and her great grandson, Sam Wyatt Hesse, all of Houston. She is also survived by niece Ann Sayer of Montrose, Texas; nephews Larry Stephens of Gray County, Texas, and Brant Stephens of Groom, Texas, and nephew Alan Stephens of Canyon, Texas.

Graveside services for Barbara will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning, November 2, 2024, at Fairmount Cemetery, 1120 W Ave N, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

For those desiring to acknowledge Barbara's life, the family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to Fort Concho, to the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Family and friends can leave condolences and sign the online register book at www.harper-funeralhome.com.

equally with that of Deadwood, Lincoln and Tombstone. A tour of Dodge City should begin at the Visitor Information Center for an orientation and guide to the city. Take the Historic Trolley Tour (Memorial Weekend to Labor Day), pick up a map of the Dodge City Trail of Fame and visit the internationally acclaimed Boot Hill Museum. Boot Hill is known for its outstanding exhibits on frontier Kansas history, firearms, gambling, buffalo hunters and the Wild West era of cattle drives. Visitors will enjoy walking amongst the historical interpreters and watching gunfight re-enactments on Front Street and the Variety Show in the Long Branch Saloon. While in Dodge City, don't miss a visit to the Gunfighters Wax Museum, and the Wild West Heritage Foundation's Buffalo and Longhorn Exhibit. visitdodgecity.org

Coffeyville

Rivaling the James-Younger Gang's failed bank robbery in Northfield, Minnesota, is the Dalton Gang's disastrous attempt to rob two banks, C.M. Condon and First National, simultaneously in Coffeyville, Kansas, on October 5, 1892. Convenient for visitors to Coffeyville, the area's chamber of commerce is located in the original site of the C.M. Condon Bank, the 1871 Perkins Building, in the city's historic district. The chamber is open Monday to Friday and the bank vault, tellers' area and lobby can be seen as they were on that fateful day. From the Perkins Building, take a walking tour of the district to the Dalton Defenders Museum. The graves of Bob and Grat Dalton and Bill Powers can be visited in Coffeyville's Elmwood Cemetery. Also, visitors should take the time to visit the Coffeyville's Historical Society's 1904 Brown Mansion. coffeyvillechamber.org/
daltondefendersmuseum.com

MISSOURI

Kearney

Until 1978, the James Farm was owned by descendants of the famed outlaw Jesse James. Today, the

historic site in Kearney, Missouri, is a Clay County Museum dedicated to the James Family, the history of the region, the Border War and the Jesse and Frank James years as outlaws. The Visitors Center and Museum is in the restored 19th-century family home. Kearney has a charming historic downtown, including the Kearney Historic Museum. jessejames.org

St. Joseph

Known best as the trailhead for the Pony Express, St. Joseph's historic district will inspire the imagination and remind visitors of the importance to American history of Missouri's Western frontier towns. Begin tours of historic St. Joseph at the Pony Express Museum, followed by a visit to the extraordinary St. Joseph Museum with its extensive displays on the culture and history of the region, including American Indian and Civil War exhibitions. Also, don't miss the Patee House Museum, Jesse James Home, Robidoux Row Museum and Pony Express Monument. stjomo.com

NEBRASKA

North Platte

Buffalo Bill State Historical Park preserves Scout's Rest Ranch, the North Platte home of the great Western showman William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody first began ranching in the area in 1877 and began building a major farm and ranch operation in North Platte in 1878. A major enterprise, the Nebraska ranch was home to Cody and his family for many years. He owned the property until 1911. The park includes the Cody House and barn. The ranch is also noted as the place Cody debuted his Wild West show, known as the Old Glory Blowout, in 1882. While in North Platte, visitors should also schedule time to tour Cody Park and the largest rail center in the world, the Union Pacific Railroad Bailey Yard and the Golden Spike Visitor Center. visitnorthplatte.com/
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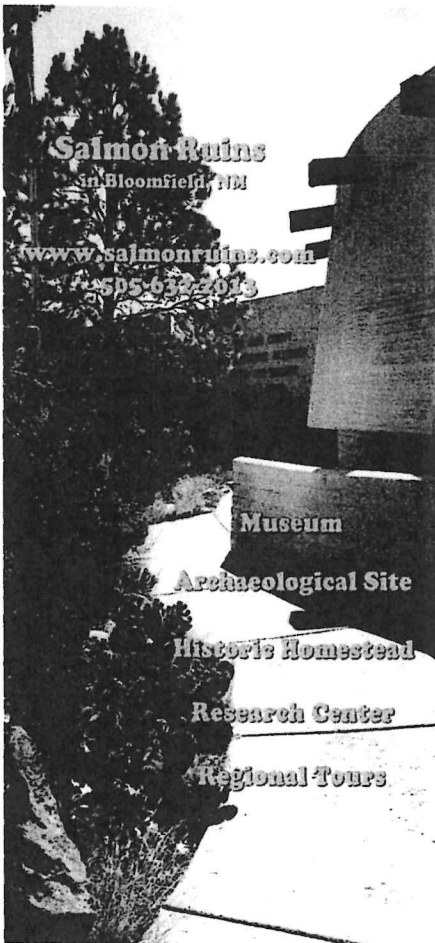
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Fort Concho

Built in 1867 as a strategic U.S. Army outpost during the post-Civil War conflict with the Southern Plains tribes, Fort Concho served its purpose effectively until it was closed in 1889. The City of San Angelo operates the historic landmark, museum and the staffing and preservation of 23 fort buildings. Walk in the footsteps of soldiers and their families who lived at the fort and tour Officers Row and Quarters, the Enlisted Men's Barracks, Post Headquarters, Hospital, School House and Chapel. Fort Concho is also the site of numerous annual living history events, including Buffalo Soldier Heritage Day in February and Fort Concho Frontier Day in April. fortconcho.com

El Paso Concordia Cemetery

Take a walk back into time in El Paso's historic Concordia Cemetery, the eternal resting place for the famous and infamous, valiant and brave, humble and unknown. El Pasoans have buried their dead in the graveyard since the first soul was interred in the 1840s. The historic cemetery is managed by the Concordia Heritage Association to protect, preserve and maintain the graveyard. Visitors can walk its grounds and see outlaw John Wesley Hardin's grave as well as the grave



of John Selman, the lawman who put Hardin in Concordia. Don't miss the special section dedicated to Buffalo Soldiers, the graves of Texas Rangers, Civil War veterans and the innumerable headstones of El Paso's citizenry forgotten with time. concordiacemetery.org

San Elizario Historic District

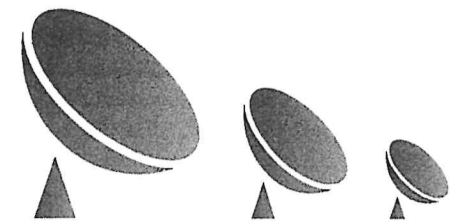
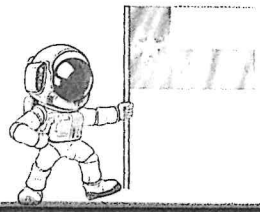
Just east of El Paso, the San Elizario Historic District is a living history center that provides visitors with a window into 18th- and 19th-century life along the Rio Grande River in southwestern Texas. Founded in 1789, the town of San Elizario grew up in support of the Presidio San Elcear. Visit the city's historic sites on a walking tour that includes the Presidio, Old City Jail, Memorial Placita and Los Portales, home to the city's museum and visitor center. cityofsanelizario.com

Waco

Driving the longhorn herds north from southern Texas to Kansas, the range bosses and cowboy crews faced innumerable daily dangers, but pushing thousands of steers across rivers on the Chisholm trail led to many drownings of men and animals. The Brazos River in Waco was unpredictable, and the ferry crossing was cumbersome for cattle drives. The city recognized an opportunity for the future and built a 475-foot suspension bridge, the first ever in Texas. Today, the Waco Suspension Bridge is for pedestrians only, but Waco still holds its Independence Day celebration at the bridge and Indian Springs Park, the original townsite. Not too far from the bridge is the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, where visitors will discover the inspiring history of the Texas Rangers from their founding in 1823 to the present. wacoheartoftexas.com

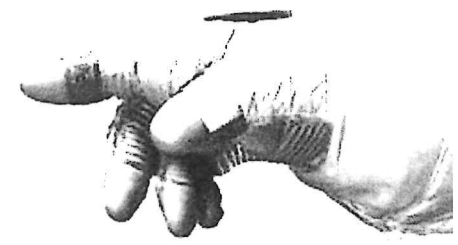
The bespectacled cowboy models the best gear he owns from his hat to his spurs, including his wild rag, fringed shotgun chaps, leather wrist cuffs and grass rope.

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