



# PRESERVATION NEWS

# Wichita County Historical Commission

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## AGENDA FOR MEETING

**Lunch at 11:30AM**

**Meeting 12:00 Noon - 1:00pm**

**1. Call to Order 2. Introduction of Guests 3. Business 4. Program 5. Adjourn**

**Location: Luby's**

**Reservations no longer needed**

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### From the desk of Robert Palmer

**Things An Historian Might Never Know  
If He Didn't Clean Out His Files**

The Wichita Meteorite is now at the University of Texas, originally weighted 320 pounds. It was two feet long, one foot wide, eight inches thick at its largest end, and four inches thick at its smallest end. The Comanche tried to melt it, but didn't succeed.

Frank James wore out six horses trying to find the gold Jesse and he hid somewhere in North Texas or Southern Oklahoma.

George Chesher of Electra had a great, great grandmother who was married to Anson Jones.

Wichita County had the most State Track Championships from 1919 to 1924. There was only one division and Electra won two and Wichita Falls won one.

Valley View's mascot was the Warrior. One of Jack Steven's first sculptures was a Warrior head he made for them.

In 1963 Griff Burgers cost 13 cents.

Ballroom dancing, watch repair, and badminton were all once accredited courses at Midwestern State University.

At one time in the last 200 years, Wichita County had large herds of buffalo, antelope, and wolves.

The first passenger airplanes to fly in and out of Wichita Falls were Ford Tri-motors.

Janet Boone Bowling of Iowa Park is a direct descendent of Daniel Boone.

In the north part of Wichita County, almost 300 acres of Oklahoma are surrounded on three sides by Texas.

### Program

**Becky Morath - Morath Orchard  
Wichita Falls Downtown Farmers Market**

Wichita County farmers, at one time, shipped their milk to Trinidad, Colorado.

Wichita County schools, in the 1950s, let out school for the County Fair in Iowa Park and the Shrine Circus.

The Oil Bowl Football game has been played at Memorial Stadium, Coyote Canyon, and Midwestern University Stadium.

The Hub was the exclusive dealer for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Mail Carrier uniforms.

Charles Birk, great grandfather of Iowa Park's Bob Birk, purchased the family farm in North Wichita County with the help of Abraham Lincoln, a long time family friend.

One of the most unusual animals in Wichita County is the long necked, soft shelled turtle.

The first legal white tail deer killed in Wichita County was shot in 1984.

The last train robbery in Wichita County happened in 1953.

Wichita Falls once had three downtown movie theaters, Burkburnett one, Iowa Park one, and Electra two.

Jimmie Kolp and Rusty Bradley, both of Wichita County, used their private air planes to search for submarines in the Gulf of Mexico during World War II.

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### Question of the Month

**What are the most famous aircrafts to land in Wichita County?**

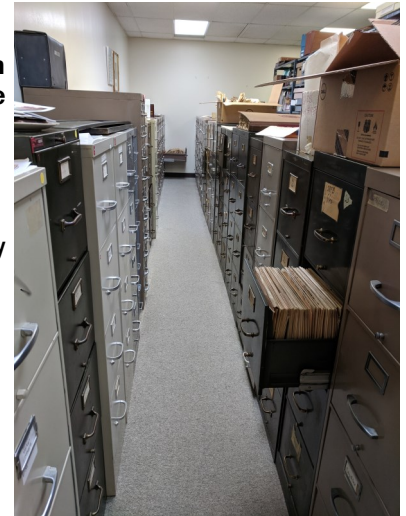
**This is a trick question!**

# Wichita County Archive News May 2018

The Wichita Falls Times has existed since 1907 and documented the history of not just Wichita Falls but the north Texas and southern Oklahoma area. Housed in the Times is their "Archives", including clippings and pictures that appeared in the newspaper. Also in their Archives were microfiche and microfilms of some of the earliest editions of the newspaper. Accumulated, these Archives total over 70 file cabinets.

Thanks to Bill Steward's tenacity (and sweat), these are now in the Wichita County Archives. This wonderful gift needs your help. We need volunteers to help sort and catalog this information to make it available for use by the general public, history researchers, and genealogists.

Becky Trammell submitted a biography of Walter Cline to the Handbook of Texas History Online. The biography was approved and could appear as early as July.



We have approved the wording for the Lake Wichita marker and it is on the way to the foundry. The wording for the Booker T. Washington School in Burkburnett required revision and is still in process.

We have two persons working on applications for Undertold Markers. The filing period for the applications starts on May 1st.

## Upcoming Museum of North Texas Events

### A VIEW FROM ABOVE

Opens May 4th

Wichita Falls aerial photos across decades.

THE MUSEUM OF NORTH TEXAS HISTORY  
presents

A Tribute To

# RAY PRICE

And His Music

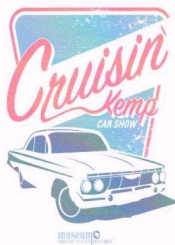


Tickets - \$35  
Museum members - \$30  
Reserved Tables of 8 - \$240  
Catered meal by Bistro Express  
*Plenty of off-street parking!*

Call 322-7628 or 704-1281, deadline for reservations is April 25  
All monies raised go to benefit the Museum of North Texas History

**MONDAY  
APRIL 30  
6 pm**

**NEW LOCATION!**  
**CENTRE POINT EVENT VENUE**  
900 SCOTT  
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS



Museum of North Texas History presents:

**2018  
CRUISIN' KEMP CAR SHOW**

**Saturday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sikes Senter Mall east parking lot

Judging until noon

Cruise up/down Kemp Street begins at 2:00

All entries receive free t-shirt

Trophies awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each category!!

For questions call/visit:

940-322-7628 www.museumofnorthtexasahistory.org

Chevy Pre 1950  
Chevy 1950s except Tri-Five  
Chevy Tri-Five ('55, '56, '57)  
Chevy 1960s  
Chevy 1970-present  
Ford Pre 1960  
Ford 1960-present

Mustang Pre 1980  
Mustang 1980-present  
Camaro Pre 1980  
Camaro 1980-present  
Corvette Pre 1970  
Corvette 1970-present  
Mopar

Truck Pre 1970  
Truck 1970-present  
Pontiac  
All Imports  
All Motorcycles  
Work In Progress  
Low Rider  
All Other Cool Vehicles

