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Georgetown and Williamson County turn 175

This year, Williamson County and the City of Georgetown are turning 175 years old. This is the most recent milestone for land that has attracted people to it for the last 13,000 years. Land that has born witness to many stories. Georgetown residents live on land that has been inhabited by Palaeoindians, Tonkawa, Lipan Apache and Comanche. In the 1800s, the Spanish created El Camino Real de los Tejas, a route that1 carried people and goods through this area. A prosperous organization the short-lived San Xavier Missions was established on the San Gabriel River just across the Williamson County border in Belton. During the 19th century, Mexican, Czech, German, Mexican and Swedish settlers began arriving. These groups would create the towns as we know them today.

On March 13, 1848, Williamson County was carved out of Milam District. In need of a county seat, George Washington Glasscock, and his business partner Thomas H. Bulley, donated 172 acres of land with the stipulation it be named after him, thus creating Georgetown.

Another Southerners draupin was José Daniel Ames, who formed the Georgetown Rail Road Railing League before establishing the Texas chapter of the League of Women Voters. After leaving Georgetown, Amelioled the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching in Atlanta, Georgia. Long-time principal An- nie Purl also graduated from Southwest University to town in 1873. This move established a variety of academic institutions. The University of Texas at Austin, the oldest in the state, was founded in 1883, and began classes in 1885.

The wealth and influence they gained from the cattle and educational institutions of the time lead to many influential figures throughout the years. These included land that has borne witness to the world.

The Williamson Museum will open an exhibit by the same name that explores the history. The exhibit will include items such as a silver cup, a wooden spoon, and a leather journal belonging to a family from the late 19th century. The exhibit will run from March 10 to 11, and admission is free to the public.

The festival will also feature live music performances by local musicians, including a folk band and a bluegrass quartet. Food trucks will be available for visitors to enjoy a variety of cuisines.

In addition to the exhibits and music, there will be a variety of family-friendly activities. Children can participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the museum, and there will be storytelling sessions featuring local authors and historians.

The festival is designed to provide an educational and entertaining experience for people of all ages. Visitors can learn about the rich history of Georgetown and Williamson County while enjoying live music, delicious food, and engaging activities.

The festival is open to the public and free to attend. Visitors are encouraged to dress comfortably and bring sunscreen, as the event will take place outdoors.

For more information about the exhibit and family friendly activities, visit the Williamson Museum website or call 512-941-5302.