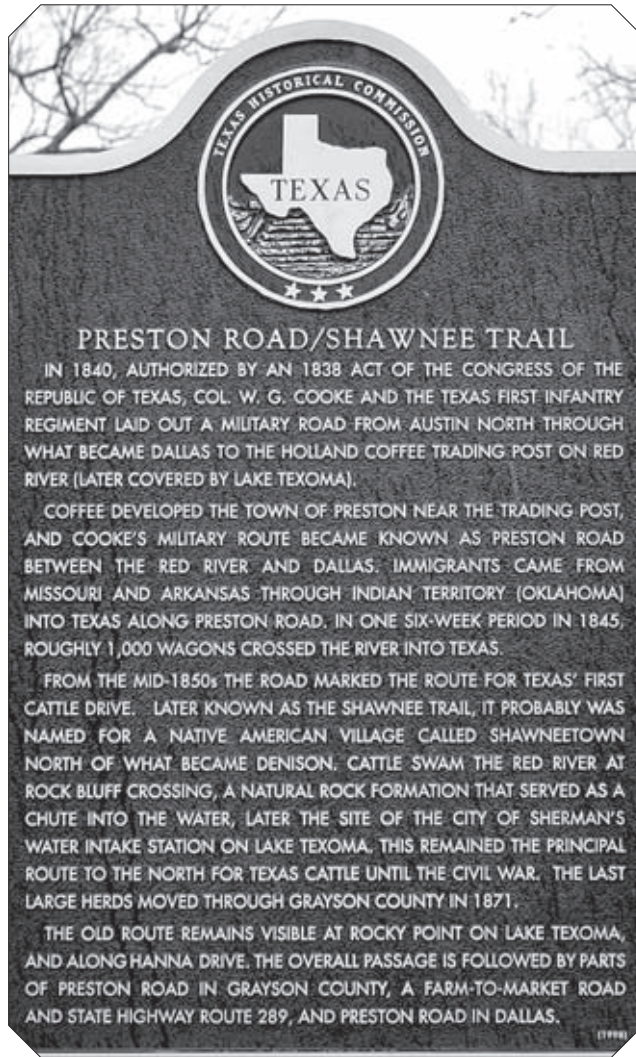


Looking back at Pottsboro's history

Pottsboro, originally established as Pottsborough in 1876 by J.R. Potts, sits on land once home to Native Americans and part of the historical Shawnee Trail. Eight years after the town was begun, coal miners hit an artesian well that, for many years, supplied water to hundreds of local people. The area was named Flowing Wells, and that community, located west of downtown Pottsboro, still exists today. The town's first post office was established in 1891 and the name changed to Pottsboro.

A historical marker in Pottsboro's Friendship Park tells, in brief, the rich history of Pottsboro and the land it was founded on. The marker reads:

"Caddo and Wichita Indian tribes occupied this area before Anglo settlement began in the 19th century. Among the early settlers was James G. Thompson, whose daughter, Sarah Virginia, married James A. Potts (1838-1905), a Confederate veteran, rancher, and land developer who moved to Grayson County in 1868. Recovering from a long construction delay caused by the Civil War, railroads began building lines through this area of Texas in the late 1870s. James and Sarah Potts deeded land for a right-of-way to the Denison and Pacific Railway, a subsidiary of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, in 1878. James Potts is credited with drawing up the plat for the new railroad town named in his honor. Within a decade, Pottsboro boasted homes, churches, general stores, grist mills, a cotton gin, post office, hotel/saloon, and school. The town was incorporated on June 19, 1885. Pottsboro sustained serious damage from major fires in 1892, 1923 and 1924, but the citizens rebuilt and the town prospered. United States government construction of Perrin Army Air Field and Lake Texoma during the 1940s brought additional economic benefits to the town, which continues to play a vital role in the history of Grayson County."



A message from the Mayor Frank Budra

"Having been part of Pottsboro for the past 32 years, (I realize, I'm not a native Texan, but I got here as fast as I could.) I can't imagine living anywhere else. Both as their municipal judge and now, mayor, I applaud the schools, the civic groups, and each person who makes living in Pottsboro so special."



"On behalf of the City of Pottsboro, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Pottsboro and the 2009 Chamber of Commerce Banquet ... The city and the chamber have selected the mottot "Come play. Come Stay," an invitation that we offer to everyone who visits. We offer the opportunity to experience Pottsboro and the local attractions,

as well as the wonderful people of the Pottsboro area. With the imminent completion of State Highway 289, the Preston Trail Highway, we hope to make it even easier for people to come play, and perhaps stay!"



Pottsboro Chamber of Commerce to hold annual banquet March 24

Well-known actor Burton Gilliam will be the keynote speaker when the Pottsboro Chamber of Commerce holds its annual banquet on March 24 at Tanglewood Resort.



Gilliam, a Dallas native, is a familiar face from such hit movies as Blazing Saddles, Paper Moon, Back to the Future, Honey Moon in Vegas, Born to be Wild, Paper Moon and more. He has appeared on numerous television shows such as Walker, Texas Ranger, The A-Team, The Dukes of Hazzard, The Waltons, Charlie's Angels, Soap, and others, and was the long-time, national spokesman for Pace Picante Sauce.

Donja Cary will be singing the National Anthem, and Pottsboro's Scout

Troop 55 will present the flag.

Seating for the banquet is limited and early reservations are suggested. Individual dinner tickets are \$30 per person. Tickets for dinner and two drinks are \$50 per person. A cash bar will be available.

Sponsorships are also still available. The cost for a table of eight is \$400

and a table of 10 is \$500. Payment for sponsor tables can be made by a single check or individual checks, but be sure to submit the names of each person on the sponsor table form to insure the group is seated together. Each table sponsor guest will receive two

drink tickets and the primary sponsor will receive recognition at the dinner, in the Pottsboro Chamber's monthly newsletter, and in other venues. For more information, call the Pottsboro Chamber at 903-786-6371.

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