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# Meridian, Texas Top of the Hill Country

Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory and Visitor Guide



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Welcome to Meridian

Roughly fifty-five miles south of the Dallas/Fort Worth suburban outskirts, gentle hills rise to meet you and beautiful vistas engulf you in the enchantment of the Texas hill country.

The Meridian Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to Meridian, the county seat of beautiful Bosque County. Situated on rolling terrain with bluffs over-looking the Bosque River, Meridian sits at the intersection of State highways 6, 22, 144 and 174.

Located at 107 N. Erath, Suite B, the Chamber is an active organization made up of businesses and individuals working for economic development, tourism and civic improvement.

Our mission is to promote expansion and growth of businesses through commerce and tourism. We partner with other local organizations in promoting programs designed to increase civic pride and make Meridian a great place to live,

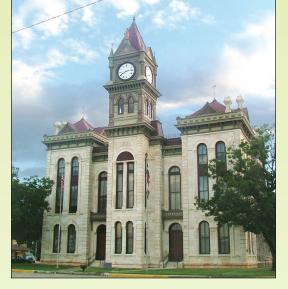
work, play, eat, and shop.

The board of directors meets the first Wednesday of each month and our monthly membership luncheon is held on



the second Thursday of each month.

If you are visiting for the first time or looking to relocate, the chamber can help with maps, guides and important information. Much of our local statistics are included in this publication, (see page 16) however, if you need more information, please contact



the Meridian Chamber and we will be happy to help.

Contact the Chamber at meridian-chamber@sbcglobal. net, (254) 435-2966 or P.O. Box 758, Meridian, TX, 76665. Our office is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. The Chamber website—www.meridian-chamber.com—lists upcoming events, a quarterly newsletter and a current list of chamber members.

#### **County Seat**

The historical courthouse, built in 1886, has been designated a Texas Historical Landmark. Completely restored in 2007, bringing back its Gothic clock tower and turrets, the courthouse now provides the centerpiece for the downtown square.

#### **Shopping and Restaurants**

Stroll the streets for art, antiques, fine cuisine and collectibles. Cross the Bosque River and buy a lariat, hunting

gear or hunting vehicle. Looking for a real home cooked meal? You'll find that and much more in Meridian.

#### World-renown Artists

Meridian is home to worldrenown artists, up-and-coming artists (see page 7), and famed musicians (see page 14).

#### **Red Caboose Winery**

Be sure to tour the award-winning Red Caboose Winery where wine is fermented, stored and chilled using geothermal and solar technology. The self-sustained winery also heats and cools their building using this technology, (see page 5).



# Recreation

In Meridian, the recreation possibilities are endless. From hunting and fishing, to bird-watching and stargazing, it's a recreation destination. Come to Meridian to "de-stress" and replenish what's been drained out of you in the city.

#### **Meridian State Park**

Hidden away in the wooded hills northwest of Waco lies Meridian State Park—a haven for nature lovers and fishing enthusiasts—where daybreak is peaceful, sunsets are serene and the night sky explodes with stars. At Meridian State Park you'll find all that is associated with a major lake resort.

The park's 72-acre lake offers fishing, swimming and nowake boating. A hiking trail encircling Lake Meridian features limestone outcroppings with fossils, a scenic overlook and aquatic vegetation. Birdwatching is excellent and there is a good chance of seeing the rare Golden-cheeked Warbler which only nests in central Texas. The park provides an environment of fun for the whole family.

- *Camping*: Sites with water, electricity, and sewer; water and electricity; water only or primitive. Screened shelters also available.
- *Dining Hall*: With kitchen, seating and meeting areas for 50; restrooms, heating and A/C.
- Picnicking: Picnic sites with tables and grills.
- Swimming: Swim at own risk in lake.
- Boating: No-wake boating on lake; boat dock and ramp.
- *Fishing*: Possible catches in lake include bass, crappie, catfish and bream.
- Trails: 5 miles of hiking and nature trails.

#### **Lions Park**

Lions Park, located on the banks of the Bosque River in Meridian, is a delightful spot for picnics, family day gatherings, outdoor dances or for a few quiet moments. State-of-the- art playground equipment is available for the youngsters.

#### **Bosque Valley Golf Club**

Our Bosque Valley Golf Club is a beautifully designed nine-hole course located just a few miles from Meridian. It hosts various tournaments throughout the year. Deer grazing are more often seen than "birdies" on this challenging, but rewarding course.



# Education

The Meridian Independent School District encompasses 147 square miles of Bosque County. The two campuses, Meridian Elementary School (Grades Pre-K – 6) and Meridian High School (Grades 7-12), serve the educational needs of approximately 517 students. Both campuses are proud of their strong curriculum and their successful, annual student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exam.

The Meridian ISD strives to provide a challenging curriculum in an orderly and safe environment where students can learn social, academic and technological skills necessary to succeed in a challenging global society. The goal is for each child to possess a positive self concept, the desire to learn and the morals and ethics to become a productive citizen.

Public Library:

The Meridian library is the envy of many small towns. With more than 18,000 books in the collection, newspapers and computers with internet access, the library is a great place to complete school work, do research or take an online course. The popular Wi-Fi hotspot also allows patrons to download e-books, audios and dvd's. And, as an invaluable asset to the community, the library is utilized daily by local students and students from surrounding towns.

Of course, it is a great place for our adult citizens as well. It's friendly and cozy atmosphere offers visitors a quiet place to sit and read a book or newspaper while enjoying a cup of coffee.

The History of our County

Prior to, and after, the arrival of the first Europeans, Tawakoni, Towash and Waco Indian tribes lived in the surrounding area of Meridian. In 1721, Spanish explorers discovered the rolling hills and lush river valleys they called

"bosque" which means *wooded* or *forest*. Consequently, the river running through the center of the county was named "Rio Basque."

The area known as Bosque Territory—a part of McLennan County—was part of the Western frontier. In the winter of 1853-1854, the few settlers who lived here signed a petition asking the Texas State Legislature to create a new county.

A sale of town lots was held on July 4th, 1854 and by fall of that year Wil-

liam McCurry built a one-room courthouse. A square was set aside as the home of a future courthouse and businesses were built around it. The first county post office in Meridian was established by Postmaster Joseph W. Smith in 1856. The first jail was a log structure built in late 1856 and early 1857. The log courthouse was used until 1859 when a threeroom courthouse was built on the northeast corner of the square.

During the Civil War, the first newspaper was published. Military rule lasted for a period of ten years.

In 1871, the threeroom courthouse was destroyed by fire. In 1875 a two-story rock courthouse was built in Cattle and cowboys have always been a part of Bosque County. In the early days millions of cattle and thousands of cowboys passed through Meridian along the Chisholm Trail.

the middle of the courthouse square.

The town continued to grow, had many businesses and in 1881, the Santa Fe Railroad passed about one and one half miles east of the courthouse. Although inconvenient, the town did not move to the railroad

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The present courthouse was built in 1886, but in 1935, the clock tower and cupolas were removed due to structural weakness. In 2004 the commissioners voted to restore the courthouse to its original appearance. Working with the Texas Historical Commission, restoration continued and the beautifully restored courthouse was rededicated in October, 2007. Meridian and Bosque County are justifiably proud of it.

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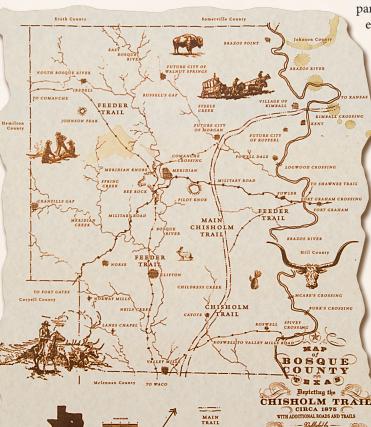
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> The famous Chisholm Trail ran along the east of Meridian and folklorist John A. Lomax of Meridian followed the trail rides during the first half of the 20th century and is responsible for recording the cowboy's songs, many of which are in the Smithsonian Institute today, (see page 16).

Source, in part: The Bosque County Collection, Meridian and in its web page at bosquecountycollection.org. Early day newspapers, journals, diaries and pictures are available for review at 101 N. Main, Meridian.

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Red Caboose Winery

Wine Business Monthly, the nation's leading wine industry publication, selected Red Caboose Winery and Vineyards, Meridian Texas, as one of their Top 10 Hottest Brands in the nation for 2012. This national designation is a huge honor for Red

Caboose and validates the hard work owners Gary and Evan have put into the vineyard and winery over the last nine years. They both agree that their philosophy of producing a great red wine in the old world fashion with green energy practices has now paid off with this step into the national spotlight.

For the last nine years, Wine Business Monthly has identified the top hottest brands from around the country. The magazine generates their list from wineries considered representative of market trends, innovation and leadership positions within the wine and grape growing industry. Red Caboose was noted for its fine red wine in addition to being spotlighted for its "green" practices in wine production and winery management. planted, mostly Mediterranean varieties, which thrive in the hot, sunny and short growing season of Texas. The winery's Tempranillo has proven itself particularly adept, with the La Reina label becoming a standout for the brand. Red Caboose is also known for its Port, Tempranillo-based blends and Viognier. Their wine



labels often include art from local artists and commissioned paintings.

Their 2012 awards include: 2012 Blanc duBosque, Class Champion, Texas Class Champion, Silver; 2009 Cabernet Franc/Tempranillo, Class Champion, Texas Class Champion, Silver; 2009 Viognier, Bronze; 2009 La Reina Tempranillo, Bronze; Range Rider Tempranillo, Double Gold.

# © LaReina Photo: K. Smith/Studio 2

Red Caboose Winery currently has 16 acres of vines



# A Texas Treasure

The spectacular, yellow, black and white Golden-Cheeked Warblers are a true Texas treasure and can be found right here in Bosque County. Each March the warblers arrive to nest and raise their young exclusively in the juniper and oak woodland areas of Meridian State Park and Central Texas.

Golden-Cheeked Warblers tear long strips of bark from the juniper trees to make their nests and use spider webs as nesting material. The warbler is endangered because many of its natural habitat areas have been cleared for residential or ranch and farm land.

With just a little bit of patience, and a little time outdoors this spring and summer, you should be able to spot many of the colorful songbirds that call Central Texas home.

Sheri Hemrick specializes in nature photography and is the photographer for the Cameron Park Zoo in Waco, the district photographer for Hillsboro ISD, the photographer for



Photo courtesy of Sheri Hemrick Hillsboro Sports Association and Tolar Youth Football. Contact her at (254) 266-0005, www. gotpictures.us, or sheri@hemricks.com.

# Colorful Splendor

While attending to our spring and summer lawn duties here in Bosque County, a vast array of colorful, roadside gems wait patiently for our visual attention. Bravely pushing their way upward—and competing with native

and invasive grasses—are those spectacular, multicolored jewels we call wildflowers. Each spring and summer—after surviving the previous years' blistering, late summer, Texas heat—they reward us once more by parading their colorful splendor.

In spring, summer and even fall, Bosque

County boasts a myriad of wildflower species. Bosque County has it's own abundance of blue, purple, yellow, orange, red, white

and pink blooms to enjoy. There are over 5,000 species in Texas and we have at least 1000 in our area.

> As April ends and May arrives, foxgloves, phlox, winecups, Indian blanket, prairie flax and gyp blue curls show their heads. By June, the soft colors of spring diminish and the hot days bring on standing cypress, night shades and the Engelmann daisy. The milkweeds are preparing nourishment for newborn Monarch butterflies.





Paintbrush spikes are appearing in degrees of pink, lavender, salmon and white. Blue-eyed grass and vervain sometimes are hidden, but the primrose pedals are large enough to contrast with the green foliage of other plants and make it

appear as though marshmallows dot our roadsides and pastures.

It's a time to drop everything, fill your gas tank, load your camera, pack a snack and drive in any direction in the county. Breathe the clean, country air (take your allergy tablet as a precaution), then celebrate yet another season that promises the full-spectrum

> color, wonder and reverence of our native, Texas flowers in Bosque County.

Whether you hike, bike or drive, take advantage of the roadside explosion of color



Information contributed by Donna Stevens, AgriLife Extension Service. (Purple coneflower and sensitive briar photos courtesy of Donna Stevens, AgriLife Extension Syc. Bluebonnet.

in Bosque County.

downy paintbrush, plains fleabane, Texas bluebells photos  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  Kimberley Smith/Studio 2)

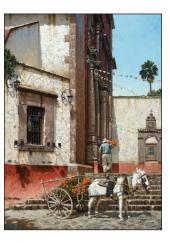




Meridian Artists

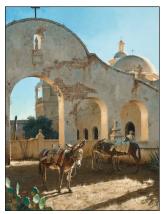
#### George Hallmark

George Hallmark, nationally known artist, who now resides in Meridian, was born and raised in northcentral Texas. George was an architectural designer and commercial artist before turning to easel painting. Voted the official Texas State Artist in 1988, his work can be found in many prestigious private and corporate collections, including those of Texas Instruments, the Medical Heritage



Collection, the Texas Capitol, MBNA, and the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Hallmark's work has been featured in *Art of the West*, *Southwest Art, U.S. Art*, and *Western Art Collector* magazines. He is an annual participant in the Prix de West Exhibi-



tion and Sale at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, and the *Masters of the American West Fine Art Exhibition and Sale* at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles. Hallmark also participates in the Eiteljorg Museum's Quest for the West Show in Indianapolis and the American Masters Show at the Salmagundi Club in New York.

In 2011 Hallmark won the

Silver Medal for Oil Painting at the Phoenix Art Museum's *The West Select* exhibition, had a retrospective exhibition at the Eiteljorg Museum, and was the Featured Artist in the National Wildlife Museum's Miniatures and More Show. George was awarded the Western Art and Architecture "Publishers Award" at the Autry Museum's "Masters of the American West Show" in Los Angeles, CA on February, 2010 and the 2010 Quest for the West's Artist of Distinction Award. *Biography courtesy of the Eiteljorg Museum (www.Eiteljorg.org)* 

#### Leland Hensley

Meridian is the home to native Texan, Leland Hensley. While attending Sul Ross State University in Alpine, he developed a pas-



sion for the art of rawhide braiding. He has visited Argentina several times and developed a style that sets his work apart. He draws from South America, traditional styles of Spain, old Mexico and the unique motifs that have arisen from the blending of styles along the Texas/ Mexico border. Leland's work has developed a great reputation among collectors and working cowboys for its unique design, beauty, and rugged functionality.

Leland has been a member of the Traditional Cowboy Arts Association since 2001 and was AWA Braider of the Year in 2003. His work has been exhibited at the National Cow-

boy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Elko, Nevada, Sun Valley, Idaho and "The Trappings of Texas", hosted by the Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine, Texas, where Leland has been the guest curator of gear since 2002.



#### Dawn Sharp

Native Texan, Dawn Sharp, grew up in the small community of Valley Mills in Bosque County, which is synonymous with fine artists. Her passion for art became evident at an early age as she began drawing and creating small carvings out of wood and bars of soap. "God gave me a gift for creativity—inspired by horses and a love of all things Western—which



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### **STORE HOURS:**

M-F 7:30-6:00 Sat. 8:00-6:00 Sun. 1:00-5:00

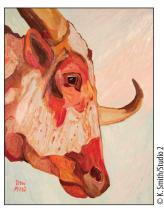
9241 State Hwy. 6 Meridian, TX 76665 (254) 435-2251 has manifested in sculpture," says Dawn. With no formal art training, Dawn learned from many of today's finest artists including Bruce Greene, CAA, Jason Scull, CAA, Mehl Lawson, CAA, George Hallmark, Jerry Jordan, T.A.O.S., Doug Scott, Julie T. Champman and others.

"Sculpture is very different from drawing or painting. In sculpture, I must create interest and 'flow' from every angle. A story must be told, keeping the viewer's eye moving throughout the piece, while still allowing them to be personally 'involved' and finish the story, mentally. Every sculpture must stand alone—creating that story independently—or it doesn't work," says Dawn.

Dawn presently lives with her husband, Michael, and their six children in Meridian. "My family and faith are most important to me. They are what excite me and inspire me!" Dawn concludes.

#### Teddi Marks

A n oil painting, "Jack of all trades," by Meridian artist Teddi Marks was selected as one of the 171 pieces to enter competition in the 2011 Bosque Art Show and she placed third in the Acrylic category with a piece titled "Desert Boogie". I just love jack rabbits and crows," Marks said about her inspiration for her painting. "I make my paintings colorful—



color makes you feel good," she continued. And, Marks' works stand out with her use of vibrant colors. Nearing seventy, Marks began painting just two years ago. "When visiting art shows and museums, I always thought 'I wish I could do that," Marks said. With encouragement from local artists, Marks focused on her creativity and overcame her reservations about her abilities. "After my first painting—a cactus—I thought, 'Gosh, maybe I can do this.' "It is a fine adventure, constantly evolving and I'm enjoying the journey. It takes me to a garden of Eden, where everything is relaxing and beautiful. I never realized that would be the reward. I want to do this the rest of my life." "My goal is to develop my own personal style. And, to improve, I must be my own worst critic," Marks concluded.

# National Championship Barbecue Cookoff

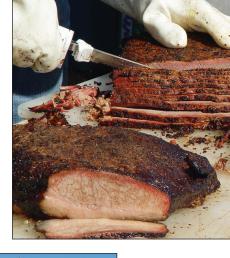
A romatic smoke fills the fall air as meticulous chefs compete for the grand prize. The National Championship Barbeque Cookoff is held the 4th Saturday each October and offers a fair, food and entertainment.

The Annual National Championship Barbecue Cookoff features over 200 cooking teams



from Texas and neighboring states; competing for \$20,000 dollars in prize money. Entry in the cookoff is by invitation

in the cookoff is by invitation only and teams must be winners of qualifying events to receive an invitation. Come out and watch the professionals, sample their handiwork and vote for your favorite recipe, (see ad page 13).









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Calendar of Events

#### March

Texas Independence Week Meridian Library Jewels and Jeans Gala County Wide Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling

#### April

Annual Bosque County-Wide Garage Sale Annual Chamber Banquet

#### June

#### October

FUMC Lord's Harvest National Championship Barbecue Cook-off

#### **November**

Opening Day-Deer Season

#### December

Christmas on the Bosque - Market & Parade

#### Central Texas Youth Fair ChiggerFest & Bosque County Go Texan BBQ Cook-off TIHA POWWOW MHS Graduation

#### March – November

Market on the Square every Saturday, 9a – 2p



Chamber of Commerce

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Benefits of Membership

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Chamber of Commerce Leadership Team

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Opportunities for Involvement

#### **Civic Improvement Committee:**

To improve and instill civic pride in Meridian; to propose ideas and plans to make Meridian a more attractive place in which to live and shop.

#### Marketing/Tourism Committee:

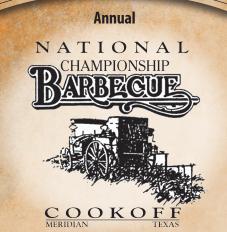
To develop a Chamber marketing plan, produce and develop programs that provide member businesses with ideas, promotions and assistance to improve consumer relationships, sales and productivity. Promote and develop ideas to increase tourism in Meridian and Bosque County.

#### **Special Events Committees:**

To develop, plan, organize and promote any event the Membership votes to sponsor or support during the year.

Mission Statement:

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Over 200 Teams Compete for the Championship Trophy & Prize Money

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Buy People's Choice Tickets to taste & vote for your favorite BBQ...

#### Other activities include:

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- Antique Tractor Show
  - Parade 
    Carnival
  - Gunfighter Shows
- Musical Entertainment
  Arts & Crafts
  Food Vendors Activities for the Kids

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Early Residents

#### John Avery Lomax–"The Ballad Hunter"

One of the greatest folklorists and ethnomusicologists in American history got his start in Meridian, Texas. John A. Lomax was one of the most significant early residents of Meridian, Bosque County, Texas, coming here from Mississippi by covered wagon, at the age of two in 1869. As a boy growing up on the home place just north of Meridian he became fascinated with the songs of the cowboys moving cattle along the branch of the Chisholm Trail which ran nearby. Young Lomax spent hours listening to the songs and writing down the words and at a very young age, John A. Lomax began recording the cowboy songs that would become the crossroads of country, popular and folk music.

Texas Country Music is rooted in the traditional cowboy songs, songs that are a unique part of America, a part of our history that would have surely been lost except for one man's boyhood fascination and his later life determination.

Through the preservation efforts of John Lomax he kept open a window in





history through which the cowboy's music gives us an understanding of much of his culture and became the tap root of not only Texas Country Music but other forms of music. For more information visit www.LomaxTexasMusicGathering.com

This bronze sculpture by Dawn Sharp titled John A. Lomax, "The Ballad Hunter" was completed in 2010. It depicts a young Lomax, sitting atop his pony, Selim, and recording the words of a nearby cowboy serenading his herd on the Chisholm Trail in Bosque County, Texas.

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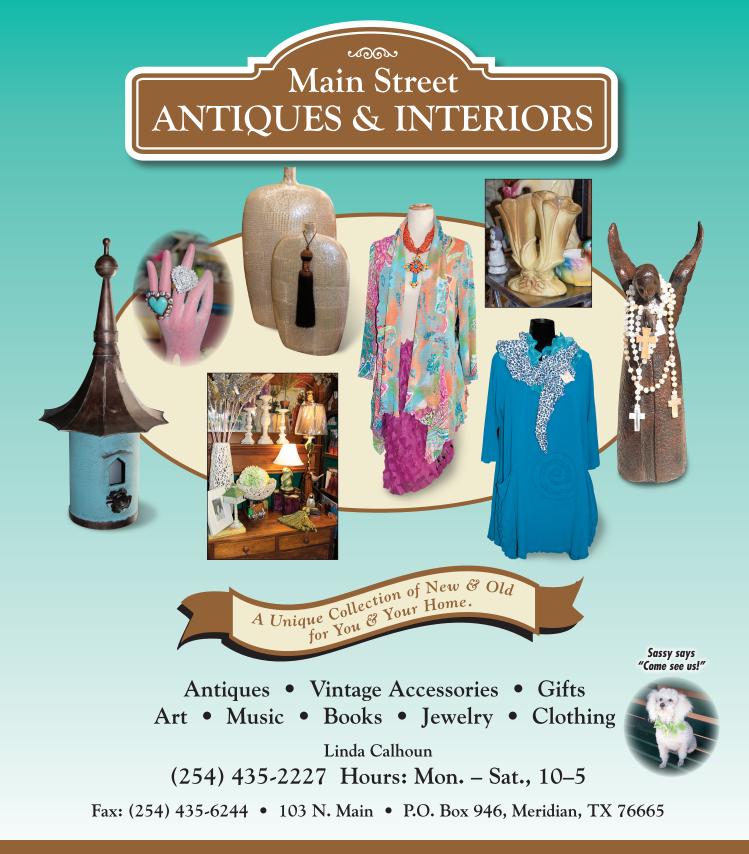
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Community Profile: City of Meridian

#### Location

State of Texas County of Bosque 66 miles Southwest of Dallas/Fort Worth, 127 miles North of Austin

#### **Population**

	City	County
2010	1,493	18,212
2000	1,490	17,204
1990	1,390	15,125

#### **Taxation**

Ad Valorem Tax Rates (Per \$100 Assessed Value Oct. 2012)Bosque County\$.4056Meridian, City\$.4999Meridian ISD\$1.366Middle Trinity Groundwater\$.0150Total Ad Valorem Taxes\$2.28

#### **Sales Taxes**

Municipal Sales Tax	1%
State Sales Tax	6.25%
Economic Development	0.5%
County Sales Tax	0.5%
Total Sales Taxes	8.25%

#### **City Government**

Туре:	Council/Mayor
Number Council:	5
Municipal Police:	2
Volunteer Firefighters:	24
ISO Rating:	Pending
City Zoning Body:	Yes
Master Plan:	Yes

#### Utilities

Water

Supplied by: City of MeridianSource:3 Trinity WellsPlus surface water Bosque RiverMax Capacity:750,000 gal.Max daily use:150,000 gal.

Pressure on mains:45 PSIStorage Capacity750,000 gal.Size of Mains:2" to 12"System looped:Partial

#### Sewer

Type Treatment Plant:OxidationMax Capacity:450,000 gal.Max daily use:250,000 gal.Projects under construction:Yes

#### **Natural Gas**

Atmos Energy BTU content per cubic foot: 1,000

#### Education

Meridian Independent School District Public School Budget: \$4.9 million

	Schools	Enrollment
Elementary	1	278
Jr High/High	1	226
Headstart	1	20

#### **Bosque County**

Bosque County Co-op: 37

#### **Area Universities/Colleges**

Hill College/Meridian Campus Hill College – Hillsboro Tarleton State University – Stephenville Baylor University – Waco

#### Health Care

GoodallWitcher Hospital, Clifton,	ТΧ
Total Hospital Beds:	33
Total Doctors:	5
Total Nurse Practitioners:	4
Total Nursing Home beds:	83
Independent senior living units:	20

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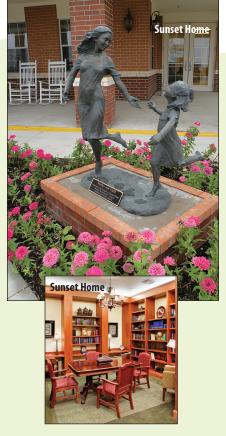


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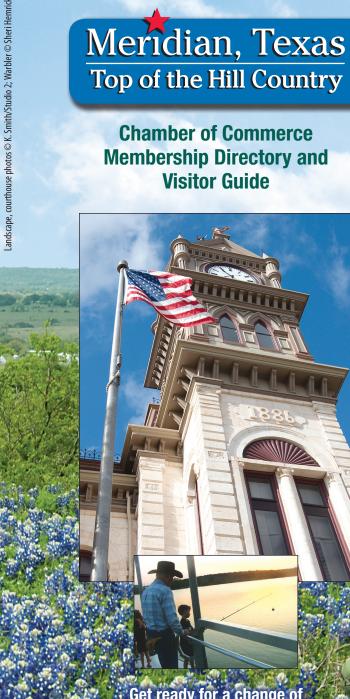




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