

GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On The Vine

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING GRAPEVINE HISTORY

Mayor Wall Gets a Touch-Up



Benjamin Wall was elected as Grapevine's Mayor in 1912. He served as mayor during both World War I and World War II, and started the *Grapevine Sun* newspaper at the age of 19.



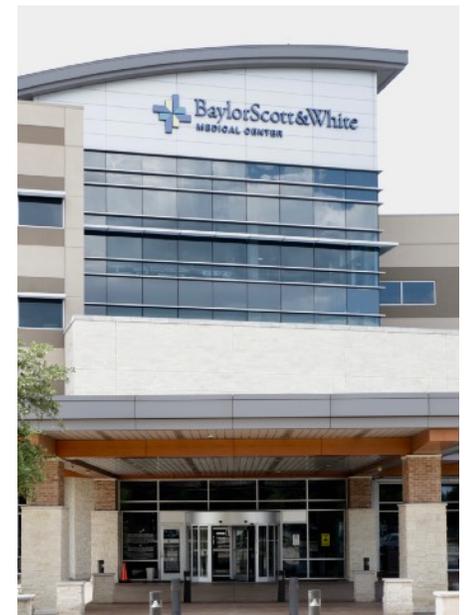
"America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first community in which people set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible government, and human equality."
Adlai Stevenson

Who are Baylor, Scott and White?

Grapevine Memorial Hospital originally started out as a six-bed medical facility. In 67 years, it has evolved into a comprehensive and exemplary medical system with the support of the community along with the monumental mergers with the Baylor Healthcare System in 1981 and with Temple-based Scott and White Healthcare in 2013.

Each of the names in Baylor, Scott and White represent strides made in Texas Healthcare. Arthur Carol Scott was born in Gainesville, Texas and was educated at the well-renowned Bellevue Medical College in New York. He began his independent practice after his marriage to Maude Marcia Sherwood in 1889. In 1898 Scott and Dr. Raleigh R. White established the Kings and Daughters Hospital and in 1905, expanded with the charter of the Temple Sanatorium as a general hospital and nursing school. (Later changed to Scott and White Memorial Hospital in 1922 after White's death.)

Under Scott and White, the hospital was at the forefront of new concepts such as industrial medicine, multi-specialty group practice, prepaid health insurance, and postgraduate medical education. Scott died in Temple in 1940, but the hospital lives on today as his legacy. From the other side of the 2013 merger, there was the Baylor Healthcare System. Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor was an ordained Baptist minister, district judge, politician and co-founder of Baylor University. The medical progress made by this amazing healthcare system would not have been possible without Baylor, Scott, or White.



Aislyn Gaddis



July Events

At this time our July meeting is canceled. While our exhibits at the Grapevine Historical Museum remain closed, the front reception desk is open and the other museum buildings on the Ted Ware Plaza are open.



Fireworks!

Grapevine cancelled its *SummerBlast Friday Night Fireworks* this year, but still plans to put on a July 4th show over Lake Grapevine. More information available at:

<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/summertime-in-grapevine/july-fourth/july-4th-fireworks-extravaganza/>

The Five Grapevines

Did you know our city shares the name “Grapevine” with four other US towns? If you did not know that - I’m not surprised. Most of the other Grapevines are small unincorporated communities with not too much going on.

Grapevine, California. Of course, there is a Grapevine in California, the state with the most actual grapevines in the USA. Grapevine is an unincorporated small village in Kern County, just north of Los Angeles. It is at 1,500 feet elevation along Interstate 5 and is named after the “Grapevine Canyon”, which is just south of the community. The village mostly provides roadside services for travelers along Interstate 5.

Grapevine, Kentucky. This is a small unincorporated community located in Hopkins County. It has a “Grapevine Lake”, but it is best known for its “Grapevine Biscuits”. Here’s the recipe, and you don’t have to tell anyone they are actually from Grapevine, Kentucky: <https://food.theffeed.com/2017/11/27/grapevine-ky-buttermilk-biscuits/>

Grapevine, Arkansas. Grapevine is an unincorporated community in Grant County along Arkansas Highway 35 near the center of the state. The R+C Hunting Club is based there and they are well known amongst hunters in Arkansas.

Grapevine, Arizona. Grapevine is a small community on the shores of the Theodore Roosevelt Lake. It is at 2200 feet elevation and is most known for its “Grapevine Restaurant and Karaoke Bar” located just outside of the town. They also have a small private airport. Both the Grapevine in California and Arizona were originally named “*La Cañada de las Uvas*” by the Spanish. *Cañada* means a path or road and *Uvas* means grapes in Spanish.

Paras de la Fuente, Mexico its one of Grapevine’s first sister cities. “Paras” translates to “Grapevine” in English.

John Boyd



Mayor Tate reflects on Grapevine’s history, its reopening and how the City is dealing with the coronavirus. See his YouTube video at:

bit.ly/2UPDrBd



Grapevine Canyon, California with a rare “Super-Bloom” following heavy rains in 2019

The Towers of Grapevine



B+D Mills and CVB

San Gimignano in Tuscany Italy is a medieval city known for its dozen towers. Originally built before Italy was established - the towers served as a fortress for wealthy families to hide and escape from invading armies. Grapevine is also home to many towers, but ours are all for more peaceful purposes.

Our oldest tower is the B+D grain elevator tower on Hudgins Street. The flour mill was constructed in 1902 and later bought by Kirby Buckner and W.D. "Bill" Deacon in 1933. They converted it to a feed-mill, primarily for poultry, and expanded the business. The manufacturing tower was the first "*electronic feed mixing system*" in Texas. The concrete feed-storage warehouse is a rare design and it is recognized by the National Register of Historic Places.

Several of DFW Airport's flight towers are in Grapevine. During a speech at the 1966 airport groundbreaking, Ira Woods said, "It is impossible to know at this point what the ultimate effects on Grapevine will be. But, one thing is certain: from today on, things will never be the same again". Ira Woods became mayor in 1963 and was very influential in getting a large part of the DFW Airport within Grapevine city limits.

The mustang seen on the downtown water tower is the Grapevine High School mascot. In 1962 the Grapevine and Colleyville school districts combined to form the GCISD. Grapevine High School opened in 1952 and the current building opened in 1969.

The Grapevine Nightwatchman on top of City Hall honors those who patrolled and protected the town from the early 1900s into the 1950s. The Grapevine Nightwatchman statue is eight feet tall and weighs 640 pounds. Created by Jack Bryant, it was dedicated in 1998. Grapevine's first Nightwatchman was William W. Bennett, the maternal grandfather of our mayor, William D. Tate.

The original Wallis Hotel was built on Main Street by John and Susan Terrill in 1891. It was not a financially successful business and was demolished in 1930. In 1991, one-hundred-years after its original construction, Grapevine built a replica of the hotel on Main Street that served as the home of the Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) and Heritage Foundation for many years. It is now home to the Messina Hof Winery.

Grapevine opened the new two-story, CVB headquarters and museum complex at the corner of Main and Hudgins streets on May 18, 2012, during the 28th Annual Main Street Festival. The tower, or *Glockenspiel*, has a unique clock, temperature and wind-direction display. Its special feature is the would-be train robbers, Nat Barrett and Willy Majors who emerge from the clock tower several times a day for an old fashion shootout.

The North Turret of the CVB building features "Imagine", an 800-pound 6-foot-2-inch tall bronze winged unicorn flying 50-feet above the sidewalk. Imagine represents action, dreams and wishes. Dedicated on December 3, 2015 - it is a tribute to all who work and volunteer in Grapevine's tourism and hospitality industry.

Grapevine's passenger train service began with the Cotton Belt Railroad in 1888. The original depot was built the same year and later served as the Grapevine Historical Society's Museum for years. Rail service discontinued in 1972 but returned with the new TEXRail in 12-31-2018. "Grapevine Main" is a 42,000 square-foot, five-story train station expected to open this year. The station's tower will feature an observation deck.



Water Tower and City Hall



Grapevine Main Station



DFW Control Tower



Imagine

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