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LA GRANGE

2022 | COMPLIMENTARY ISSUE

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WELCOME TO LA GRANGE



Are you looking for a little piece of heaven right here in Texas? Well, you've come to the right place. Surrounded by the Colorado River and luscious rolling hills, La Grange offers a unique blend of old-world charm and the comforts of home. Offering a diverse selection of museums, boutiques, and tasty treats, downtown La Grange has something for everyone.

Complementing the historic ambiance of downtown, our quaint city has much to offer with nearby wineries, live music venues, State historic sites, and cultural centers.

So don't be bashful, load up the family, grab a friend, or just take a stay-cation. Once you've discovered La Grange, you'll know why we are the Best Little Town in Texas.

Sincerely,
La Grange Visitors Bureau

La Grange EVENTS

Have fun at these 2022 events in the community!

FEBRUARY 12
La Grange Uncorked

FEBRUARY 25 & 26
Best Little Quilt Show in Texas

MAY 15
May Fest

JUNE 3
Movie Nights on the Square

JUNE 10
Movie Nights on the Square

JULY 8
Movie Nights on the Square

SEPTEMBER 1-4
Fayette County Fair

OCTOBER 1
Oktoberfest on the Square

OCTOBER 14 & 15
Heritage Fest & Muziky
Celebration of Czech Music & Culture

NOVEMBER 26
Shop Small Saturday

DECEMBER
Trail of Lights

DECEMBER 1
Schmeckenfest
Wassail Tasting & Christmas Celebration

CHECK OUT WWW.VISITLAGRANGETX.COM FOR MORE EVENTS AND INFORMATION!

LA GRANGE History



Surrounded by the Colorado River and luscious rolling hills, La Grange offers a diverse selection of museums, boutiques, and tasty treats but there was a time when we weren't so well known.

In 1826, John Henry Moore built a twin blockhouse within what are now La Grange's city limits; he named the structure Moore's fort. Area settlers sought shelter there from Indian attacks and by 1831 a small community had developed around the fort. A town was platted in 1837, and when the Congress of the Republic of Texas established Fayette County that year, La Grange became its county seat.

The ethnic composition of La Grange began to change during the 1840s and 1850s as increasing numbers of Germans and Czechs immigrated to Fayette County. Hence our love affair with kolaches!

By 1884, the City of La Grange included four churches, three schools, an opera house, an oil factory, and a bank. Let's not forget to mention, the railroad had also arrived.

Today, La Grange has a population of almost 5,000 and has managed to keep its good ol'fashioned country charm and mystique. Most of our downtown businesses reside in historic structures dating back to the late 1800s. Our museums encompass everything from our love affair with quilts to our Czech culture and traditions.

Just in case you haven't figured it out, we are that La Grange, home to the famed Chicken Ranch, which was the inspiration for the hit Broadway play and film, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*. And let's not forget ZZTop's classic rock song *La Grange* is about us too.

Although many stories and rumors exist about the Chicken Ranch, the truth is much less sensational. Deemed the oldest continually operating brothel in the U.S. when it shuttered its doors in 1973, the Chicken Ranch got its name when the Great Depression hit. Though the Ranch had plenty of clients, times grew harder and money harder to obtain. Hence the poultry standard of charging one chicken for one service. Soon chickens were everywhere and the establishment officially became known as the Chicken Ranch.

With the closing of its doors in 1973, the land and building were bought by private citizens who later sold the main house in 1977 to an investor from Dallas who turned it in to a restaurant. The remaining original house was left on the property to turn in to ruins.



The story of La Grange's Chicken Ranch brings with it snickers and giggles from tourists both near and far, but to those who lived through the media explosion surrounding the scandal of the closing of the ranch, there were harsh words and painful memories. Many were just in high school at the time, but kids can be cruel and life can be tougher than expected when they said they were from La Grange... but this is a part of our history. A dark piece of history for some and a tourist attraction for others.

Regardless of why you chose La Grange, we're so happy you're here and look forward to seeing you around town.

LA GRANGE DINING

**ALEJANDRA'S
MEXICAN GRILL**
403 N. Jefferson St.
979-206-2260

BODEGA WINE MARKET
201 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-3964

DAIRY QUEEN
311 N. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-5861

DOMINO'S PIZZA
2001 State Hwy. 71, Ste. 10
(979) 206-2121

**ERE'S ITALIAN
RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA**
108 S. Main St.
979-206-2211

GOLDEN CHICK
312 E. Travis St.
(979) 968-8939

HANK'S EXPRESS
154 S. Jefferson St.
(979) 966-0500

**HOLMAN VALLEY
STEAKHOUSE**
10204 FM 155
(979) 263-4188

JAY DEE'Z SPORTS GRILL
2001 State Hwy. 71, Unit E
(979) 206-2066

**J.W. ARNOLD'S FINE
TEXAS BARBECUE**
1381 W. State Hwy. 71
(979) 206-2001

LA MARINA
1502 W. State Hwy. 71
(979) 968-2065

LAS FUENTES
658 S. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-8957

LATTE CAFÉ
219 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-9545

LEOPARD DONUTS
240 E. Travis St.
(979) 721-1281

LUKAS BAKERY
135 N. Main St.
(979) 968-3052

MCDONALD'S
2304 W. Hwy. 71
(979) 968-5098

PIZZA HUT
2230 W. State Hwy. 71
(979) 968-3125

REBA'S DELI & PIZZERIA
539 E. Colorado St.
(979) 968-3100

RIVERSIDE CAFÉ
1225 Carroll Lane
(979) 968-5506

**SEALAND SEAFOOD
& STEAKS**
2359 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-6139

SONIC DRIVE-IN
717 E. Travis St.
(979) 968-6421

SUBWAY
109 S. Jefferson St.
(979) 966-0724

TACO BELL
2201 W. State Hwy. 71
(979) 968-3401

TAQUERÍA RIO VERDE
1330 N. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-2074

TAQUERÍA SERGIOS
1432 W. State Hwy. 71
(979) 968-2826

THE BACK PORCH BBQ
1602 N. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-1580

**TEXAS ONE STOP
BBQ & BAKERY**
1704 E. Hwy. 71 Bypass
(979) 968-8100

WEIKEL'S BAKERY
2247 W. Hwy. 71 Business
(979) 968-9413

WHATABURGER
1800 E. State Hwy. 71
(979) 968-9868

Ways to support local restaurants:
ORDER TAKE-OUT OR DELIVERY • BUY GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR FUTURE USE OR GIFTS

Places to Stay

Some of the best accommodations La Grange has to offer!

Hotels and Motels

BEST WESTERN LA GRANGE INN & SUITES

600 E. State Highway 71 Bypass
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-6800
www.bestwestern.com

CARTER MOTEL

243 Ellinger Rd.
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-8331

COTTONWOOD INN

1494 W. State Highway 71
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-3175
www.lagrangecottonwoodinn.com

EXECUTIVE INN & SUITES

1708 W. State Highway 71
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-2600

HAMPTON INN

1624 W. State Highway 71
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-4900
www.lagrange.hamptoninn.com

THE OAK MOTEL

227 S. Jefferson Street
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-3133
www.theoakmotel.com

RIVER VALLEY MOTOR INN

1575 W. State Highway 71
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-8314
www.rivervalleyinn.com

RV Parks

COLORADO LANDING

64 E. Bluff View
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-9465
www.coloradolanding.com

OAK THICKET PARK ON LAKE FAYETTE

3819 W. State Highway 159
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 249-3504

S&H RV PARK

3517 Post Oak Road
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 249-2050

SUNCATCHER RV PARK

3033 S. US Highway 77
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-6868
www.dixielandrvpark.com

Bed and Breakfasts

SUITE 244

244 N. Washington Street
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-4916
www.airbnb.com/rooms/13994863

GUEST HOUSE AT DOS LAGOS

3045 Valenta Road
La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 247-4465
www.guestquartersatdoslagos.com

Come visit and stay awhile!



Frerichs' Dairy Presents



The Jersey Barnyard

WWW.TEXASJERSEY.COM
BARNYARD@CVCTX.COM



Events on the Farm

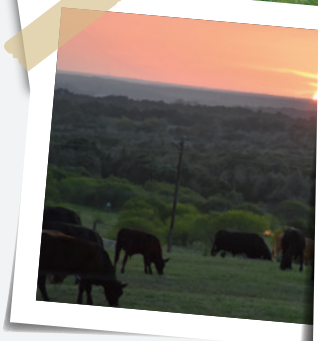
Farmer's Market every Saturday from 9 am – 12 pm

Pumpkin Patch last week of September through October

Pumpkin Painting every Saturday
in October from 10 am – 12 pm

Gourdy's Pumpkin Run 5K October 16th at 8:30 am.

Easter Egg Hunt April 16th at 10:30 am.



From Our Farm

Farmstead Cheese • Pastured Eggs • Pastured Pork
Organic Chicken • Grass Fed & Finished Beef
Local Raw Honey • Local Products
100% Grass Fed Grade A Raw Jersey Milk

Featured in

Texas Highways • Texas Country Reporter
Longhorn Network - "Sam Out of the City"
Cowboys & Indians • Successful Farming

Take A Tour

SCHOOL RATES \$6 student, \$8 adults
GUIDED TOURS \$9.50 children, \$12 adults
SELF-GUIDED TOUR \$5

*Rates are per person. Children under age 2 are free.

The background of the entire page is a composite image. On the left, a two-story stone building with a prominent chimney and several windows is shown in a modern, clear setting. On the right, a faded, sepia-toned historical photograph of a large group of people, including men, women, and children in 19th-century clothing, is overlaid. The text 'History Awaits' is written in a black, elegant cursive font across the top right, overlapping both the building and the historical photo.

History
Awaits

**KREISCHE BREWERY
& MONUMENT HILL**

— STATE HISTORIC SITES —

La Grange, Texas

visitkreischebrewery.com



visitmonumenthill.com

DOWNTOWN WALKABLE SHOPPING

1 VISITOR INFORMATION

HISTORIC CASINO HALL VISITORS BUREAU
254 N. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-3017

2 ARTS & CULTURE THE TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM

140 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-3104

3 LA GRANGE RAILROAD MUSEUM

Corner of Washington & Lafayette Sts.

4 FAYETTE COUNTY FOUNDER'S PARK

W. Colorado St.

5 TEXAS HEROES MUSEUM OLD FAYETTE COUNTY JAIL

171 S. Main St.
(361) 210-7318

6 DINING & SNACKS

LUKAS BAKERY
135 N. Main St.
(979) 968-3052

7 ERE'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT & PIZZERIA

108 S. Main St.
(979) 206-2211

LATTE CAFÉ
219 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-9545

BODEGA WINE MARKET
201 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-3964

FASHION & JEWELRY

10 LA GRANGE COTTON GIN
339 W. Travis St.
(979) 206-2220

11 POTLUCK TRADING COMPANY
209 W. Travis St.
(281) 753-0505

12 SCHMIDT JEWELRY
118 N. Main St.
(979) 968-5149

13 JULIE B
142 N. Washington St.
(979) 639-5034

14 SIMPLE RAGS
152 N. Jefferson
(979) 966-8509

15 PAIRABELLES
127 W. Travis St.
(618) 623-5962

**16 BANKING
PROSPERITY BANK**
202 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-7100

17 SUNFLOWER BANK
155 N. Main St.
(979) 968-9556

18 NATIONAL BANK & TRUST
145 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-3136

SPECIALTY SHOPS

19 THE QUILTED SKEIN
126 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-8200

20 LE PETITE GOURMET SHOPPE
226 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-4000

21 BLOOMIN' JUNCTION
120 S. Main St.
(979) 968-5240

22 JUDY'S ATTIC
213 W. Travis St.
(979) 206-2255

23 KAT'S ANTIQUES
130 N. Washington St.
(979) 966-8390

24 KAT'S II ANTIQUES
134 N. Washington St.
(979) 966-8390

25 FROGS & FLAMINGOS FLORIST
101 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-8214

BUSINESS/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

26 LA GRANGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
220 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-5756

27 D&G OFFICE SUPPLIES
256 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-8239

28 SALON ENVY
103 N. Main St., Ste. 300
(979) 968-6450

29 ROUND TOP REAL ESTATE
103 N. Main St.
(979) 249-5732

30 HART LAND REAL ESTATE
104 S. Main St.
(979) 968-3892

31 THE FAYETTE COUNTY RECORD
127 S. Washington St.
(979) 968-3155

32 HENGST PRINTING & SUPPLIES
155 W. Travis St.
(979) 968-8336

33 TEXAS RANCH ADVISORS
148 N. Washington
(713) 299-2066

SUPPORT THESE LOCAL AREA RETAILERS!



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FREE PARKING

PUBLIC RESTROOM

Start your day at the La Grange Visitors Bureau for free event parking, public restrooms, and free visitor information!

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FREE PARKING

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COLORADO ST.

TRAVIS ST.

MAIN ST.

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250 West
Fairgrounds Road
La Grange, Texas
888-785-4500

TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER

www.czechtexas.org

Genealogy Library
Museums
Banquet Hall
Amphitheater
1890s Czech Village



★ WELCOME TO THE ★
La Grange Visitors Center
in the
Historic Casino Hall



Maps & Brochures ★ Restrooms
And yes, some FREE stuff too!

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9 am – 5 pm

SATURDAY
10 am – 3 pm

SUNDAY
12 pm – 4 pm



254 N. Jefferson St., La Grange, TX 78945

(979) 968-3017

www.visitlagrangetx.com

LA GRANGE MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

Learn about the history of La Grange at these area landmarks



DEPOT MUSEUM AND M-K-T RAILROAD DEPOT

260 N. Washington St.

Learn the history of the local railroads and their importance to the area.

Saturday 9 am - 2 pm (except holidays)

Child-friendly • Texas History



FAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

151 N. Washington St.

(979) 968-6469

Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm

Texas History



FAYETTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives

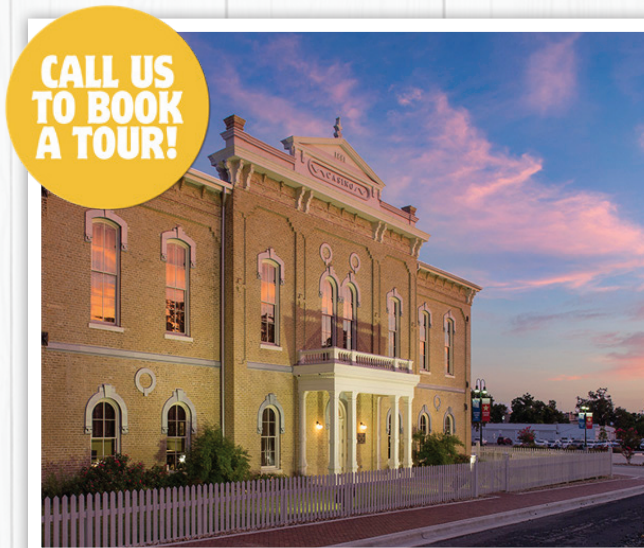
855 S. Jefferson St.

(979) 968-3765 / (979) 968-6418

Museum, archives, a computer lab, story walk, and full library along with an outside playground.

Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm; Saturday 10 am - 1 pm; Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

Child-friendly • Texas History



THE HISTORIC CASINO HALL

254 N. Jefferson St.

(979) 968-3017

The Historic Casino Hall houses the La Grange Visitors Center along with a history room and performing arts venue. The La Grange Visitors Center has information on local attractions, historic exhibits, and public restrooms.

Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm | Saturday 10 am - 3 pm | Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm

Child-friendly • Texas History



THE HISTORIC FAISON HOME

822 S. Jefferson St.
(979) 968-5756

The N.W. Faison Home, one of the oldest in Fayette County, boasts original furnishings of the wealthy Faison family, whose members occupied the home for nearly 90 years. Relatively unaltered since its construction in the mid-19th century, it was the home of one of the earliest settlers of the area, Nathaniel W. Faison (1817-1870), who was a military hero and land baron.

Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm
Texas History



MONUMENT HILL & KREISCHE BREWERY STATE HISTORIC SITES

414 State Loop 92
(979) 968-5658

The park houses a stone monument commemorating the heroes of the Texas War for Independence that are buried on the park grounds along with the ruins of the third largest brewery in the State at the peak of its popularity.

Open daily 8 am - 4:30 pm
Child-friendly • Outdoor Activity • Texas History



TEXAS HEROES MUSEUM IN THE OLD FAYETTE COUNTY JAIL

171 S. Main St.

The Old Fayette County Jail was built in 1883 and served as a jail until 1985. The museum honors Texans who answered the call to defend lives, property, and liberty.

Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Texas History



OLD LA GRANGE CITY CEMETERY

Business Highway 71
Outdoor Activity • Texas History



TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTER

250 W. Fairgrounds Rd.
(888) 785-4500 / (979) 968-9399

The cultural center houses a museum, genealogy library, banquet hall, amphitheater and pavilion. Restored historic Czech family homes and buildings along with the Czech Music Museum of Texas can also be found on the property.

Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm; Saturday 10 am - 3 pm
Texas History



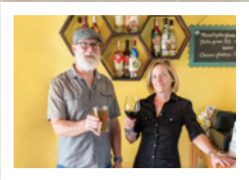
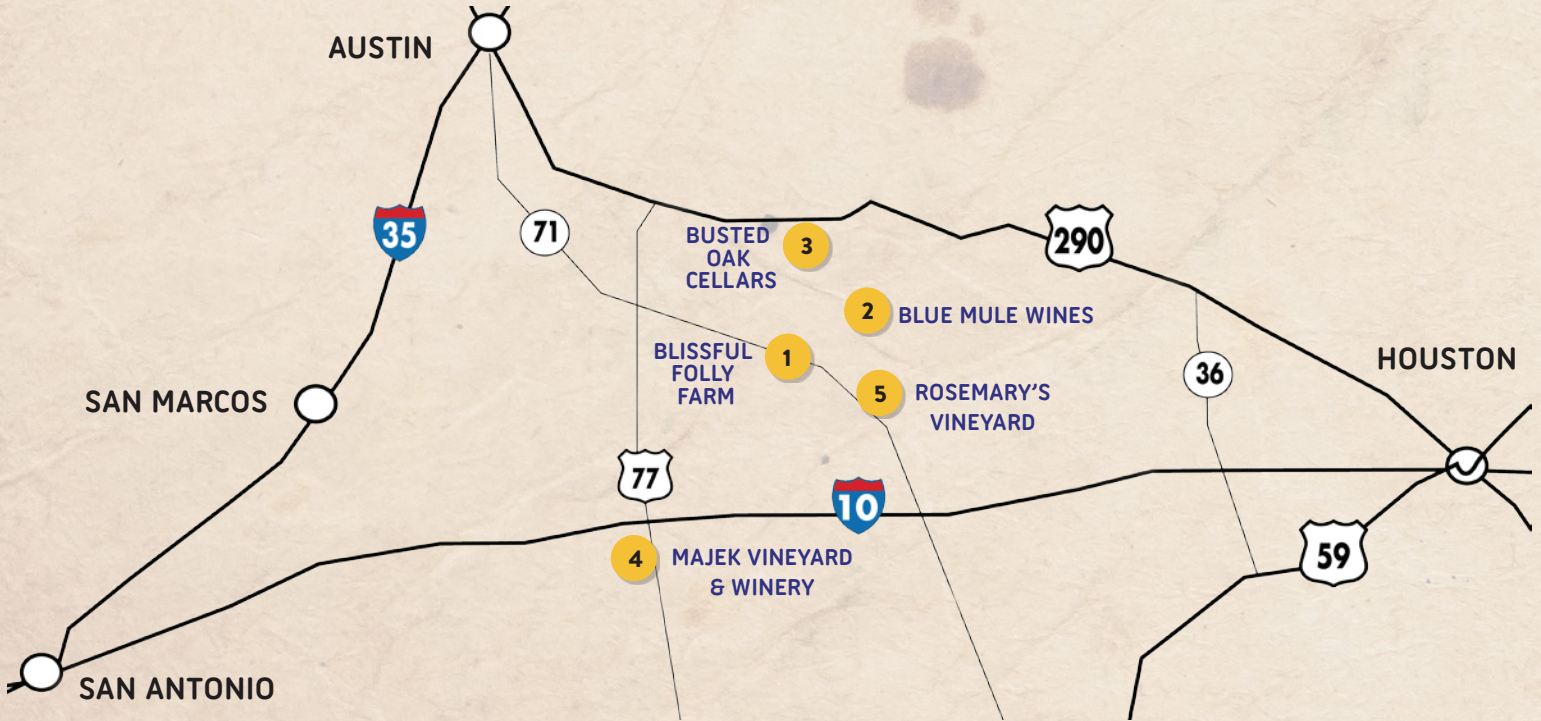
TEXAS QUILT MUSEUM

140 W. Colorado St.
(979) 968-3104

With changing exhibits in three spacious, high ceilinged galleries, the museum also features a period town garden alongside a beautiful exterior mural.

Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Outdoor Activity • Texas History

FAYETTE COUNTY WINE TRAIL



1. BLISSFUL FOLLY FARM

6002 FM 2981, La Grange
(979) 249-5652

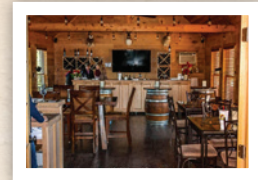
Home to Rohan Meadery, Rohan Wines, and Blissful Folly Hard Ciders, this is an open farm raising chickens, bees, goats and sheep. Tasting room on site.



2. BLUE MULE WINES

8127 N FM 1291, Fayetteville
(713) 226-9344

Delicious Texas wines made right here in Fayetteville, Texas. Tasting room is open.



3. BUSTED OAK CELLARS

6195 Round Top Road, Carmine
(281) 795-2588

Busted Oak Cellars is a family winery and tasting room.



4. MAJEK VINEYARD & WINERY

12508 FM957, Schulenburg
(210) 413-8912

Majek Vineyard & Winery features 100% Texas wines and is located just south of Schulenburg.



5. ROSEMARY'S VINEYARD

5521 E State Highway 71, La Grange
(979) 249-2109

Rosemary's Vineyard and Winery is located in La Grange, Texas, a rural community with a traditional German background.

Ways to support local winerys:
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FAYETTE COUNTY KOLACHE TRAIL

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2247 W. Hwy. 71 Business, La Grange
(979) 968-9413

2 Lukas Bakery
135 N. Main St., La Grange
(979) 968-3052

3 Texas One Stop
1704 E. Hwy. 71 Bypass, La Grange
(979) 968-8100

4 Hruska's Store & Bakery
109 W. State Hwy. 71, Ellinger
(979) 378-2333

5 Original Kountry Bakery
110 Kessler Ave., Schulenburg
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