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**HISTORY**  
MUSEUM

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**Then &  
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McKinney, Texas



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Ronald Jones



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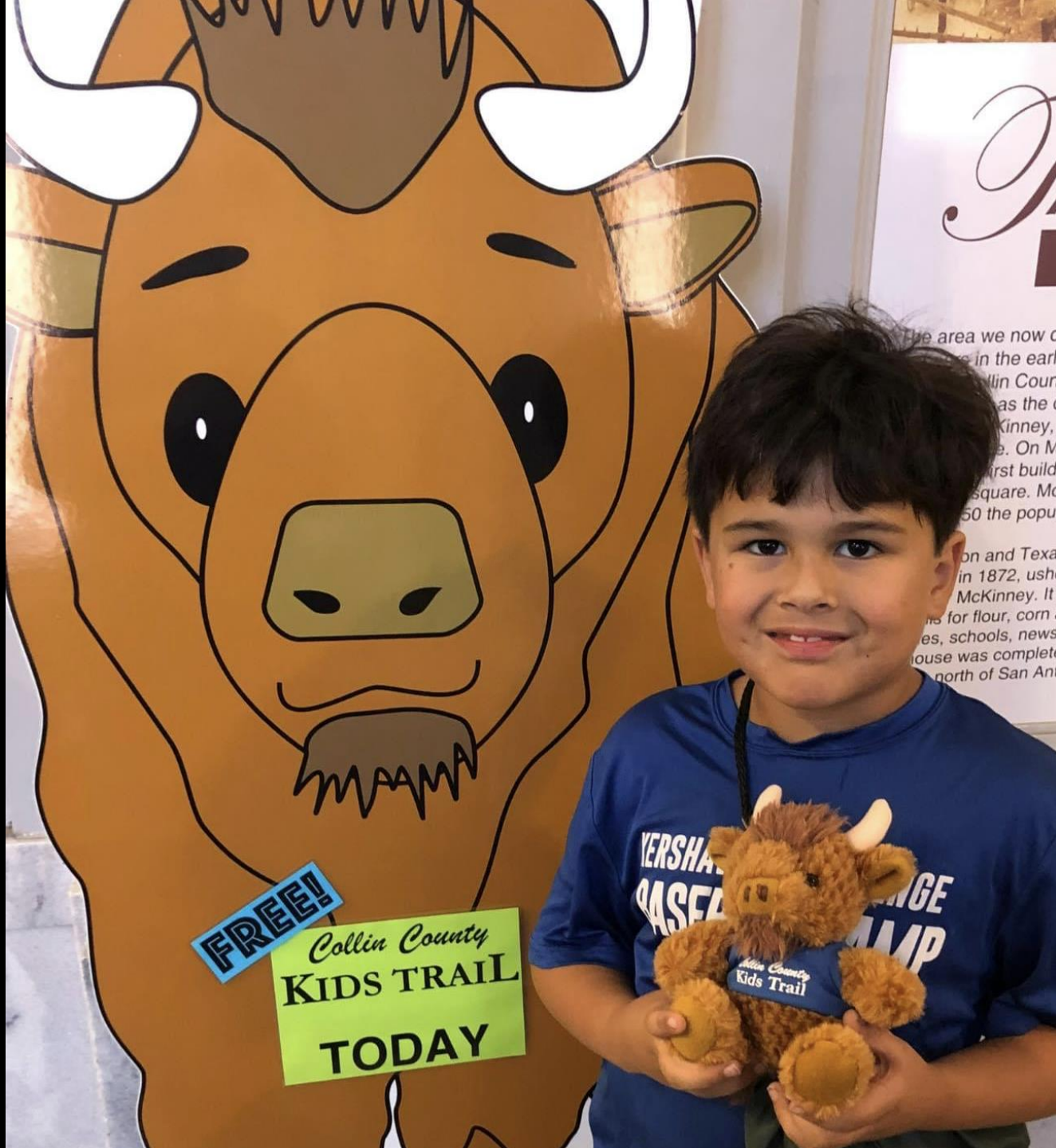
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**The Daytripper** ✓

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As we all sit around and discuss ways to keep from melting in the Texas heat, let me propose an incredible place wit... See more





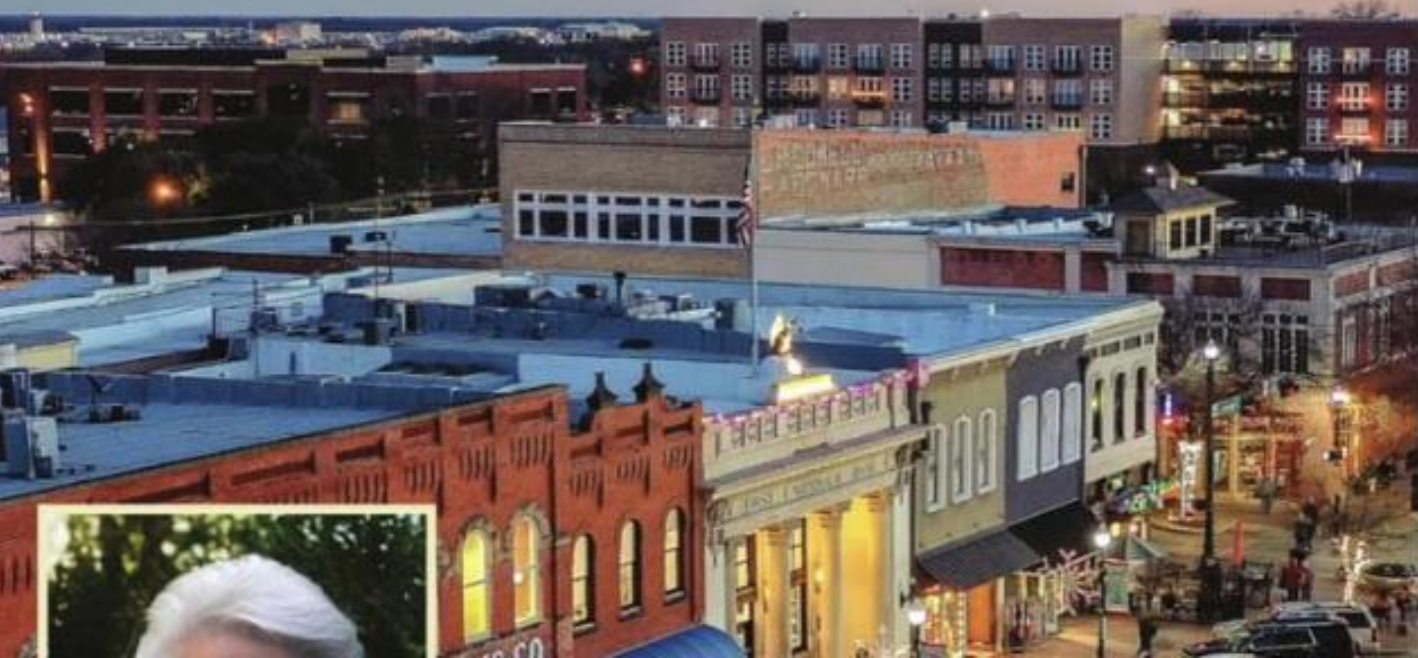
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CELEBRATING SUMMER IN

## DOWNTOWN MCKINNEY

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### PAT RODGERS, COLLIN COUNTY'S LIVING LEGACY

If you have ever taken a trolley tour in historic downtown McKinney then you have surely crossed paths with Collin County historian Pat Rodgers. Over the past twelve years, Pat has made history come to life for visitors who have boarded the small green trolley as it follows a path through the streets of McKinney. She is famous for her trolley tour of the historic homes and buildings, telling little known facts, details and stories of the early days of McKinney. Her latest trolley tour is called Bad Boys, Desperadoes and Outlaws of McKinney. During the tour, she dresses as Belle Starr and wears a six shooter, boots, and hat as she tells stories of the daring and dangerous escapades of the early outlaws.

Pat also volunteers her time at the Collin County History Museum located in the historic Post Office and Federal building, built in 1911, in downtown McKinney. She believes strongly in the museum's mission to Preserve and Honor the Past, Connect with the Present, and Embrace the Future. Collin County has a very colorful past, full of colorful and not always honorable men and women. Many were flawed individuals that made mistakes that impacted them throughout their lives. Pat feels like it is important to learn from history so that we do not repeat some of those same mistakes today.

Pat spends hours and hours of time researching topics and people for her school and museum programs. Her role as storyteller at the museum came about as she determined that people really identified with a real-life character from history. Through that character, she is able to bring history to life and the listener is more apt to remember that moment in history and the struggles of the times in which these people lived.

During the 2017-2018 World War 1 Centennial Celebration, Pat researched the life of Ann Compton who was a nurse in the Army Nurse Corps. In her programs to various groups Pat dressed as a WWI nurse and told the courageous story of Ann Compton who died of pneumonia and influenza at the age of 28. She was the only service woman in Texas to die in the Great War.

like he did. Ralph helped change the Texas and his story became a story of

In 2020 as the spread of Covid shut down Pat did not let that stop her. She set up a studio in their home, complete with a green screen. She changed all of her



online Zoom program into different Zoom programs into the homes of Dallas, Collin, Denton, and Tarrant County in partnership with the County Historical Commission. She continued telling her love of history.

Pat has received many awards for her work.

In 2020, the John G. Daughters of the Collin County Historical Commission honored her with the Living Legacy Award. In 2021, she received the Living Legacy Award from the Collin County Historical Commission.

Pat and her husband have a prairie style Arts and Craft home, that was restored, in the historic district in McKinney. It has been an important part of her life and she loves to share her love with everyone she meets.

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**BRING YOUR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS TO THE**  
*Collin County History Museum*

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IN TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY. SHARE YOUR PERSONAL STORIES AND  
MEMORIES OF HOW IT WAS BACK WHEN WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE!

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