STORY IDEAS: THE SMITHSONIAN COMES TO SOUTHWEST TEXAS

The Smithsonian Comes to a Small Texas Town
How Brackettville and Fort Clark are preparing to host a Smithsonian Museum on Main Street exhibition—and why the Smithsonian brings exhibitions to rural America.

A Frontier Military Post Reinvents Itself Again
Established in 1852, Fort Clark has lived many lives. *Spark! Places of Innovation* provides a new lens through which to explore the people and ideas that shaped the post and Southwest Texas.

Saving Dickman Hall
Go behind the scenes with the volunteers restoring one of Fort Clark's landmark historic buildings as the community prepares for visitors and programming.

Young Artists Tell Local History
Brackett ISD students are turning historic local architecture into art through a project led by art teacher Elizabeth Hodges and architect/artist Adrian Falcon.

Saving South Texas Home Movies
Legends at Las Moras is working with the Texas Archive of the Moving Image to encourage residents to uncover and preserve historic film footage that might otherwise disappear.

Military History Where It Happened
Explore cavalry, Buffalo Soldiers, Seminole Negro Indian Scouts and generations of military history on the grounds where that history unfolded.

The Water That Made the Place Possible
Las Moras Springs has sustained human activity in this landscape for generations. Nature and conservation programming will examine the relationship between the springs, wildlife, land and community.

Artists of Southwest Texas
Meet regional artists and explore how landscape, border culture, architecture and history continue to influence art created in the region.

Hollywood in the Borderlands
Southwest Texas has a rich film history, including nearby Alamo Village. Film-themed programming will explore the people, productions and stories connected to the region.

Worth the Drive: A Winter Weekend at Fort Clark
A travel feature combining the Smithsonian exhibition with historic Fort Clark, Brackettville, regional attractions, local dining, lodging and holiday programming.

Innovation Didn't Start in Silicon Valley
Spark! provides an opportunity to explore the practical ingenuity, adaptation and problem-solving that have long characterized life in rural Southwest Texas.

MEDIA RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Interviews • Historic photographs • High-resolution images • Advance tours • Local historians • Artists • Student participants • Military historians • Smithsonian/Museum on Main Street background materials

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