

Log House Gazette

November 2020 - Let's picnic! Spread a blanket under the old live oak trees in Bicentennial Park (picnic tables are there, too) and you'll find lots of room for the kids to run and play. Oh, and walk around Southlake's own log house to learn a little history while you're there.

A replica of an 1850s-era pioneer home, the house includes logs from three log structures that stood long ago in now-Southlake.

Missing pieces were hand-crafted by restoration expert Bill Marquis of Denton County. Many of the foundation stones are original to the log homes built here; the red clay between the logs is from Southlake. The posts holding up the back porch are 1850s telegraph poles that stood along the old Butterfield Stage Line in Parker County. This type of log house, at only 14 feet by 14 feet, sheltered an entire family.

The house was paid for by the city, with the Southlake Historical Society assisting in various ways including writing and designing the information signs that circle the house. Be sure to read them to learn more.



On Sept. 23, a beautiful sculpture was placed by the city in the nearby Blossom Prairie Wildflower Area, so named for what was once a meadow with abundant springs and timber that was a

campground for 19th century pioneers and adventure seekers on their way west. Pictured here next to his sculpture, "Prairie Winds," is the artist, Seth Vandable.

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Hi! My name is Bonnet, and I live here. Settlers believed a good dog was worth his weight in gold, and I aim to do my best. I keep skunks, opossums and other varmints away from the house and warn the family of approaching danger. I also come in handy when the boys go hunting. Sometimes my family gets annoyed at me for barking far into the night for no apparent reason, but hey, I'm a dog.

Watch for me to pop up all around the log house. I am one busy dog!

