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Hillsboro, a community of approximately 10,000 people located on I-35 between DFW and Waco, is the County Seat of Hill County, Texas.

When the county was created in 1853, a central location was chosen to be the county seat. Three landowners between them donated a two-mile by two-mile square of land to create the original townsite of Hillsboro. From that day forward Hillsboro has served as the central location for Hill County governance, commerce and justice. By the time it incorporated in 1881, cotton was the principal economic driver; the railroad soon followed and brought rapid growth and development. From 1890 to 1910, a building boom created landmarks that can be seen today throughout downtown Hillsboro and its residential historic district. Its crown jewel, the Hill County Courthouse, was constructed in 1890. Once that initial boom slowed in the 1920s, Hillsboro maintained a population close to 8000 for approximately 100 years. While staying small, the town strengthened its role as regional hub.

In 1923 Hillsboro Junior College was founded. Today, Hill College is a robust community college system with multiple campuses, significant accomplishments in academics and fine arts, and national renown in track and rodeo.

As agriculture receded, Hillsboro's business and industrial sectors advanced. From 1990 to 2010, the Hillsboro Outlet Mall was a retail mecca that drew thousands of shoppers from throughout central and north Texas. Now largely empty, the center is redeveloping via a public-private partnership. Manufacturing is strong today: in Hillsboro's industrial park over 2000 employees construct buildings, materials, fire trucks and more.

Agriculture is still strong. Today Hillsboro's farm families are responsible for a variety of important livestock and food crops, which still include cotton but also boast harvests of maize, corn, wheat and others. This wealth of the soil enables a myriad of uses and products, including award-winning TX Whisky.

Churches, clubs and civic organizations thrive in Hillsboro as well: book clubs, master gardeners, varied and rich communities of faith, and various other groups provide ways to serve our community as well as to learn, grow, and fellowship.

For over 170 years, Hillsboro has been the centerpiece of the surrounding rural community. Today that community has welcomed significant growth; the population is more diverse and culturally attuned; and its citizens are more educated. Many have spent time in larger cities and come to prize the quality of life this rural area affords. In that time Hillsboro's own development – aided by visionary leadership and steadfast accomplishments in education, business, industry and community – has enabled it to keep level up as well.

We are strong but mighty. We take care of our own. We work together. We welcome you!

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