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**FROM THE AUSTIN McCLOUD APPELLATE COURT MUSEUM**

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**THE McCLOUD COURT MUSEUM SCHEDULE CHANGED**

The Austin McCloud - Appellate Court Museum will now be open during its revised schedule – Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

“Our museum and the Eastland County Museum have different, but complementary roles”, said Sherry Williamson, head of the McCloud Museum. “It makes sense for the two museums to be open at the same time, so we adjusted our schedule to match the County Museum’s hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

Ms. Williamson added, “As far as we know, ours is the only museum dedicated to interpreting our appellate judicial system, admittedly a somewhat narrow subject. However, one can also learn about the history of Eastland County and the life and career of an exemplary jurist, Chief Justice Austin McCloud, when they drop by.”

The McCloud Museum contains professionally constructed displays explaining the early development of the City of Eastland including its most famous occupant – Old Rip. The story of Cisco’s 1927 Santa Claus bank robbery is told, complete with the ultimate outcome for its most infamous participant. The robbery mastermind, Marshall Ratliff, met his end at the end of a rope behind the Majestic Theatre only a block away. There is also information about Ranger’s oil boom days and other stories of Eastland County.

The coordinated hours on Fridays by the two museums afford excellent field trip opportunities for area teachers, helping their students to learn about Eastland County and its place in the world.

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