

## VZPOMÍNKY (24)

### SHINER, TX

Česká stopa v Texasu .... Bozka Street, Mraz Street, Saint Ludmila Street ....

Nejčistší texaské malé město.

1884

První osadníci do bývalé indiánské osady Half Moon z Německa a českých zemí

1885

Zřízena US pošta

1848

Narozen Hnery B. Shiner, Victoria, TX

1861

Shinerovci přesídlují do San Antonia

1867

Shiner se usidluje v Texasu

1868

Kupuje pozemky v Rocky Creek pro svou nevěstu

Věnuje se dobytkařství

Brzo odhadl schopnosti německých a českých farmářů

1867

SAAP staví železnici z Yoakumu do Waca. Shiner dotuje železnici svými pozemky

Zřizuje depo pro svůj byznys (dobytkářství)

1887

První vlak přijíždí. Half Moon se stěhuje blíže železnici, přemísťuje se i pošta. Vzniká nové město.

1888 - 1. 3.

Město Half Moon se přejmenovává na SHINER, TEXAS.

### SHINER, TEXAS A Brief History

The first settlers in the area were German and Czech farmers who arrived in 1834 a knock under the live oak. It was called Half Moon after its outlier state as an Indian camp site. On December 23, 1885, a United States Post Office was established—Half Moon, Texas, and the settlers were going about their various businesses with every intent of remaining at Half Moon for many years. Within a brief two years the history of Half Moon would become the history of another large, longer-lasting town.



Henry B. Shiner

Henry B. Shiner was born in Victoria, Texas in 1848. His family moved to San Antonio in 1861 and he was educated in San Antonio and New Orleans during the Civil War years. In 1867 he returned to Texas and married Miss Lou West. A year later he purchased 2,000 acres on Rocky Creek for his herd. He drove cattle from Texas to Kansas. With the profits realized for the sale of his cattle, he bought 8,000 acres of land. He quickly noticed the possibilities of the area and realized that the ambitious Germans and Czechs in Laraca County were some of the best farmers in the state.

When the SAAP Railroad began laying track from Yoakum to Waco in 1887, Mr. Shiner donated 200 acres of his choice land as between Rocky and Boggy Creeks for railroad right of way. This would be an excellent site to land cattle and grounds for a depot. The first train came through in August 1887.

The settlement of Half Moon was 3/4 mile away from the railroad. Therefore, the settlers decided to move the new town site to take advantage of the railroad. The post office and other buildings were moved from Half Moon to the new town site on the railroad. It followed naturally that the new town should be named for its benefactor, so it officially became "Shiner, Texas" on March 1, 1888.

**W**hether you are looking for a new business location, a great atmosphere for raising a family, a place to retire or just an afternoon visit, we hope you will be favorably impressed with our community.

#### ANNUAL EVENTS

Shiner Arts Big Back Covey Awards Banquet  
Rotary Club Craft & Hobby Show  
PIA Truck Show  
Caldwell Theater Productions  
Spring Shiner Trade Fair Days  
B.A.S.H.U. (Blue Ribb from Austin, San Antonio and Houston)  
Shiner Catholic Church Spring Picnic  
Summer Concert in the Park  
Half Moon Holiday Concert in the Park  
Half Moon Holiday Parade & Celebration  
Shiner Catholic Church Fall Picnic  
Shiner Bookstore  
Fall Shiner Trade Fair Days  
Christmas Jubilee/Stars in the Park/Living Nativity



## SHINER TEXAS

### WELCOME TO SHINER CLEANEST LITTLE CITY IN TEXAS



**Things are always brewing in Shiner. Stop by and visit soon!**

- Shiner is ideally located in south, Central Texas within commuting distance of Victoria, Austin and San Antonio.
- We're located just 18 miles off of Interstate 10, within two hours of Houston. The Texas Gulf Coast is less than 100 miles away.
- We have a balanced residential community which offers a prime location for young families and retirees alike.
- RV hookups and overnight accommodations are available.

For more information, contact the  
Shiner Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 221, 810 N. Ave. E  
Shiner, Texas 77984-0221  
Ph: 361-594-4180, E-Mail: shinercc@shinertx.com  
or visit our web site, [www.shinertx.com](http://www.shinertx.com)

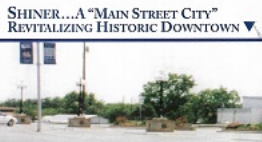
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# SHINER...POINTS OF INTEREST

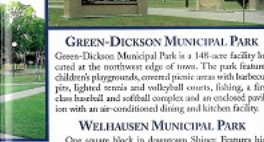
**SHINER CITY HALL**  
Built in 1927, City Hall originally included downstairs office space for the city secretary and tax office, public library, and housing for three fire trucks upstairs, an auditorium with 434 seats, dressing rooms and a stage. After the opening of City Hall plays, political rallies, and graduation services were held there for many years. The Fire Station has since been relocated, and today Shiner's City Hall houses the Police Station, Chamber of Commerce and City offices, and the auditorium is used as the firemen's recreation hall.



**WOLTERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM**  
The Edwin Wolters Memorial Museum is an outstanding legacy of Shiner's history. It generously displays an antique gun collection, old-time country stores, dinosaur bones, embockery and hand-stitched collection, a delightful display of musical instruments, an antique desk, and many antiques. For information on visiting hours, call 361-594-3374.



**SAINTS CYRIL AND METHIDIUS CHURCH**  
Blessed under the names of Saints Cyril and Methodius, two missionaries who first brought Christianity to Bohemia and Moravia, the church is truly an awe-inspiring sight. Dedicated in 1921, the red brick Romanesque Revival style architecture features a majestic altar, painted murals, beautiful stained, and stained glass windows imported from Bavaria.



**GREEN-DICKSON MUNICIPAL PARK**  
Green-Dickson Municipal Park is a 148-acre facility located at the northwest edge of town. The park features children's playgrounds, covered picnic areas with barbecue pits, lighted tennis and volleyball courts, fishing, a first class baseball and softball complex and an enclosed parker with an air-conditioned dining and kitchen facility.



**THE SPOETZL BREWERY**  
The Spoetzl Brewery, founded in 1909, is Texas' oldest independent brewery. They still practice the art of brewing, hand-crafting each brew one at a time, and then aging each Shiner beer normally for no less than thirty days. In tradition of Bavarian brewmaster Konrad Spoetzl, Shiner's little brewery proudly produces Shiner Back, Shiner Blonde, and specialty brews. For information on brewery tours, The Hospitality Room, and Gift Shop/Museum call 1-800-SSHINER or 361-594-3383.



**THE GASLIGHT THEATER**  
Shiner's first Opera House lives again. Originally the setting for plays, balls, political debates, church socials, town meetings and "social hops," the Opera House claimed a center of Shiner's social life from 1895 until 1927. Inactive for many years, The Gaslight Theater was born again in 1975 thanks to a local man and his dream class. Today, the ornate proscenium arch and waffle-style stage are all original from the building. 1995 construction and the theater is known for its outstanding amateur productions held three times a year.

**KASPAR WIRE WORKS INC.**  
When barbed wire was invented in the late 1800s, farmers tore down their smooth wire fencing and replaced it with the more effective barbed wire. Using that smooth wire, August Kaspar constructed a wire basket to carry corn cobs. With that first basket Kaspar Wire Works began, and has since been growing at an ever-increasing rate. Still under the same family ownership, Kaspar Wire Works is the largest producer and resourcer of newspaper racks in the world. Employing 900 people, they also make a wide range of specialty wire products. Tours are available by appointment only.



**SHINER...A "MAIN STREET CITY" REVITALIZING HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**

<b>TOURIST ATTRACTIONS</b> Spoetzl Brewery G5 403 E. Brewery 361-594-3383	<b>Edwin Wolters Museum G8</b> 115 E. 2nd St. 361-594-3374 <b>Prochire Emporium F6</b> 123 7th 361-594-3183	<b>Gaslight Theater F6</b> 706 St. & Ave. D 361-594-4180 <b>Kaspar Wire Works H4</b> Hwy. 99 N. 361-594-3327	<b>St. Cyril &amp; Methodius Catholic Church I7</b> 424 S. Ludwika St. 361-594-3856 <b>Green-Dickson Municipal Park D1</b> NW edge of town	<b>361-594-3362</b> <b>Wellhausen Municipal Park F6</b> 900 Ave. E 361-594-4180 <b>EDB Museum F6</b> 815 Ave. E 361-594-4343	<b>Hofble &amp; Lank Wolters Shiner Public Library &amp; Cultural Center G7</b> 115 E. 2nd St. 361-594-3044
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**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

City Hall, 361-594-3362  
City Police, 361-594-3339  
Fire, 361-594-3333  
Ambulance, 361-594-2811  
Sheriff, 361-594-2121

**TOURS**

Spoetzl Brewery, 361-594-3383  
Edwin Wolters Museum, 361-594-3374  
Kaspar Wire Works, 361-594-3327  
City Tour, 361-594-4143  
Prochire Emporium, 361-594-3183  
EDB Museum, 361-594-4343

**HISTORICAL MARKERS**

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