



Jr. ROTC Battalion renamed for Colonel Charles Young

by Christie Hoots - The Ledger Independent



THE MASON COUNTY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER Training Corps Royal Guard Battalion was renamed after Col. Charles Young during a ceremony Wednesday.

Young was born a slave in a May's Lick log cabin in 1864 before his family moved to Ripley, Ohio. During his life, Young graduated from West Point in 1889, served as a Buffalo soldier, as well as military attache' to Haiti and Liberia during his career; served in the Spanish-American War; and served as acting superintendent of Sequoia National Park, among other achievements.

The ceremony began with JROTC Event Officer Capt. Brittany Lee welcoming guests, followed by a welcome from Senior Army Instructor Lt. Col. Thomas Cordingly.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Cordingly said. "What an honor it is for us to be here today. You know, it is a well known fact of life that we will be forgotten. It's OK. That's the way life works. However, there are people who accomplished great things in life, such as this gentleman, Col. Charles Young. So, it has been my goal since we had the last ceremony at his birthplace, to change the name of the battalion and our crest to honor him."

The birthplace of Young in May's Lick was dedicated to his family last September after undergoing restoration by the county.

Former Mason County Judge-Executive Buddy Gallenstein spoke about his hopes to see Young posthumously promoted to the rank of general. "It has been my honor to be a part of the committee to recognize Col. Charles Young that's been trying to get Young posthumously promoted to general. I think we're on the right track and I hope someday that it will become a reality. We are trying to do our part to uplift the legacy of



Junior ROTC cadets stand at-ease during the Battalion name changing ceremony honoring the late Colonel Charles Young.

Charles Young."

"Try imagining being born in 1864 and going on to West Point and going through adverse conditions to serve our country," Gallenstein said. "He was able to overcome all of those adversities to serve our country. I'm honored to be a part of this ceremony and I wonder what Col. Young would think if he could see his birthplace honoring him. I am proud that the Mason County JROTC has recognized Col. Young and his service."

Maysville resident Jerry Gore was also present to offer a few words on Young and the name change.

"There is an old African proverb that says "I am because you are and you are because I am." We can't live in the past, but we can learn from the past. Young cadets, you don't know how proud you make all of us citizens of Mason County. I am so proud of what you're doing in honor of Col. Charles Young. You represent the very best of us in

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Find Your Park Campaign

THE NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION and the National Park Service are kicking off the Find Your Park campaign to help the nation understand the critical importance of connecting the next generation with national parks and their significance. People everywhere can join the movement at FindYourPark.com and by using the hashtag #FindYourPark on social media. Find Your Park invites people to see that a park can be more than a place. It can be a feeling of inspiration. It can be a sense of community. A park can be so many things to many different communities and many different people. There is a national park in every state; there may be one in your own backyard. We invite you to Find Your Park and share your adventures with us at FindYourPark.com and on social media. Sharing your park story may inspire someone else's.

There are endless ways to Find Your Park – whether it be seeing a dark night sky for the first time, exploring the home of Mary McLeod Bethune and Paul Laurence Dunbar on your mobile device, uncovering stories that are new to you, or hiking through the wilderness the Buffalo Soldiers did, each person is bound to find their park in their own unique way. You can visit FindYourPark.com for ideas on how to find your park. We will reach people everywhere and invite them to find what speaks to them in our National Park System, connect with our parks and their programs, and share their stories and experiences. As we move into the next 100 years of the National Park Service, it will be up to the younger generations to ensure our nation's treasures are protected. We know that it is vital to connect and engage with them in relevant and meaningful ways so that they will become the next generation of national park visitors, supporters, and advocates.

Through increased connection and relevancy, we hope to ultimately increase funding to the National Park Foundation and Friends Groups so we can continue to support the National Park Service's efforts to protect and preserve our nation's treasures for the next 100 years and beyond. The National Park Service Centennial is a catalytic moment for America's national parks and the critical cornerstone for their future. More than ever it's important that the national parks engage not only those who already know and love the parks, but also the next generation of visitors, supporters, and advocates to ensure the preservation and critical relevancy of our nation's majestic landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture for the next 100 years. You can be a part of that as we plan to open the home of Colonel Charles Young, the face of Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument.



Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument

The park preserves and protects Colonel Charles Young's home and surrounding farmland, and to commemorate and interpret his life and accomplishments. The national monument also commemorates and interprets the service, struggles and achievements of the Buffalo Soldiers in their duty to the United States.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.



Strengthening the Legacy of Colonel Charles Young

by Dr. Joy Kinard

CHARLES YOUNG BUFFALO SOLDIERS NATIONAL MONUMENT, and its partnering organizations: the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center; Wilberforce University; Central State University; Payne Theological Seminary; and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. jointly hosted the 151st birthday commemoration for the American Hero Colonel Charles Young.

The event took place March 12, 2015 in the “Great Hall” at the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, OH. During this event, the accomplishments of Colonel Charles Young were recognized with a special tribute. Cadet John Vinson, a student at Central State University, was the keynote speaker and shared with over 100 attendees what it meant to him, to be a part of the Charles Young Legacy. Additional remarks were shared by Dr. Joy Kinard, Superintendent of the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument; Dr. Charles Wash the Director of the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center; Brian G. Shellum, Charles Young Scholar; Marsha Bayless, Mayor of Xenia, Ohio; Chris Welch, Forth District Regional Director of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Lynette Stevens, Director of Minority Affairs of Governor John R. Kasich’s office; Dr. Charles Ford, Provost of Central State University; Jeff Sellers, Vice President of Advancement, Wilberforce University; Chrisbell Bednar, Greene County Parks and Recreation Department; and Dr. Michael Brown, Academic Dean, Payne Theological Seminary.

After the reception, a re-enactment of a Buffalo Soldier by Reginald Murray, a Park Ranger at William Howard Taft National Historic Site was received with a rousing applause. The event ended with a litany called “Strengthening the Legacy” that symbolically recognized the life of Colonel Charles Young and Dr. James Elam, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and an alumnus of Central State University, who helped to save the Young home who recently passed away in February, 2015.



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Visitors and special guests pause to take a moment of silent prayer during the invocation .



Ms. Lynette Stevens, Director of the State of Ohio Minority Affairs, Office of the Governor, presents a recognition from the Governor regarding the life accomplishments of Colonel Charles Young.



Visitors and special guests stand and join Dr. Charles Brown in singing the musical selection for the event, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by James Weldon Johnson.

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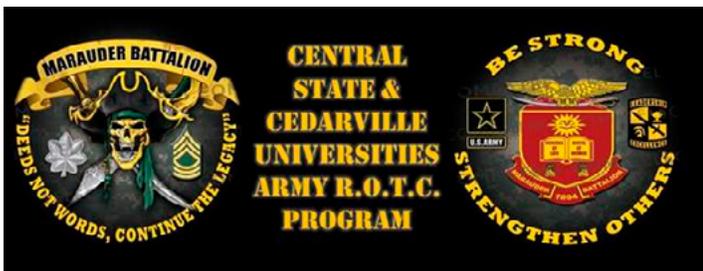
Newly Commissioned Graduates

by Lt. Col. Ronald Large

EIGHT GRADUATES OF THE MARAUDER BATTALION AT Central State University and Cedarville University not only received their diplomas this past semester, but also earned the privilege and honor to be called Army Officers. These newly Commissioned Officers completed training over the past four years outside of the classroom along with their college coursework to prepare them for careers in the United States Army. Please join the Marauder Battalion in congratulating Second Lieutenants Phillip Milam [Armor], Timothy Gauthier [Infantry], Kyle Greene [MilitaryIntelligence], Kenneth Sterner [Air Defense Artillery], Caleb Friesen [Ordinance/Explosive Ordinance Disposal], Eric Cruz [Infantry], Aaron Harkness [Medical Service Corps], and Elizabeth McNair [Quartermaster] on their accomplishments and wish them luck on their future endeavors.



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Lt. Col. Ronald Large

Ode to Memorial Day

by Charles Young

THE NATIONAL AFRO- AMERICAN MUSEUM and Cultural Center has the largest collection connected to the life and times of Colonel Charles Young. The museum has given us access to an item in their collection to share with you. The item is a poem that Colonel Young wrote called "Ode for Memorial Day," Message from Wilberforce, Ohio June 30, 1907. Having the opportunity to view the penmanship of Colonel Charles Young is quite an honor. If you want to take a closer look at the original document, you can schedule an appointment at the National Afro- American Museum and Cultural Center by calling (937) 376-4944.

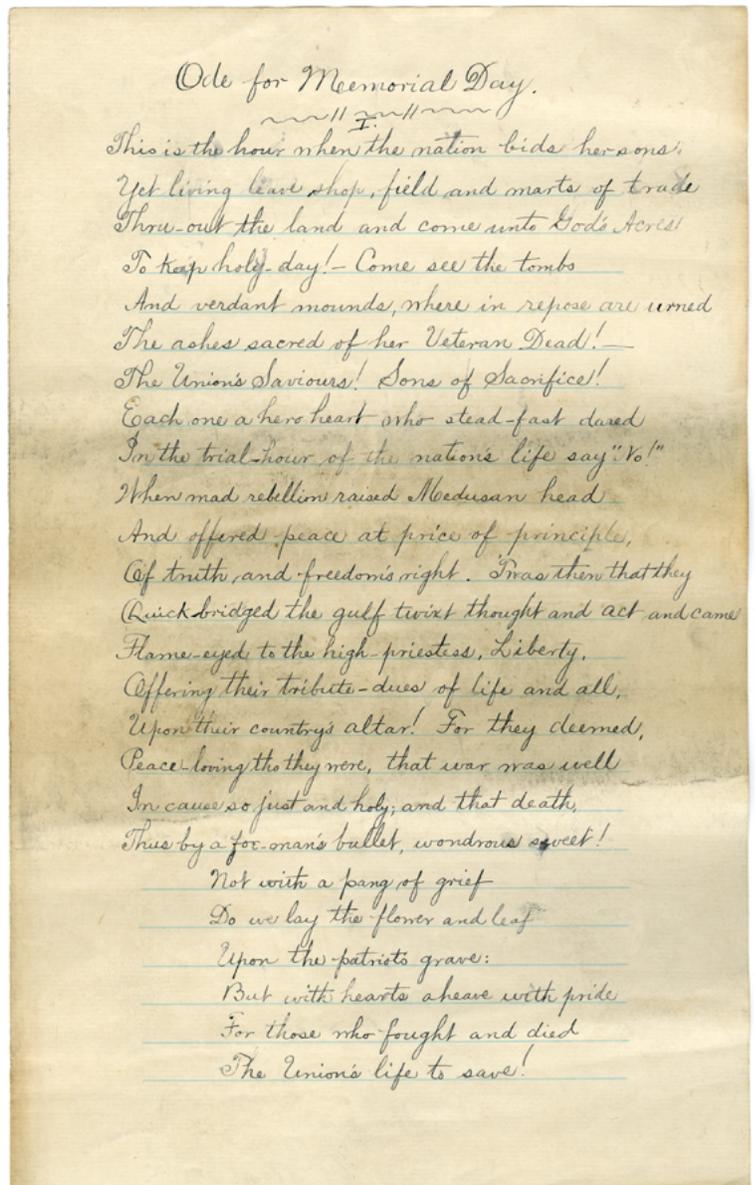
I.

*This is the hour when the nation bids her sons
Yet living leave shop, field and marts of the trade
Thru-out the land and come unto God's Acres
To Keep holy-day! - Come see the tombs
And verdant mound, where in repose are urned
The ashes sacred of her Veteran Dead!
The Union's Saviours! Sons of Sacrifice!
Each one a hero heart who stead-fast dared
In the trial-hour of the nation's life say "No!"
When mad rebellion raised Medusan head
And offered peace at price of principle,
Of truth and freedom's right. 'Twas then that they
Quick-bridged the gulf twixt thought and act and came
Flame-eyed to the high-priestess, Liberty,
Offering their tribute-dues of life and all,
Upon their country's altar! For they deemed,
Peace-loving tho they were, that war was well
In cause so just and holy; and that death,
Thus by a foe-man's bullet, wondrous sweet!*

*Not with a pang of grief
Do we lay the flower and leaf
Upon the patriot's grave:
But with hearts aheave with pride
For those who fought and died
The Union's life to save!*

II.

*This is the Veteran's hour! these worthy ones
Who with this empty sleeves and shattered frames,
Sad-eyed come tottering here with battle-scars
And bronzed medalled breasts and feeble voice,
They are the idols and the orators
To-day, be ne'er so eloquent other's words!
They tell us true that none may force or buy
A patriot's blood: his own to sacrifice
In heart-felt love for his dear country's good.*



Scan of original message of first page of Charles Young's "Ode to Memorial Day." Written on May 30, 1907 in Wilberforce, Ohio.

*This is the Veteran's day: let Youth give care
And passage free; his soldier live doth pass,
Going to keep his yearly rendez-vous
With comrade spirits whom he soon must join!
See, they salute and bow their hatless heads
In mute communion with the spirit-hosts.
Now opened are the vials of their souls
To receive that spirit-influence blest.
Here hate of foe and rancour are forgot:
Their hearts are filled with thoughts of love alone
For country, freedom, right. - The sires renew
Their ancient memories and feel the thrill
Again of the war-note wild, as their country's call,
The while their sons do slate their burning thirst
From traditions copious spring, and rise inspired.
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III.

These, brothers, rare the days that speak and fill
A nation with new life and glory's fire!
They're Freedom's resurrection morns!
Bloom, Flowers!
Flow, tears of saddened joy! Wake, Music! Sound
Oh Voice of Prais! In this Ancestral Cult
Than ye there's naught more meet!

Ah, sad must be

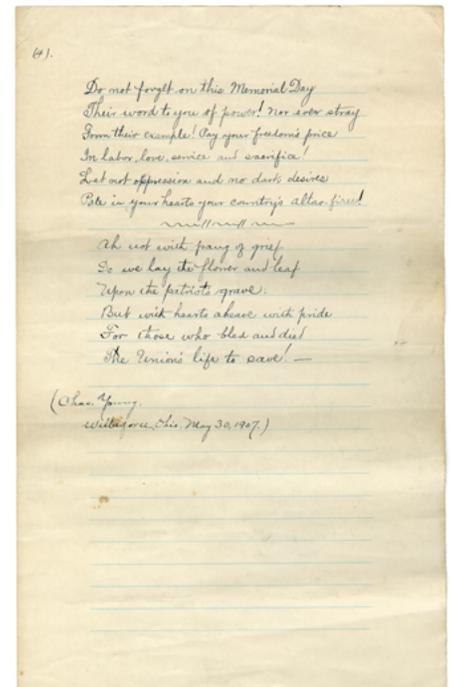
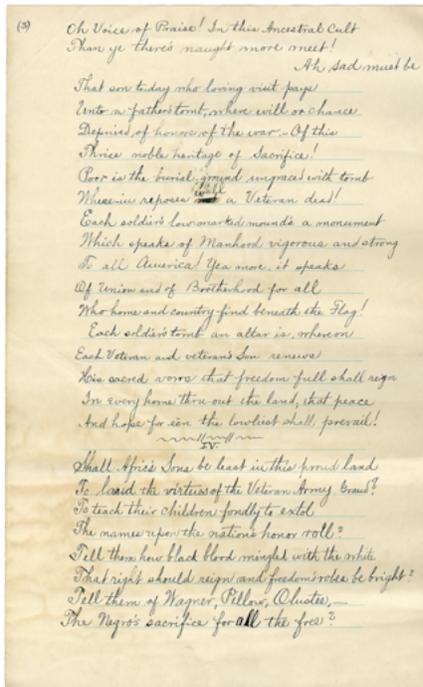
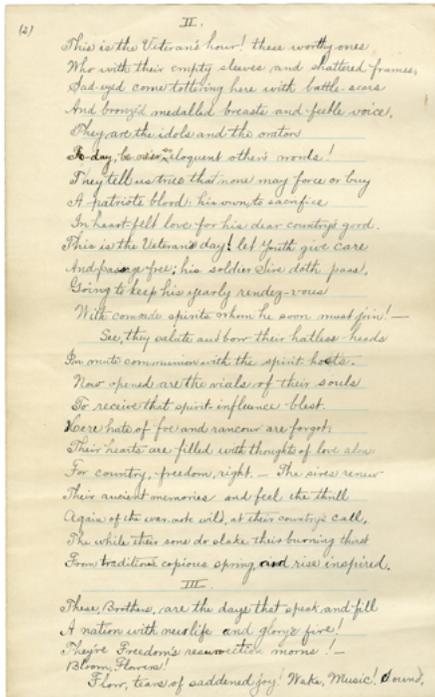
That son to-day who loving visit pays
Unto a father's tomb, where will or chance
Deprived of honors of the war - Of this
Thrice noble heritage of Sacrifice!
Poor is the burial-ground ungraced with tomb
Where-in reposes well a Verteran dead!
Each soldier's low-marked mound's a monument
Which speaks of Manhood vigorous and strong
To all America! Yea more, it speaks
Of Union and of Brotherhood for all
Who home and country find beneath the Flag!
Each soldier's tomb an altar is, where on
Each Veteran and veteran's Son renews
His scred vows that freedom full shall reign
In every home thru-out the land, that peace
And hope for een the lowliest shall prevail!

IV.

Shall Afric's Sons be least in this proud land
To land the virtues of the Veteran Army Grand?
To teach their children fondly to extol
The names upon the nation's honor roll?
Tell them how black blood mingled with the white
That right should reign and freedom's robes be bright?
Tell them of Wagner, Pillow, Olustee, _____
The Negro's sacrifice for all the free?
Do not forget on this Memorial Day
Their word to you of power! Nor ever stray
From this example! Pay your freedom's price
In labor, love, service and sacrifice!
Let not oppression and no dark desires
Pale in your hearts your country's altar-fires!

Ah not with pang of grief
So we lay the flower and leaf
Upon the patriot's grave:
But with hearts aheave with pride
For those who bled and died
The Union's life to save!

Chas. Young,
Wilberforce, Ohio. May 30, 1907



The second, third and fourth pages of Charles Young's "Ode to Memorial Day." Written on May 30, 1907 in Wilberforce, Ohio. Photos courtesy of the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center (NAAMCC).

About the Newsletter

“The Bugler’s Call”, the newsletter’s name, was selected by Ranger Shelton Johnson, from Yosemite National Park. As an authority on the Buffalo Soldiers and Charles Young, he selected this name because a cavalryman’s life was driven by a bugler’s call. Meaning, a bugle told the soldiers when to get up, when to get their horses ready, when to go right, or left, or charge. Whenever a bugle was being played, the soldiers were all listening, and even the horses knew what to do when the bugle sounded.

On the covers: Park Ranger Reggie Murray from William Howard Taft NHS, in Buffalo Soldier uniforms during a living history program.



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Ranger Reggie Murray of William Howard Taft Nat'l. Historic Site.



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Ranger Shelton Johnson of Yosemite National Park.

A Salute to Veterans

Every newsletter, Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument will highlight one military veteran whose contribution to the National Park Service is key to the agency’s mission and success.



Anthony F. Sculimbrene (Tony) Executive Director of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance

This newsletter, we present Anthony F. Sculimbrene (Tony) of the National Aviation Heritage Alliance. The Alliance is the management entity of the National Aviation Heritage Area, one of 49 national heritage areas designated by Congress as having a cohesive, distinctive landscape associated with historic and cultural resources of national importance. In this capacity, Mr. Sculimbrene, as the principal staff official, is responsible for the development and execution of plans, budgets and projects in support of the vision and mission adopted by the trustees of the Alliance. Mr. Sculimbrene works closely with the National Park Service and other aviation heritage organizations located throughout the region to preserve and promote the aviation history of the area to a global audience.



Preceding his employment with the Alliance, Mr. Sculimbrene supported the Dayton Aviation Heritage Commission as a loaned executive on special assignment from Wright-Patterson AFB. Prior to that assignment he led a multi-million dollar environmental clean-up effort at Wright Patterson AFB, establishing a very positive environmental program for one of the Air Force’s largest installations. As a part of those efforts, he managed several new programs at the base including the Hazardous Material Pharmacy, and a community-based Environmental Advisory Board. He participated in exchange visits with military officials from the countries of Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan to discuss environmental restoration and compliance technologies.

Mr. Sculimbrene graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1973 and at the same time was commissioned as an officer in the United States Air Force. He served in the Civil Engineering Squadron at Wright Patterson AFB. He has attended various courses at the Air Force Institute of Technology and is a 1995 graduate of the Senior Officials in National Security program offered at Harvard University.

In addition to his work assignment, Mr. Sculimbrene serves as a Commissioner for the Greene County Park District. Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Tony and his wife Vickie now reside in Xenia, Ohio. They live with their two children, son, Tony, and daughter, Monica.

The Bugler's Call

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the nation today. When I look around at you young cadets, realizing if there is going to be a change in this world, you will be the ones to make it. This is a day you will never forget. And, so in the spirit of Col. Young, I know he and all the veterans who have defended this great nation, are looking down and saying, 'well done, well done, well done,'" Gore said."

Once the speeches were completed, Cordingly read the Department of the Army Orders, officially changing the name of the battalion.

"This ceremony is in honor of the groundbreaking history and accomplishments and outstanding military record of service of Col. Charles Young to the U.S. Army & the United States of America. Be it known that on this date, March 18, 2015, and henceforth, the Mason County Army JROTC Royal Guard Battalion is re-designated and will go by the name of the Col. Charles Young Battalion," Cordingly read.

During the reading, an artist proof of a painting of Young was also unveiled. The painting was completed by Don Stivers. A new crest with the name of the battalion was also revealed.

Two of the JROTC cadets offered their thoughts on the changing of the batallion name.

"I thought it was something great that we were doing. A lot of people in Maysville don't really know the story of Charles Young, but a lot of people know about the JROTC program. I think since we've associated the JROTC program with Charles Young, he will start to get the recognition he needs around the world. I'm honored to be a part of this group to do that," Lee said.

JROTC Command Sgt. Major Devontae Stewart had similar sentiments.

"It's great. He was from here and we didn't know about him until we learned about his death. We did a color guard at his house and Col. Cordingly has been talking about the name change. We all agreed it was a great thing."

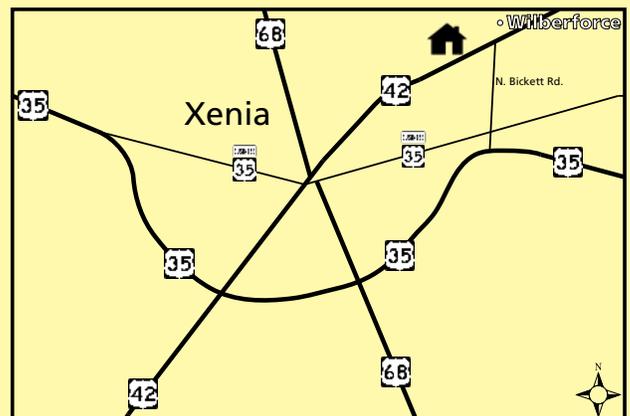
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The park is located on U.S. Route 42, near the town of Wilberforce, Ohio which is adjacent to Central State University and Wilberforce University. Visitors from points west, south and southeast should take U.S. 35 and exit at N. Bickett Road to U.S. 42.



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