

Dayton Historical Society Throw

The centerpiece of the quilt is the Old School, Dayton's school from 1900 to 1910. See article about The Old School Museum for more information.

At one time the Dayton City motto was "Hub of Transportation in Southeast Texas" because of the 3 railroads, the Trinity River, and the 3 Highways (Tx. 146, 321, and 90) that went through Dayton. Highway 1960 was constructed later, so we are still a hub of transportation. The throw also shows a shuttle to remind one that we are located near NASA and an airplane to symbolize that Bush International is our link to air traffic. At one time there was even barge traffic on the Trinity River.

The top of the throw is bordered by a log train to depict the TVN RR which carried timber into our area. On the right side is the Trinity River, on the south border is a passenger train sitting on tracks that have been the center of Dayton life for years, and on the left side is a train with oil tanks that pictures the connection to oil production in our area and its movement to the refineries in Baytown. On the top corner is a Dayton Bronco to remind us of our schools and on the right top corner is a Texas flag that shows our state pride.

Inside the border on the top left is a picture of loaded rice wagons, with the Dayton Depot shown in the center top. An oil derrick is shown on the top right to portray oil discovery in Dayton. The derrick has no "crown," but that was the style of the early 1900's.

To the left of the Old School is a picture of Dayton Lumber Co. which was a big business at the turn of the 20th century and contributed mightily to our growth. It was located north of Hwy. 1960 and west of North Waco St. In fact, North Waco St. was actually a railroad spur that brought the timber to the yard. To the right side of the Old School is a picture of the first brick bank in Dayton that is still in use today as a doctor's office.

On the bottom left is an old style tractor representing the different types of farming in Dayton. The center bottom picture is a longhorn representing Dayton's cattle industry. Local rancher "Blackie" Graves helped bring longhorn production back to Texas. In the bottom right corner is a picture of the Navratil Cotton Gin which was one of 3 in the Dayton area. The throw gives one many reminders of Dayton's diverse industries and areas of history.