



The City of Bertram is a beautiful Hill County community full of friendly people. Bertram has a little of something for everyone and growing fast. Bertram offers parks, tennis courts, and walking paths. We are also home to a variety of events throughout the year including the Oatmeal Festival and Fourth of July fireworks.

Bertram is an agricultural based community with a rich history. It was founded in 1882 by Rudolph Bertram, a principal stockholder in the Austin and Northwestern Railroad. Bertram grew rapidly and became an important trade and shipping center for wool, sheep, cotton, hides and cattle. Bertram's many historic buildings afford a charming look into the past, and its friendly people make the visitors and newcomers feel at home. Burnet has many pleasant surprises served up by some of the friendliest folks you will find in one small quiet hill country city.

#### **BURNET CISD**

Located in the heart of the Hill Country, Burnet CISD encompasses over 700 square miles and serves 3,200 students at six campuses. Burnet CISD has a rich history of excellence in academics and extracurricular activities and is committed to CRAFTING the FUTURE with students.

#### **COLLEGES**

Numerous colleges within driving distance of Bertram.

- Central Texas College: [www.ctcd.edu](http://www.ctcd.edu)
- Texas Tech: [www.ttu.edu](http://www.ttu.edu)
- Southwestern College: [www.southwestern.edu](http://www.southwestern.edu)
- Austin Community College: [www.austincc.edu](http://www.austincc.edu)

#### **RECREATION**

The city is well-known for its annual Oatmeal Festival every Labor Day weekend. The festival started as a way to rebuild the nearby community but over the years the Oatmeal festival has evolved into one of the wildest small-town festivals across the World. The festival is a great way to see Bertram residents pride and to literally feel oatmeal raining. Other community events in Burnet are the Easter Egg Hunt, Burnet County Livestock Show, and Santa's Workshop.

**Bertram City Pool, tennis courts and playground:** located adjacent to the Roadside Park at the west end of town – the park, courts and playground are free to all, and the park is an excellent picnic destination.

**Johnnie Mae Wheeler Park:** in the heart of downtown Bertram under the water tower – a beautifully maintained park with a lovely gazebo, just perfect for weddings, an Easter egg hunt or a noon lunch break During December the park is brilliantly decorated and is the 'jewel' of downtown.

**Bertram Elementary Pavilion, walking track, volley ball courts and soccer field:** our elementary school is dear to Bertram, and the school endeavors to accommodate the needs of our citizens and our children. The walking track is a quarter mile, and it winds around the volley ball court, next to a playscape and the soccer field. It is a perfect place for family recreation. The pavilion features a basketball court.

**Fishing:** Bertram is within 30 minutes of the 7 Highland Lakes. Visit [www.lakesandhills.com](http://www.lakesandhills.com) for fishing information