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How Would You Describe this Town Called Krum?
In Celebration Of 125 years
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It is quite interesting to see how Krum has been described through the years in books, newspaper articles and newspaper advertisements.

In an article from the Fort Worth Gazette from **June 29, 1887** the headline read “**A Town Half Way Between Fort Worth and Gainesville.**” The article said this little town is “*surrounded by the finest farming lands in Denton County*” and “*The railroad company owns the town site, 200 acres, and are very liberal with anyone desirous of building or starting business. The town is situated on high rolling prairie, about seven miles west of the Cross Timbers. The country is very pretty to look at and unsurpassed for health.*”

An advertisement from the **November 28, 1889** Dallas Morning News says the town has a “*Good church and school.*”

And another Dallas Morning News ad from August **5, 1900** has for sale 130 acres near Krum that has a “*good house, barn, granary and nice bearing orchard, splendid neighborhood,*” and adds “*it’s a fine country.*”

An article from the Dallas Morning New from **October 5, 1975** titled “**Krum, Texas: A pleasant place to live,**” describes Krum from the prospective of a man who has opened a car repair business. He describes Krum like this: “*Out here, for me, it’s the little things. Like at the local store, say I don’t have my money along- I can bring it later. At the post office, I forget my stamps- I find ‘em next day in my box. Y’ know, its little things like that, things you wouldn’t find in New York or other cities very often. And, like __ says, it’s the sunsets. The trees that sing and dance. It’s all those things.*”

From the book “**Little Towns of Texas**” written in 1982 by Kathleen and Clifton St. Clair, Krum is described as:
“*A very lovely spot, 725 feet above sea level, and is located eight miles west of Denton...It is situated midst softly rolling hills and a few wooded sites.*”

But sometimes it isn’t how something is described in words that defines what it is, sometimes it is what it does that lets you know what kind of spirit it has. In July 2009, the community of Krum celebrated Christmas for a 5-year old child battling brain cancer who asked “*when Christmas would arrive this year.*” This community called Krum did not just put up a Christmas tree or two or hang up some Christmas decorations; there was a Santa, and a parade resplendent with parade floats and over 144 motorcycle riders. A snow machine from Austin created snow flurries on the 107 degree day. The crowd of several thousand lined the streets while the 50 or 60 parade participants slowly moved by. Descriptions from the Denton Record Chronicle of what the town had done included: “*I have never seen a community come together like that before*” and “*People just opened their hearts.*”

And sadly, like many other towns, in October 2007 Krum supporters lined the streets waving flags as a funeral procession for a fallen war hero, killed in Iraq, traveled down main street on the final journey to Jackson Cemetery.

County Judge Buddy Cole spoke at the 1986 Krum Centennial celebration. He ended his speech this way: “When you travel around this great state of Texas or around this nation that when asked where you are from, you will **not** say near Dallas or Fort Worth or Denton, but you will state plainly and proudly I am from Krum, Texas.”

Both old-timers and newcomers have become a part of this rich past and should cherish the heritage that we have here. This town, called Krum, celebrating its 125 anniversary in August 2011, is not just a depot town, is not just a town of bountiful wheat harvests, is not just a town with great basketball teams or any other written description you can find- it is a community with a big heart.

Celebrate the heritage of Krum by visiting the Krum Heritage Museum during the **August 6, 2011 Quasquicentennial Celebration**. There will be special presentations and movies at the times shown below on this day. All the Krum books will be for sale as well as DVDs on Krum, Krum note cards, hand made note cards and for this special Quasquicentennial Celebration the museum will have Train Whistles on sale in honor of Krum’s railroad heritage.

9:30: “***Krum Before Krum***”- From Buffalo to the Barnett Shale- Presentation by Max Marrs

10:30: “***Then & Now, Krum, Texas***”- Movie by Kathryn Dodd on the history of Krum through pictures –what it looked like Then and how it looks Now.

11:30: “***Farmers & Merchants State Bank Robberies***”- Movie by Kathryn Dodd

Please visit the Krum Heritage Museum online at www.krumheritagemuseum.com