

Krum Chamber of Commerce
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City of Krum

Surrounded by rolling hills and lush farmland, Krum is located in what is known as the Grand Prairie region of North Texas. On March 13, 1857, the area in which Krum lies was part of a land grant issued to the heirs of Charles Despallier, one of the heroes who died at the Alamo.

In 1876 a small settlement known as Jackson Community was founded just south of present day Krum. There the settlers established a school, church, and cemetery.

It was 1884 before the construction of the Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroad through the area was completed. Two years later, in 1886, the Railroad purchased two hundred acres of land, setting out to build a town that would be named for one of its Vice-Presidents, A. R. Krum.

The school and church from Jackson community were moved to the new town. However, the cemetery remains at the site of the original community, and is still in use today.

By the turn of the century Krum was home to a post office, lumber yard, hardware store, saloon, school, several churches, a hotel, and a host of other businesses.

The area boomed as farmers produced massive quantities of some of the highest grades of wheat. In 1900 Krum farmers produced and sold more wheat than any other comparable region in the world. That year alone over 519,000 bushels of wheat were shipped from the area.

For several decades the area continued to grow; however, the science of crop rotations was not yet in wide use and harvests began to dwindle. By 1950 the population had dropped to the level of the 1910's.

Many of the buildings in Krum today remain from that period of growth between 1900 and 1930. Unlike many other small towns, however, there are virtually no vacant buildings in Krum.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank and Krum Hardware store are businesses from that era still in operation today in their original locations with many of the old fixtures and furnishings intact.

The other old buildings have become home to a variety of successful businesses. The Clay Pot Eatery and numerous antique stores attract a steady stream of visitors from all over North Texas.

Several newer buildings have also been constructed to house many other shops and services; but just in case you can't find what you need, it's only five miles to Denton and 30 miles to Dallas or Fort Worth.

Within the past few years the Krum school system has constructed all new facilities for the entire district. Loop 288, a major highway now under construction, will pass by the outskirts of Krum and a nearby Texas Instruments plant.

With our excellent public facilities, vast open spaces, and strategic location near two (soon to be three) major highways and rail service, Krum is poised and ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Yet, even with our progress in the past few years, in Krum you'll find the air is still clean and the nights are quiet!

Come visit us....You'll be glad you did!

YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS DEPEND ON YOUR TRADE.
YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF
SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS!
TRADING LOCALLY IS VERY MUCH LIKE "KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY!" IT IS THE LIFE BLOOD
OF A THRIVING COMMUNITY!

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