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TOURS SHOWCASING CULTURES UNLEASHED FOR 2014 BY  
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Personal stories shared can be an incredible gift and that with new venues and old resources is enabling Rural Texas Tourism, LLC to snap into gear for 2014 by creating opportunities for more visitations to the Fayette County and surrounding areas.

“We recently partnered (and are very grateful to) the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce and their board of directors in creating a tour entitled *Rails, Artists, and Outlaws*,” states Cathy Chaloupka, owner to RTT, LLC. This new tour engages the visitor to spend a day visiting specifically Flatonia and hear the story and view art work (such as the World War II “dough boy”) of renowned local artist, Gene Mikulik (who passed away a number of years ago). A beautiful untapped “painted church with cherubims and angels” located in Cistern will be part of this tour as the artistry of Mikulik unfolds. The Flatonia Rail Park will also be part of the tour as well as the impressive E. A. Arnim Museum, Raphael’s Refuge, and a drive by of the grand Flatonia Livestock Commission (and other sights).

Other new tours include *Kolaches, Kollections, Kuisine* which allows a mix and match of any town in the area for the visitor to eat, shop, and eat some more while hearing the history of the many cultures that weave the fabric of each community. *Museums and Wineries* is yet another tour created to encourage the visitor to come to the area. “There was a need for some tours, especially in the inclement months of the year--January when too cold and August when too hot. These tours allow folks to get immersed in history while being in a climate controlled environment—clearly a comfort level.”

Rural Texas Tourism, LLC continues to provide tours of Fayette County and the area including Painted Churches as showcased in the Texas Highways Magazine, Czech/Churches/Cherished Moments in Fayetteville (which includes the oldest church in the county (St. Mary’s of Ellinger), New adventures in Old La Grange (as showcased in Texas Highways Magazine), A Visionary and Four Legacies in Round Top, and Saints & Souls/Orphan Train Saga in Schulenburg/Weimar as well as a host of mix and match opportunities. “With so much history of settlers, trails, tradition, and cultures, we are thrilled to be able to add 2-3 tours a year to our collection, thus encouraging overnight stays with individuals and groups.”

***Cathy Chaloupka***  
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