Starring Texas County Key

| San | Kilgore | Travis | Travis | McLennan | Guadalupe | Wood | Orange | Dallas | Gregg |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Augustine Tarrant | Travis (v) | Dallas | Panola (v) | Dallas | Washington | McLennan | Travis (v) | Collin/Denton | Dallas |
| Caldwell | (v) | Travis | (v) | Travis | Travis | Bastrop | (v) | Galveston | Caldwell |
| Menard | Gonzales | Travis | Travis | MissTexasUSA | Ellis | Smith | Travis | Seguin | Travis |
| Hill | Seguin | Hunt | Bosque | Dallas (v) | Generic | Coryell | Tarrant | Travis | Tarrant |
| San Saba | Williamson | Marion | Parker | (v) | Travis | Erath | Generic (v) | Collin | Denton |
| Kaufman | Morris | Llano (v) | Fort Bend | Rusk | Cooke | Travis | (v) | Tarrant | Generic |
| Hunt | Caldwell | Llano (v) | Gregg | Mason | Collin (v) | Hunt | Walker | Nacogdoches | Blanco |
| Generic | Bexar | Travis | Travis | Hunt | (v) | Generic | Harris | Generic | Guadalupe |
| Travis | Nacogdoches (v) | Dallas | Travis | Generic | Travis | Van Zandt | Madison/ Houston | McLennan (v) | Travis |
| Generic | (v) | Generic | Wood (v) | Cass | Gregg | Erath (v) | Dallas | (v) | Travis |
| Generic | Denton | Lamar | (v) | Hopkins | Generic | (v) | Grimes | Bexar | Eastland |
| Coryell | (v) San Augustine | Titus | Generic | Travis | Gregg | TxDOT | Galveston | Travis | Montgomery |
| Leon | (v) | Brown | Harris (v) | Nueces | Travis (v) | Caldwell | Van Zandt | Travis (v) | Generic |
| Erath | Travis | Travis | Harris (v) | Nacogdoches | (v) | Travis | Tarrant | (v) | Leon |
| Rockwall | Travis | Robertson | Denton | Generic | Gregg | Kendall | Generic | Bell | Anderson |
| Leon | Williamson (v) | Travis | Brown | Travis | McLennan | Denton (v) | Coryell | Bexar (v) | El Paso |
| Tarrant | (v) | Galveston | Generic | Bell (v) | Hunt | (v) | Austin | (v) | Ellis |
| Dallas | Coryell | Generic | Dallas | (v) | Guadalupe | Terrell | Washington | Bowie | Rusk |
| Travis | Gregg | San Augustine | Marion | Washington | Dallas | Generic | Harris | Travis | Gregg |

Some Stars Would Be Nice...

When Commerce photographer, Rick Vanderpool was about to depart on one of his early "Looking for Texas" trips, he asked his wife, Judy if there were any other subjects she'd like to have him shoot.

"Some stars would be nice," she said, and so a star was born – a star theme, that is, and from that trip on, stars struck Vanderpool on a regular basis. A few years later, in addition to over 1,000 photos of the word *Texas*, he had several hundred examples of how Texans display their famous icon – from serious monuments and famous markers to purely fun and wildly decorative applications. Some were shot in black and white to be hand-colored by Judy.

Fast-forward to July 2003 and a propitious meeting between Vanderpool and Mike Coston, President of the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. Kilgore has long called itself the "City of Stars," and the designation was made official in mid-October 2003, when the legislature passed and Governor Perry signed HCR6. Coston, feeling that his city needed a signature gift item, commissioned the Vanderpools to create "Starring Texas," a unique montage of nearly 200 stars from all over The Lone Star State – including several from Kilgore.

Thanks to the many other Texas communities and individuals, across The Lone Star State, who literally pointed Rick to the stars. Please visit the Kilgore Chamber web site (www.kilgorechamber.com) for information on how to order a signed 18" x 24" print of "Starring Texas."

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