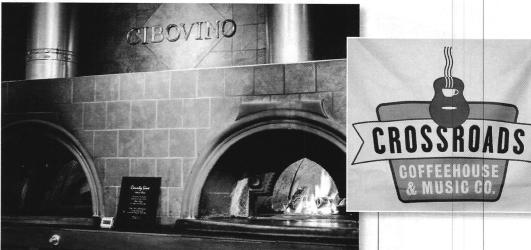
Stomping GROUNDS

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Day One

8:30 a.m. Just because it's called a pub doesn't mean you can't get a good breakfast to start your day. Brewbaker's Restaurant and Pub opens from 7 to 10 a.m. each day, and since it's already well known for great bakery items, there's no doubt about the quality. Brewbaker's is also open for lunch and dinner, with live music several nights a week. 210 North Main Street 903-342-6119 brewbakerspub.com

10:00 a.m. Check in at The Winnsboro Center for the Arts to find out what musical acts are performing in town for the evening. In addition to an update about entertainment, there's also a small exhibit about Winnsboro history and changing art exhibits that deserve a visit. And if there's not enough information there, Winnsboro's visitors' center is just across the street in the old depot building. 200 Market Street 903-342-0686 winnsborocenterforthearts.com



11:30 a.m.

Find some new things to take back to your kitchen at home at Ladles to Linens. There are gourmet cooking implements, stylish serving dishes, and specialized ingredients, such as Texas Hill Country olive oil. It takes awhile to browse all the items, so leave plenty of time. Plus there's an assortment of other shops along Main Street. 215 North Main Street; 903-342-1050 ladlestolinens.com

5:00 p.m.

A glass of wine is the way to start dinner at ciboVino, served in their cozy, comfortable dining room. Italian food like Napoli-style pizzas fired in wood-burning ovens, chicken picatta, and lasagna take center-stage, along with Black Angus steaks cooked to order. Crowds gather early to enjoy a leisurely dinner before the music venues open, so it's wise to follow their lead. 218 North Main Street 903-342-0028 cibovinorestaurant.wsiefusion.net



7:00 p.m. Find a seat at Crossroads Music Company, a listening room that provides an intimate music experience. Crossroads draws a high caliber of performer because the music is respected. Light refreshments, soft drinks, coffee, and water are served but wine or beer may be brought in. Crossroads puts its emphasis on attracting musicians who love to perform and audiences who love to watch them. If Crossroads is packed, there are several other music venues in town. 200 Market Street

903-342-1854 crossroadsmusiccompany.com 10:00 p.m.

Head just a couple of miles of town to bed down for the evening at The Farmhouse Hunter's Moon Farm. The sizable old farmhouse gives room to spread out with two bedrooms, a bath, full kitch and living room. You never share The Farmhouse it's all yours when you book a stay. And the country air is conducive to a good night's sleep. 7739 FM 3019 903-365-280 huntersmoonfarmhouse.co



Day Two

7:00 a.m.

After a cup of coffee on the front porch of your cottage, it's time to check out the fishing at Lake Fork. Just a few miles down the road, Lake Fork is a favorite of fishermen looking for bass, catfish, and crappie. There are more than 27,000 acres of stumpy goodness at Lake Fork, and all those stumps provide hiding places for crafty fish. Maybe you'll break the 18-pound bass record.

11:00 a.m.

All that fishing means it's time for a bite of your own, and Art and Espresso offers coffee and tea drinks, light lunches, and pastries. Maybe some chicken salad or an Italian grilled cheese would hit the spot. And there might be a poetry reading going on while you're there, too. As with so many places in Winnsboro, if you come back in the evening, you might find a musical performance underway.

217 Market Street, 903-342-3343 artandespresso.com

1:00 p.m.

Get some major relaxation done just across the street at Copper Leaf Day Spa and Salon. Spend time in the sauna, enjoy a massage, get a manicure and pedicure, and just enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of this pretty day spa. 209 North Main, 903-342-7772 copperleafspa.com

5:00 p.m.

It's time to find some souvenir of the trip and Clara Ida Frances Inc. is a nice place to start.

Stylish home accessories and art will make the choice difficult but the hunt a pleasure. Barr Company bath accessories, Cucina home products, and unique antique and fashionable decorative items may mean the car will come home loaded.

214 North Main; 903-342-6137; claraidafrances.com

