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Search for New THF Executive Director Underway Long-time Texas Historical Foundation

Executive Director Gene Krane has announced her retirement, and a search is now underway for her replacement. Key candidate skills include proven nonprofit leadership experience, donor cultivation, and a passion for Texas history. M. Gale & Associates, a

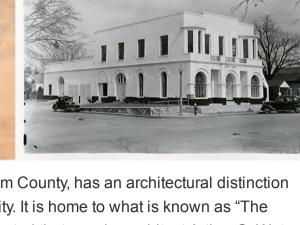
consulting firm that works with nonprofits, is assisting with the hiring process. <u>Use this link to see a job description</u> and submit a resume.





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Even though it was built as a public structure, the building has served many other roles, resulting in repeated remodeling of both the interior and exterior. A group of forwardthinking citizens was able to look past those changes, though, and imagine a new life for the old building. They created <u>Vision Historic Preservation</u> (VHPFI), chartered to preserve the historic structure and transform it into an arts and entertainment center. In January, VHPFI applied for and received a THF grant for work that is scheduled to

of Austin, who is better known for creating courthouses and stately homes. This

Romanesque Revival-style structure is believed to be the architect's only City Hall

restoration of plaster, and reconstruction of the bell tower. As to the importance of THF's assistance, Curah Beard, VHPFI spokesperson, said, "Receiving this grant not only brings much-needed revenue to The 1895 restoration project, but it also provides our organization more exposure in historic preservation

begin at the end of 2022. Phase One will focus on the front facade on the building's south

face and includes restoring and replacing windows, removal of stucco and masonry,

programming to the community in addition to garnering donations. We will continue to pursue grants and have already received vital funding from not only THF, but the National Trust, the Milam County Historical Commission, and at least one corporate grant." **GRANT FAQs**

A project of this scope comes with a big price tag, and fundraising has begun in earnest. Beard explained, "VHPFI will host a live music event on May 7, bringing arts appreciation

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Women's History Month, Clara Tarpley



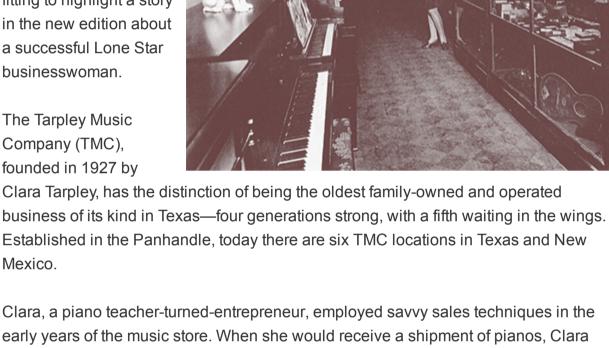
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fitting to highlight a story in the new edition about a successful Lone Star businesswoman. The Tarpley Music Company (TMC), founded in 1927 by

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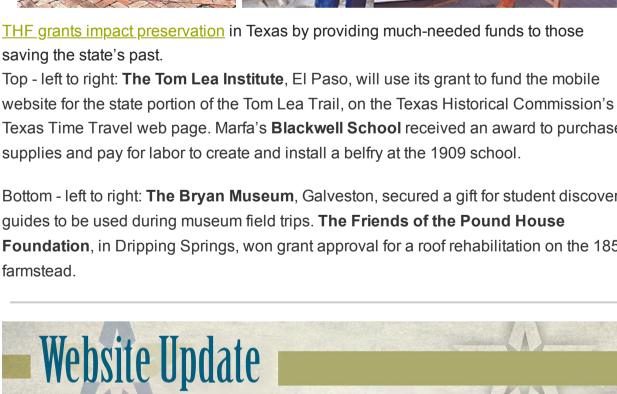
wanted to store one in their home. Many successful sales were made when those "storing" the pianos decided they couldn't live without the musical instrument. To read the entire story of Clara Tarpley and her family business, become a THF member today and receive a copy of the award-winning magazine every quarter.

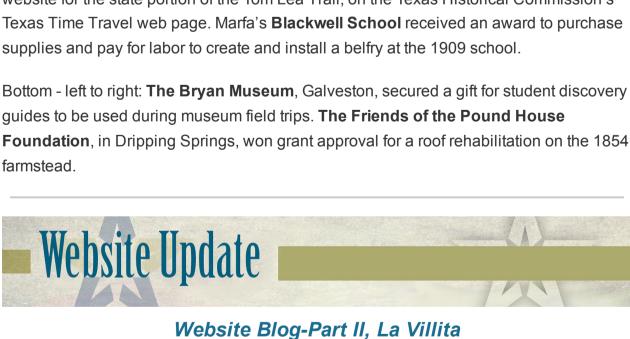
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would take out a list of people she knew were interested in buying. She then spoke to those prospects, claiming she didn't have space for the new arrivals and asking if they







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