

ESSENTIALS **Country Music Fame**

The Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and Tex Ritter Museum are at 300 W. Panola St. in Carthage. Carthage is in East Texas, between Nacogdoches and Marshall. Hours: 10-4 Mon-Sat. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students.

The Hall of Fame presents its annual awards ceremony and show on Aug. 16, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Carthage Junior High School auditorium (Holly & Davis Sts.) Admission: \$50 (reserved seats), \$25 (general admission and balcony). The show sells out quickly, so call early.

Also at the junior high auditorium on Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. is the John Rex Reeves Pickin' Party, a regional talent contest. (Texas musician John Rex Reeves is the nephew of late country star, Jim Reeves.) Admission: \$10 (free for small children sitting in parents' laps).

For awards ceremony reservations or museum information, contact the Panola County Chamber of Commerce, 300 W. Panola St., Carthage 75633 (903/693-6634, www.carthagetexas.com/Tx_web).