

FILM MAP Smithville, Texas



"HOPE FLOATS" drama, romance 1998
Humiliated on national television when her best friend and husband, Bill, admit they are in love and having an affair, Birdie Pruitt moves back to her hometown of Smithville, Texas. Returning to her mother's home is not easy. Her young daughter misses her father. Birdie finds that having been the most popular girl in high school, cheerleader who married the high school quarterback, left a bitter feeling among many of her peers. Justin Matisse has feelings for her after all of these years, but can Birdie put her past behind her?
Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., Gena Rowlands.
Director Forest Whitaker

"THE TREE OF LIFE" drama 2011
We trace the evolution of Jack, an eleven-year-old boy in 1950s Waco, one of three brothers. At first all seems marvelous to him, who views the world as his mother does, with love and mercy. His father tries to teach his son the world's way of putting oneself first. The picture darkens as he has his first glimpses of sickness, suffering and death. The adult Jack seeks to discover himself and his place in the world.
Brad Pitt, Jessica Chastain, Fiona Shaw, Sean Penn.
Director Terrence Malick
Palme d'Or winner, Cannes France Film Festival 2011.

"ARTOIS THE GOAT" comedy, romance 2008
Lab technician Virgil Gurdies embarks on an epic quest to create the greatest goat cheese the world has ever known, and reclaim the heart of his beloved. Despite lack of resources, experience, or basic competency, Virgil heads for the hills with a felonious German baker, a grave-digging hermit, and a tiny white goat named Artos. Numerous awards at film festivals 2009-11.
Mark Scheibmeir, Sydney Andrews. Writer/Directors Cliff Bogart, Kyle Bogart

"FIVE TIME CHAMPION" drama 2012
A coming-of-age story about Julius, a bright boy studying worms for his school science fair while dealing with difficult issues. His mother is dating his school principal, he and his girlfriend aren't sure where they want to take their relationship, his grandfather may be having an affair, and his biological father might be a homosexual, but he doesn't know because he hasn't seen the man in years. This film is a look at life, love, adultery, and acceptance through the eyes of children, a lens film rarely looks through.
Debut film of Writer/Director Berndt Mader.
MPS Studios Texas Filmmaker Award, Dallas International Film Festival 2011

"MY ALL AMERICAN" biography, drama, sports 2015
College football star Freddie Steinmark is diagnosed with cancer after winning the national title in 1969.
Finn Wittrock, Robin Tunney, Sarah Bolger, Aaron Eckhart.
Director/Writer: Angelo Pizzo

"NATURAL SELECTION" comedy, drama 2012
A barren Christian housewife, Linda White's world is turned upside-down when she learns her dying husband, Abe, has a 23-year old illegitimate son named Raymond in Florida. Linda grants Abe's final wish to find Raymond before her husband passes away. Along the way, Linda's wonderfully bizarre relationship with Raymond teaches her more about herself than she imagined, forcing her to come to terms with her troubled past. Best Narrative Feature, 7 more awards at SXSW Film Festival 2011, numerous other awards.
Rachael Harris, Matt O'Leary, John Gries.
Writer/Director Robbie Pickering.

"DOONBY" drama 2011
Sam Doonby, a mysterious drifter, gets off work at a local bar where his musical talents make him popular, especially with the spoiled daughter of Dr. Cyrus Reaper. Sam seems to be in the right place to avert disasters until suspicion drive folks to ask who he is. So he disappears and things start to go wrong. His rejection results in terrible shocks for the whole town, including the doctor and his family as Cyrus' past comes back to haunt him.
John Schneider, Jann Gotzon, Robert Davi. Writer/Director Peter Mackenzie.

"BENEATH THE DARKNESS" thriller 2011
The movie focuses on Travis, a teenager who tries to dig up the dirt on the house inhabited by Ely, a well-respected mortician in the community, following the death of Travis' best friend.
Dennis Quaid, Brett Culien, Tony Oller, Rainee Teegarden, Devon Wertheiser, Stephen Lunford.
Director Martin Guigui. Writer Bruce Wilkinson.
Reviewed at Cannes Film Festival 2011, France.

"THE TELLER & THE TRUTH" crime, mystery, romance 2015
The story of the disappearance of Francis, a beautiful young bank teller missing since her car was found submerged in a river in 1974. She has become the subject of myth and legend, and the town and townspeople have never been the same.
Leilani Galvan, Russell Gustave Ochoa, Helena Stoddard.
Director Andrew Shapter.
Writers Patty Mynahan, Nevie Owens, Andrew Shapter.

"LOST IN THE SUN" action, drama, thriller 2014
The story of John, a small time crook, who finds an unlikely accomplice in Louis, a newly-orphaned teenage boy. As their open-road adventure progresses and John drags the kid on a string of robberies, the pair forge an unexpected and powerful bond.
Josh Duhamel, Josh Wiggins, Lynn Collins, Emma Fuhrmann.
Director/Writer Trey Nelson.

"CELL" the webseries horror, drama 2010
A man wakes up in a cell after a night on the town. When he realizes he's not in jail and he's not alone, he fights to stay who he is while helping someone else remember who they were.
Mark Gardner, Jourdan Gibson, Kevin McCarthy, Natalie Self. Director Mark Gardner.

"BERNIE" comedy, crime, drama 2012
Based on the true story of Bernhard "Bernie" Tiede, a mortician who becomes companion to an 81 year old widow, Marjorie Nugent. Tiede was convicted of shooting Nugent in 1996 and hiding her body in a freezer for 9 months, pretending she was still alive. So beloved, no one wants to prosecute him.
Jack Black, Shirley Maclaine, Matthew McConaughey.
Writers Richard Linklater, Skip Hollandsworth. Director Richard Linklater.
Movie "kicked off" Los Angeles Film Festival 2011.

"UNDER THE WESTERN SUN" comedy 2012
Journalist John Miller wants a job at a prestigious newspaper, which he gets on one condition, that he gets the real story on Mr. Billionaire, a wealthy entrepreneur who has gone bankrupt. There is one problem. Mr. Billionaire is John's father.
Mark Scheibmeir, Troy Streuer, Pam Eichner.
Director/Writer/Producer Danny Cameron.
Producer/Writer Miranda Smith.

"A COUNTRY CALLED HOME" drama 2015
Ellie feels detached from her life, and when she learns that her estranged alcoholic father has died, her world is disrupted and she begins a journey that takes her to a small town in Texas.
Imogen Poots, Mackenzie Davis, Ryan Bingham.
Director Anna Axster. Writers Anna Axster, Jim Beggarly.

"RED WINDS" short, drama, thriller 2013
Bound by love and blinded by fear. Eldest brother Danny attempts to protect his family in the absence of his father and fill the loving role of his dis-connected mother while taking care of his younger brother, Sam, and sister Ashley. After his own sanity is challenged in doing so, he must make a terrifying decision between the safety of his family and love for his brother. Liz Waters, Louis Moncivias, Caleb Burgess, Arthur Dale, JoJyn Janis.
Director Jay Galvan. Writers JD Carrera, Jason De Leon, JoJyn Janis.

"THE ASSOCIATION" adventure, comedy, fantasy 2014
When horror romance novelist John Cassidy and his family move to the sleepy suburb of Harker Heights, they suspect something is not quite right with their homeowners association.
Ryan Wickerham, Chase Joliet, Ken Thomas, Emily Kaye.
Directors Ryan Wickerham, David Precopla.
Writers Ryan Wickerham, Ari Said, Michael Charron, John A. O'Connell.
Dream Your Home 2
Russell Athletics
RAM Trucks

"MUSIC VIDEOS"
"Just Breathe" 2013
Willie Nelson, Lucas Nelson
"Last Night in Texas" 2014
Mikel Knight
Dairy Queen
Valero 2010

"COMMERICALS"
"Breakdance Kid" 2004
"Blackout" 2011
"The Dentists 2" 1998
"Exists" 2012
"Dared" 2010
"The Moment" 2010
"Shadow 44" 2011
"Martha" 2008
"Frettes in the Garden" 2008

"OTHER PRODUCTIONS"
"Dad Labs" 2010
"The Association" 2011

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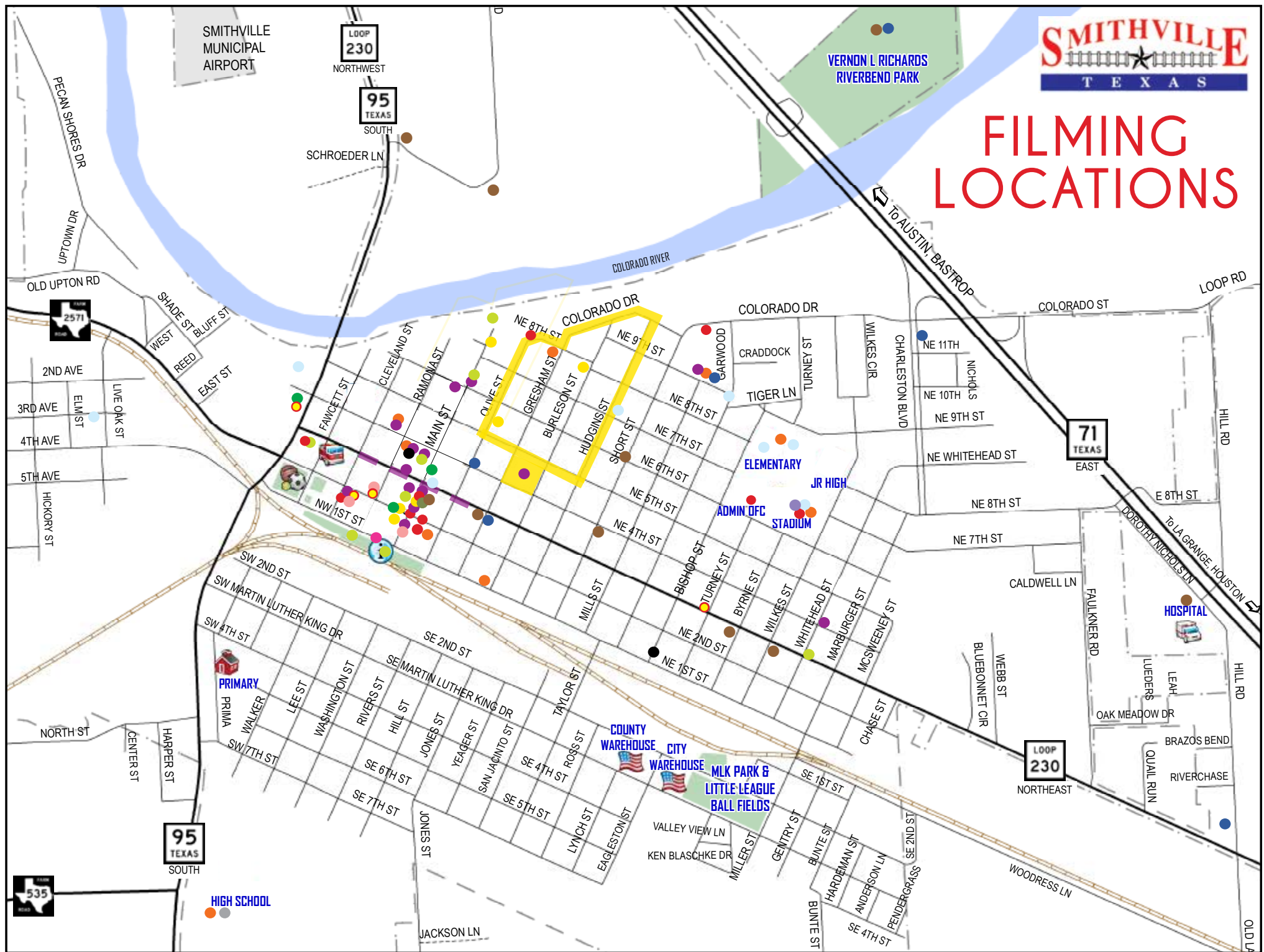
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THE STORY OF FILM FRIENDLY

More than a decade after the release of "Hope Floats", Smithville continues to get visitors who want to see the house where lead character Birdee Pruitt found refuge from her broken marriage and the downtown backdrop where she rekindled her romance with Justin Matise.



It's tourism like this, where Smithville plays a leading character in a large-scale film, that led a group of its citizens on a quest to make Smithville the premiere small-town filming destination in Texas.

In January 2008, only five days after the introduction of the state program, Smithville was named the first Film Friendly Community in Texas by the Texas Film Commission. The Smithville Music & Film Commission (SMFC) was created in 2008 shortly after filming wrapped for "The Tree of Life."

The Film Friendly designation and the dedication of the SMFC, its volunteers and the City of Smithville to assist filmmakers in creating their vision, have made Smithville a destination for filmmakers.

The "can do" attitude and friendliness of the town's citizens have kept filmmakers coming back and spreading the word about Smithville, Texas as a premiere film friendly community.

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To find out more about the Smithville Film Commission, click on the code.



FILMING LOCATIONS

HOPE FLOATS ●

- 201 E 8th at end of Olive, Ramona's home, INT/EXT
- Football stadium "Barry Field", N 6th & Byrne, EXT
- N 6th & Turney, Bernice's elementary school, Old Red Brick Building, EXT/INT
- 108 E 2nd, Temptation Nation Employment Office, EXT/INT
- 907 Garwood, Tranquility House Nursing Home, Towers Nursing Home, EXT (Interior scenes filmed in old hospital building.)
- 200 Main, Snappy Snaps Foto Store, EXT/INT
- 113 E 2nd, Honey's Diner, EXT
- W 2nd & Cleveland, Huebel's Bar, EXT/INT
- Birdee and Justin stroll down Main between 2nd & Loop 230.
- 216 Main, Justin waits, leaning against truck to take Birdee away, EXT
- Festival of Lights parade, Main Street, between 1st & 2nd (filmed 8 pm to 3 am)
- 205 Fawcett, movie signage inside Pocket's Grille

THE TREE OF LIFE ●

- 709 Burleson, childhood home EXT/INT
- 502, 507 Olive, scenes with the baby, EXT/INT
- 400 Gresham, classroom, outdoor childhood fight EXT/INT
- 210 Main, 2nd block, Mom and boys come out of building and walk across street, EXT
- 201 Main, Dad walked and got into car in front of building, EXT
- 117 Main, Mama and boys walk out of building and down street, INT
- 601 Garwood, boy's bedroom, INT
- 704 Main St, boy steals slip from a woman he had a crush on, INT/EXT
- Childhood neighborhood outlined in yellow

BENEATH THE DARKNESS ●

- 403 Ramona, Ely's house, EXT/INT
- 285 Hwy 95 S, Smithville High School, EXT/INT
- 901 NE 6th, football stadium, EXT
- 105 NW 4th, police department, EXT/INT
- 605 NE 9th, hospital scene, INT
- 709 Gresham, Abby's house, EXT and Travis' house, INT
- Main Street, 1st-3rd blocks, boy gets chased through parade trying to escape police
- Smithville Jr. High Cafetorium, 8th at Bishop, Smithville Hospital E/R in film, EXT
- 407 NE 1st, Travis' house, EXT
- 114 E 2nd, Haw's Automotive, EXT/INT

FIVE TIME CHAMPION ●

- 807 Garwood, Shiley's house, EXT/INT
- 700 Hudgins, Danielle's house, EXT
- Smithville Elementary Gym, 8th at Bishop, Science Fair, INT
- Smithville High School, Hwy 95 S, Mr. Collins' office, science classroom, INT
- 300 Main, taxidermy shop, EXT/INT
- 401 Royston, Brookshire Brothers, grocery store, EXT/INT
- 103 3rd Ave, Danielle's house, INT
- SISD nurses office, elementary campus, 8th at Bishop
- SISD Football Field, Hwy 95 S, track scene, EXT

NATURAL SELECTION ●

- 300 NE Loop 230, CARTS, bus stop, INT/EXT
- 305 Hill Rd, Sheila and Peter's house, INT
- Riverbend Park RV area, rest stop, EXT
- 719 Hwy 71 W, country diner and small town diner, EXT/INT (La Cabana, 1 mile west of town)
- 605 NE 9th, medical clinic, EXT/INT
- 400 Olive, church, EXT/INT
- 1105 Charleston, Abe and Linda's house, EXT/INT

DOONBY ●

- 206 Main, Jessica's Boutique, INT
- 400 Gresham, orphanage
- 605 NE 9th, medical clinic/retirement home/Reaper clinic, EXT/INT
- 601 Main, Jessica's house, EXT; Reaper house, INT
- 207 NW 2nd St, Leroy's Bar, INT
- 115 Main, Leroy's Bar, EXT
- In alley behind 115 Main, Leroy's Car Park, EXT
- 114 Main, Leroy's Bar, EXT/Front
- 403 Ramona, Reaper house, EXT
- 104 NW Loop 230, Lee's Store, EXT
- 719 Hwy 71 W, Lee's Store, INT; gas station, EXT (La Cabana, 1 mile west of town)
- 401 Whitehead, Leroy's storeroom, behind main house (old, red barn), EXT/INT

- 105 NW 4th St, police department, EXT/INT
- 507 Main, library, EXT/INT
- 317 Main, city hall, EXT/INT
- 116 Main, Jack O'Diamonds Hotel, INT and Lucy Mae's apartment, EXT
- 117 Main, coffee shop, EXT/INT
- Stunt scenes, Loop 230 between Olive and Cleveland

UNDER THE WESTERN SUN ●

- 1st St & Main, Gazebo, wedding, shootout, parade
- Loop 230 & Whitehead, 1st Act! Academy, TV station, INT
- 602 Main St., Western Sun newspaper office, INT/EXT
- Park on north end of Main, parade, EXT
- 317 Main, city hall, mayor's office, INT
- 205 Fawcett, election tabulation, INT

MARTHA ●

- 111 NW 1st St, INT

ARTOIS THE GOAT (sites not shown)

Filmed mainly outside of city limits in Buescher State Park, FM 153

BERNIE ●

- 307 Royston, Zimmerhanzel's BBQ, Bernie & friends eat lunch, INT
- 312 Main, First National Bank, EXT
- 201 Main, First State Bank, Ms. Nugent denies loan application

CELL: THE WEBSERIES ●

- 210 Main, INT

SHADY, TX ●

- Main St, 1st - 2nd block, driving scene where young policewoman is talking with retired marshal
- 105 Bishop, murder scene, EXT/INT
- 105 NW 4th St, police dept., EXT/INT

A COUNTRY CALLED HOME ●

- 207 Gresham
- American Legion Hall, 145 American Legion Road. INT/EXT
- 110 American Legion Rd INT
- Riverbend Park, 107 Hwy 71 W, baseball field.
- 408 Short, INT/EXT
- 212 Main, INT/EXT
- 800 E. Hwy 71, driving scenes, EXT
- 1101 Hwy 71 W, gas station, parking lot, EXT (west of town)
- 1307 Loop 230, INT/EXT
- 601 Short, INT/EXT
- 1200 Loop 230, INT

MY ALL AMERICAN ●

- Barry Field, football stadium

LOST IN THE SUN ●

- 207 NW 2nd St., INT
- 112 Main, INT
- 116 Main, actor jumps through window during bank robbery, INT/EXT
- 201 Ramona, INT/EXT

MUSIC VIDEO: "JUST BREATHE" ●

- 201 Ramona, INT
- 207 NW 2nd St., INT/EXT
- 307 Royston, INT
- Loop 230 at Turney, food court.