



Goldthwaite, Texas

Auldridge Building Center was established in August 1976, when Gene Auldridge, at that time the Goldthwaite Eagles High School coach, decided to open a lumber yard in his home town of Goldthwaite. He and his father, Truett, set out together to find a suitable location and found property owned by Carl and Alyne Letbetter, just north of Goldthwaite on Highway 16. The Letbetter's used the property for a welding shop and hog farm.



Truett Auldridge



Gene Auldridge

When Auldridge Building Center began, with Gene at the helm, they didn't have a mission statement. There was however, a plan and a purpose to the company, and it was all about service to customers. Contractors and individuals were allowed to select the pieces of lumber they wanted from the stock. Deliveries were free and trucks & trailers were loaned to transport materials to the job site. Doors were hung, water heaters were delivered and installed along with glass for doors or windows, and minor repairs were made, all at no extra charge.

Gene also helped lead customers to a contractor who could do their job or pointed a contractor to a job opportunity. His advice was regularly sought by both.

In January 2003, the Auldridge family faced the challenge of what to do with the business when Gene passed away suddenly after being diagnosed with Leukemia just six months earlier. Gene's wife, Vivian, made the decision to continue the business. Her son-in-law, Jimmy Jones, came on as manager in October of 2003. They, along with the staff, continue to render service to Goldthwaite and surrounding communities.



Vivian Auldridge



Jimmy Jones

Auldridge Building Center has seen the completion of many local building projects including schools, churches, sports arenas and civic structures and are proud to be a part of them and those to come. The business has been a source of employment for many families and has been a vital part of this community.

Auldridge Building Center has established relationships with local builders and tradesmen that go back over 35 years. They look forward to beginning each day with many of the local contractors having coffee with them at the counter or checking the day's weather on their radar. Often ABC is the liaison between customers & contractors, connecting customers in need with a contractor who will take care of them. They know who to refer who will get the job done and treat their customer right.

Auldridge Building Center offers some services not found traditionally in lumber businesses or in the big boxes. *"We believe that diversity is the key to doing business in a small town."*

For many years, they earned a name for themselves as a supplier of durable portable buildings, building them using a higher gauge exterior metal than the competition. Doing that costs a little more, but gives the customer a much stronger, longer lasting structure. They have buildings that have been out in the elements for 20 years and are still doing their job. These buildings have been used as living quarters, bunk houses, offices, beauty shops, snow cone stands and just about anything else imaginable and are customized to suit the buyer's needs.

Auldridge Building Center has also operated a portable toilet rental service for many years. They offer long term or weekend rates, along with a weekly service route for the rented units. They have port-a-pots on location from Bend State Park to Hamilton to Brady.

Customers know they can find a match to an old wooden piece of furniture or cabinet, or anything else, with Auldridge's craftsman in their wood shop who can build just about anything. He has decades of experience and builds furniture, cabinets, doors, windows and more from just a picture or rough drawing.

Goldthwaite, Texas, is a small town with a population of 1,700. It is located in Mills County, in central Texas. Although Auldridge Building Center is a small town yard, they have most everything needed by their customers for repairs, remodel or new construction.

