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Upcoming Event



Spring Break Round Up is on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

More information will be

Trivia Contest



The first three people to email news@texasranger.org with the correct answer will each receive a family pass, which admits four people to the Museum. Please include your name and mailing address with your submission. Good luck!

Question:

What is the first name of retired Texas Ranger, H. Joaquin Jackson?

The Parkers

And The Texas Rangers

On January 2, 2012 in Oklahoma a direct link to Texas and Texas Ranger history passed away. Baldwin Parker, Jr., grandson of famed Comanche leader, Quanah Parker, died. His passing inspires one to pause and reflect on the events that transpired before his birth, 83 years after the 1836 attack on Fort Parker, in which his great-grandmother, Cynthia Ann Parker, was captured.



Baldwin Parker, Jr.

Cynthia Ann was the daughter of Silas M. Parker. In 1835, Parker was appointed by the Permanent Council of the provisional government of Texas as a Superintendent of a regional Texas Ranger unit stationed between the Brazos and Trinity Rivers. Fort Parker was used as headquarters for the unit. Parker commanded a twenty-five man Ranger company before the Council restructured the Ranger units the very next month. Remnants of Parker's Rangers remained in the field throughout the winter and spring months. By May 1836, the unit had dwindled to ten men, with James Parker serving as Captain under Superintendent Silas Parker. The ten Rangers in the region were not enough to stop the now

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well-known events of May 19, 1836.

On the morning of May 19th, many of the inhabitants of Fort Parker, who were at one time Rangers and would serve in that capacity in the future, left the confines of the fortress to work the fields some distance away. A large party of Kiowa and Comanche warriors suddenly converged on the fort and launched a full scale assault. In the end, five men, including Rangers Silas Parker and Benjamin Parker, were killed and five were taken captive. Among the captives was a nine-year old, blue-eyed girl named Cynthia Ann Parker.

Cynthia Ann spent the next twenty-five years with the Comanches, fully assimilating into Comanche culture. She was from a Texas Ranger family and Texas Rangers would continue to intertwine with and play an integral role in her history. It was a Texas Ranger group that attacked her small encampment near Pease River and captured her once again; forcing her return to a society she vehemently rejected. Several years later, Texas Rangers policed the frontier in search of her warrior son, Quanah. It took the never-ending clashes with Rangers and the onslaught of the United States Military to finally force the surrender of Quanah's band in 1875.

Baldwin Parker's grandfather remained a leader throughout his life. His triumphs as a warrior equaled his status as an advocate for the Comanche people. He, along with his Parker ancestors and descendants, remain a fascinating and much written about piece of Texas history.

Discovering the Legend

New Segment Online



Presented by The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and produced by the Waco City Cable Channel (WCCC-TV), this series takes a look at some interesting stories covering more than two centuries of law enforcement by the revered members of the Texas Rangers.

Museum staff members contributed presentations on historic artifacts and exhibits, as well as educational programming on Texas Ranger history and the culture surrounding them.

"Discovering the Legend" series will air on WCCC-TV in Waco and is distributed to 44 other Texas City and College cable TV stations.

The newest video highlights the notable career of Texas Ranger James "Jim" Geer and the naming of Chuck Norris and Aaron Norris as Honorary Texas Rangers for their work on the television series, *Walker, Texas Ranger*.

The first episode was announced in our email newsletter last September. It featured a segment on the life of Francis A. "Frank" Hamer and on the donation of items belonging to James David Pratt who played Ranger Jim, a well-known children's television performer in Texas in the 1950s.

The videos can be viewed on the [City of Waco's website](#). More episodes will be uploaded as they air.

Gift Shop Feature

New Onesies



Texas Ranger Gear for Little Parners

Are you looking for an adorable baby gift for that special little pardner? The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop carries unique onesies and toddler clothing.

Pair our "Future Texas Ranger" pink and blue onesies and t-shirts or our pink and green camouflage onesies and t-shirts with a Junior Ranger membership, plush animals, or gun and holster diaper pins for a uniquely Texan baby gift.

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Call (254) 750-8631 or email thestore@texasranger.org to order one today. The gift shop is open 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. We ship worldwide.

**Save
\$2.00**

Save \$1.00 off regular adult admission for up to two adults. Coupon not valid on discounted senior or military admission. No cash value.

The museum is open 9am to 5pm with the last guest admitted at 4:30pm. The museum is located off Interstate 35 Exit 335B University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

Offer Expires: April 1, 2012

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