



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum Newsletter

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Spring Break Round Up



The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host its annual Spring Break Round Up event on Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The come and go event will feature activities and programs for children and adults, including a chuck wagon cooking demonstration, civil war music and a presentation by a real Texas Ranger! Entrance is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and includes general museum admission. For more information, contact the museum staff at (254) 750-8631 or visit online at www.texasranger.org.

Ranger Louis H. Purvis: A Moment in Time

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum recently received a gift from the Sherrie Purvis Estate which includes a large number of photographs, archival documents, small artifacts and ephemera associated with Texas Ranger Louis H. Purvis and his father Texas Ranger Captain Hardy B. Purvis. Father and son Rangers, Hardy and



Save the Dates



The Lone Star History Conference will take place on May 10th and 11th. The Texas Ranger Museum will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4th and Military Appreciation Weekend on May 25th through 27th. Please [click here](#) for more information.

In July, the museum will host a two-day summer camp. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Frank Hamer Statue



The unveiling of the new Frank Hamer statue at the Navasota City Hall will be part of the Texas Birthday Bash on Saturday, March 2nd. In addition to his service as a Texas Ranger, Frank Hamer

Louis, together served the Texas Rangers for over 50 years.



Captain Hardy B. Purvis, Company "A," Texas Rangers, Houston, TX, Left, with his son Ranger Louis H. Purvis, Headquarters Company, Texas Rangers, Junction, TX, 1944

Born in Polk County, Texas in 1891, Hardy B. Purvis served as a deputy sheriff for more than twelve years before being sworn in as a Ranger Private in 1927. His first assignment took him to Borger, Texas during the oil boom, when the city was teeming with bootleggers, gamblers, drifters and other unsavory characters. H.B. Purvis served with Rangers such as Frank Hamer and William W. Sterling. After 1929, Private Hardy Purvis was sent to Lufkin where he served until his appointment to Captain of Company "A" in Houston in 1936. Captain Purvis retired in 1956 and is quoted as saying, "The Rangers are a splendid organization I am proud to have served with them."

Louis H. Purvis was born in Corrigan, Texas on July 14, 1912. He grew up in Lufkin, Texas where his father was stationed at the time. One week after his 30th birthday, Louis received his official commission as a Texas Ranger. He served continuously as a Ranger until his retirement in 1967. Over the course of his service, L. H. Purvis had the opportunity to serve with Rangers such as Captain M.T. Gonzauillas and Dudley White. Like his father, Louis served the Rangers with distinction and retired after 24 years with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

In the modern age of high speed internet and the advanced tools and technology of modern forensic science, it is easy to forget that Rangers in the early-mid 20th Century had to rely on the technology of their time and as always, their intelligence and skills of observation. This exhibit is intended to be an approximate representation of a Texas Ranger's office from the 1940s and 1950s. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum would like to thank the Mayborn Museum for their loan of the Royal Typewriter. The office furniture is from the Dudley White, Sr. Collection at the Museum. Finally, the Museum would like to thank the Sherrie Purvis Estate for its donation of the Purvis Collection.

served as the City Marshal of Navasota from 1908 to 1911. Please [click here](#) for event information.

Texas Ranger Day & Big Star Texas Night



Join our friends at the Burton Heritage Society as they celebrate the heritage of Texas Rangers on Saturday, March 9th in downtown Burton, Texas. Please [click here](#) for more information.



ATF Memorial Service



On February 28th in Knox Center, the Texas Rangers and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) held a memorial service to remember the four ATF agents who lost their lives during the standoff with the Branch Dividians in Elk, Texas, on February 28, 1993. The four ATF agents killed were: Steve Willis, Robert Williams, Todd McKeenan and

The exhibit is the first to be featured in the new Spindletop Tower in the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. The Research Center staff is grateful for the sponsorship of the tower by Spindletop Charities, Inc. of Houston in memory of their late Board member Robert E. Rose. Spindletop Tower will feature rotating displays of rare documents, books and photographs from the collections of the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. The Purvis exhibit is scheduled to be on display through the end of June.

BearCam at the Museum

Last year KWTX, the Central Texas CBS affiliate, approached the museum with an idea to attach a camera to the roof of the Hall of Fame and film the construction of the new Baylor University football stadium across the Brazos River. The construction progress can be seen in short clips during nightly news casts and in photographs on their website. The stadium is scheduled to be completed and in use during the 2014 season.



In February the camera was installed. In exchange for facilitating and hosting this installation, KWTX agreed to provide the TRHFM with nominal on-air acknowledgement through comment by on-air talents or graphics identifying it as the location and source of the feed. We appreciate the coverage on KWTX and are grateful they approached us with this concept.

Conway LeBleu. Another 16 agents were wounded. This year marked the 20th anniversary of the event. The museum is honored to have hosted this memorial service.

The online photographs can be seen at <http://www.kwtx.com/bearcam> and are refreshed every 10 minutes.

Gift Shop Feature

Texas DPS News



The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) periodically publishes news articles featuring recipients of law enforcement awards, travel alerts during the holidays, a most wanted fugitive list and more. To read their news articles, please [click here](#).



Enjoy our new selection of Texas Ranger t-shirts. The photograph above is a sampling of the new colorful designs for both men and women. To see these t-shirts and more designs, please [click here](#).

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum gift shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Call toll free (877) 750-8631 or email the_store to order one today. The gift shop is open 9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily CST. 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 I-35 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas. For more information, call (254) 750-8631 or visit www.texasranger.org.

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