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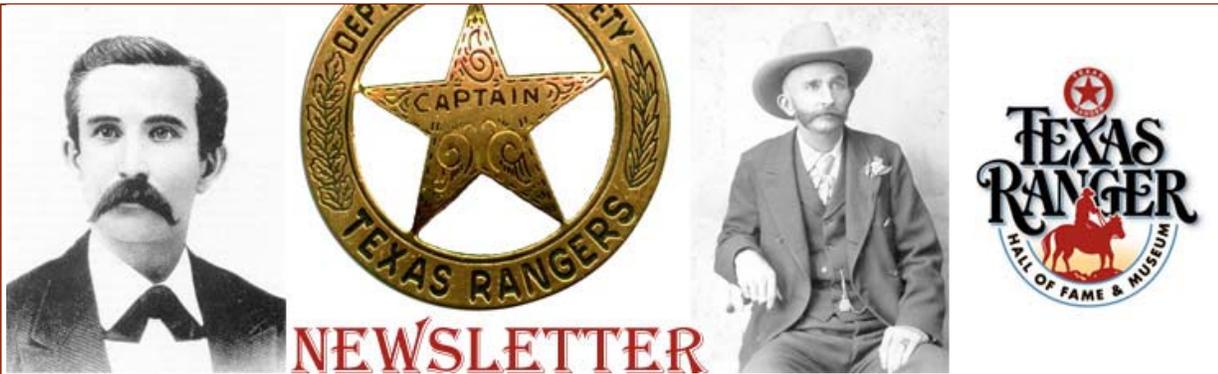
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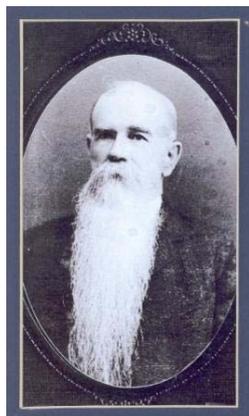
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The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum will host 'Barbs, Bullets & Blood: The Wire War That Revolutionized Texas' on September 29th from 1:30 to 4:30pm. More

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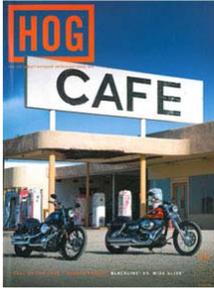
John P. Kirk, City Marshal
(1881 - 1883)

The family of Sheriff John P. Kirk recently donated two top hats and a dress coat with tails (c. 1860) to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. This gift is a wonderful addition to the artifacts the family donated in 2010. Museum visitors may recall the Colt Second Richards Conversion of the Model 1860 Army Revolver and a Gold-Topped Ebony Cane that were exhibited in the entry lobby last year. The Colt revolver and cane were presented to Sheriff John P. Kirk on August 12, 1891 by the Texas Sheriff's Association in Lampasas, Texas in recognition of his service as the last elected City Marshal of Austin, Texas.

Dave Deison, the great-grandson of Sheriff John P. Kirk, generously donated these excellent examples of 19th century dress to the Museum in June. This will provide the Museum with an opportunity to present and educate our visitors about another facet of law enforcement in Texas during the 19th century. The collections department and exhibits team look forward to exhibiting these artifacts later this year.

information will be in our next email newsletter.

Featured in HOG



The Texas Ranger Museum is featured in the newest issue of HOG Magazine in an article written by Brian Dowsley. As a Harley Davidson member, Mr. Dowsley writes about the trips he takes across Texas. Over 800,000 members of Harley Davidson receive the magazine. We are excited that Mr. Dowley chose to visit and write about the Museum!



Bonnie and Clyde Painting

Now on exhibit through the end of the year is *Bonnie and Clyde*, a painting by artist Lee Herring. The painting depicts the infamous ambush of outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow on the morning of May 23, 1934 eight miles south of Gibson, Louisiana.

Crime in Texas



AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) on July 6th announced that for the second consecutive year the major crime rate in Texas has dropped significantly. According to data compiled by the DPS Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program that was released in the Annual Report of 2011 UCR Data Collection, the overall crime rate - the number of crimes per 100,000 people in Texas - decreased by 8.3 percent in 2011.



Herring utilized the resources of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center to learn about the historic event and determine his composition. This work portrays the positions of the officers and cars according to Ted Hinton's later accounts. From left to right, Hinton is in the line followed by Alcorn, then Oakley and Jordan with Gault and finally Hamer.

To read more, visit the [DPS newsroom](#).

TCPAAA Convention



The Texas Ranger Museum staff is thankful to the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association members for the opportunity to attend the annual convention on July 26th and 27th at the Waco Convention Center.

For more information on the Association, [click here](#).

Texas Collectibles



The Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop offers a wide variety of collectibles, including a new pewter Texas Ranger spoon. Featuring the iconic Ranger badge, a rifle, and "one riot, one Ranger" slogan, these spoons are a must for any

In appreciation of the Research Center staff's assistance, Herring is offering the Museum a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the painting as a fundraiser. It is the hope of the Museum staff that the purchaser will donate the painting back to the Museum for future exhibition. If you are interested in purchasing the painting, please contact Lee Herring at information@leeherring.com.

Herring is the State of Texas Official Artist for 2007 and is well known for his epic paintings of historic Texas events and the American West. Visitors also will enjoy seeing Herring's *Delaying Action: The Battle of Plum Creek*, which was loaned for exhibit in October 2010 by William Adams.

Photos from Summer Camp

On July 20th, fourth and fifth grade students, from as far away as Houston and Fort Worth, participated in a day-long summer camp. The Museum partnered with Texas Top Guns from Palestine. Activities included a meet-and-greet with two Texas Rangers, Jim Hatfield, Jr. and James Burson; a tour of the Museum; branding a cow hide; roping and knot tying; plant identification; tracking; cooking biscuits; a gun safety demonstration and re-enactment; and swearing in as Junior Texas Rangers. We are thankful to Bellmead Walmart, 3 Spoons Yogurt, and Dr Pepper Museum for supporting the camp.

To view footage from summer camp, visit the [Waco City Cable Channel](#).



collector. While you shop, check out our great selection of mugs, t-shirts, jewelry, hats, food, toys and more!

Sales from the nonprofit Texas Ranger Museum Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Call us toll free at (877) 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.



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Tales of the Texas Ranger Anniversary

Tales of the Texas Rangers premiered on July 8, 1950, on the US NBC radio network and broadcast through September 14, 1952. It starred Joel McCrae as Texas Ranger Jace Pearson. The stories were said to be based on actual Texas Ranger case files dating from the 1830s to 1950. A television program starring Willard Parker and Harry Lauter spun off from the radio show and aired on CBS from 1955 to 1957. It was rebroadcast on ABC from 1957 to 1959. Producers recruited retired Texas Ranger Captain M. T. "Lone Wolf" Gonzauillas, as technical advisor. Each script was submitted to the Texas Department of Public Safety headquarters for review.



In July, Sirius and XM radio honored the premier of this popular program with a 62nd anniversary special of the radio debut. As part of the two-hour special, it featured an interview segment with Christine Rothenbush, Marketing & Development Coordinator at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. The specials were featured on Sunday, July 8th; Wednesday, July 11th; and Saturday, July 14th and could be heard on Radio Classics, which is located at Sirius and XM channel 82.

We appreciate the support shown by Sirius and XM radio in promoting the Museum and Texas Rangers to a new generation of radio listeners.

The New Waco Convention Center

The Waco Convention Center has undergone a complete renovation! The total square footage of the convention center after the renovation is now around 144,000 with approximately 21,000 of that being new meeting space. Also included in the \$17.5 million renovation are:

- A balcony on the east side of the building that overlooks the Brazos River, the Historic Suspension Bridge, and Indian Spring Park.
- Refurbished meeting rooms with technology access added in them.



The grand opening of the Convention Center and re-dedication of the Freedom Fountain took place on July 31st.

Having the new Waco Convention Center is going to create a significant positive impact for the City of Waco. Many meeting planners already enjoy the central location and the various attractions for after-hour events that Waco has to offer. The new convention center will allow more versatility and variety of breakout meeting spaces for meeting planners to choose from, which will help the Center staff reach new markets and bring more events to Waco. In turn, these meeting planners will book Knox Center for dinners and receptions or book tours of the Museum for attendees.

For more information on the Convention Center, [click here](#).

**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 and University Parks Drive in Waco, Texas.

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

Offer Expires: September 30, 2012

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