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Dear Christine,

In this special edition newsletter, you will see photographs from the building dedication on June 9th and read about the support the facility has received from Spindletop Charities, Inc., the Texas Rangers, the family of Tobin and Anne Armstrong, and the City of Waco. We are in the process of moving the archives into the facility and plan to open to the public in August. We look forward to answering your research requests from the new Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center!

Photographs from the Building Dedication

Featured on TV



To watch footage of the opening and interviews with Texas Rangers, [click here](#). Segment is provided by KCEN.

Armstrong Research Center Major Benefactors



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Hank Whitman, Chief of the Texas Rangers, and Tobin Armstrong, Jr. cutting the ribbon to the Armstrong Research Center.



Board Chairman Joe Hinton presents Architect James McBride with a lifetime membership to the Museum.



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Guests attending the dedication ceremony and touring the Armstrong Research Center.

About the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center

On Saturday, June 9th at 2:00 pm, the Museum staff hosted a dedication of the new Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center-the Legislatively-designated archives and library of the Texas Ranger Service. Since 1976, the Texas Ranger Research Center has served more than 120,000 researchers worldwide. Legislatively-designated as official repository in 1997, its resources have been used to trace Ranger ancestors and create books, TV programs and documentaries, novels, and films that have reached millions.

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The successor, Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center, is a 4,000 square foot facility that will house the growing collections. This material includes Ranger case files, operational records, biographical files, oral histories, photographs, books, media and "pop culture" items. In honor of this facility, the Texas Rangers made a special contribution to the facility. Please see the article "Texas Rangers Special Contribution" below.



The Armstrong Center is named in memory of Tobin Armstrong, a leader in the Texas business and cattle industries, and Ambassador Anne Armstrong who served as advisor to three presidents and as ambassador to Great Britain. Their ancestor, John B. Armstrong, was a 19th century Ranger who brought in the notorious outlaw John Wesley Hardin.

The project was funded by family and friends of the Armstrongs, private foundations and corporate donors. The City of Waco has provided 40% of the construction budget, staffing and operating expenses. Architectural services were donated by James A. McBride II. The Armstrong Center features the Spindletop Charities Tower (see article below) to exhibit rare books and documents, the large Harlon Fentress Reading Room, and a study for researchers spending extended time on-site. The many major gifts are prominently recognized in a Benefactor alcove. Please see the list of supporters in the left-hand column.



Armstrong family in front of the Research Center.

Spindletop Charities, Inc. Sponsorship in Memory of Robert E. Rose



The Board and Staff are pleased to announce the major sponsorship of the exhibit tower in the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center by Spindletop Charities, Inc. of Houston in memory of their late Board member Robert E. Rose. The exhibit tower will be named Spindletop Charities Inc. Tower and features a memorial plaque dedicated to Robert E. Rose who was a pioneer in the offshore drilling industry.

Spindletop Charities Tower will feature rotating displays of rare documents, books and photographs from the collections of the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center.



Family members of Robert E. Rose with Chief Whitman cutting the ribbon in front of the Spindletop Charities Tower.

Spindletop Charities, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 1966 by Loy D. "Butch" Griffin. His vision was to build an organization promoting goodwill and fellowship within the oil and gas industry while benefiting children "in need." Griffin built a solid foundation for this organization that continues to better the lives of less fortunate children. Since 1966, over \$14.6 million has been raised to aid such programs as child abuse prevention, pediatric medical research, drug and alcohol abuse prevention and rehabilitation, education and scholarships, residential and educational centers, and after-school programs.

Visit www.spindletopcharities.org to learn more about Spindletop Charities, Inc.

Texas Rangers Special Contribution

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame staff is pleased to announce the donation of Texas Ranger and DPS case files.

Chief Whitman and Assistant Chief Dendy have bestowed a great honor on the Armstrong Research Center by arranging for the donation of the Ranger Headquarters records extending back about 40 years. Two truckloads arrived containing 170+ boxes of case files, operational reports and other records. As a whole, they are a snapshot of the Texas Rangers at the turn of the 21st century. Most living retired Rangers are represented in these records of achievement.



The boxes were delivered on February 7, 2012, by SWAT Sergeants (left to right) Andy Arigullin, Philip Gonzales, Kevin Allison and Travis Ballew. With the help of TRHFM staff, they unload each 40-pound box into a storage area at the Company "F" Headquarters until the construction of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center was completed.

June 9, 2012 Proclamation



During the dedication ceremony, Malcolm Duncan, Jr., Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, proclaimed June 9, 2012 as "Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center Day" in the City of Waco, and urged

"the people of Waco to join with the City Council, the City staff and me in celebrating with the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. We congratulate the Board, donors, and sponsors on the dedication of the Tobin and

Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center. The facility will perpetuate the memory and record of the service of the men and women who have served as Texas Rangers since 1823. It will also honor the memory of Tobin and Anne Armstrong who rendered great personal service to the State and Nation. We commend all those who have generously supported the expansion of the research center. The City of Waco extends best wishes for a successful and rewarding future."

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