



March 2019

## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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### Spring Break Round Up

Please join us at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM for our annual Spring Break Round Up. Bring your family down to meet Texas Ranger reenactors and meet an active duty Texas Ranger.



Spring Break Round Up will kick off our 2019 summer program ***Texas Ranger Talks***. An active duty or retired Texas Ranger will talk about their experiences and take questions on March 9th at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The talks will last about an hour and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Be sure to stop in and listen before or after enjoying everything else Spring Break Round Up has to offer.

Activities are included with regular museum admission. Please see our [website](#) or [Facebook event page](#) for more details.

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**New Exhibits!**

Several new exhibits have been installed at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Located in Taub Hall, the exhibits highlight exciting additions to the museum collection and archives. The exhibit covers important topics and eras in Ranger history including, *Frontier Battalion Rangers*, *Texas Rangers on the Border*, *Texas Rangers 1920-1936*, and *Texas Ranger Reunions*. Through a variety of photographs, documents, memorabilia, and other artifacts, the exhibit tells of significant people and events in the history of the Texas Rangers. From Jesse Lee Hall's original 1876 Ranger commission, to souvenirs from the 1936 Texas Centennial, these artifacts illustrate the broad range of Ranger history from frontier days to the present.



Many of the items on display have never been exhibited before, and are on loan to the museum from the collection of Dr. Anthony Sapienza. We thank Dr. Sapienza for the opportunity to research and display many of these fascinating artifacts in our new exhibit. We encourage you to come view the exhibit while it is on display.

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## Heart of Texas History Fair

On February 15th, Collections Assistant Rachel Smith and Education Programs Manager Audrey Ladd helped judge student projects at the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair. Students, ages 5th grade through 12th grade, from the surrounding central Texas region worked hard on history related projects centering around the theme of Triumph and Tragedy.



Students at the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair Award Ceremony.

Winners from the Heart of Texas History Fair will move on to the state competition in Austin. If their projects rank high enough, the students may go onto the national competition in Washington DC.

Congratulations and good luck to this year's regional winners!

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## The Highwaymen premiers on Netflix on March 29th



*The Highwaymen*, a new movie about Frank Hamer and the take down of Bonnie and Clyde, will premiere on March 29, 2019 on Netflix. The film will star Kevin Costner as Frank Hamer and Woody Harrelson as his partner Maney Gault. The film will tell the story of the famous ambush of the crime duo Bonnie and Clyde from Frank Hamer's point of view.

To find out more about *The Highwaymen*, including an interview with screenwriter John Fusco, please read True West Magazine's [article](#) on the new film.

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## Welcome Baby Aaron!



Join us in welcoming Aaron Elijah Walker Rothenbush to the Texas Ranger Museum family! Aaron was born February 5th to Tim and Christine Rothenbush. Christine, a graduate of Baylor University, joined the staff in 2007 as Marketing & Development Specialist. She developed this newsletter and a comprehensive advertising and public relations program that has contributed to record attendance.

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## Burton Ranger Day

Looking for some Texas history, food, and fun? We've got you covered with Texas Ranger Day in Burton, Texas on Saturday, March 16 from noon to 5:00 PM.

Celebrate Burton's history and honor former and current Texas Rangers with a day full of activities including tasty food, live action by the Legends of the Texas Rangers, kids' activities, music and more. All proceeds to restore the Mt. Zion Historical Chapel.

The fun begins at noon at the Burton Railroad Depot, 507 N. Railroad Street, Burton TX 77835. Admission to the event is free, tickets for all you can eat fajitas and beans are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-10. For more info visit [www.burtonheritagesociety.org](http://www.burtonheritagesociety.org)



### **Honorary Texas Ranger Abigail Arias**

This month the Texas Department of Public Safety welcomed six-year-old Abigail Arias to DPS' ranks as an Honorary Texas Ranger. Abigail is battling cancer and her dream is to one day be a police officer. The Texas Rangers are proud to support Abigail's dreams of working in law enforcement.



If you would like to see more about Abigail's first week on duty as a Texas Ranger, you can visit the Texas Department of Public Safety [Facebook page](#).



2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Canales legislative investigation of 1919 into violence on the Mexican border from 1910 to 1920. As a result of this investigation, major changes were made to the Texas Ranger service and its mission, a step along the way toward its ultimate professionalization.

For background about the Mexican revolutionary period, the Bright Ranch Raid and violence at Porvenir please see these links:

[The Mexican Revolution](#)

[Capt. J. M. Fox and the Porvenir Massacre](#)

[José Tomás Canales](#)

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## Federal Employee Weekend



Thank you to all of the Federal employees who came out to the museum February 16th-18th! Federal Employee Weekend had a great turnout with many families visiting, some for the first time.

We had 109 adults and 28 children take advantage of free admission during Federal Employee Weekend. We are happy to support our Federal employees in this small way. Thank you!

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## Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ Partners Program

The Texas Rangers are a Texas Legend and an American Heritage™. They will commemorate their landmark 200th anniversary in 2023.

We are seeking \$100.00 individual and family contributors to help safeguard this Texas and American Heritage™ for future generations. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring the official Texas Ranger Bicentennial™ seal
2. A certificate signed by an active or distinguished retired Texas Ranger
3. Your name or family name on the online roster of Bicentennial Partners™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.

\$90 of the contribution qualifies as a charitable contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes. The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is a 170(c) government-owned nonprofit.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about the program.



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#### Education Center

The following groups utilized the Education Center for programs in February:

Baylor School of Education  
Presences, Power, and Passion Ministries  
Texas DPS Honor Guard Selection Board  
Texas DPS Criminal Investigation Division  
NAACP

**ENJOY**  
**\$2.00 OFF**

Expires 4/30/2019

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](http://www.texasranger.org).

