



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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THE TORONTO STAR ARTICLE



Christina Stopka, Head of the Tobin and Anne Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center, was interviewed by Alex Ballingall for his article "What's a Texas Ranger Anyways?" in *The Toronto Star Newspaper*.

The Toronto Star is Canada's largest daily newspaper.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.

EDMOND SUN ARTICLE

Upcoming Events

Military Appreciation Day

Wednesday, November 11th

For Veterans Day, active duty personnel, retirees and veterans will receive FREE admission to the Hall of Fame and Museum in honor of their service and sacrifice. Family members will receive discounted admissions. Please show a valid id or documentation of service.



Big Texas Christmas Present

Thursday, December 10th - Saturday, December 12th

Join us for a new, bigger and better 'Big Texas Christmas Present', brought to you by Allen Samuels Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, benefiting Compassion Ministries.

Compassion Ministries helps women and families who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness into permanent housing and employment. They provide a transitional housing facility, as well as financial training and other services.

Compassion Ministries is accepting gift items including: children's toys, household goods to furnish apartments, gifts for teens and adults, and professional clothes for women.

For supporting this worthwhile cause, donors will receive one free admission pass to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum. Each pass is good for 48 hours.





Elaine Warner described Waco area attractions, including the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, in her article "Waco Makes a Great Weekend Adventure" for the *Edmond Sun Newspaper* in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Please [click here](#) to read the article.

HAYS AND RAM ARTICLES



The September-October issue of *Trucks & Guns Magazine* features and article on the Ram Texas Ranger concept truck on page 7 and a article on Jack Hays on page 76.

Please [click here](#) to read the articles.

BAYLOR GAME DAYS



Please Note: Parking lots at the Museum are closed to the public on Baylor Stadium Home Game Days -- the museum is OPEN to foot traffic. The days are 11/14 and 12/5. Persons with mobility issues and tour bus operators are advised that parking adjacent to the museum will not be available on those days.

Thursday, December 10th, join Big 95, Compassion Ministries, and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for the Big Patio Party at Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant at 4651 Interstate 35 South from 5pm to 7pm.

Friday the 11th, bring your donations to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum from 9am to 5pm.

Saturday, December 12th, come to Allen Samuels Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram at 201 W Loop 340 from 11am to 1pm. Big 95, Compassion Ministries, the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, and Mi Familia Car Club will be there, and you can make your donation, win prizes, and learn more about the people you are helping.

For more information visit:

www.allensamuelsdcj.com

www.compassionwaco.com

www.kbgo.com

www.texasranger.org

Lone Star History Conference

Friday, April 29th - Saturday, April 30th

Join us for a two-day history conference featuring renowned speakers and leading historians on Texas Ranger history. Stay tuned for more information.

Update: Surveyors and Jack Hays Exhibits

During the week of October 19th, the new exhibit cases for the Surveyors and Jack Hays exhibits were assembled and installed. The Museum's exhibits committee worked with Pony Allen Studios and Custom Creation in Austin on the design, fabrication and installation of the custom-made cabinetry and exhibit components. The exhibits committee is busy readying new graphics and will soon be installing the artifacts. The exhibits will open in mid-November.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days to enjoy time with our families. We will reopen at 9:00 am the day after.

'Tis the season for gifts! The Museum Gift Shop asks that all orders be placed by Friday, December 18th for guaranteed Christmas delivery. Thank you!

TEXAS RANGER CLASSIC



Clay and Skeet shooting is a growing sport in the United States.

The Texas Ranger Association Foundation (TRAF) has begun a series of competitions throughout Texas to raise funds for the charitable activities of the Foundation. The first two events, in San Antonio and San Angelo, were attended by hundreds of participants.

The next Texas Ranger Classic is on Saturday, November 7th in Edinburg.

This event is open to all firearms enthusiasts looking to have a fun,



Funding and support has been provided by the Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles Foundation, the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors and the General Land Office of the State of Texas.

Honor Chair Presented by Saving a Hero's Place, Inc.

Saving a Hero's Place is a non-profit memorial society honoring law enforcement and first responders who have given their lives in the line of duty. They provide handmade memorials, usually a symbolic "empty chair," to the agencies at which the officers served as an enduring reminder of their sacrifice.

An Honor Chair memorializing all fallen Texas Rangers since 1823 was

competitive afternoon of sporting clay excitement.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

GIFT SHOP FEATURE



Let us decorate your Christmas tree! Our Texas Ranger black and white badge glass ornament has a 3.5 inch diameter. \$21.95

To purchase the ornament, please call toll free (877) 750-8631 or [email the store](#). Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum.

EDUCATION CENTER



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

- Fire Marshal Recertification (Waco Emergency Mgmt.)
- NAACP
- Heart of Texas Regional Advisory Council
- Texas Department of Public Safety Reserve Officers Association of the United States
- Texas Department of Aging and Disability



presented to the Texas Rangers during a Texas Ranger In-Service event on Wednesday, October 7th.

The Honor Chair has been placed in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, itself a State Memorial. Museum visitors can pause and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many Texas Rangers over the course of the agency's history. A list of known "Killed in Action" and "Died in Service" names will be displayed next to the Honor Chair.



Left to Right: Robbie Capell, Tommy Capell, Brandon Bunch, Michael Pullen and Jeff Ward present the Honor Chair to the Texas Rangers.

Saving A Hero's Place, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, please visit their website: www.savingaherosplace.org.

Bonnie & Clyde: A Topic of Discussion

On Friday, October 2nd, Houston's Theater Under the Stars (TUTS) Underground presented a production of *Bonnie & Clyde*. Afterwards, many theater-goers stayed for a panel discussion about America's notorious outlaws, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, and their connections to southeast Houston.

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Left to Right: Joel Androphy, the Honorable Larry Standley, Kate McCarthy, Major Jeff Collins, Chief Michael Dirden

The event was moderated by Joel Androphy, who is a nationally recognized criminal and civil plaintiff and defense attorney at Berg & Androphy. The panelists included:

- **Major Jeff Collins** is the Commander of Texas Rangers Company "A" which is headquartered in Houston and encompasses a 35 county area.
- **Chief Michael Dirden** is a 28-year veteran of the Houston Police Department and serves as the Executive Assistant Chief of Police for Field Operations.
- **Kate McCarthy** is a Collections Assistant for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco, Texas.
- **The Honorable Larry Standley** was elected judge of Harris County Criminal Court at law No. 6 in November 1998.

In addition to participating in the panel event, the Museum loaned images of Bonnie and Clyde from the Armstrong Texas Ranger Research Center archives to TUTS Underground for their production of *Bonnie & Clyde* musical. "We thank them for their generous gesture in helping us learn more about these historical figures," TUTS Underground posted online.

TUTS Underground gives Houston audiences access to the freshest, most innovative musicals coming out of the Broadway community. Musicals that aren't afraid to challenge their audience's expectations, and how people view the world around them.

Please [click here](#) to read "Houston lawyer pulls back the curtain on real-life stories behind TUTS Underground shows," an article by Olivia Pulsinelli for the *Houston Business Journal* about the event.

Please [click here](#) to watch highlights from the *Bonnie & Clyde* production.

Ram Presentation at the Heart o' Texas Fair & Rodeo



The Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) Foundation and Ram Trucks stepped forward as the first Texas Ranger Bicentennial Partner™ in 2014. They made an initial donation of \$90,000 toward museum improvements and \$10,000 towards the Texas Ranger Association Foundation scholarship program.

In 2015 the FCA Foundation again renewed their support by repeating their donation. It was announced at the Texas State Fair in Dallas and at the All American Pro Rodeo at the Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo in Waco.



In Waco Texas Rangers Jason Bobo, Jake Burson, Jim Hatfield and Patrick Pena and their families attended the rodeo with museum staff Shelly Crittendon and Christine Rothenbush.

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is grateful for the support of the FCA Foundation and Ram Trucks for their continued partnership with the Museum.

A Wish With Wings



Barry Caver, retired Captain of Texas Ranger Company "E", recently participated in a special program for young Blake Travis. Blake suffers from Stickler Syndrome, a debilitating genetic disorder striking about 1 in 9,000 newborns. Stickler syndrome is a complex disease causing distinctive facial appearance, vision and hearing loss, and joint problems.

For 30 years the A Wish with Wings Foundation has granted the wishes to 1,300 children Texas children fighting life-threatening medical conditions.



The Foundation, with support from Bildor Management, LLC, flew Blake and his family to Hawaii for his dream vacation. During the trip Capt. Caver, a veteran of 19 years in the Texas Ranger service, swore Blake in as a Junior Texas Ranger in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame program.

We salute A Wish with Wings Foundation, Capt. Caver and Bildor Management for making Blake's life brighter.

Visitor Photographs



On Monday, October 19th, graduates of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1958, visited the museum as part of their class reunion.

We love seeing our visitors having a blast! If you would like to see photographs of your visit in our newsletter, email news@texasranger.org. Enjoy!



Free Admission During Military Appreciation Day

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Offer Valid: November 11, 2015