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Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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Texas Ranger Museum Visitor Guidelines

In light of the new guidelines from City of Waco Mayor Deaver, we will be now be requiring our visitors to wear a mask. This is not only for our safety, but for the safety of our visitors who may not have strong immune systems.

We have Western-style Texas Ranger bandanas available for purchase at the Admissions desk for guests over 2 years old.



Additional preparations to protect our visitors include:

- Museum employees will wear masks.
- Guests are asked to maintain 6 feet



- of social distancing.
- Due to narrow confines of existing galleries, guided tours are limited to 10-minute overviews in the Hall of Fame theater between video showings. Tour group size is limited to 23 persons.
- All exhibit interactives have been removed and touch screen devices deactivated for the duration of the emergency.

We appreciate your understanding and your support through this pandemic.

Please call (254) 750-8631 if you have any questions or follow us on [Facebook](#) for updates.

Sheriff George T. Corry's Handcuffs

Jim Corry of Waxahachie, Texas recently loaned the museum a pair of handcuffs once belonging to his grandfather, George T. Corry, Sheriff of Collingsworth County. The handcuffs have a unique history and are currently on display in the Bonnie and Clyde exhibit.



On the night of June 10-11, 1933, Clyde Barrow, with Bonnie Parker and W.D. Jones riding with him, missed a road warning sign north of Wellington, Texas and carelessly drove his stolen Ford coupe off of the abutment of an unfinished bridge and crashed onto the south bank of the Salt Fork Red River. The car flipped before landing upright, but Parker was pinned in the battered coupe and was badly burned by battery acid. A family from a nearby farm rushed to help them, only to be forced to take them to their house once the gang had unloaded their firearms from the wreck.

One of the family was able to escape unnoticed while the gang was distracted and drove back into Wellington. He told Chief of Police Paul Hardy and Collingsworth County Sheriff George Corry what was happening out at the farm, and they drove off to investigate. When they arrived, Barrow got the drop on them and took them hostage. Barrow and Jones forced the officers back into their own car and put Parker in with them. The gang and their hostages drove off and crossed into Oklahoma where they met up with Clyde's brother Buck. Buck wanted to kill the officers, but Clyde chose to let them go. Buck and J.D. cuffed Corry and Hardy together with these handcuffs and then

tied them to a tree with barbed wire before the gang drove away. Once Corry and Hardy freed themselves from the barbed wire they went to the nearest house, cut the chain linking the two cuffs with a file, and then called the local sheriff.

10 Minute Lesson Plans

TRHFM has four 10 Minute Lesson Plans about Texas Ranger History to help teachers, homeschoolers and parents looking for fun activities over the summer. These lesson plans will only take 10 to 15 minutes to complete with your child and are organized to be as easy as possible to use.

"Texas Ranger Badges " takes a look at what shapes make up the Texas Ranger badge and a brief history of Texas Ranger badges. (Kindergarten)



"Texas Rangers: The Beginning" focuses on why Stephen F. Austin chose to create the Texas Rangers to defend early Texas settlers in 1823. (4th grade)

"Texas Rangers and Technology" is a look at how the Texas Rangers have adapted to changing times and new technology. (4th grade)

" The Fence Cutting Wars " focuses on why the Fence Cutting Wars (1883-1888) were fought and what the Texas Rangers did to end them. (4th grade)

Please [click here](#) to access the lesson plans under "10 Minute Lesson Plans".

Discovering the Legend: The Four Great Captains

Discovering the Legend is a series of TV programs about Texas Ranger history, artifacts and art, and modern Ranger duties. It is produced in cooperation with the Texas Rangers, City of Waco, historians, and donors, as part of our mission to disseminate knowledge and inspire an appreciation of the Texas Rangers.



Episode #36 features Rachel Smith, Assistant Collections Manager. This episode will focus on the history of the Four Great Captains of the Texas Rangers: John H. Rogers, James A. Brooks, John R. Hughes, and William "Bill" McDonald. The Four Great Captains

witnessed the transition of the Rangers from frontier days to the 20th century. The Captains steered the organization through their combined leadership and experience.



Please [click here](#) to learn more about the Four Great Captains in this *Discovering the Legend* episode.

Art Tour Video

Did you know that TRHFM has works of fine art in our collection? We are excited to partner with The Art Center of Waco to bring you this video highlighting three works of art currently on display in the museum.

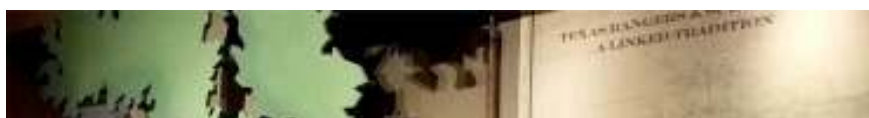


Please [click here](#) to watch the art tour video.

Please [click here](#) to learn more about The Art Center of Waco.

Lieutenant Belinda Mangum Visits TRHFM

We were delighted to have Lieutenant Belinda Mangum from the Travis County Sheriff's Office and Mike Cuming visit us. Lt. Mangum has worked with Texas Ranger Cody Mitchell and was excited to see the Museum.





Lt. Mangum shares her experience with drunk driving in this PSA warning by Travis County Sheriff's Office. Please [click here](#) to watch it.

Texas Ranger Kids Collection



Ranger H. Toad

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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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