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## Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Newsletter

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### *Texas Ranger – A Light in the Dark*

April Voglino Burney, the wife of recently retired Ranger Brian Burney, created an artwork to honor the service and dedication of the Texas Rangers and has generously loaned the piece to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in tribute to the 200th anniversary of the Texas Rangers. Using her husband Brian as the model for the drawing, Burney has said that her artwork is in “tribute to the Texas Ranger performing his primary duty of responding to the “call-out” of a crime scene, be it responding to the threat of an active

crime situation, or responding to investigate a recent crime....He strides into the turmoil of the event, focused and prepared to carry out all that his training and experience have equipped him to do. ...[his] primary goal is to shine the light of justice into the dark.”



*Texas Ranger – A Light in the Dark*

2023, Mixed media  
April Burney, charcoal sketch, and Terry McCafferty, wood display

### Join us this Spring Break

Spring Break kicks off next week with two fun events. The Waco-McLennan County Public Library will have a story time here at the museum next Wednesday March 8th from 10:30 to 11:30am. Please visit [wacolibrary.org](http://wacolibrary.org) for more information.



The poster features a yellow background with a red banner at the bottom. The title 'Library on the Go Spring Break 2023' is written in a large, stylized, orange and yellow font at the top. Below the title, the dates '\*March 6 - 10\*' are displayed. A small blue car with 'LIBRARY ON THE GO' written on it is positioned to the right of the dates. The schedule for each day is listed in a black, handwritten-style font: Monday - McLane Stadium, Tuesday - Fire Station on Elm Ave, Wednesday - Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum, Thursday - Bear Habitat at Baylor University, and Friday - Storywalk celebration @ Dewey Community Center. A note at the bottom of the yellow section states '\*All storytimes start at 10:30 AM\*'. The red banner at the bottom contains the text 'Join your favorite children's librarians for storytimes and free tours of local attractions. Go to WacoLibrary.org for more info' and a QR code.

**Library on the Go  
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Please join us at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for our annual Spring Break Round Up. Bring your family down to meet Texas Ranger reenactors and even see a real Texas Ranger. Activities are included with regular museum admission.



Texas Ranger Talks begin at 10:30AM and 2:00PM  
Reenactors will be onsite from 10:00AM to 2:00PM

### **High School Technical Skills Conference**

Between February 2nd - 4th, approximately 18 audio/video production students from across DFW attended a regional conference at TSTC in Waco. The conference includes a competition in which students create a 60-second promotional television commercial. This year the students were invited to film the TRHFM as their subject matter to give a “real world” situation of working for an actual client. On Friday, February 3rd, the students spent an afternoon at the Museum filming footage to then edit down into a commercial upon their return to TSTC campus. Marketing & Development Specialist Christine Rothenbush greeted the students, gave them guidelines and suggested “points of interest” within the Museum. We look forward to seeing the finished products.



### **Recognition and Nighttime Signs**

In 2001, the Museum was selected as one of *Texas Highways Magazine's* 10 best museums in Texas. Since then, we have documented our recognitions by local, national and international sources. We have a few of these proudly on display in our lobby. A full listing can be seen at

<https://www.texasranger.org/texas-ranger-museum/visit/recognition/>



**Left to Right:** Matthew Harvey and Jalen Jones, Customer Service Representatives at TRHFM who assist customers at the front admission desk and in the gift shop.

With daylight getting longer, we wanted to share this beautiful nighttime photograph of our sign taken by Facilities Manager Mariena Kneuppel. And a friendly reminder to spring forward one hour on Sunday, March 12th for Daylight Savings Time.



**Stephen Rispoli Joins TRHFM Board**

Please join us in welcoming new TRHFM advisory board member Stephen Rispoli, J.D.

Dean Rispoli serves as Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Strategic Initiatives. He is also the Director of Innovation and Scholarship for the law school's Executive LL.M. in Litigation Management at Baylor University in Waco.

Last year, Dean Rispoli, Dean Teague and Professor Fraley teamed up to write Fundamentals of Lawyer Leadership, a textbook encouraging all law students and lawyers to use their time, talent, and training to make a positive difference in the world, no matter their position or title.



### **Prickly for You**

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the Texas Rangers, TRHFM is hosting monthly Story Time & Craft Days. Our second was on Saturday, February 11th. It was themed for Valentine's Day with a cactus handprint and heart-faced cowboy crafts. "Prickly for You" attracted families along the I-35 corridor to Arkansas and girl scout troop #427. Our next craft day will be "Crafty Varmints" on Saturday, April 8th. On March 11th we will host our annual Spring Break Round Up event.

Story Time videos began during the pandemic closure in 2020. With the success of the online programming, Audrey Ladd, Education Programs Manager, wanted to bring the experience to visitors in house. By adding the crafts, parents and children have enjoyed a hands-on experience and made memories to last a lifetime.





-April 8: Crafty Varmints  
-May 13: The Science of Clues

Come to the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum for monthly Western crafts and a story time! The theme will change monthly. 10am-1pm. Activities are included with regular museum admission.

### **Quanah Parker Exhibit: One Man, Two Worlds**

Join our friends at the Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum to tour the new display “Quanah Parker Exhibit: One Man, Two Worlds”.

The display contains more than 40 photos depicting Cynthia Ann Parker and her son Quanah's substantial life events. Cynthia Ann and Quanah Parker are two important names in U.S. frontier history. Much can be learned from the dramatic story of these two courageous individuals. In 1836, a Comanche raiding party took Cynthia Ann from her family. Over the following years, she became a wife to a Comanche chief and mother to children, including Quanah. After Cynthia Ann was taken back by Texas Rangers, Quanah became one of the most important Comanche leaders both in war and peace. The photo exhibit tells this story of the lives of these two people caught between two different worlds.



This exhibit is sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Lakes Trail Region and on display through April 15th. [www.Templerrhm.org](http://www.Templerrhm.org)

### **Texas Flag Sleeve Polo**

Available with white, red or blue body. One sleeve has Texas Flag detail. Small museum logo on front. 100% polyester water wicking material.  
\$60.00 + Tax



To shop more items available for purchase, please visit our [Gift Shop online](#) or in person 9am to 4:30pm daily. You never have to pay admission to shop. Sales from the Gift Shop benefit the preservation and education activities of the Museum. Please call (254) 750-8631 or email [thestore@texasranger.org](mailto:thestore@texasranger.org) to order. We ship worldwide. Thank you!

**Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Bicentennial™ Support**

Contribute to the TRHFM in honor of the Texas Rangers Bicentennial™ in 2023. With a \$100 contribution, you will receive:

1. A limited-edition enameled bronze pin featuring a 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 Supporters™
4. A one-time-use family admission ticket (admits 4) to the Museum.

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

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



Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Bicentennial Pin

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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).

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