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To encourage the study and preservation of the Czech language, fine arts, music and dance

To provide for the preservation and exhibition of artifacts that are historically significant to the Czech people of Texas

To provide a library and archives for the collection and preservation of books, newspapers, periodicals, family histories, research material, photographs and all printed data of historical significance to the Czech people of Texas

To provide adequate space for gatherings, meetings and educational activities for the benefit of the Czech people of Texas

To encourage and promote a cultural exchange program between the Czech people of Texas and the citizens of the Czech Republic

To provide the public with updated information regarding Czech-related activities and historical sites in Texas, the United States and abroad.

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President's Letter

April 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

This letter comes to you at a time when we have all had to undergo a huge change in our daily lives. These changes are all due to the threat of the contagious Coronavirus. Hopefully, we are past the peak and can resume to some sense of normal soon. Having to close TCHCC to the public, cancel Slavnost in May and the planned events for most of the year was very disappointing.

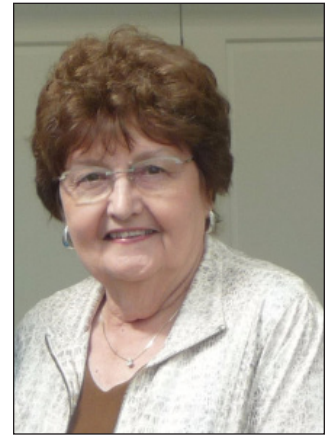
Even though the building was closed to the public, maintenance of the buildings and grounds continued and the bills had to be paid. I would like to thank Mark for checking on this each day. I would like to thank Cathleen for coming in a couple of days a week to take care of membership and acknowledgements. With the help of a few volunteers, they took good care of TCHCC. We hope to open soon and continue with the great projects planned for 2020.

Most of all, I want to thank all of you for your response to the raffle drawing and for sending in extra donations. We greatly appreciate your generosity and look forward to seeing all of you soon.

I want to thank all of you who sent cards of condolence and donations in memory of Charles T. Chandler. Your kind expressions of sympathy during this sad time for me were very comforting. I am grateful for the many years that we were together, for our two wonderful children, and seven grandchildren. Thank you for your prayers and concerns.

Wishing all of you the best.

Retta Chandler



*TCHCC President
Retta Slavik Chandler*

Rev. Josef Chromčik's Desk

Father Josef Chromčik was born on January 25, 1845 in Řepčín, house #59 to parents Martin Chromčik and Mariana Pitsch. He was sent to Fayetteville at the request of Czech immigrants. Approximately 100 Moravian families had left the area of Frenstat, Czech Republic in 1870. Once settled in Fayetteville, the families asked Bishop DuBois of Galveston to contact Bishop Frederick Fuerstenberg of Olomouce to send Father Chromčik to Texas to help them establish a church. The people sent a prepaid ticket for him and he departed Lichnov, Novy Jicin where he was the assistant pastor and sailed from Bremen, Germany to Galveston. He arrived on December 24 and celebrated his first mass on Christmas Day in 1872 in Fayetteville. He became an American citizen on July 20, 1878.

Father Chromčik spent the rest of his life building and organizing parishes in the counties around Fayette County, Texas. Some of these parishes included Ellinger, Bluff (Hostyn), Dubina, Praha, Smothers Creek, Warrenton, Industry, Frenstat, Dimebox, Taylor, Birch, Tunis, Sealy, Latium, Wallis, Milheim, Cat Spring, Round Top, Martinsville, Ennis, Granger, Frydek and Corn Hill. He also established the Chromcik School in 1875 and taught there for at least fifteen years.

Father Chromčik attended a meeting in Hostyn in 1888 where he suggested that a Czech Catholic insurance and fraternal organization be established. The KJT organization was founded the next year and Chromčik was the first chaplain.

Father Chromčik made many trips back to Moravia, Czech Republic and brought back other Czech priests as well as his mother. She is buried next to him in the Catholic Cemetery in Fayetteville, Texas.

One of his possessions was a planter-style desk. When he passed away on April 7, 1910 in Fayetteville, Texas, the family of his nephew Jindrich Zdaril came into possession of the desk. It has been handed down through the family for several generations and was last seen in public in the law office of Jindrich in Runnels County, Texas. His son Ben Bednar was a stone mason in La Grange, Texas in the 1930s and married Olivia Valenta, a teacher at the Latium School. Their son, Ladd Bednar and wife Darleen, have donated the refurbished desk and it has found a permanent home in the museum at TCHCC.

Sources: Joseph Chromcik, *Fayette County, Texas Heritage* pgs. 73-74.

Msgr. Alois Morkovsky *Short Biographies of Czech and Other Priests in Texas.*

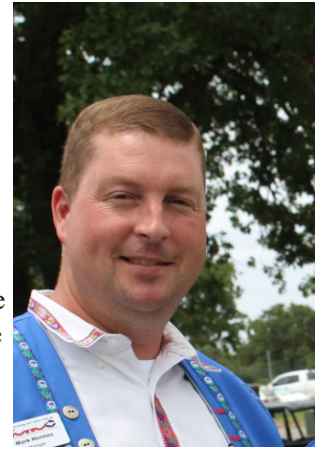
Pictured with the donated desk are l-r Retta Chandler, Ladd and Darleen Bednar of Houston, Texas



A Message from Mark

Dear friends,

I hope that you are all doing well and handling this frustrating situation the best that you can. Here at TCHCC, work goes on for myself and a couple of our daily volunteers. Someone asked me how work was going at TCHCC during this time and the best way to describe it is a farm without the animals. Even though the front door is not open, there is still maintenance, office business, landscape work, small projects to complete, and more. There are no animals to feed or care to daily, but like a farm, the work never ends. I think most can relate to this perception. Grass doesn't know it is supposed to stop growing during a pandemic so we can sit indoors at home. TCHCC is a working Museum that has to be cared for continuously so that the facility is ready when the time to reopen comes.



***TCHCC Manager
Mark Hermes***

Speaking of projects and maintenance, I'd like to share a few that we have done.

The Saw Mill log staging area is cleaned up and the rotten logs hauled off. A new rack with a gravel pad has been built to store the logs off the ground and allow easy access. Gutter repair at the Janak Barn is done and the holes under the downspouts at the Barn and Newspaper Museum have been filled and flagstone placed. Grass mowing and landscape maintenance takes place about every other week. Holes in the drainage ditches have been filled, thanks to the help of our new tractor. Daily and weekly office business is also handled in a timely manner. The list goes on and on.

We are also planning some exciting projects. Through the years, artifacts, periodicals, files, photos, textiles and more have been donated. TCHCC has outgrown the original 20X40 Storage Building and is having to store items in places that are not ideal for preservation. This is a dire need and vital to the expansion of TCHCC. The plans are to construct a new 40X60 Archival Storage Building with a dock for easy loading/unloading access and covered area for all weather access in and out of the building, to keep items safe from any weather conditions. The building will include a decontamination work room where items can be properly logged and checked in/out and prepared for storage. The spacious store room area will be able to adapt to any storage needs; shelving, files, hangings, etc. This new Archival Storage Building is long overdue for TCHCC and is a testament to the positive growth of the Center. Plans can be viewed upon request.

Another project that is in the works is the recreation of a General Store and Tavern. The current set-up in the Village is not sufficient for the display and protection of the artifacts. Plans are in the works to replicate Frank's Place (which is where the bar that is currently on display comes from) that was on the square in downtown La Grange. The General Store will also be rebuilt adjacent to Frank's Place to allow visitors a safer and better experience when touring. This building will also be climate controlled to protect artifacts and ensure a pleasant visit (see plans below). A Blacksmith Shop is also on the list to be built in the near future. Plans for this shop can be viewed as well.

These projects have been on our priority list for some time. Donations and grants are being accepted now. We hope to complete the Archival Storage Building as soon as possible to ease our storage issue. Donations have already been given to start the projects but more is needed. We strive each day to make the best decisions for our facility and to care for and secure the donations of our patrons.

Thank each of you for your continued support throughout the years. The Center continues to evolve and meet the mission statement set forth in 1997. Together we can ensure the best representation of our Czech Heritage for generations to come. We miss all of you!! Stay safe and see you here soon!!

Mark Hermes



Artist's rendition of future Frank's Place and General Store

CHARLES THOMAS CHANDLER
September 15, 1933/April 2, 2020

Charles Thomas Chandler, 86, died Tuesday, April 2, 2020 at St. Mark's Medical Center, La Grange, Texas following an extended illness.

He is survived by his wife, Retta Slavik Chandler, of La Grange, a daughter, Susan Chandler of Temple, a son, Ken Chandler of Cleburne and his wife, Lisa Chandler and seven grandchildren, Grace Anne Wilhelm, Lauren Wilhelm Paunescu and her husband, Cris Puanescu, Marie Wilhelm and Sarah Wilhelm, Anna Chandler, Bridget Chandler and Ben Chandler.

Charles T. Chandler was born on September 15, 1933 in Cameron, Texas to Katherine Underwood Chandler and James Guy Chandler. He had one older brother, Guy Edward Chandler.

Charles Chandler attended Cameron public schools and was a varsity football player at Yoe High School, graduating in 1952.

He served in the military during the Korean conflict. After completing training in the Topographical Engineering Corps at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, he was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany until the completion of his service. After service, he attended Arlington State College, which at the time was part of the Texas A&M University system, but now is the University of Texas at Arlington. He completed an associate of arts degree at Temple Junior College in Temple, Texas.

He married Retta Slavik, also of Cameron, on November 21, 1956 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church at Marak, Texas.

Charles managed the family businesses, including Chandler Paint Company in Austin and Cameron Lumber Company in Cameron for 14 years. He worked as a purchasing agent for Yowell Lumber Company in Killeen and at lumber yards in Waco, DeSoto and Duncanville. He was a staff claims adjuster for RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance Company and retired from there after ten years. He then worked as an independent adjuster for two storm seasons. During the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in declared disaster areas.

While living in Cameron as a business owner, he was involved in the community in the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and served as president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees).

Charles enjoyed large and small building projects. He built a custom home in DeSoto, in which he and Retta lived for many years. He designed the house with a special foundation to withstand time and heavy storms, as well as a beautiful marble fireplace. He enjoyed landscape design and was an avid gardener. For a number of years, he pursued the model train hobby and built elaborate track layouts. He was also a talented artist, although he rarely painted.

Charles loved to explore and travel. He took the family on weekend and day trips to every corner of Texas. Later the family traveled from coast to coast in the summer. He and Retta continued to travel for the rest of his life, including to his ancestral village in England as well as the Czech Republic.

Although he was not Czech, Charles participated in the Czech community. He and Retta enjoyed dancing at the historic dance halls around Texas. For several decades, while living in the Dallas area, he and Retta spent the majority of their time in La Grange, building the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center.

Charles was a family man who put his wife first and worked hard his entire life. He loved order and was particular about doing things well. Whatever he put his hands to do, he completed with quality and excellence. Due to the current pandemic, memorial services are pending. A private committal service of burial will be held at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Cemetery in Marak.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center, P.O. Box 6, La Grange, Texas 78945.



VALENTINE CONCERT AND DINNER SWEETHEARTS

THE TENTH ANNUAL VALENTINE CONCERT AND DINNER WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2020 IN THE HANSLIK HALL. THE EVENING FEATURED A CATERED MEAL BY CELEBRATIONS EVENTS AND CATERING AND A CONCERT BY JOHN DUJKA.

John is a man of many talents. A well-known entertainer and musician throughout Texas and nationally, John Dujka earned his Bachelors and Masters of Music Degrees in Music Performance at the University of Houston Moores School of Music where he studied with Albert Hirsh, Ruth Tomfohrde and Abbey Simon. A member of the Blinn College, Brenham, faculty since 1990, Mr. Dujka is an active recitalist, collaborative pianist, and also maintains a private studio. John, along with his brother Mark, has been performing as the Dujka Brothers Band since 1986. The duo is well-known for their arrangements of Czech music.

A native of East Bernard, Texas, John resides in Brenham and also produces "Saturday Morning Dance Time", a radio program for KULP 1390 in El Campo, Texas now in its seventeenth year.



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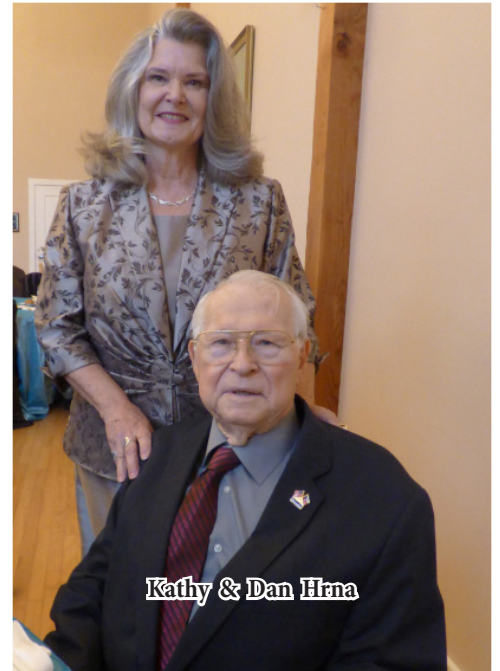
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Jeff Cook & his mother Bernetta Cook

The Chapel of St. Margaret Mary, Mniši, Frydek-Mistek, Czech Republic

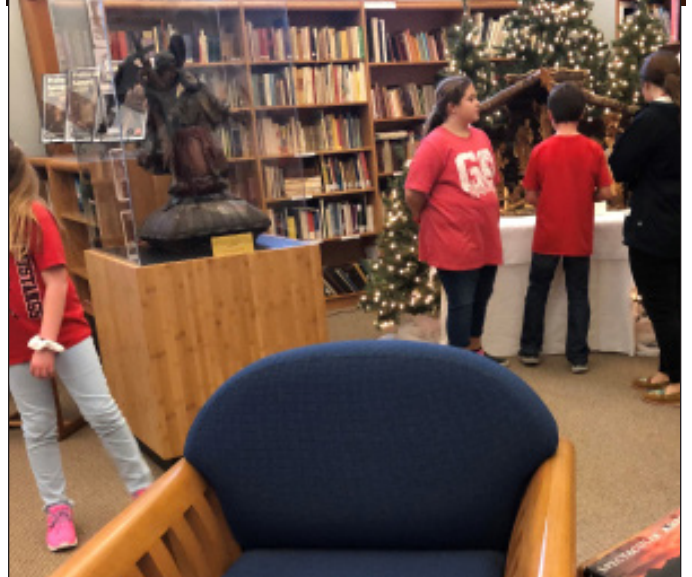
The chapel in Mniši (pictured left) has been associated with the Cistercian monks who resided in the area since the 13th century. The name of the village, Mniši, means monk in Czech. Since the 1890s the parish church for Mniši residents was in the neighboring town of Vlčovice. On November 22, 1891 the chapel and cemetery in Mniši were dedicated to the patron saint of the village, Saint Mary Magdalene. Parishioners have attended the chapel since then, and as recent as 1967, have made repairs to it.

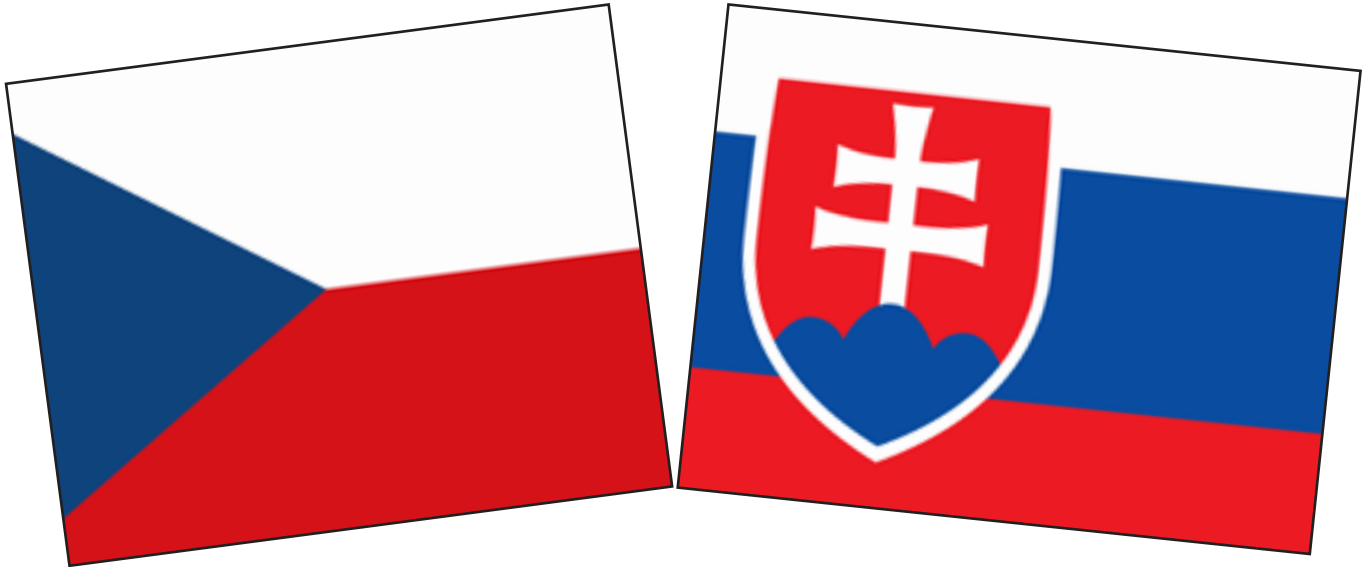
A replica of the chapel is under construction west of the main building. The chapel is in the ancestral village of Benjamin Koliba who is donating the church to TCHCC. It will be a place of historical significance as well as a humbling reminder of our Czech ancestors' deep faith and the desire to keep the faith alive once in Texas.



SCHOOL VISIT AND TOUR OF TCHCC

The Ezzell Elementary and Junior High School toured the Center on January 10, 2020.
They toured the museums and village and barn and enjoyed a home cooked meal.





Centennial Celebration of the The Flag of the Czech Republic

The national flag of the Czech Republic celebrated its centennial on March 30. Much has been written about the flag and the decision for its design. Daniela Lazarova for Radio Praha (www.radio.cz) reported that vexillologist Ales Brozek provided a perfect explanation. “They thought the flag could be white and red because the Bohemian coat of arms depicted a silver lion on a red shield. However, Poland and Austria both had red and white colors on their flags so they decided to add a third color - and they chose blue. Red, white and blue are pan-Slavic colors and the only question was how to add the blue color to the flag. They didn’t want horizontal or vertical stripes, they wanted a more unusual solution. And one of the proposals had a blue triangle, a blue wedge, which reached only to one third of the flag’s length. it was an unusual design and not everyone liked it.” They also agreed that the blue color would represent Slovakia since they had had the three colors on their flag in the 19th century.

In 1993, when Czechoslovakia split into two states, the question arose as to replacing it. When the two countries wrote the laws of dissolution, it was resolved that neither countries should continue to use the state symbols of Czechoslovakia. The Parliament took up the issue but they were in favor of keeping it because of the importance it played in their history.

The flag was first hoisted in October of 1920 and this included celebrations in the Czech Republic. The flag has hung in many places. It even went to the moon with US astronaut Eugene Cernan.

You, in Texas, can also fly your Czech flag in October in solidarity of this centennial. Remember, the white strip must be on the top.

2021 TCHCC CALENDAR: CZECH AMERICAN MILITARY VETERANS

You may submit a photograph of any members of your family that have served in any branch of the Armed Services from any time period. It could be your grandfather/grandmother or current members of your family. The information that will be included with the photograph will be the name, birth and (if applicable) the death date of the soldier, along with the branch of service and years served.

Mail the submission to TCHCC, P. O. Box 6, La Grange, Texas 78945

or email to Janis@hrncir.com or info@czechtxas.org.

DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2020

2020 TEXANS OF CZECH ANCESTRY (TOCA) AWARDS

Due to the pandemic, the Annual TOCA Awards Ceremony was not held at TCHCC. Recognition of the recipients will be handled by the individual member organizations. Those nominated this year are being recognized for their many years of dedicated volunteerism in their respective areas.



We wish to congratulate the following:

Member Organizations and 2020 Recipients

Austin Czech Historical Association recognized Lori Najvar

Czech Heritage Society of Texas recognized Rudolph Rusnak

Forth Bend County CHS recognized Kathy Krejci Taylor

KJZT-Family Life recognized Joan Johnson

RVOS-Farm Mutual Insurance Company recognized Rosalie and W. K. Leonard

SPJST - Slavonic Benevolent Order of Texas recognized Bernice and Alfred Vrazel

Texas Czech Genealogical Society recognized Edwin Hlavaty

TCHCC-Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center recognized Benjamin Koliba

TOCA-Texas of Czech Ancestry recognized Pavla and James Van Bibber

Travis-Williamson Counties CHS recognized Dawn Orsak

A Generous Donation

Ted and Sarah Vitek have donated several items to TCHCC. Among those items is the Hohner Accordion owned and played by Ted Vitek's father Louis as early as the 1930s. It has now found a permanent place in our museum.



The Mountain Caveliers. The band played in the early 1930s for house weddings, anniversaries and church picnic. Louis Vitek also played on the FSLV Radio Station. Band L-R Bob Lezak, Pete Lezak, Louis P. Vitek (Ted's father), Frank Lezak, Tim Vitek (uncle of Ted Vitek and father of Gilbert Vitek), Frank Saka.



An Afternoon in Vsetín, Czech Republic
Submitted by Cathleen Noska, Fayetteville, Texas

My husband and I were very fortunate to have one afternoon to ourselves to sit and enjoy the town of Vsetín. Our tour guide for the day had some business appointments to attend to, so we were able to sit down on a park bench and discover the beauty of this town, so very far away from our home in central Texas. The weather this afternoon was sunny and beautiful, after waking up to a morning of rainy skies, cloudy and cool. But soon we observed the most gorgeous rainbow –a sign of the lovely day in store for us.

It was a little bit hard for us to relax and sit still, even for a little while, because we are used to the hustle and bustle of our busy schedules in Texas, where we both work and also take care of our Grandchildren. After a little while of sitting there on the park bench, we began to feel like we were forgetting something, or perhaps we were supposed to be somewhere. We looked at our watches from time to time, wondering what our family members were doing at the time, because at home it was 7 hours earlier. It was about 2 p.m. in Vsetín, and at home it was about 7 a.m. We had to remind ourselves that we were in Europe, in the Czech Republic, in eastern Moravia very near the Slovak border, in this town called Vsetín. But here in this place we began to sense a feeling of peace.

Soon we began to notice all the things that were going on around us. There were children running around merrily and playing games with each other. There were adults walking past us, busily talking on their cell phones. There was a well-dressed older couple sitting on another bench across from us. We looked at them, wondering who they might be and what their lives were like. And they looked at us, wondering who these strangers were. There was an ice cream stand nearby, so we indulged in a huge cone of sweetness, a very good afternoon snack!

There was a bookstore nearby, and it was named “Knihy”. We could not resist going inside to shop a little. We were greeted with the common greeting of “Dobrý den!” We bought some postcards and some children’s books for the Grandchildren. We were very impressed with the wide selection this bookstore had to offer, and how friendly the shopkeepers were once they found out we were from Texas.

We ventured down the street a bit and peeked into a shop filled with baby carriages. Some looked more expensive and some were more affordable. There was a selection of different colors to choose from, but the only item for sale in this shop was baby carriages. You see, it is very common to see Mothers and Grandmothers pushing babies in carriages down the street to take care of their shopping or any other business they might need to do in town. We also observed young Mothers with their babies in carriages coming into the town and meeting with their friends to get together and visit.

An Afternoon in Vsetin cont'd.

We also went into a store which sold white lace curtain material by the yard. Again we were given the friendly greeting and we answered with a joyful “Dobrý den!” In my opinion, this was a shopper’s paradise! There were so many bolts of different patterns and designs of the sheer, white lace that it was very hard to choose which one was the most beautiful. The lacy fabric comes in various lengths to fit your size of windows, and you have to figure out the width you need which includes extra width for gathering it up on a curtain rod. In all of the villages and towns that we visited, every single home has the white lace curtains in their windows. They allow privacy, but yet they allow the breeze into the open windows of the homes, as there is no air conditioning in most of the homes. Businesses also have the same curtains. We could not leave that store without purchasing a few different sets of curtains for our home as well as a few gifts for family members.

After that fun-filled shopping spree, it was time for a rest so we sat back down on the park bench. We noticed some people walking towards a bus stop, and there were several people standing in line to catch the bus. It really is not necessary for everyone to own a car because there is public transportation available, or bicycles to meet their needs of getting around. We saw a lot of people riding bikes, both young and old. For those who choose to walk, the town is very pedestrian-friendly. There are also commuter trains to get from town to town or to the city.

Soon we got the feeling again that we needed to be doing something, so we ventured down another street and came to a bridge crossing a waterway, the Bečva River. The water was not very deep and there was a man wade-fishing and was successfully catching fish! The man was very enthusiastic about his fishing, so we stood on the bridge and watched for a good while. We imagined that he was catching some supper for his family to eat, and having a great time doing it! We walked back to the designated place where we were to meet our tour guide. We both felt very fortunate to have had this afternoon to experience the peaceful and friendly atmosphere of this wonderful town. Knowing that our ancestors came from similar towns or villages not very far away, we came to understand the European lifestyle our forefathers once enjoyed.



This took place about 9 years before the COVID-19 pandemic came into play. No one had heard about this novel virus, and no one would believe that a pandemic such as this would reach every country in the world.

In the Czech Republic today, social distancing (sociální distancování) is the new normal, just as it is in the United States. People must stay two meters apart (or 6.66 feet). High levels of anxiety are prevalent, and perhaps one of the most common causes of anxiety is the lack of popular social gatherings, both large and small. There is a limit of only two people allowed together, except for families or work groups. Everyone must wear a face mask or a scarf in public or else pay a fine.

All churches are closed. All schools are closed and students study via internet. Many private doctors closed their offices and many routine procedures in hospitals are cancelled. Hotels and restaurants are closed. It is possible to get food or drink to-go through a window.

Swimming pools and indoor gyms are closed. However, it is possible to go to outdoor parks or forests for all types of exercise such as walking, bike riding, etc.

Many bus and train connections were cancelled. Public transportation within the cities is available. People are allowed to go to work or do essential shopping. Borders are closed for travelers except for essential health care workers.

Today there is hope that shops and restaurants will begin to reopen. Fresh produce markets will open soon. Eventually more and more shops and services will open according to a schedule. Just remember, there is always a rainbow after a storm!

NOTICE

CZECH REPUBLIC HIDDEN SECRETS TOUR 2020

The tour was scheduled for July 13-July 26, 2020
it has been rescheduled for **July 12-July 25 2021**

More information will be available soon.

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January - March 31, 2020

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In Memory of Kyla Drozd

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LIBRARY & MUSEUM DONATIONS

Jim Ayres - Czech related books

Jacqueline Broz - Posters and 2 books on Our Lady of Hostyn Chapel, Washington, D. C.

Leah Failla - 5 piece parlor set

Dorothy Holub - 2 umbrellas

Edward Klecka - Begus and Klecka

Family Histories

Charlotte Martin - Janish Family History

Gary McKee - Glass vase from Frank's Restaurant

Christy Michaud - Kyjov Kroj and family pictures

Linda Oltmann - Pastusek Family History

Susan Kay Rawley - books, votive candle set from Rome, Czech Seal Medal

Stephen Szabados - book Czech and Slovak Immigrants to America

Ted and Sarah Vitek - Hohner Button

Accordion belonging to Louis Vitek (Ted's father), music books, record album and related musical items. Band picture of the *Mountain Cavaliers* from the Sealy-Frydek area.

TCHCC Memorials can be made to your deceased loved ones or to honor a family member that is still active in promoting Czech culture and tradition.

IMMIGRANTS' WALL

A stone wall with engravings on plaques that include the name(s) of the immigrant(s), village of origin and date that he/she/they arrived in the United States. Plaques are available for \$2500. Contact us for details.

ENTRY PAVING STONES

A 12"x12" pink granite stone will be engraved with your choice of wording up to 40 letters for \$1000. These stones are in the entryway of the Czech Center. Contact us for details.

ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL

For \$250 an 8" x 8" brick will be placed along the Rose Garden path that lines the entry sidewalk to the Czech Center. The brick will be inscribed with your choice of wording. Contact us for details.

MEMORIAL BRICK PAVERS

An 8" x 4" brick paver will be engraved with your choice of wording for \$100. The bricks will be placed in the sidewalk leading from the flagpoles to the steps that enter the Czech Center. Contact us for details.

BELL & BELFRY

For donations of \$50 or more, inscriptions are painted on the memorial sign. For donations under \$50, a record of the donation is made on a parchment list.

AMPHITHEATER SUPPORTERS

A designated amphitheater seat will be reserved with your name plate. Participant can reserve this seat whenever there is an event at the Amphitheater by calling ahead. Seats range: \$1,000, \$750 and \$500.

FLAG SPONSORS

Sponsorship can be made in Memory of or in Honor of an individual or group. \$250.00/newsletter.

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- May 17** SLAVNOST - CANCELLED
- October 16-17** HERITAGE FEST & MUZIKY
Friday - Oktoberfest On The Deck 4-10 PM.
Music by the Dujka Brothers 6-9:30 PM
Chicken & Dumplings served at 5:30 PM.
Saturday - 10 AM - 6 PM Hospoda (Beer Garden) Entertainment
Czech Melody Masters & Ennis Czech Boys
Saw Mill, Kolačé Eating Contest, Antique Car Show, Antique Farm Show,
Demonstrations, Children Activities, Newspaper Museum Operation,
Tarock Tournament, Beer Tasting Competition and much more
Muziky Muziky - Amphitheater 7-9:30 PM
Show *Legends Series Part VII: Recreation of the Wence Shimek Orchestra*
H-E-B Fireworks Finale 9:30 PM
- December 5** Annual Gala - Pavilion Hall
Exquisite Dinner with appetizers and desserts, Open Bar, Honoree Program,
Silent Aucton, Raffle, Door Prizes, Music and Dancing to the Czechaholics Band
2020 Honorees: Larry Sodek, Polka DJ
Ellinger Combo
Harold Strand Orchestra