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## SLAVNOST - MAY 16, 2021

The Annual Immigrant Ceremony began Slavnost festivities. This ceremony recognizes TCHCC members whose ancestors immigrated to the US.

This year's recipients are pictured here with TCHCC Vice President Bill Schovajsa, and CHS of Texas 2021 Queen Madison Murphy.

Top Right: Dennis Sykora, Tommy Prasifka, Nick Macik, and Donna Willett.

Bottom Left: Deborah Svatek-Logue.

Bottom Right: Jim Jasek, Phyllis Teykl, Mark Jasek, and Thomas Motal.



Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of the history, language, culture, and heritage of Texans of Czech ethnicity.



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July 2021

President's Letter

Dear Members & Friends,

Plans for two of our scheduled events for this year are being finalized. We look forward to going back to a two-day event for Heritage Festival & Muziky on October 15th & 16th. A flier with details is inserted into this issue. Come join us. This event is for the whole family to enjoy.

Also, plans for the TCHCC Gala to be held on December 4, 2021 are in the works. It is a special event when we honor those who have preserved our beautiful Czech music. Invitations will be mailed to all members. Consider reserving a table of six for your special friends.

We now have a new roof on the Amphitheater, which was the setting for the Fayette County Community Theatre for their production in May. On September 25, John Conlee will be there for a performance and on October 16, the Muziky, Muziky Muziky will be perform at 7:00 PM

We are ready for Phase II of the new Archival Storage Building. In front of the storage and maintenance buildings, you will notice a nice screen of Arborvitae Trees that enhance our grounds. Thank you to Walt & Sandra Stover for their generous donation.

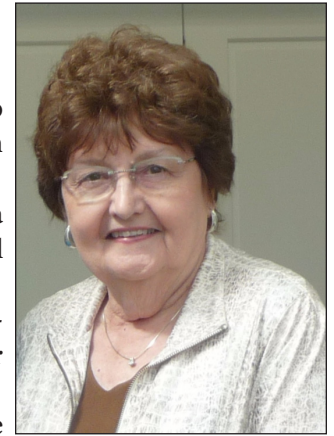
Lorenda Polasek, Janis & JG Hrnecir and I attended the CHS State meeting sponsored by the Concho Valley Czech Heritage Society in Wall on April 24th. Barbara Mikulik, with her committee, went beyond the call to put together a great program for the Queen's contest. We enjoyed the warm hospitality.

The CHS state genealogy meeting was hosted by the Lavaca County Czech Heritage Society on July 24. Their program, with invited speakers from KJT, KJZT, RVOS, and SPJST, was excellent. Chris Urban, Julius Dubčak and Brian Vaniček presented the histories of their organizations. Arlene Cloyd, KJZT President, was not able to attend.

To date, the visitor count is increasing. It is such a pleasure to meet with those visitors who are excited and appreciate the efforts of our docents and volunteers in preserving and sharing the Czech culture and history.

Thank you to all of you for your generosity with donations. Your support inspires our volunteers to make TCHCC a living history center for all to enjoy.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, contact us at TCHCC, Volunteer Program, PO Box 6, La Grange, TX, 78945 and we will send you some information. Thank you.



*TCHCC President  
Retta Slavik Chandler*

### IMMIGRANTS RECOGNIZED

The 2021 Immigration Recognition was held on May 16, 2021 in the Hanslik Hall at 10:30 a.m.

Descendant Certificate Recipients: Deborah Svatek-Logue, Pat Heimann Hackworth, Dennis Svatek, Jr., Michael Svatek, Matt Hackworth: Vojtech and Marie Riha Svatek arrived on November 12, 1902 on the *Frankfurt* from Driten, Southern Bohemia and settled in Fayette County, Texas. Vojtech was a farmer and a carpenter and helped construct Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Shiner, Texas. He was a longtime member of the KJT.

Descendant Certificate Recipients: Nick Macik, Tommy Prasifka, Dennis Sykora, Donna Willett: Joseph and Marie Krcma Macik arrived on June 24, 1906 on the *Cassel* from Kasava, Zlin and settled in McLennan County, Texas. Josef, Marie and daughter Marie boarded the ship together, however, their daughter Marie died aboard the ship and was buried at sea.

Descendant Certificate Recipients: Tommy Motal, Phyllis Teykl, Mark Jasek, Vaclav J. Jasek: Josef Roman Jasek arrived in 1882 from Frenštát and settled in Novohrad, Lavaca County. Josef received an education in Jicin, Frenštát and attended the University of Prague where he majored in music. He married Marie Janacek, established a nursery in Novohrad, developed the Novohrad school system, and was a president of the Texas KJT organization.

#### Participants Not in Attendance:

Descendant Certificate Recipient: Kenneth J. Demel: Martin and Mary Zamanek Sabrsula & son George arrived in 1881 on the *Hanover* from Hostalkova, and settled in Kovar, Bastrop County, Texas. Martin and Mary Sabrsula remained in Kovar while George married Julie Kovar and moved to Fort Bend County, Texas and continued farming.

Descendant Certificate Recipient: Theresa Stavinoha Demel: Peter and Rosina Dolansky Stavinoha & Children arrived on November 1, 1874 on the *Jeverland* from the Zabreh, Ostrava and settled in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas.

Descendant Certificate Recipient: Theresa Stavinoha Demel: Vincenc and Aloisie Dvorak Vacek arrived in 1893 from Cermna, Bohemia and settled in Ammannsville, Fayette County, Texas.

## **Georgia W. Funderburk**

February 21, 1935 ~ June 25, 2021 (age 86)

Georgia Lee Funderburk was the third daughter of six born to Julius and Helen (Vydrzal) Williams on February 21, 1935 in Cistern and raised in Bastrop, TX. She was called from this life on June 25, 2021.

She was predeceased by her parents, sisters Julie Strickland (Lewis) and Ruby Moderow (Bill) and husband Mitchell Funderburk. Georgia is survived by sisters Delphine Stall (Johnny), Anna Joyce Mundell, and Zelma Beck (Leroy) and her close friend Robert Stall.

Georgia's first union to Oscar Friske blessed them with four children, Gary (Joyce Elaine), Joyce, Michael (Deceased), and Cathy (Eric), 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Georgia attended Bastrop ISD public schools and was on the girls first H.S. Basketball team. She was certified as a Dental Assistant and enjoyed many years in that profession.

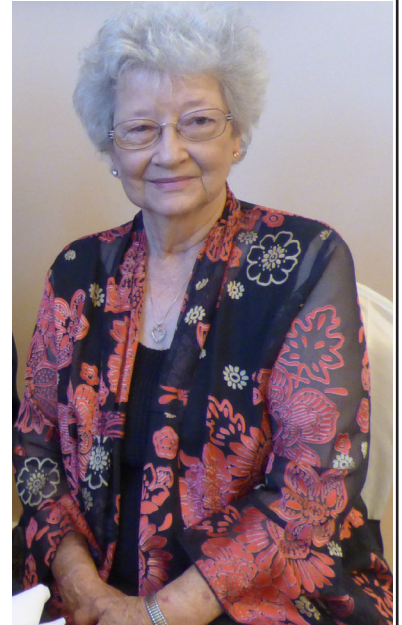
Her utmost enjoyment came from spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was an all-hands Nanny and loved playing with the little ones and having engaging conversations with the older ones.

Georgia lived life to its fullest until she was called home. She was a volunteer with the Czech Heritage Center in La Grange for 20+ years. She also volunteered for the Rockne Museum and the St. Ann's Society (Sacred Heart Catholic Church). She received much joy from her church fellowship and did not let COVID stop her from attending.

Georgia was greatly loved and admired and will be missed by her family and friends.

Visitation was held at 6:00pm and the Rosary at 7:00pm on Friday, July 2, 2021 at Holtman Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30am on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockne and burial followed the services at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together,  
keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever." A. A. Milne



## **Dr. Lester Kitchen**

October 29, 1938 – July 6, 2021

Dr. Lester Kitchen was born in Port Arthur, Texas to Lettie Louise Lester Kitchen and John G. Kitchen (football coach at Austin High, 1947-1954). Schooling was Rosedale Elementary, Baker Jr. High, McCallum High (1st Year it opened), Arlington Heights High, Ft. Worth, Oklahoma State University, and University of Houston College of Optometry. Lester began practicing two years in Lubbock, Texas and then two years in the U.S. Air Force in Aurora, Colorado before returning to Austin to practice Optometry for 52 years.

He is survived by his ever-caring wife Carol, son Brian Kitchen and wife Peaches, daughter Elizabeth Dina, grandsons Nick and Cameron Dina, granddaughter Hilary Chapa and her husband Steve, sister Linda Fogle and her family, Kris Sullivan and his wife Melinda and their children Kyle and Rose.

In 1951 he was blessed to pitch for the Little League World Series Championship Game in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; unfortunately, the team lost 3-0.

He was a member of the Delwood Optimist Club for many years; he coached Little League Baseball for several years and was Club President 2 1/2 terms and also served as Lt. Governor. Dr. Kitchen was also a member of the Central Texas Optometric Association serving two terms as President and was a Life Member of the Texas Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association.

He enjoyed fishing from his bass boat, hunting, and golf.

He wants to thank the Lord, St. Davids Hospital, and his wife for surviving an aortal aneurysm rupture in 2015 that let him enjoy life and practice a few more years. Dr. Kitchen wants to thank his staff for their devotion to the practice and their excellent patient care and to his faithful patients, many of whom were with him 50+ years.

A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on July 11, 2021 at Cook-Walden Funeral Home, Austin with a graveside service held on July 11, 2021 at La Grange City Cemetery. A reception followed in the Hanslik Hall at TCHCC.



## SLAVNOST IMMIGRATION RECOGNITION CEREMONY

May 16, 2021

The Annual Immigration Recognition Ceremony was held for the first time in two years in the Hanslik Hall. The program recognized six recipients (three are featured on the cover of this newsletter). 2021 CHS Queen Madison Murphy was present to assist TCHCC President Retta Slavik Chandler in conducting the ceremony and presenting the program. Czech Consul for the State of Texas and TCHCC Board Member Brian Vaníček read a congratulatory letter from Ambassador Kmoníček to those attending Slavnost. Top Left: Picture of those in attendance. Top Right: At the close of the ceremony, Brian Vanicek and Queen Madison Murphy hung a wreath on the Immigrants' Wall which is done annually to remember all of our ancestors who made the trek to *Krásná Amerika*.



## SLAVNOST 2021

The morning events were held in the main building including the Immigrant Recognition Ceremony, viewing the exhibit in the museum, genealogy help in the library, and shopping in the gift shop. The afternoon events consisted of a catered dinner, raffle and dancing featuring Mark Halata and the Texavia Band in the Pavilion Hall.



**TCHCC VOTED BEST  
MUSEUM IN  
FAYETTE COUNTY**







Genealogy Team consisting of L-R: Frank Dulak, Allen Martinets, Arnold Pechal, Carolyn Heinsohn and Marie Dulak were on hand to help.

**LIVE OAK TREE DEDICATIONS**



Pictured left: An additional tree was dedicated at Slavnost honoring Johnnie and Lorenda Polasek by Retta Chandler. They are pictured with their family: Stephen, Amy, Lorenda, Johnnie, Claire and Edward Polasek.

Pictured right: A correction needs to be made to the dedication of Colonel Ervan Zouzalik's picture that appeared in the previous issue of the newsletter. Those attending were L-R: Russell Wright, Greg Zouzalik, Ervan and Jeanette Zouzalik and John Zouzalik.



## LIVE OAK TREE DEDICATIONS CONTINUED

Corrections from the last edition also include: Frank and Georgia Kruppa honorees were Don and Theresa Kruppa and niece Wendy Becka. Additionally, The Kitchen Family Tree Dedication included the names of Dr. Lester & Carol J. Kitchen. Children: Brian Kitchen and Elizabeth Dina. Grandchildren: Hilary Chapa, Nick Dina, and Cameron Dina.

**Oak Tree Dedication Addition:** Two dedications were made to relatives by Dr. Rebecca Hegar who was not able to attend the ceremony. One plaque was dedicated “In Memory of Joseph A. Hegar (1915-2008), Lucille B. Hegar (1918-2013), Daniel T. Hegar (1920-2009)”.

The final oak tree stone was dedicated “In Memory of Anna Zarsky (1868-1972) married 1892 J. J. Mikulencak (1871-1931) Had 10 Children” by Dr. Rebecca Hegar.



*Left: L-R: KJT President Chris Urban, SPJST President Brian Vanicek, RVOS Region 2 Director Julius Dubcak. Right: Hosting CHS Lavaca Chapter members posed next to the anniversary cake that recognized all three chapters.*

### **Czech Heritage Society of Texas held their State Genealogy Conference in Hallettsville, Texas**

July 24, 2021: Speakers at the genealogy conference were on the agenda for the day. The presenters were from three of the fraternal organizations and geared their presentations toward informing the audience of 105 attendees on the early history and goals of their organizations. The four organization that were to present were KJT, KJZT, SPJST and RVOS. Unfortunately, representatives from KJZT were not able to attend at the last minute.

Three of the main reasons that the fraternal organizations formed were: a) the early members of these lodges took solemn pledges to take care of the sick and help support the widows of deceased members with small children, b) sick benefits were paid to those in need and in more serious cases other lodges also contributed cash, c) and, when a member suffered a serious accident or his home or property burned, the membership lent a hand with donations of clothing, bedding, food and cash.

The state meeting was held in the afternoon and three of the CHS of Texas chapters were recognized for their many years of service: Harris County CHS is celebrating 35 years, Lavaca County CHS and Bexar County CHS are celebrating 30 years.

## CZECH HERITAGE WEEK IN TEXAS IS APPROACHING

Excerpts of an article written by Willie Mae Cervenka in 1996.

The third week of October was chosen by the 74th Legislature of Texas in 1995 because of its historical significance. Czechoslovakian independence was proclaimed on October 28, 1918 and this gave Texas Czechs the opportunity to commemorate and remember their heritage. You can celebrate it in your local community.

Suggested guidelines for school teachers, religion teachers, parents and Czech organizations could include:

1. Contact school superintendents and principals as soon as possible, so it can be included in this year's curriculum. Offer presentations in the social study classes.
2. Paint or sketch posters, or cut out illustrations on Czech Republic and display in classrooms, halls, library, downtown shops, malls, and bulletin boards.
3. Display Czech Republic flag with U.S.A. and Texas flags if possible.
4. Ask students to write a short article on Czech Republic, "What Czech Heritage means to me", or on anything they know about the Czech Republic or Czech-Americans living in Texas.
5. Teach students a greeting in Czech: *Ahoj, Dobry den, Na Shledáno, Vitame Vas, and Nazdar.*
6. Adopt a school in the Czech Republic.
7. Contact Pen Pals in the Czech Republic
8. Learn a Czech song or a short dance routine. Play a video or cassette featuring "Annie In The Cabbage Patch" "Red Handkerchief Round you Go" or "Beseda". Ask students to participate in dancing.
9. Develop a Family Tree. Distribute generation charts to students to take home and trace their roots for future descendants. There are nine volumes of "Passengers Lists", written by Leo Baca, have listings of passengers, port of entry, and names of ships on which they sailed.
10. Plan a trip or school tour to TCHCC.
11. Take trips to Czech museums in Texas and the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio.
12. Present Czech programs, music, and singing of Czech songs, at nursing homes, hospitals, and veteran hospitals. Provide this during meal time in the dining room, or lobby. Feature singing and Czech music at shopping centers making people aware of Czech Week.
13. Show and Tell--share your travel experience in the Czech Republic and items of interest from there.
14. Restaurants: feature Czech menu during Czech week. Add a little something to a hamburger and call it 'Czech A Burger'.
15. Secure a Proclamation by the mayor of your city.
16. Prepare margue signs that reads "Czech Heritage Week Texas. Third Week of October".
17. Newspaper/Media: Submit Czech recipes during that week. Submit an article about some Czech notable, Jan Komenský, "Father of Education", T. G. Masaryk, President of Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic. Czech composers, Antonin Dvorak, Bedřich Smetana, Leos Janacek, Jaromir Vejvoda, composer of Skoda Lasky. Czech National Anthem "Kde Domov Muj". "Where is My Home", published in the Czech and English version. Newsreporter could interview some early Czech settlers in Texas. Highlight Czech businesses in your town.
18. Radio: Contact radio stations about placing special emphasis on Czech music and programs.
19. Television: (book early) Set up interviews with exchange students from Czech Republic or anyone visiting here from the Czech Republic.
20. Give special recognition to the oldest lady or gentleman of Czech descent in your city. Write a profile and have it published.
21. Have children tape record an interview with their grandparents or great-grandparents.
22. Plant a tree. Oak (dub) or Linden (Lipa), or a rose bush. These grow in the Czech Republic.



# CHS & TCHCC FAMILY DAY 2021



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# CHS & TCHCC FAMILY DAY 2021 continued



*THANK YOU ANNA NESKORA FOR LEADING THE SINGING AND DANCING.*



**Czech Ladislav Kouba (an American Citizen) and his Family**



## Rome Milan

January 29, 1959 - April 23, 2021

Fort Worth, Texas - Rome Milan passed away April 23 after a 3-year battle with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease. His gymnastics filled life began as a young gymnast competing for Sokol Fort Worth, then Euless Trinity High School, followed by being the captain of the gymnastics team at his beloved University of Texas in Austin. After graduating, he started his high school coaching career at Weatherford High School then Boswell High School. During those years, his teams qualified for the state championship 14 out of 18 years. After a break from coaching, he returned to finish his coaching career for the Birdville School District until his diagnosis with ALS.

In addition to competing and coaching, Rome was also an international gymnastics judge and also held numerous positions at state, national and international competitions including the Pan American Games, Goodwill Games, World Championships and Olympic Games. He served on the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors and Advisory Council, the Gymnastics Association of Texas Board, and the Texas High School Hall of Fame Committee. As an avid gymnastic historian, he curated a vast collection of vintage memorabilia which he loved to share and display.

He was a lifetime member of Sokol Fort Worth and SPJST Lodge 154. He filled many positions including serving as the American Sokol Southern District Director of Men and on the National Board of Instructors.

While attending the 1972 Summer Olympic Games in Munich, Germany with his parents and brother, the Olympic flame ignited his lifelong love of gymnastics and all things Olympics. He attended a total of 12 Summer Olympic Games and had the honor of running a segment in the Olympic Torch Relay in Rome, Italy before the 2006 Torino Winter Olympic Games. Of his many collections, his Olympic torch and pin collection were some of his favorites. Rome was a pin trader extraordinaire and was known internationally for his collection. While attending the 2016 Rio Olympic Games he was recognized often while proudly wearing patriotic shirts and waving a large American flag at events. He had a knack for being in the perfect spot to show up on camera during television coverage. His many TV sightings prompted NBC to challenge viewers to "Find This Man Everyday" on one of their Olympic broadcasts.

Rome was an established impressionist artist whose artwork was represented in several art galleries across the country. Many knew him as the artist that would paint in the window at Milan Gallery in Sundance Square, always wearing one of his many crazy hats and listening to The Beatles.

A surprise performance was held in Rome's honor on April 18th at Sokol Fort Worth by a group of former gymnasts, friends and family members. A special routine was choreographed for him with songs from The Beatles. He watched the routine and saw many friends and family who were there to show their support.

Rome was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Matisse Milan. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; children Paris, Sydney, Athens, stepson Matthew David and Caity Gregory. He is also survived by his parents; Jerry and Henrietta Milan, his brother and travel companion, Tal and wife Lesli, and his special Czech sister, Vera Janeba. Rome leaves behind a huge family of "favorite" cousins.

Rome was truly one-of-a-kind. His infectious enthusiasm touched the lives of so many people in ways far greater than gymnastics or painting. Many, many will feel his loss. A Tribute to Rome Milan was held on Sunday, May 16th at Sokol Fort Worth. If you would like to honor Rome with a memorial donation, please consider the Sokol Fort Worth Centennial Foundation, c/o 6500 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth TX 76179 or [IamALS.org](http://IamALS.org).



Rome Milan is especially remembered by TCHCC members as the designer of our TCHCC Logo AND of our 2009 Medallion presented to members at the dedication of the Main Building on the TCHCC Campus.

*Photographs courtesy of Retta Slavik Chandler*



## TOUR GROUPS

Top L-R: The Eleanor Brackenridge Literary Club from Edna toured the Center on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. One of the literary groups' members, Janet Luksa Marek, reunited with a fellow classmate from Red Ranger, Texas -- Retta Chandler. Bottom L-R: The next day, Thursday, the fifth graders from St. Anthony's Catholic School in Columbus toured for the day. They were greeted with svacina, received Czech history and language presentation and toured the Czech village.



**The Melnar Family Visited: L-R: Lynette Melnar, Bill & Betty Melnar, and Melinda Stewart.**



**Clarice Marik Snokhous shows friends the cabinet full of mementos of Clarice and Ray Snokhous' gifts from the years of Ray's position as Consul General of the Czech Republic for the State of Texas.**



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**Joyce Krenek Brieger:** Handmade grey flowered cotton dress of Johana Svadlenak (Died 1934 CC)

**Retta Chandler:** 4 Czech dolls in kroje:two 12" and two 26"

**Richard DeLaHoussaye:** Blacksmith shop items

**Genevieve Friesenhahn:** Books belonging to Agnes Kajs Tomau

**V. Grokhovskey:** Gift from Author: Cesti Hudebnici na Rusi

**Carolyn Heinsohn:** two books

**Marie Hlozek Estate:** books and magazines

**Frances Holley:** Czech Books

**Barbara Hruby:** books belonging to George and Barbara Hruby

**Tomas Jiranek:** Gift from author: Sef Stabu Obrany Naroda

**Otilie Kitowski:** Kaderka Family History, Wedding Photos

**Ed Klecka:** CDs, Newspapers, personal papers of Rudy and Henrietta Klecka

**Angelina Kretschmar:** Genzer Folder of Genealogy, Spaniel Family History, Miscellaneous Czech Anniversary Weddings

**Charles & Marlene Pazderny:** Toastmaster brand electric roaster

**Diane McRae:** Booklets and posters belonging to Ann Spencer

**Ed Marik:** Books-the Estate of Martha Janik

**Bill Melnar:** Tools and copies of Melnar Family Histories

**Jane Polasek Connelly:** 14 music sheets for Piano and Clarinet, 4 holy cards

**Marlene Pazderny:** Philco Radio/phonograph 1941, items for Salas House, Barn and Museum

**Joe Pelech and Susan Tangedahl:** Hoehr Verde accordion and case, Czech booklets

**Eileen Rosipal:** Books, kroje, DVDs, fabrics

**RVOS Da Costa:** Records including journals, binders and folders

**Richard Simunek:** Gift from author: Lone Star School

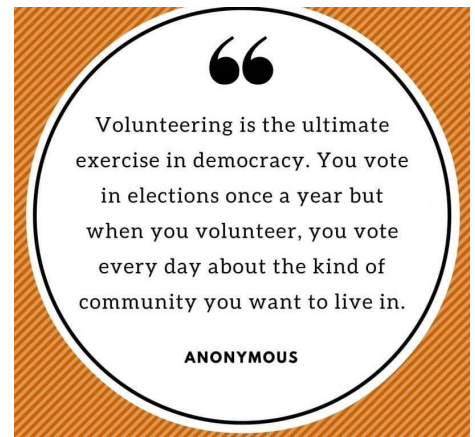
**Evelyn Slovak:** Books belonging to Professor Panchorova

**Glenda Stavinoha:** 6 volumes of "Evening Talks to Children", 2 volume set of Mesto Bozi

**John Susil:** Susil Family History, documents

**Mary Vasek:** Elsie Vasek's prayerbook & book on synoptic gospels

**Wayne Zimmerhanel:** Handheld Crank cotton duster with flared tips, roll paper cutter for Salas Store, 1912 Dairy Farm Magazine



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**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.**

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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.

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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.

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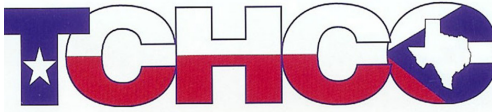
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- October 15-16      **Annual Heritage Fest & Muziky**  
Friday, October 15: Octoberfest on the Deck – 4PM-10PM. Music by the Dujka Brothers Band 6-9:30PM  
Our famous homemade Chicken-N-Dumplings served beginning at 5:30PM  
Saturday, October 16: 10AM-6PM -- Hospoda Entertainment 11PM-6PM  
Music by the Czech Melody Masters & Ennis Czech Boys  
Antique Farm Equipment Show • Car Show • Country Store • Heritage Demos • Food & Cold Drinks  
Saw Mill Operation • Newspaper Museum Operation • Children's Activities • & more....  
\*Amphitheater: 7-9:30PM – *The Legend Series Part VI: 124 Years of the Leo Majek Orchestra, Czechoslovakia to Texas*  
• HEB Fireworks Finale – 9:30PM
- December 4      **Annual Gala – Pavilion Hall 6-9:30 PM. Doors open at 5:30PM**  
Honorees: Pavelka Orchestra & John Zavadil, Polka DJ  
Music & Dancing by the Czechaholics Band  
Silent Auction • Raffle • Open Bar • & more... Advance Tickets Only

### 2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 28-29      Friday, January 28: Texas Blacksmith Conference & Hume L. Baker Texas Antique Gas Engine Reunion  
Blacksmithing Classes Friday (Pre-registration required). Demos all day Saturday  
Saturday, January 29: Antique Gas Engine Show and Demos: Stationary gas, oil, steam, and hot air engines  
only. Live Auction, Vendors, Activities, and more!  
Proceeds benefit future TCHCC Blacksmith Shop Construction
- February 12      **Valentine Dinner & Concert**  
4 PM Social featuring local Texas Wines and Appetizers  
6 PM Dinner served to your table  
7 PM Grand Piano Concert by Professor John Dujka  
Advanced Tickets Only - \$80 per ticket. Includes roses for attendees