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THE LONE OAK TREE



Artist: Anna Marie Wier of Houston painted the large oak tree on TCHCC's grounds in 2003.
Nine oak trees were recently planted on the TCHCC Grounds.

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

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The mission of the TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. is to provide a central facility for the preservation and promotion of the history, language, culture and heritage of individuals of Czech ethnicity who can trace their ancestry to the Czechs who immigrated from the present day Czech Republic or former Austria-Hungary (including Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia and Silesia), to honor those immigrants, and to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes.

The goals of the TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER, INC. are:

To educate the public about the past and present contributions and status of persons of Czech descent

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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We are currently taking 2021 memberships and donations online.



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April 2021

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

We are really looking forward to seeing all of you this coming year, either during our scheduled events or for an outing with your family during this year. We have scheduled the events held in the past plus a new one. Now with vaccines available, we look forward to resuming a sense of normal again.

We look with sadness at the past year when we lost so many of our friends and loved ones and when we were isolated from our family and friends. Let us not forget them, but be reminded of their wonderful friendship, love, and generosity.

Plan some time to spend walking through the Czech Village to go through the buildings that represent the early days of our ancestors. You may also want to schedule a family reunion at TCHCC or plan a day to research your Czech roots in the Melnar Library.

The Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants will be held on Sunday, May 16, 2021. See flyer with details in this issue. If your ancestors have not been recognized during this Tribute, it is still time to submit their names. Certificates will be presented during our Ceremony at 10:30 AM. Send information to jhrncir@czechtexas.org.

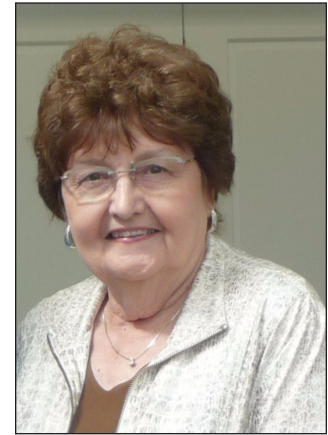
We are grateful for your donations and grants that have made it possible for us to continue our projects. Phase I of the Archival Storage Building is almost completed. The re-roofing of the Amphitheater will soon be finished. Live Oak trees have been planted beside the Czech Trail to provide shade during the hot summer days.

A big Thank You to all of you for your support with contributions and in-kind donations. Thank you to all the loyal volunteers who work as docents to greet visitors, who help prepare the meals for tours, who mow grass, who clean flower beds, who help clean, who design and create exhibits, who work in the gift shop, who help with genealogy, who help with mail-outs, who help with special events and to all who come to our events. Your teamwork and support have made it possible to tell the story of our ancestors so our rich Czech heritage will be honored and recognized.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Retta Slavik Chandler



***TCHCC President
Retta Slavik Chandler***

Painting on the Cover: Left: artist Annie Marie Wier (standing) is a professional artist who resides in Houston. She and her sister Ruth Antonio Bishop (seated) visited TCHCC on June 8, 2012 when this picture was donated. They are descendants of Charles Plachy & Della Mikeska. Their grandparents are Jan Mikeska and Terezie Lesikar.

Right: Hilary Kitchen, granddaughter of Carol Kitchen stands beneath the oak tree at TCHCC in the painting that has witnessed hundreds of years of Texas history and activities.



Rita Hybner Janak (1932/2021)

Rita Marie Hybner Janak, 88, of Shiner, passed away April 15, 2021. She was born on July 27, 1932, to Leo & Josephine Kurtz Hybner, in Shiner. She married Leo G. Janak on June 26, 1951.

Leo & Rita started their own business – Janak Nursery – at Wied. They worked and toiled in the nursery industry and established a well-known business that served the surrounding counties.

After Leo's death in 2005, Rita continued with the nursery business. Plants were her life and passion, because she was in the nursery business for over seventy years. She enjoyed these God's gifts on earth till the day she became ill and went to the hospital.

Rita was also a music lover. She was instrumental in building the Janak Music Center at the Shiner Catholic School. She was approached by many a child, because she was the leader of the Shiner Hobo Band, and was known to give a "mini" plunger to any child that wanted one. Her eyes lit up, and she received as much joy from it as the child did.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, April 19, 2021, at Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church of Shiner.

Rita always welcomed everyone with open arms and never met a stranger. She encouraged everyone to learn the Czech language. She loved traveling, especially back to the Czech Republic, and finding her roots. She was very proud of her Czech heritage and was always ready to tell anyone a story about "the old country". She generously donated funds for the Janak Barn on the grounds of TCHCC.

Rita is survived by: 2 sons, Gerard Janak and Patrick Janak & wife Dolores; 6 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. Rita was preceded in death by: husband Leo G.; parents Leo & Josephine Hybner; six brothers, Bennie Hybner, Theodore Hybner, Monsignor Joseph Hybner, Johnny Hybner, and infants Alois & George Hybner; two sisters, Agnes Pustka and Bernadette Valis; and daughter-in-law Karen (Fojt) Janak.



Rita Hybner Janak & brother
Msgr. Joe Hybner



Left: The Kovar Family: l-r: Sharon Vinklerek, Steve Kovar, Leslie and Georgia Kovar, Mike Kovar with TCHCC President Retta Chandler and TOCA President Arlene Cloyd in 2016 when they were honored by TCHCC with the TOCA Award.

Leslie J. Kovar (1928/2021)

Leslie J. Kovar, 92, of La Grange, Texas, peacefully passed away on March 6, 2021. Leslie was born on December 20, 1928, near the town of Ellinger, Texas to Emil A. Kovar and Julia (Kulhanek) Kovar. Leslie married his beloved wife, Georgia Marie Zajicek in Plum, Texas in St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church on September 28, 1952.

Leslie served his country during the Korea Crisis in the Tank Division in Germany for 2 years. Thereafter, he worked for Farmers Lumber Company in La Grange, Texas for 40 years.

Leslie was a long-time member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church along with his wife and a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. He was involved in many community organizations including numerous dance clubs with Georgia, the La Grange Evening Lions Club, the American Legion Bowling Association and the La Grange Little League.

Leslie enjoyed dancing with his wife, hunting, fishing, bowling and baseball. He was especially proud of watching his children and grandchildren compete in sports and cherished hunting and fishing trips.

Leslie volunteered at TCHCC for over 20 years. He and Georgia began volunteering soon after the restoration of the Kalich House in 2001 and served in whatever capacity they were asked to help. Leslie was a regular at the raffle and registration tables of many events and always greeted everyone with his kind, gentle smile. They received the TOCA Award in 2016 in recognition of all their service and dedication to promoting their Czech heritage and culture.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Georgia Kovar; two sons: Steve Kovar and wife, Gina, of Houston, Texas and Mike Kovar and wife, Jana, of Spring Branch, Texas; one daughter, Sharon Vinklerek and husband, Mark, of Kingsland, Texas; six grandchildren: Crystal Eloff and husband, Rob; Cortney Chastain and husband, Matt; Stephen Kovar and wife, Caley; Kyleigh Cleaveland and husband, Travis; Kaitlyn Kovar; Logan Vinklerek and wife, Aubrey; six great grandchildren: Claire and Julia Eloff; Evelyn and Samuel Chastain; and Cooper and Annie Kovar; and one sister, Julia Ann Kalisek of Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Julia Kovar; one sister, Ethlyn Kovar Vasut and a brother, John Kovar. Funeral Services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, March 10, 2021. Burial followed at La Grange City Cemetery.

TCHCC LIVE OAK TREE DEDICATION

The Live Oak Tree Dedication took place on March 13, 2021 at 2 PM in the afternoon. The welcome was delivered by TCHCC President Retta Chandler. TCHCC Manager Mark Hermes assisted. The planting of the trees help a dual purpose. First, in honor of descendants both living and deceased and secondly, to provide shade for the numerous activities that TCHCC holds. As noted by Retta Chandler, one of the first groups of immigrants took refuge under the “duby” oak trees, upon their arrival in Fayette County. That site was named Dubina after the site where the families built lean-tos to protect themselves while they began preparing for a new life in Texas. Mark Hermes reminded everyone that the trees represent the roots planted in Texas by the honorees’ ancestors and their resilience in the face of adversity in a new land.

The ceremony began with a bit of a surprise when it was announced that the first tree was not dedicated to the Hrcir Family as had been noted on the program, but actually dedicated to Retta Slavik Chandler by the TCHCC Board Members. The surprise was a big success as all involved were able to keep it a secret for months.

Six of the seven honorees’ descendants were able to attend the ceremony which consisted of a brief introduction about each individual and an “unveiling” when the families peeled back the covering to reveal the engraving. Photographs were taken and a reception was held in the Hanslik Hall afterwards.

HONOREES:

In Honor of Retta Slavik Chandler

By TCHCC Board Members: J. G. Hrcir, Barbara Stratton Hruby, William Schovajsa, Clarice Marik Snokhous, Walter Stoever, Dennis Vanek, Brian Vanicek

Pictured with Retta are her children and grandchildren: l-r Bridget Chandler, Susan Chandler, Sarah Wilhelm, Retta, Sean Ryan, Kenneth Chandler, Grace Anne Wilhelm, Anna Chandler, Alex McCulloch, Benjamin Chandler, Lisa Beranek Chandler

In Honor of Charles Thomas Chandler 1933-2020

By Retta Slavik Chandler & Family

In Memory of Richard G. Cernosek

By Molly Cernosek & Family

Pictured are Chris, Molly and Carmen Cernosek

In Memory of Joseph A. Hegar (1915-2008), Lucille B. Hegar (1918-2013),

Daniel T. Hegar (1920-2009)

By Rebecca L. Hegar

Unable to attend.

In Loving Memory of Frank & Georgia Kruppa

By Don & Theresa Kruppa

Pictured: Don and Theresa Kruppa and niece Wendy Breka

In Honor of Col Ervan E. Zouzalik

USA 1960-1984

By Wife and Children

Pictured with him are wife Jeanette and their sons.

Dr. Lester, Carol J., Brian, Liz, Hilary, Nick, & Cameron Kitchen.

Pictured: Brian and Carol Kitchen



In Honor of Charles and Retta Slavik Chandler



Dr. Lester, Carol, Brian, Liz, Hilary, Nick & Cameron Kitchen



In Memory of Richard G. Cernosek



In Honor of Col Ervan E. Zouzalik

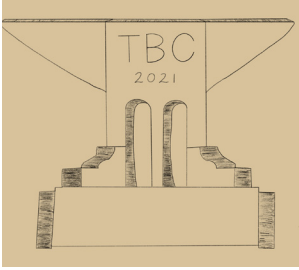


In Memory of Frank and Georgia Kruppa



The Kruppa family unveils the plaque dedicated to their parents

Texas Blacksmith Conference & Texas Antique Gas Engine Reunion



The Texas Blacksmith Conference and the Hume L. Baker Texas Antique Gas Engine Reunion was held at TCHCC on January 29-30, 2021. The Texas Trio hosted the Blacksmith Conference while the South Texas Wheel Spinners & Crank Twisters Antique Farm Equipment Club hosted the Texas Antique Gas Engine Reunion simultaneously. The event was a great success with attendees and demonstrators from all over Texas and other states as well as from Canada! The groups involved organized the multi-day event to fire up interest in these two educational hobbies. TCHCC was asked to provide the concessions and have the Village and Center tours. All proceeds from the event benefited the construction fund for the Blacksmith Shop that will be built on the TCHCC grounds.





Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center

Slavnost "May Fest"

Celebrating 24 Years of TCHCC!

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants of all years
Ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Meal Served starting at 11:30 a.m.

\$10.00 per person - Includes Meal & ALL Events

Music By Mark Halata & Texavia

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

★ Czech Village & Museum Tours ★ Pastry Shop ★ Classic Car Show ★

★ Gift Shop ★ Raffle Drawing ★ Country Store ★

Food & Drinks Available All Day

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PHOTOGRAPH FEATURED IN THE TEXAS CZECH WEDDING APPAREL AND TRADITIONS EXHIBIT IN THE TCHCC MUSEUM



FIRST CZECH WEDDING IN FAYETTE COUNTY

The Wedding Procession of one of the First Czech Wedding in Fayette County took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Live Oak Hill near Ellinger, Texas. The church in the picture is now known as St. Mary's at Hostyn Hill near Ellinger. The couple who married on May 7, 1861 was Joseph Lastovica and Františka Horák (center). Also in the picture is Jan and Elizabeth Hruška (right) who are the ancestors of Lillie Mae Brightwell.

The artist: Aloise Maximillian Koňakowsky was born on June 17, 1842 #316 in Frenstat, Moravia to parents Frantisek and Anna Fiala Koňakowsky. His application for immigration was dated February 2, 1855 to Ellinger, Texas and it is possible that he would have been an eyewitness to the 1861 wedding or had heard about it from his friends in Ellinger where he lived all his life. He married Bertha on January 2, 1870 in Colorado County and died in Ellinger on May 7, 1898. The couple is buried in the Cesko Narodni Hrbítov.

He was also an inventor having applied for a patent on July 21, 1885 in Fayette County for an Air-Motor. He served in the Civil War under Captain Charles Welhausens' 5th Company, Field Artillery and reached the rank of corporal.

History of the drawing: A photograph was taken by Henry Tauch circa 1900 of the original drawing done by Alois M. Koňakowsky. That picture was included as part of the Czech exhibit at the Texas Centennial Celebration in Dallas in 1936 and is in the Fayetteville Heritage Museum. This copy on display was taken by Dybala Studios in Fayetteville and given to TCHCC through the generosity of Lillie Mae Brightwell.

The photographer: Henry Tauch was born at High Hill on January 11, 1865, the son of Henry and Augusta May Tauch. He married Annie Bertsch and worked as a photographer in Fayetteville, where he also served as mayor. Henry's brother was William Tauch, a photographer in Schulenburg. (Henry Tauch first appears on the Fayette County tax rolls as a photographer in 1892. Since Tauch was mentioned on the tax rolls as a photographer in 1892), you might say that it was photographed at the end of the 19th or beginning of the 20th century, or circa 1900.





Texas Czech Wedding Apparel and Traditions

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center's museum is pleased to announce the display of wedding dresses, associated apparel, and information on wedding traditions. The exhibit includes a photograph of the 1861 wedding in Ellinger and ten dresses that have been donated by our members and are from weddings that occurred from 1893 to 1946.

Although many things have changed in the modern era, many wedding ceremonies and their traditions have endured. Take a walk back in time and view these fragile mementos and leave with an understanding of Czech culture and traditions that are still alive today. *The exhibit will close November 15, 2021.*

Right: The exhibit also includes five Antique Victorian Shadowboxes that were popular at the turn of the century. The shadowbox included the wife's veil, a picture of the couple and often the groom's boutonniere.



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2022 TCHCC CALENDAR: SKILLS NECESSARY FOR THE DAILY LIFE OF THE EARLY CZECH TEXANS.

You may submit via email or by mail of a non-returnable photograph of any members of your family that focus on skills such as cooking, sewing, farming, ranching, teaching/schooling,

blacksmithing, ginning, managing a store, etc.

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

or email to Jhrncir@czechtxas.org or info@czechtxas.org.

DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2021

The February freeze was devastating and yet brought a peaceful beauty to the TCHCC buildings.



PROGRESS AT TCHCC!

**Top: The Sanford Schmid Amphitheater gets a new roof. The much needed repairs are progressing.
Bottom: The Archival Storage Building is also underway and will house the many donations that patrons have entrusted to us.**



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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.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">BECOME A FRIEND OF THE CENTER.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donation amounts are recognized by levels:</p> <p>_____ Permanent Endowment Fund</p> <p>_____ Maintenance and Operations</p> <p>_____ Other: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Membership from January 1—December 31</p> <p>\$2000 ___ Lifetime Membership NEW!</p> <p>\$500 ___ Corporate</p> <p>\$200 ___ Non-Profit Organization</p> <p>\$ 75 ___ Family</p> <p>\$ 50 ___ Individual</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ANNUAL SUSTAINED MEMBERSHIP (yearly)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Benefits: Preserving YOUR Heritage, Annual Calendar and Nas Cesky Zivot newsletters</p>
<p>200,000 ___ Five Star</p> <p>100,000 ___ Platinum Benefactor</p> <p>50,000 ___ Gold Benefactor</p> <p>25,000 ___ Silver Benefactor</p> <p>10,000 ___ Bronze Benefactor</p> <p>5,000 ___ Benefactor</p> <p>2,500 ___ President's Circle</p> <p>2,000 ___ Pioneer</p> <p>1,500 ___ Heritage Friend</p> <p>1,000 ___ Founder</p> <p>750 ___ Steward</p> <p>500 ___ Patron</p> <p>250 ___ Donor</p> <p>150 ___ Special Friend</p> <p>100 ___ Friend</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MEMORIALS can be made to honor someone living, on their birthday or anniversary etc., or the memory of a deceased friend or family member.</p> <p>FOR _____</p> <p>Send Acknowledgement to: _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Donor: Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City/State/Zip: _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Message: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAIL TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TCHCC, P.O. Box 6, LaGrange, TX 78945-0006</p>



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2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 16 – November 15** In the Museum – Nás Nový Domov “Our New Home”
MUSEUM’S CURRENT FEATURE- Texas-Czech Wedding Apparel & Traditions
Also, visit the Czech Village Museums...It’s just like stepping back to 1940!
Watch for more features and programs throughout the year!
- May 16** Slavnost ‘May Fest’ – Honoring the Czech Immigrants to Texas
Honor Ceremony – 10:30 AM
Fried Chicken Dinner • Concessions • Raffle • Saw Mill
Country Store • Classic Car Show • And More....
Music by Mark Halata & Texavia from 11:30 AM – 4 PM
- June 26** TCHCC & CHS Family Day -- 8 AM - 3 PM
Walk, Jog, or Bike Marathan Fund Raiser. Programs throughout the day.
Česky Večer (Czech Evening) - 5:30 - 10 PM Evening on lawn with Czechaholics Band 7-10 PM
Food and drinks available - lawn chairs suggested.
- October 15-16** Annual Heritage Fest & Muziky
Friday, Oct. 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, Oct. 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 VII: The Wence Shimek Orchestra
with MC Kenneth Krystinik • HEB Fireworks Finale – 9:30PM
- December 4** Annual Gala – Pavilion Hall 6-9:30 PM. Doors open at 5:30PM
Honorees Ceremony • Music & Dancing by the Czechaholics Band
Silent Auction • Raffle • Open Bar • & more... Advance Tickets Only