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TCHCC'S TEXANS OF CZECH ANCESTRY RECIPIENTS CATHLEEN AND KENNETH NOSKA



Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center's Texans of Czech Ancestry Recipients for 2019 are Cathleen and Kenneth Noska. TOCA President Tom Stavinoha (left) and TCHCC President Retta Chandler (right) made the presentation at the Annual TOCA Dinner on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in TCHCC's Hanslik Hall. Kenneth and Cathleen have been with TCHCC since the beginning and have willingly done whatever task that was asked of them.

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Our Mission

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 TCHCC, Inc.

- 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 now taking 2019 memberships**



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A letter from the President

Thank you to all for your support of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. With your support of monetary gifts, in-kind donations and volunteer time, we can showcase to the public the rich heritage of our ancestors. We are grateful for the support that individuals, organizations, and businesses have made to sponsor our events. Our next event, Slavnost, May Fest, will be a Tribute to honor our ancestors, who came to a new country with a new language, but with a way of life that promised freedom and liberty. They came with a determination to stay.

Our ancestors left us with a great legacy for thirst of knowledge, a deep faith, a willing to work hard, an appreciation of the arts and music and the determination to make life better for the next generation. In those early years over one hundred years ago, Czech-founded organizations were formed to meet that determination.

One of those organizations is RVOS Farm Mutual Insurance. In 1901, nine Czech Americans met at the local General Store in the small community of Ocker, Texas. At that meeting they formed a plan to protect each other from the financial disaster that could result if a fire or storm damaged their property. By pooling their resources, they could provide themselves with mutual insurance. Their vision was about neighbor helping neighbor with the availability of affordable insurance.

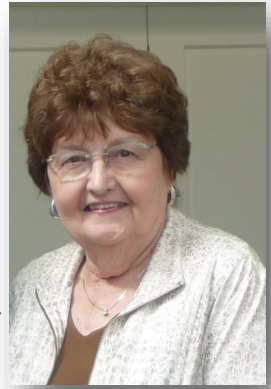
The following month, February 22, 1901, a non-profit farm mutual insurance association was formed by the following: Jos Wentrcek, F. V. Schiller, Jan Baletka, Joe Schiller, Jan Zabcik, J.R. Marek, Martin Stepan, J.R. Schiller and F.J. Wotipka. Lodges were started all over Texas to provide insurance with local representatives. They gave us a legacy of neighbor helping neighbor.

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center is grateful to the RVOS and its local lodges for their sustained support of TCHCC. In 1996, they were among the first to pledge support for our project of developing a state Czech Center and they have continued this generous support since then. In December, forty local lodges with the directors made donations to help us meet the Endowment Fund challenge.

An additional donation of \$5,000.00 was made to TCHCC on March 30 during the Texans of Czech Ancestry (TOCA) Awards Dinner. Richard Hykel was recognized for his many years of service to RVOS. He tried to retire, but he was called back to serve as Vice-President at-large. Thank you to Richard for the many years dedicated to "neighbor helping neighbor".

Pictured below are Richard Hykel and his family, RVOS Directors, and TCHCC Directors.

A family that supported TCHCC since the beginning with generous monetary donations and volunteer time, is the Molly and Richard Cernosek Family. Richard served as Board of Director for many years. He and Molly contributed to every event and project with donations. We thank them for the Museum Exhibit Room, the Cernosek Maintenance Building, and our most recent addition, the Czech Newspaper Museum. Thank you for your generosity. Dekuji Moc.



Retta Slavik Chandler

RVOS donated \$5,000.00 to TCHCC at the TOCA Award Dinner.

Front l-r: Clarice Marik Snokhous, Linda Wilson, Retta Chandler, RVOS Vice President-at-Large Richard Hykel, Dorothy Hykel, Kason Hykel, Jeanie Dubcak. Back l-r: J.G. Hrcir, RVOS District 7 Director Wayne Wilson, Donna Stavinoha, RVOS District 3 Director Tom Stavinoha, Josh Hykel, Jeff Hykel, Kathy Hykel, RVOS District 2 Director Julius Dubcak. TCHCC THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT.

Right: A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE CERNOSEKS for all the years of their continuous support of TCHCC and its many projects. Front l-r: Bailey Steinhauser, Carmen Cernosek, Molly and Richard Cernosek, Lisa Cernosek. Back: Chris Cernosek. (Family photo taken in 2015 at recognition of Maintenance Building donation.)



THE CZECH NEWSPAPER MUSEUM

The 18-year trek of the Kluge Printing Press that belonged to the John Kuba family is finally completed. The press originated in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and was owned by the Jan Barta Letovsky family. Jan founded the first weekly Czech language newspaper *Slovan Amerkanskho* on November 5, 1869. His son and grandson continued the business until the depression when the doors were closed because clients could no longer pay for advertisements and subscriptions. Jan's daughter Josephine M. Barta Letovsky married Edward R. Kuba, Sr. on May 29, 1934 and began a funeral home in Cedar Rapids. Their son John Albert Kuba was born on April 14, 1940 and was a part owner in the business until 1997.

In 2001 John Albert Kuba became the owner of the Kluge Press and related print shop equipment. John wrote to us with an offer to donate it to TCHCC. We hesitated in accepting because we did not have a place for it. We only had the Kalich House which served as the office, library, museum, and gift shop. John kept it for us, but in 2003, John wrote again and said that he had to do something because the warehouse where it was stored was for sale.

One of TCHCC's board members, Larry Laznovsky, contacted Adolph Novy of Ennis, Texas with our dilemma. Mr. Novy said he would look at it and could possibly move it for us. He flew to Cedar Rapids and agreed to transport it to his shop, Adolph's Litho Services, in exchange for the typesets. In the care of Mr. Novy, it was cleaned, restored, and kept for us until we had a place for it. During its time at Adolph's Litho Services, Jason Zhanel spent many extra hours in cleaning and replacing missing parts on the press.

In 2017, Molly Cernosek called and wanted to know if we were still thinking about a print shop. She said her family would like to make a donation to build a building for the press. We agreed, drew plans, and received a bid from Minarcik Construction Company. Sanford Schmid and Armin & Regina Keilers made additional donations so that we could move forward.

That was just the beginning. In February, 2018, while construction of the shop was still in progress, Adolph Novy donated his truck and personnel to transport the equipment plus items that he donated and a stone that Herb Baumgartner donated. All was brought to La Grange and the items were placed in the Cernosek Maintenance Building.

That is when Mark Hermes, Joe Lamer, Walt Walicek, Waymond Davis, Roger Sorum, Roy and Kenneth Pieper, and J.G. Hrcir, and others began to clean up the cabinets and the equipment. The Kluge Press was moved on May 8th, 2018, to the new building before construction was complete. Cleaning of the rest of the equipment continued as volunteers began to research and to create displays for the interior exhibits. We will continue to work on the exhibit to keep it educational and interesting.

The Czech Newspaper Museum features history of the many Czech newspapers printed across Texas. A sign with a complete list of sponsors for this project is not finalized. Since we made additions and created displays that were not in our original bid for the building, we would be grateful for additional funding for this project. If you would like to make a donation and add your name to all of the generous people who made this wonderful project possible, please contact us.

Those who helped with the moving included: l-r, Donald Roensch, Mark Hermes, Darrell Hunger, Graphic Movers employees, J. G. Hrcir. Farmer's Lumber Employees Donald Roensch and Darrell Hunger supplied a forklift to unload the heavy press and equipment into the Cernosek Maintenance Building upon arrival from Novy's in Ennis.



DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF THE KLUGE PRINTING PRESS AND FAIRBANKS-MORSE ENGINE.



THE CZECH NEWSPAPER MUSEUM DEDICATED

MARCH 16, 2019



Top-Back l-r: Mark Hermes, TCHCC Manager, Jason Zhanel, Adolf Novy. Front l-r: Retta Chandler, TCHCC President, John Albert Kuba.

Bottom-Museum Donors l-r: Sarah Bertsch of the Schmid Trust, Regina Keilers, Carmen Cernosek, Retta Chandler, Chris Cernosek, Lisa Cernosek, Richard Cernosek, Molly Cernosek, John Kuba.



Czech Newspaper Museum Dedication, March 16, 2019

The dedication began at 2 PM with the ringing of the bell on the grounds of TCHCC to symbolize the ringing of the bells in the belfry. In the Vallachian hills of the Czech lands, the bell and belfry's purpose was to ring on the noon hour in villages to remind the workers in the fields of the time of day and was also rung to announce important news. Mark Hermes began the program by reminding all that "...lest we forget where we came from. In our Czech homeland the bell was used to spread the word, spread the news. When the bell was rung, all would gather to be informed. In this new homeland of Texas, we are blessed with freedom—the tools of freedom, the printing press".

At 2 pm the bell began to toll. A messenger on horseback brought a news memo to the printer (Gary McKee) who represented an early pressman and then gave a brief history of early Texas newspapers. La Grange Mayor Janet Moerbe greeted all and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held with members of the Cernosek, Schmid Trust, and Keilers families present to do the honors. All then toured the museum. After touring, visitors gathered in the Hanslik Hall for refreshments while Gene Lichnovsky played the grand piano in the Koliba Lobby.

An extensive report of the museum will follow in the next newsletter.

A messenger on horseback delivered news to print

Mayor Janet Moerbe







Top left: Roy Pieper monitored the 1908 Fairbanks-Morse 6 hp gas engine's operation. Top right: Melanie Zavodny, editor of *Vestnik*, John Kuba, Retta Chandler. Right: Dr. England, Czech Center Houston's Sandra Samolik and Jasmine Kocurek, and Texas Czech Consul Brian Vanicek.

Below: Gene Lichnovsky provided music in the foyer while the visitors enjoyed svačina in the Hanslik Hall.



VALENTINE DINNER AND CONCERT

The annual Valentine Dinner and Concert was held on February 9, 2019 in TCHCC's Hanslik Hall. The event included a social and dinner served by Celebrations Events and Catering. The evening concluded with a Grand Piano Concert by Professor John Dujka. This year's dinner was another sellout!



TOCA AWARDS 2019

The 2019 Awards Appreciation Reception and Dinner of the Texans of Czech Ancestry was held on March 30, 2019 in the Hanslik Hall and Koliba Foyer of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. SPJST sponsored the Wine and Cheese Reception, KJZT sponsored the music being performed by Mason Nesvadba, and RVOS—Farm Mutual Insurance Company sponsored the Hanslik Hall Rental.

Top Left: Joan & Brian Vanicek, Brad Stavinoha. Center: Mason Nesvadba entertained all. Right: Charles Chandler and Julius Dubcak. Bottom Left: Wayne and Linda Wilson of RVOS. Right: Joyce Kurtz and Anne Wick.



TOCA AWARDS 2019

**Austin Czech Historical Association
Recipient of TOCA Award Dotty Davis**



**KJZT Recipient of TOCA Award
Anne Wick**



**CHS of Texas Recipient of TOCA Award
Daniel Moravec**



**Texas Czech Genealogical Society
Recipient of TOCA Award
Merlene Bravenec**



**SPJST Recipient of TOCA Award
Lydia Faust**



**CEFT Recipient of TOCA Award
Daniel Joseph Hrna**



TOCA AWARDS 2019

**RVOS Recipient of TOCA Award
Richard D. Hykel**



**CHS of Travis-Williamson Recipient of
TOCA Award
Annette Mikolaj Kohoutek**



**CHS of Fort Bend Recipients of TOCA Award
Leon and Bettye Boothe Anhaiser**



**TOCA Recipient
Daniel Mares**



**TCHCC Recipients of TOCA Award
Kenneth and Cathleen Noska**



**The Awards Dinner was presided
over by TOCA President Tom
Stavinoha.**



1. l-r: Christopher and Sara Kana Wick, Kevin Kana, Trey and Katherine Wick Sylvester. 2. Arlene Cloyd and Donna Stavinoha. 3. Gloria Mican, Vlasta and Ted Vitek 4. Beth Rabroker, Merlene Bravenec, Janice Victorick. 5. Melanie Zavodny helped serve Linda Wilson.





Kenneth and Cathleen Nitschke Noska and Family

Cathleen Noska has been a dedicated employee for over 10 years and a volunteer of the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center in La Grange since we began this project more than 20 years ago. While we were still in a one-room office in the Befco Building, Cathleen ran the office full time with mailouts, publicity, and telephone inquiries and all that was needed to introduce the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center, a brand-new non-profit organization, to the public.

After the restoration of the Kalich House, at 250 West Fairgrounds Road, which became the office, library, and museum, Cathleen continued her work. During that time, we are all grateful that she had help from many volunteers who are still helping today--- Molly Cernosek, Georgia Funderburk, Georgia Kovar, Johnnie & Lorenda Polasek, and Georgia Vyvial. They kept it going!

Her part-time work began again in 2012 where she is in charge of Memberships and Memorials. Cathleen also volunteers additional time for our many events and programs. She presents part of the program for students from elementary schools who come for an all-day tour; but can do any job required in this complex and she has done them ALL.

Cathleen not only devoted time to TCHCC, but also to other state-wide projects including the Czech Heritage Society of Fayette County and sings in Czech choirs. Polka and waltz dances and parish picnics are Cathleen and Kenneth's favorite choices of entertainment and this provides great opportunities to visit with friends and family. Kenneth and Cathleen both volunteer their time for various organizations and help to take care of the grandchildren. Kenneth has been employed by the LCRA/Fayette Power Project for 40 years and has been very supportive of TCHCC and always helps with our events.

If this was not enough, Cathleen has also managed to write two children's books: *Two Friends and the Lucky Elevens* and *Mila Recalls the Easter Story*.

Cathleen studied Business Administration and Kenneth studied Agri-Business. Kenneth and Cathleen have four children: one daughter, Virginia married to Andres Diamond-Ortiz of League City, and three sons: Brian & Jill Noska of Praha, Jonathan & Kaysie Noska of Ellinger, and Joseph & Brittany Noska of Tomball. Their eleven grandchildren range in age from 12 years to newborn, and they are happily expecting their 12th little blessing in early Fall. Kenneth and Cathleen are very proud of their children and all of their accomplishments. They live on a cattle farm near Fayetteville, La Grange, and Warrenton and will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary this May.

Kenneth and Cathleen are both very proud of their Czech heritage and are 100% supportive of the TCHCC. "We want to see the Czech Center continue for many years to come because preserving our heritage is so very important to us. Future generations must be allowed to enjoy the lively spirit of the Czechs, although it takes a lot of faith and hard work to keep the traditions going!" One of the family's annual traditions is to make venison and pork sausage, and it takes a whole day of work (and fun) to do this, plus a lot of preparation ahead of time. "We make a year's supply of sausage for the entire family. One thing is for sure --a family without hard work and faith is like svačina without coffee and koláče!"



Visit the Texas Czech Legacy Project Website

Lida Cope, Director of the *Texas Czech Legacy Project*, will be visiting during Májové slavnosti at TCHCC. Whether you'd like to share your and your ancestors' story, learn how to use the digital archive of interviews with Texas Czechs, or simply visit with Lida, you will find her in the TCHCC library between 12 — 3 pm on Saturday and all day Sunday during Slavnost. Lida can be reached by email (copel@ecu.edu) or by phone (252-328-6411).



VISITORS AND TOURS





Top and Right: Easter performance by D’Vine Testament on Sunday, April 7 at the Amphitheater.

Below left: South Texas Press Association (STPA) toured the village and the Czech Newspaper Museum. The STPA held their annual conference on April 12, 2019 in La Grange Below right: l-r Bill Cooke (from the Rockdale Reporter newspaper), Sam Keache (Robstown Record), Larry Jackson (Fayette Co. Record), and Griff Singer (former UT journalism professor). *Photo courtesy of Jeff Wick.*



VINTAGE MOTOR CAR CLUB OF AMERICA TOURED TCHCC FOR TWO DAYS.



SCHOOL TOUR

The Moulton Sixth Grade Class spent the day at TCHCC. The students received creative presentations on Texas-Czech history, culture, and traditions. A tour of the village houses and a demonstration at the Zapalač Saw Mill was on the agenda after a soup, sandwich, and kolače lunch.



2020 TCHCC CALENDAR

TCHCC is now accepting photo submissions for the 2020 Calendar – The Theme is **Texas-Czechs in Their Kroje.**

Please mail your photo to TCHCC, P. O. Box 6, La Grange, Texas 78945 or email them in jpg or tiff form to Janis@hrncir.com or info@texasczech.org.

Include names of those in the photo, approximate date the photo was taken, and the town/county where those in the photo live.

Deadline is July 15, 2019.

Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center



Slavnost - May Fest



SUNDAY, MAY 19

Tribute to Czech-Texas Immigrants of All Years

Ceremony at 10:30 am

Meal served starting at 11:30 am

\$10/person - includes meal and ALL events

Music by **Texas Dutchmen** 12:30-5 pm

Re-opening of SPJST Lodge #19 Velehrad 1:30 pm

Fun for the Whole Family!

May Pole Dance • Car Show

Czech Village & Museum Tours

Pastry Shop • Door Prizes • Gift Shop

Raffle • Country Store

Food/Drinks Available All Day

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SHINER BRETHERN CHURCH CAMPAIGN

TCHCC's historic village includes a sawmill, cypress barn, farm houses, Czech Newspaper Museum, Music Museum, and more; however, it does not yet have a church. The Shiner Brethren Church building has been made available and a campaign has begun to prepare it for moving and then incorporating the church into the village.

The brethren community was established in 1891 and held services in the Michna School until they could organize. They joined the Evangelical Unity of Brethren in North America in 1894 and the church was built in 1905. The congregation became independent in 1967. Early pastors performing services in this building include the Reverends Josef Hegar, Josef Barton, Frank H. Horak, and Henry E. Beseda. Descendants of these church leaders are current members of TCHCC.

Please consider a donation that will bring this historic church to TCHCC soon.



DONATIONS

January 1 – March 31, 2019

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KJZT #6 St. Elizabeth Society

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from Patrick Pfertner

Bernice Keinarth on her 93rd Birthday

from Sharyn K. Reynolds

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from Mark and Ashley Hermes

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from Mark and Ashley Hermes

Hattie Humpalik Kalich

from Harvey and Sharon Kalich

SPECIAL HONORS

In Celebration of James Corporon on his 85th Birthday

J.G. and Janis Hrnair

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Betty and Harry Czarnek

Elizabeth C. Patalik

Michael and Karen Vrana

In Memory of Jerome Pavliska

J. G. and Janis Hrnair

In Memory of James Rohde, Sr.

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CHS of Victoria County

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In Memory of Raymond Zbranek

Debra Zbranek Jenkins

In Memory of David A. Vasek

Mary E. Vasek



Jim and April Zabochnik with their donation of six *Zlata Praha* published in 1896, 1898, 1900, 1901, 1903, & 1904

Library Museum Donations

Herb Baumgartner—newspaper stone

Jean Blaha Davis—109 maps of Czech and European countries

Jane Campbell—small enamel pan, gray colander

Joe Cernosek—framed wedding picture & veil, wedding dress of Anton and Aloisia Cernosek

Lucille Mascheck Gilmore – 20 pieces of Czech pottery, Prayer book of Frank and Albina Klimek, novel, 1930 ledger of F. C. Knippel, KJZT 1902 Ribbon

Carolyn Heinsohn—books and 38 items for Salas House

Mary E. Jekel—2 cast iron pressure cookers

In Memory of Eugene Jekel

Mary J. Kahanek—books, records, letters, pictures, music books and music sheets ***In Memory of Julius Havelka***

Ben & Doris Koliba – Antique Pocket Watch belonging to Joe Knapek

KJT State Office – Czech typewriter

KJZT #23 – two chapter banners

John Kuba— Kluge Printing Press

Daniel Marek - Frank Joseph Marek naval records and metals, *Czechoslovensko* book, collection of historic newspapers

Joe and Gay Mazoch – Picture of Wisconsin, Missouri and Prague. Book on Czech Catholic Settlements in America

Tony and Marie Musil – 14 Czech Children’s Books

Adolph Novy—paper cutter, type and cabinets, tools

Patsy Robertson – Czech Village books, CDS, DVDS, Post Cards

Joyce Sablatura—2 bonnets, child’s coverall, Mary Salas’ navy dress

Olga Slimp—book: *The European Texans*

Dierre & Becky Smith—printing type and type drawer

Richard Stinson – Czech Doll

Ted and Sarah Vitek—Music books, travel books, 1936 wedding dress

Vera Wehring – 10 VHS tapes of band performers, CDs and Photos



Rose Marie Strieder Forbrick & Lovella Jo Strieder Bauer with Poppy Seed Grinder and 1 quart of Poppy Seeds belonging to Frantisek and Johanna Jezek Migl, 4 Czech accordion music sheets. The Poppy Seed Grinder has “come home” to the Migl House.

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 that including 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 & 20TH ANNIVERSARY 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. **ONLY 1 ANNIVERSARY STONE LEFT!**

ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL

For \$250 a 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

A 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 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.

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Sponsorship can be made in Memory of or in Honor of an individual or group. \$250/newsletter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 19 | Annual Slavnost “MayFest” and Tribute to the Immigrants
10:30 AM - Recognition of Czech Immigrants to Texas for any year
11 AM - Recognition of Immigrant Wall Stones placed 2018-19
11:30 AM—Noon meal, Raffle, May Pole Dance, Czech Village Houses
& more
12:30—5 PM—Music by the Texas Dutchmen Orchestra |
| May 19 | SPJST Lodge #19 Velehrad Dedication, 1:30 PM |
| June 22 | TCHCC/CHS Youth and Family Day |
| October 18-19 | Heritage Fest & Muziky |
| Nov 22-Dec 31 | Museum Exhibit: “All Things Czech” Czech Made Christmas Items |
| December 7 | TCHCC Annual Gala |

