Two rival high schools separated by less than a mile and both with Texas-themed mascots kicked off a new “Battle for the Saddle” rivalry in October when the Jesuit Rangers hosted the W. T. White Longhorns at Jesuit Field in Dallas.

Both schools announced the new competition in a seven-sport challenge with the winner awarded the authentic, custom Texas Rangers saddle at its school until the next competition.

The competition includes October’s football game, followed by two basketball, two soccer and two baseball games—seven annual games in total—with the winner of four of the contests keeping the saddle until the following year.

The Texas Rangers is the oldest law enforcement agency in the United States, organized in 1823. The Rangers rode the Texas Plains even before Texas was its own republic or state, and to this day are the preeminent law enforcement organization in the Lone Star State.

The saddle becomes the centerpiece of the rivalry series thanks to the generosity of three generous local families and the Texas Rangers Association Foundation (TRAF), headquartered in Waco.

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Season’s Greetings from Austin!

This is the time of year we always hope our business slows down a bit so our Rangers can take a break, be with families and enjoy some well-deserved time off while observing the holidays.

Unfortunately, many criminals view the holiday season as a time of exceptional opportunity providing them a target rich environment during which their level of activity increases rather than decreases.

As a result, many Rangers are called out to assist local law enforcement when they would prefer being at home with their families. Their prompt responses and diligent efforts are true indicators of their dedication to duty and unselfish service to the citizens of our State.

In October, I was privileged to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual convention in Philadelphia, Penn. It was a great trip and truly an amazing experience for several reasons and on several levels.

The highlight of the entire trip for me was a chance meeting with the Chief of the Army MP Behavioral Science Unit from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He was quick to tell me that he had been present in the aftermath of the Fort Hood massacre in 2009.

He related story after story of how the Army personnel he encountered were so impressed and emotionally touched by the Texas Ranger response and involvement in the resolution of this terrible tragedy. He told the story of one young soldier who had been in the middle of the worst of the carnage.

The soldier expressed how distraught and vulnerable he felt, even well after the shooting ended. However, the soldier said that once he reached his “turning point,” he realized he would survive mentally and emotionally as he had physically.

The Chief asked him what had created that “turning point.” He replied, “When the Texas Ranger told me I would be ok, they were in charge and wouldn’t let anything happen to me. He took his cowboy hat off, placed it on his chest and asked me what I needed from him. “That’s when I knew it would be ok.” That convention center was one of the biggest buildings I’ve ever been in, but the more that Army Chief talked about and praised the

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new benefactor applications thanks to events and efforts of board members. You guys are out there recruiting and it’s making a difference! You are the best advocate for the Texas Rangers and talking about your personal experiences as a TRAF member is absolutely the strongest recruiting tool.

Making new friends is fun, and it’s wonderful to see the ribbons of social connections being woven across the state. This strengthens our network and increases our capacity to do more good for the Rangers, both active and retired.

Major Tony Bennie, Joe Kay, Scott Egert and Lee Kidd from Company C and Major Freeman Martin with Company A helped with fundraisers in their respective regions to benefit the TRAF scholarship fund. TRAF is also assisting with fundraisers for Ranger assistance with other promising company fundraisers in the works.

We have submitted two grants and await their announcements while continuing to seek more funding.

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Rangers, the more I wondered if it could contain my puffed up chest — I sure thought I would burst with pride.

The Fort Hood massacre, like the Branch Davidian investigation, the Republic of Texas Standoff, the East Texas Church Arsons investigation, the Kaufman County DA murder investigation and many other similar incidents have demonstrated the formidable team capabilities and talents of numerous Rangers in each incident.

The Rangers’ efforts have made untold, positive, sometimes personal impacts on victims, witnesses and family members — like the young soldier described by the MP Chief.

Also, the successful conclusions of these incidents have been due in large part to the outstanding efforts of the participating Texas Rangers.

But, success stories are not limited to only high profile incidents requiring massive Ranger response. They are being written everyday on a much smaller, but no less important, scale by individual Rangers investigating and intervening in incidents occurring within their areas.

They are taking dangerous criminals off the streets and people are being protected. Lives are being touched and “turning points” are being reached because of their great work, which often occurs in the middle of the night or when most of their neighbors are with their families enjoying a Little League baseball game, a piano recital or a wonderful Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner.

So, this holiday season, as we enjoy time with family and friends, reflect upon and give thanks for all the blessings we’ve received, please include a prayer for all law enforcement but especially the Texas Rangers and ask the Lord’s blessings of peace and protection upon them.

Thank you, so much for your support and friendship. On behalf of the Texas Rangers, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
By Danny Chandler, TRAF Chairman

As we join our family and friends to celebrate this Holiday season, I want to thank the extraordinary men and women of the Texas Rangers (current and retired) who have served our great state and its many local communities.

Their service to family and Texas is treasured and our foundation members and staff consider it a privilege to serve you.

And as the days rush by and the promise of a new year is fast approaching, I am reminded of a quote from Winston Churchill, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Listed below are several ways an individual or business can make a significant contribution to the Texas Ranger Association Foundation so we may continue our mission of supporting The Rangers, their families and perpetuating their history.

- One of the easiest ways is by making a cash, check or credit card gift. By using your credit card, you may gain valuable points or airline miles. Regular monthly, quarterly or semi-annual gifts are sincerely appreciated.
- A major gift funded over a three to five year installment or pledge payment period. This allows larger pledges and tax deductions for each year of giving.
- A donation of appreciated stocks, bonds or securities. The capital gains tax may be eliminated with this type of gift.
- Real estate that has been owned by the donor for a year or more which has appreciated in value may receive the same tax advantages as securities when donated.
- Personal property such as works of art, stamps, coins, firearms, and other collections. Antiques and jewelry are also accepted.
- Deferred gifts, bequests, charitable trusts and wills are also accepted.
- In-kind gifts of products or services can also be made.
- Many corporations offer “Matching Gifts” to match employees’ gifts in greater or lesser amounts. Please check with your employer.
- For more information about ways you can include the Texas Ranger Association Foundation in your will, life insurance policy, or a planned gift through your Living Trust or estate, please contact Liz Myrick, Executive Director, (254) 752-1001.

Elizabeth joins me in wishing all of you – Rangers, Support Staff, TRAF board members, patrons, benefactors, friends and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful holiday season and prosperous New Year.

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Rangers get new assignments

PATRICK O’CONNOR joined the Ranger Division in September. He was formerly with CID in Brownsville. O’Connor began his career with the DPS in 2004.

J. RODNEY ODOM has been promoted to Ranger, stationed in Garland Company B. He comes from CID, Garland. He began with DPS in 2005.

RYAN CLENDENNEN will be stationed in Andrews, Company E. He comes from CID, Lubbock. He joined DPS in 2007.

ROYAL McMULLEN will be stationed with Company E in El Paso. He comes from the CID, El Paso. Royal began his DPS service in 2002.

DEREK PRESTRIDGE was promoted to the Ranger Division and will be a lieutenant over the “Endangered Child Investigation Unit.” Derek comes from the Education, Training and Research Division and began with the DPS in 1994.

BRIAN BURZYNSKI, Company C in Amarillo has been promoted to Captain, Administration Headquarters in Austin. He joined the Rangers in 2004 stationed in Fort Stockton. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2009.

ADMIN. CAPT. FRANK MALINAK, Austin Headquarters, has been promoted to Major, Company F in Waco. Malinak joined the Rangers in 1993, promoted to lieutenant in 2009 and to captain in 2012.

ADOLPHUS PRESSLEY, OIG Houston, retired from the department in September. Pressley joined the Rangers in 2004 and was stationed in Houston. In 2011, he transferred to the Office of Inspector General in Houston.

ANTHONY DAVID, Company D in Harlingen, will retire Dec. 31. He began his career in 1987 and was promoted to the Rangers in 2010.

COREY LAIN, Company C in Graham, has been promoted to lieutenant, Company D in Corpus Christi. Lain joined the Rangers in 2009.

ERIC KASPER, Company B in Garland, has been promoted to lieutenant, also in Company B. He joined the Rangers in 2008.

JAY FOSTER, Company C in Childress has been promoted to lieutenant in Company C, Amarillo. Jay joined DPS in 1986 became a Ranger in 1998.
Spotlight shines on more TRAF scholarship recipients

JACOB Allen Huff is the son of Texas Ranger Grover Huff, Company A, stationed in Huntsville. He is attending Lee College in Baytown as a sophomore and plans to major in instrumentation.

CLAIRE Elizabeth Davis is the daughter of Texas Ranger Thomas Davis, Company B, stationed in Tyler. She is attending Texas Tech University as a senior and is majoring in accounting.

HALEY Nicole Wilson is the daughter of Texas Ranger Troy Eugene Wilson, Company E, stationed in Floresville. She is a junior at Texas A&M University where majors in education.

SHELBY Marie Goll is the daughter of Texas Ranger Dewayne Goll, Company E, based in Midland. She is attending Angelo State University and plans to graduate in May. Shelby’s major is animal science — pre-veterinary medicine.

Lt. James Scoggins Recovery Continues

As most of you know, Texas Ranger Lt. James Scoggins, Company F, was seriously injured earlier this year while vacationing with friends in the desert region of Big Bend. From March until September he received rehabilitative care at TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, as an inpatient and then continuing as an outpatient for several months.

He then went to his home in Waco, where he continues occupational and physical therapy on a daily basis. He recently returned to Houston for an outpatient surgery procedure in hopes of gaining additional functionality. James continues to show great mental and physical willpower in his recovery.

“Progress is slow, but generally positive,” said his wife, Lydia Scoggins.

“Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this challenging journey. We are taking a new course of recovery, so please continue to keep us in prayer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the future,” Lydia said.

Out of pocket expenses continue for the Scoggins family. Anyone interested in making a donation to assist the Scoggins family, please mail your contribution payable to The Texas Ranger Association Foundation, attn: Scoggins Family Fund, to TRAF at 104 Texas Ranger Trail, Waco, Texas 76706.

Four more TRAF scholarship recipients are featured this month. Each receives $2,000 per semester or $4,000 for a school year, provided they maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

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This gives board members an opportunity to become better acquainted with the Texas Rangers in the various companies and also with the scenic and cultural features of the state.

We have made arrangements with the Isla Grand for the hotel block to begin Thursday evening and extend through the weekend for those wishing to take advantage of South Padre’s amenities.

The TRAF office will continue to send board members emails and correspondence with details about the meeting as the date approaches.
Anniversary For Rangers

On this day Nov. 24, 1835, Republic of Texas lawmakers instituted a special force known as the Texas Rangers.

Stephen F. Austin had hired experienced frontiersmen as “Rangers” as early as 1823, but the 1835 legislation formalized the organization. The importance of the Rangers has heightened many times over the ensuing century and a half.

They participated in notable battles with various Indian tribes and fought ably in the Mexican War. They also were dispatched to restore order during feuds, border disturbances and civic upheavals.

In the early 20th century, however, numerous acts of debauchery were allegedly committed by Rangers, and in 1933 governor Miriam A. Ferguson fired many Rangers for their partisan support of her opponent Ross Sterling.

When the Texas Department of Public Safety was founded in 1935, it assumed responsibility for a greatly reduced force.

In subsequent decades, the Rangers have once again come to be recognized as the elite of United States law enforcement. Legendary Rangers are honored in the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco and in scores of history books.

Former director loves his TRAF jacket

Director Emeritus Lewis Epps of Pampa loved the Texas Ranger Association Foundation jacket he got many years ago so much he practically wore it every day.

Jackets had directors’ names and the TRAF logo on it. Epps’ daughter, Della called the TRAF office to see about getting a replacement for her dad since his original jacket was almost worn out. “He loves it and wears it nearly every day,” Della said.

Former TRAF Chairman Gary Crawford and Chairman Danny Chandler went to work and got a replacement jacket. It was forwarded to Pampa where resident Texas Ranger Jason Dudley of Company C and daughter Della presented it to the former director at his assisted living home.

The director can continue to be the proudest man in Pampa, showing off his new TRAF jacket on a daily basis.

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opportunities to support retired Rangers initiatives, Ranger assistance, scholarships, and other projects.

We are working on developing a pipeline of substantial partnerships and collaborations that we hope will result in expanded yet sustainable services to retired and active Rangers. These projects and relationships take time to develop and we’re making progress.

We also continue to work on the benefactor program to add more value to the membership, and to enhance and support our mission.

The website and social media implementation is coming along nicely and its launch in the near future will help to serve as conduit to getting information to you all as well as allowing you to register for events, submit requests and feedback, and make donations online.
NEW TRAF Director Jerry Wellborn didn’t let an early winter storm in late November deter him from presenting a new benefactor certificate to Edwin Brosh, of Robert Lee. Ed’s daughter Brandi and her partner Jack Horton are also planning to become benefactors.

Tom Sloan retires from TRAF board

Tom Sloan, Texas Ranger Association Foundation board member from Midland, has retired from his board position because of health reasons.

He was elected during the winter meeting of February 2007.

“Tom has been a faithful friend to the Texas Rangers and the Foundation,” Chairman Danny Chandler said.

“Our gratitude for his service is only second to our regret as we accept his resignation,” he added.

Former Ranger dies after long illness

Joe Hunt, former Texas Ranger and Sheriff of Tom Green County, passed away Oct. 1 after a long illness, but not before he was able to publish his autobiography; “Texas Ranger: Campfire Tales.”

He was the former Texas Ranger honoree of the year at the June Reunion Weekend in Waco, sponsored by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. He was a featured speaker at the reunion banquet where he recounted many of his days as a Ranger.

Any success he ever had, he credited to his wife Linda. They were married more than 48 years.

Hunt served in the Texas Rangers from 1972 until his retirement in 1998. He was elected sheriff of Tom Green County (greater San Angelo area) and served 10 years until 2011 when he and Linda retired to their ranch.

Services held for Chuck Mattox

Funeral services were held in September for Chuck Mattox of El Paso, a former member of the board of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation.

His children requested that donations be made to the TRAF scholarship fund, which he helped found many years ago.

Former Chairman Benny Vaneczek said he received word of Mattox’s death from his daughter, Autumn Mattox.

“Chuck’s greatest contribution to TRAF was the creation of the scholarship fund,” Vaneczek said. “Much of his life was dedicated to the Rangers and TRAF.

“Chuck was also involved in the original format of TRAF and sold many of the original $1,000 certificates,” Vaneczek added.

Tom Arnold dies at age 77

Funeral services were held Nov. 8 for retired Texas Ranger Tom E. Arnold, who died Nov. 3.

Services were under the direction of Greenwood Arlington Funeral Home.

Arnold, 77, began his law enforcement career in 1957 as a patrolman. He was promoted to investigator in 1968 and became a Ranger in 1969.

He served in Company B until his retirement in 1983.
NEW TRAF DIRECTOR Jerry Wellborn and his wife Susan had an open house in September at their ranch near Robert Lee in West Texas to acquaint friends and neighbors about the association foundation. Ramona Taylor (l-r), Randy Flanagan, Robert Mathers, Kathy Underwood and Mona Mathers mingle before a barbecue dinner served by the Last Leg BBQ, Catering and Social Club. Wellborn became a director at the June Reunion Weekend board meeting.

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The foundation promotes and supports active and retired Rangers and provides college scholarships for the children of active Rangers.

Dallas Cowboys rookie wide receiver Terrence Williams served as the Honorary Captain for the Longhorns and participated in the saddle presentation festivities. Williams is a W. T. White alum and All-American wide receiver from Baylor.

Texas Ranger Company B Ranger David Armstrong, represented the Rangers.

Danny Chandler, Chairman and Liz Myrick, Executive Director of the Texas Ranger Association Foundation also attended the game and pre-game presentation transferring the saddle to the schools.

Ranger Armstrong is also a former Baylor football player.

“W.T. White and Jesuit parents are thankful to the Texas Rangers and are proud to begin this new athletic tradition to our schools,” says Tom Henry, President of the W.T. White Dads Club.

“It’s a terrific learning opportunity for all student-athletes. We can all thank Steve Koch, Jesuit’s Athletic Director for his great idea and initiative. It is a multi-sport competition you don’t often see at the high school level.”

“We are excited about the creation of this neighborhood rivalry,” Jesuit Athletic Director Steve Koch said. “We hope it will grow through the years and turn into a fun, friendly rivalry that our neighborhoods come out and support.”

“We are thrilled to join Jesuit in the “Battle for the Saddle” and believe it will be a great way to unite and excite the W.T. White student body, our athletes, alumni, parents and our surrounding community,” says Rudy Powe, Longhorns Athletic Coordinator and head football coach. “We respect Jesuit, and we are two schools that compete with class and teach sportsmanship every step of the way. This is going to be fun.”

A custom saddle stand was displayed that has a historic plaque recognizing the TRAF and denoting the annual winner of this great prize.

Jesuit and White are both members of District 9-5A of the University Interscholastic League, the governing body of Texas high school athletics.

Former TRAF director dies at 73

Joel Wright Jackson, 73, of Kingwood, passed away Sept. 6, 2013, after a long illness. Joel was a strong, take-charge kind of man, yet selfless, recalled fellow board member Benny Vaneczek.

He retired from the oil and gas industry after over 30 years of service. He was on the Texas Rangers Association Foundation Board of Directors. Joel was an avid Aggie fan. But most of all, he was a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather.

Joel was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Louise Jackson; grandson, Cameron Carroll. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Jan Jackson; daughters, Lauren Carroll (Randy) and Jennifer Heid (Steve); grandchildren, Cole Carroll, Dillon Heid, Courtney Carroll, Ashley Heid; siblings, Jackie Youngblood, Ross Jackson (Becky), Benita Swanson and Sara McGee (Noel); numerous nieces and nephews.
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Cheerleaders for the W. T. White Longhorns pose with the Texas Ranger saddle prior to the start of the Battle for the Saddle series.

Cheerleaders for the Jesuit Rangers also surround the Texas Ranger saddle which was made available by the Texas Ranger Association Foundation. Seven sports challenges determine which school gets possession of the saddle the next year.

TEXAS RANGER ROBERT Losoya and his family were among the guests at the open house hosted by new TRAF Director Jerry Wellborn and his wife Susan in September at their ranch near Robert Lee in West Texas to acquaint friends and neighbors about the association foundation. Losoya and his family enjoyed the entertainment and a barbecue dinner.