

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

“The Disappearance of the Vaquero: South Texas Tradition”

Speaker: Samuel Torres, Jr.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi



Samuel Torres, Sr. started working as a vaquero when he was 14 years old. He worked his way up and became foreman at the Jones Alta Vista Ranch in Jim Hogg County. He was featured on the documentary by Hector Galan, “Vaquero: The Forgotten Cowboy”. He was named Vaquero of the Year in 2006 in Hebbronville, the Vaquero Capital of Texas. The hard, yet simple life, of a vaquero is disappearing. Today, the work is different due to technology and machines. Samuel Torres, Jr. is committed to keeping the heritage of the South Texas vaquero alive.



On October 16, a historical marker dedication was held at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Robstown. The church began in 1907 and operated a school 1946-1986. Shown left to right: Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal, Nueces County Historical Commission Chairperson Anita Eisenhower, Parish Member Henrietta Vrana, and Nueces County Historical Commission Member John Lloyd Bluntzer who was responsible for conducting the research and writing the narrative for the historical marker.



Author and publisher Jim Moloney begins his presentation at the October 4, 2016, NCHS meeting. Jim told the fascinating story of George H. Paul, a land-promoter from Washington, Iowa, whose company sold hundreds of thousands of acres of land of the Driscoll Ranch, the Coleman-Fulton Pasture Company (the Taft Ranch), and the Welder Ranch. Robstown and St. Paul are two area towns created by his ventures, while other local towns and hundreds of Midwestern farmers greatly benefitted from his land sales.

Upcoming Events:

November 1-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

November 5-"Voices of South Texas", Old Bayview Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

November 5-THC marker dedication, William DeRyee, Old Bayview Cemetery, 11:00 a.m.

**November 10-THC marker dedication, Gold Star of Court of Honor, 2:00 p.m., 400-500
N. Lower Broadway**

November 11-Veteran's Day

December 6-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

December 17-Wreaths across America, Coastal Bend Veteran's Cemetery, TBA

January 3-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

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VOICES OF SOUTH TEXAS OLD BAYVIEW CEMETERY COMES ALIVE

**Saturday, November 5, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Voices of South Texas - Old Bayview Cemetery Comes Alive is a walking tour which brings voice to the history of our community. The cemetery includes veterans from the War of 1812 through the Spanish American War. It chronicles the history of the region with "voices" brought to life by storytellers, reenactors and experts in the study of local history.



Old Bayview Cemetery was created by Colonel Hitchcock during the occupation of Zachary Taylor's forces in 1845 and is the first U.S. military cemetery in Texas.

Old Bayview Cemetery is located at Ramirez St. and Padre (IH-37), next to Coles High School.

Voices of South Texas is sponsored by the Nueces County Historical Commission, the Nueces County Historical Society, and Daughters of the American Revolution. The program is made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Gold Star Court of Honor Marker Dedication

*Thursday, November 10, 2016
2:00 PM
Lower North Broadway/Mesquite*



Presented by The Nueces County Historical Commission

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