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Texas Independence Day Event and Exhibit Opening

ABILENE, Texas – On Tuesday, March 2nd Frontier Texas! will host a community event to celebrate the founding of the Republic of Texas and the public is invited to attend. The day will also be the opening of a new photography exhibit entitled, “*Riding with Pancho Villa.*”

The Texas Independence Day event will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the parade grounds at Frontier Texas! with flag raisings by the Dyess Honor Guard and historical reenactors followed by the singing of “Texas Our Texas” lead by renowned singer and ACU staff member George Pendergrass. Presentations by actors portraying historical characters from the Texas Revolution and a speech by Abilene Mayor Norman Archibald will round out this patriotic celebration. School groups and home school families have been invited and related educational worksheets and activities will be provided.

As the Texas Independence Day ceremony concludes Jeff Salmon, Frontier Texas! Executive Director will introduce Francisco Villa, an ACU student who is a direct descendent of the famed Mexican revolutionary Francisco “Pancho” Villa. His family in Mexico is loaning over 40 photographs of Pancho Villa for an exhibit entitled “*Riding with Pancho Villa*” which opens to the public immediately following the ceremony. This free exhibit in the museum’s *Frontier Gallery* will feature photos and the story of the Mexican Revolution that celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2010. The exhibit will be on display through the end of May 2010.

The regular price of admission to the permanent exhibits is as follows: Adults \$8.00, Seniors 60 and over \$6.00, Military \$6.00, Students/Teachers \$5.00, Children 3-12 years \$4.00 and Children 2 and under are free. Frontier Texas! is a non-profit museum located in historic downtown Abilene. The facility features an interactive audio-visual experience entitled “*The Century of Adventure*” and serves as the visitor center for Abilene and the Texas Forts Trail region. Frontier Texas! is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. The museum is located at 625 North First Street downtown. Phone (325)437–2800 or visit www.frontiertexas.com for more information.

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