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JUNE 22 PROGRAM TO FEATURE 1865 LINCOLN ASSASSINATION



Judge Sandy Prindle will present an extremely interesting historical dissertation on the events surrounding the assassination of President Lincoln in April 1865. He is an author, scholar and sought after authority on the subject.. Sandy was a Justice of the Peace in Tarrant County, Texas

for 24 years. He began his political career in 1976 as the Youth Director for the Ronald Reagan campaign. After that, he was one of about thirty who built the Republican Party here from nothing to the most dominant Republican stronghold in Texas.

Judge Sandy Prindle was one of the first Republicans elected as a Justice of the Peace in 1982 and during his tenure he served on numerous boards and associations. He is the only Justice of the Peace in Texas to hold all three of its top awards: Judge of the Year 2000, T.A. Vines Award 2003, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

During his long and interesting career he began lecturing on the Civil War and the Abraham Lincoln assassination 150 years ago!

President Abraham Lincoln was shot on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, while attending the play *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theatre as the American Civil War was drawing to a close. The assassination occurred five days after the commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, General Robert E. Lee, surrendered to Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant and the Union Army of the Potomac.

Lincoln was the first president of the United States to

be assassinated. Sandy says he looks forward to meeting with the Grapevine Historical Society members and plans on entertaining us with his experiences and knowledge regarding an event in our nation which had great impact affecting our life today. He has a good sense of humor, and a natural tendency to be a story teller. Currently, he has three speaking programs he focuses on for interested groups in which he shares anecdotes from his years on the bench and the memorable weddings that he has performed. He feels that the presentation on June 22 for us is an important historical critique about the Lincoln assassination. He believes this story has been under told through the years and expects to share some riveting information for us. **7 PM June 22/ Grapevine Library Program Room**

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE "JUNE BRIDE"

Have you ever wondered about the tradition of June being the popular month for weddings? There may possibly be a reason.

The history of weddings celebrated during the month of June goes all the way back to early Roman times, well over two thousand years ago! The Romans celebrated a festival in honor of the deity Juno, wife of Jupiter and goddess of marriage and childbirth, on June first.

During the 1400 and 1500, June was considered the time when people came outdoors after a long winter and bathed communally. I guess to marry when one is clean seemed to them to be a good beginning... It is quite possible that the use of flowers at weddings was also, initially, a way of masking body odor.

Getting married in June, in pre-contraceptives times, meant that children conceived from these unions would be born the following spring, increasing their

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chances of survival after the long – and often very lean – winter months. Also, spring births would not interfere with the fall harvest, which was the busiest time of the year for most people. June is one of the most beautiful months of the year, with longer days, flowers in bloom, warm temperatures and lots of sunshine. These are some of the reasons why some couples choose this month to create life-long romantic memories they hope they will cherish together.



The “June Bride” tradition is a great reason to bring a friend and visit the interesting and informative Bridal exhibit in the GVHS museum. See beautifully preserved treasures and wedding gowns from the last century . You will enjoy hearing fascinating facts about a “history making” Grapevine wedding of the past from our docents. You can even learn about a historic Grapevine “secret wedding”.

HISTORIC HOME “GEM” ON COLLEGE STREET

Built in 1927 for Robert "Bob" Morrow who was the owner of the Grapevine Home Bank - the bank which was robbed by the Bonnie and Clyde gang, The bank is now Bermuda Gold Jewelry on Main street.

According to the Tarrant County Survey book, it was the first home in Grapevine to have a tile roof - and the tiles were shipped here by rail. The house was later owned by Dr. Miles who used it as his Osteopathic Hospital. The house is now owned by Lemoine Wright and it is being restored as a private home.



Joe Ann's Scratch Pad



Summer is here and school is out..... And, we are expecting a continued increase in visitors to the Historical Museum. People are beginning to discover the wonderful museum we have. Nearly 1400 visitors enjoyed the exhibits in May. That was encouraging and we still need to get the word out about this community treasure.

We are looking forward to pursuing our plan for the rotating exhibit area of the museum. The present Sandra Tate display is expected to rotate to a new exhibit “Made in Grapevine USA” soon and we’ll tell you more about this new feature later.

You will be amazed to see some of the artifacts and learn of business and varied items that will be displayed that can carry the label of “ Made in Grapevine U.S.A.”.

PUT JULY 27 ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The July program for the Grapevine Historical Society will be presented on July 27 and feature the **History of the Grapevine Police Department** presented by Chief Salame, our current police chief.

The program will share the role of providing public safety and protection from a small Grapevine community in the early 1900s to a thriving city of 50,000 citizens.



You will learn a lot about the proud history of those who serve and protect us every day in Grapevine and surrounding area. You will see the effect of changing times and needs. And, what the future holds in the field of public safety. This will definitely be another interesting and exciting program.

GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS

TUESDAY– SATURDAY 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY 11:00 am—4:00 pm CLOSED MONDAY

FREE ADMISSION

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