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#### Star of the Republic hosts annual night at the museum

Exhibits will include characters in period dress during night of educational fun

The Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site will host its annual Night at the Star of the Republic Museum from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 1.

During the event, the museum lights will be turned down and the exhibits will come to life with live characters that step forward to tell the story of the Texas Republic. Visitors are encouraged to bring flashlights for use while they explore the museum, and arrivals are welcome any time between 7 and 9 p.m. This family-friendly event is designed for museum visitors of all ages.

"This event will allow visitors to discover the history of Texas in a different light," said Curator of Education Anne McGaugh. "The exhibits look very dramatic in the dark. This will be a fun way to learn about Texas history."

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for children ages 6 and under. Anyone with a current Blinn College ID receives free admission.

Star of the Republic Museum was created by the Texas Legislature and is administered by Blinn College as a cultural and educational institution. Its purpose is to collect and preserve the material culture of the Texas Republic from 1836-1846 and to interpret the history, cultures, diversity, and values of early Texans.

The museum is located off Highway 105 between Brenham and Navasota on FM 1155 at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site. Daily museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.starmuseum.org">www.starmuseum.org</a> or call 936-878-2461, ext. 237.

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As part of its commitment to student success, Blinn is implementing a <u>Quality Enhancement Plan</u> titled "Destination Success: First-Year Focus," which utilizes learning communities to support first-year college students.

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