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### Two “Texas Ranch House” cowboys are fixin’ to greet gringos at two northeast Ohio locations

*PBS 45 & 49 hosts local visits of two young men chosen  
to “time travel” back to 1867 and work on a Texas cattle ranch*

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KENT, Ohio — April 21, 2006 — For 15 people who always wanted to live in the Old West, the new PBS program “Texas Ranch House” is a dream come true. PBS 45 & 49 is hosting two of those 15 participants on Saturday, May 6. Shaun Terhune, 20, and Anders Heintz, 25, will talk about their experiences at 11 a.m. at Peaberry’s Cafe and Bakery in Canfield, 4350 Boardman-Canfield Road. At 3 p.m., they will greet fans of the show at the Fairlawn Barnes & Noble store, 4015 Medina Road. Both young men assumed roles of cowboys who lived, worked and experienced life as it might have been on a Texas cattle ranch in 1867.

Terhune, a Vermont native who is a student at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, is the youngest of the cowboys. He grew up with his seven brothers and sisters in Vermont. Like his siblings, he was home-schooled and taught to thrive in the outdoors. Terhune is also an accomplished writer who has worked at his small town newspaper. He would like to have studied psychology and writing along with his declared major, geology, but decided it was more practical to study rocks than Freud.

Heintz looks and sounds like an all-American kid who likes to ride horses. In reality, he came to the United States from Sweden as an exchange student when he was 16 and decided to stay. His home is now Missouri, where he shares five acres of land with his horse, Girl. Although he admits that he hates studying, Heintz is close to finishing a degree in animal science at Missouri State University. He has competed on his college’s equestrian team and plans to join the rodeo team. He is also an accomplished sculptor who has won awards for his historical miniatures.

Fans of the show can hear Terhune and Heintz talk about the three months they spent during the summer of 2005 living the life of the Old West. The “cowboys” will also answer questions and meet with audience members. More information about “Texas Ranch House” is available on the show’s Web site, [www.pbs.org/wnet/ranchhouse](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/ranchhouse).

“Texas Ranch House” is the latest installment from the producers of the very successful “House” hands-on history series, including “Colonial House” and “Frontier House.” It airs on PBS 45 & 49 from Monday, May 1 through Thursday, May 4 at 9 p.m. Transplanted into the actual living and working conditions of the era, outfitted with period tools, technology and clothing, the program’s participants discover how the myth of the American West meshes with reality — and what the saddle-sore, rope-burned and sun-blistered ranch life was really like. The 15 participants were chosen from 10,000 applicants and include Ian Roberts, who lives in Canal Fulton, Ohio. Roberts is relocating to Arizona on May 6 and so is unable to attend the events.

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