

## Chisholm Trail Heritage Center

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# OUR Chisholm Trail Heritage Center NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Our Mission: "To celebrate and perpetuate the history, art and culture of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy and the American West."

## CAMPFIRES, CATTLE & COWBOYS GATHERING



The trail and its history runs deep like the wagon cut you can see from Monument Hill and it's still there ... now called Highway 81 - Luke Reed

To learn more, call Stacy at (580) 252-6692, or visit our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events](http://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events)

Wanna try your hand at some cowboy karaoke? Bring your material - a poem, a song or a short story. Join us 5 - 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 for this inaugural benefit event, "Campfires, Cattle & Cowboys Gathering."

From 6 - 7:30 p.m. there will be a Story Swap/open mic session in which anyone can share their cowboy poetry skills. It can be a piece you wrote or a piece written by your favorite cowboy.

There is no charge to attend or participate in this event.

If you have some cowboy books or

CDs you've produced, you're welcome to bring those and sell them under the big tent. Meet fellow cowboy artists and make new friends!

Fans of the cowboy lore - bring your lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy this evening "under the stars!"

Featured cowboy artists are Luke Reed, Jay Snider, Ron Secoy and entertainer Steve Ribnikar.

We have so many fun things planned - even a good old-fashioned cattle drive, a silent auction plus food and specialty items to purchase.

### Here's the schedule.

5 - 10 p.m. Cowboy Meet & Greet.

Meet the artists,

purchase their books or CDs.

6 - 7:30 p.m. Story Swap (Open Mic)

hosted by Steve Ribnikar. Bring

your favorite pieces to perform. One

poem or song per artist, then onto

the next in this "Round-Robin" -

Get back in line and do it all over

again!

Family-friendly material please.

7:30 - 10 p.m. The "Headliners" -

Jay, Luke, Ron and Steve.

Turn to Page 3 to learn more about Luke Reed.

### Make a Charitable Contribution 'Holiday Shopping Season' is here!

Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>  
Questions? They have the answers, just click  
"Learn more about Amazon Smile"

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will need to pick a charitable organization (Hint: Chisholm Trail Heritage Center!) and when you shop online through AmazonSmile, it will make a donation to your charitable organization (hopefully that's the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.)

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### Be sure to visit us! We are a ...

- \* 2015 Great Expectations Model School
- \* 2014 Oklahoma Museums Association Exhibit & Publication award winner
- \* 2013 Oklahoma Arts & Humanities Non-profit of the Year
- \* Oklahoma Redbud for Outstanding Attraction
- \* Top 10 Western Museum - True West Magazine
- \* 2012 Chickasaw Country's Best Museum Award

If you are not a member and would like to become a member, please ask one of our staff members to assist you. Membership renewals and yearly-giving contributions can also be taken care of in our gift shop, or online. Call Stacy for more information. (580) 252-6692.



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<http://www.greatexpectations.org/>  
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<http://www.artsok.gov/>

## Featured artist is inspired by Oklahoma wildlife, Choctaw heritage

First, a thank you to all who took time to attend our artist reception for Dylan Cavin and his wife, Lindsay, earlier this month. It means a great deal to the artists we represent.

Bison drawings and paintings dominate Dylan's show. Inspiration is found in Oklahoma wildlife, including quails, owls and the Longhorn.

When painting people, he focuses on his Choctaw heritage and friends or

fashion - for example, the painting of Gabby's Basket (sold!) features the traditional Choctaw dress.

"I wanted to capture a little girl that helps define the Choctaw culture and also wanted to help the viewer be able to envision this girl as someone that they may know."

Some of his ink work is on documents from his grandfather's estate. He uses authentic ledger papers, maps and bank notes, indicative of the area and subject.



Dylan Cavin's show will be on exhibit until Jan. 6, 2016.



## EDUCATION

### Teachers! Have you booked your educational tour or field trip yet?

3 Sessions remain this Academic Year  
We have Two NEW sessions this school year!

Holidays on the Trail 11/2 - 12/18/2015

\*New: History Heroes: Famous Figures from the Chisholm Trail 1/4 - 3/11/2016

New: Pick from - Chisholm Trail or

Oklahoma Land Giveaways 3/21 - 5/27/2016

Sessions are filling fast - so Book Early!

Call our Education Coordinator, Leah Mulkey at (580) 252-6692 or

email: leah@onthechisholmtrail.com

The Holidays on the Trail: Surviving as a newcomer to the Territory, session includes historical interpreter Edie Stewart, who portrays Lizzie Johnson Williams who was the first woman to bring her own herd up the Chisholm Trail from Texas. She was also a school teacher, before the days of PASS standards and STEAM.

STEAM principles taught are: S, the science of scorpions, spiders, ticks; T-the technology of railroads; E, the engineering of barbed wire; A, the art and history of ledger art; and M, the math of the cattle business, using a math game.

All sessions are designed to fulfill the current standards set forth by the Department of Education for subject and grade level. The Heritage Center is Oklahoma's only non-profit Great Expectations Model School, certified since 2007.

Our instructors are all GE certified. Holidays on the Trail education sessions are filling fast, so call Leah, (580) 252-6692, to book your session.

## Artist Exhibits

Exhibit: The Art of Dylan Cavin  
Nov. 3, 2015 - Jan. 6, 2016

Dylan Cavin is our featured artist for November and December. There are more than two dozen pieces in his show, available to purchase for your collection or as a gift for that art lover on your list. Dylan's art represents his Choctaw heritage and the wildlife of southwest Oklahoma.



## Celebrate Youth Art Month in March

Teachers, if your students are interested in exhibiting art in March 2016, for Youth Art Month, please contact Leah at (580) 252-6692, or by email: leah@onthechisholmtrail.com. This year's national theme is The Power of Art.



YOUTH ART MONTH™  
The Power of Art

## What teachers are saying about their experience!

Sometimes, students really get to experience "life on the trail" like the 2nd graders from Alex on Oct. 22.

"Thank you so much for the awesome experience you provided for my kids today. They had a blast and you guys did a wonderful job! (Even with rain, power outages and all) We really appreciated you guys letting us come. Thank you so much again." -- Andrea Owens, 2nd grade teacher at Alex, OK

Last year 91 districts attended with 98 percent returning from the previous year. Visit our website for full details and skills matrix. Click the 'Educators' tab where you will find the schedules and Teacher's Club information.

[www.onthechisholmtrail.com](http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com)



Lizzie Johnson Williams is one of six Texas cattle women featured on the wall in our Interactive Area across from the Campfire Theater and our Real Cowboys on the Chisholm Trail exhibit.

## TACK & TOGS

### New in our Gift Shop!

If you are looking for unique gifts this Christmas, you might find them in our gift shop. Several new books have arrived: "Shot in Oklahoma: A Century of Sooner State Cinema" by John Wooley.



This is a must for anyone who loves movies and Oklahoma history. Get it now so you aren't left in the dark during Trail Dance Film Festival, Jan. 29-30, 2016.

Also new, "Cherokee Outlet Cowboy, Recollections of Laban Samuel Records" (1856-1940). His accounting of everyday cowboy life in the Cherokee Outlet includes such stories as his narrow escape from a raid. Other goodies are the Buffalo Jerky, Chisholm Trail souvenir T-shirts, coffee mugs, a variety of children's items and more. Several of our gift shop products are on our website.

Become a member today and earn 15 percent off your gift shop purchases.



## Autumn on the Trail always beautiful



Fall color is always magnificent around the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center and the leaves colors never look the same from year to year. Here's a peek for those of you who weren't able to come see the beauty for yourself.



Visit our Facebook page for more photos: [www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail](http://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail)

## WHO IS LUKE REED?

Michael Martin Murphey calls Luke Reed, "One of the finest contemporary western songwriters we have." His songs have been recorded by many artists, including Murphey, Red Steagall, Gary Allen, Don Edwards, Gene Watson, Waylon Jennings and even George Strait! He is a Grammy and Tony nominee. Luke's background includes several years in Nashville and now he's hitting the road again to promote a new album that comes out in January. His Tony nominee was for an original song used in the Broadway musical version of Urban Cowboy. He is also a recipient of the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists for excellence in the field of western arts. Come learn more about the man in the white hat and hear his musical talents, Friday, Nov. 20!



### Book Your Party Today!

Relatives need a fun outing?

Coworkers tired of the same boring restaurant?

**Why Choose the Heritage Center?**

- Fun for all ages
- Personalized tours available
- Flexible Scheduling—Open 7 days a week
- Bring in your own food and beverages
- Can accommodate small groups up to 100+
- Several room options to fit your needs
- Beautiful grounds for outside activities

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### Remember our gift shop!

Unique gifts at affordable prices found nowhere else around.

- GENUINE SCORPION FILLED SUCKERS
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- INFORMATIVE BOOKS

Heritage Center memberships make a great gift and always fill!

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