



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

Did you hear the news? Heritage Center 'Top Ten' in U.S. It's a BIG deal!

"Superior Exhibitions!"

"They keep the Old West vibrant and relevant for 21st century audiences. The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's dedication to their mission of preserving and interpreting our great Western history for all generations, is inspiring."

- Bob Boze Bell

True West Executive Editor

That's right, we have been named a Top 10 True West Western Museum for 2016 and we're bragging about it friends!

In 2009, the Heritage Center also received the True West award. We're the ONLY Oklahoma museum to get this award this year. And the Heritage Center is the only facility, person or association in Oklahoma to get the Cowboy Keeper award - ever!



Considering there are hundreds of western museums throughout the United States, we feel it's quite an achievement and honor. Awards like this aren't possible without you, our members, our guests and supporters. Next time someone asks you of a great museum, be sure to steer them in our direction! Thank you, True West, and all of our fans!

Other Top Ten museums: Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City, Kansas; Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas; Cody Firearms Museum, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Cody, Wyoming; Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, Houston, Texas; Days of '76 Museum, Deadwood, South Dakota; Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Nevada; Yakima Nation Museum and Cultural Heritage Center, Toppenish, Washington; Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum, The Dalles, Oregon; and Autry National Center of the American West in Los Angeles, California.

EDUCATION

Cowpokes & Brush Strokes

Our new program, Cowpokes & Brush Strokes is proving to be a big hit, with moms, grandparents and especially the little cowpokes! This program is a hands-on process-based arts experience that provides an open-ended learning environment. The final fall session is Oct. 24, but it will return after the first of the year in 2017. You can still join. Call or send us an email to be on the list for the 2017 session. This is designed for children ages 2-4.

Interested? Please call Leah,
580-252-6692



This program is possible thanks to Oklahoma Arts Council grant and Chisholm Trail Heritage Center members.



To see more photos from this program, visit our Events section on Facebook. Links to the albums are posted in discussion for each event (look under past events).
<https://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events>

Put a Roof on it!

Since early September, the Hutto brothers have been busy giving our portico a much needed new look!

They did a little demo work first then they started rebuilding and probably by the time you read this newsletter, the work will be complete!

Addition of a solid roof and new lighting means the portico will be available for more outdoor events and provide shelter to student groups here on field trips.

New signage will highlight the Heritage Center's welcome appearance and call attention to the the Garis Gallery of the American West.

The portico dedication will honor the late Dr. Chris Jefferies, CTHC's first executive director.



CTHC wants to thank everyone who participated in our first Texoma Gives online fundraising campaign!



- **Through social media efforts, your donations totaled \$4,200, plus we received an additional \$500 gift! Texoma Gives was an online fundraising campaign effort.**
- **CTHC was the 8th overall in total donors with 99 and 3rd overall in Small Organizations.**
- **CTHC was 30th in total donations with \$4,200.**
- **CTHC is the only non-Wichita Falls organization in the top 10 highest number of donors.**
- **CTHC is one of only 4 non-Wichita Falls organizations in the top 30 in total dollars raised, and the only one in Oklahoma.**
- **You can still give by visiting: <http://www.onthechisholmtrail.com/members>, or “mail it in” or stop by the Heritage Center to make your donation and/or become a member of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Association.**
- **Your contributions help engage the minds of 7,500 students a year!**

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Association is a 501c3 non-profit. Your contributions to our programs and exhibits are tax-deductible. Consider the Center in your estate and planned giving allocations.



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JOIN US FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL
CAMPFIRES, CATTLE & COWBOYS GATHERING

A BENEFIT FOR THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE CENTER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

5 PM TO END OF SHOW, ARTIST SALES AREA OPEN

5:30 - 7:30 PM OPEN MIC SPOKEN AND SUNG POETRY

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM HEADLINER R.J. VANDYGRIFF

UNDER THE STARS & SURROUNDED BY LONGHORNS
GOOD PEOPLE & GOOD POETRY

FEATURING MUSICIAN, SINGER AND SONGWRITER

R.J. VANDYGRIFF



R.J. has appeared on stage with George Strait, Garth Brooks, Alabama, The Judds, George Jones, Merle Haggard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, The Sons of the Pioneers, Red Steagall, Michael Martin Murphy, and Baxter Black to name a few.

THIS EVENT IS LIVE AND UNDER THE STARS. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND BLANKETS!

RECOMMENDED DONATION \$20.00

PLEASE VISIT OUR EVENT SPONSOR >>>>



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