

Our Mission

The mission of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Association is to help raise funds, provide public awareness and provide educational support to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in the preservation & perpetuation of the Chisholm Trail, the American Cowboy & the American West.

Our Association

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Association is a 501 (c) (3) non profit public foundation.

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Western Spirit Celebration - A Cowboy Gathering

The Indian Summer weather was sensational on Oct. 18th and 19th, and we had a record turnout for the 5th Annual Western Spirit Celebration. The Express Clydesdales from Express Ranches in Yukon, Oklahoma got things rolling early, literally. As soon as the wagon's wheels touched down at the Heritage Center's parking lot, kids and adults were already lined up for their turn to ride in the sparkling blue Express wagon



Express Ranch Clydesdales & Express Wagon

Seven chuck wagons competed in the Cook-off competition and there was plenty of grub for everyone. Several wagons won cash prizes for their culinary skills, which included categories for best beans, beef, biscuits, potatoes, and peach cobbler. Mike Smith's longhorns were grazing near the chuck wagons but that didn't deter the food judges sampling the fare. Buster McLaury conducted an instructive seminar on working with colts, and folks were eating up his every word.



Walker & Linda Ryan & taste tester friend

Saturday's festivities included the Southwest Pride Barber Shoppers with old favorites like "Cool Water", and "Wagon Wheels". Kristin Killion, 2008 Miss Oklahoma Rodeo, entertained the crowd with her outstanding vocal "I'm An Old Cowhand From the Rio Grande", and other popular western songs. Saturday night, Don Edwards and Chuck Milner capped off the day from the Simmons Center stage. Earlier that evening, Tom McCasland Jr. presented our first Trail Boss Award to Bob Funk of Express Ranches and our first Point Man Award to Bob Klemme of Enid. Both men were also presented commemorative rifles for their dedication to preserving the Chisholm Trail and the American West.



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Bob Funk, Marilyn Hugon

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Western Spirit 2008 - Gallery



Kristin Killion
Miss Rodeo Oklahoma
2008 & parents



Chuck Milner warms up for
his gig with his son & daughter



Barbara Braught
helping out



This little orphan buffalo got some
TLC during the Western Spirit
Celebration



Mike Smith wondering where the
heck his longhorns are



Bob Funk of Express Ranches &
Express Personnel Professionals
admires his commemorative rifle



Mike Smith's Longhorns enjoying the
fine Oklahoma weather



Don Edwards & Chuck Milner
loading up



It doesn't get much better than
cowboy breakfast before Cowboy
Church services



WSC committee Chairperson,
Julie McKinney & Chuck Milner
make a few announcements



**Come by and Enjoy
the Outstanding Photo
Exhibition of the
Centennial Cattle Drive.**

**Dozens of professional
& amateur photos are
on display through
January 31st.**

**Buster McLaury checks
'em out.**

Making History With The Arts - Where Learning is Fun

The Heritage Center's Education program is growing by leaps and bounds. Beginning in September 2008, we are now serving students in grades 3, 4, and 5 from eleven Oklahoma counties. Home School Groups and private schools are coming from as far away as Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The book, "Bud & Me" continues to be a favorite among students coming to the Heritage Center. Our music class used silent movies and had the students add sound effects to make the movie come alive. Our art class used horse shoes for a sculpture project. There's always something new and different to help students "live the adventure."

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4th Grade Class from Ft. Cobb-Broxton

