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# Artist Reception for Sandy Magrath

**Dogs of the Southwest**  
**Reception - Thursday,**  
**May 9th 3:30 - 6:30pm**  
**Come & Go - Visit -**  
**With refreshments!**



On Exhibit until June 30th.



**"Adopt"**  
**an art dog!**

At left, "Frenchie," and "Jade on a Chair" are just two of the 19 framed original paintings available to purchase. There are also prints, notecards and handcrafted dog bowls.

## Create with us - Free Art Mondays returns June 3



Every Monday, June 3, to July 29 will be "Free Art Monday."

**Drop In/Come & Go: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

A "project of the day" with supplies to complete that project, or create other art with our supplies. It is not an art class. Come and go! All ages welcome with adult. Thanks to our summer sponsor, Edward Jones Investments, and financial support from Chisholm Trail Heritage Center members just like YOU we can offer this program for FREE!



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Upcoming Events & Exhibits

**May 1 - June 30: Sandy Magrath: Dogs of the Southwest**  
**May 9- Meet the artist reception**  
**May 24- July 28: Bison: Ancient. Massive. Wild. - exhibit**  
**July 4 - Sept. 22: A Texas State of Mind, artist Larry G. Lemons**  
**July 11: Meet the artist reception**  
**July 27: National Day of the Cowboy**  
**Oct. 1: Designed by Nature opens**

Follow us on Facebook for Events updates:  
<https://www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail>

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# CTHC's Executive Director judges National History Day website division

In early April, Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Executive Director, Stacy Cramer Moore, was a judge for the National History Day contest at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Moore was assigned to judge the website junior division, grades 6-8.

“I appreciated the diversity and professionalism I saw in the website category,” Cramer Moore said. “It is encouraging to see the depth of knowledge shared by these middle school students using a platform like website design to share their thoughts.”

Several elements were used to judge the entries, including thorough documentation of sources. The contest is designed to encourage critical thinking, problem-solving skills, research and reading skills and to build self-esteem and confidence among youth.

According to the National History Day website, more than half a million middle school and high school students, and more than 30,000 teachers participate annually.



“I feel like a bit of an expert at this point with the complete reprogramming of two websites during my time at the Heritage Center, with another major revision in the near future.

I dabbled at programming for a time and respect the student's work on these projects.”

Judges were instructed to evaluate the website entry based on a student's ability to use design software and computer technology to communicate a topic's significance in history. Analysis and interpretation of the topic needed to be clear to the viewer and incorporate interactive elements to engage its audience in learning about the topic.

“Our technology at the Heritage Center is constantly being updated. We are at the crossroads of technology and history – which made today's efforts exciting to see,” Cramer Moore said.

To learn more about National History Day, visit its website at <https://www.nhd.org/>.

## It's a card shower for Jeff Kaley!

We heard that our good friend and local news personality Jeff Kaley, was retiring from writing. We didn't want to believe it, but yes, he's decided to shelve his public writing adventures. In recent years, Jeff has written many articles about the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center.



We'd be remiss if we didn't mention his wife, Karen, who has taken a few hours of out of her busy schedule at Cotton Electric to do the same. Here's a few highlights of Jeff's career - more can be found on our website and under our Facebook Notes!

Jeff's start in the news world began in the late 1970s in Illinois. In 1985, he arrived in Duncan and became sports editor for The Duncan Banner, until he he became a news editor at the Waurika News-Democrat, 2006-2015. After that adventure, he started freelance work for both the Lawton Constitution and Oklahoma Living until fully retiring from newswriting in April 2019.

He earned 46 individual writing awards, and contributed to numerous staff awards, including the top honor bestowed by Oklahoma Press

Association, the ‘Sequoyah Award.’ Jeff also has a passion for music and the arts.

In 2003, he began a volunteer career with the Chisholm Trail Arts Council, became the program director and arranged acts for its concert series. From then to 2012, his efforts brought 46 acts to Duncan.

A high point for Jeff was when his personal hero, Leon Russell, performed at the Simmons Center. CTAC bestowed Jeff with a Lifetime Membership in gratitude for the work he did.

He also worked with the Duncan Sports Hall of Fame committee for 18 years. **We will add the complete story on our website and Facebook.**

**To show our gratitude, we're hosting a “Retirement Card Shower” for Jeff Kaley! Please send your cards and letters of well-wishes to so we may deliver them to him!**

**Chisholm Trail Heritage Center  
Attn: Jeff Kaley  
1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway  
Duncan, OK 73533**

# Painting a bear, art scavenger hunt, let go with a warning and all this fun for free!

Dear Chisholm Trail Museum,  
Thank you for the wonderful time.  
We appreciate the free admission. The tour guides were great. The children had a great time.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gerdts, Friend School

The 4-5th graders loved the field trip. They really enjoyed the sensory movie, land run, and the art museum. This was an awesome hands on field trip for them and one of the best! We can't wait to come again next year. I thought everything was informative and interesting for the students. I wouldn't change a thing about it.

Thank you,  
Bobbie Sawyers,  
Roff 4th & 5th grade teacher

April 11, 2019  
Dear Chisholm Trail Museum,  
Thank you for letting the class go to the art gallery. They loved it! I loved it, too! I liked the "Experience Theater." It was so cool! I like the old time store, the replica of the cowboys, and the other stuff and again thank you.  
From, Piper  
Friend School - 2nd grade.

A few of the student letters:  
Thank you for letting us do some art in the art gallery. My two favorite things were the old time store and the Experience Theater. Thank you for teaching us a lot about the cowboys. - Samantha

My favorite part of the museum was painting a bear. That was my favorite part. - Charlea

I liked the Campfire Theater. I like roping the longhorn, and I tried to rob the old town store but I got let go for a warning. I liked the art gallery scavenger hunt find the picture. - Teague

To read these in their entirety and more from the 2nd graders at Friend Elementary, please watch our Facebook page and visit our Pinterest page where they will be posted to a board.

## Education on the Trail

We've been booked with classes every day this session as schools from around the state bring their students here to learn about Oklahoma land run history, art, technology, science and math.

We teamed up with Duncan's Mark Twain Elementary School for the first ever "Family Night."

The event was designed to create more parental involvement.

Many components ensured this was a success for the school, including utilizing our entire education team.

We will share a story on our Facebook 'Notes' section and on our website in the near future.



Learning about art of the west in a scavenger hunt lesson, wild west fun, math challenges, and at far right, students from Henrietta, Texas, learn about brands. All of this and so much more happens on an educational trip to the Heritage Center!



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**Big News inside this May Newsletter!**

**Free Meet the Artist reception - Thursday, May 9th**

**Arriving Soon!  
 Bison: Ancient. Massive. Wild.**

**Free Art Mondays returns June 3rd**

**Breaking News - Open to see which friend retired!**



**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Duncan's Original 'National Day of the Cowboy celebration' at YOUR**

**Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, Saturday, July 27**

**More details coming soon on our website and social media pages!**

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