The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is rolling out the red carpet and bringing the excitement of “Old Hollywood” to Texas for our premier biennial fundraiser, “Taste of the Trail.” Ginger and Ken Broughton and Elaine and Stephen Tate, co-chairs of the April 14th gathering, proudly announce this year’s theme as “Old Hollywood Comes to Texas.” This event will capture the essence of the classic “Western” depicted in the bygone era of the mid-19th century, complete with gunslingers, heroes, Stetson hats, spurs and chaps, that stirred our imaginations and brought the cowboy’s struggles and triumphs to the big screen.

We promise this festive evening will be the perfect scene for a great night at the Bellevue Ranch in DeWitt County! Wet your whistle in the Chisholm Saloon and view the wonderful silent auction items available for bid. Patrons will certainly enjoy the delicious red carpet fare provided by Don Strange Catering of Texas. After dinner, join us under the big tent for a rapid-fire live auction by Joe Adams and Russel Goebel. Be ready to dance the night away to the best in traditional Texas music provided by the 2017 Western Swing Band of the Year, “Cow Jazz.” Various committees and committee chairs have been busy planning this year’s event for many months and the proceeds will benefit the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum’s operations, new exhibits and special projects. Your generous participation in this year’s fundraiser is greatly appreciated for the museum’s continued success as it explores new ways to reach out to the community and enhance our patron’s experience. Sponsors and Underwriting opportunities are available by contacting the co-chairs or the museum office at 361-277-2866 or info@chisholmtrailmuseum.org.
Traveling Exhibition Service
The Smithsonian Institution
representatives from the Texas State Historical Association to coordinate management of the exhibition at the CTHM. Teachers were shown how they can involve their students in collecting oral histories that would be a part of the public presentation of the exhibit. The CTHM will host this event from June 16th through July 14th.

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**Smithsonian Comes to Cuero**

The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service has selected the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum to host *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America* as part of the family of exhibitions for their Museum on Main Street program. This traveling exhibit connects sports to local hometowns and captures the stories of local legends from their community. In January local educators met with representatives from the Texas State Museum on Main Street (MoMS) is a partnership between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide that serves small-town museums and their patrons. This innovative project provides one-of-a-kind access to Smithsonian exhibitions and educational humanities programs. Most importantly, MoMS provides community museums and libraries an opportunity to showcase their strengths and reinforce their meaningful contributions to small-town life. Like all MoMS exhibitions, *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America* was specifically designed to meet the needs of small organizations.

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**Live Auction Items**
**Taste of the Trail - 2018**
- Tuscan Villa in Italy for 5-6 couples
- Original Patent Henry Rifle .45 Colt with Custom Gun Case
- Murder Mystery at the Poker Tournament for 20 Friends Held at the Deadwood Saloon
- Scavenger Hunt on Horseback or ATVs at the Bellevue Ranch for 5 teams of 4 each
- Quail Hunt and Game Dinner for 8 with Overnight Lodging
- Teak Wood Root Table from Indonesia
- Set of handmade Oscar Crockett Spurs
- Rocky Mountain Escape A Week in Vail, Colorado 5 bedroom/5 bath – Fall 2018
- Fly Over Chandler Islands Fishing Trip
- Longhorn Steer
- Unique Artwork by Matt Tumlinson “Mess With the Bull”
- TurkeyFest Parade Viewing Party at CTHM
- An MUCH MORE!!!

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**Silent Auction Items**
**Taste of the Trail - 2018**
- Three Dinners for 10 at Cuero Ranches/Homes
- White Wing Duffle Bag
- Flint Company Stetson Felt Hat
- Gift Certificate to Brennan’s in Houston
- Weekend at Bolivar Peninsula in Galveston
- Oil Painting Class for 6
- Elegant Venetian Murano Glass Bowl
- Gift Certificate Woodhouse Day Spa
- Custom Designed Floral Wreaths
- Fitz and Floyd Platter & Bowl Set
- Arthur Court Longhorn Carving Board
- Reed and Barton Carving Set
- Hand Carved Cowboy Santa
- Handcrafted Wood Log Rack & Split Firewood
- Custom Mesquite Mirror
- Spoetzl Brewery Gift Basket
- Fly Fishing Trip in Port O’Connor
- And MUCH MORE!!!

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**Pavers Available for Purchase**
If you have always wanted your name in lights, here’s the next best option – STONE! You can join families, ranches and businesses (even pets) that are represented on the prestigious “walk of DeWitt County fame” with your own custom designed 15” x 15” paver stone. The walkway is located in front of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum on Esplanade in Cuero. This hard to miss, well-traveled path has become a destination stop for visitors to the museum to check out the pavers. It is virtually a “Who’s Who” of local and statewide entities. The paver designer has been able to duplicate logos and create a memorable message for generations to see for years to come. What a unique gift and lasting legacy for your children and grandchildren. This one-of-a-kind present will surely be a hit when the recipient receives a photo of his or her stone with the gift card.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be among the select featured pavers. Made from West Texas Cream Stone, the pavers are priced at $300. Call the museum today to reserve your paver and you will be sent or emailed the order form. A few larger pavers are still available in the museum’s courtyard measuring 30” x 30” - priced at $1200.

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Has a teacher, coach or mentor made a difference in your life or in the life of someone you love? Most of us can name that one individual who encouraged our growth and instilled that curiosity and love of learning during our educational journey. Honor that special individual that made the important difference in your life by considering one of the “naming opportunities” available in support of the English-German School preservation/renovation project.

By becoming a sponsor of one of the spaces described below, your family, business, ranch, or that special educator in your life will be memorialized in perpetuity through one of these naming opportunities. When completed, the repurposing of the English-German School will be an important addition to the CTHM campus by providing greater community outreach, while preserving an important component of Cuero’s historic fabric.

**Naming Opportunities (interior)**

**West Classroom:** There will be two connecting multipurpose rooms in the schoolhouse large enough to accommodate approximately forty students. Slightly larger than the East Classroom, the West Classroom will be arranged and outfitted as it would have been in the late 1800’s when the children of German immigrants were being educated in the school.

**East Classroom:** The East Classroom will be an open multipurpose space available for meetings, lectures, demonstrations or other gatherings. This room will have direct access to the adjoining kitchen area. **$50,000**

**Kitchen:** Adjacent to the East Classroom will be a full kitchen to accommodate preparing and serving food to groups who rent the space. This kitchen will also serve as an opportunity to educate the younger generation about ways of preserving food by teaching canning techniques using fruits and vegetables grown in the raised bed on the property or brought to the facility from private gardens. **$50,000**

**Sound Studio:** Situated next to the West Classroom will be a soundproof room with the necessary equipment to record individual and family oral histories. The museum envisions this area as an excellent opportunity to offer school enrichment projects for History and English/Language Arts classes for area schools. **$20,000**

**Naming Opportunities (exterior)**

**Historic Wagon & Buggy Displays:** Behind the schoolhouse will be two outbuildings – each having common forms of travel during this era. One of the buildings will showcase a wagon that reportedly was used on the famed Salt Grass Trail, while the other will display a buggy reminiscent of those used to carry the children to and from school…when they weren't walking! **$20,000 each**

**West Pair of Raised Beds:** Situated in the space between the schoolhouse and the wagon/buggy display will be four raised garden beds, two on each side of the walkway. The West Pair of raised beds will be dedicated to growing seasonal fruits and vegetables to be used as a “hands-on” experience to teach children how our food is grown, cultivated and harvested. **$15,000**

**East Pair of Raised Beds:** The pair of raised beds located on the east side of the walkway will be much the same as those on the west side, allowing additional space for children to claim a small area of the beds for individual care, learning and attention to growing food. **$15,000**

**Landscaping Surrounding Historic School:** Deemed as an important learning tool for all ages, the areas surrounding the school will be landscaped with a variety of grasses, flowers and plants native to our area, creating a natural habitat to attract and help sustain a variety of butterflies, hummingbirds and other wildlife. **$15,000**

Join efforts of the CTHM Board of Directors as we raise funds to renovate this unique structure. Contact one of the museum’s directors, call the CTHM office at (361) 277–2866 or email at info@chisholmtrailmuseum.org for additional information. A multi-year pledge on these projects can be discussed.
Cowboy Camp 2017 marked its seventh year as the wonderful educational outreach program initiated by board member and former schoolteacher, Candy Glidden. This five-day camp, funded by educational grants and community partnerships, was made possible at no cost to area students. Many thanks to Candy, her family and the numerous volunteers dedicated to making Cowboy Camp the success it continues to be!

COWBOY CAMP SPONSORS 2017

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Mark Your Calendar!
Cowboy Camp 2018
July 30th - Aug 3rd
On March 27, 2017, the Texas Historical Commission hosted the Chisholm Trail 150th Anniversary Celebration (c. 1867). The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum was honored to be invited to take part in the event held on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol in Austin. Charles and Jean Nagel graciously presented a living history program with their chuck wagon, providing a fascinating history moment for those interested in preserving a piece of Texas history.

“We couldn’t get the wagon off the trailer before we had a crowd of interested spectators. Of course, the cowboy era is known all over the world. Presenting the chuck wagon perspective in relation to that era always seems to surprise people,” said Jean Nagel.

Jean added, “Little did we know that when Charles fulfilled his dream of re-creating the chuck wagon, that we would be able to share ‘living history’ with so many people. You never know what each person takes away from the chuck wagon experience, so we hope we have introduced a little bit of history that will stick in someone’s head and challenge them to take an interest in the history of the Chisholm Trail. Everyone who was in Austin displayed their true regard for our museum in our town’s history.”

The celebration also included world-famous trick roper, Kevin Fitzpatrick, vaqueros, cowboy singer-songwriters K.R. Wood and Sue Young, giveaways and wonderful food from the chuck wagons.

Others attending the event from Cuero included Ted Aven, Joe Adams, Roy Johnson, Candy & Dan Glidden, Robert Oliver, Sue Sulsar, Patricia & Judd Miller and Sharon Weber.
**Hamiton Home Showcased at Home Tour & Garden Party**

Robert Oliver, Chairman, and members of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum Board of Directors hosted the “Home Tour & Garden Party” on October 28, 2017 to showcase the recent restoration/renovation of the Alexander (1846-1906) and Annie Thornton (1855-1913) Hamilton Home at 902 N. Esplanade in Cuero. The community was invited to a unique view of the craftsmanship of the original home (c. 1883), recent renovation, furnishings and artwork collected from around the world. Current owner, Robert Oliver, Alexander and Annie’s great-grandson, envisioned the restoration of this family home with guidance from Fisher-Heck Architects of San Antonio, which was beautifully achieved by craftsman from Horizon Millworks of Katy, Texas. This grand old structure has now been transformed into a much-welcomed jewel on the main thoroughfare in Cuero, an excellent example of our city’s commitment to historic preservation.

The home was constructed in 1883 of Louisiana virgin pine, shipped to Cuero through the Port of Indianola and inland via the railroad. Built with gold coins that Hamilton had saved through the years, the original house consisted of two parlors (a music room & living room-downstairs); and two bedrooms (upstairs). An addition was made to the home in approximately 1893 to include a second set of stairs, dining room, kitchen and two additional bedrooms. In 1937, major renovations were made to the home by the Hamilton’s youngest son, LeRoy (1889-1977). Noted San Antonio architect, Atlee B Ayers, was hired to remodel the house from its former Victorian appearance to its current neoclassical style.

The Home Tour & Garden Party entertained tours, guided by patrons and board members of the CTHM and was successfully attended by approximately 300 guests. Proceeds of this event will support efforts to restore Cuero’s historic (c.1880) English-German School, now located behind the Museum at the corner of W. Courthouse and N. Terrell Streets.

**Room Rentals Available at CTHM**

The Friar Thomas Community Facility Center at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum is a great place to hold your next meeting, rehearsal dinner or party. Our facility offers an elegant setting in an historic building with three rooms that can accommodate groups from 40 to 180 guests depending on the type of gathering. A catering kitchen is available and rental rates include tables and chairs. The George Bishop Park on the museum grounds is also available for rental. For more information on facility amenities and rates, check our website at www.chisholmtrailmuseum.org and click on Community Rooms.

**CTHM Proudly Welcomes New Executive Director, Sharon Weber**

Joining the creative campfire of the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum team in 2017 is one of Cuero’s most respected professionals, Sharon Weber. Chairman, Robert Oliver states, “We are so looking forward to Sharon’s leadership and expertise to take the museum to the next level of development.”

Known for her long tenure with Cuero Community Hospital and the DeWitt Medical Foundation, her talents and experience working in the non-profit sector are a perfect fit for CTHM. Sharon has been a major fundraiser, spokesperson, team builder and always an asset to her community.

Included in her many accomplishments during her hospital career are the Belle Terry Elder Women’s Center, BFit Wellness Center, and the Hamilton-Wallis Chapel. Sharon is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce as well as a long time Chamber board member. Sharon and her family have always been highly supportive of the community’s civic projects and are often recognized for their dedication and commitment.

Originally from San Antonio, Sharon is married to local business owner, Cliff Weber. Together they are the owners of Weber Motor Company, which has served Cuero, DeWitt County and beyond as an award-winning Ford dealership for over eighty years.

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Come view “Señor Jack” on loan from Mike McIee in the Hamilton Room.
Visit the Museum Gift Shop for handsome Western-style home accents, Texas gifts, and adorable souvenirs for kids!

Stop in and browse any time during Museum hours, with no admission fee.

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