

THE CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE MUSEUM

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BLAZING NEW TRAILS BOARD SETS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOALS

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum has reached significant milestones to date, with the purchase of the building and early renovation phases complete. While the restoration phases are progressing according to the seven phase restoration master plan, there are many more milestones to achieve before the Museum can open to visitors in 2008.

The fund raising goal of the 2005 - 2008 Capital Campaign, already well under way, is \$3.75 million.

Of this goal, \$2.75M is projected for the budget for capital improvements. This fund will support continuing restoration and new construction to adapt the building to its new functions, add public space, and create a landscaped parking lot adjacent to the building. It will also provide funding to begin building a permanent collection of artifacts and historical documents. \$1M is to be set aside for a permanent endowment fund, a fundamental investment in the Museum's future.

Momentum is Building


To date, over \$70,000 in pledges to the Campaign have been received. In May, Museum supporters received an appeal from the Board by mail, including a letter, brochure, information sheet and an invitation to support the Campaign.

Although all gifts are welcomed, the Museum is acknowledging gifts of \$500 to \$2499 as a member of the CTHM Trailblazers, with the names of contributors memorialized in a leather bound



For a copy of the 2005-2008 Capital Campaign information packet, or to inquire about prime naming opportunities, call (830) 236-5533.

book on permanent display in the Museum. Gifts of \$2500 and above are acknowledged as part of the Pioneer Circle, and will be permanently displayed in the Museum. Pioneer Circle members will have the option of including a family or ranch brand in the display. To date, the Pioneer Circle already has twelve members.

According to **Robert Oliver**, chairman of the board of trustees for the Museum, "the funds raised through this campaign will allow us to move forward on Phase Three of the seven phase restoration plan. In addition, **many of the foundation and government grants we receive are tied to local matching contributions**, so the participation of the community in the Capital Campaign is critical." 

PIONEER CIRCLE

R. F. Blackwell Estate
Margaret Thomas
Bill and Nancy Blackwell
David and Diana Burrow
Pat and Karen Elder
Anne Friar Thomas
Helen Walker
Robert Oliver
Ron and Kay Walker
John and Carol Hildebrand
Susan Wallis
Mary Ellen Hamilton

TRAILBLAZERS


Anne Cain & Jim Easterling
Travis & Peggy Basham
Brad James
Candy Glidden
as of May 2006

SAVE THE DATE

Taste of the Trail III November 11, 2006

Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum has announced plans to host Taste of the Trail III in November. Taste of the Trail is the organization's bi-annual event to raise funds for the development of the Museum, located in Cuero's downtown historic district. The event will be held at the home of **Milton and Kathy McLeod**, north of Cuero on US Highway 77A, on Saturday, November 11, 2006.

Taste of the Trail co-chair **Helen Walker** announced table and ticket sales have commenced, with a ticket goal of 600 guests. Tables of 10 are available for \$2,000 and tickets will be offered at \$100 per person.

 **A good reason to re-up your membership now:** As in previous years, Museum members will have priority in purchasing tickets before July 1, after which tickets will be made available to the general public for \$125. **Memberships at the \$250 level will receive two tickets for Taste of the Trail, while \$500 memberships will receive four tickets.**

"It has been almost two years since hosting Taste of the Trail II in our home," remarked co-chair **Diana Burrow**. "We're preparing another memorable event and want to thank Milt and Kathy for opening their new home for the gala." 

For Taste of the Trail III ticket and table sales:

Sue Sulsar (830) 236-5338
Helen Walker (361) 578-1415
Diana Burrow (888) 332-3215

Duffing for Dollars: The 2006 Cow Chip Classic



No preppie alligators on these golf shirts: Pasture Golfers say "cheers."

Goofy golf attire is considered par for the course in tournament play around the world. And, the **2006 Cow Chip Classic** was no exception. Held this year on the Royal Steen Links, one mile south of Westhoff, the dress code went way beyond loud plaid pants.

Ten golf teams came to play, and there were togas and grass skirts, gunslingers and gladiators. Golf carts, too, ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous: The Legislative Luau team's cart was draped with plastic grass, and the Pasture Palapa squad brought a tropical heat wave (and tropical refreshment) in its trailer toting team members.

It was all in good fun and for a good cause, as ten teams of duffers teed off on the 13-


hole, par 41 course set over about 500 acres on the Steen family farm.

Teams paid a minimum of \$3,000 to enter the event and players came from Dallas, Houston and Austin to take part. Entry fees benefited the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum.

About the challenging course, CTHM Board member **Jeff Steen** said, "I made it up

as I went along. I tried to do something a little different on each hole. On some holes you have to hit it into the water on the fly. On another hole, you have to hit the ball through a tractor tire hanging from a tree limb. On one hole, you have to tee off sitting on a toilet. There's a little something for everyone."

"You can't move your ball, but you can cut down anything in front of it," Steen continued. "Each team can have a chain saw, weed eater and a pair of loppers." At the end of a day of good-natured fun for a good cause, winners were announced. Actually, there were no losers, as everyone enjoyed the recreation, fraternity, libations and post-tournament meal.

"We are glad to be able to do this," Steen said. "It's our way of helping out a worthwhile community project. All the proceeds benefit the Museum project, and I underwrite all the food for the dinner after the tournament." The Museum especially came away a winner. Steen estimated this year's event brought in about \$40,000. 

Reporting by the *Victoria Advocate*

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Board Mourns Loss of Fellow Rancher and Board Trustee



Billy Albrecht

Creating a new institution such as the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum takes an enormous amount of time and dedication. Supporters


take time from their busy lives to devote their talent, financial resources, and leadership to a common cause shared by a multitude of people, but orchestrated by a relatively small group of dedicated individuals. Members of the Board are sharing the loss of just such an individual.

Mr. William "Billy" Albrecht, a founding trustee of the CTHM, passed away on April 13, 2006 in San Antonio at the age of 82. Born on his family ranch in Goliad County, he served in the U.S. Army in WWII, graduated from Texas A & I University, then returned home to the family's ranches

to work full time in the cattle business. Mr. Albrecht and his wife, Joyce, were married more than 56 years. In Mr. Albrecht's eulogy, Albrecht's son William remarked, "Each and every one of you here have touched his heart." Goliad's St. John's Lutheran Church was filled to capacity – a testimony that Mr. Albrecht had touched each and every one of ours as well.

Joining the Board of Trustees in January 2002, Albrecht contributed immeasurable wisdom and his keen sense of vision to the organization. Expressing a desire to spend more time in ranching life, Mr. Albrecht stepped down to become

an advisor to the Board in February 2005. He wrote, "I know one day the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum will become a reality and I will share the pride with each of you knowing its existence is the result of a lot of time and hard work from a very special group of people."

Our Board laments the passing of Mr. Albrecht. We will continue to work diligently to commemorate his life and that of others who were devoted to life as a Texas rancher, whose "love for the ranch" was foremost and whose passion was to "take long walks in the pasture." 

CTHM is grateful to contributors for donations towards the purchase of the former Knights of Pythias Hall, June 2002 – December 2003

Anne Friar Thomas
Cuero Development Corporation
Rick and Lindy Gohmert
M. G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation

Robert Oliver
Jeff Steen and Family
R. F. Blackwell Estate

Patsy Goelbel
Fred Pottinger
Mrs. Lem Duderstadt
Katherine & Bill Reilly
Kay Walker

N.A. Steen
Bill and Nancy Blackwell
William Albrecht
Sue Sulsar
Earl Wyatt
Pat Dunn
Candy Glidden

More Phase II Restoration photos:



The Visionaries in Preservation Program assisted in funding the replication of Knights of Pythias emblem



Limestone window sills were replaced.



Weeks of painstaking labor to remove peeling paint layers from the East Façade


*Phase II Restoration was completed in part with generous donations by these additional companies and foundations: **The Guadalupe Valley Electric Coop, the O'Connor-Hewitt Foundation, and Crossroads Foundation.** Thanks for your support!*

2007 Membership Change: Renew by Calendar Year

Beginning with 2007 membership renewals, Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum membership contributions will result in a calendar year Museum membership. That is to say, memberships renewed in 2007 will be for the calendar year 2007.

In the past, memberships purchased on a given date did not renew until one year from that date. As the Museum continues

to grow, this method of accounting for memberships, and membership renewals, has become more difficult to properly administer.

The Board of Trustees feels that this change in membership interval will allow the Museum to simplify its records and better support the Museum membership community. 

Membership Party and Open House



Friends and supporters of the CTHM gathered at the Museum in February for a relaxed evening together and to get the latest news on Museum plans and progress.

Besides bountiful buffet spreads provided and served by Board members, guests enjoyed toe-tapping country tunes.



Milton and Kathy McLeod – our hosts for Taste of the Trail III in November 2006



Gerard Gonzales, David Burrow and Rick Gohmert serve up righteous ribs and barbecue



Shirley Dietze, Anne Rice and Bubba Steen share conversation



Mike Ballew provided entertainment for the 150 guests



Founding board member Earl Wyatt and wife Darlene



Museum members and guests

2006 MEMBERSHIP

We extend our deep appreciation to those who have supported the Museum this year. – the Board of Directors

\$500.00 POINT MAN

William & Franke Albrecht
Travis & Peggy Basham
Paul & Jill Crozier
Temple & Kathy Dickson
Dan & Candy Glidden
Susan Peck Massey
Fred Pottinger
Shannon & Gay Ratliff
Bill & Katherine Reilly
Ken & Mary Sample
Linda D. Schibi

\$250.00 SWING RIDER

Margaret M. Allums
Lovel & Avis Ann Blain
Blake & Kathy Dunn
Pat & Karyn Elder
Meredith B. Fischer
Bobby & Patsy Goebel
Skip & Terry Henkel
Dr. James R. Herbst II
John & Carol Hildebrand
Gaye Gilster Lee
Judy A. McAda
Denis & Sheryl Mueller
Will Oliver
Randy & Rhonda Pakebusch

Tim & Ann Pennell
James Pridgen
Joe & Wanda Reuss
Sharon Steen & Gary Dunnam
Clint & Sue Stiles
Helen R. Walker
Earl & Darlene Wyatt

\$100.00 DRAG RIDER

Curtis & Betty Jo Afflerbach
Billy & Joyce Albrecht
Ted & Frances Aven
Joe & Peggy Bear
Michael & Debra Bengel
Robert & Angie Briggs
J. Gandolf Burrus
Louis & Mollie Carter
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James & Judy Evans
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Lewis & Charlotte McFadin

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Robert Oliver
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Bucky & Dee Sager
Joe & Rosemary Sheppard
Sue Sulsar
Anne Friar Thomas

\$100.00 CROCKETT CARDWELL STORE (BUSINESS)

The Garden Path Nursery
Wagner's Hardware/Gram's Attic
Weldon Ranches (Stayton & Mildred)

\$50.00 WRANGLER

Bill & Margie Bell
Chris & Teri Chambers
Charles E. Cusack, Jr.
Clete & Kathleen Ernster
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Arlen & Sally Goebel
Sara Hopkins
Floyd & Tommie Howerton
David & Kristen Jesulaitis
Robert & Kerry Rhotenberry

Rip & Tracy Rutherford
Rayelynn Speer
Jo Betsy Vaught
Carlos & Tricia Verastegui
Robert Webb

\$25.00 BUCKAROO

James A. Alcott
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Jamie Hancock
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Clara Prater
Ben E. Prause
LeOlive Rogge
Zenna Snowden
J. F. Speer
Helen L. Willingham
F. W. Wilson

Memorials & Honoraria, 2005 - 2006

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Albrecht

Billy and Joyce Albrecht

W. D. "Billy" Albrecht

Sue Sulsar
Dan & Candy Glidden
Bobby & Patsy Goebel
Robert Oliver
Rick Gohmert
The Steen Family

E. D. Bawcom

Jeff Steen

Alec Beck

Jeff Steen

Bobby Burrows

Jeff Steen

Gene Brown

Jeff Steen
Mark A. Brown

Vincent Buckley

Jeff Steen

Catherine Luby Davis

Jeff Steen

Dr. Thurston Dean

Jeff Steen

Vernon Glass

Robert Oliver

Blair James

Mrs. Blair James

Bill Krause

The Steen Family

Rev. Chester Polk, Sr.

Anne Friar Thomas

Rollie Simon

Carolyn Kruger
Anne Friar Thomas

Red Spears

Jeff Steen

N. A. Steen

Ann Rice

Clyde Steen

The Steen Family

Phillip Weathers

Bill & Nancy Blackwell
Sue Sulsar

Mary Wofford

Gale & Gay Oliver

IN HONOR OF:

David & Diana Burrow

Temple & Kathy Dickson

Meredith Fisher

Robert Oliver



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IT'S A DATE!

Taste of the Trail III
Saturday Nov. 11, 2006

MISSION STATEMENT

The Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum's mission is to preserve the ranching and Western culture of South Central Texas through interpretive exhibits, research, and educational programs.

The CTHM
is a 501(c)(3) corporation.

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GREAT LADY GETS MAJOR FACE LIFT: BEFORE & AFTER PHOTOS TELL THE STORY


“A photograph can speak a thousand words.” In the case of the Museum’s completion of Phase Two of the Building Restoration Plan, those words could not be more appropriate. Phase Two restoration, which began in the fall of 2005, was completed in March, and “transformation” is an understatement in describing the positive physical change that has taken place on the two most prominent façades of this historically significant building.

After painstaking labor to remove a reported 1/8” of paint accumulation on the front façade, the Museum now exudes a new, fresh complexion, a “happy face,” which will welcome visitors and guests through its doors in the coming years.

An unsightly entry aluminum door, overhead garage door, weathered & deteriorated wooden track door and other inappropriate alterations to the building have been

replaced with original architectural elements. Cuero’s **Visionaries in Preservation** awarded the Museum funding assistance to reproduce the Knights of Pythias emblem. The original emblem, designed in copper, was removed from the building’s parapet several years ago for safe-keeping and display in the Museum.

Other preservation partners in Phase Two were the **National Trust for Historic Preservation** and the **Texas Historical Foundation**, which both granted funds for architectural planning; **Texas Preservation Trust Fund**; **Cuero Visionaries in Preservation Program**; and the **Texas Historical Commission**.

Improvement to the building’s appearance is immeasurable, and the accompanying photographs speak chapters of the overall effects of the building’s influence on well-planned historic preservation projects. 

Restoration of front façade completed



Before: inappropriate alterations, such as the garage door



After: historically appropriate window placement

Paint removal and replication of Knights of Pythias emblem



Before: original Knights of Pythias emblem is in storage, and will be on display as part of the Museum’s collections



After: the Knights of Pythias emblem is a significant detail

Before and after restoration of front door and windows, detail photos



Before: Overhead garage door before restoration.



After: Removal of entrance aluminum door and restoration of doors and window in front

Before and after complete restoration of arch and rear door



Before: note the faint outline of the original brick archway



After: bricks replaced and repointed, cleared of old paint