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Birdville Museum

The dream has come true!

I can't believe it has happened in only 15 years! Our very first brochure in 1996 stated our mission is to someday have a Museum and that day has come. Birdville has a museum and our August meeting will be on site!

**Our guests will be Steve Myers and Cowboy Singer Billy Cate
About the Chisholm Trail
And the route through North Texas**

Tuesday August 16, 2011

Birdville Museum

7:00 PM

6030 Walker Street

Haltom City, Texas

Steve Myers

As an avid western history buff, Steve has been interested in the history of the Chisholm Trail since he was a young boy. He grew up not too far from Abilene, Kansas, and many of you know, it is famous for being the last stop on the Chisholm Trail for the trail drivers moving their herds north.

His interest in the Chisholm Trail only deepened when he became a transplanted Texan over 30 years ago. Steve's interest has become a passion for him and he is supporting the group's efforts to mark the trail in Texas.

Steve is a member of the Tarrant County Historical Commission and is a board member with the Texas Heritage Trails, Texas lake region which is also part of the Texas Historical Commission. He

collects books and memorabilia on the history of the Chisholm Trail and enjoys sharing the story with the public.

He is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Tarrant County, the State of Texas and marking the Chisholm Trail in Texas to become a National Historic Trail.

Steve spent over 38 years in the printing and graphic arts industry and is a Vietnam veteran USMC. He and his wife Debra live in Fort Worth, Texas

Billy Cate

The Chisholm Trail Marker project has been Mr. Cate's passion and he has produced the markers that are being dedicating all along the Chisholm Trail in Texas.

Billy Cate, president of the Johnson County Historical Commission, board member with the Texas Heritage Trails, Texas Lakes Region and a professional cowboy singer, song-writer, musician who performs some of his original songs. Born in Texas, Billy is a true Texas cowboy. His career as an entertainer began about the age of eight with a Gene Autry guitar and a twenty-five cent songbook. He built up his career singing at popular clubs and private parties through-out the Southwest. He performs at these venues but also keeps the Old West and cowboy music alive by performing in his own western setting called Chisholm Town. He and his wife, Carolyn, built on the Old Chisholm Trail in central Texas. They now live in a log house there on the trail near the river where cowboys camped and bedded the cattle down for the night.

He is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Johnson County, the state of Texas and marking the Chisholm Trail in Texas to become a National Historic Trail.

“The Chisholm Trail Cowboy” www.BillyCate.com

Birdville Museum Update

If you did not get to attend the Grand Opening, now is your chance to come in and enjoy the history collection of Birdville Historical Society and BISD Archives. I know you will be proud and pleasantly surprised.

We will serve lite refreshments



Left - Ida Joe Reynolds and Betty Porter Officially Open The Birdville Museum
Center - 300 People Attended The Grand Opening
Right - Weldon Canon, Chuck Barnett & Darlene Hooks



Left – BISD School Board Member Cary Hancock – Roberta Reeves
Center – Bonnie Richards and the Haltom City Garden Club Served Refreshments
Right – Rusty Peterman of the Hills Church offered The Invocation

We would like to thank the following for new donations.

Diamond Corporate Sponsor – Advanced Chemical Logistics, LTD.

New display cases – Mary Haltom

Cash donation – Bette Nolen

Vintage clothing – Gary Blocker Family

Plaque for doll collection – Bill Everett

Framed photos of Robert, Evander and G.W. Haltom – Mary Haltom

1920's Student Desk – Greg Farr and SLC Staff

Richland High School band uniform – Richard & Shirley Goolsby

Haltom High School cheerleading uniform – Sue (McDade) Lamar

Vintage trumpet on loan – Aaron Walden

Graduating class photos – David Larsen Photography

Box for display – Jim Collier

Collection of Birdville Church of Christ directories – Weldon Canon

Book – Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters – Dominick Cirincione

Quilt – Patsy Kelley

Log Cabin Restaurant ash tray – Bonnie Richards

Flowers for the Occasion

Paul's Flower Boutique

Ben E. Keith Foods

Richland Hills Historical Society

Haltom City Garden Club

There were approximately 300 guests attending the opening. The Northeast Chamber executed the official ribbon cutting, Rusty Peterman from the Hills Church gave the invocation, Ronny Porter was MC, Ida Joe Reynolds and Betty Porter cut the ribbon. Haltom City Garden Club served refreshments furnished by Birdville Historical Society. Janet Erlinger stepped in as photographer when the first one had a family emergency and could not come, thank you Janet.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this possible. Jack Knowles and the BISD Retired Personnel, BISD Food Service, the employees of BISD under the direction of Darrell Siems worked tirelessly to make sure everything was completed to perfection before the opening. Ronnie Caruthers and the Building & Grounds Dept., Jack Collier and his crew at Central Stores were especially helpful as was Mark Thomas and his office. Watkins Printing Services provided the invitations – Thank You!

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To receive this newsletter via email in the future!

If you have relatives or friends who would like to bequeath items to the Birdville Historical Society, we are recognized by the IRS as an official 501©3 organization and all donations will be tax deductible. In the case of a death in your family, you can be assured that any donations made in memory or in honor of your loved one in the way of photos, documents or historical objects, will be preserved in the best way possible. This is one way to insure that the work of preservation will continue in Birdville and would be a great time for you to contribute to the construction of the museum and move of the collection to our new museum space.

Birdville Historical Society would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of one of our members – Ola Mae Shockey – who passed away in June and also to the family of Vera Abbot Redding who passed away July 31, 2011.

If you have not had opportunity to join or pay your dues for 2011, please do so at this time. Mail your checks or contributions to Birdville Historical Society, P.O. Box 14246, Haltom City, Texas 76117

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