



The Stakeholder

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From the Board Chairman ...

Claiming Our Past, Inspiring Our Future is the strong motto that defines the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center. This motto is central to the Heritage Center's mission, "To tell the extraordinary stories of settling the Cherokee Strip and share the inspiring lessons of leadership with future generations."

One of our legendary citizens that we can claim from our past is Morris Singer. Morris was born in the Ukraine in the days of the Czars. At that time young men were taken off the streets and inducted into the army. Many of their families never heard from them again. Morris was able to obtain passage on a ship to America landing in Galveston, Texas. He was 16 years old and alone. He couldn't speak the language. He managed to work his way to Wichita, Kansas and later to Enid. He would travel between Wichita and Enid buying scrap metal to sell. Later he started a company in Enid called Singer Steel, which later became Metals USA, an international company. His story is one we can proudly lay claim.

Morris has been gone several years, but he left a legacy that we deeply appreciate. He told his sons that the streets of America were paved with gold and you could be anything you wanted to be if you were willing to work for it. His life was an example of success through hard work ... an example he was able to pass on to his boys. His beliefs are truly inspiring and amplify the meaning of our motto, Claiming Our Past, Inspiring Our Future.

Lew Ward



A New Addition ...

The Heritage Center is proud to be the new home of a beautiful piece of western art, *Giving Thanks*, a four-foot tall, bronze statue created by the Arizona artist and rancher, Deborah Copenhaver Fellows.

Giving Thanks was generously donated by **Lew and Suzy Meibergen**. You will find it on display during your next visit in the gardens of the Humphrey Heritage Village.

Director's Corner...

It's Gala Time!

If you attended the Gala last year, you know you don't want to miss it this year! Mark your calendars for the Heritage Center's 2nd Annual **Cherokee Strip Days Gala**. The celebration will begin at 7 p.m., Friday, September 16 on the Center's beautiful outdoor Plaza. The night will include great food by Panevino; great music by our return band, Stars; great celebration of our heritage and this year something new: We will have a live and silent auction featuring some of Northwest Oklahoma's finest experiences. From exclusive tours and luxurious accommodations to amazing meals, our auction items won't disappoint and you may even learn something new about the Cherokee Strip in the process. And of course, what Oklahoma auction would be complete without an OU and OSU package? Reservations are \$100 for individuals, \$175 for couples or book a table of eight for \$650 and bring your friends. Complete event details can be found on the Heritage Center website, www.csrhc.org on the Coming Soon page. We can't wait to see you at the Gala. It's going to be a big time!

Andi Holland



The Heritage Center Plaza made a stunning setting for the first Cherokee Strip Days Gala held last September.

Memoriams

*Sherman Smith, Austin Box, Sterling Wilson,
Daniel McNamara, Jason Neal Hampton,
Abe Preston*

by Lew and Myra Ward

Novella Marie Weber

by Inez Viers

For more information on how you can honor a loved one through a memoriam or honorarium please call (580) 237-1907.

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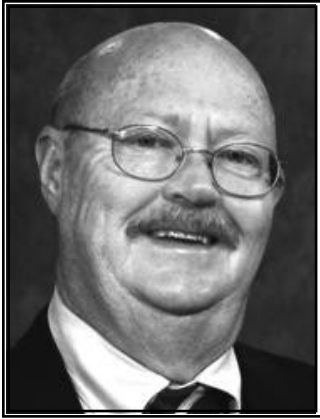
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**The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center
is proud to welcome back**

Dr. J. Rufus Fears

Presenting a five-week lecture series ...

The World Was Never the Same

Mondays at 7:00 P.M. in October

Oct. 3 Firing on Fort Sumter

Oct. 10 D-Day

**Oct. 17 Making of the Atomic
Bomb**

Oct. 24 The Assassination of John F. Kennedy

Oct. 31 September 11, 2001

Northern Oklahoma College-Enid • Montgomery Hall, Gantz Center

Admission is free and open to the public.

CSRHC Membership

The Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center got off to a great start this Spring hosting several exciting community events, and welcoming a steady stream of visitors from all over the state, as well as other countries this Summer.

There is a busy and exciting Fall planned, starting off with the opening of a new temporary exhibit on loan from the Oklahoma Historical Society, "Field, Forest & Stream."

Thanks to the vision and generosity of many wonderful people, Enid is now the home of this beautiful facility, a monument to the exciting story of the Cherokee Strip, and a gift to future generations.

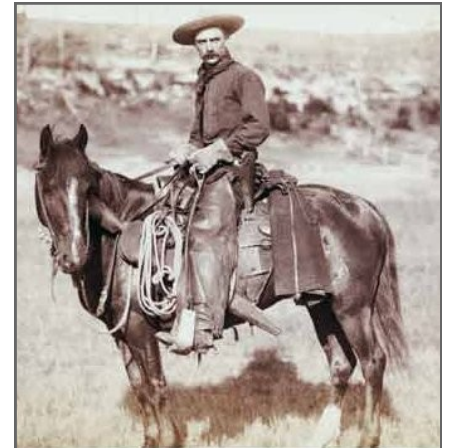


CSRHC now has over 150 membership holders, making possible upcoming programs and exhibits, as well as daily operation of the Heritage Center. All member levels receive two personalized membership cards, free admission to the Heritage Center for a year and much more. For more membership information, please call (580) 237-1907, ext. 221.

Thank you to **Dr. G. Franklin and Judith Forney** and **David and Sharon Trojan** for becoming 1893 Club Members with their generous donations.

Join Us For a Cherokee Strip Days Celebration

CSRHC Education Day
Friday, September 16
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.



Teachers ... Bring your students to explore the Land Run era of the Cherokee Outlet with hands-on activities and living history demonstrations of skills from over 100 years ago.

File your land claim, visit Turkey Creek School, play historic games, wash clothes at the Glidewell home, and much more.

Classes must pre-register for the event, and are welcome to bring sack lunches. Cost will be \$3.00 per student.

CHEROKEE STRIP DAYS

Gala



*Please join us for dining,
dancing and celebration*

2ND ANNUAL

CHEROKEE STRIP DAYS GALA
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

ON THE OUTDOOR PLAZA
OF THE NEW
CHEROKEE STRIP REGIONAL HERITAGE CENTER

CELEBRATION BEGINS
AT 7 P.M.

\$100 PER PERSON OR \$175 PER COUPLE
TABLE OF 8 SPONSORSHIP - \$650

EVENING/COCKTAIL ATTIRE

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 TO (580) 237-1907 x221

1893 LIVING HISTORY EVENT

SATURDAY ★ SEPT. 17, 2011
11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Admission:

\$5 for Adults

\$3 Students, Seniors, and Military

FREE—Children 5 & Under



***Step back in time to 1893 and experience
life in the Cherokee Outlet!***

FILE YOUR CLAIM AT THE LAND OFFICE

VISIT THE TURKEY CREEK SCHOOL

VISIT THE GLIDEWELL FAMILY ESTATE

1890'S MUSIC, FOOD & FAMILY FUN

HUMPHREY HERITAGE VILLAGE

Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center

507 S. 4th Street

Enid, OK

MORE INFORMATION

call 580-237-1907 x227

You Are Invited ...

Donor Board

This is your last chance to have your name or business listed on the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center's **Capital Campaign Wall of Honor** before it is finalized. We have extended the opportunity to be listed on the Wall of Honor through the end of the year.

Several important naming opportunities are still available.

Please contact Andi at (580) 237-1907, ext. 223 for more information.

Field, Forest & Stream:
The History of Oklahoma and the Outdoors

Preview Party

An exhibit exploring the history of outdoor sports and wildlife conservation in Oklahoma

**Thursday,
September 1, 2011
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Business Casual Attire
Camouflage and waders optional

CSRHC Members Free
Non-Members \$5

**CHEROKEE STRIP
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Territory Tales

Adventures in History

Territory Tales a pre-school age kids with parent program. Each Tale will take an adventure into a new book related to the current Temporary Exhibit at the Heritage Center. This fall Territory Tales will feature Field, Forest and Stream, Outdoor Oklahoma Adventures! Programs will feature story time, music and hands on activities. Territory Tales will take off on their first adventure Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30AM and will continue each Tuesday at 10:30AM at the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center. Admission is free. Call the Education Department for more information (580) 237-1907, x227.

Territory Tales

Tuesday, September 6 at 10:30AM



Watch Your Calendar for Christmas In The Village
A New Event Coming December 2011



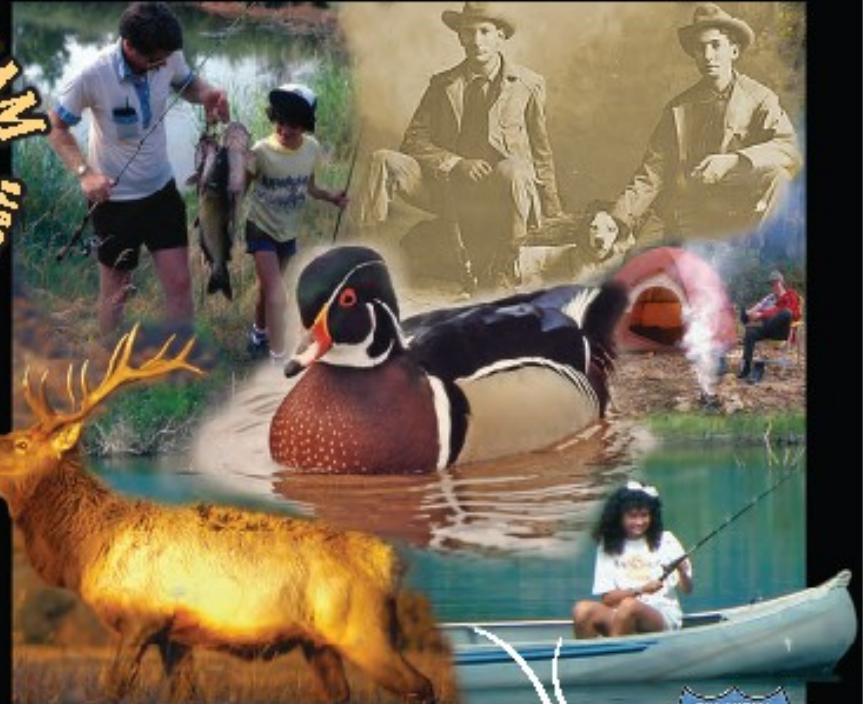
EXHIBIT- SEPT. 2, 2011- JAN. 15, 2012

THE CHEROKEE STRIP REGIONAL
HERITAGE CENTER PRESENTS
AN EXHIBIT CELEBRATING THE HISTORY
OF OUTDOOR SPORTS AND
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN OKLAHOMA.



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THE GRAND NATIONAL QUAIL HUNT
AND MUCH MORE!**

**OKLAHOMA
HISTORY
CENTER**



**Coming This Fall:
GENEALOGY
SATURDAYS**

If you have always been interested in learning how to research your family history, or are already a Genealogy enthusiast, you won't want to miss Genealogy Saturdays in the CSRHC Archives. Free to the public.



OCTOBER 8: "Researching Your Civil War Ancestors"
12-1 P.M. Billie Fogarty

Fogarty is a professional genealogist and former history teacher. She is the author of *Guidebook to Researching My Family Tree* and is current President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She lectures on many topics including Methodology, Migration and Immigration, and Native American Ancestry.

OCTOBER 22: "Pioneering from a Woman's Perspective"
12-3 P.M. - Genealogy Workshop, Carrie Cook

Cook has served the Miami, OK Public Library as Genealogy and Local History Specialist and now works as President of a publishing company in Wyandotte, OK. Cook has spoken to the

Oklahoma Genealogical Society in Oklahoma City, the Genealogy Speakers Guild in Springfield, IL, and is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

The first hour of the workshop will cover a first hand, oral history program, from the speakers own land run relative. The second will cover the Indian Pioneer History Collection Records (a valuable tool for people researching their family in this area, and Oklahoma as a whole), and the third will cover women's surname research.

NOVEMBER 5: "Ghost Towns in Oklahoma and Using Mail Lists on Roots Web Website"
12-1 P.M. Frederick Dittmar

Dittmar is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society, and is a Board Member of the Oklahoma Genealogical Society.

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Fall 2011—Schedule of Events

September 2011

Thursday, Sept. 1
5:30 to 7:30 P.M. **Members Preview Party
Field, Forest & Stream Exhibit**
Temporary Exhibit Gallery

Friday, Sept. 2 **Opening of Field, Forest
& Stream Exhibit**
Temporary Exhibit Gallery

Tuesday, Sept. 6 **Turkey Creek School
Fall semester begins**

Friday, Sept. 16 **CSRHC Education Day**
10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Humphrey Heritage Village

7 P.M. **Cherokee Strip Days Gala**
Outdoor Plaza, CSRHC

Saturday, Sept. 17 **Frontier Festival!**
11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Humphrey Heritage Village

October 2011

Mondays—7 P.M. **Public Lecture, Dr. Rufus Fears**
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Montgomery Hall, NOC-Enid

Saturday, Oct. 8 **Genealogy Saturday**
Noon-1 P.M. CSRHC Archives

Saturday, Oct. 22 **Genealogy Saturday**
Noon-3 P.M. CSRHC Archives

November 2011

Saturday, Nov. 5 **Genealogy Saturday**
Noon—1 P.M. CSRHC Archives

Friday, Nov. 18 **Turkey Creek School
Fall semester ends**

Thursday, Nov. 25 **Thanksgiving Day**
Museum Closed

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