



Open House for Crowder

An affiliate of NextEra Energy Resources is proposing a project in Caddo and Washita Counties. Residents are invited to meet with us about the proposed project with us. For additional information, please contact us at [phone number].

Wednesday, April 19

Location:
Colony Community Building
35 Watan Ave.
Colony, OK 73021



Crowder Wind Energy Center

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or the Oklahoma History Book

Chisholm Trail's 150th anniversary to be celebrated

MAX NICHOLS
a Historical Society
 150 years ago, in 1867, pioneers began driving long-herd from Texas up through Oklahoma Territory to the Kansas-Panhandle in Abilene, Kan., so they were shipped to northern cities.

They became famous as the Chisholm Trail, named after Jesse Chisholm, a Cherokee trader who made 11 trips down the road. In 1868, not knowing the name, he named it after his name.

They were teeming with people and neglect during the Civil War. It was worth \$3 a head in 1867, but by 1870 it brought \$40 to \$50 in New York, said Andi Dickson, director of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid, where no railroads had yet reached the Texas Plains.

The 150th anniversary of the trail will be celebrated with a series of events along the trail, which is 81 miles long. Exhibits and festival, said Dickson, director of the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid, Oklahoma Historical Society partners will mark the anniversary of the Chisholm Trail this spring," said Dickson, executive director of OHS.

"This route from Texas to Oklahoma, where they could find markets on the East

open spaces of 19th-century Oklahoma made the trek a grueling one for individuals who followed cattle trails, including the Chisholm Trail, had economic,

social and environmental impact on what became Oklahoma. Romantic versions of the cattle trail story continue to influence depictions of Oklahoma and the American West today."

The official celebration kickoff will begin April 1 at the Chisholm Trail Museum in Kingfisher, which opened a new trail exhibit in February. On April 1, the city of Kingfisher will dedicate a map of the Chisholm Trail set in the sidewalk in front of the Jesse Chisholm sculpture on Main Street.

Also on April 1, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center in Enid will present the Chisholm Trail 150 Frontier Festival. This living history festival will feature music, cattle drive games and reenactments from 1 to 3 p.m., said Holland.

"At 1 p.m. in the Village Church," said Holland, "Joseph McCoy will try to persuade all the cattle ranchers in the room to trust him to drive their cattle to Abilene, Kan."

In addition, the Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center will open a new Chisholm Trail exhibit on May 5, running through Sept. 16. This large scale exhibit will be sponsored by the James C. and Teresa K. Day Foundation, said Holland.

In June, the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, located at the Simmons Center, 800 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan, will open a new exhibit on the *Technology of the West*. The Duncan center also presents an experiential theater for a one-of-a-kind experience.

Three major events also will be presented by the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan, said Stacy Cramer Moore of the Her-

itage Center, located at 1000 Chisholm Trail Parkway in Duncan. These events are:

• July 22 — National Day of the Cowboy free celebrations will include hands-on-arts, family activities, special guests and cowboy fun at the Heritage Center.

• July 23 — "A Theatrical Review of the Old Chisholm Trail" will celebrate the 150th anniversary with a program of theatrical classics that "helped us sing and dance our way into the West," said Moore. The event will be hosted by Chisholm Trail Heritage Center. Tickets will start at \$10.

• Nov. 17 — "Cattle, Campfires and a Cowboy Poetry Gathering" will present new and established talents at the Duncan Heritage Center, "live under the stars surrounded by cowboy goodness," said Moore.

In addition, the Heritage Center in Duncan will present exhibits including *Apron Strings*, celebrating the apron as a cultural art in April and May; *Technology of the West: The How and Why of Cowboy Engineering* during the summer, and *Imprinting the West: History of the West in Print* during September and October.

In addition, visitors can see Jesse Chisholm's grave along U.S. Hwy. 281, north of Geary. The granite historical marker at the grave was showing signs of wear when Mark Fletcher requested OHS permission to refurbish the marker. He learned the skills from his father, Ray Fletcher, who set the original marker.

"All this celebrates the work of Robert Klemme, Oklahoma's biggest advocate of the Chisholm Trail," said Dickson. "Over the past 20 years, Klemme has given countless programs for civic groups, bus

and walking tours, and school classes across the state."

His dedication manifested in a seven-year project to mark the trail from Red River Station in Texas to Caldwell, Kan. He manufactured and installed 400 concrete posts, weighing about 200 pounds, each on the trail's path across Oklahoma. One of his goals is to see the Chisholm Trail designated a National Historic Trail.

"Help us thank Bob Klemme for his work," said Blackburn, "by joining the 150th anniversary celebration of the Chisholm Trail."

Driver runs out of gas again after stealing squad car

TULARE, S.D. (AP) — A driver who called for help after running out of gas is accused of stealing a deputy's squad car in South Dakota and leading authorities in a pursuit before once again running out of fuel.

Troy James is charged with felony grand theft. Officials say James called for assistance early Monday on Highway 281 near the town of Tulare, saying his car had stopped and he apparently ran out of fuel.

Sheriff Kevin Schurch tells the Aberdeen American News the responding deputy tried to detain James because he was acting bizarrely. Schurch says James pushed the officer out of the squad and took off. He says James was apparently armed.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol and other officers joined in pursuing James. He was eventually caught about 140 miles (225 kilometers) away.