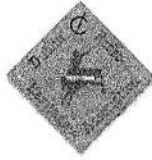


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LADIES AND LASSOS RECEPTION

The Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association will host a Ladies and Lassos Reception at the Rodeo Heritage Museum on Saturday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with Dublin Reunion Days. Special guests will include former Dublin Rodeo Queens, Trick Riders, and Sponsor Girls. Reminisce with the ladies of rodeo's glory days as they share stories with friends, past and present. Light refreshments will be served during the festivities and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call the Rodeo Heritage Museum at 254-445-0200.

BIG TOUR DATE

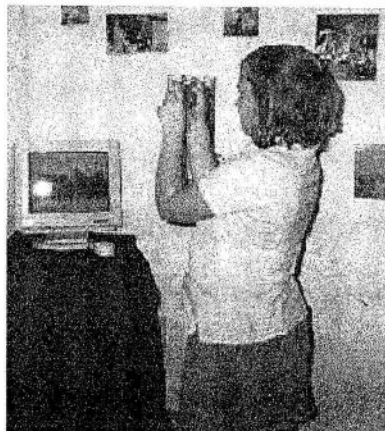
On Saturday, April 23, the Rodeo Heritage Museum was visited by the Sweetwater Class of 1953 and the Model A Car Club of Dallas. DRHA Vice President Harry Tompkins and fellow board member Mary Ann Stephen shared stories with guests as they enjoyed refreshments and browsed through the museum. If your group or organization would like to schedule a tour of the Rodeo Heritage Museum, please call 254-445-0200.

A PART OF TEXAS HISTORY

The Dublin Rodeo has always been a part of Texas history and now its story is being retold through the eyes of a child. Young Brook Chambers of Dripping Springs, Texas, wondered into the Rodeo Heritage Museum with her father, David Chambers, on Saturday, April 16. Brook had to compose a school report over a Texas town for Texas History month and her love for Dr. Pepper made Dublin the natural choice.

Brooke started her tour of Dublin at the Dr. Pepper museum and bottling plant, home of the world famous Dublin Dr. Pepper, still made with Imperial pure cane sugar. Though Dr. Pepper was her main draw, Brook soon discovered that the tiny town of Dublin had much more to offer. After visiting the Dublin Historical Museum, she and her father made their way down the sidewalk to the Rodeo Heritage Museum.

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Brooke Chambers photographing Colborn family exhibit.

Events Calendar

June 11

Ladies & Lassos Reception, RHM Dublin, TX
Dublin Reunion Days, Dublin TX
Dr. Pepper Alley Fest, Dublin, TX

June 18

Dairy Fest, Stephenville, TX

June 25

BBQ Cook-Off, Dublin, TX

July 2

Firecracker 100 Bike Ride/Race, Stephenville, TX

November 12

DRHA Honors Awards Banquet, Dublin, TX

HONORS AWARDS BANQUET

Mark Your Calendars

Preparations are underway for this year's Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association's Honors Awards Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2005. The Honors Awards Banquet is the DRHA's premier yearly event, as it highlights the life and times of select individuals who embrace the western heritage as a way of life. The event has gotten bigger and better every year and great food is always guaranteed. Don't forget about the auction! If you, your company, group, or organization would be interested in contributing to this year's auction, please contact Crystal Adams at 254-445-0200 or 254-965-7441.

Honorees this year will include Rosemary Colborn Tompkins, daughter of legendary stock contractor, Everett Colborn, and legendary rodeo cowboy, Jim Shoulders. Look for biographies on them and other honorees in upcoming newsletters.

Mark your calendars for November 12, and be sure to attend this year's DRHA Honors Awards Banquet in historic Dublin, Texas!

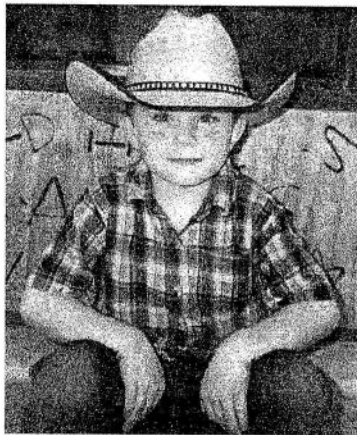
LINGLEVILLE 4-H

The Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association's Promotion's Director, Crystal Adams, gave an informative presentation to the Lingleville 4-H Chapter over the Rodeo Heritage Museum and the history of the Dublin rodeo on Tuesday, April 5. 4-H members of all ages, along with sponsors, listened attentively to tales of the old rodeo days in Dublin. The DRHA would like to thank the Lingleville 4-H chapter for inviting us to participate in your meeting.



Lingleville 4-H Chapter

★ **Cowpoke Corner** ★



This Quarter's Cowpoke

Noble Douglas Adams, age 5 - Stephenville, TX

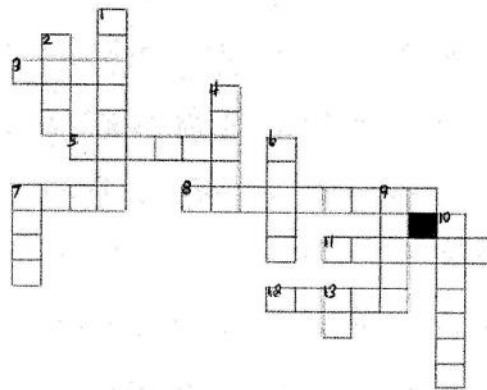
Noble is the son of Alan and Crystal Adams. He loves to spend time at the Rodeo Heritage Museum with his mother, DRHA's Promotions Director. He has participated in several mutton bustin events, with his high score being an 87.

Nominate your favorite Cowpoke! Send information to: Rodeo Heritage Museum, c/o Crystal Adams, PO Box 313, Dublin, TX 76446. Children must be 12 or under and related to a DRHA member.

Fun Facts!

In part of a Wild West show, Tad Lucas became the only woman to ever ride a Brahma Bull in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Cowpoke Puzzle



Down:

1. Dublin Rodeo ___ Assoc.
2. chute ___
4. rodeo royalty
6. ___ contractor
7. ___ rider
9. ___ seconds
10. lists rodeo facts/contestants
13. cowboy ___

Across:

3. number of timed events
5. ___ horn
7. red, white, ___
8. voice of rodeo
11. Roy ___
12. Don't ___ with yer spurs on!



COWBOY'S LAMENT

Trigger Happy

Well folks, I had originally planned on the premier of this section to be an interview with the renowned cowboy poet and singer, Red Steagall. Turns out, Red and I are both busy people so it is still in the works. So I decided to share a little information with you about a pair of really wonderful people that I had the pleasure of meeting at our Honors Awards Banquet last November, Brent and Kathleen Woods.

Brent and Kathleen transform into Bob Wire Woods and Della Star to make up the musical duo, Trigger Happy. They specialize in classic western music and just to give a taste of the atmosphere they provide, here is an excerpt from one of their flyers:

"Howdy Podnar,
This is to introduce you to a pair of Texas Troubadours that are Prairie Proud to provide the Best in Classic Western Music! ...When your next event requires a touch of the Ole West, Remember... The Quickest on the Draw for Classic Western Music, Trigger Happy!"

Brent had contacted the DRHA after he had read an article in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram about the Rodeo Heritage Museum and the upcoming Honors Awards Banquet. He and his wife offered their entertainment services during the dinner and a percentage of their CD sales from the event. He had sent us a preview CD in the mail and after hearing it I could not wait to hear them perform at the banquet.

With Bob Wire topped off in a ten gallon hat and Miss Della looking mighty western in her skirt and boots, Trigger Happy took the stage beside a make shift campfire, much to the delight of the banquet Honorees and guests. Performing songs such as "Take Me Back to Tulsa" and "Cattle Call", they filled the air with the atmosphere of days gone by. They even played my favorite, Della's rendition of "Mariah".

I, along with all of us at the Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association, would like to thank Brent and Kathleen for their most generous donation of their time and music. It is because of great people like you that the spirit of the west will continue to live on. You aren't kidding when you tell people "Trigger Happy invites you to enjoy the Trail Ride to rediscovery that Corrals the Classic American Art form... the Singing Cowboy!"

For more information on Trigger Happy:

Contact Brent Woods at:

Trigger Happy90@hotmail.com



Texas History

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Not realizing the rich rodeo history Dublin had to offer, they were flooded with facts and information as they gazed upon walls of pictures, cases of memorabilia, and heard stories of the rodeo legends that participated in Dublin's World Championship Rodeo. Brook took several pictures of the museum's exhibits and special features such as the Branding Wall and Honors Walk to share with her class.

Brook and her father left with brochures copies of past newsletters and a better understanding and deeper appreciation of Dublin's rodeo legacy. The Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association would like to thank Brook and her father for visiting our little corner of Texas. We wish you the best of luck on your project.

BRANDING WALL ADDITIONS

The annual Branding Iron Ceremony for 2005 was held on March 26. This year's additions were the Rafter A, dedicated in memory of Lester and Ann Adams, the STU of Tarleton State University, and the 69 brand of William "Big Bill" Keith. Keith's brand was placed on the branding wall by his great-great granddaughter, Rebecca Prince. It is believed that Keith settled in Dublin in 1859 and his brand is one of the oldest registered brands in Erath County. Look for a short biography on Big Bill Keith in your next newsletter.

If you are interested in showcasing your brand among those of Everett Colborn, Gene Autry, the Lightning C, and many more, please call the Rodeo Heritage Museum at 254-445-0200.



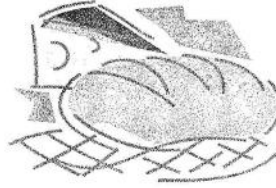
DRHA President and Tarleton Professor, Dr. Don Henneke, adding the TSU brand.

RANCH HOUSE RECIPES

Chili Rolleno Bread

Submitted by Carolyn Harbin of Dublin, TX

¾ cup chopped, fresh Anaheim chilies
1½ stick butter
2 cups biscuit mix
4 eggs
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
8 oz. cottage cheese
¼ cup water



Melt butter in skillet and cook chopped chilies 5 minutes. Set aside. In bowl, mix biscuit mix, eggs, cheese, cottage cheese, and water. Add chili mixture to bowl and stir. Pour batter into greased loaf pan and bake at 425 degrees for 20 minutes.

Fluffer-Nutter Bites

Submitted by Crystal Adams of Stephenville, TX

Box Ritz Crackers
1 jar of marshmallow cream
1 ¼ cup of natural style peanut butter*
Dipping chocolate

In a medium bowl, stir peanut butter until smooth and easy to work with. Fold in marshmallow cream. Place small amount between two Ritz crackers to make "sandwiches". Once all of the cream mixture is used, place the sandwiches in the refrigerator for approximately 30 minutes to set. Remove a few at a time and coat with melted chocolate. Place on wax paper and put back in refrigerator until chocolate is set. Once set, they can be stored in a sealed container in the refrigerator. For a fun treat, let kids decorate them with sprinkles, nuts, or candy before the chocolate is set!

*1 cup of regular peanut butter can also be used if natural style is not available.

Send your favorite recipes to share! Be sure to include your name and town. Send to: Rodeo Heritage Museum, c/o Crystal Adams, PO Box 313, Dublin, TX 76446.

COWBOY POETRY

"THE HANDS THAT WON THE WORLD"

His hands didn't pull that bull rope "suicidal" tight...
But they kept Ol' Uppy balanced and sittin' upright!
Naw, expensive jewels are not a part of their décor...
They display scars and calluses from the hard work of days before!

These hands that skipped rocks across ponds as a child...
Spent their teenage years caring for calves that ran wild!
These same hands led him through his rodeo career...
And for the first time the bulls were the ones full of fear!
Harry Tompkins is an eight-time World Champion and a legend in time...

Now at home in Dublin, Texas he sits ponderin', all easier ways of makin' that hard earned dime.

Mindy Mathis

This poem was written for Harry Tompkins's and was recited at his DRHA Tribute Dinner on July 17, 2004.

The DRHA encourages its members to submit their original works of cowboy poetry to be included in the newsletter. Send poems to: Rodeo Heritage Museum, c/o Crystal Adams, PO Box 313, Dublin, TX 76446.

WANTED

Dublin Rodeo Heritage Association Members

Membership in the DRHA makes possible the preservation of important historical rodeo materials. With your active support in RHM and DRHA activities, you bring the Dublin Rodeo Story to a new generation of Americans and keep the history of rodeo alive for generations to come.

Pioneer Member \$5,000 Lifetime membership, free paver, PLUS
Champion Member \$1,000 4 tickets to annual banquet, 1 DRHA shirt, PLUS
Trail Boss Member \$ 500 3 tickets to annual banquet, 1 DRHA shirt, PLUS
Foreman Member \$ 100 1 ticket to annual banquet, PLUS
Wrangler Member \$ 50 Package of historic rodeo postcards, PLUS
Cowpoke Member \$ 25 Quarterly newsletter, The Rodeo Express

Send membership dues to Rodeo Heritage Museum, PO Box 313, Dublin, TX 76446