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*Tracking the Trail of History*

90th Annual Meeting April 5—6, 2013

Wichita Falls, Texas



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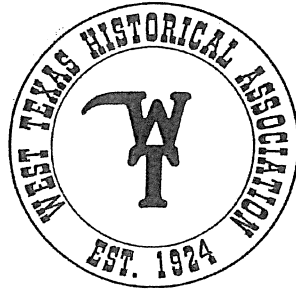
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**Cover:** *WEE-CHI-TAH* by Jack Stevens, Iowa Park.

Dedicated in 2003 the sculpture is based on the legend of how Wichita Falls got its name—i.e. the utterance of a Native American woman testing the depth of the river at the crossing. History teaches us that the name is drawn from the Wichita Tribe that frequented the area. The actual “Falls” of the Big Wichita River was swept away years ago by one of area’s legendary floods. Ironically, the sculpture that honors the legend sits just down river of where the real falls was located--a true blend of legend and fact.

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**West Texas Historical Association  
90th Annual Meeting – Wichita Falls  
Friday April 5, 2013**

**Registration: 8:00 A.M. – Reception Area Adjacent Comanche Suites, Clark Student Center.**

**Silent Auction: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Room 171, Clark University Center. To benefit the Student Scholarship Fund – Viewing and Bidding**

**9:00 – 10:15 A.M.**

**1. *Tracking the Nineteenth Century Texas Rangers: A Panel Discussion.***

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Harold J. Weiss, Leander, Presiding

• Panelists:

Michael L. Collins, Midwestern State University.

Chuck Parsons, Luling.

Stephen L. Hardin, McMurry University.

Donaly Brice, Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Tom Crum, Granbury.

**2. *Buffalo Hunters and West Texas Trails.* Room 172**

Jack Becker, Texas Tech University, Presiding

- *TeePee City: Buffalo Hunters' Outpost on the Rath Trail*, Marisue Potts, Mott Creek Ranch/Motley County Historical Commission.
- *Jones Plummer Trail*, Pauline Hodges. Oklahoma Panhandle State University.
- *Comanchero and Comanche Trails*, Duane Johnson, Foard County Historical Commission.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M.

**3. Contested Land and Lifeways in West Texas.** Room 172

William Tydeman, Texas Tech University, Presiding

- *The Spanish/Navajo Connection: The Navajo and Spanish at War with the Apache*, Robert Hall, West Texas Historical Association.
- *Horsehead Crossing*, Travis Roberts, Jr., Brewster County Historical Commission.
- *After the Battle of Blanco Canyon*, Sam M. Watts, Floyd County.

**4. The North Central Texas Frontier,** Room 162

Tiffany Fink, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

- *A Tale of Two Houses* [The Kell House in Wichita Falls], Stacie Flood, Kell House Museum.
- *The Burk Burnett Family in Wichita County*, Lita Watson, Museum of North Texas.
- *Sarah Jane Davis: A Femme Sole* [on the high grass prairie of Wichita County], Becky Trammell, Burkburnett.

**5. Environment, Wilderness, and Heritage History in the Lone Star State.**

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Suzanne Campbell, Angelo State University, Presiding

- *Local Response and Initiative: The Environment, Natural Resources, and Small Towns in the Texas Panhandle Plains Since 1945*, Philip G. Pope, Texas Tech University. **2012 Fellow, Excellence in West Texas History Program.**
- *Constructing Wilderness in Big Bend National Park*, Neel G. Baumgardner, University of Texas. **2012 Fellow, Excellence in West Texas History Program.**
- *Highways, History, and Hinterlands: Texas' Heritage Trails over Forty-Five Years*, Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region.

**Lunch:** On Your Own. Meals can be purchased at the Clark Student Center (room 145). Available off campus outlets are within convenient driving distance especially on or near Maplewood Avenue: *Atlanta Bread Company*; *Hunan Chinese Restaurant*; *Parkway Grill*; *Texas Best Barbeque and Burgers*. A little further out and long-time local favorites are *Scott's Drive In* (since 1960), *Prine's BBQ* (since the 1960s), and *Stanley's BBQ* (since 1971).

1:00 – 2:15 P.M.

**6. *The Southern Comanche Homeland: A Panel Discussion.***

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

- Panelists:  
Wallace Coffey, Chairman Comanche Tribe.  
Montie Guthrie, Santa Anna, Texas.  
Linda Pelon, McLennan Community College.

**7. *Feeding the Children of West Texas.*** Room 172

Jean Stuntz, West Texas A&M University, Presiding.

- *Snack Pack 4 Kids and the High Plains Food Bank in Amarillo*, Dwight Vick, West Texas A&M University.
- *Snack Pack 4 Kids in Hereford*, Krista Lee, Hereford Independent School District.
- *Hunger and Food Insecurity in Texas*, Johnny Dukes, Children's Hunger Program, Wichita Falls.

**REFRESHMENTS IN THE RECEPTION AREA**

2:30 – 3:45 P.M.

**8. *Promoting Texas in Politics, Borderlands Scholarship, and a Significant Anniversary.*** Room 172

Patrick Maille, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Presiding.

- *Orville Bullington of Wichita Falls: The Texas Politician Nobody Knows*, Billy Hathorn, Laredo Community College.
- *C. L. Sonnichsen: Border Fence Sitter*, Joyce Gibson Roach, Keller.
- *100 Years, 100th Meridian: The Texas Centennial in West Texas*, Bob Brinkman, Texas Historical Commission.

**9. *Law and Lawlessness on the Nineteenth-Century Texas Frontier.***

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Marisue Potts, WTHA President--Matador, Presiding.

- *Following Corporal Kimbell [1850s to 1880s Law and Order Hill Country Style]*, Peter Rose, Austin.
- *Lampasas, 1855-1882: Struggles of a Frontier Texas Town*, Bill O'Neal, Texas State Historian.
- *Life, Law, and Love on the North Texas Frontier, 1876-1879*, Travis Childs, Cameron University/Clay County Historical Society.

**10. 'Cold Cases,' a Budding Scholar, and Homesteading the High Grass County.**

Room 162

Cindy Martin, Lubbock County Historical Commission, Presiding

- *Researching Really, Really Cold Case Crimes in Frontier Texas*, Bill Neal, Abilene.
- *The Creation of Cleburne State Park by the CCC*, Anthony Smith, Tarleton State University. **STUDENT AWARD WINNER.**
- *Homesteading Wichita County*, Jahue Anderson, North Central Texas College.

**4:00 – 5:15 P.M.**

**11. CENTER FOR BIG BEND STUDIES SPONSORED SESSION.** Room 162

J. T. Tillapaugh, University of Texas, Permian Basin, Presiding

- *Late Paleoindians in the Big Bend*, William A. Cloud, Sul Ross State University.
- *The Prehistoric and Historic Use of Plants in West Texas*, Richard W. Walter, Sul Ross State University.

**12. The Promised Land for Native Americans, Texans, and Military Museums.**

Room 172

Barbara Brannon, Texas Plains Trail Region, Presiding

- *Rethinking Caddo Geography, 1835-1850*, Jim Tiller, Sam Houston State University.
- *Texas—La Terre Promise*, Robert J. Robertson, Beaumont.
- *World War II Military Museum in West Texas*, John McCullough, Texas Tech University.

**13. Ghost Towns, Border Life, and Cowboy Art of West Texas.** Room

138 (Shawnee Theater)

Joann Pospisil, Baylor College of Medicine, Presiding

- *Windswept Streets: Ghost Towns of Old Tom Green*, Ray Theiss, Angelo State University.
- *Common Ground: The Trans-Pecos, Southern New Mexico, and the State of Chihuahua*, Richard Hancock, University of Oklahoma.
- *Jack Stevens and the Importance of Public Art in Establishing a Sense of Place for Wichita Falls*, Holle Humphries, Lubbock.



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**FRIDAY EVENING**

**6:30 P.M. – Reception Honoring President Marisue Potts,  
*Kemp Center for the Arts, 1300 Lamar. [map at registration].***  
(Pre-reception gathering Afternoon until 6:30 PM at the *Bar L Drive Inn*--  
smoking facility, 908 13th St-- across the street from the Kemp Center for the  
Arts).

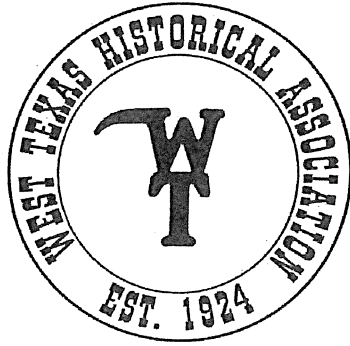
**7:00 P.M. – Banquet. *Kemp Center for the Arts.* Check with the registration  
desk for availability of van transportation from hotels.**

**President Marisue Potts, Presiding.**

**7:30 P.M. – Featured Speaker, John Miller Morris, Professor of Geography  
at the University of Texas at San Antonio.**

*The Trouble with Trails:  
When Geography and History  
'Hit the Road' Together*

Dr. Morris is a native son of the Texas Panhandle, an award-winning author, and a Professor of Geography at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He specializes in the historical geography of the Greater Southwest. His five books include *El Llano Estacado: Exploration and Imagination on the High Plains of Texas* (winner of the WTHA Rupert Richardson Best Book Award), *From Coronado to Escalante: The Explorers of the Spanish Southwest*, *A Private in the Texas Rangers: A. T. Miller of Company B, Frontier Battalion*, and *Taming the Land: The Lost Postcard Photographs of the Texas High Plains*. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Morris also attended the University of Vienna and Moscow State University. He is and a member of the Texas Institute of Letters. Dr. Morris lives in Austin in an old Victorian house.



**Saturday, April 6, 2013**

**SATURDAY MORNING. Registration. 8:00 – 11:00 A.M.**

**Silent Auction. 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. Room 171, Clark Student Center.  
Bidding will close at 10 A.M.**

**8:15 – 9:30 A.M.**

**14. Interpreting Colonial, Antebellum, and Early 20th Century Texas: EAST TEXAS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED SESSION.**

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Bruce Glasrud, ETHA President, Presiding

- *Ignacio Perez: Rancher, Soldier, and Politician in Colonial Texas*, Brad Folson, University of North Texas.
- *Redefining Slave Holders and Wealth in Northwestern Antebellum Texas*, Debbie Liles, University of North Texas.
- *The Textile Special*, Deborah Kilgore, University of North Texas.

**15. *Legal Questions and the Conflict of Two Worlds in Texas*: PHI ALPHA THETA—TAU GAMMA CHAPTER SPONSORED SESSION.** Room 172.

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, Presiding.

- *The Elm Creek Raid and Indian Depredations in and Around Young County, Texas*, Jim Hammond, Fort Stockton and Annie Riggs Museum.
- *Convict Slavery? An Examination of Convict Labor in the Texas Sugar Industry*, Jeff Dickey, Midwestern State University.
- *The Desegregation of Midwestern: Battle, et al v. Wichita Falls Junior College District, et al*, Robert Stewart, Midwestern State University.



9:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

**16. Promoting Texas through Agriculture, Journalism, and Boosterism.**

Room 172

Leland Turner, Midwestern State University, Presiding

- *Pestilence in the Fields: Biotech Engineering Giants, West Texas Agriculture, and Pesticide Abuse*, Abigail Scott, Midwestern State University.
- *The Nocona Free Press: How Enid Justin Reached the World through the Associated Press*, Jesse W. Beckham, Midwestern State University.
- *A Name is Not Just a Name: The Misinterpretation of Pochanaquarhip*, Patrick Ray Calzada, Cameron University.

**17. Influences on the Texas Panhandle.** Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Tim Bowman, West Texas A&M University, Presiding

- *Influences of the Bison*, David Favela, and Elyse Blackwell, West Texas A&M University.
- *The Role of Religion in the Development of the Panhandle*, Hillarie Easley-McPherson, West Texas A&M University.
- *The Nazareth Rodeo*, Larissa Gardner, West Texas A&M University.

11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

**18. From Home on the Range to ¡Viva Terlingua!’ by Way of Wichita Falls.**

Room 138 (Shawnee Theater)

Lynn Whitfield, Texas Tech University, Presiding

- *As Falls Wichita, So Falls Wichita Falls...in Song*, Joe W. Specht, Abilene.
- *At Home on the Range: The Influence of the Texas Landscape on the Music of David Guion*, Robert Reitz, Dallas.
- ¡Viva ‘¡Viva Terlingua!’ Andy Wilkinson, Texas Tech University.

**19. Tracking the Great Western Trail in the 21st Century: GREAT WESTERN TRAIL ASSOCIATION SPONSORED SESSION.** Room 172

Myra Busby, Seymour Chamber of Commerce, Presiding.

- *Tracking the GWT from Mexico to Canada: The Longest and Largest GWT Research Project in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Sylvia Mahoney, Great Western Trail Association.
- *Tracking the Truth about the 19th Century GWT Through a Drover’s Memory*, Jeff Bearden, Great Western Trail Association.
- *Visual GWT Tracks Across Canvas: Western Trail Art Association (WTAA)*, Mary Ann McCuiston, Great Western Trail Association.



Cowgirl rodeo trick riders perform at Spudder Park in Wichita Falls, Texas.

**SATURDAY AWARDS AND BUSINESS LUNCH: 12:30 – 2:00 P.M.**

**Comanche Suites, Room 135, Clark Student Center.**

- Mrs. Percy (Ruth Leggett) Jones Best Article Award
- Rupert Richardson Best Book Award
- R. C. Crane Best Fiction Award
- Best Student Essay Award
- Ernest Wallace Research Grant
- William Curry Holden Grant (student)
- Student Scholarship
- Election of officers
- Presidential Address

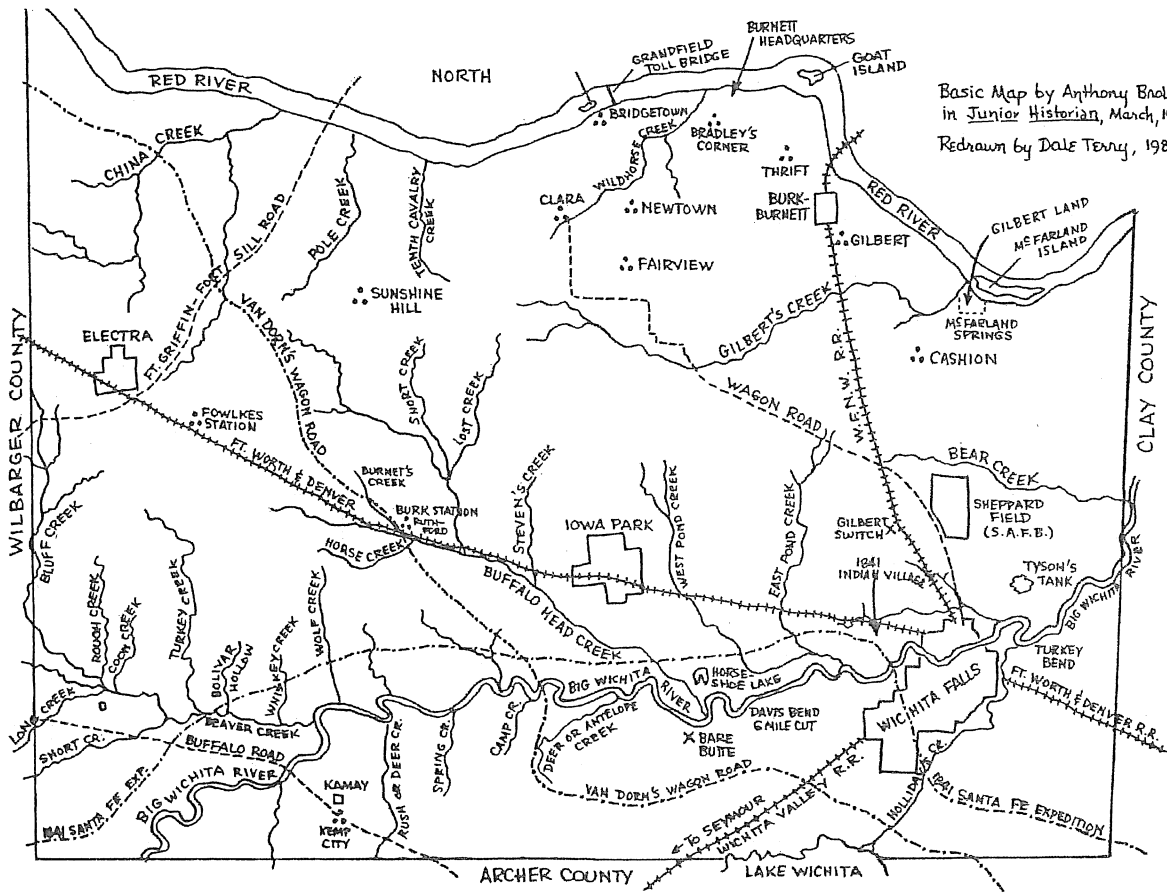
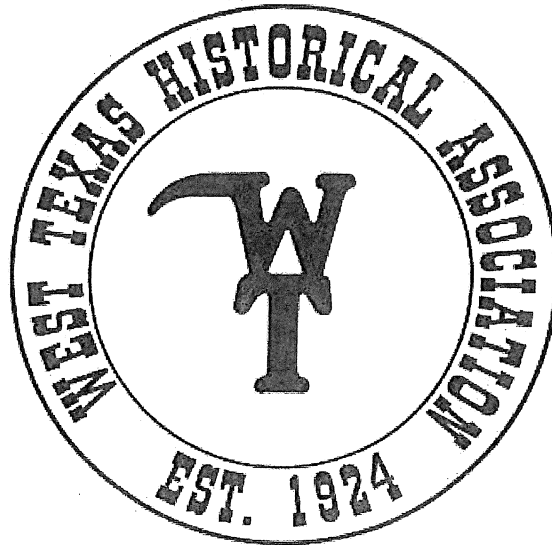
**Presidential Address:  
WTHA President Marisue Potts**

*Don't Bring a Mare to the Roundup:  
The Cowboys' Unwritten Rules*

**2:30 P.M. Saturday Afternoon Tour of the Medicine Park, Oklahoma, area.**

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Map of Wichita County drawn by a Junior Historian in 1944.