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For Immediate Release

THE MCLENNAN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION PRESENTS THE CHISHOLM TRAIL FESTIVAL, "ACROSS THE BRAZOS AT WACO" OCTOBER 22 - 24, 2010. THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE THE UNVEILING OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL MARKER AT THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER THE BRAZOS IN DOWNTOWN WACO ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd AT NOON.

Waco, TX - Kickoff will be a trail ride from Lacy Point in Speegleville to the Lindsey Farm on Steinbeck Bend Road. A campout and chuck wagon supper are planned for the riders, with Billy Cate, the Trail Boss of the State of Texas Chisholm Trail Marker Project, singing old cowboy songs.

Meanwhile, back at Indian Springs Park, a square dance is planned. Food, beverage and craft vendors will be open all three days.

Saturday will begin with the trail riders picking up a herd of longhorns, with the cattle and riders reaching the Suspension Bridge at noon.

After the unveiling ceremony, festival goers may visit areas of the park where mariachi bands will be playing. Other events planned include trick roping, Ballet Folklorico, Waco history reenactments, Indian lore story telling, and arts and crafts.

Around dark, the Mack Abernathy Band will kick off a street dance, with Billy Cate and his band playing until midnight.

For those who wish to do so, the park is open to camping for the night.

Sunday morning, Greg Moore, the Tailgate Preacher, will hold a Cowboy Church Service, with Billy Cate singing gospel songs from his new album. In the afternoon, the Black Gospel Choir from Baylor will perform.

For those wishing to ride in the trail ride, contact Vernon Leuschner, 254.881.2112. The cost is \$20, and includes a chuck wagon breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings, and a chuck wagon supper on Friday evening, donated by Greg Moore, the Tailgate Preacher.

If you are interested in buying a booth, contact Laura Bettge at lib7468@yahoo.com.

For information on sponsorship availability contact Mollie Smith-Sponsorship Chair 254-339-4050 or Hal Pledger –Event Chairwoman 254-666-3431

For everyone wanting to have a fun weekend in October, come to Indian Springs Park, between Franklin and Washington, on the Brazos River in Waco, October 22,23,24, 2010.

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