

Texas Trail Museum Newsletter

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MUSEUM'S SARATOGA INN RAFFLE WON BY PINE BLUFFS MAN

You said you wanted it and we heard you. Back by popular demand, the Museum's first fund fundraising effort of 2007, that raffle of a free week end for two at the Saratoga Inn, Saratoga, WY was held. This year, 175 tickets were offered at \$10 each. All were sold quickly. And at its last meeting, the Museum's Board voted to toss in a \$40.00 check to cover meals for the lucky winner.

The drawing, held on Thursday, May 17, with Fr. Ray Rodriguez, Pastor at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church doing the honors, produced a winner for this year's raffle – Norman Sanders, of Pine Bluffs. Congratulations, Norman, and thanks to all those who bought tickets. Your purchase has helped to preserve and restore artifacts which tell the story of southeastern Laramie County's rich history.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JUNE 30th

The Texas Trail Museum's 2007 Annual Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, June 30, at

the beautiful Four Winds Golf Course, Kimball; shotgun time is 9 a.m.

This years Tourney will feature flag prizes at every hole, a prize for the first place team, and a \$10K – yes, that's right – a 10 thousand dollar – hole in one prize.

So sign up early by calling 245-3713, 245-3131 or 245-3775.

MEMBERS ELECT OFFICERS, BOARD

Approximately 20 exuberant members turned out on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 for the Museum's Annual Meeting at the old Historic High School.

After hearing the President describe the recent progress made and the plans for this year, a slate of officers and Board members was presented, and nominations were thrown open. There being none from the floor, the slate was adopted by acclamation. Names of those elected appear in the upper left hand column of this newsletter.

The meeting provided a great opportunity to hear what has been accomplished, what is on the drawing board for your museum this year, and to hear our President say that he thought we could, in the near future "...take our place as one of the top museums in the State of Wyoming..."

DUES, DUES, DUES

If you joined the Museum during the months of January through July 2006, your dues are

now due for 2007. Kindly make your check payable to the Texas Trail Museum and send it to P.O. Box 545, Pine Bluffs, WY 82082.

Membership in the Texas Trail Museum is easy on the pocketbook:

Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Silver Shield	\$50.00
Gold Shield	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$500.00

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the Texas Trail Museum's Annual Meeting in the books, our attention quickly turned to preparations for opening day and to activities for the summer season.

The Museum consists of the Main Exhibition Hall, the Agriculture & Transportation Building (a/k/a the Bowser Building), the former Warren Boarding House, Doc Morris's office, the oldest schoolhouse in southeastern Laramie County, a decommissioned Catholic Church, a Union Pacific Telegraph House, a Switchman's Shack, and a UP Caboose. All needed to be cleaned and made presentable for the public. This has been done to the extent possible, but periodic maintenance is needed throughout the summer months.

The Board also hopes to upgrade the Museum's appearance with trees, shrubbery, and flowers. To accomplish these tasks volunteers are needed. I plan to hold several Volunteer Work Days throughout the summer, and hope that all members will participate.

If you have any questions about this or anything pertaining to the Museum, please feel free to contact me at 245-3713 or 245-3304.

BOWSER HOMESTEAD CABIN IS COMPLETE

The Bowser family, part of the Jolly Dry

Farmers homesteaders in Hillsdale during the early 20th Century, wouldn't recognize it!

The building has been completely renovated; siding, windows, a new door, flooring, and rug, installed. And it's been furnished in accordance with information provided by Curt Bowser, who, with his brother and sisters, grew up in the cabin.

We've added the building to our tour list for the public to enjoy. Stop by and see it soon!

MUSEUM HOURS

Memorial Day through Labor Day, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

Tour Guides available.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SET FOR JULY 14

The semi-annual Ice Cream Social, held in conjunction with the Laramie County Public Library, will occur on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Texas Trail Park, behind the Museum.

Look for a flyer at the Library and Museum announcing details. Come on out, bring the kiddies and enjoy the day!

SOME HUMOR

Always a favorite, Mark Twain said these:

"I am opposed to millionaires . . . but it would be dangerous to offer me the position."

"Last week, I stated that this woman was the ugliest woman I'd ever seen. Since then I have been visited by her sister, and now I wish to withdraw that statement."

And this is attributed to Groucho Marks:

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury."