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PAGE 2: General Information

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| Q1: Please enter the name of your county. | Post Oak |
| Q2: Enter your primary CHC contact below as requested. List a co-chair if one exists; to clarify, we do not consider vice-presidents to be co-Chairs. | |
| Name of 2014 CHC chair | Henry Ford |
| Name of 2014 CHC co-chair (if there are 2 chairs) | NA |
| Name of 2015 CHC chair--comment if new chair not selected to date | New 2015-16 term chair will be chosen in January |
| Name of 2015 CHC co-chair (if there are 2 chairs) | NA |
| Q3: Enter information if you have an official space, room, or building; please DO NOT ENTER a personal address or phone number. | |
| Address of CHC office | Post Oak County Courthouse, 101 Main St., Jergenson, TX 70007 |
| Telephone number of CHC office | NA |
| Q4: We will direct inquiries about reporting answers to the person who fills out this report unless you direct us otherwise. Enter contact information as requested--name, email address, and phone number. | |
| Contact info for person filling out report | CHC Secretary, Hubble Smith, hubble.smith@smackdab.net, 512-463-5853 |
| Direct questions about reporting answers to this person rather than the one who filled out the report | our 2014 chair--Henry Ford, henry.ford@smackdab.net, 512-475-2692 |

PAGE 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

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| Q5: How many volunteer hours were contributed to CHC meetings, projects, and programs in 2014? Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive. | |
| Volunteer hours | 2800 |

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Q6: Provide the number of individuals appointed to your CHC in 2014. Please enter numbers only for your answer; do not use symbols or text; a comma is considered a symbol.

of CHC appointees

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Q7: Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

We update volunteer hours at every meeting. Each appointee keeps track of his or her hours throughout the month, and then reports the totals at each CHC meeting. Keeping a running total helps our appointees remember to keep track of their hours, rather than trying to guess a total at the end of the year.

PAGE 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

Q8: Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2014. Indicate the number of CHC committee meetings held separate and apart from full commission meetings. Both questions must be answered using numbers only; do not use symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC was inactive in 2014 (i.e., did not provide services to the county,)

CHC full commission meetings in 2014

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CHC committee meetings in 2014

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Q9: You must have a majority of appointees present to constitute a QUORUM. Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2014. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings had a quorum

PAGE 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

Q10: Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC members who have completed Open Meetings/Records training.

26-50% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

PAGE 6: CHC Financial Information

Q11: Who/what is the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

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Q12: Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round down/up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

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| Balance carried over from 2013: | 2800 |
| Annual county allocation for 2014 (not including money for museums): | 3800 |
| County money allotted for museums in 2014: | 0 |
| Any other money issued by county during 2014 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): | 600 |
| CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2014: | 2410 |
| Grant money provided to CHC in 2014: | 750 |
| Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2014: | 1000 |
| "Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): | 0 |
| Any other money amounts for 2014 not already included above; do not include CHC appointee out-of-pocket expenses, which will be requested later in the report: | 0 |

Q13: Provide any comments/clarifications about the above amounts. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

Balance (\$2800) noted reflects money raised by the CHC from private donations for courthouse maintenance. Other money issued (\$600) was used to pay for 2 appointees to attend a grant-writing workshop; the county wants us to improve our skills to help raise money to restore our historic courthouse. Grant money (\$750) CHC applied for funds for archival quality storage materials for county documents. Partner donations (\$1000) came from the chamber of commerce to be used for our 2015 Texas Independence Day celebration.

Q14: If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if their salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

Our county judge's assistant serves as our liaison. His salary does not come out of the CHC annual allocation; liaison duties are considered to be part of his salaried job with the county. His responsibilities include ensuring that our meetings are posted appropriately and that our CHC meeting minutes are officially submitted through county commissioners court. He also helps make sure we are on the county commissioners court agenda at least once a quarter to provide updates on our work that will go on the record in commissioners court minutes.

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| <p>Q15: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2014 by your COUNTY (county government).IN-KIND donations are goods and/or services provided to your organization at no charge.</p> | <p>Meeting and/or office space for CHC, Space for a CHC sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.) , Space for archive or records storage, Project/event supplies and/or equipment, Administrative supplies or services--postage, paper, ink, copier, etc. , Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc. , County liaison whose job description involves providing services to CHC , Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need) , Computer hardware or software</p> |
| <p>Q16: Check each of the IN-KIND DONATIONS that was given to your CHC in 2014 by individuals or organizations (other than your COUNTY). Include in-kind donations made by CHC appointees.</p> | <p>Space for a CHC sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.) , Project/event supplies and/or equipment, Marketing/graphic design/creative professional services , Any other professional service or advice</p> |

PAGE 8: CHC Financial Information (continued)

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| <p>Q17: Considering the IN-KIND answers checked in the previous questions, check the dollar range that best represents the amount of in-kind services and donations provided to your CHC.</p> | <p>\$5,001 - \$10,000</p> |
| <p>Q18: Check the dollar range that best represents the amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by your CHC appointees in 2014.</p> | <p>\$1 - \$500</p> |

PAGE 9: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

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| <p>Q19: A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.</p> | <p>Updated annually</p> |
| <p>Q20: Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.</p> | <p>CHC chair, CHC officers, CHC appointees, County judge, County commissioners</p> |

PAGE 10: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

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| <p>Q21: Check the statement that best reflects your county's involvement with survey work. Please reread the survey description above to ensure that you are providing an accurate answer.</p> | <p>Have survey but it has not been updated in the last 10 years</p> |
| <p>Q22: If you have a historic and cultural resources survey, check the formats that apply to your survey.</p> | <p>Paper copy</p> |

PAGE 11: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

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| <p>Q23: Check the box if your CHC keeps track of the specified information.</p> | <p>A list of ENDANGERED cultural and historic resources in your county , A list of cultural and historic resources DEMOLISHED in 2014</p> |
| <p>Q24: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the endangered resources in your county—properties under threat of demolition, that are structurally unstable, that are in areas of encroachment, etc. Please skip this question if your CHC does not keep this information.</p> | |
| <p>Pleasant Hill Cemetery/Dog Run Cemetery, Jergenson (in need of heavy maintenance) T&NRR Depot, Jergenson (hole in roof) Smackdab High School (structural issues)</p> | |
| <p>Q25: Enter your county name and the names and locations of the cultural and historic resources demolished in your county in 2014. Skip this question if your CHC doesn't keep this information.</p> | <p>Outbuilding at Languid Army Air Field--not a particularly significant building. However, its structural instability led to its demolition, which reminded us that we need to take better care of the other airfield buildings, so we don't lose any other buildings.</p> |

PAGE 12: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

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| <p>Q26: Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.</p> | <p>Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS,</p> <p>Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Cleaned or repaired MARKERS,</p> <p>Provided an inventory of subject MARKERS for public use (brochure, website posting, etc.)</p> <p>,</p> <p>Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)</p> <p>,</p> <p>Periodically assess the condition of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic</p> <p>,</p> <p>Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Cleaned or repaired objects in CEMETERIES</p> |
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PAGE 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

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| <p>Q27: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.</p> | <p>Identified and/or researched areas of development within your county that could impact cultural and historic resources</p> <p>,</p> <p>Identified and/or researched historic highways, roads, and trails in your county</p> <p>,</p> <p>Identified and/or researched historic farms and ranches in your county</p> |
| <p>Q28: Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2014.</p> | <p>Participated in work that altered your historic county courthouse square</p> |

Q29: Provide a list of the different landscapes that were involved in your 2014 body of work. A sample response to this request would be if Kaufman CHC noted that they pursued funding to maintain and promote interpretation of the Kaufman County Poor Farm.

The Post Oak CHC has been exploring history associated with Gable's Gap. We know that there were some farmsteads in the area that depended on Wilson Creek but not much else. We met with families from that area to gather more information about this part of our county. Since the land remains under private ownership, we had not been able to view the properties. Now, having established a relationship with current owners, we were able to visit the property and make copies of family documents concerning the property. Our history committee will continue to work on this project in 2015. We hope to gather enough information on this community and its farmsteads in order to pursue historic designations in the future.

PAGE 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

Q30: How familiar is your CHC with the following topics?

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| The role a CHC can have in a federal Section 106 review | Minimally |
| The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties | Very |
| The Certified Local Government Program | Minimally |
| THC's review authority over publicly-owned historic property | Somewhat |

Q31: Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2014 body of work.

CHC uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties to determine appropriate repair and new construction when reviewing and making recommendations for exemptions or incentives

Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.

The orientation provided to new appointees always includes an overview of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. We don't know much but about historic architecture but we know enough to protect what we can, which requires that we repair what we can in appropriate ways. The Standards provide guidelines on what we should and should not do to preserve our historic buildings.

PAGE 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives (continued)

Q32: Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 16: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

Q33: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2014.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

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Secured private grant money to fund or partially fund a CHC project

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Involved in local economic development plans/projects/organizations

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Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above.

The Post Oak CHC hosted a Texas Independence Day celebration in 2014 to bring people into Jergenson and provide a way for Jergenson businesses to promote themselves to residents and neighboring communities. We secured private funds from the Turnbuckle Foundation to fund archival materials for the county (noted in our budget). The CHC has been working with the Jergenson Chamber of Commerce to include history-oriented activities into local celebrations; our simple Texas Independence Day celebration was a success in 2014, so we're going to expand our celebration to include businesses and organizations in the efforts for 2015.

Q34: List the public entities or private organizations that have provided grants or funding opportunities for your preservation projects. Skip this question if it does not apply to your CHC.

The Turnbuckle Foundation provides small grants to projects that promote the history of Post Oak County. We applied for the first time in 2014 for archival materials. Since we completed the grant work successfully, we are eligible to apply again in 2015.

PAGE 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

Q35: Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2014.

Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

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Provided educational events/presentations/information on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools

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Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources

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Participated in a regional preservation or tourism event (Texas Archeology Month event, Preservation Month event, history conference, cultural heritage festival, etc.)

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Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism event

Q36: List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

Post Oak events are as follows.

Bi-monthly history presentations at Smackdab High School: they are open to the public and history teachers in the district provide extra credit to students who attend the presentations.

Diversification of resources: most of our markers and designations are for resources within the county seat, so we knew we needed to work on diversifying the history documented for our county.

Participated in and coordinated a Texas Independence Day celebration; details will be in the project descriptions of this report.

PAGE 18: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

Q37: Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2014.

County officials, City officials, Local businesses,

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

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Cemetery organizations,

Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above (societies, associations, etc.)

PAGE 19: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

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| Q38: Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums. | CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s |
| Q39: Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |
| Q40: When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC. | 1-25% of CHC time spent on museum related work |

PAGE 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

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| Q41: Check each way your CHC officially reported 2014 activities to your county officials. | Presented summary of 2014 accomplishments to county commissioners court in late 2014/early 2015 , Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s , Attended county commissioners court regularly, Submitted CHC meeting minutes, Submitted a CHC budget |
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PAGE 21: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

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| Q42: Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2014. | County judge, County commissioners, Mayor/s of cities in your county |
| Q43: Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2014. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events. | |
| Post Oak County Judge, Harry James Whitfield Post Oak Precinct 1 Commissioner, Thomas Chester Jones Post Oak Precinct 2 Commissioner, Franklin White Post Oak Precinct 3 Commissioner, Michael Ortega Post Oak Precinct 4 Commissioner, Margaret Young-Smith Smackdab Mayor, Kate Cameron Sullivan Jergensen Mayor, Teddy Olsen | |

PAGE 22: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

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| <p>Q44: Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2014 in support of Texas history and preservation.</p> | <p>Issued information to the public at large-- newsletters, email, press releases, etc. ,</p> <p>Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets,</p> <p>Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events</p> |
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PAGE 23: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

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| <p>Q45: Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to build up appointees in 2014.</p> | <p>Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees ,</p> <p>Used the THC website information to educate appointees</p> |
| <p>Q46: If you organized a CHC regional meeting in 2014, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.</p> | <p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> |
| <p>Q47: List workshops that your CHC hosted in 2014, including information on the educational topic.Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.</p> | <p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p> |

PAGE 24: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

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| <p>Q48: Reflecting 2014 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees that attended the training or a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.</p> | |
| <p>THC cemetery workshop</p> | <p>1</p> |
| <p>THC/Friends of the THC grant writing workshop</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>Preservation Texas (PT) event</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>Local/regional historical association educational opportunity</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally</p> | <p>12</p> |

PAGE 25: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q49: Rank the degree to which select THC services have helped your CHC expand their programming.

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| CHC listserv weekly messages | Helped a lot |
| General THC website information | Helped a lot |
| THC website information specific to CHCs | Helped a lot |
| Historical marker webinars | Helped a lot |

Q50: Share your thoughts on THC services that have helped your CHC.

We never realized how much preservation information was provided on the THC website. Now we can answer most of our questions by using the search box on the THC website to find information on a variety of topics. This is also a great way for our appointees to learn more about history- and preservation-related topics.

Q51: Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2014 to improve work relative to previous years.

Preservation education for appointees,
Initiated a new CHC project

Q52: Project Description #1---Expand upon your answers to question 51 about improving your CHC during the 2014 year of service. Describe the efforts made to improve an aspect of your CHC. Include the following: -- your county name;-- the specific area of improvement;-- why the improvement effort was made;-- what actions were taken to make improvements; and-- the results of those actions. Successful efforts are preferred but your efforts may not have immediate or fruitful results. Regardless of degree of success, use this answer to document your ability to evaluate CHC work, explore ways to be more effective, and learn from the results. If you were not able to make improvements in 2014, document your challenges and what improvements you'd make if you had the time, manpower, or money required.

Post Oak County--Initiated a new CHC project--Texas Independence Day celebration on March 2, 2014.

Our CHC wanted to have a more visible role in the community; most of our work is research and keeping track of local historic resources, efforts which don't involve the public. So we created an event that would bring citizens together in the name of history. CHC appointees agreed that Texas Independence Day would be a wonderful opportunity to have a local celebration.

We didn't have any money budgeted for the event (since it was a last-minute decision in February) so decided to offer cookies and punch on the courthouse lawn on Texas Independence Day after lunch. (The holiday fell on a Sunday, so we thought that more people would attend if the celebration didn't conflict with church services.) Some of our appointees provided refreshments and paper goods, while others made simple bookmarks that had "Post Oak County Historical Commission" printed on one side and a short paragraph explaining Texas Independence Day on the other side. We passed out the bookmarks at our refreshment table. We also passed out flyers that noted upcoming history lectures that the CHC hosts at Smackdab High School.

This was a good first effort to promote history and draw people to CHC events. We had about 50 people come by our refreshment table and attendance at our history lecture series increased. We decided that the event went well enough to try again in 2015, but this time we tried to do a better job in planning the event. We started our planning months in advance, are using social media to reach out to the public, and are meeting with local organizations to involve them in the event. We think that these changes will provide more money and manpower to host the event and will draw a larger audience in 2015.

Q53: Project Description #2---Expand upon your CHC's contribution to heritage tourism efforts in your region. Refer to question 35 for heritage tourism examples.Highlight your most effective heritage tourism effort in 2014:-- your county name;-- describe event and your role in it;-- partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation; and-- impact of the event (attendance, participation, profit, etc.)

Post Oak County

Expanding interpretation of historic and cultural resources outside of the county seat.

We realized that people would be more likely to visit our county if there are destinations other than our county seat. We are working on gathering more documentation about historic sites throughout the county and hope to assemble the information as a driving tour of the county that highlights those sites along with local businesses. Initial conversations with county and local officials have shown us that there is a great deal of interest in leveraging the strengths of each community to promote the whole county.

We hope to have a basic driving tour assembled by March 2nd, so that we can hand out the pamphlets at our Texas Independence Day celebration in 2015. We are confident that involving multiple communities in these efforts will increase attendance to the celebration and that businesses will contribute to the celebration (manpower and money) in exchange for being featured in our driving tour pamphlet. We didn't have time to involve partners last year but will make a concerted effort to this year.

Heritage tourism is about drawing visitors and revenue into our county through history-related sites and events; we think these efforts will contribute to heritage tourism in our county. We also made sure to let our county officials know what we are doing to help local tourism.

Q54: Project Description #3---Share a project, effort, or service that shows the best of how your CHC interacts with the public. Please include your county name in the answer. Project, effort, or service must adhere to the following requirements:-- its primary association is with history/preservation; -- it has broad CHC appointee support (rather than the participation of only 1 or 2 people); and-- is an ongoing effort or one that was completed in 2014.

Post Oak County
Pleasant Hill Cemetery Clean Up

Our CHC noticed that we had not spent much time taking care of cemeteries in our county. Several of our cemeteries have some sort of organization associated with the cemetery but few had the ability to take care of the cemetery. Most of the caretakers were older and unable to do the manual labor required to clean up the cemeteries.

We were approached by Donna Ebert, who had family buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery back when it was called Dog Run Cemetery. She knew she wanted to have the cemetery designated as a Historic Texas Cemetery but didn't know what to do. After helping her submit a designation form to the Texas Historical Commission (THC), we worked with her to arrange a cemetery clean up day for the cemetery. We used the "Maintenance, Conservation, and Repair" page on the THC website to help us make some first steps in cleaning headstones.

Now that we know how to organize these clean up days, we hope to host a couple of cemetery clean-up days each year for cemeteries in Post Oak County. Our cemeteries are obviously in need and this is a service that we can help provide and an activity that can bring citizens together to protect our historic resources. Our appointees can't do all of the manual labor, but we have the ability to organize the event and find volunteers. We didn't think to invite the boy and girl scouts but will try to invite youth organizations next time. I bet they could earn a badge or school credit for this type of volunteer service.

PAGE 29: CHC Comments for the THC

Q55: Please let us know more about your preservation successes and/or challenges.

We realized that we really aren't making use of the potential partner organizations in our county. We were able to do a few things on our own but didn't realize with a little help from others that we could do so much more. We didn't realize that other organizations could benefit from our services and would want to be involved in our activities. We also didn't realize that all we had to do was ask for help.

We made a mistake this year but have certainly learned our lesson! When we arranged the cemetery clean up, we didn't think to tell the county judge and commissioners that we'd have volunteers working under our supervision. They weren't upset but they told us that had they known, they would have offered some assistance with equipment. I think their real concern was safety; they asked that we include the sheriff when planning future workdays. They'd really like to have a deputy participate in the workdays in case someone has an accident.

One last comment! We are making 2015 the year we use social media to attract a larger audience to CHC activities. Hopefully, using these modern communication tools will help us attract younger people to our events!