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2009 CHC ANNUAL REPORTcurrent report: **Default Report****Displaying 82 of 157 respondents****Response Type:** Normal Response**Collector:** 2009 CHC Annual Report Invitation (Email Invitation)**Email:** anobles@kilgore-edc.com**Name:** Amanda Nobles**Custom Value:** GREGG**IP Address:** 12.53.94.92**Response Started:** Thu, Jan 28, 2010 1:44:29 PM**Response Modified:** Fri, Feb 5, 2010 2:18:52 PM**1. County:**

Gregg

2. CHC Chair Name:

Amanda Nobles

3. How many years has this person been CHC Chair?

1 year

4. How did your CHC report 2009 activities to your county officials? (check all that apply)

Attended county court

Submitted CHC bylaws

Submitted CHC budgets

Informal meetings with the County Judge

5. Which of these organizations do you partner with? (check all that apply)

County officials

Nonprofit organizations (heritage group, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Museum boards

Cemetery associations

Main Street managers and/or board members

6. Please provide brief examples of your partnerships: (10 lines or less)

We receive reports at each quarterly meeting from other historical organizations/managers in the county; we attend functions sponsored by other organizations; we share information and provide resources to other organizations; we work with the county records officer and the information officer.

7. Please list the money and/or services provided to your CHC, and the source. (10 lines or less)

County General Budget: \$6,525 County staff support: liaison staff member, county records support, information technology support

8. How does your CHC manage its money? (check all that apply)

County treasury

9. Do you have a work plan? (a work plan is a document defining project tasks, participants, time estimates and schedule.)

No

10. How often is your work plan updated?

Just beginning a strategic plan process - would like to update every 2 years

11. How many appointed members does your CHC have?

21

12. How many times did your CHC meet in 2009?

5

13. Please list all 2009 CHC MEETING DATES that were posted according to the Open Meetings Act, and if there was a quorum present?

	Month	Day	Quorum Present?
1	March	24	Yes
2	May	7	Yes
3	May	12	Yes
4	August	11	Yes
5	November	10	Yes
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14. How many CHC members have completed Open Records Training?

15

15. How many volunteer hours did your CHC log in 2009? (Be sure to include time spent at meetings, events and travel to and from meetings and events)

738.5

16. Please list any preservation education opportunities your CHC members attended in 2009. i.e., THC, National Trust, Preservation Texas, etc. (10 lines or less)

THC Marker Workshop THC CHC Training Cemetery Workshop

17. Please list all CHC projects or efforts to educate the community completed in 2009. Include both individual efforts and partnerships. (10 lines or less)

Distribution of copy of all GCHC files to libraries Interactive website with marker locations & photos Installation of photo gallery of all County Judges and web page of same Recommendation of 2 historic marker applications and adoption of marker policy Development of communication policy and list of county historic organizations

18. Chapter 318 of the Texas Local Government Code notes the work assigned to CHCs. It also notes that CHCs should participate in programs and projects suggested by the THC. Please indicate the programs and projects in which your CHC was actively involved in 2009. (check all that apply to your 2009 body of work)

Reviewed marker applications

Cleaned or repaired markers

Developed/maintained inventories for designated properties (NR, HTC, RTHL, or SAL)

Met regionally with other CHCs to share experiences and efforts

Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership

CHC appointees volunteer with a museum

19. Project #1: (please provide a brief description below)

The interactive website marker location map and photo project. Partnered with museums and historic organizations to find photos. County staff provided assistance with project location and internet posting. Map visually shows the extent of marked historic properties in the county and reaches out to younger, computer savvy generation with information on county historic properties. This also contributes to heritage tourism, making marker locations easy to find on a Google map system. The project received great media attention and has been very well received.

20. Project #2: (please provide a brief description below)

Individual framed photos of Gregg County Judges through history hung in Gregg County Courthouse and web page of same. Partner museums, historic organizations and families researched records for photos and supplied copies. County staff provided years of Judges' service and internet assistance. There was previously no central source of information on all of the county's judges. This provides ready access to the information for the public and visitors to Gregg County. It became a source of pride for family and friends of the Judges and elected officials of the County and received great media coverage.

21. Project #3: (please provide a brief description below)

Completion of digital copy of all GCHC records. County staff assisted volunteers with scanning all GCHC files and saving those files digitally so that they can be reproduced. Permanent files were removed to the County's safe storage site for permanent storage. CDs containing copies of the files were provided to all area public and school libraries and museums so that these files are available to the public for research. Our partners were the County staff, area libraries and museums. This project also received great media coverage and was greatly appreciated by our partners who were happy to be able to add this information to their research records. I believe the public became more aware of the resources available to them from the GCHC information and the "openness" of the GCHC with these records while maintaining the integrity of the permanent records.

22. Which of the following best describes the CHC's affiliation (if any) with the history museum(s) in the county: (check all that apply and list the museum/organization(s) your answer pertains to)

The CHC contributes resources (money or volunteers) to the museum, but has no governance role.

Gregg County Historical Museum; East Texas Oil Museum; Gladewater Museum. Volunteer resources.

23. One aspect of the Texas Historical Marker Program that you appreciate:

The information on the web site for the program's process is excellent and provides the GCHC with a referral resource for inquiries.

24. One aspect of the Texas Historical Marker Program that challenges your CHC or community:

All of our marker applications this year had difficulty with the documentation of information. Some did not begin early enough and some

simply didn't understand what "documentation" meant to the THC. Perhaps continuing to clarify this on the web site might help.

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