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Five markers that will identify parts of the Great Western Cattle Trail through Chase County will be placed next Saturday, Sept. 7.

The effort has been a project of the Great Western Cattle Trail Association. The Chase County Historical Society is planning a tour that day, following the Association as the markers are placed.

Historical Society President Charley Colton said the public is invited to follow along on the tour as the five markers are placed.

The free tour begins Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. as the first marker is placed at the John Maddux ranch, north of Imperial.

From there, markers will be set at the Blanche Church, the John Osler farm, the Marvin Large farm, all in northeast Chase County, and finally at the Jack and Carol Maddux property, north of Wauneta near the feedlot.

Following the tour, refreshments will be served in Wauneta, Colton said.

Colton said the markers will be placed as close as possible to the actual trail that took cattle through Chase County enroute to Ogallala from 1867 to the late 1870s.

Annual meeting, banquet

set for Sept. 15 in Champion

The Chase County Historical Society's annual meeting and banquet will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Champion Community Center.

The banquet starts the evening off at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the meal, and a count is needed by Sunday, Sept. 8, by calling Charley Colton, Carol Maddux or Jeannine Cox.

Gene Morris, former publisher of the McCook Gazette, will be the featured speaker. His talk is titled, "The Editor Who Stopped the Floods—The Harry Strunk Story."

People just wanting to hear the talk can attend that for free. It will start about 7 p.m., Colton said. Humanities Nebraska is sponsoring the talk expecting to last 30 to 45 minutes.