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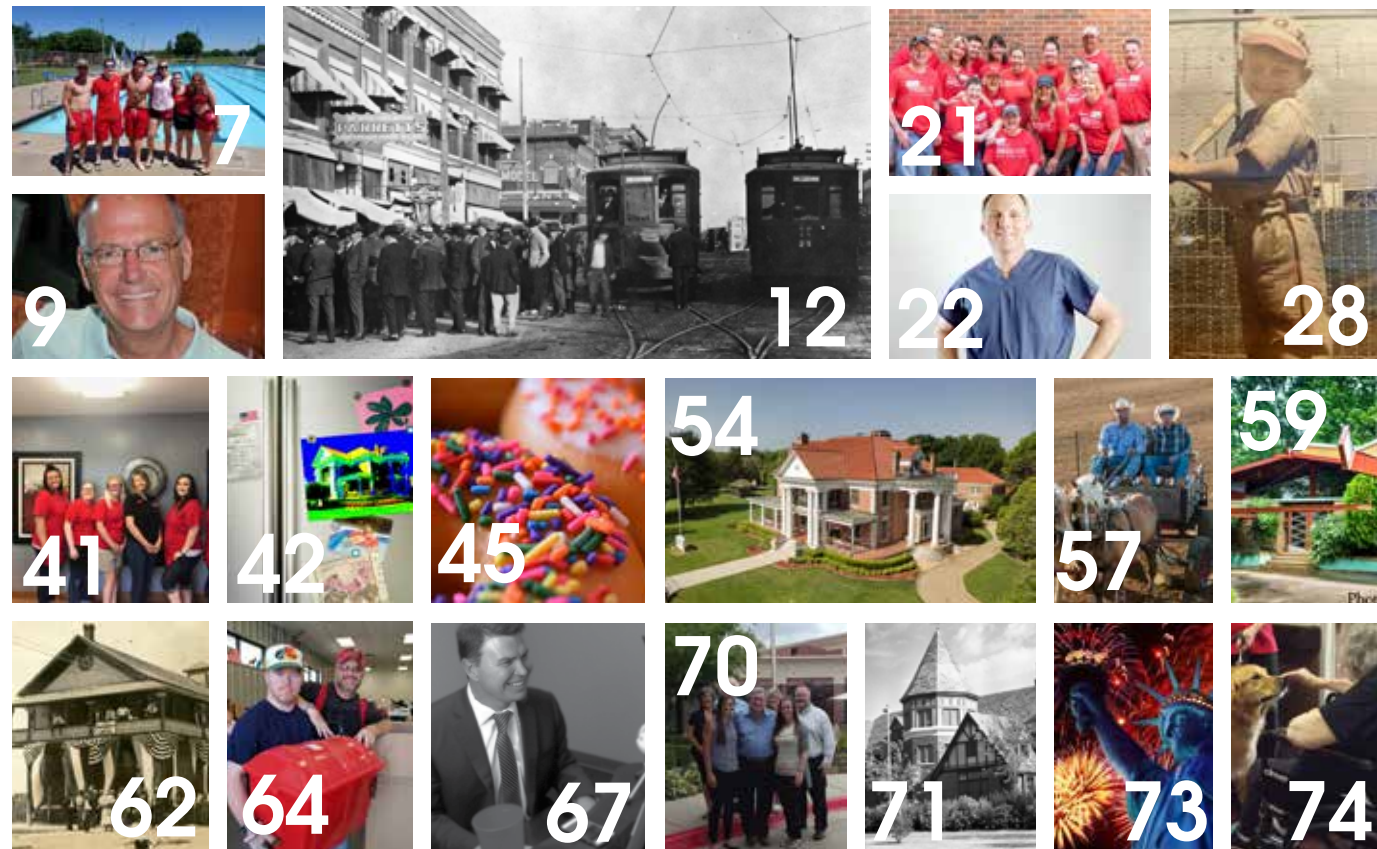
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## upfront

Happy Birthday, America! This month, we celebrate Independence Day. On July 2, 1776, the Congress secretly voted for Independence from Great Britain. Two days later, on July 4, 1776, the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved and the document was published. Its first public reading was on July 8, 1776.

In this month's issue, our feature story is on some of our most famous historical homes and most treasured historical buildings in the Ville. As we look back at the glamorous life of some of the wealthiest individuals in the world and their incredible homes – many of which still stand today – we see the progression from dirt to Boom Town!

For the cover, I wanted a different view of Frank Phillips' home in particular – one that showcased not only his house but also the city he built. I called on Tyler Deaton and his drone to capture this and when he sent me the photo, there was no question that it was what I had envisioned. I believe it is one of our best covers to date!

We are also honored this month to pay tribute to a friend and one of the nicest, down-to-earth people you would ever know. Dr. Stan DeFehr passed away in his home in May after fighting a courageous, never-give-up, five-year battle with cancer. Stan was a friend and always took the time to ask how my family and I were doing. You will be deeply missed and loved always, my friend.

I want to take the rest of this Upfront to share what has been one the most important, life-changing events to ever happen to me! On July 23, 2005, I married the love of my life, my best friend and the one person who changed my life and continues every day to shine her love on me! Most of you know our love story, which we shared in our February issue, but when I look back at our relationship before we married, there were times that we didn't know what the outcome would be. We had so much "noise" coming from so many different people saying that we shouldn't date or that it was too soon. Some said that we needed to take our time but a few months before we officially started to date I remember a text message I received from Christy.

She was so fragile and broken from her previous marriage and trying to do the best for her kids. We used to send text messages with the first letter of each

word and see if we could each figure out what the other was saying. I would send her a text that said "I.C.W.T.S.Y." (I can't wait to see you.) or "Y.A.T.M.B.W.I.T.W." (You are the most beautiful woman in the world). She would send "I.L.L.I.T.Y.E" (I love looking in to your eyes). Due to uncertainty and with pressure building from family and friends, we decided to take a step back and not see or talk to each other for a time.

Those two weeks for me delivered me some of the hardest, loneliest days I have ever been through. I thought to myself, "I finally had the love of my life, the one who melts me when she walks into a room or gives me goosebumps when she just says my name, and it's all up in the air now!"

At that time, Christy still lived in Arkansas so not seeing or hearing her voice during that period of time was unbearable! Our last conversation over the phone had been an agreement that we should take a little time to figure out where we are going and what our future might be like together. After we hung up, I received a text that read "S.Y." I could not figure out what it meant! Every other time, I would figure out what her letters meant pretty quickly but, for whatever reason, I could not figure this message out. I was hopeful but fearful that the relationship I had hoped for with the woman who I wanted nothing more than to spend the rest of my life with and who I have loved since I was 16 might not become a reality for me. Our future together was hanging in the balance!

The weeks went by and I will never forget the night when I was sitting outside, actually praying for direction and patience, when a text came in from Christy which again included "S.Y." However, this time, it said, "I love you... S.Y. ...Simply yours!"

Happy anniversary, Christy! I'm so grateful you are S.M. I love you! – Keith



Keith & Christy McPhail  
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# Enriching the Community

**Richard Kane YMCA**  
by Maria Gus

The Bartlesville YMCA was established over 100 years ago in 1913 to serve as a place to achieve balance in spirit, mind and body. Today, now known as the Richard Kane YMCA, the organization continues to encourage a healthy lifestyle, friendship and community involvement.

In the past year, the RKYMCA has made large strides in giving back to the Bartlesville area. From their school-age care program with the Bartlesville Public School District to their continued maintenance and scheduling of activities across several area fields, the organization is doing their part, both inside and outside of their facility, to help Bartlesville live life fully.

Robert Phillips, CEO of the organization, says the RKYMCA is continuing to grow with new and expanding programs. In July of 2017, the organization made an agreement with Bartlesville Public Schools to manage their before and after-school programs and their summer day camp programs. These programs are licensed and provide financial assistance to anyone in need.

"We operate the childcare like all of our other programs by providing financial assistance to anyone. We will not turn anyone away for the inability to pay," said Phillips.

In fact, the RKYMCA provided over a quarter of a million dollars in assistance last year.

Several programs and services are growing. In the last school year, the RKYMCA added St. John to their "Learn to Swim" program for all area second graders and they also expanded a partnership with the city in 2017 to maintain and schedule events at several area fields.



"Through scheduling, we will be able to open up times that primary groups aren't using the fields," added Phillips. "In turn, this could lead to more groups utilizing them for tournaments and bring a financial impact to the city."

In addition to expanding their support of the community, the RKYMCA has also added new fitness equipment for their members. This includes two new rowers, 21 spin bicycles and a variety of weight equipment. They are also replacing everything in their two downstairs workout rooms.

The RKYMCA recently added two personal trainers to their staff. Pamela Sisco and Tanner Stumpff provide one-on-one personal training as well as buddy training. Members or guests can choose between Advanced Personal Training, Personal Training or Advanced Buddy Training or Buddy Training at both member and non-member rates. Thirty-minute consultations are free and highly recommended.



The RKYMCA currently offers 63 exercise classes every week in their workout rooms, gym, racquetball courts and on their indoor walking track. They also offer free childcare while members are in the facility exercising.

The RKYMCA realizes that not only their work with members helps them move forward but also their collaboration with other organizations, which is a great benefit to the community.

"We have seen the value of collaborations over the past four years," said Phillips. "As the saying goes, 'We are greater than the sum of our parts.' This philosophy continues to help us to us multiply resources for a better outcome." ✨



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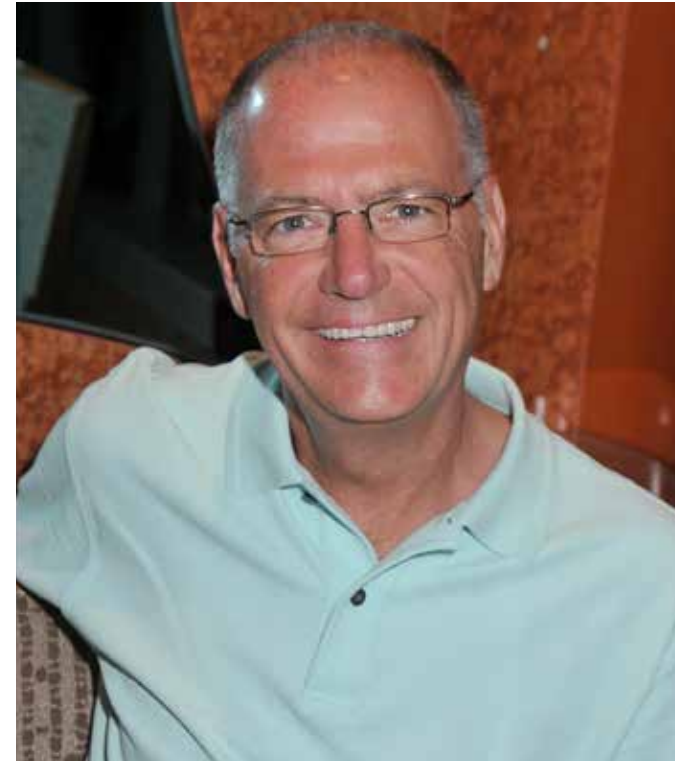
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## “There Are No Atheists in Foxholes”

by Joe Colaw

In July, 1942 Warren J. Clear recounts; “I remember jumping into a hole during a particularly heavy bombing attack. A sergeant crouched lower to make room for me. Then all hell broke loose and I wasn’t surprised to find myself praying out loud. I heard the sergeant praying too. When the attack was over, I said, ‘Sergeant, I noticed you were praying.’ ‘Yes, sir,’ he answered, without batting an eye. ‘There are no atheists in foxholes.’”

What compels you to pray? It may be true that the hardships of life force us to turn to and seek God in prayer. While there may be some among us who claim that there is nothing that makes them pray, I suggest the hardships of life compel most of us to cry out to a power that is higher than us.

The extreme division of our nation should cause us to turn to God and pray for our nation. While there are many who may say that we must keep the Christian faith and prayer thing silent or private and obscure, our founding fathers felt that we were a Christian nation and prayer was essential to our survival.

The first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Jay, in one of his prayers, firmly stated that we were a Christian nation and had the privilege and duty of choosing Christian leaders. He prayed, “Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

The President who appointed the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, George Washington wrote, “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

We need to seek God for the good of our country. We are immensely blessed to have the freedom to worship, speak and assemble. These freedoms did not come to us without a price. The division, anger and brokenness of our nation will not be healed without a price. The price, in part, will be a people willing to pray.

It is painful to pray and intercede for the brokenness of our nation. We need to pray and ask the power of God to work in us and mend broken hearts and minds. In the Bible, in John chapter 17, Jesus prayed for unity. We too need to pray for unity. Our founding leaders would pause to pray. We, too, need to pray for our nation and I encourage us to do so.

Join together with family, friends and fellow churchgoers and pray for our nation. As you read this article, pause and, in your own unique way, ask God to forgive you of your divisive ways, to forgive you of your anger or hints of hatred. Ask God to allow you to be a part of the healing that needs to take place in this nation. It begins in the heart! Pray and ask God to allow the healing to begin in your heart and flow to the nation.

Now, go show some of the healing grace toward someone around you! ✨

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# FROM PRAIRIE DIRT TO BOOM TOWN

## BARTLESVILLE'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS

BY DEBBIE NEECE, BARTLESVILLE'S AREA HISTORY MUSEUM

Traveling east from the Osage County hills, the current skyline of Bartlesville is absolutely captivating no matter the season of travel or time of day.

This little city grew from dirt streets and plank board sidewalks along the tree-lined Caney River bend which supplied sawmills to create lumber for false-front business buildings before the Vittrified Brick Company arrived to supply masons with construction material to form more permanent structures.

**B**artlesville was incorporated as a “first class city” in 1897 and by 1907, the growth of Washington County had been explosive. The discovery of Oklahoma’s first commercial oil well, the Nellie Johnstone, put Washington County on the map and the arrival of the railroad in 1900 flooded the unprepared county with fortune seekers.

By 1917, these black gold fortunes had created a construction frenzy and buildings erupted from the earth daily but barely met office demands of the 121 oil companies registered in Bartlesville alone. The support system

of well supplies, rig builders and other workers taxed the resources of the county as well.

Banks, hotels and homes were in great demand. Due to around-the-clock oilfield operations, workers were often unable to find lodging so hotels were “double booked,” creating situations where renters stumbled into a warm bed recently vacated by another or paid \$1 to sleep in a barber chair or on a pool table. Perhaps not the most comfortable situation but a necessity.

The original Bartlesville town site, surveyed in 1902 and approved by

the Federal Government in 1903, encompassed an area of 34.244 acres.

The north-south roads were assigned names (Jennings, Keeler, Johnstone, Dewey, Osage, Cherokee, etc.) and east-west roads were numbered streets (First, Second, Third, etc.). Even-numbered addresses were assigned to the north and east sides of streets while odd-numbered addresses were assigned on the south and west sides of the streets.

Johnstone Avenue marked the division between West Third Street and East Third Street. In 1951, Third Street was renamed Frank Phillips Boulevard in recognition of the famed oilman and the division has since been labeled Southwest Frank Phillips Boulevard and Southeast Frank Phillips Boulevard.

Bartlesville has been known for its diversification, evolution and tenacious drive for accomplishment. Early pioneers laid the foundation of our “first class city” and 121 years later, Bartlesville is still a “first class city.”



### 1899

**RIGHT WAY HOTEL \*  
MAY BROTHERS CLOTHING \*  
JOHNSTONE SARE BUILDING \*  
1904 BUILDING \* AVANEDA HOTEL \*  
JEWEL BOX HOTEL APARTMENTS**

*100 SW Frank Phillips Blvd. & 200 S. Johnstone Ave.*

Downtown Bartlesville has been a hub of activity for over a century. The accomplishments of Frank Overlees and Ola Wilhite brought the National Hotel to the corner of Third Street and Johnstone Avenue with a gala grand opening on Dec. 25, 1899. The following year, the hotel was re-christened as the Right Way Hotel, which boasted lighting and heating by natural gas.

It has been said that the Right Way never slept as it was always lively and noisy. Many oilmen, like Frank Phillips, Harry Sinclair and H.V. Foster made the hotel their headquarters for business activities. It was a busy, important place and accommodations were the best of the time.

The influx of oil activity created the need for additional guest rooms so the Right Way Hotel Annex, also known as the 1904 Building, was opened just north of the hotel in 1904 with an additional 70 sleeping rooms.

On Sept. 17, 1909, the original hotel closed and the building was moved just east of the current YMCA on Hensley Boulevard where it became an apartment complex. The 1904 Annex continued to serve as a hotel under the name Avaneda Hotel for nearly 40 years.

Shortly after the removal of the hotel, William Johnstone began construction of a three-story brick and steel-reinforced structure known as the Johnstone building. The May family later owned the building and operated a men’s clothing store at that location until Mike May’s retirement in 2008.

Shockwaves consumed the city of Bartlesville the morning of Aug. 31, 2009 as fire and smoke engulfed both century-old buildings. However, due to the steel-framed construction and solid limestone vertical supports, the structure was built to last.

Clyde Sare had connections to the Johnstone Building. His father had worked in the building when Sare was a child and during Sare’s service in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, he held an office in the building. So when the Clyde Sare family purchased the charred building in 2010, it was personal.

The Sares have completely renovated the building from the bottom up, creating an elegant entry into the main lobby, a picturesque staircase to a second-story event space, Jewel Box Hotel Apartments in the 1904 Building and space for the Oklahoma-based Hideaway Pizza, creating an anchor for downtown Bartlesville.



### 1905

**CITIZENS BANK & TRUST COMPANY \*  
SWEET P’S**

*107 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.*

The Citizens Bank & Trust Company was organized by Frank Phillips, founder of Phillips Petroleum Company (PPCo), H.J. Holm and L.E. Phillips in 1905. Citizen’s Bank Trust remained active in the banking industry until 1908 when it merged with Bartlesville National Bank. The bank building was also home to many independent oil companies and the Bartlesville Commercial Club, precursor to the Chamber of Commerce. The building continued to be called the Trust Building and the Bartlesville National Bank remained at 107 E. Third St. until 1920. Then the building was occupied by Home Savings and Loan Association (1922-1980).

On Dec. 25, 1932, fire destroyed the Boston Store at the corner of Third Street and Johnstone Avenue (current location of the Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Company or ITIO building) and created some damage to the Home Savings and Loan/Trust Building but the building was saved. Home Savings remained at this location until 1980 when the building became offices for PPCo (1980-82) and the

National Zinc Treasury Office in 1983. The building had various occupants until K-Life Ministries occupied the building from 1992 to 2014.

In 2000, Margo Proctor opened her one-of-a-kind gift shop called Sweet P's in the ITIO building at the corner of Johnstone Avenue and Frank Phillips Boulevard. Her business grew at a rapid rate so she moved to 109 SE Frank Phillips Blvd. where she expanded her product lines. In March of 2015, Proctor purchased the Trust Building in order to expand her business. She retired in 2017.

## 1909

### PARRETT'S \* 2 SISTERS PUB & GRILLE \* PAINTED HORSE BAR & GRILLE

110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

Curtis Ray Parrett operated merchandise stores in Missouri and Kansas before his 1909 arrival in Bartlesville. Upon that time, he established the Parrett Dry Goods store at 110-112 W. Third St. He retired in 1928 and sold the building to pursue property and real estate interests.



Meanwhile, Willie Piper was a sales clerk at the Bartlesville Furniture Company from 1917 to 1918. In 1919, he partnered with Cecil Baker to operate the Piper and Baker Furniture Company on Second Street. The partnership was short-lived but Piper continued the Second Street furniture operation being joined by his son, Milton Piper about 1927. They moved the store operation to 218-220 E. Third St. near Curtis Sporting Goods for a few years. Then, about 1938, the Pipers moved to West Third Street, expanded the store front to occupy 110-116 E. Third St. and operated until about 1995.

Life was brought back to the block in 2012-2013 when 2 Sisters Pub & Grille occupied 110-112 SW. Frank Phillips Blvd. Then, in 2013, Mark Spencer of Indian Coffee Company purchased the building and opened the Painted Horse Bar & Grille. According to Spencer, the Painted Horse is said to have the oldest elevator in Bartlesville.

Although the building has been home to different businesses and received a few façade changes, the tile work at the entrance of the store still greets visitors with the word, “Parrett” as laid by the Parrett family over a century ago.



## 1912

### PERKINS BUILDING \* TINKER'S GLASS HOUSE BAR & GRILLE

612 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

The 600 block of Frank Phillips Boulevard began to command the attention of Bartlesville during the summer of 2015 as the building façade dramatically changed. For many years, residents had traveled past the block-wide, brown-sided building that once housed the Perkins Glass and Millwork Company and gave it little attention. When the façade of the building was removed, the history was revealed... preserved and ready to tell a story.

One of the most interesting discoveries was the building advertisement for the Capital Hill Meat and Grocery Store which operated from 1912 to 1919, then the Capital Hill Auto Top Factory from 1920 to 1922. Other various businesses occupied the corner. And from 1925 to the early 1940s, another grocery store operated in the building.

From about 1935 to 1940, Adrin Perkins worked as a cabinet maker at

the Overlees-Kruse Lumber Company. Then, in 1941, Perkins opened his own business, the Perkins Cabinet Shop. According to Sharon Perkins LaFerry, niece of Adrin Perkins, “In 1943, Adrin Perkins moved his Perkins Cabinet Shop to 612 E. Second St. (although the address was often listed as Second and Wyandotte) where he did millwork, glass and mirrors, and sold Pittsburgh Paint.”

In 1951, that section of Second Street was renamed and the address became 612 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

Upon the death of Adrin Perkins in 1993, the Perkins family had celebrated 50 years of business at that location.

The building was empty for a number of years before Dr. Pat Tinker and his wife, Christina purchased it in 2015 and began renovations in anticipation of the opening of Tinker's Glass House Bar & Grill.

## 1919

### MASONIC BUILDING \* CITIES SERVICE OIL AND GAS COMPANY \* TRW REDA PUMP \* SCHLUMBERGER \* ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY

401 S. Dewey Ave.

Although the Masonic Lodge met in various places prior to statehood, their original Masonic Building was located at the southeast corner of Johnstone Avenue and Third Street. This was the location of the Boston Store which burned in 1932, making way for the current ITIO building.



In 1917, the Masonic Lodge authorized fundraising for a six-story building to be built at the southwest corner of Fourth Street and Dewey Avenue. Empire Oil and Gas committed

to lease the basement and six floors upon completion. However, when construction began in 1918, plans were revised to build a nine-story building with the Masonic Lodge occupying the ninth floor. The U-shaped building was completed in 1919 at a cost of \$525,000.

H.V. Foster gained notoriety as a famed oilman through his Osage County “Blanket” Oil Leases. His company, ITIO merged with Empire Oil and Gas to later become Cities Service Oil and Gas Company. When Cities Service left Bartlesville in 1968, the Masonic Lodge sold the building to TRW REDA Pump/Schlumberger Technology Corporation but the Masonic Lodge continued to lease the ninth floor until their new facility was constructed on North Washington Boulevard.

Claremore-based Rogers State University was established in 1909 and in 1984, began operating a small campus in Bartlesville across from the Quarters on Adams Road. To better serve the educational needs of Washington County, RSU purchased the Masonic Building from Schlumberger and opened their Bartlesville Campus in the fall of 2005.

RSU quickly took ownership commitment with extensive renovations and have established themselves as a partner in the community.

## 1927

### MC & MC GROCERY \* TECO HOME APPLIANCES

419 SE Third St.

The Mc & Mc retail grocery and produce store, with apartments on the second floor, made its mark on Third Street in 1927. Operated by John McDonald and his wife, Cora along with Orris McDonald and his wife, Mary at 419-421 E. Third St., the sign over the front door boldly stated “We Never Sleep.” True to that statement, the McDonalds operated the store 24 hours a day until 1957.

The building was vacant for a couple of years and then became the United

Electric Supply from 1961 to 1963. In 1964, it was again vacant before Stahl's TV and Appliances occupied the building from 1965 to 1967.



The Schwermer family came to Bartlesville in 1964 and Theodore “Ted” Schwermer became the secretary and treasurer of Stahl's TV. In 1968, Schwermer purchased the Stahl's TV building and opened TECO Home Appliances, the name TECO meaning “Ted's Company.”

Schwermer was just not the sit-still type of guy. He was involved in the Red Apple Sports Center, Tastee-Freez, Plaza Bowling Lanes, Zestos and a host of other businesses. After Schwermer's death, his son Gary Schwermer operated TECO until his retirement.

In 2017, Jay Mitchell, a real estate developer who owns several properties in Osage, Nowata and Washington counties, purchased the TECO building with plans of restoring the building to its former Mc & Mc days of glory. A crew of workers has removed the exterior façade, revealing the bricks that have been hidden for many years. Mitchell plans to create ground-floor retail space and return apartments to the second floor.

## 1930

### PHILLIPS TOWER

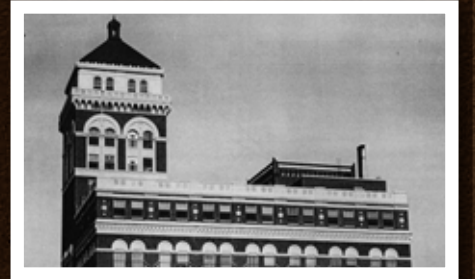
310 S. Keeler Ave.

The 300 blocks of Keeler and Johnstone Avenues were once laced with an array of shops, cafés, hotels and even a few movie theaters. However, as the oil industry grew in Bartlesville, so did the streetscape.

In 1921, Frank and L.E. Phillips' Bartlesville National Bank, once located in the Trust Building on Third Street, became known as First National Bank.

The Phillips Brothers then built a six-story First National Bank building at the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Johnstone Avenue, directly north what was then the Burlingame Hotel, allowing easy lodging access for PPCo's out-of-town guests.

To house the offices of the growing PPCo, the seven-story Frank Phillips Building was built to the west of the First National Bank building along Fourth Street. As the office building was being completed in 1927, the company was already feeling growing pains and they knew the seven-story office building would not be sufficient.



Frank Phillips commissioned the 228-foot-tall Phillips Tower to be built at the corner of Fourth Street and Keeler Avenue as a proud reminder of the roots of PPCo. The 14-story, Renaissance Revival style building was completed in 1930 to complement Frank Phillips' company and bank complex. At that time, he added an eighth floor to his company office building.

The “Tower” has become such a city icon that when plans evolved to raze the PPCo office and First National Bank buildings in the 1980s to make room for the current Phillips and Conoco-Phillips complex, citizens spoke up loudly about the preservation of the Phillips Tower. During construction, special care was taken to preserve the original Tower structure while incorporating the Tower into the new facility.

Not always was Fourth Street closed to traffic between Johnstone and Keeler Avenues. After the Frank Phillips building was saved, the First National Bank building and the rest of the 300 blocks of Keeler and Johnstone Avenues were razed to make way for the current facility and the street was closed to create the Plaza Courtyard.

# BARTLESVILLE'S HISTORIC HOMES

Word traveled quickly of the oil discovered in Indian Territory (I.T.) and with each arriving train, a new entrepreneur stepped off with visions, dreams and a drive to survive.

**O**ftentimes, the man of the family arrived ahead of the wife and children to establish himself in the community. Homes were in high demand and stock was low, creating long waits for housing. Fortune seekers found modest homes until their business affairs were able to fund the building of some of the most magnificent mansions in northeast Oklahoma.

Bartlesville was not a pleasant little town in the early 1900s. The streets were dirt and ladies' long dresses were soiled during the rainy seasons. However, the foundation of Bartlesville was being built, one board or brick at a time, and even the streets became paved with brick.

In 2012, Bartlesville residents Vicki Stewart, Barbara Garrison and Debbie Neece published a comprehensive book about the homes and residents of Bartlesville titled, "If Bartlesville Walls Could Talk." Although the book is temporarily out of print, the following excerpts offer a short synopsis of why Bartlesville is a "City of Legends."

## THE FRANK OVERLEES HOME

825 S. Cherokee Ave.

Much of the history of Bartlesville is told about the activities of Jacob Bartles, William Johnstone and George Keeler. However, one entrepreneur who rarely gets credit is Francis Marion "Frank" Overlees.

He and his wife, Carrie Armstrong Overlees arrived in I.T. in 1889 and although Frank Overlees worked for the three previously mentioned gentlemen, his own contributions to I.T. were highly notable.

Frank Overlees was intensely involved in the development of commercial and civic affairs in Bartlesville. He was the publisher for Bartlesville's first newspaper, the Magnet that operated from 1895 to 1903.

Frank Overlees and Ola Wilhite constructed the National Hotel in 1899 which became the Right Way Hotel at Third Street and Johnstone

Avenue before the Johnstone Building was built.

Joseph Bradfield Thoburn said Frank Overlees graduated high school at Parsons, Kansas, "but his best education came from the school of experience and by contact with men and affairs."

The people of Bartlesville believed this as well. In 1899, Frank Overlees was elected Mayor by an overwhelming majority and served a two-year term.

About 1915, the Overlees built their brick home at 825 S. Cherokee Ave. and continued to live there until about 1927 when they sold the home to oil producer Charles Larkin. The Overlees moved to 500 S. Choctaw Ave. where they lived in retirement until their passing.

About 1938, Arthur M. Hughes purchased the home before building his ranch home. At that time, the Unity Center purchased the home,

which was razed in 1956 to build their new building.



## THE L.E. PHILLIPS HOME

1201 S. Cherokee Ave.

Early Bartlesville lawyer and judge, John Brennan and his wife, Katherine built the home at 1201 S. Cherokee Ave. in 1912 and this was the family residence until 1922 when Lee Eldas "L.E." Phillips and his wife, Lenora "Node" purchased the home, directly across the street south from L.E. Phillips' brother, Frank Phillips' home.

L.E. Phillips was the co-founder of Phillips Petroleum Company (PPCo) but he had a love for the banking industry. According to his son, Phil Phillips, due to ill health, "L.E. Phillips didn't participate actively in the oil business after 1933. However, he continued to serve as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank's 10th district in Kansas City from the time he was



elected in 1926 until his death in 1944."

The Phillips family had completed extensive remodeling of the home, including enlargement of the

second and third floors and adding beautiful oriental gardens in the rear. After the death of her husband, Lenora Phillips lived comfortably in the home with Phil Phillips until her death in 1966. Phil Phillips continued to reside in the home a few years before moving to Philson Farms, south of Bartlesville.

About 1971, the Assistant Treasurer for PPCo, R.E. Bonnell and his wife, Mary purchased the home and lived there until the family of Larry Markel, Doctor of Urology, purchased the home, which was in close proximity to his office on Fifth Street, about 1975.

In 2001, Dr. Ben Baker and his wife, Karen purchased the home and were pleasantly surprised to find much of the original character of the home was retained from the Phillips' era, including the beautiful Indian head sconces in L.E. Phillips' "man cave" and the magnificent fountain.



John and Mildred Phillips divorced in 1931 and Mildred Phillips remained at the home with their children. She remarried in 1937 and moved to Tulsa.

Following some reliable company-based renters, Gentry Lee purchased the home about 1952 and continued his residence until Dr. James Taylor purchased the home about 1967. The Taylors sold the home to investment broker Russell Davis in 1973 and about 2004, William Griffin Jr. and his wife, Katie purchased the home.

The Griffins have done an outstanding job of caring for the three-story, red brick Georgian home since their purchase and especially enjoy the south-side, sun-drenched enclosed porch. According to Katie Griffin, “Bill and I have lovingly restored the home and love being part of the history of the home and the area.”

### THE JOHN PHILLIPS HOME

1110 S. Cherokee Ave.

John Phillips was the only natural born child of Frank and Jane Phillips. Frank did his best to encourage John to be involved in the family business but John’s heart was just not in oil.

In 1925, Frank Phillips built the home at 1110 S. Cherokee Ave. as a gift for his son and his wife, Mildred. Frank Phillips was an oil-driven man but this was personal... having close access to grandchildren.

After a gambling debt cost John Phillips the family home, Frank Phillips paid the debt and placed the home in the name of his then six-month-old grandson, John Gibson Jr., under the umbrella of the Phillips Development Company.



### THE HERBERT TYLER HOME

1101 S. Johnstone Ave.

In 1906, Herbert Tyler’s business ventures brought him to Dewey, I.T. where he built one of the largest manufacturing plants in Oklahoma, the Dewey Portland Cement

Company. Tyler was also involved in oil and gas and Washington County civic affairs.

In 1919, he built the three-story home at 1101 S. Johnstone Ave. with Dewey Portland cement blocks and stucco. Although Tyler’s business dealings often took him away from Bartlesville, his wife, Lucy lived in the home with their son, Donald Marsh Tyler until about 1940, after Herbert Tyler’s 1936 death.



In 1942, Thomas Washington, who worked for the Traffic Department at PPCo, and his wife, Charlotte purchased the home and remained there until local rancher George McAninch and his wife, Gertrude purchased the home in (1948-about 1955), before it came under the ownership of Lewis A. McKinney.

McKinney was the son of Mr. Green of Chenoweth and Green Music Company which had opened their first store in Enid, Oklahoma. About 1946, McKinney came to Bartlesville as the manager of the local music store at 323 S. Dewey Ave. In 1952, the store became known as the L.A. McKinney Music Store and the business continued at the Dewey Avenue address. In 1956, Lewis and Virginia McKinney purchased the Herbert Tyler home and lived there until 1959. The music store relocated to 200 S. Frank Phillips Blvd. about 1967.

From 1961 to 1967, PPCo Geologist James Stewart Pittman lived in the Tyler home, followed by

PPCo Vice President of Engineering Harry Trotter and his wife, Mary from 1969 to 2001, then the Montgomery family from 2002 through 2016.

Although the stucco was originally white, at some point the home became pink.



### THE JOHN S. DEWAR HOME

1500 S. Hillcrest Dr.

John “Stewart” Dewar was no stranger to Bartlesville when he returned from World War I and began working at PPCo in 1919. Dewar originally arrived in Bartlesville in 1911 and worked several years for Barnsdall Oil before his military service.

PPCo offered promotions and benefits including the opportunity to play for the Phillips 66ers basketball team. Dewar joined the team until he found employment with H.C. Price Pipeline, about 1948, where he became the Vice President.

In 1933, the Dewars built the stucco-covered, two-story Spanish-style estate at 1500 S. Hillcrest Dr. and lived there until they sold the home to John Waldo Tyler and his wife, Margaret in 1956.

Tyler was a banker, oilman and rancher and well-respected politically, although he was not a politician. He was also the son of Donald Marsh and Ima Tyler.

John and Margaret Tyler raised three sons and two daughters in the home. John Tyler later married Louise Cortner, granddaughter of the late Frank Franz who was the last territorial governor of Oklahoma, and the couple lived in Tulsa at the time of John Tyler’s death in 1968.

Then, PPCo Supervisor Clifford Monroe and his wife, Marrye purchased the home about 1969 and lived there until 1994 when they sold it to

Knightsbridge Advisors Joel and Patricia Romines.

Doug Quinn, President of the Journey Home, and his wife, Penny Lynn purchased the Dewar home in 2015. (Doug Quinn has humorously said his wife married him to get another set of double “n’s” in her name.)

For all youngsters and the young at heart, this home is known as the “Santa House” because, each Christmas, a large stuffed Santa Claus greets passersby from the arched window above the front door.



### THE WILLIAM DANA REYNOLDS & ARMAIS ARUTUNOFF HOME

1200 S. Cherokee Ave.

The stately English Tudor home at 1200 S. Cherokee Ave. was the dream of William “Dana” and Vera Reynolds. In 1927, the Reynolds couple hired architect Arthur Gorman to take their vision from paper to reality.

Russia-born Armais Arutunoff came to the United States in 1923 with the dream of manufacturing electric submersible motors. At the urging of PPCo, Arutunoff came to Bartlesville about 1927 and established Bart Manufacturing Co., precursor to REDA Pump, which revolutionized the oil industry.



In 1935, Arutunoff and his wife, Kyra “Claudia” purchased the home at 1200 S. Cherokee Ave., where the couple raised three children, Sergei, Anaït and Anatole “Toly,” who gained fame as an auto racer and car enthusiast.

Toly Arutunoff lived in the home for nine years after the deaths of Claudia (1970) and Armais Arutunoff (1978).

The home was briefly owned by Mark Roberts (Mark Roberts Motors) and his wife, Lisa before PPCo lawyer Robert Koch and his wife, Sharon owned the home (1990-2003) followed by Christopher and Tina Autry (2005-2007).

Bruce and Carol Rahm owned the home (2008-2014) when the book “If Bartlesville Walls Could Talk” was published in 2012 and they graciously opened their home to several tours. Much of the original charm of Dana and Vera Reynolds home still exists.

Anaït Aurtunoff married Ralph Leland Stephens and their daughter, Kyra Stephens Gebhardt became owner of the home in 2015. Kyra Stephens and her husband own and operate the Junior Indy Raceway in Tulsa.

quickly established himself as an early pioneer real estate businessman while his wife joined social activities like the Fortnightly Club and Embroidery Club.



In 1907, Pemberton established the Pemberton Heights Addition and began selling lots between 11th and 14th Streets along Cherokee, Delaware and Shawnee Avenues. Among the first homes to be built in this addition was the home of Frank Phillips. And, in 1910, the Pembertons built their two story stucco home at 1220 S. Cherokee Ave.

In 1917, successful oil developer and County Commissioner John Irwin and his wife, Ollie purchased the home. The Irwins raised four children in the home: Ima, Iva, Ruth and Ivan. Ima Irwin married Donald Marsh Tyler, Vice President of Dewey Portland Cement, and they lived at 309 E. 9th St.

John Irwin was killed at the home by an accidental gun discharge in the early morning hours of Aug. 9, 1929. Shortly thereafter, Ollie Irwin traded homes with Don and Ima Tyler and she lived comfortably in their smaller home until her passing in 1961.

The Tylers raised two children in the home: John and Helen.

Helen Tyler married Scott Beesley Jr. who was President of Union National Bank and later Treasurer of REDA Pump. Their daughter, Dona Beesley Dutcher said 1220 S. Cherokee Ave. was “a magical home and time of life.” The rooms were “huge” and Dona often visited her mother’s expansive bedroom where the large mirror allowed her to fantasize about being a princess for the day.

About 1960, Don Tyler sold the home to Drs. Robert and Virginia (Shipman) Allen. Dr. Virginia Allen was Bartlesville’s first anesthesiologist. After their divorce, she continued to live in the home in retirement until her passing in 2004.



In a time long forgotten, Sunday morning worship was followed by family lunch and a Sunday drive. During the summer, Don and Ima Tyler often took their grandchildren on rides around Bartlesville to see the buildings and homes with stops at the Crystal Creamery for ice cream treats. Perhaps it is time to load your family into the car and take a Sunday drive to create family memories by gazing upon the stately homes of Bartlesville. And don’t forget the frozen treats! \*

## HARVEY PEMBERTON & DON TYLER

1220 S. Cherokee Ave.

Harvey “Harve” Pemberton and Rilla Johnstone, daughter of William Johnstone, met while Rilla Johnstone was attending college in Columbia, Missouri. The couple were married and settled in Bartlesville where Pemberton

# Success Against the Odds

## Shelley Koster & Keller Williams Bartlesville

by Kelsey Walker

Ten years ago, Shelley Koster was told it couldn’t be done. The Keller Williams economic model was designed to work in large markets and it would not work in a town the size of Bartlesville.

It was too late. The first meeting she had with the regional director, she fell in love with the Keller Williams “agents first” philosophy and their culture that promoted trust, integrity, teamwork, and – something dear to her heart – giving back and serving others. Her love for what Keller Williams stood for, coupled with “it can’t be done,” was all the motivation she needed to start crunching the numbers and find a way to make it happen. The rest is history.

In 2008, she opened Keller Williams Bartlesville, with five other top agents, under the stipulation from corporate she had to be profitable within three years.

“I opened in August, 2008 and became profitable in January, 2009. We have been profitable ever since,” said Koster. “The early days weren’t easy. We were the first ‘strategic market center’ in the history of Keller Williams and being a pioneer came with its share of challenges.

“I’m happy and proud to say we persevered and we now sell more homes than any other real estate company in Bartlesville and the surrounding area. In 2015, we expanded into the Grand Lake area and opened a ‘Business Center.’ We also have a dozen agents who serve the southeast Kansas region. From our humble beginning in 2008 with six agents, we have grown fast in ten years to 75 agents and counting.”

One of many things that sets the Keller Williams model apart is every owner agrees to profit share back to the agents up to 48% of the company profit each month.



“In 2017, we profit shared over \$120,000 back to our agents. When your agents are actually ‘stakeholders’ and partners in your company, the dynamic it creates is a win-win and an attitude of ‘together everyone achieves more,’” she said.

“The last ten years have changed my life,” said the mom of two and grandmother of four (soon to be five). “My affiliation with Keller Williams has made me a better leader, wife, mom and grandmother. Keller Williams’ belief and mindset is God, family, then Business and, in an industry that can beckon you seven days a week, we realtors sometimes struggle to keep our lives balanced.

“When I look back over the last ten years, I am so thankful and feel incredibly blessed that God caused my path to cross with Keller Williams. He gave me a vehicle to facilitate my heart’s passion – giving back to the community I live in and helping others achieve their dreams. I’m grateful for the opportunity to do what I love, with people I love, and to able to support this wonderful community I live in.”

Koster and her husband Butch can be found at most local community fundraisers, supporting each one with their pocket books and smiles on their faces. Keller Williams and Shelley Koster Real Estate are sponsors of the Harley Party, the Boys and Girls Club annual fundraiser. Koster has served on many nonprofit boards of directors and is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club and the Tri-County Tech Foundation Board.

She attributes her overall success to the support of her family and those around her.

“I’m so very blessed in so many ways,” said Koster. “No one succeeds alone. I am surrounded by a great a leadership staff and wonderful agents.” \*

# Dr. Stan DeFehr

by Mike Wilt

“He once dreamed of reaching the stars but ended up touching people’s hearts.”

## Dr. Stan DeFehr Foundation

A new charitable foundation set up in the name of Dr. FeDeFehr is now open to accept donations. Checks can be made payable and sent to the Bartlesville Community Foundation at 208 E. Fourth St. with “Dr. Stan DeFehr” written in the memo line. Memorial funds will provide continuing education and advanced cardiovascular training for nurses and technicians at the Jane Phillips Medical Center Cath Lab in order to ensure they maintain the highest level of expertise in the field.

**H**e once dreamed of reaching the stars but ended up touching people’s hearts. Stanley Paul DeFehr wanted to be an astronaut coming out of Weatherford High School in 1969 but he eventually found his way into medicine. Dr. DeFehr arrived in Bartlesville in 1980 as an internal medicine physician. Later, he became the area’s first cardiologist.

Many hearts were broken upon hearing the news that Dr. DeFehr had passed on May 24. Surrounded by family and friends after a long, courageous battle against multiple myeloma, Dr. DeFehr passed away in his home. He was 67.

“It’s impossible to do justice to the breadth and depth of Stan’s impact on the people of this community,” said former Jane Phillips Medical Center CEO David Stire. “All of us who knew him are clearly better for his presence in our lives and are deeply grateful to have known him.”

As a cardiologist in the early 1980s, Dr. DeFehr had a vision for a center of excellence. Today, it’s a reality. St. John Clinic Cardiology, known for decades as BlueStem Cardiology, has been and continues to be an award-winning program with a national reputation for quality and compassionate care.

Partnering with Dr. DeFehr in the early years were Drs. Pat Tinker and Gary Dykstra.

“They made quite a team,” said Stire.

Today, with dedicated facilities, equipment and full hospital integration, it’s easy

to forget cardiology’s humble beginnings, which included travelling to patients in other communities to provide care. That initial outreach would catapult JPMC toward becoming a true regional healthcare provider.

“I learned early on that investments in cardiology always produced better-than-expected outcomes,” said Stire. “Stan was central to that belief.”



A tireless worker, Dr. DeFehr still loved to have fun.

“Doc loved playing games with staff during his rounds,” recalled Mollie Bechtelheimer, Dr. DeFehr’s longtime nurse practitioner and family friend. “A (Critical Care Unit) nurse said they used to play a music trivia game to see if they could stump each other with lyrics from old songs. She only stumped him once and wonders if he lost on purpose.”

Dr. DeFehr was an enthusiastic singer and hummer.

“Everyone, including his patients, loved that about him,” said Bechtelheimer. “Our favorite time to hear Doc sing was during procedures. He loved singing along to Elvis, Sinatra and hits of the sixties. Some repeat patients would ask to forego sedation just so they could hear him sing.”

Another passion of his was Oklahoma Sooners football. Dr. DeFehr delighted in having fun with his colleague Dr. Tinker, a University of Texas alumnus and, by his own admission, totally oblivious to team sports.

“After one OU-Texas game, Stan asked me if I had heard the news from Dallas. I told him I had and thought it was great news. He was puzzled because Texas had lost by two touchdowns. I told him I was talking about the two professors who got the Nobel Prize in medicine. He laughed and told that story many times.”

Dr. Tinker retells that story because it exemplified Dr. DeFehr’s practice of reaching out and finding common ground.

“He was friend to all,” he said.

Upon his passing, those who knew him exchanged their own Dr. DeFehr stories. A common thread was his friendship.

**“Stan knew how to live with purpose, conviction and in the moment, one interaction at a time. This is how he changed the world and this, to me, is his greatest legacy.”**

“Once he knew you, he became your advocate, supporter and dedicated defender in life,” said Stire. “It didn’t matter how busy he was or what your standing in life was, he would always make you feel like you were the guest of honor in every conversation. It was just part of Stan’s nature.”

Family, friends and faith were the three pillars in Dr. DeFehr’s life. An active member of the Christian community in Bartlesville for over 35 years, Dr. DeFehr put his faith into action by serving as a physician on several medical missionary trips to Nicaragua and by caring for thousands of patients while spreading the gospel. At Dr. DeFehr’s funeral service on May 30, a passage of scripture was read from 2 Timothy: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

“That was Doc,” Bechtelheimer said softly.

Stire agreed.

“Stan knew how to live with purpose, conviction and in the moment, one interaction at a time. This is how he changed the world and this, to me, is his greatest legacy.”

It will take some time for many to absorb Dr. DeFehr’s absence and to carry on without having him present.

Bechtelheimer succinctly captured the sentiment shared by many: “I so miss him.” \*

# Yum!

by Keith McPhail

Happy July, Bartlesville! In this month marked by backyard barbecues, lakeside lunches and campfire cookouts, treat yourself to some summertime R & R and let someone else do the cooking! Our little city is fortunate to have so many great options when it comes to eating out. So let freedom ring your appetite and enjoy this sweet land of liberty in every edible way.



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# TOM HOLLAND

by Rita Thurman Barnes

One morning in June, I encountered Bartlesville's soon-to-be-retired Police Chief while shopping and, after introductions, I couldn't have imagined the amazing journey his life story would reveal.

He adored playing Little League baseball with Arnold Moore, of Arnold Moore & Neekamp Funeral Home, as team sponsor and he recalled that, during the ensuing years, Moore never referred to him as Chief of Police. Instead, he called him his "favorite second baseman."

Holland loved sports from that time onward and has fond memories of playing for his high school football team in the New Jersey town in which he lived after his father's transfer to New York City by Phillips Petroleum Company. He recalls that much of his life was centered on sports but, by his time spent in high school in Berkeley Heights, N.J., he had long left baseball behind and his goal became to play football.

Holland shared, "I was born in Washington County Memorial Hospital in 1948. We lived on the east side of town on Queenstown Avenue. Looking east, out our back door at this small unincorporated area, all you saw were farm lights. If people asked where we were from, we didn't say Bartlesville, we said from Tuxedo instead."

The son of Dick and Faye Holland continued, "If I could have picked my parents, I could never have asked for better ones. They, and my only sister, have all passed and I woke up one morning a few years ago realizing that I was an orphan - the last of my generation."



"I worked some really interesting cases that had nationwide coverage. I then became a Special Agent with the FBI. Of all the places in America where I could have been sent, the FBI sent me to Bartlesville. I covered six counties in this area averaging about 60 cases a month."

Related to one of Indian Territory's first US Marshalls, E.D. Nix, Holland doesn't recall a time he didn't want to be in law enforcement. After serving as a criminal investigator for the state of Texas, within three years, he began working in the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office and served five years as a criminal investigator there.

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Holland was later transferred to New York City and said that after searching for a home there and finding the cost of housing prohibitive, he had to choose between love of family and love of the FBI.

"Of course, I chose family and remained in Bartlesville," he said. "I knew that Bartlesville was a far better place to raise kids than New York City. I have been Police Chief twice. Apparently, I am the only person in history to serve the local department twice as police chief, from 1990 to 1993 and from 2007 to 2018, (a total of) 16 years. If my time as an FBI agent living and working in Bartlesville is included, my public service totals over 20 years here."

Holland has taught Bible classes in his church for nearly 40 years and also fills the pulpit in the pastor's absence. He has served for 18 years

on the Board of Directors for Voice of the Martyrs and related that his plans are to travel and minister with the group. "I have had thousands of happy moments as police chief," said Holland. "Every time my officers went home alive and well was a happy moment. I often awoken between 1 to 3 a.m. and I use that time to read the Bible and pray for the safety of our officers."

When asked what an alternative career might have looked like, he replied, "Perhaps a career as an officer in the United States Marine Corps but a knee injury stopped that quest. I had the opportunity to play college football and didn't do it. I now wish I had. I also have great pains for not having served in Vietnam when so many of my generation did. My best friend in the world was killed there in 1967."

Holland continued, "I met my wife, Dianne when we both worked at the Tarrant County District Attorney's office in Arlington, TX. She has been my strength and companion since our marriage. We have two boys and now, four beautiful granddaughters aged 22, 18, three, and seven months and they own me."

After having served our city, our state and the nation in law



enforcement for so many years, the chief finished by sharing, "Every day has been an adventure. I have often said that I've loved every minute of my law enforcement career, but I have not liked every minute. There have been some tough times, but I have loved every day."

This dedicated public servant's long and winding road will continue as he focuses on family, church and mission work. Bon voyage, Chief! ✱

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by Abigail Singrey



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The staff at Fusion Massage have worked hard to position themselves as the premier place to get therapeutic massage in town. Every one of the eight therapists has been able to develop his or her own specialty. They take hours of continuing education every year and are constantly seeking out new certifications.

"We've invested our time in learning new techniques and it has really benefited our clients," said Owner Amanda Jacobson. "For those who have chronic pain – whether it's in their back, feet, hands or knees – someone at Fusion specializes in healing that."

Recently, several therapists have become certified in Ashiatsu massage, in which the therapists' feet are used to give broad, deep pressure. Also known as deep feet bar therapy, Ashiatsu massage involves therapists using wooden bars suspended from the ceiling to apply different pressure strokes. This technique works with gravity instead of against it.

Another popular treatment using RockTape helps clients deal with chronic pain and helps athletes recover from injuries. The tape's gentle traction lifts and supports muscles to help increase circulation and improve mobility. Currently, five therapists at Fusion are certified in taping.

Another treatment that Fusion has recently brought to Bartlesville is cupping. Made famous by celebrities such as Michael Phelps and Jennifer Aniston, cupping helps release really tense muscles. Jacobson and another therapist are trained in this therapy but their technique doesn't leave the red circular marks that so many saw on Phelps at the summer Olympics in Rio. Fusion's therapists have seen cupping help with a wide array of problems.

"It's really a game-changer," said Jacobson.

Several Fusion staff have also been trained in Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization, known as IASTM, which is a muscle tissue therapy similar to what might be done in a physical therapy office. It is designed for massage therapists to do as part of their practice and works well either on its own or combined with cupping and deep tissue massage.

"Seeing the pain relief our clients can get is so rewarding," said Jacobson. "Many of them are amazed that tools like cupping (and other therapeutic treatments) can change their life."

For Jacobson, that life-changing moment is what inspires her to continue to grow and develop, both in her own practice and as the owner of Fusion. Fusion has grown and added staff and treatment options under her leadership and Jacobson has begun considering expanding to a second location.

"I'm just as passionate as I was about Fusion in the beginning," she said. "Every day, I'm inspired to create a better atmosphere of wellness through my work at Fusion." \*

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**Lady Bruin Basketball Camp**  
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6th-8th 12:30-3:00pm; bps-ok.org

JULY 10-13

**OKWU Basketball School**  
Ages 10-18 (boys & girls); overnight camp;  
meals included; owku.edu

MISC CAMPS

JULY 9-13

**Architecture Youth Camp**  
Ages 8-12; 10:00am-3:00pm  
pricetower.org

JULY 17-19

**Camp Woolaroc: An Adventure in Learning**  
Ages 6-8; 10:00am-3:00pm  
woolaroc.com

JULY 24-26

**Camp Woolaroc: An Adventure in Learning**  
Ages 9-12; 10:00am-3:00pm  
woolaroc.com

JULY 16-20

**Drama Camp: Seuss Stories**  
Ages 7-12; 9:00am-3:00pm;  
cmtontstage.com

JULY 23-Aug 3

**CMT Best of Broadway 2-Week Camp**  
Ages 7-12; 9:00am-3:00pm  
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JULY 30

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JULY 30-Aug 3

**Madison Mania Transition Camp**  
9:00-11:00am; bps-ok.org

JULY 30-31

**Central Mania Transition Camp**  
9:00-3:00pm; bps-ok.org

FUN FOR KIDS

JULY 4

**Dewey 4th of July Celebration**  
4:00pm-10:00pm; cityofdewey.com

JULY 4

**Bville Freedom Fest**  
7:00pm-10:00pm; kiwanis-ok.org

JULY 6

**SRP Pool Party**  
6:30pm-8:30pm; bartlesville.lib.ok.us

JULY 13

**Family Karaoke & Dance Party**  
6:30pm-8:30pm; On the Rock Ministry  
ontherockministries.com



JULY 16

**SRP Sounds Of Science**  
10:00am (kids) 2:00pm (teens);  
bartlesville.lib.ok.us

JULY 20

**Summer Sundown Movie**  
Toy Story: 9:00pm; Price Tower  
pricetower.org

JULY 23

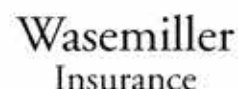
**SRP Touch The Trucks**  
10:00am; Bartlesville Community  
Center Parking Lot; bartlesville.lib.ok.us

JULY 28

**SRP Grand Finale: Rock Concert**  
4:00pm-9:00pm; Sooner Park Bandshell



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## JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

Know of an upcoming event that should be listed here?  
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### Sun, July 1

9 AM

#### Raffle Tickets on Sale

[bigeventbartlesville.org](http://bigeventbartlesville.org)

Online ticket sales for a raffle supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma.

12 PM

#### Exhibition 7ply:

#### The Art of Skateboarding

Price Tower  
510 S. Dewey Ave.

"7ply" refers to the seven layers of wood that comprise a skateboard and is an expression of a skater's life struggles, overcoming them on the board and emoting their stories through art. Featuring the work of 50+ artists from around the world. On display through Aug. 26. Gallery hours Tues-Sat, 10-8 p.m. and Sun, 12-5 p.m.



### Mon, July 2

10 AM

#### Open House

Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.

Enjoy coffee and a pastry while taking a tour of Elder Care. Spend time learning about the programs of Elder Care and getting your questions answered.

6:30 PM

#### Travel Talks: Session 4 – How to Beat Jet-Lag

Tri County Tech  
6101 Nowata Rd.

In this course, you will learn everything you need to know when it comes to traveling. Free to the public. Call 918-331-3333 to reserve your spot.

7 PM

#### Johnstone Irregulars Book Club

Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.

This month's book discussion will be on "Open House" by Elizabeth Berg.

### Weds, July 4

9:30 AM

#### Freedom Parade

Downtown Pawhuska

Beginning at Ninth St. & Kihekah Ave. This annual non-motorized walking parade is for everyone! No one is too old or too young to participate, but an adult must accompany small children. Dress patriotic, decorate your stroller, bike, skateboard, wagon, pet, etc. and join us at Blue Sky Bank parking lot at 9 a.m. where registration will be. Email [Pawhuskachamber2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Pawhuskachamber2@sbcglobal.net) to preregister. Complimentary hot dogs, apple pie and water will be offered this year. The Mercantile will be hosting a Patriotic Party on the Prairie to follow with vendors, food and fireworks!

2 PM

#### Nowata Fourth of July Celebration

Jack Gordon Park  
425 S. Cedar St.

The Nowata Fire Department will be

serving pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, snow-cones and drinks. The Fire Department will also have a water spout. Turtle races are at 4:30 p.m. with cash prizes. Auction starts at 6 p.m. followed by free watermelon at 8:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and watch the fireworks at dusk!

4 PM

#### Dewey Duck Derby & Fourth of July Celebration

Don Tyler Park  
Delaware & Brahma Aves.

Free watermelon, games for kids, music, and fireworks! Come early and set up your picnic area for the day. Great food available from the Dewey Lions Club starting at 4 p.m. Live music starts at 6 p.m. Hundreds of numbered plastic ducks will race down the "Delaware River" during the Duck Derby at 8:45 p.m. to compete for super prizes. Ducks are available for purchase at locations around Dewey. Fireworks at 9:35 p.m.

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### Thurs, July 5

7 PM

#### Red, White and Tuna

Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

Enjoy this third in a series of comedic plays set in the small town of Tuna, Texas, written in part by Bartlesville native and Tony-nominated actor Joe Sears. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner service begins at 5:45 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m.



### Fri, July 6

9 AM

#### 2018 "Be Courageous" Regional Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses

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10 AM  
“Christmas in July”  
Quilt Exhibit Opening  
Bartlesville Area History Museum  
401 S. Johnstone (5th Floor)  
Exhibit courtesy of Bartlesville Jubilee Quilters Guild.

7 PM  
Red, White and Tuna  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.  
See July 5 event for more information.

## Sat, July 7

10 AM  
WCSPCA Petco  
National Adoption Event  
Petco  
2709 SE. Adams Blvd.  
This weekend only, from 10-4 p.m., the Petco Foundation will donate money to Washington County SPCA for every animal adopted.

10:30 AM  
Intro to Acrylics Workshop  
with Lauren Florence  
Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve  
Event Center  
1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd.  
Using acrylic paint, Lauren will walk you through exercises to explore color mixing, mark making, layering and image analysis to create expressive paintings. No experience necessary. All materials included. 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with one-hour break for lunch. Register by July 4.

7 PM  
Red, White and Tuna  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.  
See July 5 event for more information.

8 PM  
Live Music with Josh & Brianna  
Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
110 SW. Frank Phillips Blvd.

Live Music with BranJae  
Price Tower Copper Bar  
510 S. Dewey Ave.

## Sun, July 8

1 PM  
Intro to Watercolor Workshop  
with Lauren Florence  
Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve  
Event Center  
1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd.  
Learn the fundamentals of playing and exploring with watercolors. No experience necessary. Using fun, easy techniques, Lauren will show you how to create colorful, impactful paintings for cards, gifts, and relaxation. All materials included. Class is 1-4:30 p.m. Register by July 4.

3 PM  
Red, White and Tuna  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.  
See July 5 event for more information. Doors open at 1 p.m. followed by lunch service and the show begins at 3 p.m.

8 PM  
Hideaway Summer Concert Series  
– Paul Benjamin Band  
Downtown, Outside Hideaway Pizza  
100 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

## Weds, July 11

10 AM  
Cellphone Class  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.  
Open to all. Come see what your device can do!

## Thurs, July 12

4 PM  
Chamber of Commerce B2B  
Fair & Business After Hours  
Hilton Garden Inn  
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.  
Many local businesses provide services and products specifically tailored to meet the various needs a business might have. Come see what services are available locally and meet some of our businesses who have invested in our community just like you at our B2B fair held in conjunction with July's Business After Hours. Local supporting local!

6 PM  
APDA Parkinson's Caregivers  
Support Group Meeting  
Jane Phillips Medical Center Lower Level Classroom  
3500 Frank Phillips Blvd  
The meeting will feature an open forum, round-table discussion covering care-giver challenges. These meetings provide information on Parkinson's and various

considerations regarding dealing with the effects from the disease from a caregivers' perspective. For more information, call Support Group Leader Rudy Geissler at 918-766-2996.

7 PM



Children's Musical Theatre  
Presents “The Little Mermaid”  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.  
Ariel, King Triton's daughter, wishes to pursue Prince Eric on the land, bargaining with the sea witch, Ursula, to trade her tail for legs. But the bargain is not what it seems and Ariel needs help from friends Flounder, Scuttle and Sebastian to restore order under the sea. Visit bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com for tickets.

Stray Katz Movie Night – “Tucker”  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

## Fri, July 13

2 PM  
Ice Cream Social  
Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.  
Stop at Elder Care on this hot July afternoon to enjoy an ice cream sundae and meet someone new. Anyone 60 or older is welcome. RSVP not required but appreciated.

7 PM  
Children's Musical Theatre  
Presents “The Little Mermaid”  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.  
See July 12 event for more info.

Bartlesville Film Society  
Presents “Tombstone”  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

## Sat, July 14

9:15 AM  
Bartlesville CityServe  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.

Join us for service projects around the city of Bartlesville on the second Saturday of every month!

3 PM  
Children's Musical Theatre  
Presents “The Little Mermaid”  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.  
See July 12 event for more info.

8 PM  
Live Music with Let It Ride  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

Live Music with Jo  
Hemian Jazz Syndicate  
Price Tower Copper Bar  
510 S. Dewey Ave.

Karaoke  
Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
110 SW. Frank Phillips Blvd.

## Sun, July 15

1 PM  
Family Free Funday  
Price Tower  
510 S. Dewey Ave.  
Free exhibition admission and features an activity or craft in conjunction with the 7ply: The Art of Skateboarding exhibition, 1-3 p.m.

3 PM  
Children's Musical Theatre  
Presents “The Little Mermaid”  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.  
See July 12 event for more info.

## Tues, July 17

9 AM  
Oil Painting Workshop  
with Cris Sundquist  
Price Tower Design Center  
500 S. Dewey Ave.  
This Bartlesville Art Association workshop will focus on interpreting and recreating landscape photographs. Class meets July 17-19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Visit bartlesvilleartassociation.org for more information.

12 PM  
Washington County Wellness  
Initiative Presents Aging (Housing)  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.  
The discussion will focus on the mental health component of the topic.

5 PM  
Washington County Wellness  
Initiative Presents Aging (Housing)  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.  
See 12 p.m. event for more info.

6 PM  
A Culinary Trip to South America  
Tri County Tech  
6101 Nowata Rd.  
Start with traditional Peruvian ceviche, fresh seafood “cooked” in lime juice and served with corn and sweet potatoes. Next, fire up the grill for some steak topped with fresh Argentinian Chimichurri and served on fresh bread. Enjoy Caipirinha's, a traditional Brazilian drink. 21+ to enroll. Visit tricountytech.edu.

6:30 PM  
Blue Star Mothers Monthly Meeting  
1009 Leisure Lane Bldg C Flag Pole POB 1611  
Military Moms & supporters of deployed discharged military meet for support fundraising fellowship volunteer sign ups donation drives. Open to the public! For more information, call 918-337-2213 or visit bvlbluestars.org.

## Weds, July 18

9 AM  
Free Hearing Screening  
Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.  
Elder Care is partnering with Miracle Ear to offer a free hearing screening for anyone 60 or older on July 18, 9-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. by appointment only. RSVP at 918-336-8500.



BIG Event 2018 Ticket Sales Begin  
bigeventbartlesville.org  
Fun “Glamping” theme dinner with entertainment, auctions and more supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters at 6 p.m. on August 25 at Hilton Garden Inn in Bartlesville.

6 PM  
Online Job Resources Class  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.  
Please call 918-338-4169 to register.

## Thurs, July 19

2 PM  
Gentle Reads Book Club  
Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.  
This month's discussion will be on “Little Beach Street Bakery” by Jenny Colgan.

5 PM  
Parkinson's Support Group  
Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.  
Support group for Parkinson's patients and their families.

6 PM  
Live Music with Rosi  
Caswell and Friends  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

## Fri, July 20

8 PM  
Karaoke  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

Live Music with Ann-Janette  
Price Tower Copper Bar  
510 S. Dewey Ave.



8:45 PM  
Bartlesville Film Society  
Presents “Toy Story”  
Price Tower  
510 S. Dewey Ave.  
Enjoy this outdoor screening at sunset!

## Sat, July 21

8 PM  
Live Music with The Marriots  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.  
Live Music with Sea the Forest  
Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
110 SW. Frank Phillips Blvd.

## Mon, July 23

12 PM  
Movie Monday –  
Home on the Range  
Bartlesville Area History Museum  
401 S. Johnstone Ave. (5th Floor)  
Lone Chimney's fourth film tells the story of the iconic song “Home on the Range” – the story of the frontier doctor, Brewster Higley and why he wrote the song.

## Tues, July 24

9 AM  
Block-In Boot Camp:  
Drawing Workshop with  
Sante Fe Artist John Reger  
Price Tower Art Center  
500 S. Dewey Ave.  
The Bartlesville Art Association is hosting a workshop that is just right for you, no matter where you are in your drawing journey. Improve drawing technique over this four-day workshop, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Morning demo and instruction, hour lunch and afternoon for student practice.

11:30 AM  
Phillips 66 Forum  
with Greg Garland  
City Church  
4222 Rice Creek Rd.

## Thurs, July 26

4 PM  
Speed Networking  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.  
This fast-paced, one-hour event held quarterly is an excellent way to make new business contacts, interact one-on-one with other professionals, showcase new products and promote your business. The event is limited to one member per business category, in order to make the most of your participation. Event is free to attend!

7 PM  
Live Music with Steve Liddell  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

5:30  
Golden Hour  
Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.  
Free social evening with live entertainment, food and giveaways. No RSVP required. Open to anyone over the age of 60. This month's theme is Western.

## Fri, July 27

7 PM  
Live Theatre – “Hit the Road Jack”  
Comedy  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

## Sat, July 28

1 PM  
Painting Class with John Hammer  
Price Tower  
510 S. Dewey Ave.  
Cost is \$25, supplies included. Visit pricetower.org for more information and to register for this fun class with Claremore's King of Pop Art. All proceeds benefit Price Tower Arts Center.

7 PM  
Live Theatre – “Hit the Road Jack”  
Comedy  
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub, Dewey  
306 E. Don Tyler Ave.

Distinguished Young Women of  
Oklahoma State Competition  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.

8 PM  
Live Music with BranJae  
Price Tower Copper Bar  
510 S. Dewey Ave.

8:30 PM  
Live Music with Jake Hemphill  
Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
110 SW. Frank Phillips Blvd.

## Tues, July 31

9 AM  
Cruise over to Chanute  
Elder Care  
1223 Swan Dr.  
Take a day trip on a motor coach to Chanute, Kansas to visit the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, eat at the country club and enjoy a tour of the oldest churches in Kansas with one of the oldest organs brought over from Germany. \$60 per person. RSVP by July 20.



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**2nd Street Flat**  
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**Angelo's Tavern**  
130 S. Cherokee Ave.

**Bartlesville Art Association**  
Price Tower Design Center  
500 S. Dewey Ave.

**Bartlesville Artisan Market**  
Washington Park Mall  
2350 SE Washington Blvd.

**Bartlesville Farmers Market**  
Frank Phillips Park  
222 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

**Bartlesville Public Library**  
600 S. Johnstone Ave.

**Bartlesville Weight Watchers**  
Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd.

**Bartlesville Yoga**  
MON/THURS: Bartlesville  
Civic Ballet Studio, 110 W. Second St.  
TUES: Hillcrest Country Club,  
1901 Price Rd.

**Bliss Studio**  
319 S. Dewey St. Ste. 100  
(Inside Curbside Closet)

**Elder Care**  
1223 Swan Dr.

**Osage Casino**  
222 Allen Rd.

**Painted Horse Bar & Grille**  
110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

**Solo Club**  
408 E. Second St.

**Tri County Tech**  
6101 SE Nowata Rd.

**MONDAY**

9 AM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

Zumba  
Tri County Tech

10 AM  
Citizenship Class  
Bartlesville Public Library

5 PM  
Vinyasa Yoga  
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5:30 PM  
Spanish Class  
Bartlesville Public Library

6 PM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

7 PM  
Darts  
Solo Club

**TUESDAY**

8 AM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

10 AM  
Fine Art Class  
BAA Price Tower Design Center

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4 PM  
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6 PM  
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7 PM  
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Tuesday Trivia  
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**WEDNESDAY**

9 AM  
Yoga & Meditation  
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Tapestry Weaving Class  
Price Tower Design Center

10 AM  
Babies & Toddlers Storytime  
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11 AM  
Preschooler Storytime  
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Open Studio  
Price Tower Design Center

6 PM  
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Vinyasa Yoga  
2nd Street Flat

Citizenship Class  
Bartlesville Public Library

9 PM  
Karaoke  
Solo Club

**THURSDAY**

8 AM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

9 AM  
Throwback Dance  
Tri County Tech

9:30 AM  
Prana Vinyasa Flow Yoga  
Bartlesville Civic Ballet Studio

10 AM  
Babies & Toddlers Storytime  
Bartlesville Public Library

ESL Conversation Class  
Bartlesville Public Library

Bartlesville Weight  
Watchers Meeting  
Bartlesville Community Center

11 AM  
Preschooler Storytime  
Bartlesville Public Library

1 PM  
All-Ages Storytime  
Bartlesville Public Library

Beginning Watercolor  
Art Class  
Price Tower Design Center

4 PM  
Throwback Dance Fitness  
Tri County Tech

6 PM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

Bartlesville Weight  
Watchers Meeting  
Bartlesville Community Center

7 PM  
Nightshift Karaoke  
Osage Casino

9 PM  
Angelos Karaoke (21+)  
Angelos Tavern

Live Music  
Solo Club

**FRIDAY**

9 AM  
Yoga & Meditation  
Bliss Studio

10 AM  
Fine Art Class  
Price Tower Design Center

12 PM  
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Bartlesville Public Library

**SATURDAY**

8 AM  
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10AM  
Bartlesville Artisan Market  
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# Cleaning with Care

## Clean Results

by Maria Gus



Teresa McKinnon found herself in a position in which many parents find themselves – looking for a way to make some extra money. In her case, she was looking to save for her daughter’s braces. Following the philosophy of “do what you love,” McKinnon decided she could clean two homes a week to save a little money and help her family.

That’s how Clean Results began.

McKinnon kept cleaning homes on her own for the next few years. The business started to grow and McKinnon soon discovered she would need to hire a team. Today, Clean Results employs eight technicians and has been serving the Bartlesville area for seven years.

“I absolutely love to clean,” said McKinnon. “For me, it decreases stress. I love the before and after. I love for a client to walk in and (to) see the stress melt off.”

McKinnon said that having a clean home just clears the mind and clients are able to handle a lot more because their lives are more organized. She also feels that having one’s home professionally cleaned can really create a sense of freedom.

The staff at Clean Results are professionally-trained and known for their good attitudes. McKinnon is most proud of the cohesiveness of her team, their willingness to learn and that they are always looking for ways to improve.

“We take each client as an individual,” she said. “We will work within a client’s budget and what they can do. Our team is very responsive to our clients’ needs and I think their professionalism goes a long way.”

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“With (every) new client, we begin with a personalized, detailed cleaning,” said McKinnon, explaining that once Clean Results has completed a good “Spring cleaning” throughout a home, her team then rotates a schedule of deep-cleanings around the house throughout the year, focusing on a different room with each visit.

For McKinnon, it all comes back to family. Her husband Jim, and their six children ranging in age from 15 to 26, are what life is all about and Clean Results has been able to help her provide for them. In addition, McKinnon’s faith is a very important part of her life and work.

“I feel like God has blessed the business and is constantly giving us clients,” she said. “I have amazing cleaning technicians and we’re a close-knit group. We celebrate together and they are trustworthy. That alone is worth a mint.”

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# Home Sweet Home

by Jay Webster



Hello, friends. Welcome to July. You’re already half way through 2018. If you haven’t failed at your New Year’s resolution yet, you better get started. There isn’t much time.

This is, of course, our nation’s birthday month. And, like most American holidays, we’ll celebrate by eating and spending too much. Americans spend about 211 million dollars on fireworks each year but that doesn’t hold a sparkler to the six billion dollars we’ll spend on food for Independence Day. Man, that’s a lot of potato salad and diet pop.

Some people have become critical of the U.S. in recent years. They think we’re losing our edge. I think maybe they’re just measuring the wrong trends. Sure, we’re down in education, health and median wealth but we lead the world in eating, guns and hours spent watching television. So, if you can kill it, skillet it or binge it... watch out, baby ‘cause we’re number one!

According to Forbes, we’re the 10th most charitable state in the union. You really are doing fine, Oklahoma!

Some people see that as a problem. I see it as an opportunity. Do we weigh more than people in the rest of the world? Sure. But we can also lose more weight than those people. Do we own more guns? Yes. But we also use them more than any other country. Do we have more prisons than the rest of the world? Of course. But we really fill them up. Not one of those prison beds goes unused. So, in that way, we’re only producing what we actually use - and that’s called a responsible use of resources where I come from, my friends.

No matter whether you view America as half empty or half full, there is one area I think most of us can agree in which the US excels. We lead the world in charitable giving. In fact, nearly 80 percent of us reported helping a complete stranger in the last 12 months. Seventy percent donated money to a charity. And at least 44% of us took a break from binge-watching TV to volunteer our time. What’s even better is that Oklahomans make up a significant part of that story. According to Forbes, we’re the 10th most charitable state in the union. You really are doing fine, Oklahoma!

It’s hard to imagine but these places that now host tours once echoed with real voices from normal humans like you and me. If you quiet yourself the next time you’re in one of these “homes,” I’m sure you can hear them.

If you ask most people today what the “American Dream” means to them, somewhere in their response they’ll mention owning their own home. My wife and I have accumulated a lot of years in apartments, so I’m still pretty geeked about living in a house my bank owns... probably because I often think of myself as twenty-something and I still can’t believe that someone trusted us to live here! I keep thinking we’re gonna get busted and someone’s gonna ask us to go home.

The cover of this issue of bMonthly shows the newly “refreshed” home of Frank and Jane Phillips. I was probably in the third grade the first time I toured the oil baron’s home. Two things really stood out to me as a 10-year-old. The first was the fabled painting of Jane on the second floor which had eyes that followed you as you walked. (That was pretty creepy for a grade-schooler.) The second was that Frank and Jane had not just separate beds but separate bedrooms altogether. That fascinated and disturbed my pre-pubescent tour group.

I drive by that home almost daily now. And, I’ve been privileged to spend a lot of time at Woolaroc (the Phillips’ home in the Osage) as well. Today, I like to think of those attractions as actual homes. I like to imagine the voices of kids playing or Frank and Jane entertaining the rich and famous.

If you stand quietly on the shores of Clyde lake at Woolaroc, you can imagine the late-night echoes of glasses toasting and conversations hanging in the heavy night air with occasional rumbles of laughter rolling out of the lodge and down to the waters.

**On Cherokee Avenue, you can envision “important” guests seated properly at the dining table or a crowded front room full of fancy dresses for a holiday cocktail party. What do you imagine those whispered conversations being about? What music is playing?**

On Cherokee Avenue, you can envision “important” guests seated properly at the dining table or a crowded front room full of fancy dresses for a holiday cocktail party. What do you imagine those whispered conversations being about? What music is playing? What would Frank say as he quiets the crowd to make a toast? What aromas fill the air as trays of delectables float by and champagne spills over?

At the end of the night, when the last guest finally sings their way out, do Frank and Jane just sit quietly in the front room and retell stories from the night? Do they groan as they finally relent and make their way up the stairs, shoes in hand, arms pulling heavily on the banister?

Maybe their kids jumped loudly down those same stairs the next morning before they headed out to ten acres of their very own playground on which their home originally sat. Can you imagine the front lawn, filled with laughing and squealing kids caught in a game of tag? Perhaps Frank became an unwilling “it” in the middle of reading the paper and drinking his coffee outside.

It’s hard to imagine but these places that now host tours once echoed with real voices from normal humans like you and me. If you quiet yourself the next time you’re in one of these “homes,” I’m sure you can hear them. The voices might be kids whispering what they want for Christmas or guests telling jokes around the kitchen table or Jane tucking the children in for the night with a swaying lullaby. It’s all there when you listen.

That’s what I’d want someone to imagine if they came to our house and we weren’t there. Maybe they’d look in the backyard and see the grill and envision me in awkward patriotic shorts, cooking up our part of the six billion dollars in Independence Day food. Now that’s ‘Merica... land of the free, home of the brave and over-spenders like you and me. There’s no place I’d rather be. \*



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# Donuts to Go

by Rita Thurman Barnes

We made an early trip to Tulsa one morning to get a belt for Hubby's lawn mower. We left before breakfast so we could get there when the dealership opened and home to mow before the rain.

On the way back, we stopped at a bakery and got a couple of donuts. We were making small talk while the clerk made change and I mentioned we were hungry and heading back to Bartlesville. She was an older lady and she looked at me and said, "I've been up there a couple of times. It's such a 'cute little town.'"

I don't know what rattled my cage but her comment didn't set well. I could be getting old and touchy but I want the town I'm spending the rest of my life in to be thought of as more than a "cute little town."

I reminded her that Phillips 66 had its beginnings in Bartlesville as did what was later known as Citgo. I had to stop myself from preaching a sermonette about all the good things that go on here in town and how the lives of people around the state and around the world have been impacted because of the research and development that continues to take place in Bartlesville despite some relocation to Houston.

We may be a small city tucked in the northeast corner of Oklahoma but we matter and we contribute and, for the most part, we reach out to our neighbors and friends less fortunate and give from deep down in our pockets and from our hearts.


We celebrate our beginnings and we look toward the future. We stand for what we believe and we matter in the grand scheme of things, in Oklahoma and around the world.

We listen to country music, we celebrate the classics and we honor our veterans. We build skyscrapers and low-income housing and we bake and buy cookies to help house the homeless and to save the Kiddie Park.

The donut was good. It was really good. And it was the same price but much larger than most of the donuts I can find in my hometown but it left an unpleasant taste in my mouth. I felt as if I'd sold out to the enemy in some small way.

I don't ever want our city to be remembered or thought of as just a "cute little town to the north of Tulsa." I don't ever want to have to explain to someone at a gas station in another Oklahoma town that Bartlesville is a town just north of Tulsa. And I don't want our town to just be remembered as the place where Phillips 66 and Cities Service Oil Company started. I want us to be remembered as one of the best cities in America in which to live; to be remembered as that all-American city we truly are. Just my thoughts on this cloudy, about-to-rain day.

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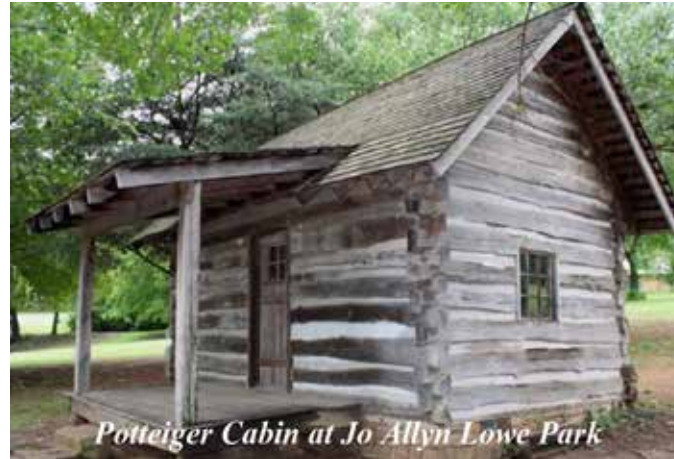
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Potteiger Cabin at the Reeve home



Potteiger Cabin at Jo Allyn Lowe Park

# It Takes an Army of Givers

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum

Throughout the history of Bartlesville, our town has been touched by the philanthropic spirit of a vast number of unrecognized individuals with the same goal: to make Bartlesville great. As residents, we often enjoy the gifts of these generous benefactors without knowing the roots of the gifts. One such gift is located at Jo Allyn Lowe Park on Price Road.

In 1913, Harold Charles Price, Sr. graduated college and came to Bartlesville where he went to work for Bartlesville Zinc Company before forming the Electra Welding Company on Second Street. His business grew rapidly and became the H.C. Price Pipeline Company. The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed, copper-clad Price Tower was built to be the company's corporate headquarters in 1956. Price died in 1962 and his son, Harold Price Jr. took over the company.

It was the sons of H.C. and Mary Lou Price, Joe and Harold Price Jr., who donated the nearly 32 acres of land along Price Road for a park.

In 1978, Harold Price Jr. and the Phillips Petroleum Company funded the development of the William Wesley Peters-designed park. Peters was a protégé of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Upon completion, the park was dedicated in the name of Jo Allyn Lowe. But who was this man?

Margaret Lewis came to Bartlesville to work for Phillips Petroleum Company, fell in love with Lowe and they married in 1947. He worked at the Y.M.C.A. for several years. Then, the Boys Club of Bartlesville was incorporated in 1954 and Lowe was the first Executive Director, a position he held until his death in 1975. In addition, the Price Foundation, Phillips Petroleum, Cities Service, Masonic Lodge #284, National Zinc, Reda Pump and the Tyler Foundation underwrote the first year's budget. Lowe did not just work at the Boys Club, he gave his heart and soul to saving the lives of lost young men.

The Landmark Preservation Council of Washington County began in 1978 with the goal of "identification, preservation and restoration of historic sites and structures" in our community. Their early efforts included conducting tours of the Price Tower and placing several buildings on the National Registry of Historic Places but their contributions to Bartlesville were much greater.

The creation of the Hulah Dam in 1951 helped alleviate some of the areas' flooding issues but it also created the displacement of the little town of Hulah, which had an active Santa Fe Depot. At that time, the



depot became the property of the Mullendore family and it sat in a field for years.

In 1984, the family donated the structure to the Landmark Preservation Council who not only brought the building to Johnstone Park but also managed the restoration, which enhanced the landscape of the park.

Another outstanding Landmark Preservation project was the relocation and restoration of a Delaware log cabin on the property of Bennie and Marietta Reeves, west of Wann.

The one-room 11-by-18-foot Delaware cabin with a lean-to kitchen added to the east side of the structure was built in the 1920s by Granville Lewis Potteiger and Joe Washington. The logs were carefully hewn of oak and walnut with half dove tail notches. Potteiger often rented the cabin as a hunting and fishing retreat.

In 1928, Potteiger sold the cabin and the surrounding 128 acres to his son, Bill Potteiger who, in 1948, sold the land plus an additional 144 acres to John Reeves. At that time, Bill Potteiger and his wife moved to Bartlesville in retirement. In 1964, the property passed to John Reeves' son, Benny and his wife, Marietta.

Benny and Marietta Reeves' children often used the cabin as a playhouse but the Reeves recognized the historic significance of the log cabin and felt they needed preservation assistance. In 1987, after a short call to Kenneth Tate, Prairie Song, I.T., and Landmark Preservation Chair, Susan Lacey, the plan was laid to move the cabin.

According to Marietta Reeves, "Kenneth Tate used his equipment and an army of man power" to carefully measure, dismantle, place numbered tags on the logs and relocate the logs to the Joe Price barn on Price Road, where they rested over the winter of 1987-88.



In the spring of 1988, there appeared to be an old-fashioned barn-raising happening in Jo Allyn Lowe Park as the Potteiger cabin was being constructed from the ground up.

The City of Bartlesville Parks Department dug the foundation footer; Jack Mootz built the sandstone foundation; the logs were brought from their winter storage, cleaned and coated with water seal; Tate and Willard Jones of Silver Dollar City hewed the replacement logs; Melvin Hoppock donated flooring from the old Ochelata Gymnasium; Bob Bailey took care of the doors and windows; Terry Armstrong installed rafters and Joe Rovenstine, the roof; and Nellie Johnstone Questers Club completed the building with furnishings.

The reassembly was assisted by the Historic Preservation Office of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Historical Society, a \$2,000 matching grant from WalMart and many untold volunteers and funders, too many to list.

The cabin was dedicated on Oct. 16, 1988 with a grand celebration in the park.



So, when you see the word non-profit organization, you see the work of volunteers who are givers of time, strength, knowledge and energy. They are silent history heroes who sprinkle their angel dust on projects and leave the world a better place.

And when you visit Jo Allyn Lowe Park and grace the steps of the nearly century-old Potteiger log cabin, remember the entire project began with a college graduate and culminated with tributes to some of Bartlesville's gentle giants in the field of giving. It takes an army!

Did You Know: In 1980, Landmark Preservation worked to preserve the Delaware log cabin of Mary Thursday located on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Medlock at 2005 S. Johnstone Ave. However, due to extreme deterioration, the cabin was not salvable and the project was abandoned. The Landmark Preservation Council has now disbanded. \*

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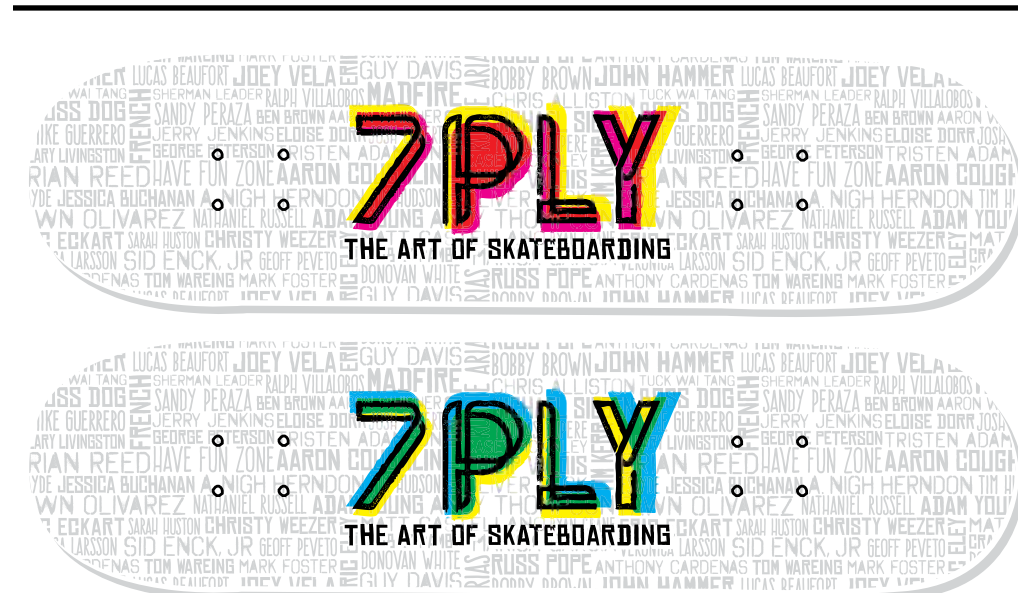




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# Home Is Where the History Is

## The Frank Phillips Home

by Mike Wilt



**I**n 1905, banker and oilman, Frank Phillips moved his wife, Jane and son, John to Bartlesville, which was a crowded, coarse frontier town in Indian Territory. To provide a home environment, Frank built a modest house at 1007 S. Johnstone Ave. Although greatly renovated, the home is still standing today in its original location.

By 1907, when Oklahoma became a state, Phillips' fortunes had really begun to prosper. In 1908, at the age of 35, he began construction on a grand home at 1107

S. Cherokee Ave. It was completed in 1909, remodeled and expanded in 1917, and again in 1930. "Uncle Frank" and "Aunt Jane" lived in the home until their deaths in 1950 and 1948, respectively.



Elizabeth Irwin, the Phillips' granddaughter inherited the home and, after 25 years of preserving its integrity and contents, donated it and the Phillips' personal belongings to the state of Oklahoma in 1973. The Frank Phillips Foundation, the faithful steward of Frank Phillips' "ranch retreat" – Wolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve

located 12 miles southwest of Bartlesville, assumed ownership and management in December of last year.

A popular tourist stop listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Frank Phillips Home depicts the lives, tastes, fashions and values of the Phillips family during the first half of the 20th century. Entering the home is like stepping back in time and experiencing

the home life of one of America's most fascinating oilmen. Many tourists who walk through the 26 rooms spread over three floors are astonished by how many of the Phillips' original furnishings and belongings are still around today.

## Library



The cavernous yet cozy library was part of the final remodel in 1930. Featuring hand-carved white American oak paneling and a gas fire place, the library was one of Jane's favorite rooms. A voracious reader and book collector, Jane often spent time in her comfortable red chair just to the left of the fireplace. She smoked cigarettes while Frank enjoyed fine cigars, so it's no surprise the room features standing ashtrays throughout.

In 1917, the Phillips became legal guardians of two orphaned sisters. The two girls, Mary Francis and Sara Jane, were five and three years of age when they became Frank and Jane's foster daughters. A granddaughter and grandsons would follow in later years. All of the children enjoyed the library at Christmastime and delighted in decorating real cedar trees carefully positioned in a corner.

The room also featured a hiding place behind a wooden panel in a corner on the north side of the room. This was to be used in the event of an intruder or kidnapping attempt. The hideaway was connected to the home's intercom system as well as an outside telephone line.

Irwin, the Phillips' granddaughter was married in the library and Frank Phillips' funeral was held there as well.

## Sunroom



Part of the renovation and expansion in 1917 included the addition of a sunroom on the south side of the home. Fun-loving and down-to-earth Jane enjoyed entertaining. Her role as a gracious hostess included many afternoons in the sunroom holding bridge parties. With the windows open and the screens down, gentle Oklahoma breezes would waft through the room and mix with ladies' perfume, cigarette smoke and the aroma of tea, wine and spirits.

Occasionally, Frank, with a premium cigar in hand, would conduct company board meetings and other business dealings in the room

During the winter months, Jane would busy herself with jigsaw puzzles ordered from catalogs. However, unlike today, there were no pictures on any of the puzzle boxes.

## Dining Room

Family meals were, of course, regularly held in the dining room and the Phillips' two foster daughters were always expected to "dress for dinner."

Frank and Jane loved to entertain and hosted many guests for food and drink. Adorned in fine Philippine

mahogany with a Waterford Crystal chandelier, the room was often filled with talk and laughter as the Phillips socialized around a table that can be expanded to seat 18 people. Delicious food would be prepared and served by the nine full-time and six part-time servants. A buzzer underneath the dining room rug would allow Aunt Jane to tap her foot and discreetly summon the hired help.

## Fun Facts

- Every day between 5 and 6 a.m., Frank would have breakfast in bed. Jane would be served breakfast in bed between 9 and 10 a.m. A hallway connects their separate bedrooms. Jane's door has a lock on it. Frank's door does not.

- Frank's bathroom contained a barber's chair. Every day, a local barber would come to the home and give him a shave.

- The home was actually titled in Jane's name, so the house could easily be called the Jane Phillips Home.

- Will Rogers and Wiley Post were frequent overnight guests. A shower in one of the guest rooms has 10 showerheads.

While it included nothing but the best – leaded glass, marble facings, silk damask on the walls, Tiffany lamps and 10-carat gold bathroom fixtures – the home was home for Frank and Jane and their family.

*Author's Note:* Mike Wilt would like to express sincere thanks to Debbie Neece of the Bartlesville Area History Museum and Michelle Swaney of the Frank Phillips Home for their kind assistance with this article. \*

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# Pawhuska's Cowboy Christmas in July Cavalcade Rodeo

by Joni Nash, Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce

The 72nd International Cavalcade Rodeo happens July 16-22. Every man, woman and child to have ever experienced the magic of Cavalcade is already counting down the days ...and minutes... and probably seconds!

On occasion, I am asked by visitors to Pawhuska, "What is Cavalcade?" To which I am always tempted to reply, "How much time do you have?"

Cavalcade is tradition, culture, heritage, family, friends, hard work, lifetime memories, concerts, two-stepping and cowboys and cowgirls of all ages! It's good food, campfires, dirt, sweat, laughter, late nights, early mornings, campouts, horses, cattle and tough competition!

For 72 years, in every generation, Pawhuska's population has shown quite the influx as round up clubs arrive like clockwork the third week of July to set up camp at the Osage County Fairgrounds. Over 1,600 contestants will compete over a series of nine rodeo

performances in events that include bareback bronc riding, wild horse races, team roping, wild cow milking, calf roping, pony express races, barrel races, pole bending, flag races, chuck wagon races and queen contest.

Tuesday night kicks off the week with the Hunter Thomas Band playing at the Downtown Pawhuska Street Dance! The dance is free to the public and a great way to warm up your dancing boots for the concerts that will be held Wednesday through Saturday night after each rodeo performance.

This year's musical lineup, like every year's, consists of local and national performers. Shotgun Rider will perform Wednesday night, Read Southall on Thursday night, Pat Green on Friday night and Flatland Cavalry on Saturday night.

The history of Cavalcade always intrigues people. 1946 was a long time ago but that is the year Miss Alice Adams (a well-known lady bronc rider in her time) penned the idea, organized and created

what would two years later officially become Cavalcade! I wonder if she ever envisioned her efforts would continue on and bring such tradition for several generations to follow.

The pioneer spirit and hard work ethic of Miss Alice lives on and is still the backbone of what makes Cavalcade thrive! You can see it lived out in the efforts and horse power of Cavalcade's Chairman, Jeff Bute. Bute took the head management of Cavalcade nearly 10 years ago. He and his stellar team of directors and staff have "carried the torch" and, in doing so, have taken Cavalcade to higher heights each year and make it the enormous production it is! \*

There are many faces that join Bute in working year-round to ensure Pawhuska's biggest event carries on with excellence. These individuals work long hours, especially the week of the event, and I sure would like to take this opportunity to list and thank them: \*

**Jeff Bute**  
Director/Cavalcade Chairman

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Director/Chief Time & Score Keeper

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# The Comer House

## The Naylor Home

by Bill Woodard

Approaching Dewey from the south, turning right on Don Tyler Ave., then two blocks later turning left will put a driver on North Creek Street. It's an old neighborhood, with some of the houses built over a century ago. A driver who has never been on this street will likely do a double take about the middle of the 1300 block. The home at 1316 North Creek is simply not like its neighbors.

It is known in architectural circles as the Comer House, named after the couple who contracted with Bruce Goff to design and build it. The house was completed in 1957, one year after Frank Lloyd Wright's Bartlesville skyscraper. Mr. and Mrs. Comer only lived in the house about one year. Details are uncertain, but apparently after moving in Mrs. Comer decided she did not like the house.

The current owner is Ms. Cynthia Naylor, a delightful, gracious lady, whose love for the house and appreciation for Mr. Goff's artistic gifts and talents are evident. Ms. Naylor became acquainted with Bruce Goff through a mutual friend

when she was a young girl and Mr. Goff had an office in the Price Tower. She has admired Goff's work over the years and when the Comer House came on the market in 2012 she bought it three days later. There were times when she wondered about her decision.

Like the time, not long after the purchase, when she received a phone call that water was pouring out from under the house and into the street. The house had been vacant for several years when Ms. Naylor purchased it and was suffering from neglect as any vacant house would do. She started restoration with the critical items, replacing plumbing, wiring and a significant amount of rotting wood. Next it was on to the aesthetics. Ms. Naylor is now attempting to restore the home to as near original as practical and has made far too many improvements to detail them all. She obtained photographs from The Art Institute of Chicago of the original interior and exterior to help with the restoration.

Ms. Naylor is very respectful of Mr. Goff's design. She ordered

wallpaper from New York to match the original as closely as possible. The original colors used inside and out, Cherokee red and turquoise, were matched and virtually everything has a fresh coat of paint. White carpet in the living room may have worked well for the Comers, but Ms. Naylor wisely deemed it impractical with her pets and frequent visits from grandchildren. Similar logic applied to the open fireplace.

Words simply cannot do justice to the heart that Ms. Naylor has put into the Comer House. She rescued it and then began transforming back to the beautiful piece of art it was intended to be. In 2016 the C.A. Comer House was listed on The National Register of Historic Places. With all that has been done there is still a lot to do, but today it is much more than a house, today it is Cynthia Naylor's home. \*



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# Fourth of July Rivalry

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum

Growing from simple picnic basket gatherings with small firework displays, orchestrated at Bartles' Northside Settlement Park, on the north side of the Caney River, to the elaborate celebrations of the Dewey Roundup, Fourth of July played an important part in the social development of Washington County with most celebrations incorporating political presentations as part of the entertainment. This was the perfect opportunity for politicians to present political agendas to large gatherings as celebrants traveled from many miles away for the three to seven day events.

It has been reported the first Fourth of July celebration in Indian Territory took place in 1877 at the hand of Jacob Bartles.

From early accounts, an ornery rivalry and manly horseplay existed between Jacob Bartles of the Northside Settlement and William Johnstone and George B. Keeler, store keepers at the Southside Settlement, on the south side of the Caney River.

By 1890, Independence Day celebrations were becoming popular

events and area residents were treated to two such events, one at Bartles' Park and the other at Silver Lake presented by Johnstone and Keeler.

Unbeknownst to Bartles, Johnstone and Keeler invited former Judge J.R. Charlton of Elk City to deliver the opening speech for their July 4th celebration and asked him to bring the Elk City Band, of which Charlton was the trombonist, to perform for the crowds.

The group made the forty-five mile trip in one day and was intercepted by Johnstone at Caney, KS, where the plan was laid out to infuriate Jacob Bartles. The band traveled to just a hundred yards north of the Bartles' settlement where they dismounted and marched in musical formation into Bartles' mill site settlement. They presented a brief concert, continued across the river for a second grander concert and then settled in for the evening. By the following morning, word had spread that the "first ever band to visit the area" would be presenting a patriotic concert on the banks of the Silver Lake south of current Bartlesville.

The band and Southside residents were joined by a reported four to five thousand people upon their arrival at Silver Lake. The Southside Settlement consisted of a scant few businesses, so the influx of people brought spiteful smiles to the faces and jingle in the pockets of Johnstone and Keeler while Bartles' anger grew just across the river.

It has been said that Bartles, Johnstone and Keeler "mended their fences" and later events were celebrated as one big party at Bartles' Park. Visitors traveled to Bartles' settlement by all means possible to pitch their tents in Bartles Grove, just north and west of the Bartles' settlement, eagerly awaiting the arrival of friends and relatives for the annual event. Since the celebration drew enormous crowds, it was a great opportunity for Bartles, and other businessmen, to develop business prospects over a friendly drink and cigar. It was not uncommon for businessmen to make appointments centered around the Bartles July 4th celebrations.

However, just a few years later, the Bartles vs Johnstone and Keeler



rivalry was in full swing again. In true competitive spirit, Jake offered free food and drinks for all celebrants, which produced a large crowd and brought Jake visions of selling his store wares to the bare shelves.

But Johnstone and Keeler had another mischievous plan in the works. They commissioned a band from Kansas City to arrive in a covered wagon and remain under cover at the side of their general store until the Jake Bartles' celebration began to wind down—then the cover was whisked away, the band began to play and the Bartles' Fourth of July crowd moved in mass to the Southside Settlement—to the awaiting arms of Johnstone and Keeler, where the partying continued and purchases were made at the Johnstone and Keeler Store. This left Bartles seething!

Bartles was a deeply patriotic man. In September 1896, he hosted the 12th Annual Reunion of the Sixth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry at Bartles Park, along the banks of the Caney River. Bartles was the President of the Sixth Kansas Cavalry Veteran Association and spared no expense or effort to bring comfort to his comrades during their



stay. By newspaper accounts, the three-day event was well attended and supported. Bartles created a tent city for lodging and furnished all of the food to care for his comrades.

Bartles did an extensive amount of traveling on railroad business but didn't want to disappoint his July 4th followers so he leased his park to Jim Gibson to facilitate the 1897 celebration. Since Bartles had gone to great effort for the Sixth Kansas Reunion, Mr. Gibson was allowed to use the facilities Bartles had installed for his fall festivities.

Between 1897 and 1899, Bartles' Northside Settlement and Johnstone and Keeler's Southside Settlement were hopping with activity. And there seemed to be no end to the aggravation Bartles had to endure.

Bartles was adamantly opposed to the incorporation of the Southside but December 7, 1896 Attorney Harry Jennings filed a petition signed by twenty freeholders asking for incorporation of the Southside Settlement. On January 15, 1897 the petition was granted by Judge J. M. Springer of the Federal Court for the Northern District of Indian Territory, in session

at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Bartles was jealous and incensed. He had taken all of the frustration he could endure from the pesky Southside Settlement so he traveled to his wheat field a few miles north and planted a sign that read "Dewey, I.T." where some of the most elaborate Fourth of July celebrations continued.

*This story was taken from "Meet Me At The Roundup: The Life and Legacy of Jacob H. Bartles," written by Debbie Neece and Bill Alexander which is available for purchase at the Bartlesville Area History Museum. \**





# All in the Family

## ARC Employability & Group Homes

by Lori Roll

Every weekday morning, Mike\* sorts and tags clothing, Elizabeth\* cleans household items and Megan\* carefully trims greenware pottery at ARC Employability, a large, colorful building in west Bartlesville. Mike, Elizabeth and Megan are members of an unrelated family many people in Bartlesville don't know exists. They each have intellectual and physical challenges which require caregiver support – support they receive in individual, group and assisted living homes around Bartlesville.

They gather each morning to begin their work with ARC Employability, which gives joy, meaning and purpose to their lives.

"I love my job," said Joe\*, who works in ARC's Thrift Shop where he receives donations from residents within the community.

ARC Employability serves 45 clients from Bartlesville. Staff members assess, coach and match client skills to paying jobs in ARC's Thrift Shop, Helping Hands Ceramic Shop, Recycling Center and Shred Services. Other clients work in area restaurants, residential facilities and retail centers in Bartlesville. The state-funded agency is a safe haven where clients, staff and customers become extended family.

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At the Thrift Shop, open Monday-Saturday, clients help prepare donated items for sale. Clients in the ceramic shop help customers choose greenware pottery pieces to paint and fire in the on-site kilns. Birthday parties and vacation outings are popular in the spacious, sunny room. Separate buildings



house recycling and shredding services for residential and commercial recycling and shredding which can be picked up by ARC staff.

"The Thrift Shop is our biggest money-maker at Employability," said Joyce Aldredge, CEO of ARC Employability and Group Homes. "Our work services basically pay client wages. The funds we receive from the state provide the bulk of our operating budget."

"In 2015, state funds were cut three-and-a-half percent, which is the worst thing, financially to ever happen to our agency," she continued. "The funding cut has impacted everything we do."

In an industry with customarily low pay and high turnover, many ARC Employability staff members have been employed for over 20 years. This longevity speaks to the culture that the ARC and the staff have worked hard to create and maintain, a culture of dignifying all people.

"People have a calling for this work," said Aldredge, who recently celebrated her 21st anniversary with ARC. "They love what they do, but not as many people are willing to sacrifice for a low-paying job. It's getting to be a crisis in Bartlesville, the state and the nation."

ARC Employability was created in 1973 when a group of parents of children with developmental disabilities wanted meaningful assistance for family members. It has since grown to serve outside clients from similar organizations



with community-based services for the intellectually and physically disabled.

ARC Group Homes began in 1982 to offer supportive home environments where disabled individuals could live in adulthood. There are now three group homes, 13 individual homes, five family homes and the Jacquelyn House facility, a specially-designed and medically-staffed home for eight adult clients with extensive physical needs. ARC Group Homes altogether serve 59 individuals. The organization hopes to build another home on the property they own next to Jacquelyn House in order to meet a growing community need.

A total of 86 ARC staff members provide client care, job coaching, supervision and work transportation, shopping and recreation in the fleet of ARC vehicles.

Janie Kirkpatrick has been on the ARC board for 23 years. Her son, Jack, lives in the Jacquelyn House.

Since 1999, she has chaired the ARC Fundraising Committee which hosts a popular annual fundraiser at Hillcrest Country Club.

"It's a casual party where you can wear shorts, jeans and sundresses as if you're on vacation," said Kirkpatrick.

"The fundraiser raises around \$130,000 from sponsors and attendees," said Aldredge, "which helps to pay for capital improvements, upkeep and things we couldn't otherwise afford in our general budget."

This year's party is Viva Las Vegas, a retro theme complete with vintage memorabilia and an "Elvis meets Sinatra" ambiance. The event will also feature a D.J. and Vegas-style cocktail buffet.

Committee members have gathered an eclectic assortment of items for the silent auction and a brief live auction will be followed by dancing. A highlight of the live auction is the Pioneer Woman Private Party; a dinner party for 10, generously provided by famous blogger and Food Network personality, Ree Drummond, at one of her famed Pawhuska locations.

\*Last names withheld for privacy. \*



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## Freedom of Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness

by Lindel Fields

The reality of my son turning 18 hit home when I went to check the mail this week. A few days before his birthday, a registration form for the Selective Service System arrived. It is difficult for me to imagine my son being eligible to serve his country in the military.

In many ways, he is a very mature young man. Yet, last night he was eating pizza and playing video games. In my eyes, he is still a playful child. When I imagine him in the Army and possibly engaging in combat, my stomach gets a bit squeamish. On the other hand, I can think of nothing that would make me more proud than Blake serving his country.

Blake and I talked about his future and what it meant to register for Selective Service.

"It means you're registering for the military should there be a need for a draft," I told him.

He explained that he would be exempt from a draft because he played high school football. I gave him a look and he said, "I am just kidding, Dad."

I teased that making varsity might be an excellent first start.

The last draft may seem like an eternity ago but it wasn't. The most recent draft ended on Jan. 27, 1973 – the date that many associate with the end of the Vietnam War, less than 50 years ago. If your number was called, you served your country.

Tucked between Blake's birthday and Independence Day is my dad's birthday. Dad would have turned 81 this year. He passed away six years ago and I miss him terribly. Perhaps it is Dad's birthday, Blake turning 18 or

the recent news on North Korea, but the sacrifices my dad and many others made to serve our country have been on my mind.

My dad was a veteran. He signed up for the Army in 1954 but his other choice was not as appealing. A judge gave Dad an ultimatum after several appearances for his unruly behavior: "Serve hard time or serve your country." Not much of choice, Dad told me several years ago. He left the courthouse and went straight to the nearest recruiting office.

There was one problem. Dad was deaf in one ear and knew he couldn't pass the physical. So to ensure he avoided the "clink," he "cupped" his good ear and was able to pass the hearing test. A few weeks later, he was at Fort Riley, Kansas for basics.

Thankfully, the Korean War had officially ended when Dad landed in Korea. He arrived in time to help peacekeeping and transition. His nearest brush with death came when a friendly tank drove within a few inches of his head as he slept on his good ear. He survived Korea and his "voluntary" stint in the Army. He was honorably discharged as a Private First Class in 1957.

Regardless of the path my dad took to serve his country, I am proud of him. I am proud of all those that have served our country. I'm not sure what Blake's future looks like. He has tremendous potential and can do anything his heart desires. He also lives in the United States of America and has the freedom of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; freedom that was made available to him by a veteran. \*

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# All About Team Spirit

**Samaritan Sports Spectacular**

by Kelsey Walker



Kick off the fall and winter sports seasons — and support a worthwhile cause — during the 12th annual Samaritan Sports Spectacular at 6 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Hilton Garden Inn, 205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd. in Bartlesville.

The 12th annual tailgating party raises funds for Samaritan Counseling and Growth Center.

“The purpose is to gather together and generate funds to support the mission of the Samaritan Counseling and Growth Center,” said Jessica Wade, event committee chair.

Samaritan Counseling and Growth Center provides counseling and psychotherapy services for children, adults and couples. The faith-based center utilizes insurance and offers scholarship to those who meet established criteria. In 2017, the center held 5,300 sessions with 900 different individuals.

The center operates under the leadership of recently appointed Executive Director Dr. Larry W. Cowan, a licensed professional counselor and licensed marital and family counselor.

The Bartlesville Regional United Way helps fund Samaritan’s programs to support victims of cancer, child abuse and subsidies for low-income families.

Funds generated from the Sports Spectacular — typically around \$50,000 — support the mission of the center, from operating costs to subsidizing payments for clients.

The night includes casual fare of fajitas with a queso station as well as a “candy bar” and cash bar. In addition to a silent auction, there will be a live auction led by auctioneer Roger Skelly featuring dozens of items donated by local businesses and individuals. There’s also a playing card raffle with cards representing four college teams: Oklahoma State University, the University of Oklahoma, Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. Unlimited playing cards will be available for \$5 at the event. Four lucky winners will each be awarded \$100. Participants need not be present to win.

“It’s just a fun, casual evening,” said Wade. “It’s always been a big event (with) 200-300 people.”

The night’s speaker will be Lee Blankenship who is entering his first season as the head football coach of the Bartlesville High School Bruins. Before coming to Bartlesville, Blankenship recorded seven years of head coaching experience at the varsity level — making it to the Oklahoma State Playoffs in each of those seasons. He was the youngest head football coach in Oklahoma (age 24) when he took the helm of the Gore Pirates in 2011 and led the team to an undefeated district championship and state playoff appearance. In his five seasons at Beggs, Blankenship led the Golden Demons deep into the playoffs each year, reaching the state championship game in 2017. Blankenship began his own college football career playing as a walk-on quarterback at the University of Oklahoma before suffering what appeared to be a career-ending injury. He recovered and transferred to East Central University in Ada, where he finished his playing career and received his bachelor’s degree.

Tickets for the Samaritan Sports Spectacular are \$30 each or table-of-eight sponsorships are available for \$240. Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite sports attire.

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by Kay Little, Little History Adventures

A common thread runs through the history of many of Bartlesville’s early homes and it includes the family of bMonthly’s own Christy McPhail. Many people may not realize how important the name Burlingame has been to our city’s history — a name that even carries on today through a new housing addition off Price Road known as Burlingame Ridge.

Let’s go back over 100 years to the year Oklahoma was granted statehood — 1907. Clarence Burlingame and his new bride, Frankie moved to Bartlesville, lured by the oil and gas industry. By 1915, Clarence Burlingame had purchased the Maire Hotel and renamed it the Burlingame Hotel, the current home of City Hall and the Bartlesville Area History Museum. They also built a home at 935 S. Cherokee Ave.

The Burlingames were very involved in the community and responsible for much of the development and expansion of Bartlesville, including the Bureau of Mines and Daughters of the American Revolution. In the 1930s, Clarence Burlingame and Phillips Petroleum Company attorney, John Kane sold property that became the site of College High School, which is now Bartlesville High School.

By 1939, the Burlingames built a large mansion on 48 acres south of town. They paid \$3,480 for the land and named it Burlingame Place. Unfortunately, Frankie Burlingame died two years later. Her surviving



husband then married the widow of oilman H.V. Foster, Mrs. Marie Foster. They lived together in Burlingame Place until his death in 1959.

The Burlingames enjoyed entertaining friends and business associates in their beautiful mansion — a three-story, Old English-style Tudor manor with 22 rooms, seven bathrooms and seven fireplaces. The centerpiece was an imported, marble, spiral staircase under a fabulous chandelier. This was in the home’s turret, which was one of the most notable sites from outside. Guests would arrive along a curving, peony-lined driveway. The swimming pool and bathhouse were huge and able to accommodate many guests.

In 1930, Clarence Burlingame built a home at 1408 Hillcrest Dr. as a wedding gift for his daughter, Ruth and her new husband, Donald Bay, which featured a turret similar in design to the one in the Burlingames’ home. Around 1950, Scott and Helen Tyler Beesley, the grandparents of McPhail, purchased the home on Hillcrest Drive and lived there for 15 years.



A backdoor neighbor to the Burlingames was Paul and Mary Dahlgren. Paul Dahlgren was the brother of Marie Foster Burlingame and came to the area in 1910 to work in the oil and gas business, eventually becoming president of Foster’s oil company. The designer of Foster’s town and country homes, Edward Delk stayed with the Dahlgrens and also designed their subsequent home, located on acreage near Burlingame Place and Foster’s home, LaQuinta.

Each of the homes mentioned, except the one on Cherokee, whether Spanish architecture or English Tudor, had a turret, including the Dahlgren home which had two!



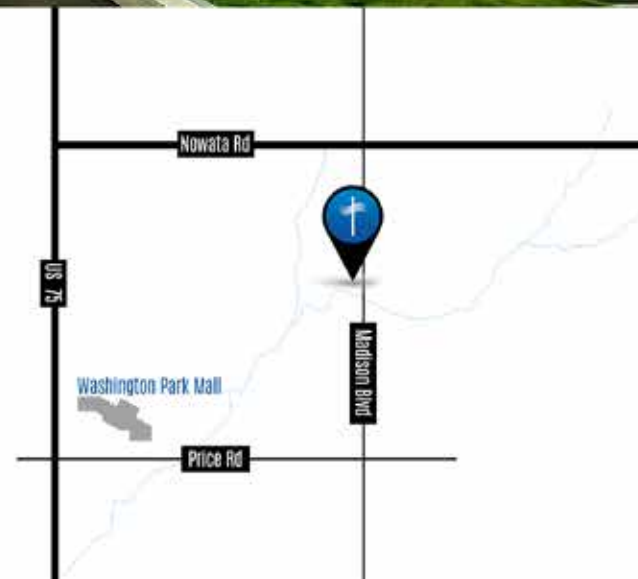
All of the homes still stand today except for Burlingame Place. In 1976, the beautiful home was razed to make room for Glynnwood Estates. Shortly after my husband, Harvey and I moved here in 1976, we toured the home during its estate sale. It was magnificent.

The oil industry built Bartlesville and the oil barons built homes. Bartlesville is fortunate to still enjoy so many of them. \*

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## Remembering Independence Day

by Rita Thurman Barnes

It wasn't all that long ago that nearly everyone referred to the Fourth of July as Independence Day, or perhaps my aging perspective is a little bit off these days. But it was Independence Day for a long time and, as I understand, the term has gained popularity once again over the last twenty years.

Many countries still refer to special holidays by numbers such as Cinco de Mayo in Mexico and England's Guy Fawkes Day with, "Remember, remember, the fifth of November." For Americans, saying the Fourth of July became more popular than Independence Day in 19th century newspaper articles and in recorded toasts to George Washington. In 1890, historian Edward Hale wrote in the New England Magazine, "In my boyhood, the event was called Independence Day much more than it is now." So, it seems nothing really ever stays the same.

But no matter what you call it, the memories most of us share are very similar in nature. Fireworks, picnics, boating, dinner on the grounds at the church and family gatherings in general are the stuff that American Fourth of July memories are made of. Fried chicken and fresh-fried catfish carry many a mind back to the days when all of our grandmothers were in charge of the huge spread that was either served lakeside or family-style at a relative's dining table, with all the leaves in it, or in the backyard or on a picnic table big enough for an army. Barrels of iced-down soda pop and other beverages

were everywhere while other barrels of ice chilled the watermelon that Grandpa or one of the uncles grew in his own backyard garden. Desserts were sweetly abundant with every kind of fresh fruit cobbler ever created. And homemade ice cream buckets surrounded by ice and covered with old hand towels were the order of the day.

In the family at large, there were usually a duo of pyrotechnic experts who had visited several of the fireworks stands that could be found on just about every corner around town. They quickly partook of their Fourth of July fare so they could begin preparation for the show that would follow the sinking of the sun. Kids of all ages were impatiently waiting for the last of the food to be cleared away because they knew from experience what was coming after sundown. Sometimes it was even the kiddos who put on the fireworks exhibition while the adults sat back and watched and clapped in appreciation.

No matter what you call it today – the Fourth of July or Independence Day – it was and always will be a day filled with joy and laughter, pride and patriotism, and love of country. The country we call America the Beautiful and the Land of the Free is the best place in the world for anyone to call home. And no matter where you dine, remember that the late Ronald Reagan said, "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." \*



# Puppy Love

## Pet Therapy at Bartlesville Health & Rehab

by Kelsey Walker

“Happiness is a warm puppy.” — Charles Shultz

There is no therapy quite like the love of a dog. At Bartlesville Health & Rehab Community, new therapy dog “Cash” is only three months on the job and already paws-itively perfect at bringing happiness to each and every client of the facility.

The four-year-old Golden Retriever belongs to longtime facility owner Alex Dout, who brings Cash to work everyday and home again each night.

“He just has a great demeanor,” said Dout. “The dog just knows if somebody needs him... He just really likes putting smiles on people’s faces.”

Cash spends a portion of his day in the physical therapy room with the therapist and various clients. Administrator Sandra Brown says Cash helps provide a welcome distraction and emotional support to clients as they progress through physical therapy exercises, keeping their minds off any discomfort or pain.

“I truly believe he puts their mind at ease and makes them feel better,” said Brown.

“As far as human-pet bonding, it’s really good. Not only does he put a smile on the residents’ face, he is literally emotional support.”

According to a 2017 article in Time Magazine, the recent rise of pet therapy is backed by science showing that animals of many types can help calm stress, fear and anxiety in young children, the elderly and everyone in between.

“Though the studies are small, the benefits are impressive enough that clinical settings are opening their doors to animal-assisted interventions — pet therapy, in other words — used alongside conventional medicine,” the article stated.

Therapy client Judy Butler is one of many at Bartlesville Health & Rehab who enjoy seeing the affectionate Golden Retriever that loves to play ball.

“He’ll come up and put his nose in your lap. He just takes your mind off what you’re doing,” she said of Cash. “He is a beautiful dog ... a beautiful face, so anxious to please.”

In addition to his therapy support duties, Cash spends his day

roaming up and down the hallways of the facility, stopping to greet everyone with a gentle wag of his tail and sometimes a lightning-quick lick of his tongue.

“The first words you hear when the clients go into that therapy room is, ‘Hi, Cash,’” said Dout. “The last words you hear are, ‘Bye, Cash.’ If I walk down the hall without him, people ask me, ‘Where’s Cash?’”

In addition to clients who are at the facility for short-term rehab, Cash is a welcome and familiar face to longterm residents with dementia and Alzheimer’s, Dout said.

“They see Cash and the first thing they want do is pet him,” said Dout. “He really helps the clients in our memory care programs.”

Bartlesville Health & Rehab Community’s many services include 24-hour licensed nursing care, skilled nursing services, long-term care, in-house physical, speech and occupational therapists, and much more. **Bartlesville Health & Rehab Community is located at 3434 Kentucky Pl. in Bartlesville. \***

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