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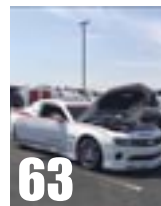
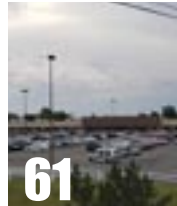
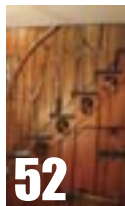
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upfront

Since August of 2017, when we first premiered our “Back to School” issue, I have come up with the concept and design for each of our 26 covers! For most of our readers, you know that I am all about the cover of our magazine. I want this magazine on every coffee table in the area, and I treat our covers like pieces of art. I have to say that this issue, in my opinion, is the best cover we have ever done. This is an original picture titled “common Osage man,” that most people have not seen. I believe this picture was taken in the 1920s. Sadly, we could not find the man’s name in the picture. I looked at over 600 photos to find the cover shot, and let me say that we had some of the best Osage Nation pictures you could ever look at. But I just kept going back to this image, time after time. Some of the images I had of past chiefs were incredible, but really I wanted to honor the common Osage man; in this picture, his eyes, face, and hands tell his story and just kept drawing me in. I can honestly tell you that I have stared at this picture for hours upon hours. Christy and I wanted this issue to be a one-of-a-kind, like we did last February with “Black History in the Ville.” I believe we hit that mark with this issue.

For those many thousands of people who were not born and raised here in the area, you see this large piece of land on a map that says “Osage Nation” and wonder ‘what is this?’ We capture the history of the Osage Nation, and again Mike Wilt did an incredible job on the feature story. Debbie Neece also wrote a five-page story on the Mullendore Ranch, and how they carved out one of the largest ranches in the country. Kay Little wrote a great story on the Tallgrass Prairie, which is where Ben Johnson once worked before he became a movie star. We hope you enjoy each story about this great land and its people.

Christy’s childhood friend, Lori (Wolkins) Kroh, has come on board to write for us each month. She literally is one of the funniest people I have ever known, and her heart and love for others is incredible. For me personally, September is probably one of my favorite

months. With the weather changing and getting closer to fall, there’s one thing that I love most about this month — FOOTBALL! I love college football, and you will find me every Saturday glued to the TV calling the Hogs! This year the Bruin football team has six home games. We will be out tailgating before each game, so come and see us and support these young men!

September also has one of our favorite events, the annual Cow Thieves and Outlaws at Woolaroc on Saturday, September 28. Christy and I love this event and look forward to it every year, just as they did back in the day when Frank Phillips first started it. The annual Western Heritage Days are September 28 & 29 in Dewey. This event has the parade of the longhorns down Don Tyler street, and everyone loves to see their massive horns.

Christy and I love this area and are so proud to call Bartlesville our home. This magazine represents our love and passion for the people, places, and history that make this city shine. We try to bring to you, our readers, each month the stories that make this city “The greatest little city in America.” We feel like each month we have a child leaving the nest when we go to print with the issue. We could not be more proud of what we put together for you. Enjoy! God Bless!



Keith & Christy McPhail
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A Fresh Look at Integrity

Integrity is More than Someone Who is Honest & Good

by **Brian Schexnayder, Pastor at CrossRoads Baptist Church**

INTEGRITY! Today we hear this word and we typically think honest and good. It could also be used to describe someone who doesn't steal, lie, or cheat. But if you trace the word back to its origin, we find it carries an even deeper and fuller meaning.

The word integrity is related to the word integrate, which we find both come from the Latin word *integras* — meaning soundness, wholeness, or entire.

In the ancient Roman army, this word *integras* was used almost daily in their inspection ritual. A commander would walk the line of legionnaires, inspecting each man to determine whether or not he was fit for duty. As the commander would pass before each of his men, the soldier would sweep his fist hard into the middle of his chest, placing it just over his heart while at the same time shouting *integras*!

At this precise moment the commander was listening for two things. First, he was listening for the rich, full quality of a healthy soldier's voice. Second, he was listening for the clang that well-kept armor would emit when it was struck. For it was these two things together which confirmed the integrity of the soldier.

Integras (integrity), indicates the soundness of an individual all the way through his being.

Stephen Mansfield said in his book *Mansfield's Book of Manly Men*, A man isn't healthy if he is sound in one part of his body or life and unsound in another part. He's only



Brian Schexnader is the pastor at CrossRoads Baptist Church.

healthy, true, and noble if he is all these things in all that he is.

Now when I look at the broader definition of integrity, it always causes me to think of Job in the Bible. Job was one who went through what we would most definitely consider to be severe testing in his life.

In a matter of hours, Job lost just about everything he owned. All of his livestock was stolen and those who cared for them killed. Then all of his children, who were eating together, were killed at the same time, as a great wind caused the house they were in to collapse. As if that wasn't enough, not long after this all took place, Job comes down with a bad case of boils ... basically, incredibly painful sores from head to foot. Then

he is accused by his "friends" of having some secret sin that he's failed to confess. Yet, through all of this, we find that Job never changed his story, he never admitted to anything that was untrue, and contrary to his wife's advice, he never cursed God.

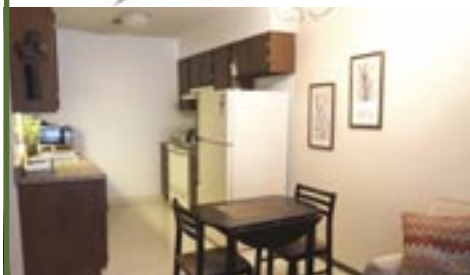
Matter of fact, in all that was going on in Job's life, his concern was his *integras*, his integrity. He refused to give up his integrity.

I have to pause and wonder what this world would be like if we would all purpose, like Job, to not deny our integrity. If we would purpose to be honest, good, sound, whole, and entire in everything we are, and in everything we do. How much better would our lives and relationships be if no matter what comes our way, we are the same through and through?



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Judd Strom

by Kelsey Walker

When Rep. Judd Strom (R-Okla.) originally told his family he intended to run for a political seat in 2018, the reaction was simply matter-of-fact: “Well, good, go get something done.”

The idea of service to community had long been engrained in his family tradition, as his parents, John and Macy Strom, were active in community organizations. Being attentive to political happenings and current events, both locally and statewide, were held just as important. During his growing-up years, Judd recalls his father intently watching the evening news on television. When Judd and his sister, April, complained and asked to watch something else, his father swiftly pointed out, “This is the only thing on TV that’s real.”

It’s one of many of the “great memories” Judd recalls of growing up just 20 miles outside of Bartlesville, near Hulah Lake in Osage County, where four generations of the Strom family have lived, ranched, and farmed.

“Growing up on the ranch, there’s just no better way for a kid to grow up than on the wide open spaces,” he said. “You could get out and roam on the wild, you could fish, you could hunt, you could build in the shop; just whatever you wanted to do was right there and available for you. And, two, we had the benefit of family all very close. It’s just an experience that I absolutely treasure, having that opportunity to grow up in such a fashion.”

He attended Bowring School through the eighth grade, and then Pawhuska High School. From the beginning, Judd was very involved in 4-H and agriculture education. At nine years old, he began showing steers and later hogs in area fairs and livestock shows. He played baseball and



football, and competed with his school's track and field team.

And, just as soon as he was old enough to drive his motorcycle into town, he held a job. At the age of 13, he began bussing tables and helping out at the original Silver Dollar Café.

"It was amazing being 13, 14 years old and coming home with \$100 in your pocket," he recalls. "I could see immediately a difference in my life than a lot of the kids I went to school with that didn't have jobs or couldn't do that. I could pay for my own pickup, pay for my own gas, pay for food and outings."

Following in the footsteps of his father, he attended Oklahoma State University. Knowing he would eventually return to his family's ranch, and wanting to bring home a useful skill, he first studied industrial safety and fire technology. He later transferred to the education program, before eventually landing on creative writing.

"I thought that I could come home and be Will Rogers," Judd smiles. "I could work on the ranch and then write satire and write about politics and government."

Between his new plan of study and a job as a reporter at the Stillwater News Press, Judd became increasingly interested in local politics and eventually politics on a statewide scale. He enrolled in political science courses at OSU and learned all he could about political history, American politics, international politics, and more. He finished his liberal arts education with a bachelor's degree in creative writing and political science, and then returned home to the family ranch. He worked on the ranch for several years, then started to also help out at Moore Pipeline Services. Within a year, he was a lead field technician running his own crews all over the U.S., checking and testing oil pipelines.

Despite his interest in political science and desire to lampoon politicians with witty satire, he never

felt the desire to run for a political office — until January 2018.

"It really came to my attention that so many of our elected officials, who we considered to be conservative, I started to see as more preservative than conservative," Judd says. "They wanted to preserve the good old days. They really put a hindrance on growth. To me, that's not good for the state of Oklahoma. Which, in turn, that's not good for the people of my district, my community, my family, if we don't move into the future."

So he decided to run for the state representative of District 10, which includes part of Osage and Washington counties, and all of Nowata County. He unseated incumbent Rep. Travis Dunlap in the Republican primary, and then soundly defeated Democrat Kevin Stacy in the November general election.

"I live in the most wonderful place in the world," Strom says. "I love it here, and I want it to flourish and grow and be as great a place as it possibly can be. I couldn't stand on the sideline anymore watching that not happening."

"I wanted to be a part of the institution that could move Oklahoma into the future, but do it in a conservative way — with efficacy, efficiency, and accountability. People that actually go to work for the people that elected them, rather than for moving their own agenda."

He's determined to spend time interacting one-on-one with his constituents and focusing on getting things done for the people of his district. The kitchen table in his home is covered with post-it notes and calendar reminders as he juggles meetings, phone calls, and researching ways to accomplish his projects.

While his collegiate studies might have steered him toward becoming a very polished politician, ultimately Strom says that would be the "worst kind" of politician. Rather than spending too much time trying to



Rep. Judd Strom with his grandmother.

make everybody happy, he prefers to focus on actually accomplishing things for his district.

"I'd like to stay in the position and do the absolute best that I can do for District 10, whether that means preserving our agricultural heritage, creating industry, working for our schools here, whatever that can be; I want to do that. I want to be a good representative for District 10 in the Oklahoma House of Representatives for just as long as I can."

Strom considers himself just a regular person who was picked to go speak up for the people. He encourages his constituents to contact him with any concerns, problems or ideas so he can better represent them at the Capitol.

"Ultimately, in all this, I will always stay just a rancher and a pipeliner," he says. "I have the opportunity to get out four months a year and effect change for the state of Oklahoma. ... Anything I can do, I want to be able to help."

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Eight Great Decades

United Way Set to Mark Milestone of Excellent Work

by David Austin



When the Bartlesville Regional United Way kicks off its latest fundraising campaign on September 6, it will mark a milestone.

For the last 80 years, area residents have been supporting the non-profit Bartlesville Regional United Way. And by doing so, they have made it possible for the United Way to fund programs of its non-profit member agencies. Those member agencies include the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Mary Martha Outreach, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Westside Community Center, just to name a few. The BRUW has 13 member agencies in all.

"The fact that this year will be the 80th year during which Bartlesville has supported the United Way certainly makes it a special one," said Lisa Cary, who serves as the president and CEO of the BRUW. "We look forward to another great campaign and the opportunity to maximize the dollars with which our community entrusts us."

The stated focus of the BRUW is to build lives in the areas of education, income and health. To that end, it funds programs from its member agencies which support those areas of focus. Among the programs are those such as

the Agape Mission's "Food 4 Kids" effort. Through the program, free meals are offered to students which they can bring home over the weekend. Its aim is to ensure that less fortunate children who eat most of their meals at school don't go hungry when they are outside of its boundaries.

Another great program is "Daybreak," which is provided through Elder Care. The program is a health program for seniors which offers a safe and stimulating environment with therapeutic activities, socialization and exercise programs as well as medical and personal care services.

Altogether, the BRUW supports 29 programs of its 13 member agencies.

"Because our nonprofit organizations support the needs of those throughout the community, it's important that the United Way supports them," said Whitney Virden, marketing manager of the BRUW. "And, we couldn't do that without the generous assistance of our citizens."

By providing funding, the BRUW takes some of that pressure off of its member agencies, thus allowing them to devote more resources to helping those in need. One of the BRUW's primary

goals during every annual campaign season is to carefully calculate what its fundraising target needs to be. That calculation is based largely on what it will take to fund the programs of its member agencies in the coming year. But before that calculation is made, a meticulous process has been put in place to determine what the funding levels of those programs should be.

The Community Investment Committee process is focused on helping ensure the BRUW is a good steward of the money which community members choose to donate to it. Through the process, the BRUW sets up 13 committees – made up of BRUW board members and community members – and assigns one to each of the member agencies. Then, over the course of a few months, the committees study the member agencies to which they have been assigned as well as the programs for which those agencies are seeking funding from the BRUW.

The committees ask pointed questions and collect data pertaining to the number of people who are impacted by the programs. They gain insight about the costs of the programs as well. Then, they weigh that information against the requested annual amount of funding that

the agencies are seeking from the BRUW for each of their respective programs.

After making a site visit to the member agency to which it has been assigned, each CIC makes a funding recommendation to the BRUW Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

“When someone makes a donation to the United Way, we want them to be confident that their dollars are helping us make a positive impact in our community,” said Cary. “The CIC helps ensure that is indeed the case.”

For the last eight decades, the United Way has been working for Bartlesville. And while its past achievements have been great, the future looks especially bright.



BRUW Member Agencies & Program Capsules

Agape Mission

918-336-5410; www.agapebartlesville.com

- On-Site Meals – Offers a hot meal to all people in need, six days a week.
- Food 4 Kids – Provides nutritious food for school children who are at risk of going hungry to take home over the weekend.

American Red Cross

918-336-2216; www.redcross.org

- Emergency Disaster Services – Responds to home fires 24/7 and provides immediate assistance to home fire victims.

Boys & Girls Club of Bartlesville

918-336-3636; www.bgcbbville.org

- Comprehensive Youth Development – Focuses on five core areas: character and leadership development; health and life skills; the arts; education and career development; sports, fitness and recreation.

Boys & Girls Club of Nowata

918-273-1007; www.bgclubnowata.org

- Student Tutoring Knowledge Retention Program – Students receive help in math, reading and science through a collaboration between teachers and Club staff to achieve a better outcome.
- Backpack Program – Provides food for low-income children who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend.
- Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life Diabetes Prevention – TRAIL is an interactive program that fosters health, wellness, awareness and prevention.

Cherokee Area Council Boy Scouts

918-336-9170; www.cherokeesbsa.org

- Learning For Life – This program brings lessons to schools such as anger management, self-esteem, trustworthiness, handling bullying, decision making and communication.
- Traditional Scouting – This program provides scouting units with the programs they need to ensure that the scouts gain character development and self-assurance through various activities and leadership opportunities.

Elder Care

918-336-8500; www.abouteldercare.org

- Daybreak – This adult day health program for seniors offers a safe and stimulating environment with therapeutic activities, socialization and exercise programs as well as medical and personal care services.
- In-Home Services – Provides home management, housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, shopping, chore services, health screening, and up-to-date education regarding senior health issues.
- Care Management – Program helps seniors remain safely in their own homes.

Family Healthcare Clinic

918-336-4822; www.familyhealthcareclinic.org

- Access to Quality Care – Provides accessible, affordable, primary health care where underserved, underinsured and uninsured patients can be seen for medical needs and services.
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention – Provides pregnancy prevention education to those in Dewey, Nowata and Bartlesville, teaching both abstinence and safe contraceptive methods.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma

918-336-3378; www.gseok.org

- Group Services – This program builds girls of courage, confidence and character through the Girl Scouting journey.

Mary Martha Outreach

918-337-3703

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- Food – Provides free food for low-income individuals weekly.
- Clothing – Provides free clothing and works with teachers in the schools to identify those students in need of clothing.
- Crisis – Provides basic household necessities and food to those who have had a house fire or left domestic abuse situations.

Richard Kane YMCA

918-336-0713; www.rkymca.org

- Youth Swim Lessons – Offers swimming lessons to those six months to junior high school age.
- Senior Fit – These classes provide seniors and disabled individuals with fitness classes to increase muscular strength and range of motion, and improve activities of daily living.
- Youth Tackle Football & Cheer – Program teaches the fundamental skills of football and cheerleading with an emphasis on character building through these sports.

Samaritan Counseling & Growth Center

918-336-1463; www.samaritanbartlesville.org

- Counseling Subsidy – Allows those who are under insured, uninsured or without financial resources to afford counseling services and receive the treatment they need.
- Helping Hands Project – Assists individuals over age 18 who do not have the financial resources to pay the minimum fee for mental health assessments and short-term counseling.
- Cancer Care Support Group – A support group is for those who have a cancer diagnosis and need an on-going network of support.
- Washington County Child Guidance – Supplies fee assistance for individuals ages birth to 21 with (12) sessions of short-term counseling or psychological evaluation.

Salvation Army

918-336-6454; www.salvationarmyaok.org

- Social Services – Assists with rent and utilities to help individuals keep their utilities on and/or stay in their homes.
- Red Shield Club – The club provides high-quality and low-cost after-school and all-day summer activities such as tutoring, computer lab instruction, field trips, athletic activities and snacks in a well-supervised Christian atmosphere.

Westside Community Center

918-336-6760; www.wccbbville.org

- Work Ethics Pro\$per – Program breaks the cycle of generational poverty by teaching youth the benefits of having a job. Youth are placed in a summer apprenticeship.
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The Osage Nation

by Mike Wilt



They were skilled hunters and superior warriors. They were feared and fierce yet generous, hospitable, and kind to children. They valued religious rites and ceremonials with impressively developed symbolism. They became the wealthiest people in the world, and many were killed because of it. They were the mem-

bers of the Osage Nation, a Native American tribe of the Great Plains.

In the Beginning

The Osage Nation first developed in the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys around 700 B.C. It was part of a group of Dhegian-Siouan speaking people that included tribes such as Ponca, Kaw, Qua-

paw, and Omaha. Some scholars believe the Osage and other tribes began migrating west after the 17th century following wars with the powerful Iroquois and to search for new hunting grounds. Others believe the migration began earlier. Nonetheless, the “People of the Middle Waters” eventually settled along the Osage River in the western part of present-day Missouri. The first recorded history of the Osage began there in 1673 when the tribe encountered French-American Jesuit missionary Father Jacques Marquette and French-Canadian explorer Louis Jolliet.

The French are responsible for the term “Osage,” which essentially means “warlike.” Frequent trading with the French allowed the Osage to substantially increase their stock of horses, which became a valued asset and contributed to the tribe’s eventual dominance of what would become Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Other tribes greatly feared the Osage due to their willingness to battle and their talent and courage in doing so. In



What is believed to be the first picture taken of the first Osage Camp.

Native American Tribe was Once the Wealthiest in the World



addition, the Osage were physically intimidating. They were once described as being “the tallest race of men in North America, either red or white skins.” Arrogant and domineering, they wore ornate earrings made of shell and bone. Successful hunts and battles were commemorated by tattoos on their leathered bodies. A Baptist missionary once described the Osage as the “finest

looking Indians I have ever seen in the West.”

The Osage were also among the finest hunters of the Great Plains. While they raised corn, squash, and other vegetables, they greatly depended on the buffalo for food and clothing. In the summer months, entire villages of men, women, and children would travel to hunt in what is today western

Kansas and northern Oklahoma. In a book by Muriel Wright, the author chronicles an Osage summer hunting camp as being one of “mirth and merriment” with the tribe enjoying “fat buffalo meat, marrow bones, hominy, dried pumpkins, plums, and other dainties.”

Osage life was good.



PEARL BIGHEART



Forced Removals

The United States completed the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. European Americans began arriving in the territory attracted by the lucrative fur trade around present-day St. Louis, Missouri. The U.S. government began an effort to move the Osage out and to the west. On November 10, 1808, the U.S. and the Osage signed their first treaty. By 1825, the Osage were forced to move to what today is southeastern Kansas.

The tribe's population was estimated to be around 8,000 at that time, but it dwindled to around 3,500 as the villagers succumbed to black measles, smallpox, typhoid fever, whooping cough, scurvy, and yellow fever. In addition to the decrease in population, the Osage found it difficult to secure

game which had been driven farther west.

Relocation by the federal government came again in 1873. An act passed by the U.S. Congress called for the sale of Osage land in Kansas. The proceeds were to be used to purchase Cherokee-owned land for a reservation in "Indian Territory." Today, that land is known as Osage County, Oklahoma.

A city was established in 1876 and named in honor of Chief Paw-Hu-Skah, or White Hair. Pawhuska became the county seat and the capital of the Osage Nation.

Agriculturally speaking, the Osage land was the poorest in Indian Territory. However, the tribe eventually discovered the native bluestem grass in the northern part of the reser-

vation was excellent for grazing. This gave rise to the range-cattle industry in the early 1880s. The Osage Council annually leased hundreds of thousands of acres with the proceeds equally divided among the members of the tribe. Also, interest began accumulating in a tribal trust fund that had been established with the sale of Kansas land. The Osage began to flourish in stark contrast to all other Indian tribes throughout the country.

In 1881, a constitution was adopted by the Osage that provided for a legislative council and a principal chief elected by the people. James Bigheart, a half-Osage, served as president of the constitutional convention. He later was elected principal chief.



Black Gold

Oil was first discovered, by accident, near present-day Salina, OK in 1859. Thus, drilling throughout Indian Territory had already begun when Edwin B. Foster secured a 10-year lease for oil and gas “mining” on all Osage land in March of 1896. (A year later, a well backed by Bartlesville businessmen George Keeler and William Johnstone launched the oil and gas industry with the Nellie Johnstone No.1., the first commercially productive oil well in



An Osage lease sale under the Million Dollar Elm.



Indian Territory.) Following his death, Foster's 27-year-old nephew, H.V. Foster, took over the family business in 1902. With a vast network of wells on Osage land, Foster went on to become one of the most successful oilmen in the country. Following close behind to develop the Osage land were many other industrious oilmen including Frank and L.E. Phillips who would go on to found Phillips Petroleum Company.

The tribe's proactive efforts ahead of statehood resulted in the Congress passing the Osage Allotment Act on June 26, 1906. It ensured that all mineral rights would remain property of the Osage Nation. It also provided a homestead for all tribal members. By the end of that year, over 5.2 million barrels of oil were produced on Osage land. Income from leasing fees and royalties gushed into the tribe's coffers on top of income already flowing from pasture leases paid by outside cattlemen. Also owners of 1.4 million acres of land, the Osage Nation had become the wealthiest nation per capita in the world.

Money and Murders

By the 1920s, Osage revenue was around \$400 million per year in today's dollars. Yearly income for a family of four who were all on the allotment rolls would today total over \$600,000. White people became mesmerized by the tangible signs of Osage prosperity – large, well-appointed mansions; long, chauffeured automobiles; fur coats,

diamond rings, and luxurious clothing. Sadly, what followed was a period of murders and suspicious deaths often called the "Reign of Terror."

In May of 1921, an oilfield worker discovered the rotting corpse of 30-year-old Osage Charles Whitehorn. There were two bullet holes between the eyes. He was only identified because of a letter found in his pocket. Not long after, a man and his son who





were squirrel hunting found the decomposing body of 34-year-old Osage Anna Brown in a creek near Fairfax. She had been missing for a week.

From 1921-1925, an estimated 60 Osage were killed. Unable to solve the mysterious deaths, local and state officials turned to the Bureau of Investigation, which later became the FBI. Most of the murders went unsolved, but the FBI managed to convict cattleman William “King of the Osage Hills” Hale and his nephew Ernest Burkhart, who was Anna Brown’s brother-in-law. Hale had ordered murders of his nephew’s family by marriage in order to secure control of their oil headrights.

Author David Grann wrote a national bestseller about the murders in *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*. Filming for a major motion picture based on the book and directed by Martin Scorsese is expected soon.

The Osage & Frank Phillips

Before Frank and L.E. Phillips became founders of Phillips Petroleum Company the brothers were bankers. On December 5, 1905, the



Phillips men opened the Citizens Bank & Trust. The “Iowa upstarts” had hit their first oil well gusher just three months earlier, and now they were poised to be stiff competition to existing bankers in the community.

One of the many visitors to the bank that first day was Chief Bacon Rind, the principal leader of the Osage Nation. Followed by an entourage of tribal women, the chief quietly stalked the new, ornate financial facility. Having not uttered a word during his brief time there, Chief Bacon Rind grunted his approval to Frank and departed. It was the gentle beginning of a wild ride that would make Bacon Rind’s tribe and “Uncle Frank” immensely wealthy.

Fast forward 25 years after Frank had drilled hundreds of oil wells in the Osage and had generated millions of dollars for the tribe and his company. On September 27, 1930, the fourth annual Cow Thieves and Outlaws Reunion was held at Woolaroc, Frank’s 3,700-acre rural retreat located 12 miles southwest of Bartlesville. Held alongside scenic Clyde Lake, the cookout featured beef and buffalo, peas and potatoes, and drums and dancers. But the highlight was Frank’s adoption into the Osage tribe.

Surrounded by a crowd of 1,500, Osage Chief Fred Lookout conducted a solemn, sacred ceremony



CHIEF FRED LOOKOUT AND CHIEF BACON RIND

during which Frank was given the name Hulah Kihekah, or Eagle Chief. Frank later learned that the name was originally given to Chief Lookout’s son who had died at the age of one. It was the first time the

Osage had ever adopted a white person into the tribe.

In the spring of 1931, a smaller, more formal ceremony was held in the Woolaroc Lodge dining room.





Among the 100 or so guests were Wild West showman Pawnee Bill, Zack Miller of Miller Brothers 101 Ranch near modern-day Ponca City, and REDA Pump founder Armais Arutunoff. Those who could not attend sent wires and letters. Will Rogers, a Cherokee, sent a cable to his good friend Frank saying, "The Osages were always the smartest Indians in America. Now they show it again."

Former Chief Bacon Rind and Chief Fred Lookout, aided by an interpreter, both gave eloquent speeches in their native language. In a follow-up letter to Frank, Chief Lookout wrote, "In my speech I said to you that you have been a good help to my people, and a good friend, and my tribe have drawn a good deal of your money."

The formal ceremony in the lodge included the chief presenting Frank with a parchment scroll officially attesting to his Osage membership. While the first ceremony the preceding fall was special,

the second event could not have been more meaningful to Frank.

The same might be said for the Osage. Not long after one white man was convicted of killing some

of their people, the Osage totally embraced another white man as one of their own.



LITTLE SQUIRREL



FRANK FLETCHER

Outstanding Osage

There is a lengthy list of noteworthy, famous, and accomplished Osage including Charles Curtis, U.S. vice president under Herbert Hoover and a descendent of Chief Pawhuska; Andrew “Buddy” Redcorn, the most highly decorated Native American of the Vietnam War; John Joseph Matthews, author, councilman, and WW I veteran; and Marjorie Tallchief, the first Native American to be the prima ballerina for the Paris Opera Ballet.

However, two names top all others.

Major General Clarence Tinker was born on the reservation on November 21, 1887 near Pawhuska. He was raised Osage and spoke the language. He became the highest-ranking Native American officer during World War II,

and he was Commander of the Seventh Air Force in Hawaii who personally led the Battle of Midway in June 1942. During the battle, his plane was shot down over the Pacific Ocean. His body and those of his eight crew members were never recovered.

Tinker Air Force Base near Del City, OK is named in his memory, and he is the great uncle of longtime cardiologist turned local restaurant owner Dr. Pat Tinker.

The Osage honor Major General Tinker every year at their I-Lonschka dances. A special song is dedicated to him and other veterans. It is the only song when all Osages stand in honor.

Elizabeth Marie “Betty” Tall Chief was born on the reservation in Fairfax, Oklahoma on January 24, 1925. She went on to become America’s first major prima ballerina and the first Native American to hold that distinction.

At the tender age of 17, she moved to New York City with hopes of landing a spot in a major ballet company. Having changed her

name to Maria Tallchief, she danced for five years before meeting George Balanchine who would go on to found the New York City Ballet in 1946. The 5’9” Tallchief was its first star. Through her role as the Sugarplum Fairy, she transformed *The Nutcracker* from an obscure ballet into an annual holiday classic. She enjoyed accolades and fame throughout her 24-year career. In the mid-1950s, she was the highest-paid dancer in the world.

Along with her younger sister, Marjorie, Maria Tallchief is among the five Indian ballerinas depicted in the *Flight of Spirit* mural on the fourth-floor rotunda of the Oklahoma State Capitol. The Osage Nation honored her with the title Princess Wa-Xthe-Thomba, or Woman of Two Worlds. Prior to her death in 2013 at the age of 88, Tallchief had been inducted into numerous halls of fame and had earned countless citations, medals, and awards including one for lifetime achievement from the renowned Kennedy Center.



Present Day Osage

There are 21,980 enrolled tribal members today with 10,163 living in Oklahoma including 4,166 in Osage County. On August 4, 2018, the tribe honored five men and three women who are the last living full-blood Osage.

The Osage Nation continues to thrive with revenue from casinos and its own tax commission. Its government has executive, legislative, and judicial branches as well as a treasury and a mineral rights commission. It has numerous programs and services dedicated to health, wellness, education, senior nutrition, and children, just to name a few. Museums, cultural centers, special events, and language and art classes are all helping keep alive the history of the Osage Nation – one of the most exciting and fantastic of any people in modern America.



Chief Iron Tail, shown with a bison, is the Native American featured on the buffalo nickel.



A Family Banking Heritage

Berry Family's Bank Going Strong After More Than 100 Years

by Lori Roll

When the Berry Family purchased the American Heritage Bank in the 1930s, the United States was still in the grips of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl decimated huge swaths of the Great Plains, Prohibition was repealed, and the New Deal began under Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was a tumultuous time in American economic history.

The bank opened its doors in 1905, on the heels of the discovery of the world's largest oil field in Glenpool, Oklahoma. One of its board members, Harry F. Sinclair, went on to form Sinclair Oil, one of the largest oil companies during the mid-1900s.

Over 100 years later, American Heritage Bank is still going strong. Guy L. Berry Jr. served as chairman of the board until his death in 1980. Third generation family William L. Berry and Guy L. Berry III still serve as vice-chairmen. The bank now owns 22 locations in 15 Oklahoma communities and employs over 250 people.

"I started at the Beggs branch when I was 16 years old," said Jennifer Dilley, who said she has worked in almost every facet of the bank. "I came back 18 months ago. It's all I know." Her husband, Jim, started his involvement with the bank 11 years ago and became CEO.

Jennifer oversees the bank marketing. "We hired a corporate trainer, rolled out new technological products, and are remodeling all the facilities to bring them into the 21st century. Our new website will roll out the first quarter of next year," she said. The bank has grown by three new locations since her return, acquiring a branch and buying a bank with two locations. She said the Bank's focus hasn't changed since her great-grandfather's mis-

sion to meet the banking needs of individuals, families, and businesses by establishing long-term relationships through superior customer service, dynamic banking products, and community leadership. "We are community focused, product leaders, and technology driven," she said.

Danny Ferguson started in the banking business in 2001 with a part-time summer job at the Osage Federal Savings and Loan in Pawhuska. After college, he returned to the bank and became vice-president and branch manager in 2008. In 2012, American Heritage Bank purchased the three locations of the Osage Federal Savings and Loan in Barnsdall, Bartlesville, and Pawhuska.

In 2015, they purchased the First National Bank in Pawhuska and kept their main bank and motor bank. Ferguson said the bank is involved in funding bond issues and working with local governments when upgrades are needed for water systems, police vehicles, school busses, and other community needs.

Dilley said, "We are heavily involved in our communities, city governments, Chamber of Commerce events, and downtown revitalization efforts."

A major American Heritage Bank initiative is to work with its communities to revitalize neighborhoods by demolishing dilapidated houses and buildings. "We do so much in our communities. We're only as good as our communities are," said Dilley.

American Heritage Bank will celebrate its 115th anniversary next year.





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2 Labor Day
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3 **Bruin Volleyball vs Booker T Washington**
5 PM; Bruin Fieldhouse
 Bruin Softball vs Bixby
7 PM; Bruin Softball Fields

4 **Madison Fall Pictures**
Madison Middle School
 Varsity Girls Golf Tryouts
3:30 PM; Adams Golf Course

5 **Varsity Girls Golf Tryouts**
3:30 PM; Adams Golf Course

6 **BHS Football vs Claremore**
7 PM; Custer Stadium

7 **Bruin JV Volleyball Tournament**
All day; Bruin Fieldhouse
JH Choir All State Clinic
9 AM; Bartlesville FAC
HS Choir All State Clinic
1 PM; Bartlesville FAC

9 **Fall BYC Kickoff**
4:30 PM; Bartlesville FAC
Bartlesville youth chorus is open to anyone 4th-12th with a treble voice. Rehearse Mondays from 4:30-6. The cost is \$90 for the semester.

Bruin Softball vs Union
7 PM; Bruin Softball Fields

10 **Circus Saurus**
4:30 PM; Washington County Fairgrounds
 Bruin Volleyball vs Union
5 PM; Bruin Fieldhouse

11 **Circus Saurus**
4:30 PM; Washington County Fairgrounds

12 **Early Childhood (PK-K) Fun Night**
5:30 PM; Hoover Playground
Fun Night at TCTC
6 PM; Tri County Tech

13 **Bruin Volleyball Tournament**
All day; Bruin Fieldhouse
 Bruin Football vs Collinsville
7 PM; Custer Stadium

14 **Bruin Volleyball Tournament**
All day; Bruin Fieldhouse



**Bartlesville Cross
Country Track Meet**
9 AM; Sooner Park



Hooked on Scouting

9 AM; Cooper Dog Park
Open to all boys and girls Kindergarten through 5th. Fishing contest will run 9 a.m. to noon. Bait and tackle provided, please bring rod and reel if available due to limited supply on hand. Archery and other fun activities. Free lunch starting at 11.30am. Prize drawings after contest completion for most fish, biggest fish, most unusual, as well as additional drawings for all attendees.



Monthly Lego Club

10 AM; Bartlesville Public Library

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Monday - Thursday
8:00am - 8:00pm

Friday
8:00am - Noon

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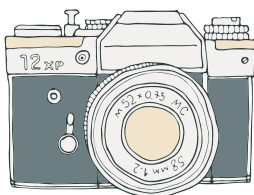
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BHS Picture Day

All day; Bartlesville High School



Paws & Pancakes Breakfast

8 AM; Elks Lodge
Come out for an all you can eat pancake breakfast benefiting Washington County SPCA. Includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice. Tickets: \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door
Featuring adoptable animals and cars from the Oldies N Goodies Car Club. Tickets are available from WCSPCA or any board member.

23

Bruin Softball vs Stillwater

7 PM; Bruin Softball Fields

24

Bruin Volleyball vs Bixby

5 PM; Bruin Fieldhouse



Bruin Softball vs Sapulpa

7 PM; Bruin Softball Fields

26

Wayside Picture Day

All day; Wayside School

State of the Schools Luncheon

11:30 PM; BHS Commons
BPS Superintendent Chuck McCauley reviews the highlights from the 2018-19 school year and gives an overview of the District's priorities for 2019-2020.

Wayside Walk-a-Thon

All day; Wayside School
7:00 PM



Bruin Football vs Booker T Washington

7 PM; Custer Stadium

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Dewey Western Heritage Weekend

8 AM; Downtown Dewey
Attend Dewey's Western Heritage Weekend to celebrate Oklahoma's early beginnings with lots of activities. Starting off the festival will be "Miles for Mammograms" 5K and fun run.

Oklahoma Heritage Farm Annual Fall Festival Starts

9 AM; Oklahoma Heritage Farm

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Music & Early Childhood



Music Supports Formations of Important Brain Connections

by Sherry Rackliff

Have you seen one of those cute videos recently with toddlers dancing to the beat of a favorite song? It makes us feel good just to watch them move and “feel” the beat. But it is more important than you would think! What you don’t see is what is happening in the child’s brain. Music, and music experiences, support the formation of important brain connections that are being established over the first three years of life. A recent study shows evidence that links the ability to keep a beat with language and reading skills. The study demonstrates that keeping a beat provides a synchronization between the parts of the brain responsible for hearing as well as movement.

Music also provides many opportunities for social interactions and stimulates social-emotional development. How many times do you hear a song and it takes you right back to that moment in time?

A song or a tune put to words helps us to remember. We sing the ABC’s to children to help them remember the alphabet. Studies show older adults remember songs easier than they remember other information. Can you still name the capitals of each state by singing it?

Music affects our state of mind and emotions. Think about how it soothes a baby to sing him a lullaby. The soothing sounds of lullabies help a child to self-regulate.

When we play soft, soothing flute music while we are getting a massage or just taking a few moments to relax it calms us and puts us in a dreamy state. And, if we want to get pumped up, we play our favorite tune from our young adult years.

Songs about emotions help children to have words to express their emotions. “If

You’re Happy and You Know It” helps children to identify the emotion of being happy. If we are in a melancholy mood, we may play a tune that reminds us of that time or elicits those emotions from a particular time. I had a very trying time many years ago that ended with a positive outcome. A friend brought me a stuffed bear that sang the Beatles song, “*In My Life*.” Anytime I start feeling stressed about that experience, I can play that song and it will transport me to those times that I remember when a happy outcome came from such a disaster. Likewise, we can use songs and music to elicit emotions from children and help them to understand those emotions.

Playing a musical instrument, like a xylophone or drums, is just the right time to practice sharing. You can imitate your child’s sound and then he can imitate the music you play. You can also sing a song that the child has the opportunity to add to the lyrics. Sing “*Old MacDonald Had a Farm*” and let the child choose the animal and make the animal sounds. A great lesson in taking turns.

There are so many more benefits to music with young children. Children develop their fine and gross motor skills from moving to the beat or singing songs that are action songs such as “*Where is Thumbkin*.” Children can learn about body awareness, balance, crossing the midline, counting, patterns and sequencing, memory, language, and even more.

Music is one of the only activities that activates, stimulates, and uses the entire brain! Remember to sing a song with your child today!



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SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Know of an upcoming event you would like to see on our calendar? Visit us at www.bartlesvillemonthly.com to submit a free listing!

Sun, Sep 1

2:30 PM

Midwest Regional Cricket Tournament

Daniels Field (Across from Lowes)

Bartlesville Cricket Club vs. Colorado in final round robin match. Semifinals start at 7 PM

3 PM

Life Drawing with Model

Price Tower Arts Center

510 S Dewey Ave.

Mon, Sep 2

Labor Day



10 AM

Midwest Regional Cricket Tournament Finals

Daniels Field (Across from Lowes)

Tue, Sep 3

10 AM

Woolaroc Animal Barn & Mountain Man Camp Open for the Season

Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve

1925 Woolaroc Ranch Road

1 PM

Watercolor & Acrylic Painting Classes for Kids

Price Tower Arts Center

510 S Dewey Ave.

Class is held every Monday-Thursday, 1-8:30 p.m. & taught by Ashley Droigk.

Wed, Sep 4

7:30 PM

Songbox

Tinker's GlassHouse

600 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

Music + Bingo. Free to play! Win prizes!

Thu, Sep 5

9 AM

Washington County Free Fair

Washington County Fairgrounds

1109 N Delaware Street

4-H Club and FFA students work year round caring for and feeding their animals before the animals are brought into the show ring. Some of this year's animals include horses, beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, and meat goats. Fair entries include art, photography, quilting, canning, fresh produce and many other items. Exhibitors of all ages will enter in the food or cooking categories.

1:30 PM

Nutrition & Herb Study Group

Hopestone Cancer Support Center

206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

Study the uses, both medical & everyday, of different herbs and good nutritional practices.

7 PM

Movie Night with the Stray Kats

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery

306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

Fri, Sep 6



9 AM

Washington County Free Fair

Washington County Fairgrounds

1109 N Delaware Street

See Sep. 5 event for information.

7 PM

Movie Night with the Bartlesville Film Society

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery

306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

9 PM

Live Music

Solo Club

408 E 2nd. St.

Live Music

Osage Casino Bartlesville

222 Allen Rd.

Sat, Sep 7

8 AM

Red Cross 5K Run for Relief

Red Cross Chapter Office

601 S Jennings Ave.

Bartlesville Farmer's Market

Frank Phillips Park

Every Saturday through October.

9 AM

Washington County Free Fair

Washington County Fairgrounds

1109 N Delaware Street

See Sep. 5 event for information.

10 AM

Woolaroc Fall Trail Ride

Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve

1925 Woolaroc Ranch Road

The Fall Trail Ride is \$50 each person. It includes two meals; lunch and dinner. Need to bring your own horse and Coggin information. It starts at 10am and finishes around 5pm. Riders are welcome to come out the night before and camp overnight. The Front Gate will open at 7am on Saturday morning.

Bartlesville Artisan Market

Washington Park Mall

2350 SE Washington Blvd., Ste. 218

Held every Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Washington Park Mall.

5 PM

Pearls on the Prairie

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Comprised of local, community-minded women, men, businesses, and foundations, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma's Juliette Low Leadership Society advocates for girls by raising awareness of the effectiveness of Girl Scouting, and providing financial support for high quality programming and academic scholarships. Proceeds from the event will support Girl Scouts in the Bartlesville community. Tickets and sponsorships available at www.gseok.org/jlsls. For questions and more information please call 918-745-5201 or email CJanssen@gseok.org



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6:15 PM

Bartlesville's Got Talent!

Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams Road

Bartlesville's Got Talent! Offers an exciting evening where proceeds will support the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program and the Washington County School Supply Drive Pack the Backpacks initiative. Local talent will compete for prize money towards their non-profit of choice. Vote with your dollar! The more votes, the more money the winning non-profits will receive.

7 PM

Paddle Party Quarter Auction

Elks Lodge
1060 Swan Drive

A paddle party is a fun game of chance to win prizes worth \$25 for just 25¢. Bring a roll of quarters. Each paddle costs \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Karaoke Night

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery
306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

8:30 PM

Trivia Night

Tinker's GlassHouse
600 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

Karaoke

Painted Horse Bar & Grille
110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.

Mon, Sep 9

10 AM

Elder Care Open House Tour

Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.

Tue, Sep 10

5:30 PM

Women's Cancer Support Group

Hopestone Cancer Support Center
206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

6:30 PM

Free Sculpture Demonstration

Bartlesville Art Association

500 S Dewey Ave.

Enjoy ArtNight with special guest speaker Larry Waid. Larry will demonstrate building a wire armature and applying and shaping clay into a realistic figure.

Wed, Sep 11

Patriot Day

7:30 PM

Songbox

Tinker's GlassHouse
600 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

Music + Bingo. Free to play! Win prizes!

Thu, Sep 12



5:30 PM

Dinner Theatre Showing of "Pruning the Family Tree"

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery
306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

Doors open for dinner at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35, which includes both the dinner & show.

6 PM

ADPA Parkinson's Caregivers

Support Group Meeting
JPMC Lower Level Classroom
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6:30 PM

Dyslexia Awareness Event

Father Lynch Hall
8th Street between Keeler & Johnstone
St. John Catholic School presents Dyslexia Awareness. Join Miss Oklahoma & Michelle Keiper of Decoding Dyslexia-Oklahoma to learn more about Dyslexia. A free event.

Fri, Sep 13

8 AM

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5:30 PM

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See Sep. 12 event for information.

Viva La Frida Party

Price Tower Arts Center
510 S Dewey Ave.

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9 PM

Live Music

Solo Club
408 E 2nd. St.

Live Music

Osage Casino Bartlesville
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Sat, Sep 14

8 AM

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9 AM

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5:30 PM

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6 PM

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Sun, Sep 15

1 PM

Free Family Funday

Price Tower
510 S Dewey Ave.

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Mon, Sep 16

10 AM or 1 PM

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Thu, Sep 19

1:30 PM

Nutrition & Herb Study Group

Hopestone Cancer Support Center

206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.

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5 PM

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Elder Care

1223 Swan Dr.

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Fri, Sep 20

7 PM

Karaoke Night

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery

306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

See Sep. 12 event for information.

9 PM

Live Music

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Sat, Sep 21

7 PM

Poetry Night with Morris

McCorvey

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery

306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

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8:30 PM

Trivia Night

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Thu, Sep 26

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Dinner Theatre Showing of

"Hillbilly Heaven"

Heritage Theatre - Gizzy's Eatery

306 E Don Tyler Ave., Dewey

Doors open for dinner at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$38, which includes both the dinner & show.

Fri, Sep 27

9 PM

Live Music

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Live Music

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Sat, Sep 28

8 AM

Dewey Western Heritage Weekend

Downtown Dewey

Attend Dewey's Western Heritage Weekend to celebrate Oklahoma's early beginnings with lots of activities, including the Tom Mix Festival, a parade, and a Wild West show, live bands, trick roping, trick riding, skill shooting, Western games for children, and plenty of food vendors.



9 AM

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Miles for Mammograms

Downtown Dewey



1 PM

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6 PM

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Sun, Sep 29

8 AM

Dewey Western Heritage Weekend

Downtown Dewey

See Sep. 28 event for information.

1 PM

Dinner Theatre Matinee Showing of "Hillbilly Heaven"

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2nd Street Flat
- 5:30 PM**
Spanish Class
Bartlesville Public Library

TUESDAY

- 8 AM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 9:30 AM**
Gentle Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio
- 10 AM**
Fine Art Class
BAA Price Tower Design Center
Caregiver Support Group
Elder Care
- 6 PM**
Prana Vinyasa Flow Yoga
Hillcrest Country Club
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 7 PM**
Tuesday Trivia
Painted Horse Bar & Grill
Darts
Solo Club

WEDNESDAY

- 9 AM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 9 AM**
Tapestry Weaving Class
Price Tower Design Center
- 10 AM**
Babies & Toddlers Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library

- 11 AM**
Preschooler Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library
- 1 PM**
Open Studio
Price Tower Design Center
- 4:30 PM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 6 PM**
REFIT
Bartlesville Public Library
Vinyasa Yoga
2nd Street Flat
Citizenship Class
Bartlesville Public Library

THURSDAY

- 8 AM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 9:30 AM**
Prana Vinyasa Flow Yoga
Bartlesville Civic Ballet Studio
Gentle Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio
- 10 AM**
Babies & Toddlers Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library
ESL Conversion Class
Bartlesville Public Library
WW Wellness Workshop
Bartlesville Community Center
- 11 AM**
Preschooler Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library
- 1 PM**
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Price Tower Design Center
- 5:30 PM**
WW Wellness Workshop
Bartlesville Community Center
- 6 PM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 7 PM**
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- 9 PM**
Angelo's Karaoke (21+)
Angelo's Tavern

FRIDAY

- 5:30 AM**
Power Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio
- 9 AM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 10 AM**
Fine Art Class
Price Tower Design Center
- 11 AM**
Power Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio
- 12 PM**
Eat Healthy, Be Active
Bartlesville Public Library
- 9 PM**
Live Music
Solo Club
- 9 PM**
Live Music
Osage Casino

SATURDAY

- 8 AM**
Bartlesville Farmers Market
Frank Phillips Park
- 8:30 AM**
Flow Class
Bliss Studio
- 10 AM**
Bartlesville Artisan Market
Washington Park Mall
WCSPCA Adoption Event
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Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum

Western History & Cowboy Culture Highlighted in Pawhuska

by Maria Gus

Osage County is rich in history. Oklahomans know it as the largest county in the state of Oklahoma, but it is also the home of some of the largest names in western history and cowboy culture.

Cody Garnett and his wife, Lauren, have dedicated their latest endeavor to celebrating the greatest names in cowboy heritage with the Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum. The museum is named after Ben Johnson, both senior and junior, and celebrates legendary cowboys and cowgirls from historic Osage County.

“Everything in the museum is Osage County-based — 100%,” said Garnett, “We have the greatest cowboy heritage in the world right here.”

With over 25 world champions from Osage County and some of the most iconic ranches in the country, Garnett is determined to highlight as many names as possible at the museum.

The attention to detail and dedicated research is on display around every corner. The museum not only includes memorabilia dedicated to Ben Johnson Sr., champion steer roper and the namesake of the Ben Johnson Memorial Steer Roping, but it also includes western art, original paintings and sculptures, and a saddle collection that is second to none.

Ben “Son” Johnson, widely known for winning an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1972 for his portrayal of Sam the Lion in “The Last Picture Show,” was also a 1953 world champion team roper.

Much of the Johnson family memorabilia is featured throughout the museum. The collection also includes film posters, Ben Senior’s original saddle from the Chapman Barnard Ranch, spurs from Crockett Bit, and spurs that have been in the same family for over 100 years.



Cody Garnett by the Ben Johnson Memorial at the Ben Johnson Cowboy Museum.

“All of this is local history,” added Garnett. “We have over 25 world champions from Osage County, and we have some of the most iconic ranches. To me, we outdo Dodge City and Deadwood.”

Guests to the museum will also see the largest collection of John D. Free paintings and sculptures, chuckwagon cook C.A. Bromley’s entire set up from the Four Sixes Ranch, and rodeo star Henry Grammer’s original chaps and a gun. Grammer was crowned by Will Rogers himself, and readers of “Killers of the Flower Moon” may recall him meeting an untimely death.

The Ben Johnson Museum looks to use its name to bring recognition to many of the unsung western heroes of Osage County. Names like Lynn Star

McGuire, a Native American world champion breakaway calf roper and the only woman to make the Indian National Finals in team roping. Or Tommy Wayman, one of the best polo players to come out of the United States and one of only 35 polo players to ever reach the status of 10 goals scored in a match.

The museum boasts plenty of interactive for children, as well as lots of photo-taking opportunities. Plans are in the works to expand and include even more beautiful western & cowboy art.

“It’s a cowboy museum through and through,” said Garnett. “We’re telling the western heritage of this county, which is second to none.”



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The Perriers in the Osage

Perrier Name Dates Back to Pre-Statehood Oklahoma

by Bart Perrier

The Perrier name is deeply rooted and recognized within the history of the Osage Nation, dating back before Oklahoma Statehood. The first Perrier is Peter Perrier Senior, who originated from France in the late 1790s. Peter Perrier Senior, along with his brothers, entered the United States along the Mississippi River, through the French Quarters of New Orleans. After entering, the brothers continued north. Some brothers settled in Arkansas, but Peter continued to Missouri, where he married into the Osage Nation. Through this marriage, Peter Perrier Junior was born in 1831, near the Maris Des Cygnes River in Missouri, along with several other siblings, some of whom did not survive. In the mid-1800s, Peter Perrier Junior moved to the Osage Mission, located in southern Kansas.

As the Civil War erupted in the 1860s, Peter Perrier Junior, at the age of 30, joined Company E, Sixth Regiment of the Kansas Cavalry Volunteers, where he fought as a Union Soldier. After the war, Peter Perrier Junior married Catherine Cadrick. They had several children before she abruptly died in 1864. Peter Perrier Junior moved to Indian Territory, where he established a homestead near Bird Creek, two miles north of Tyner Creek and six miles north of Skiatook, in the Blackdog area of the Osage Nation Reservation. During this time, he married Mary Ann Gilmore. They had a large two-story sandstone house that became a showplace in the area. This house was completed with second-story balconies, 12-inch-thick sandstone walls, and a partial basement and cellar under the kitchen area. It is believed that this residence was one of the first houses built in the Osage Territory, and definitely one of the few houses that was built to this magnitude. The Perrier house was built by Joe Barthel, a stoneman, and it became a landmark for travelers making their way through the somewhat desolate and dangerous Osage Reservation.

On November 11, 1888, Peter Perrier was appointed by the Osage Nation as the Supreme Court Judge. Peter was bilingual and spoke fluent English, French, and Osage languages. He became a prominent figure through the Osage Nation. Judge Perrier once stated in an interview that the Osage Nation did not have a jail or prison because they were too expensive. Crimes were punished in various ways such as a murderer that is found guilty

is tied to a tree and shot by twelve men, for manslaughter one hundred "licks" upon the back is the punishment. All cases between members of the Osage Tribe were settled in the tribal court before Judge Perrier. All cases between members of different tribes, or an Indian and a non-Indian, were tried in Stillwater within the district court.

During the lawless days in the Indian Territory, outlaws were plentiful within this area and nobody was exempt from being victimized. From 1890 through 1892, the Dalton Gang from Coffeyville, Kansas made its living by robbing banks and trains within the Indian Territory. Bob Dalton and his brothers Grat and Emmet, along with Texas Jack and Dick Broadwell, left their hideout on the North Canadian River on September 25, 1892. On their route north to Coffeyville, the gang made its way through the Osage Reservation, stopping in the middle of the night at Judge Peter Perrier's house north of Skiatook. They

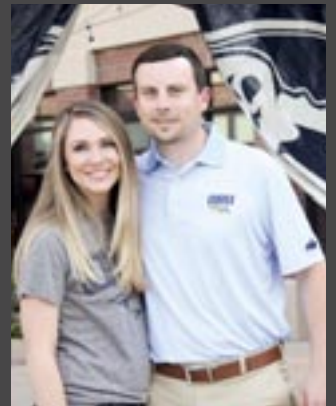
knew that Peter Perrier raised blooded horses, and stole two of his dapple gray horses for remounts. The gang rode northwest to Candy Creek to a ranch, where they stayed three or four days making final preparations for the now famous October 5, 1892 Coffeyville raid. The gang met its demise as they tried to rob the First National and the L.M. Condon Banks at the same time. While the gang prepared for this final raid at the Candy Creek ranch, they posed for a picture that featured Bob Dalton on one of the stolen dapple gray horses. Members of the Dalton Gang continued to Coffeyville, not knowing that this would be their last ride.



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by Lori Roll



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"He's the guy who started it all," said Allen, pointing to a photo of a man he greatly resembles, a left-handed pitcher aptly nicknamed "Lefty." Born in 1890 in Corinth, Mississippi, Allen's grandfather, Jim "Lefty" Allen, was a pro baseball pitcher whose career began in 1911. He enlisted in the Army in 1917 at the age of 27 and was sent to France during WWI. His company was heading to the front when the Armistice was signed on October 11, 1918. When he returned to civilian life, "Lefty" started throwing baseballs again and pitched in pro leagues from Oklahoma, Utah, Tennessee, Iowa, New York, and Kansas before and after the war. He was scouted by Baseball Hall of Fame player Ty Cobb, but "Lefty" had other plans.

"Traveling exposed him to the big, wild world, and he kept thinking of

opportunities for an agriculture business in Washington or Osage County," said Allen. The Allen family had worked in the area with their business hauling oilfield and gas equipment off the railyards, and young Allen saw a need. "If a person recognizes the needs of a community and fills that need, you have a business. Wants come and go with economic status, but needs don't go away," said Allen.

"Lefty" and his brother, Glen, leased the Napier Equipment Shed in 1919 and started the Allen Brothers Feed & Supply store on 5th Street across from the current building they bought in 1930. "He was still playing ball when they started the feed business. He was pretty well known in baseball. I figure that's what funded the start-up," said Allen.

Their sister, Kit, was a schoolteacher in Pawhuska. Neither Kit nor Glen married, and they shared a house in Pawhuska. "Lefty" married his sweetheart, Linda, after the war and they had three children; Margie, Joe, and Dick. Three years apart in age, the boys worked for their father during high school. At a time when many families had a milk cow and a yard full of chickens for sustenance, the feed store sold everything from feed, flour, hay, and baby chicks to International trucks and tractors, farm implements, and equipment. Both boys joined ROTC and completed their agriculture degrees at Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University). Joe married his college sweetheart "Andy," and they raised their five children — Claudia, Ben, Lindy, Sue,



100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Who: Allen Brothers Feed & Supply LLC

What: 100-year anniversary celebration

When: Oct. 26, 2019

Where: Allen Brothers Feed & Supply LLC
129 5th Street,
Pawhuska, OK

Event: Community dinner and street dance

and James — in El Paso. After serving in the Army, Joe and his family moved to Pawhuska to work in the family business. With the mercantile business running in his veins, Dick returned from Army duty in Germany and worked in the feed store before moving to Nowata with his

wife and buying the Nowata Mercantile.

Ben and James worked for their father, just as Joe and Dick had worked for their father, “Daddy Jim,” as the grandchildren called him. “Ben and I were grunt labor,” said Allen. “It was hard work. I took a job one summer hauling hay. I thought that would be an easier way to make money. It didn’t turn out that way,” he said with a laugh. Ben didn’t have the feed business in his plans. He wanted to see new country, and headed north to Montana after a few semesters at OSU and seeing active duty in the Army. He and his wife Sue “live a storybook life” in Kansas, and visit the store when they’re in town.

James followed his own adventures in Montana and Kansas before finishing his Agriculture Economics degree at OSU in 1982 and returning to work in earnest for his father at the feed store. “I’ve been here ever since. Dad walked into the office after lunch one day in June of 1991. He said ‘After January 1st I’m not going to be in the feed business anymore. I don’t know what you’re going to do, but you’d better plan accordingly.’ Dad didn’t need to attend a seminar for business succession planning. We came up with a business plan, and I bought the business and got to work.” Allen lives with his wife LouAnna in Bartlesville, commuting every day to Pawhuska — which he still considers his community.

Allen’s office is in a small room cooled by fans in the back of the store, which he shares with a coffee pot, dozens of family photographs, his daughter Hannah, and two shop dogs — Junior and Scooter. Business once conducted with cash and counter checks on worn leather-bound ledgers and handwritten notes is now commanded by credit cards on computers and cell phones. “What has changed the most is transportation and communication,” said Allen. “Pawhuska was a hub. There were three major car dealers here, physicians and attorneys. Going to Tulsa was a big deal. Now we’re not so removed. You can buy, feed, and sell cattle on the internet without ever seeing them. But face to face is still very important for the people we work with. In that sense the old days are still here. People need to gather and socialize.” Allen said today’s agriculture

“People don’t change. You do business with people. I spend a lot of time figuring out how to help people. The biggest reward is helping people accomplish what they want to accomplish.”

— James Allen, third generation owner



James Allen in his office at Allen Brothers Feed & Supply LLC.

in Osage Country is geared primarily toward grass and cattle, with some soybean and wheat production, but he sees a day when agriculture will become more diversified again. “Agriculture drives itself in a cyclical manner.”

Daughter Hannah and her husband, Austin Gibson, have stepped up to the plate as the fourth generation to carry on the family business. Hannah said, “We both got our Ag degrees from Connors State College and OSU. We knew we wanted to own land and cattle. We were living in Tulsa where Austin was working as a financial planner, and we realized that wasn’t the lifestyle we wanted. I told dad, ‘We’re coming up here.’” Allen’s pride is palpable as he looks at his daughter across the small office. She said, “I order the feed and supplies, and I’m in charge of social media. Austin oversees inside and outside sales.” Although the store doesn’t sell trucks and tractors anymore, they sell small equipment, animal feed, herbicides, pesticides, pet supplies, and even baby chicks in the spring. “Social media is becoming more important,” she said. While cowboys still have conversations over the bed of their pickup trucks in front of the store, Hannah fields Facebook messages and texts every day about products, supplies, equipment, and even pests, pets, and plants. “I’m loving it. I feel like I’ve come home, and I’m here to stay.”

Allen summed it up. “It’s always interesting. I’ve met some really neat people and dealt with every socioeconomic class. You just show up every day and do your work. That’s what it’s about.”



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Comparison is the Thief of Joy

by Lindel Fields

This summer, my niece and nephew spent a few weeks with me. They are 10 and 11 years old, and go non-stop from the time they get up until they go to bed at night.

In between, everything is a contest. We have a pool, and the kids found a way to compete at everything they did in the pool. There was a contest for who could hold their breath the longest, dive the straightest, make the biggest splash, the smallest splash, best handstand. There was even a contest to determine who had the most extended battery life on their phones. My children were spread out a little further in age, so the competition thing was new to me.

I talked to a few friends and colleagues and found out that the kids are entirely normal. However, their non-stop abilities-comparing was a little draining for me. They were rarely content with their performance. It was always about how the other one performed or didn't perform in an activity.

These attributes seem to follow us into adulthood. We have all heard

the terms "The pasture is greener on the other side," or "Keeping up with the Joneses." We are always looking for a better deal or comparing ourselves to someone else.

Several weeks ago, I got serious about my fitness. I did this for the apparent reason of feeling and looking better. I also wanted to be able to share my wife's type of lifestyle. She is an elite cyclist. When you live with somebody who is a dedicated athlete, they eat differently, sleep different, and talk differently than your average Joe. I was the average Joe, and I wanted to be able to have conversations, workout, and eat with my wife.

One month into my new lifestyle change and goal to complete an Ironman challenge, my coach told me it was time for an FTP (functional threshold power) test on the bike. The goal was to go as hard as I could for 20 minutes and try to finish stronger than when I started. I charted my course and energetically took off, managing to finish stronger than when I started. In the end, I completed 6.5 miles, with an average 19 miles-per-hour pace.

In my notes for my coach, I told her that I felt pretty good but could do better. I gave myself an 8. She responded by saying I did great and gave me a 10. She reminded me that I had only been training for a month. It was good to have this reminder because I had not recognized my own performance. Instead, I was comparing it to my wife's. Earlier that week she had ridden 96 miles at a 20 miles-per-hour pace. Yes, 90 miles further than me and at a faster pace! So often comparison is the thief of joy.

On the same day that I did my fitness test, Matteo Trentin won Stage 17 of the Tour de France. On route to his win, he rode 128 miles at over 29 miles per hour. There is always someone faster, prettier, smarter, and wealthier.

If we compare, we can easily find someone better or worse off than we are in every aspect of our lives. The key to fulfillment is to appreciate what we have and who we have in our lives. Take time to lean into your specific talents and relationships, and you'll find more peace and happiness than trying to find a greener pasture.

Mullendore Cross Bell Ranch: Land Runs & Allotments Helped Establish Prosperity

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum



Two important Oklahoma happenings brought settlers and Native Americans property roots and eventual wealth – land runs and allotments. Both events helped establish the prosperity of the Mullendore family.

In 1866, John George Mullendore married Mary Robinson in Franklin, Indiana and to them 13 children were born: Hallie, Eddie, Erd, David, Jessie, Harry, Clarence, Otto, Claudie, Clarice, Ray, Carl and William. In 1882, they moved to Elk County, Kansas, where they lived in Howard until their deaths; Mary in 1898 and John in 1907.

On September 16, 1893, approximately a hundred-thousand “Boomers and Sooners” raced to stake their claim to part of the six-million acres of land that later became the counties of Kay, Grant, Woods, Woodward, Garfield, Noble and Pawnee. Among the participants to stake a claim were Erd Mullendore and his brother David.

David returned to Howard, KS where he served three terms in the Kansas legislature and became president of the Production Credit Corporation. Other brothers: Otto became a banker and store owner in Stillwater; Carl and Ray became bankers in Hominy; William served the Food Relief Administration during WWI, Secretary of Commerce under Herbert Hoover and was an attorney.

In August 1897, Erd married Sarah Jane “Jennie” Berry, sister of James E. Berry, the sixth Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma (1935-1955). In 1901, Erd and Jennie sold their properties at Blackwell and Stillwater to settle near Cleveland where they raised their six children: Bessie, Billie, Eugene, Robert, Mildred and Patience.

Erd bought stock in the Triangle Bank and was named bank president when the bank transitioned to the Cleveland National Bank. He also had banking interests in Hominy, Pawnee and Cushing. By 1904, oil

A Great Ranching Empire



had been discovered in the Cleveland area and a reported 1,200 oil wells sprang from the earth with great production. Erd developed oil interests extending to Texas, Illinois and across Oklahoma and with

the oil royalties, the Mullendore's built a Greek Revival home in Cleveland.

During WWI, profits from Erd's oil and banking investments allowed his personal interests to "steer" towards the cattle business, which he turned into a large-scale ranching enterprise. Then, after WWI, the United States experienced a Great Depression, forcing many cattlemen to relinquish their ranches. Erd was financially stable and able to purchase the delinquent ranches. It was during that time that he helped his son, Eugene Claremont "Gene" Mullendore II, establish his ranching career.

Erd Mullendore had four ranches totaling about 80,000 acres held within the Mullendore Trust, which he had established in 1929. The largest of the holdings was the 11,000 acre Bird Creek Ranch near Pawhuska. After his death in 1938, two sons-in-law governed the Trust

The Mullendore Mansion at 910 N. Phillips in Cleveland, OK is a two-and-one-half-story Greek Revival home, built on 16 acres in 1910. Daughter, Bessie Mullendore Johnson inherited the home upon the death of Erd Mullendore and her family resided in the home until 1949. Then the home stood vacant for years until being purchased by L.A. Davis in 1964. The home was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Additionally, the road along the north side of the mansion is Mullendore Road.



until the Trust was dissolved in 1948. At that time, Gene Mullendore purchased his mother's 4,000 acre Little Chief Ranch.

On December 21, 1926, the marriage and partnership of Gene Mullendore and Kathleen Boren began and grew into a 130,000 acre

ranching empire – the Cross Bell Ranch, straddling the Oklahoma and Kansas border.

Kathleen was the daughter of Buck and Blanche Brown Boren and the granddaughter of Osage chief Shon-kah (Charles Brown). As a reg-



Ancestry.com states: The Osage Tribe moved to the 1.47 million acre Osage Nation in 1872 and oil was discovered in 1898. By Act of Congress, June 1906, the Osage lands were divided among the 2229 tribal members with an allotment of 657 acres of surface rights per member. The mineral sub-surface (oil, gas, etc.) belonged to the Osage Mineral Estate. In 1908, the tribal members were assigned a roll number and one headright entitling members to a quarterly payment from the Osage Mineral Estate.



istered Osage tribal member, Kathleen received an Osage County allotment and headright.

The Cross Bell Ranch was the home of Gene and Kathleen Mullendore and their two children, Eugene Claremont III and Katsy Kaye. Their stately two-story sandstone home was built from rock found on the ranch. The Mullendore's focused on building their American Quarter Horse stock and Hereford cattle ranch while increasing their land holdings. They also purchased the Boren Ranch owned by Kathleen's parents, Gene's mother's Little Chief Ranch at Fairfax and the Bird Creek Ranch at Pawhuska.

Kathleen was an active part of the ranch; while Gene cared for ranch operations, Kathleen was in

charge of the main house, cook-house and she was the ranch accountant. She also piloted the small Mullendore plane which was used to locate loose stock and make trips to town for groceries and errands.

The Mullendore children received their elementary education at the one-room school located on the Ranch. The Cross Bell Ranch hired many ranch hands, often in need of a fresh start. Their children were the playmates of E.C. III and Katsy and

they also attended the one-room school.

E.C. III attended the University of Oklahoma but returned to the ranch operation due to his father's failing health. In 1959, E.C. III married his college sweetheart, Linda Vance, and they lived at the Cross Bell Ranch with their four children in a home near his parents with a cross-bell-shaped swimming pool.

Gene's deteriorated eye sight and diabetes complications requiring E.C. III to take the reins of the Cross Bell Ranch until E.C. III's tragic death in 1970. Gene followed him in death in 1973 and Kathleen continued the ranch operations until she passed in 1998 at the age of 93.

As a child, Katsy Kaye had a deep passion for horses and cattle. She



even raised a pet buffalo, Geronimo, and broke him to ride. After attending college at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Texas, she married and shared four children with John Mecom before marrying James Andrew “Jimmie” Whittenburg.

The Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame originated in 2005 to recognize outstanding Oklahoma equine contributions. The love of the American Quarter Horse lead Gene and Kathleen Mullendore to seek the best of the best bloodlines and their work was recognized in 2014 when the Mullendore Cross Bell Ranch was inducted into the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame. Proudly, their daughter, Katsy Mullendore Whittenburg accepted the award for the family.

For nine years, beginning in 2009, the Mullendore Cross Bell Ranch and the Mullendore family were hosts to the Annual Osage Cultural Walk commemorating the 1871 trek of the Osage people who traveled through eastern Kansas and into Indian Territory on



their way to the Osage Indian Reservation. Beginning with an overnight campout at the 1871 historic marker in Osage County, tribal members walked three miles across the prairie to the Mullendore Ranch house for a barbeque lunch and cultural activi-

Katsy was an extremely giving woman as she served on the boards of the Woolaroc Museum, the Osage Nation Foundation and she worked tirelessly towards the fundraising efforts of Bartlesville’s Eldercare. The 2019 “The Good, The Bad and The Barbeque” event marked the 21st annual and final event at the Cross Bell Ranch but not the end of the fundraiser. A new location will be announced later this year.

Clarification of the E.C. Mullendore name: Erd Claremont Mullendore, Sr. (1871-1938), Eugene Claremont “Gene” Mullendore, Jr. (1903-1973) and Eugene Claremont “E.C.” Mullendore, III (1937-1970).

ties. For the Mullendore family, this was paying homage to their Osage roots as well. After Katsy’s death in 2017, the Cultural Walk was moved to another location.

For the Mullendore family, ranching is a family affair. Their roots run Oklahoma deep and the Cross Bell Ranch has been recorded in history as one of Oklahoma’s Greatest Ranching Empires.



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by Jay Weuster

Happy September, my friends.

Well, the worst is over. August is behind us. You only have one hurdle left, the holidays, and then you're on to what Catholics refer to as "Ordinary Time." My favorite season.

Speaking of seasons, have you ever thought about how weird childbirth is? Me too.

From our history lessons as kids, obviously we know *how* we reproduce is the result of those early species committee meetings where we agreed on the "Rules of Humanity." Those first few gatherings had been rife with infighting and the human race was way behind, compared to the rest of the world. I imagine one guy finally spoke up and said, "Look, this is starting to get embarrassing. We're not making any progress here. I saw a pack of dogs yesterday and they'd already decided on their official greeting and everything."

"Butt smelling, Carl? That's what you want us to do?"

"I'm just saying let's decide on something. How about pro-creation? I know a few of the other species have decided to lay eggs and plants are going with this whole seed thing, but I have an idea. Now hear me out on this, instead of laying eggs outside — what if we just microwaved another human in our bodies like a Hot Pocket for like 9 months."

"How are you going to get the other human out, Carl?"

"I hadn't really gotten that far. I'm sure we can find an opening."

"And who's going to do that? Are you going to carry another human being in your body, Carl?"

"I can't. I have a bad back. I think I hurt it bathing myself like those cats. Hey wait, Eve isn't at the meeting today. I move we elect her to try it first."

As soon as we made the choice to be “Human Easy-Bake Ovens,” a lot of other animals decided to go the same route. But they really improved on the whole design. Look at horses and whales and nearly everyone else. When they give birth, a mini-adult pops out. A baby horse will be standing up on its own in less than an hour. After a year, it can help pull a full Budweiser wagon. It took our daughter over six months to stand, and she destroyed two iPhones and an end table in the process. She walked like Joe Cocker for the first three months.

After the first year, most animals just leave their young without saying goodbye and everyone goes their own way, happily. Humans decided to live with their offspring for 18 plus years (only to have them move back in after being gone just two years or so).

And, if you’re not careful, you’ll experience “reverse migration,” and your own parents will come to live with you. *Oh the humanity.*

The whole process is a triumph of inefficiency by the human race. It’s a wonder we’re not extinct.

I can speak from some personal experience on this subject. Like many of you out there, my wife and I have gone through the birth process (though in all honesty, it was more her than me) and now we have a small human living with us. In fact, she’s asked if she can be part of this month’s column in a segment we’re calling, “What I Did Over My Summer Break.” She’s here now, if you’d like to hear from her.

ME: Hello, young lady. For those who are reading this today, would you mind introducing yourself?

EVANJALYN: Hi. My name is Evanjalyn.

ME: I couldn’t help but notice (by the enormous pile of school supplies covering our dining room table) that it appears you’ve decided to continue your education again this year.

EVANJALYN: Yes. I’m in second grade this year and will be learning a lot of hard stuff, apparently.

ME: How would you rate your overall summer experience this year?

EVANJALYN: More than 5 stars!

ME: Wow. That seems pretty emphatic. What did you do this summer?

EVANJALYN: I did three summer camps. My first camp was Frozen Jr. at Children’s Musical Theater. It was really, really tiring.

ME: Did you have to audition?

EVANJALYN: Well, no matter what, you got to be in the play, but we had to audition for what part we wanted to play. That was kind of scary, because you had to stand in the CMT Blackbox Theater, in front of three random people who were just sitting at a table basically in this big black room. It’s pretty scary.

I just decided to not think about it and stare at the wall in front of me instead. That was basically my only option.

Then I got a “call back,” which I thought was a bad thing and wanted to cry, until mom told me what it was. Then it was like “Oh, cool.”

ME: What “camp” did you do next?

EVANJALYN: I did VBS [Vacation Bible School] at First Presbyterian. The theme was about animals. You do crafts and stuff, and we raised money to buy animals that are sent around the world to people that are in need of money and food. We raised enough money to give them six goats.

My favorite part was raising money for the families and my super-cool teacher.

ME: So, like, were there lessons? Did they talk about God or anything?

EVANJALYN: (With eye roll) Yes, like five times a day. It was a lot of Jesus. It was a bit much.

ME: Well, they do call it Vacation Bible School for a reason. What did you do next?

EVANJALYN: We went to Chicago.

ME: Have you been to Chicago before?

EVANJALYN: Oh my gosh, so many times.

ME: What’s your favorite thing about Chicago?

EVANJALYN: Basically, just the people and how big and nice the city is.

ME: What kind of stuff did you do while you were there?

EVANJALYN: Well, we got caught in a terrible rain storm and had to go back to our hotel and buy rain ponchos. My parents’ ponchos were clear and mine was pink. Of course mine was the most fancy, and we made up a poncho song.

Then we visited the crown fountains, which we call “the face water fountains,” because that’s basically what they are. They used to freak me out, but now I think they are like the coolest water sculptures in the world.

We also went to two Cubs games. But, we sat in the “bleachers” for one game. The next game, we sat in the shade — which was one of the best games!

ME: Wow. Did you feel like you stayed long enough in Chicago?

EVANJALYN: I didn’t really feel like it. I want to go and stay for a month or week or something...

ME: So, when you got back home, what did you do?

EVANJALYN: When we came home, I did another camp: Willy Wonka Kids.

ME: What was that like?

EVANJALYN: It wasn’t as tiring as Frozen Jr. because it was only two weeks instead of three. But, what’s funny is, there were like 50 kids in Willy Wonka

ME: It looks like we’re running out of room here, so we better close this out. Are you happy to be back to school?

EVANJALYN: Kind of, but I still really miss summer too.

ME: Well, is there any advice you’d like to give younger kids about what makes a good summer break?

EVANJALYN: Tell your Mom to give you a later bed time. You gotta save up the fun and like, it goes later than 8:00.

ME: What are you looking forward to the most about second grade?

EVANJALYN: My teacher, and meeting new friends, and just having social experiences.

ME: Anything else you want to talk about?

EVANJALYN: Nope. Let’s cut it off.

ME: Alright.

Cheers my friends. We’re “cutting it off.”





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DSR Continues to Deliver After Making Move from Downtown

by Kelsey Walker



Bartlesville-based Diversified Systems Resources, better known as DSR, recently vacated its longtime home in downtown Bartlesville, but the 37-year-old company still holds true to its longtime motto of “We deliver technology ...” The company now provides technical support services, provisioning for internet communications, billing services, and software development from the former Walmart claims management center at 3901 SE Adams Rd.

CEO John Bond says the move offered DSR a roomier 88,000-square-foot facility on a sprawling 10-acre campus. DSR purchased the building in 2018 and ordered substantial renovations — including the installation of a massive generator, repairs to the exterior storm shelter, renovations to interior spaces including rejuvenated office spaces, the addition of conference rooms and a large server room, the construction of a fence along the exterior of the property, and much more.

“It’s been quite a job, but there was a lot that we wanted to do,” Bond said.

Earlier this year, employees started moving from the former site at the Rogers State University building in downtown Bartlesville, to the new facility. The final group of

employees transitioned to the new site in mid-August. The additional space will also allow DSR to continue to expand its footprint in Bartlesville.

“We are actively recruiting,” Bond said, noting that “in the last five to 10 years, we’ve really expanded.”

Incorporated in 1982, DSR began as a small consulting company in The Quarters — just across the street from its current location — providing programming and project management services to the petroleum and automobile industries. Over the next 15 years, DSR grew to a mid-sized consulting firm, providing services to a larger group including petroleum, manufacturing, airline, insurance, banking, state and federal governments, pharmaceutical, and communications industries. During this period of growth, DSR also became an IBM Business Partner and created an EDI software system and communications application marketed by IBM and used in thousands of locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

As the company grew and became more established, a space at the RSU building opened up. DSR moved to downtown Bartlesville in 1989, at first occupying just a portion of the third floor, but eventually expanding to nearly four floors of the building.

DSR now provides technical support/technical help desk services, provisioning for high speed internet connections, billing services, and EDI applications and services to its clients, which range from small “mom & pop” businesses to companies in the Fortune 1000. Now, as a reseller of high-speed/broadband communications services in the U.S. and Canada, DSR is expanding the breadth of services available from one source.

“The technology has changed over the years, and we’ve always had to be a step ahead,” Bond says.

As DSR saw its continued growth, the downtown space became slightly too confined. Walmart announced in August of 2017 it would be closing its claims management facility, and Bond saw an opportunity for his company to take another step forward. Just two years since Walmart’s announcement, DSR is now thriving with nearly 450 employees — and plans to grow even more.

From its sprawling new home, DSR will continue to do what it does best: Deliver technology.

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Popular Show & Sound-Off Features Both New and Old

by Tim Hudson

The Triple 7's Car Show and Sound-Off is gearing up for the 2019 edition of the popular event.

"It's set for September 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Osage Casino on the hill in Bartlesville," said Curt's Auto Glass owner Curtis Evans. The show has been hosted by the Casino for several years and includes a live deejay, food and drinks, as well \$10 free play from the casino with entry.

"I put on a car show every year, and that's because I feel like no one around does it right," Evans says. "We try really hard to put on a great event and make it worthwhile to the car owners. We hand out more trophies than anyone in the area, and we spend a lot of time trying to make it the best we can."

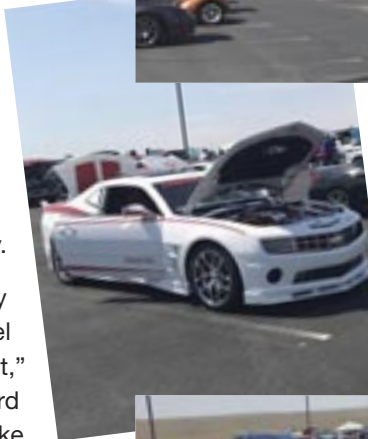
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For this, the third annual event, Evans said he is expecting over 200 entries.

"Old and new cars are both welcome, because I was noticing that all the shows around here don't allow newer cars," he said. "At our show, whether you have a 1920 or a 2020 you are welcome. We don't overlook the new cars."

The Sound-Off portion of the show is in part being promoted by Midwest Sound Pressure League (SPL). MidwestSPL is described as a professional turnkey sound-off and car show company and the Sound-Off itself is a car audio competition in which competitors pit the volume of their system against others.

"Bartlesville Customs is in charge of the sound portion and it's new to our show," Evans said. "We also want people to know



that this is a totally open show with a Top-25 and Best of Show Award."

He said there will be dozens of trophies awarded at the show, and the trophies themselves are very special.

"We have all custom-built trophies by Lay's Custom Welding," he said. "The Best in Show trophy alone is worth about \$350."

Evans said that in addition to putting on the Triple 7's car show, Curt's Auto Glass does work on a lot of competitive vehicles in the area.

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William Sherman Moore

A Look at the Early Days of the Horseshoe-L Ranch

by Bill Woodard

William Sherman Moore came to Indian Territory with his parents in 1884, at the age of 18. The family settled near the town of Delaware, and young Sherman became a line rider for Jim Todd, a Texas cattleman who had extended his range up into the bluestem grass of what would become Northeast Oklahoma. Moore was apparently not just a good cowboy, but also had a good head on his shoulders, and ambition to boot. It wasn't long before he was a foreman for Mr. Todd,



WILLIAM SHERMAN MOORE

and not long after that, Todd and Moore became partners in the ranching business. In 1897, Sherman Moore established his own brand, the Horseshoe-L, and his own ranch, although he would continue to partner with Todd for many years.

In 1898, Moore and Mary Emma Scudder Hall were married in Muskogee. Mrs. Hall was a widow, her first husband having died after only two years of marriage. They made their home near Hogshooter Creek, in the two-story stone and log home Moore built for his new bride. This home still stands today. Sherman and Emma Moore had three children: Pearl Marie, born in 1899; Sherman Monsieur, born in 1903; and Clark Scudder, born in 1906.

It is a little hard to imagine life on the Horseshoe-L in the early 1900s. Certainly, ranch life involved more hard work than most of us will ever know. But there were diversions. Occasionally, there would be a knock on the door late at night. No questions were asked, and in fact, there was little conversation. A small group of men would be fed and their tired horses traded for fresh ones. The next morning, they were gone. For you see, the Moore Ranch was



A holiday gathering at the Horseshoe-L Ranch.

situated between the wealthy banks of southeastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri, and the relative safety of the Osage Hills. The Horseshoe-L had virtually no trouble with cattle rustlers.

A lot of good cowboys worked for Moore. Some became famous, some infamous, and likely some of the best have long been forgotten. You didn't cowboy for Moore unless you were good. Tom Mix worked on the ranch for a short time. Mix became the first mega western movie star. Joe De Yong worked summers while he was attending school in Dewey and Bartlesville. De Yong became a well-known western artist and movie consultant. Al Spencer worked at the ranch before turning to a life of crime. Legend has it that Spencer was the last outlaw to rob a train from horseback. Hamp Scudder was Moore's foreman for several years, before establishing his own ranch north of Dewey. Most old-timers in this area will remember Hamp and Jennie Scudder.

Many readers may have never heard of the Horseshoe-L or the Moore Ranch. But, hopefully, most will have heard of Prairie Song. Prairie Song is located on a piece of the original Horseshoe-L.

~ Author's note: A special thank you to the effulgent Marilyn Moore Tate for help with this story. ~



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He Died with His Boots On

A Look at the Colorful Life of Henry Grammer

by Kay Little, Little History Adventures

Henry Grammer was described as friendly, outgoing, generous, a good businessman, friend in need, and smart. He was a good neighbor, and expected to be treated like one, as well. Probably what he was most known for was his skill as a steer roper, being named the 1916 Steer Roping World Champion. He was also a winner against Ben Johnson Sr., in 1919. He was known for his quick draw and an uncanny aim with a six shooter, which caused problems throughout his life.

Henry was born in 1883 in Texas, and came to Osage County in 1901, where he fell in love with the land. While in the Osage, he started roping in area rodeos, which led him to participate in Jake Bartles' Civil War Reunion in 1908. This event grew each year and became the Dewey Roundup, and Henry participated every year but one until his death in 1923.

In the early 1900s, Henry traveled to Montana with his uncle, Joe, and worked on Circle Diamond Ranch. He quickly became one of the top hands. June 17, 1904, found Henry in a saloon fight with C.L. Houghtaling, a sheep shearer. Henry did not like the way he was treating an old man and tried to stop him. Houghtaling cut Henry on the arm, and as Henry reached for a gun he thought Houghtaling was also reaching for a gun, so he shot and killed him. Henry pleaded self-defense, but was sentenced to three years, even with many witnesses siding with Henry. His sentence was reduced because of his work for the warden. Henry immediately went back to Oklahoma and married an Osage woman.

Henry became an arena judge, where he was known as fearless but fair. Once, Henry was in an Oklahoma City jail, but the Texas Cattleman's Association wanted him as a rodeo judge. The officials were able to get Henry released for the event, and he kept his word and returned to jail after the rodeo.

In August of 1920, Henry killed his friend, Jim Berry. The law was convinced it was self-defense, but it really bothered Henry that he had to kill a friend.

On June 20, 1923, Henry was riding in his Cadillac, which was being driven by John Mayo, who was drunk and driving at a high speed. The wreck appeared to be the cause of Henry's death. The undertaker, however, found a suspicious hole in the back of Henry's head,



A black & white version of a painting of Henry Grammer can be found at the Osage County Historical Museum.

which county attorney Roff did not pursue. Close friends and family felt that Mayo killed Henry before the wreck, to silence him because he knew too much about William Hale, the mastermind behind the Osage murders during the "Reign of Terror." It still remains a mystery.

Henry received one last honor in 2000, as he was posthumously inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. Today you can find information about Henry Grammer in the books *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann and *The Road to Marble Halls* by Arthur Shoemaker, as well as at the Ben Johnson Museum and Osage County Historical Museum in Pawhuska.



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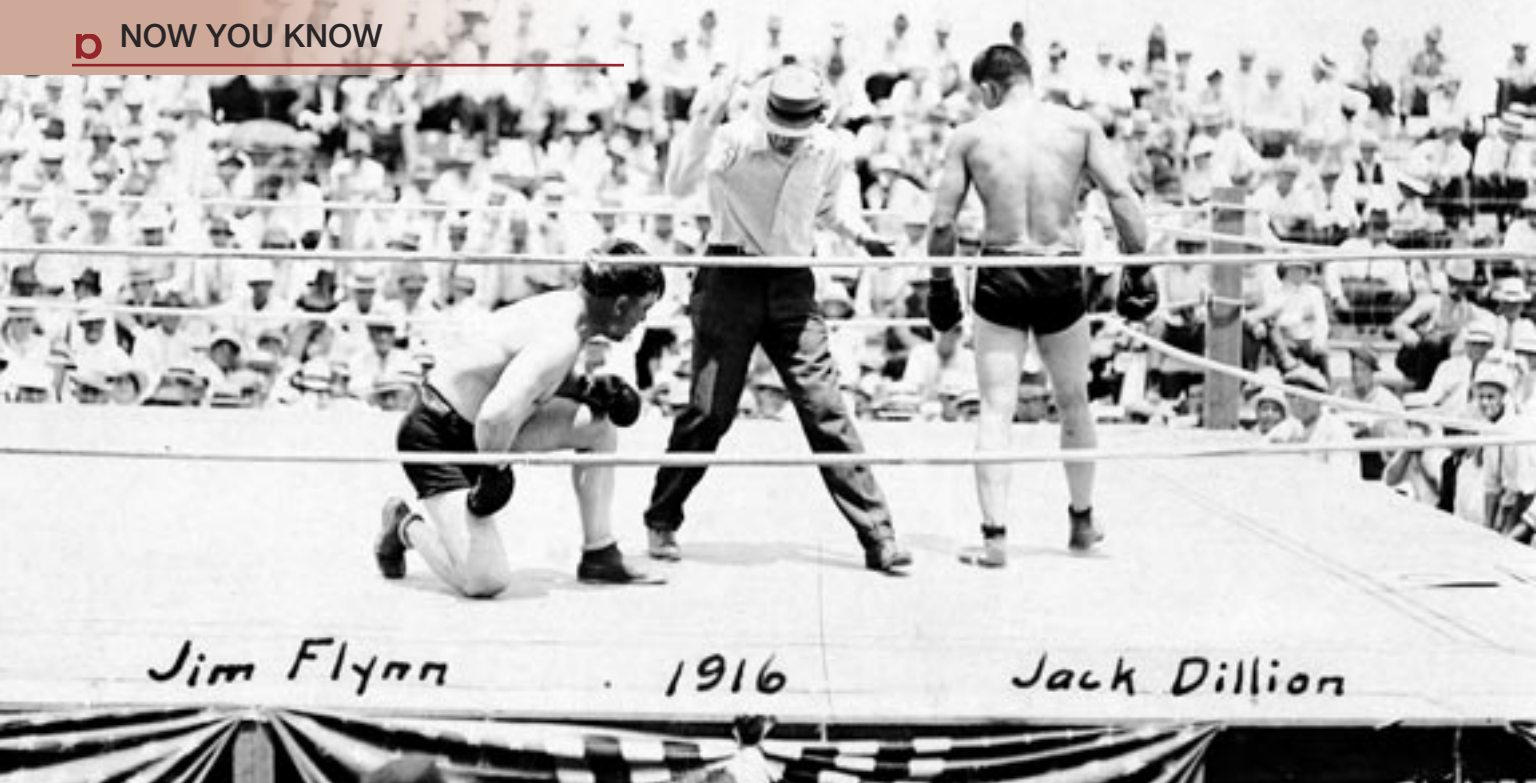
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Dewey Heritage Continues

Boxing Played a Big Role in Area Celebrations

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum

For boxing aficionados, the names Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Evander Holyfield, and Jack Dempsey bring memories of some of the greatest boxers to ever climb into the ring. In earlier times, the names Ferns, Magirl, Fanning, and Hennessey brought the same exciting memories.

In 1912, the Dewey Roundup was the location of the welterweight elimination boxing contest, a step towards the World Welterweight Championship with a “history making” boxing event between Clarence “Bearcat” Ferns of Kansas City and Art Magirl of Bartlesville before a crowd of about 4,000. The ring was set up in downtown Dewey and five extra Santa Fe rail coaches were added to transport the droves of people from Tulsa. Spectators crowded around the ring and perched on rooftops for the best view. After 15 rounds, referee James “Rube” Ferns, former World Welterweight Champion, declared the bout a draw.

In 1915, the Oklahoma legislature passed the Free Fair Act,

creating a flurry of Washington County building activity and canceling what would have been the eighth annual Dewey Roundup. Area residents were quite accustomed to annual July 4th entertainment that included automobile and motorcycle races and boxing so while more than \$30,000 was spent building the county fairgrounds and racing track in preparation of the first Washington County Free Fair, the Bartlesville Chamber of Commerce prepared to fill the entertainment gap with an “Old Fashion Fourth of July” celebration.

Bartlesville’s 1915 boxing event brought welterweights Kid Hingey and Tobe Roach for an eight-round exhibition

followed by “the best lightweight boxers west of the Mississippi,” Arlos Fanning and Harry Hennessey, for a ten-round match with Fanning taking the bout in the tenth round. The boxing ring was set up at Bartlesville’s original wooden stadium, at 1st Street/Hensley Blvd. and Osage Ave. and fireworks followed.

Under the baking sun, the 1916 Dewey Roundup took place at the Washington County fairgrounds. The opening event was a fifteen-round boxing match between Jack Dillion, Light Heavyweight Champion and Jim Flynn, the “Fighting Fireman” of Pueblo for the Lightweight Championship of the World. The match took less time than it took to set up the boxing ring as Flynn hit the floor in the fourth round, disappointing the crowd. Flynn refused to continue the fight stating it was “too damned hot to fight.”

Boxing at the Roundup was absent for a few years, returned 1920-1929 and then gone again until after the Great Depression and WWII. In 1946, thirty rounds of boxing took the Dewey

Kansas born Arthur Vincent Magirl moved to Bartlesville in 1908 and began his career as an 18 year-old wrestler. His brothers Dennis and Mike also boxed. In 1911, Art and Dennis wrestled and boxed while touring with the McMahon Carnival Company. After 13 years of boxing punishment and traveling across the states, Australia, Canada and Mexico, Art Magirl’s final recorded bout was in Ponca City in 1923.

Roundup by storm for a final time. In one bout, Bartlesville's Harold "Chief" Jackson entered the ring against Gene Kelly of Austin, TX for a ten-round bout and Kelly was knocked out in the fourth round.

The Dewey Roundup was an annual celebration of western roots. And for one weekend in September since 2004, the little town of Dewey has invited visitors to return to a time long forgotten...a time when boots, chaps and cowboy hats were normal attire...a time when horses were transportation and there were gun fights in the streets...and a time of boxing in downtown Dewey.

Dewey will be rolling out the welcome mat for Western Heritage Weekend, September 28 and 29. Get up bright and early for the "Miles for Mammograms" 5K run with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. and the race at 9:00. Then enjoy the day filled with music and activities at the Dewey Hotel, Tom Mix Museum and Dewey's Kiwanis Park at the corner of 9th and Delaware Streets. There will be plenty of downtown shopping and food vendors too.

For Randy Rouse, holding a boxing match in Dewey is like returning to his roots. He began his career as a martial arts trainer in Dewey before moving to Bartlesville to establish Team Rouse.

Keep your babies close. We received word some dirty rotten scoundrels might be trying to rob the bank; but fear not, the sheriff, deputies and town's people are loaded with buckshot for the resulting gun fight.

At noon, the Western Heritage Longhorn Parade will consume downtown Dewey showcasing some of the cowboys, cowgirls, rodeo acts and snot slinging longhorn cattle that you will see at the Wild West Show on Sunday.

And let's not forget the boxing!!! Established in 1985, Randy Rouse and Team Rouse will set Dewey on fire with their second annual Western Heritage Kickboxing Street Fight, Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs to the corner of Delaware and Don Tyler, in front of the Tom Mix Museum, for eight bouts of kickboxing. Rouse promises an exciting evening starting with a title bout main feature with D.J. White and Warren Williams hooking it up for a Light Heavyweight Championship fight in the 175



pound class. Rouse has also scheduled Cody Burruss, Charlie Gilligan and others from a four state area. There's nothing like a western street fight!

Oh but wait! Sunday morning, Kenneth and Marilyn Tate open the gates of Prairie Song, I.T. east of Dewey at 9 a.m. for a cowboy breakfast complete with biscuits and gravy and all the fixin's, followed by Cowboy Church in the arena at 10 a.m., tours of the 31 hand-constructed and antique-filled Prairie Song buildings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., a gunfight at high noon and the best Wild West Show in the lands beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Spend your Sunday at the Western Heritage Wild West Show enjoying rodeo events, trick riders, rodeo clowns, cowboys, Indians and be on the lookout for a few Western notables like Tom Mix, Pawnee Bill and Rooster Cogburn.

Contact the Tom Mix Museum, 721 N Delaware Avenue, Dewey, OK (918-534-1555) for ticket details:

Saturday evening's Kickboxing Street Fight, \$15 for adults and children 12 and under are free.

Sunday's Western Heritage Wild West Show, \$10 for adults and children 6 and under are free.

Y'all come on down, ya hear!

~ Thank you Cindy Bray of Western Heritage and Randy Rouse of Team Rouse. ~

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You CAN Go Home Again

Memories of Growing Up in Bartlesville Make it Possible

by Lori Kroh

There's an expression since the 1940's by the novelist Thomas Wolfe. It's from a conversation he had and the sentiment stuck in his soul. He gave us "You can't go home again." It implies that if you try and return to a place from the past, it won't be the same as you remember it. For many this is true, yet I'm from Bartlesville.

When people ask me where I'm from, I say, "I'm from a place of possibility." The belief comes from this town and my home.

My childhood was filled with catching tadpoles in Turkey Creek over by Pathfinder, off Tuxedo. We built our wooden raft by using sticks and rope from daddy's garage. We were explorers, and would float down the creek to discover new land until it was time to go to Sooner Pool. Our pool pass was waterproof and so were we. We stayed all day until time for dinner.

At Madison School, polite society became one of banging lockers and navigating hallways. The invisible trophy of being "someone" was awarded. The newest Polo shirt with 501's won. Our windbreakers let us down, so we formed our own club — it was called Members Only. I learned anything is possible with unity. All it takes is the drum cadence to match the cheer routines and square pizza to remain hot on Fridays. It's also possible to be "someone" without a trophy.

Wednesday night was church. I declared to my teacher it was my faith in God as to why my math homework wasn't done. She understood. I realized that it's possible to stand firm in your faith and not everyone believes like you. Your core faith will carry you further than any solution to a division problem. It's faith over fear and let our hearts not be divided.

On Saturdays, we went to Murphy's. The candy drawer was opened to us by a lady with a pencil in her beehive hairdo. Mr. Murphy said hi, and you didn't need to know what made the gravy so good. You just trusted. Sometimes, I caught myself staring at those who were different. They refused the tiny chopped onions on their order. I learned it's possible to eat with those who are different, and sharing white bread in a basket can be a good thing.

The leaves were turning down Silver Lake Road as we pulled up to the white stucco college. I watched the students push trays and pick their pie slice. Mom would let me choose. I knew it was possible to make the right choice. Chocolate meringue for the win.

On Sundays, folks came over for lunch. We changed from our Sunday clothes into play clothes. We couldn't get our



buckles and zippers undone fast enough. Then, Sunday evening it was afterglow — or rather, dessert at someone's home. When you know that deep down you matter to others, you feel loved. This made me believe it was possible to change the world one person at a time.

I grew up going to Kiddie Park. The crunchy grape sno-cone was my favorite, and the cotton candy was as high as the lady's beehive at Murphy's. We raced to the tiny boats bobbing in a circle. It was there I learned it's possible to be captain of my own ship.

One of the most beautiful sounds of my childhood was the train whistle. It signaled that good things do come to an end, and tomorrow is a new day.

It was May of 2018 when Christy McPhail and I got Murphy's to-go. Driving down Tuxedo Lane then turning onto crunchy gravel as we made our way toward her folks' place, I saw cattle across the prairie. The bluest skies with puffiest clouds were out. We pulled next to the little lake and began our picnic. The grasses were blowing and the sun was bouncing across the water. I could see how to bottle sunshine. I had been searching for this feeling my entire adult life. As I sat with my childhood friend, this sentiment of home stuck in my soul. I sighed deep and knew it was possible. It's possible, Mister Wolfe. It's possible to go back home.

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The Eyes of a Teacher

The Eyes of a Teacher are Good Enough to See Bright Futures

by Brent Taylor

My wife and I once debated the significance of eye contact, and whether looking someone in the eye is a sign of social dominance, friendliness, or affirmation. Karen argued that eye contact is a good thing and signifies that you are interested in what that person is saying. I countered that eye contact isn't always a good thing. For instance, if my daughter is backpacking alone through the Canadian Rockies, she should not make eye contact with a bear who would consider a long stare as an invitation to dinner.

In some cultures and settings, it is considered more polite to have only brief eye contact, especially between people of different social registers, like a student and a teacher. But what do I know ... I lost the debate. The morning after I lost the debate, Karen was shopping for jalapeño jelly at the Farmer's Market. While making eye contact with everyone, and she bumped into my kindergarten teacher, Mary Brock; her husband, Leonard; and their daughter, Dana.

Leonard Brock drove a school bus and remembers our children, including Brandon, who was a quiet lad. One day, Leonard completed the school bus route. As he got up from his seat preparing to lock down the bus, he noticed Brandon asleep in the back seat. Brandon apparently believed that he would get home eventually, without asserting that right verbally.

I can relate to my son sitting on a bus, quietly going for a ride back to the bus barn. My memories at five years old, of Mrs. Brock and that two-room Limestone Kindergarten in 1965, are few — and yet they are crystal clear. I was unable to look anyone in the eye for more than two seconds. So I performed math in my head while diverting my gaze from anything that moved. One day I held up my hand for the first time. I said, "I know what $16 + 16$ equals." Mrs.



Brent Taylor's kindergarten teacher, Mary Brock, is pictured on the left, with her husband, Leonard Brock, and daughter, Dana.

Brock was perplexed and stunned at my foray into full sentences, so I said, "32," and I sat back and stared at the cotton looping of my towel.

At the Farmer's Market, Mary's eyes twinkled and she said, "I remember your husband!" She told Karen, "He was quiet, shy, wouldn't look me in the eye. But he was good at math!" Would Mrs. Brock be surprised that I'm a writer now, or that I was a CPA? Or did she already know, because that is what teachers do, help us become who we are? Karen came home from the Farmer's Market and told me about the conversation and we marveled that we had just been talking about eye

contact the previous evening. Is it any wonder that the teachers who paid attention to us in our youth are so beloved?

Mary Brock knew my five-year-old identity well. She knew not what I would become as an adult, nor could I have articulated my future path at that age. But we do have these moments hidden away that flash before us, moments that remind us how we got to be ourselves, when we were kids sitting on the floor cross-legged doing math in our heads. Some of us were lucky to have teachers who saw us when nobody else could see us, lost in plain sight cradling the answer to a question we did not understand. And those students speak because she hears the peaceful and the angry, the beautiful and the plain. The eyes of a teacher look upon a child with unbroken gaze and see what others cannot — the poet, the mathematician, yet unformed.

"The highlights of my teaching career were my students, to see their eyes light up when they learned something — I wouldn't change anything if I had my life to do over. I would be a teacher all over again."

— Mary Brock



Tall Grass & Big Oil

Generosity & Careful Management Key to Tallgrass

by Kay Little, Little History Adventures

Generosity and careful management allowed for the creation of the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Osage County.

“The future of the land that became the Prairie [Tallgrass Preserve] was shaped by grazing — and in an ironic twist — by oil.”

— James Ronda, author of
“Visions of the Tall Grass to the Prairie”

Osage County was originally part of the Cherokee Nation after the 1830s removal and until the treaty of 1872, when it was assigned to the Osage tribe. In the 1880s, Bureau of Indian Affairs agents tried to teach the Osage farming practices, but they soon realized the land was not good farmland. Subsequently, the Osage discovered that cowboys were willing to pay to graze their cattle in the lush grasses, as they moved the herds north from Texas. By 1900, the Osage began issuing drilling leases to several oilmen, while retaining the mineral rights to the tribal lands. Wealth lay in the land’s natural grasses and fossil fuels. The Chapman-Barnard Ranch was one of the first to show that.

The Chapman-Barnard Ranch, covering more than 100,000 acres, was the largest corporate ranch in Oklahoma that could be surrounded by one fence. This ranch utilized revolutionary land management techniques that sustained and maintained the natural prairie grasses and ecology of the 100,000 acres. It employed 40 cowboys in

its heyday. The prairie has never been plowed, so it remains much as it was when James Chapman began his cattle grazing operation in 1915.

Chapman grew up in the ranching business, but made most of his money in oil. He decided to lease and buy land in Osage County, and asked his oil company partner, Horace Barnard, to partner with him in the ranching business. Together they created the largest and most profitable ranch in Osage County. These two were very innovative and known for their integrity. They researched agriculture and worked out their own practices. The oil money helped them start their ranching business, which was their first love.

Chapman and Barnard were very active managers of their ranch, and supervised every part of the ranching operations — taking pride in the ranch and the land. They designed a system of pasture rotation, which helped keep the grass healthy. They even developed better breeds of cattle and were the largest shipper at the Blackland Pens, a shipping point that sent more cattle to market than most other shipping points in the nation.



Chapman was a quiet and giving man, having given away nearly \$150 million during his lifetime. He worked and lived with the cowhands, and had a reputation for being able to sit in the saddle from sun-up to sundown. He was described as loyal, fair, honest, trustworthy and a taskmaster, but somewhat intimidating. His foreman of over 30 years, Ben Johnson Sr., tempered his demands. Chapman and Barnard were smart enough to hire the best cowboys in the area to help run the ranch, and Johnson was the best. Ben Jr. helped at the ranch also, and in the 1930s he delivered some horses from the ranch to Hollywood for a film. He became a stunt man and was so good with the horses that in the 1940s, director John Ford hired him as the double and stunt man for Henry Fonda. Ben went on to become a famous actor.

Because of Chapman and Barnard's methods of preserving the grasses and plants, the Nature Conservancy was able to set aside ½ of the ranch as a preserve when they purchased the 30,000 acres of Barnard's portion of the ranch in 1989. They subsequently added almost 10,000 acres and created the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve, located north of Pawhuska. The park opened to visitors in 1991. In 1993, another rancher in the area, Kenneth Adams, donated 300 bison. The herd has now grown to about 2,700, covering an area of 20,000 acres. The grazing bison are essential to a fully functioning tall grass ecosystem. The park hosts an annual roundup to collect some of the bison to be sold.

The Tallgrass Preserve is different from other preserves, as it is the most aggressive attempt to recreate a functioning tall grass prairie ecosystem. It is also the largest in North America. The dominating grasses have been native tall grass and Bluestem. Bison and cattle enjoy grazing on the grasses, and they also enjoy the ponds. As you drive the approximately 35 miles scenic route on public county roads, you will be able to see many trees, grasses, flowers, animals and very few fences. There are also 20 species of fish and 300 species of birds.

The Chapman-Barnard ranch headquarters is a cluster of buildings, with the centerpiece being the Chapman ranch house, built in 1921. Chapman's house is elegant, while Barnard's house, also built in 1921, was simple. The two ranch houses were surrounded by old oil drilling pipe and sucker rod fences. The bunkhouse headquarters building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is used for conservancy purposes and restrooms. It had bedrooms that were reserved solely for use by the two ranchers. Docents provide tours to part of the headquarters.

There are over 100 producing oil wells on the Preserve, with independent petroleum producers leasing oil and gas



drilling rights from the Osage tribe. The oil industry has played a very big part in the Tallgrass Preserve. James Chapman was the single largest stockholder of Mobil Oil, and he also owned many shares of Conoco and Amoco. In 2015, the preserve was renamed the Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve to acknowledge Williams' leadership and commitment in creating the preserve. He was a member of the Williams family oil business, Williams Companies. He was also a conservationist who loved the outdoors and saw a need to protect the environment. He worked with the Nature Conservancy to purchase the Barnard part of the ranch that became Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.

The Preserve is open every day, from dawn to dusk. The visitors center, including a gift shop, is open March 1-December 15, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., with no charge. Private funding pays for the upkeep.



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Harry Edgar Brown Jr.

by Joe Todd & Lori Just

During World War II, Harry Edgar Brown Jr. was as a liaison pilot assigned to the 4th Infantry Division serving on the Western front. He was present during notable battles such as the Normandy Invasion, Paris Liberation, Battle of Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge.

A slender, dark-headed man from East Brandy, Pennsylvania, Brown was bottling homemade peach brandy with a friend when he heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941. A month later, the feisty 22 year old chose to enlist in the United States Army. After being told he was underweight for the Army Air Corp, he was sent to Fort Bragg for Basic Training and assigned to the Artillery. During Basic, he met and married Juanita Butler of Olustee, Oklahoma on June 19, 1943.

He was interviewed and after completing Basic, was sent to Officer's Candidate School and was assigned to the 42nd Artillery, 4th Infantry Division. He saw an announcement that the Division was looking for liaison pilots.

"I loved airplanes, and a friend of mine from East Brady bought an airplane. That was my first time in an airplane; I was hooked," said Brown.

With several hundred flying hours under his belt, Brown applied and was accepted. The 4th Infantry Division was sent to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. They boarded the USS George Washington on January 18, 1944 and was sent overseas to Liverpool, England and finally on to Durnkswell Base, near Devon.

"I flew a Piper Cub [an American light aircraft] and flew very low over the town and threw candy out to the kids," he recalls. "Some of the local people didn't care for the Americans too much until they dropped candy to the kids, and then they were accepted without question."

His crew boarded tank landing ships (LST) at Plymouth and received their amphibious training at Slapton Sands. The Germans had E-Boats, and several of the LSTs were sunk, killing hundreds of Americans.

"We were training for the invasion, but no one knew where or when it would happen," he added. "We put my Piper Cub on the LST, and we practiced taking it off and putting it together at Slapton Sands."

Brown was given a compass declination, and he followed it to Normandy. They trained for the invasion from the first of February until the first week in June.

"We were notified to board the LST on the 5th of June [1944], and I could tell by the attitude of the men in charge that this was the invasion," he said.

"We could see a German pillbox from the ship and those gunners were accurate," he described. "We fired on the pill box, but we might as well have been throwing oranges at it."



The pillbox, or blockhouse, was taken out when an American climbed up and stuck a flame thrower in the gun opening. The LST landed early in the afternoon and his truck was drove off the beach a couple of miles while the Germans were still shooting. His truck was driven to a clump of trees, and his team put his Piper Cup together close to the hedgerows.

"I took off with a load of smoke grenades," he said. "When I received fire from the Germans, I dropped a smoke grenade and the American guns opened up."

The Army Air Corps bombed the area around Cherbourg and during the bombing, he and the other pilots were in the air trying to locate the German guns firing on the bombers. His unit advanced to Luxembourg when the Battle of the Bulge broke out.

His unit was put on a ship and sailed into the New York Harbor as he admired the Statue of Liberty in July of 1945. He was in Philadelphia to get on the train for home when he heard the news the Japanese had surrendered.

Brown separated from active duty in September 1945. He applied for a job in the engineer department with Phillips Petroleum in December 1945. After accepting the position, he moved to Bartlesville. He was recalled to active duty in April of 1950 through September of 1952 and USAR until he retired in October 1977. He retired from Phillips after nearly four decades in 1984.

Harry was active in the Masonic Lodge #284, Military Officers Association of America and was a member of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville. Harry recently passed away at 101 years of age on July 20, 2019.

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Viva La Frida

Price Tower Celebrates Artist Frida Kahlo

by Ann-Janette Webster

Her short life was one of intense trauma and pain, love and beauty ... all of which translate powerfully through her works — still today.

Mexico's Frida Kahlo — considered one of the most significant artists of the 20th Century — became a legend, poet, and cultural icon, and art-lovers will have a rare opportunity to experience her work first-hand at Bartlesville's own Price Tower.

Bartlesville is one of 23 cities in the country selected to host "Frida Kahlo's Garden." Part of the National Endowment for the Humanities "On the Road" series, the free exhibition transports visitors to experience Kahlo's world as she did. After its stop at world-renowned Price Tower from August 30 - October 20, the colorful and interactive show will travel on throughout the U.S.

Price Tower Arts Center Curator Deshane Atkins is thrilled for Bartlesville to have this unique opportunity to welcome such an exclusive exhibition.

"Frida Kahlo is such an iconic and influential artist, and this show gives a glimpse into her life and home and explains the influences in her work," said Atkins. "We are very lucky that we were able to host it so soon, as the show is booked through 2023. We are the only stop in Oklahoma."

Visitors to the exhibition will explore iconic photographs of the artist, her home and garden, as well as reproductions of several of her paintings. Also included is information about native Mexican plants grown in her garden; a dress from the Mexican state of Oaxaca, where Kahlo sourced many of her dresses; and examples of folk art collected by Kahlo and her famous artist husband, Diego Rivera. Exhibit-goers will also learn about Mexican culture, traditional festivities, food and drink, and agricultural practices.

To celebrate the exhibition, Price Tower will host a "Viva La Frida" party on Friday, September 13, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This festive evening includes tours of the Kahlo exhibit, along with Mexican cuisine, drinks, and live music & dance with Tulsa's "Baile Folklórico." Admission is free for members, but the event is open to the public, and \$5 inclusive tickets are available at pricetower.org or the Tower's front desk.

Price Tower Executive Director Rick Loyd said September 13 will be the perfect opportunity to see "Frida" and experience the Tower with friends. "We will have festivities for everyone, and you can see how your support of Price Tower is making an impact on our community ... and enjoy what will become a new outdoor Tower experience," said Loyd. "We will be opening up the south plaza, the area between Price Tower and the Tower Green [Tower Center at Unity Square], with music, entertainment, festive drinks, and food for everyone to enjoy. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate with us."

The following day from 2-4 p.m., festivities will continue as the Tower hosts Mexican Independence Day activities for the community. Fami-



lies are invited to get out and enjoy the free exhibition and celebration of Mexican culture with crafts, games, music, and dance.

Visit Bartlesville's Maria Gus is confident Kahlo's popularity as a well known artist and cultural figure will attract many from outside the community to come engage with this exhibit and our city's world-famous Price Tower.

"I think Frida Kahlo's work appeals to many because of her fantastic combination of beautiful and bizarre. Her work is cultural, emotional, and sometimes unusual — but I think that's what so many find intriguing," said Gus. "She's become a cultural icon representing Latina femininity. She demanded to be seen as so much more than a wife or mother. She was an artist, an intellectual. For me, as a Latina, she represents strength, beauty, and intelligence. I hope people come to celebrate her work and life ... and as a result get to experience our awesome community."

The exhibition is funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Oklahoma Arts Council, Arvest Bank, Visit Bartlesville, and PioneerDream, Inc. Price Tower is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; and Sunday, from noon - 5 p.m. More information about the exhibit can be found at www.pricetower.org.

"Can verbs be made up? I'll tell you one. I heaven you, so my wings will open wide to love you boundlessly. I am not sick. I am broken. But I am happy to be alive as long as I can paint."

— Frida Kahlo

Teacher of the Month: Dr. Michael Page

Bartlesville High School Teacher Claims Monthly Honor

by Tim Hudson

The September Teacher of the Month is Bartlesville High School's biology, chemistry, and physics teacher, Dr. Michael Page. We think you'll agree he has a story like no other:

Born in Los Angeles, California, Dr. Page grew up speaking German and learning how to bake and cook in his Austrian grandmother's kitchen. During his first year in school, his Native American father, an electrical engineer, transferred to Orange County, California where orange groves, swimming pools, and baseball diamonds were his playgrounds.

After graduating from Orange High School, Michael attended the University of Oklahoma on National Merit and ROTC scholarships. He entered service in the Air Force and was quickly promoted to instructor navigator. This was before GPS, and aircraft were still guided by the sun and stars, and navigators still used slide rules. After five years in the cockpit, he returned to school and earned a DMD degree from Oral Roberts University, completed an oral surgery fellowship (MD) at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was assigned as the 1st Infantry Division (Forward Brigade) Surgeon and Dental Surgeon in Germany.

After completing this tour of duty, he went on to a three-year residency in Pediatrics at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington and was assigned to Ft. Knox as a mentor in a general practice residency at Reynolds Army Community Hospital. After this, Dr. Page was assigned to the Oregon Army National Guard Medical Command and was a consultant to the Governor of Oregon — positions he held until his retirement 10 years ago.

During his service, he taught continuing education courses to physicians, dentists, nurses, and medics. Not quite finished with school, he decided to enroll

in the Western Governors University's teacher certification program through Troops-to-Teachers, so he could teach high school biology, chemistry and physics in a rural school. He completed his demonstration teaching at Stevenson High School in Stevenson, Washington, a small rural high school in southern Wash-



ington State. He taught there as a long-term substitute for one year before moving to Anadarko, Oklahoma, where he taught biology, chemistry and physics. Dr. Page also supported the Anadarko High School math department by serving as a tutor for algebra I, II and geometry. In his spare time, he likes to cook, play golf, fish, read, and watch baseball.

b How long have you been teaching and what subjects?

A: I have been teaching high school and middle school for 10 years. I have taught biology, chemistry, and physics.

b What's your favorite subject to teach?

A: I am partial to biology because of my background in medicine, but physics is a

lot of fun. Physics allows the teacher and the students to play with cool toys.

b What made you want to start teaching?

A: My grandfather, a Choctaw, grew up near Poteau, Oklahoma. He pushed the idea of the importance of education on me at an early age. My father, an engineer, was the first member of his family to go to college. I promised my grandfather that when I finished my first career I would return to Oklahoma at some point and teach Indians, and hopefully, instill a passion for learning in a few.

b Can you give us a story where you felt like you made a difference in a student's life?

A: There is currently a student at Bartlesville High who transferred into Madison Middle School mid-term two years ago. The father had been killed on active duty with the Air Force. He was a dog handler. The student needed emotional support and someone who understood what it's like to lose someone in military service. Because of my time in the military, I was able to make the connection with her and her mother. She is now adjusting to the new situation well and is being successful.

b What do you wish people knew about teaching?

A: Teaching is more about relationships than just facts. Teaching is a difficult profession. At times more difficult than practicing medicine. Parents need to understand that teachers can only do so much, and a safe supportive home life is necessary for students to succeed.

b What are your plans for the future?

A: I will retire soon and play more golf. And, perhaps, do some substitute teaching on the days my golf game becomes too frustrating.



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