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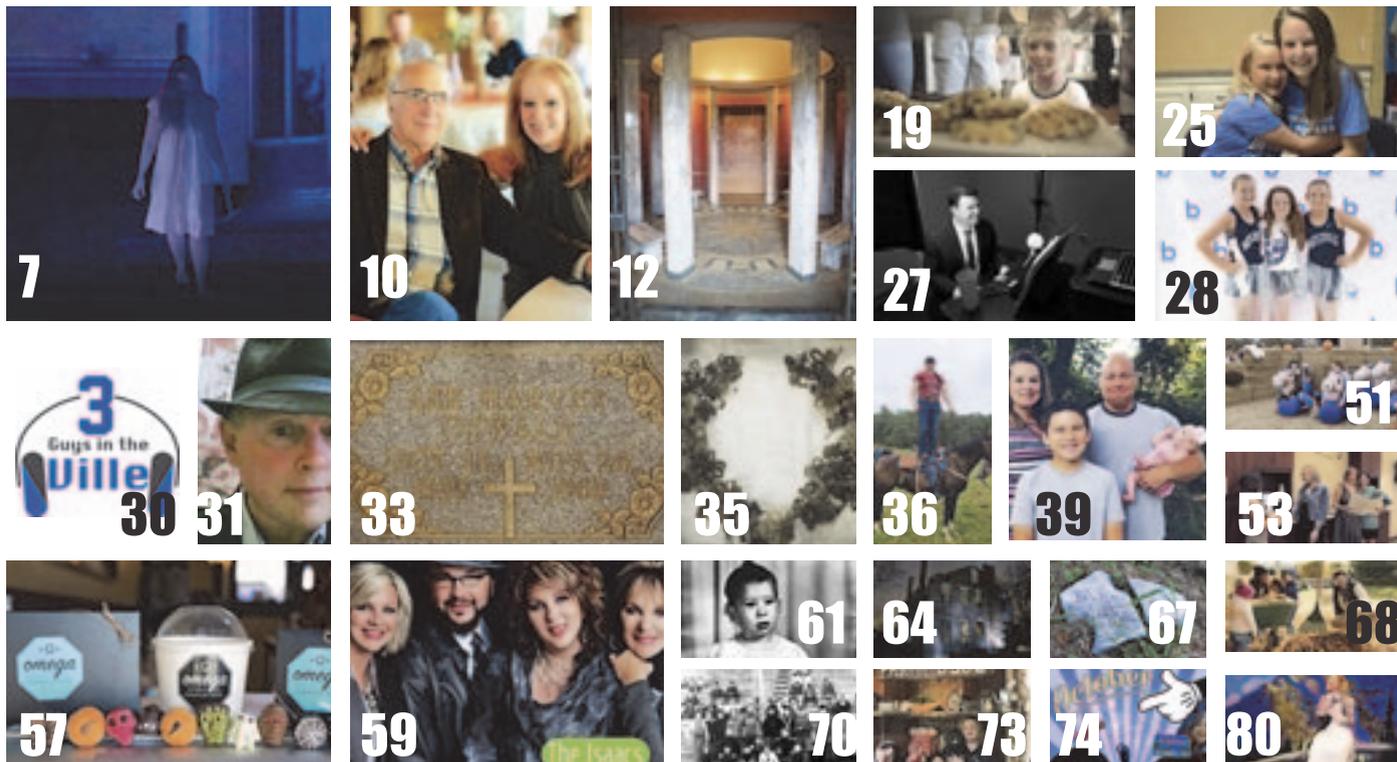
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upfront

These words I write tonight have been on my heart for many, many months now...and actually, you can say they have been on my heart for years. To be honest with you. It is a story of how just one life, one person, one moment can change many lives, not only here on earth, but in Heaven as well.

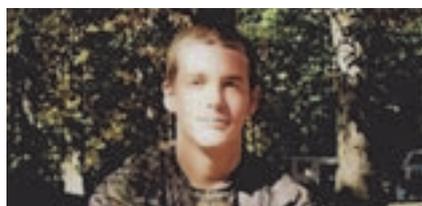
The week of October 8th, 2009 was homecoming week for Bartlesville. Each day there was a different theme and on this day, Thursday, it was "Nerd Day." Tyler was dressed to the hilt -- Christy and Tyler had so much fun shopping for his clothes at Goodwill and had wanted to make sure he looked just like his teacher, Mr. Neff. The whole week of homecoming had been rainy and cloudy, and this Thursday was no different. Tyler really wanted to go to the homecoming parade and earlier in the week, had switched his shift at Colaw Fitness with another employee to be able to go to the parade. But, later that Thursday afternoon, they canceled the parade because of the rain. Tyler had tried to get his work shift back, but the person he switched with was nearly to work and told Tyler to go ahead and go have fun with his friends.

At the time I worked for the Walmart Distribution Center in Ochelata, going to work at four in the morning and getting off around two. I would come home take a nap and go work out. Christy and I were four years into our marriage and two years of me coming clean of my drug addiction. On this day, Tyler came into our bedroom and said, "Hey Keith can I borrow some money for gas?". A little upset because I just had fallen asleep I told him there were a couple of dollars and some change in my closet. There was \$2.85 that I still have today in a plastic baggie that never went into his gas tank. When walking out of the room, he said "Sorry to wake you and thank you for the gas money....See you later." Those would be the last words I would ever hear from Tyler. As I fell back to sleep the next words that I heard were the seven words that completely changed my life in an instant, and shook the foundation of our existence as a family, and husband and wife. Today, those seven words still shatter like glass through the core of my soul, my heart,

and my faith...those words "What do you mean Tyler's been shot?"

We all sat in the ER for the next two hours, knowing that each minute that Tyler didn't show up was not good. After an hour of not hearing any news, and the heart-wrenching pain of not knowing what's going on with your baby, Christy's Dad and Steve Armstrong drove to the house where Tyler had been and confirmed what I already knew, and what would be the start of a life-changing journey that we still walk today. It would become the cornerstone of not only my life but of Christy's, of our marriage, and of our broken family.

God was and had already started what we call today "God Winks." ..(An event or personal experience, often identified as coincidence, so astonishing that it is seen as a sign of divine intervention, especially when perceived as the answer to a prayer.) That night after getting home with so many kids and parents at our house the first of many "God Winks" happened. One of the most amazing things occurred that night that still to this day makes my heart full of love, respect, and admiration, and to know that God is still God and He is in control. Christy went in by herself and sat down and starting writing down all the things she was thankful for about Tyler and praised God for all the memories she was able to have with him. She kept thanking and praising God for the precious time she was allowed to have with him. At the moment of her deepest loss and emotions ripping her within, she took her eyes off herself and raised them to God. The days, weeks, and months after the loss of Tyler were not easy for our family, and even today we struggle, but as a family and husband and wife, we put our faith in Him first. It has been said to us many times that "time will heal." The way I see it is that every year we are away from Tyler brings us that much closer to be where he is...Heaven! God Bless



Tyler Teague



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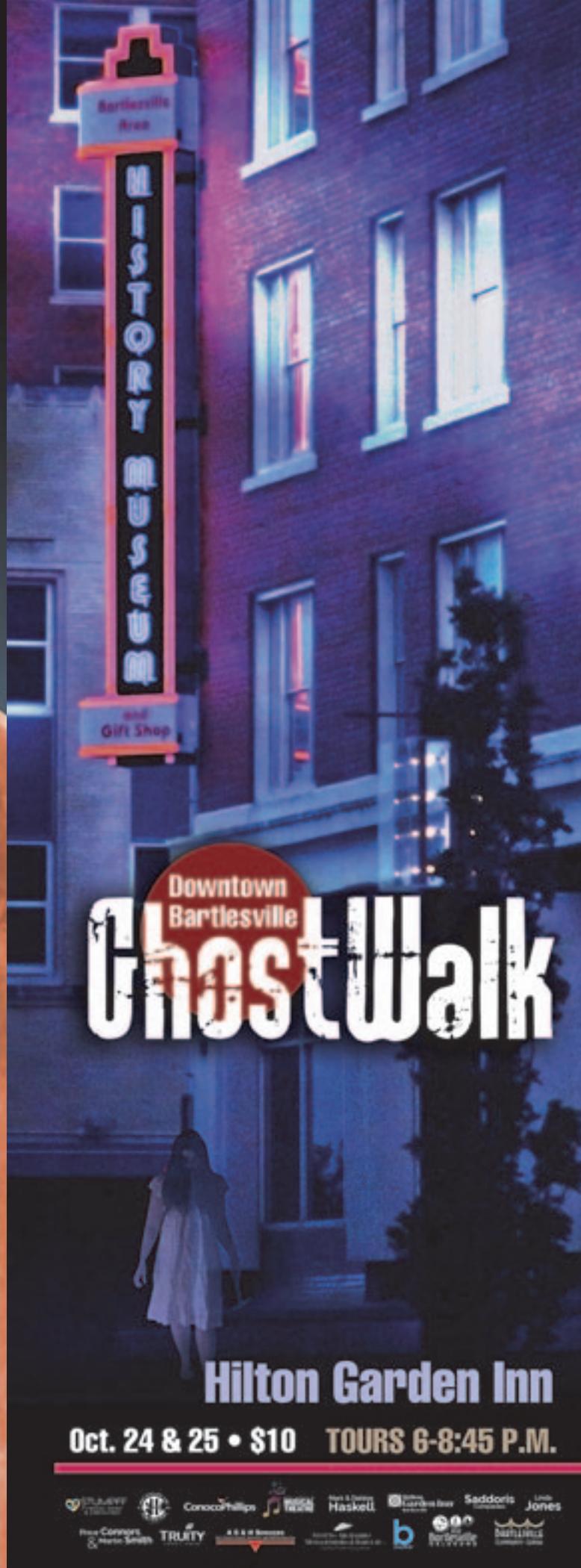
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A Trio of Terrifyingly Good Events

by Maria Gus

As fall sets in and temperatures begin to cool, downtown Bartlesville will actually heat up with a bevy of Halloween-themed activities.

The activities include the ninth annual Downtown Bartlesville Ghost Walk, Oct. 24-25; the Downtown Bartlesville Spooktacular, on Oct. 26; and the third annual Main Street Mash on Oct. 27.

"I'm glad that downtown Bartlesville will have something for everyone this Halloween," says Mark Haskell, who is a board member of Downtown Bartlesville LTD, a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to helping keep the downtown area vibrant. "People can visit our downtown shops and restaurants before talking part in the events. What a great way to have fun and support downtown Bartlesville."

And, don't forget Halloween fun for the little ones in your life, with the Kiddie Park's 12 Annual Spook-a-rama. The event takes place October 18-20 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Park officials say that this year's event will be just as big and wonderful a Halloween extravaganza as ever. Children can dress in their Halloween best, and grown ups are encouraged to dress up as well. Older children can enjoy "The House of the Bogeyman" haunted house, too. Event organizers encourage guests to use caution with younger children, as the haunted house is designed to scare. For information on Kiddie Park's Spook-a-rama go to www.kiddiepark.net or Facebook at facebook.com/TheBartlesvilleKiddiePark.

Downtown Bartlesville Ghost Walk - Oct 14 - 25

For the ninth consecutive year, the award-winning downtown Ghost Walk will haunt the historic streets of Bartlesville.

Those who participate will enjoy a guided tour through six locations, while hearing ghostly tales based on real-life characters and incidents which took place in the area. The walking tours begin at 6 p.m. each evening – at the starting location of the Hilton Garden Inn (205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.) – and take 90 minutes. Several tours take place each evening, with a new one heading out every 15 minutes. The final tour will leave the Hilton at 8:45.

The tales are told by Bartlesville's best actors and actresses, under the direction of Children's Musical Theater's Troy Martin.

While on the tour, patrons will enjoy a festive scene with music, plenty of Halloween-themed attractions, and drink specials. Tickets are priced at \$10 apiece, and can be purchased on site at the Hilton. The Ghost Walk is recommended for patrons aged 12 years and older. For information, call 918-336-8709.

Downtown Bartlesville Spooktacular - Oct 26

A popular outdoor event, which will take place along Dewey Ave. and Silas St., the Downtown Spooktacular drew an estimated 2,000 children last year.

The Spooktacular features trunk-or-treating, games, giveaways, inflatables, music, special treats, scary stories, and more. The event is coordinated by the Price Tower, the First Presbyterian Church, the Bartlesville Public Library, and the Bartlesville Community Center.

"I feel the best thing about being involved with an event like the Spooktacular, is the opportunity to create a sense of hometown pride," says Lisa Welch, who serves as the events coordinator for the Bartlesville Community Center. "I really enjoy meeting new peo-

ple and watching all the kids having a great time, and I love building traditions in our community."

Among the other highlights at this year's Spooktacular will be food trucks, a photo booth, and a Halloween-themed movie. The event will get started at 5:30 p.m. Then, at 8 p.m., the activities will close for the movie, which will be shown outdoors at the Price Tower, courtesy of the Bartlesville Film Society.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with these organizations," says Laura Pryce, who is the Youth Services librarian for the Bartlesville Public Library. "By pooling our resources, we're able to provide a bigger, better and more enjoyable event for the community. Mark your calendars for this special event."

Main Street Mash - Oct 27

Eat, drink, and be scary at Downtown Bartlesville's Third Annual Main Street Mash dance party. The event begins at 8 p.m. in the Hilton Garden Inn Ball Room.

Winner of 2016's local "Event of the Year," Main Street Mash is a delightfully ghoulish night of dancing to the band Zodiac.

"Each year, this event continues to grow," says Bo Wilson, who serves as the chair of the Main Street Mash. "The crowds get bigger, and the costumes more elaborate. This event is a place for adults to come as the Halloween character of their choice, have fun, and support downtown."

There will be cash prizes for costumes in four categories: "Best Male," "Best Female," "Best Couple," and "Best Group." Satisfy your hunger at the complimentary taco bar and quench your thirst with

some wicked brew at the cash bar. And don't be afraid to try your luck at the 50/50 raffle.

Professional portraits in front of a spooky backdrop and groovy dance shots will be taken by Mark Blumer Photography.

Have a taste for the macabre? Come for the thrills and chills of frightful film classics, played by the Bartlesville Film Society. And experience terrifyingly real animatronic creations by Danny Joe Walsh.

Shake your ghoulish thing all night long then stay for a spell. A limited number of discounted hotel rooms will be available for \$79 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Attendees must be 21+. Proceeds benefit Downtown Bartlesville LTD. For tickets, call 918-214-8500. For questions, email info@bartlesvilledowntown.org.

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Ed & Paula House

by Rita Thurman Barnes

Ed House is a storied name in Bartlesville. Born to Roy and Delores (Moon) House at Memorial Hospital in December of 1950, he is a lifelong resident and a 1969 Sooner High School graduate. He was also a member of the Sooner Spartan Football team. He participated in Air Force ROTC, then later attended Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan University) from 1969-1972, and Central State at Edmond from 1972 until graduating from the Mortuary Science Program. He worked as an ambulance driver/attendant in Oklahoma City, where he received EMT training and certification at Tinker Air Force Base Hospital, in Midwest City.

Ed's mother's maiden name is a familiar one to many Bartians. His grandparents were Gordon and Mildred Moon, who owned Moon's IGA Foodliners in Bartlesville. Ed recalls, "My father, Roy House, was the manager of the Tower IGA Foodliner and I worked for him there from the age of 11 through high school. My father and mother (Delores, a medical receptionist to Dr. R.C. Gentry and later Dr. James Zeiders) instilled in me honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic. I was blessed with three siblings, Keith House, Merri House Murphy, and James House, who died in 2009."

Paula (Howard) House, born in Nowata in 1957, is the daughter of George Albert Howard and Shirley Howard Sanders. She grew up and was educated in Northeastern Oklahoma and Kansas. After moving to Bartlesville in 1972, Paula graduated



from Sooner High School in 1975, where she was active in both Junior Achievement and Sooner Spartans Pep Club. Paula recalls, "Ed and I had known each other for many years through Ed's sister, Merri, who was my best high school friend. Merri and her late husband, Tim Murphy, later played matchmakers and Ed and I were married in 1995."

Paula describes her father, Al Howard, as very hard-working, having held jobs at REDA Pump and Whirlpool. Her mother, Shirley Sanders, worked for Phillips Petroleum in the Credit Card Department.

"We hope to see Bartlesville continue to grow and have the larger town opportunities and amenities, while still maintaining the small-town feel and values."

— Ed & Paula House

Following retirement, her father worked part-time for Ed at Stumpff Funeral Home. Her grandparents' farm is where the family gathered

and made many cherished childhood memories. Paula's family consists of three sisters, Janice Mangum, Cathy Latta, and Marla Smith.

Ed completed an apprenticeship at Stumpff Funeral Home in 1969, and after returning from mortuary school, became part owner in 1975 — along with Keith and Doris Stumpff, and Paul and Jo Ann Stumpff. Paula worked at Carter's, in Eastland Center, and at Phillips Petroleum Company during her senior year at Sooner High. Since returning to Bartlesville in the 1980s,

she has worked for Reda Pump, Washington County Emergency Management, the Bartlesville City

Manager's Office, and her current position with the Bartlesville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division.

Participating in numerous local organizations including Jaycees, Sertoma, and Noon Rotary Club, Ed is also a past member of the State and National Funeral Directors Association and was selected Oklahoma Funeral Director of the Year. He also served as a Bartlesville Reserve Police Officer from 1977 until his retirement from law enforcement, in 2011. Paula adds, “We are supporters of a number of local and non-profit organizations, and are members of Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church and Hillcrest Country Club.”

The major influences in Ed’s life began with his parents, who taught him ethics and values. He also credits his first in-laws, Merlin and Joanne Clark, for offering him unconditional acceptance and love. He honors high school football coach, Bill Holbrook, who taught him to set and achieve goals. And finally, he credits Keith and Paul Stumpff for the values he learned from them in the funeral business, regarding professionalism and compassion. Ed sums it up with, “But, the most important influence of my life has been the ability to love and be loved by Paula and her children.”

Beside the values instilled by her parents and grandparents, Paula credits former Bartlesville City Manager, Bob Metzinger, for educating her in proper protocols and professional office management, and as treating employees and citizens with proper dignity and respect. But, it is Ed, the very special man in Paula’s life, who so willingly welcomed her, along with her four teenage children, as his



Ed & Paula’s grandchildren, Ellie, in front, and Abigail & Cooper.

family. She says words can’t express how blessed their family is to have the influence of such a selfless man of integrity in their lives.

Ed and Paula are the proud parents of four children, all graduates of Dewey High School. The siblings are Amber Beffer, a graduate of Oklahoma Wesleyan University and a graduate of Leadership Bartlesville Class XXIV. She is market manager for Supplemental Health Care in

“I enjoy my hometown, growing friendships and interacting with people from all walks of life.”

— Ed House

Tulsa. Nick Beffer, a graduate of Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, is the General Manager of Fiorelli’s Jack Stack Barbecue in Overland Park, Kansas. Jodi Beffer, a graduate of Rogers State University in Bartlesville and Northeastern State University, is a third-grade teacher at Dewey Elementary School and an active member of the Dewey United Methodist Church. Joe Beffer graduated from Coffeyville Community College and Oklahoma Wesleyan University, and was also a graduate of Leadership Bartlesville Class XXIV. He is the Credit Resolutions Manager at Truicity Credit Union in Bartlesville.

Ed relates, “I enjoy my hometown, growing friendships and interacting with people from all walks of life.” Paula may have called other towns home, but after moving to Broken Arrow following graduation, she returned to Bartlesville in the 1980s. She felt it to be, “. . . a unique city that offered a wonderful quality of life and a great place to raise a family.”

Ed and Paula both share, “We hope to see Bartlesville continue to grow and have the larger town opportunities and amenities, while still maintaining the small-town feel and values. We also hope to see different factions in our nation, and the world around us, put aside race, religion, and political differences in order to live together in peace.”

And Bartlesville is just as proud of the House family as they are fond and proud of our own fair city.



History is Alive in

by Mike Wilt

It could be said that a great deal of Bartlesville's history is alive in area cemeteries. A debt of gratitude is owed to photographer Frank Griggs, who left a vast visual record of people, places, and events in the decades that followed statehood. Everyday life in Bartlesville still lives because of him. But a debt of gratitude is also owed to many who are not so well known, but who labored to preserve a segment of local history that once was in danger of dying out – gravesites and cemeteries.

Graves of the earliest pioneers and tribal members dotted the landscape that would eventually become Washington County. They were located on knolls, along creeks, and beside well-worn trails. Many were fully integrated with the remains of Osage, Cherokee, and Delaware pioneers, as well as those of black and white settlers. Although nature and man have caused many burial sites to vanish, many have endured the test of time and



The White Rose Mausoleum is nearly 15,000 square feet large.

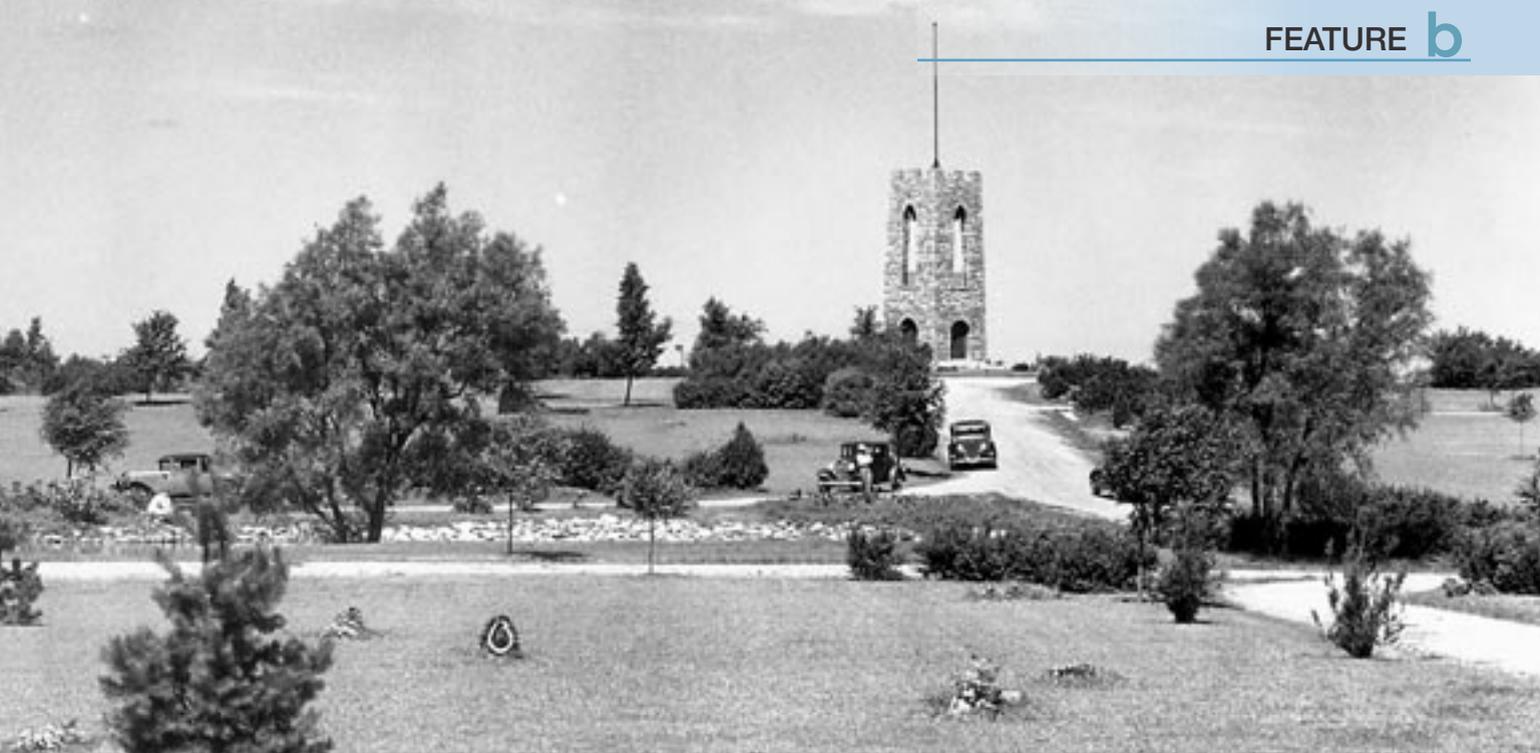
elements. These include cemeteries in Copan, to the north, and Oglesby and Ramona to the south; cemeteries with names such as Curleyhead, Old Busby, and Matoaka.

The oldest grave to have a headstone in Washington County is that of A.J. Gilstrap, who died on November 7, 1869, at the age of 40. He was buried among the tall oak trees near his home in the Ochelata area, six miles south of Bartlesville. It

became known as the Gilstrap Cemetery. In the same vicinity is the Tyler Mausoleum, the final resting place for



The Tyler Mausoleum is the final resting place for noted area resident Don Tyler.



Area Cemeteries

Don Tyler, owner of the Portland Dewey Cement Company, considered at that time to be one of the best-equipped cement plants in the world.

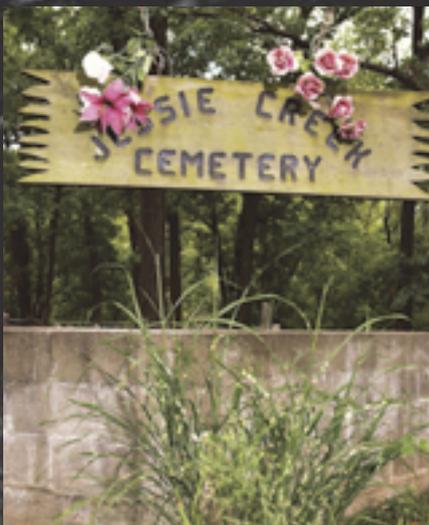
The Jesse Creek Cemetery, at the base of Circle Mountain, served as the final resting place for many Cherokees, including some who arrived before the Civil War. Silver Lake Cemetery, which is surrounded by Hillcrest Country Club Golf Course, was established in 1867 with the arrival of the Delaware. It

is still in use today. And the Dewey Cemetery contains the graves of famous outlaw Henry Starr and founding father of both Bartlesville and Dewey, Jake Bartles. Also laid to rest there is Fred Woodard, a successful lawyer who led the formation of the Dewey Cemetery Association in 1910. Ten years earlier, he served as a delegate to the Republican convention.

One of the first burial sites was the Stokes Cemetery, located along N. Vir-

ginia Avenue in the Bar-Dew Lake area. It contains another of the earliest headstones erected for a white man, William Ringo, who passed away in 1875 at the age of 77. Lizzy Goodhue was buried in Stokes in 1883 after passing away at age 42. She was the mother of Frank Eaton, better known as "Pistol Pete."

Some burial plots were small and on family property. One that is still around today can be found behind a





private residence at 20th and Johnstone Place, downtown. Buried there are Mary Thursday and her son, known as Wild Bill Bob. Thursday was a Delaware woman who owned nearly all the land in south Bartlesville around 1901. Prolific oil and gas activity would occur on her allotment in later years. There is also a third grave beside Thursday and her son, but the stone is so badly worn a name cannot be read.

The Lenno Cemetery, named for a Registered Delaware family that settled in northwest Washington County, contains the remains of Jobe Parker, who was a 32nd Degree Mason, an uncommon rank among the early Indian settlers.

These and many other cemeteries served early settlers without regard to race, creed, or color. Eventually, city leaders set aside land for what would become known as the White Rose Cemetery.

On February 24, 1899, a cemetery was laid out southwest of downtown. At first it was called City Cemetery, followed by Union Cemetery. Around 1905 it was renamed White Rose Cemetery. No documentation exists that provides an explanation for the name.

Located at 11th and Virginia Avenue, the cemetery totals some 20 acres with 12,000 graves. Because they were buried before official records were kept, many early citizens lie in unmarked graves.

In 1921, an agreement was reached to begin construction of a mausoleum at White Rose. Hugh Bryant, a merchant, financier, and pioneer businessman, was the founder and owner of the 15,000-square-foot building. Constructed in the

Greek Neoclassic style, it houses over 500 crypts, including those for founding families with names such as Carr, Johnstone, and Keeler. Osage leader Thomas Cyprian Tayrien was the first to be laid to rest there, even before the mausoleum was completed.

There are seven cemetery roads within White Rose, and all are named in honor of several leading citizens of early Bartlesville. One such road is named for “Grandma” Paticow, a Delaware Indian, who was the oldest living Native American in Oklahoma at the time of her death in 1924. She was 107.

Among of the more unusual monuments erected in the cemetery are for deceased who had some connection to the Modern Woodmen of America. Several headstones were



At 107 years, Lucy Josephine “Grandma” Paticow was the oldest living Native American at the time of her death in 1924. She has a road in White Rose Cemetery named in her honor.



made to resemble tree trunks. And then there's the headstone for Melvel and Lorene Murphy, founders of the still-popular Murphy's Steakhouse. The front is typical with names and dates. However, the back contains a restaurant logo and the familiar refrain "gravy over all."

It is important to note that many of those buried in White Rose Cemetery were not so prominent but, nonetheless, were still important to the fabric of the community: teachers and preachers, laborers and lawmen, shopkeepers and housekeepers, husbands, wives, and, sadly, children.

A White Rose Cemetery tradition that started 118 years ago continues to this day. The very first Memorial Day (or Decoration Day) celebration was held in 1900 to honor service men and women who were buried there. In those early years, the entire community participated in day-long commemorations that included parades, prayers, songs, and salutes.



Services are still held each year on Memorial Day.

James H. Teel is among the many remembered during the ceremony. On September 12, 1918, Sergeant Teel participated in the first big American offensive of World War I in France. He was killed while leading his platoon in an assault. He was the first man from Washington County to die in combat during that war. He was 23 years old. The local American Legion Post is named in his honor.

Also held at the cemetery are annual re-enactments of Bartlesville pioneers who were laid to rest there. In remembrance of all loved ones, a luminary service is held just before the beginning of the holiday season.



Arguably, one of the better known final resting places in the Bartlesville area is the mausoleum at Woolaroc. A museum and wildlife preserve today, Woolaroc was established in 1925 as the ranch retreat for oilman Frank Phillips. Following the death of his wife, Jane, in 1948, work began on the mausoleum, which was inspired by the memorial built for his good friend Will Rogers. Hardly a day went by that Frank didn't visit the construction site.

The location was special to Frank, as it overlooked Elk Lake, where he





enjoyed casting a fishing line into the water. The exterior is comprised entirely of native stone. Nothing was “cut to fit.” Workers blasted through 18 feet of solid rock to form the burial chamber, a 24-square-foot room lined with a 12-inch steel-enforced concrete wall. Two massive bronze doors form the entrance. Inside is a circular rotunda, outlined by eight columns of marble imported from Italy, which rise 10 feet to the top of the dome. Walls of the chamber are covered with thousands of small, mosaic tiles of multiple colors and, in the center of the room, is an eight-pointed star formed by different shades of marble.

Construction took almost a year. Once it was completed, Frank had Jane’s casket transported from White Rose to the new Woolaroc mausoleum.

Curiously, the chamber was air conditioned and had a telephone installed, per Frank’s request. Woolaroc CEO Bob Fraser said the running joke is that Frank wanted those amenities “just in case.”

Around 1928, Hugo Felix, of Muskogee, purchased 40 acres of land along Nowata Road with plans to convert it into a burial park. Felix eventually moved to Bartlesville to be the resident manager of Memorial Park Cemetery. According to a vintage newspaper article, it was to be a “strictly modern park” with “no tombstones or other ordinary appearances of (a) graveyard.” That said, a large “Tower of Memory” dedicated to the American Legion was erected in the center of the park.

Unlike White Rose, which is operated by the city, Memorial Park, with almost 15,000 gravesites, is privately owned. Although this cemetery also serves as the resting place for thousands of area citizens and former service men and women, it too has its share of recognizable names. Among those names are the aforementioned legendary photographer Frank Griggs, L.E. Phillips, Frank’s brother and Phillips Petroleum Company co-founder, K.S. “Boots” Adams, Frank’s

successor as CEO, oilman H.V. Foster, REDA Pump founder Armais Artunoff, and H.C. Price Sr., founder of a pipeline construction company and original owner of The Price Tower.

There are more than 41,000 people buried throughout Washington County. While they have all passed, their stories live on.

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Outpost Coffee Brews Excitement

Local Business helps Power Up the Downtown District

by Ann-Janette Webster

Some might say that “coffee makes the world go round”...or at least helps it spin. The same holds true locally these days, as downtown Bartlesville is “powered” by Outpost Coffee Company.

Just a few short months after their grand opening, Outpost Coffee is already pouring new excitement into the Downtown area. Formerly the Brilliant Bronze gas station, the structure’s stylish renovation and top-notch espresso beverages have made the corner of Dewey & 4th Street a place to “fuel up” once again.

Outpost co-founder Wes Lantrip says the reception to the new coffee shop has been truly exciting.

“The response has been beyond our expectations. We have a loyal local following and visitors from all across the state,” said Lantrip. “The old gas station, repurposed, makes for a cozy space full of character. We think the highest quality experience exists when customers are delighted with three things: great service, great taste, and great environment.”

The premium craft coffee house and roastery has one simple goal — “To pro-

vide nothing short of the best coffee in the world.” Its ambitious owners, Wes Lantrip of Bartlesville and Tony Phillips of San Francisco, are long-time friends and self-proclaimed coffee fanatics. They are serious about sharing their passion for excellent coffee with Bartians and the world beyond. Using their German-made vintage 1985 Probat roaster, they create a host of “power-fueled” signature coffee and espresso beverages.

Co-owner Tony Phillips says the Outpost crew is grateful for their regulars who power-up daily, as well as those who utilize the venue for staff meetings, brainstorming sessions or just a quick afternoon getaway.

“Outpost is a good escape in the middle of the day. In the stress of a work week, we offer a little island of peace and camaraderie. A quiet, friendly environment that lets you detach from your hectic day and just enjoy a good cup of coffee,” said Phillips. “Our team works hard to create an atmosphere that is warm and inviting, and that resonates with people in downtown.”

Both Lantrip and Phillips credit Outpost’s colorful staff — headed by

well-known coffee aficionado Jude Henry — as a key ingredient to the shop’s success.

“Cool buildings and great coffee mean nothing if the staff is not on point. If we’re going to deliver excellence at Outpost, it begins and ends with our awesome staff,” said Lantrip.

Henry feels that the location, friendly staff and unique atmosphere all blend together to make Outpost an avant-garde downtown destination.

“We have excellent coffee and espresso drinks. Quick, great service with attention to detail, and we’re committed to the community of Bartlesville, with more to come.”

As their coffee house concept grows, Outpost has already begun to deliver on their “more to come” by taking part in “Taco Rides” (with Shortie’s and Phat Tire) as well as their First Friday Open Mic nights. On the first Friday of October and November from 5pm - 9pm coffee lovers can enjoy featured espresso drinks and special desserts served up with an Open Mic featuring local musicians.

The crew at Outpost Coffee Co. says they’re committed to growing alongside Downtown Bartlesville. As the heart of our city continues to develop, Lantrip says Outpost Coffee hopes to offer an “oasis” on the corner of 4th & Dewey complete with friendly faces, good conversation and an excellent cup of coffee.

“Vibrant downtown scenes are a treasure for any city or town.” said Lantrip. “We’re proud to be part of downtown Bartlesville and we hope to add to the culture of community here,” said Lantrip. “Come make Outpost yours.”

Outpost Coffee is open Monday-Friday from 6am -2pm and Saturday’s from 7am - 2pm. More info can be found at OutpostCoffeeCo.com.



The Outpost Coffee’s awesome staff is eager to help people power-up daily.

Yum!

by Keith McPhail

It's fall! And change is in the air. Outside, it's in the cooler weather and in the trees transforming colors. Inside, it's in the delicious dishes being cooked up across town, as our cravings for light summertime fare transition to cozy comfort food. What a great time of year to treat yourself to something new. Make a date with some of Bartlesville's best eats. We're confident you won't regret it!



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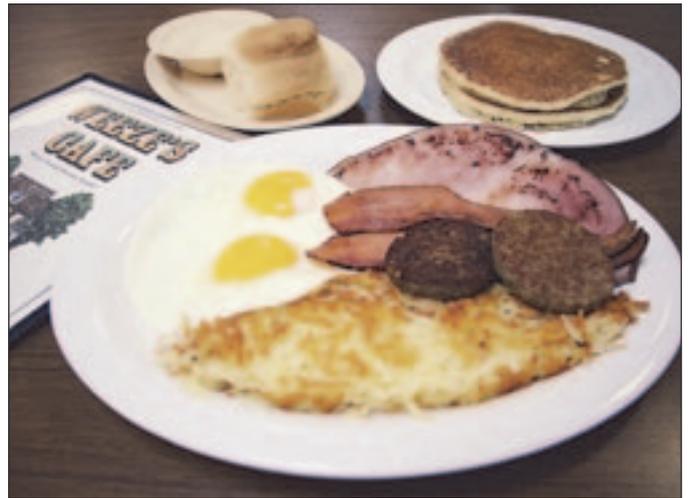
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Big Brothers Big Sisters Ignite Potential

School & Community Programs Help Youth Gain Confidence

by **Charlene Dew**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma has been serving the Bartlesville community for over 34 years by creating professionally supported, one-to-one matches for kids who want to realize their full potential. Our purpose is to clear the path to a child's brightest possible future. Independent research has proven that youth with a positive relationship with a Big Brother or Big Sister mentor are more likely to graduate from high school, less likely to be involved in negative lifestyle choices, and more likely to have better relationships with family and friends.



~ **Sydney Potts and Starr** ~

Little Sister Starr is matched to Big Sister Sydney in the School Based program. Although it takes place at school, this program is not limited to the classroom. Meeting weekly, Starr and Sydney's favorite activities include board games, Legos, or playing outside on the playground. Starr especially liked it when Sydney brought her soccer ball and taught her soccer skills.

Starr says "My Big Sister is fun and has a good sense of humor."

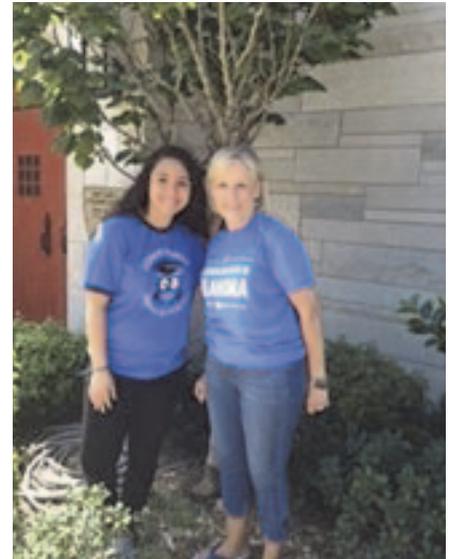
Sydney has helped Starr with math and academics. Starr is now talking about college and becoming a teacher. "Being a Big Sister has brought me out of my comfort zone in a good way. The best part is seeing Starr opening up and communicating better," says Sydney.



~ **Matt Wagner and Koda** ~

Big Brother Matt and Little Brother Koda have created a lifelong friendship that began when Koda was just nine years old. Over the course of their nine-year match in the Community Based program, they've had the freedom to do many different things. Meeting a few times a month, they have attended group match activities, sporting events, rode horses, played laser tag, tennis and golf, and even occasionally had lunch together at Koda's school.

His mom says he has definitely grown in confidence. As Koda has grown as a teenager they meet less often, but their relationship is solid. They both know they have a friend for life.



~ **Donna Skelly and Jazmin** ~

Big Sister Donna and Little Sister Jazmin have been a Community Based match for one year, through the Lowe Family Young Scholars Program. This program supports academic achievement and the opportunity for youth to earn a four-year college scholarship.

Donna and Jazmin meet a few times a month, and mostly enjoy attending plays and musical productions, participating in community volunteer opportunities, and shopping. Donna is a well-known member of the community, often running into friends when she and Jazmin are out together. This has given Jazmin the opportunity to build her confidence when meeting new people. Jazmin's mom says Donna has helped Jazmin become "more confident and knowledgeable about the opportunities in Bartlesville, and what the community has to offer."

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Tick-Tock

by Lindel Fields

If experience were the best teacher, then all of the “mature” people would be running the world. They would be the CEO’s of Fortune 500 companies, have all the wealth, and hold all the most influential positions. Of course, that is not the case because “experience” is not the best teacher. Evaluated experience, on the other hand, may well be the best teacher. To put it another way, “doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity.” Einstein sure got this one right, and I have to admit it took me a while to figure it out.

For many years, I would approach each day the same. I would approach each day with optimism, a solid plan, and hard work. It worked pretty well, but it wasn’t propelling me into a life of significance. Hard work, attitude, and planning are essential. That is what many of us do, but rarely does it alone lead to the type of success we dream of as young adults. The thing is, anyone worth their salt is doing the same thing, hoping for results that require more.

It doesn’t take a lot to set yourself apart, but it does take more. For me, the change occurred when I started to view “time” differently. I noticed that the world was so busy being busy that our productivity was declining, despite that fact that we are working harder than we ever have. Or are we? A recent New York Times article reported that the average American spends 30 - 50 hours watching TV each week. I didn’t dare to look at the additional time we spend wired to our computers and smartphones.

The one thing that every human on this planet has in common is the amount of time we have in a day. Why is it then that some people are more productive than others? After all, the President, the Pope, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates have the same amount of time in a day that we all have. I have not met

any of these folks, but I can’t imagine that they would respond “busy” if I asked them how they were doing. I suspect they are way busier than most of us. Do you think Bill Gates, the Pope or the President watch 30 hours of TV per week?

In my leadership lessons, I encourage everyone to spend time each day reflecting. Many like the notion, but contend they don’t have the time. Most everyone I know has a daily to-do list and a process of planning for the day. In my opinion, daily to-do lists are counterproductive. Leadership Guru Stephen Covey, famous for his 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, discussed the habit of “sharpen the saw.” Sharpening your saw is critical to your success. Think of the flight attendants instructions before take off. They ask you to put the mask on yourself before helping others with you. The act of reflection is a great way to sharpen your saw and gain evaluated experience.

Reflection is taking the time to think about what happened in your day and how you can do it better the next. This usually leads to recognizing barriers to your success and better prioritizing your activities. Fifteen minutes a day can impact your life significantly. By taking time away from “busy,” you can build your production capacity. Rest assured that Gates, the Pope and Zuckerberg understand the value of reflection. It is their evaluated experience that has contributed to their success.

Time is the great equalizer. Time can not be bought, it can not be stored up for later use, it can not be traded, we all have the same 24 hours. Our time is finite, but our opportunities are not. In my leadership lessons, I often say “Success happens when preparation meets opportunity.”

How are you using your time to prepare for opportunities?

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Oklahoma Education

Gubernatorial Candidate has Plan for Improving Schools

by Mike Wilt

Kevin Stitt is the Republican nominee for Oklahoma governor, who will face Democrat Drew Edmondson and Libertarian Chris Powell in the November 6 general election. Stitt is CEO of Gateway Mortgage, which he founded in 2000. Today, it employs 1,200 people with field offices in 41 states. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Tulsa with their six children.

Stitt recently took some time to visit about his plans for improving education in Oklahoma.

One of the planks in your platform is to ensure teacher pay matches our six-state region. How do you plan to accomplish that?

Stitt: We have to change the way we fund education so that we can give more pay raises. We cannot continue to go through these cycles. We need to take a serious look at our funding formula and create incentives for districts to pay teachers more.

Schools have two funding buckets. One bucket is strictly for capital improvements and the other bucket is strictly for operations. Other states do a far better job combining those buckets. We need to give local districts more flexibility, more incentives to put schools on a solid foundation.

We cannot keep putting band-aids on our education issues. We need to think strategically, long-term. That's how we get more dollars to teachers and the classroom.

How are your proposed reforms to the state budget and government in general tied to education?

Stitt: Currently, there is no transparency or accountability when it comes to the money spent by some 120 different state agencies. The governor needs to have more authority to hire and fire agency heads to deliver core government services effectively and efficiently. Knowing how our tax dollars are spent will lead to better schools, roads and bridges, and so on.

What are your goals in the education arena aside from fiscal matters?

Stitt: I want to be in the top ten in the country when it comes to educating students and preparing them for the workforce. I recently met with (State Superintendent of Public Instruction) Joy Hoffmeister and we had terrific discussion about academic rigor and standards.



She looked to the states that were doing the best in a particular core subject and mirrored our standards to theirs. I plan to monitor and tweak as we go along. Currently, 39 percent of our high school graduates need to be remediated when they get to college. That's unacceptable.

What about career tech and higher ed?

Stitt: My focus will be to get all students ready for the workforce. Only 45 percent of high school graduates go on to college. I want to make sure those students are well prepared, but I also want to pay attention to those students who take a different path. I've talked to companies who need computer programmers, welders, electricians, and they can't find enough. I want to promote pathways that give students who are not going to college hope for a bright future.

Why do you think you would make a good governor?

Stitt: I come from the private sector. I have a fresh set of eyes and can look at problems much differently. We have the same problems every other state has, but too many are handling them better. For change to occur, we need a political outsider to get our state to perform the way it should and the way we all want.

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3 Guys in the 'Ville

Trio of Friends Share Podcast with the Community

by Maria Gus

It was a simple plan. A group of friends living in Bartlesville would get together on occasion and talk about life. Not unlike the people that gather at their local diner to solve the world's problems, Matt Clark, Casey Jardot, and Clint Musslewhite had a lot on their minds — and they wanted to talk about it.

So what happens when a youth pastor, a security coordinator, and a mortgage loan manager decide the world needs to hear about their opinions? The first thing on the agenda was create a podcast.

Clark, 37, Jardot, 35, and Musslewhite, 43, are better known in the “podosphere” as 3 Guys in the Ville. Their podcast began in the spring of 2018, and has covered a whole host of topics and also included several Bartlesville residents as guests. The conversations are lively and always a lot of fun.

Clark, a native Texan who has been in Bartlesville now for nine years, had always wanted to do a podcast. “[Casey and I] would always talk about stuff that annoyed us and thought people need to hear this,” said Clark with a smile. “We believed we weren’t the only ones that felt this way, and thought we should bring the city of Bartlesville into the conversation.” Clark is married to his wife, Laura, and they have two sons.

The idea for the name of the podcast came from the only native Bartian in the bunch, Jardot. “I was thinking, what’s edgy and grabs people,” said Jardot. “Boom, 3 Guys in the Ville.”

Jardot was born and raised in Bartlesville, but went away to serve in the military. When he returned, he went to work for Phillips 66 and also earned his Bachelor’s degree at Oklahoma Wesleyan University. Jardot and his wife, Kristie, have four children.

Also from Texas, Musslewhite, vice president and mortgage loan manager at Arvest, came to Bartlesville six years ago with his wife, Stephanie, who is a native Bartian. At press time they have three children, with a baby due in late September.

“We just talk. Casey likes to complain and air his grievances. I’m partial to the guest format. Whatever the set-up, Matt and Casey are the cool guys worthy of an audience — I just keep the show moving and am terrified of on-air confrontation. We all saw what happened on the Geraldo show in the 90’s.”

— Clint Musslewhite



Matt Clark, Casey Jardot, Clint Musslewhite, and a guest voice their thoughts on Bartlesville during a recent 3 Guys in the Ville podcast.

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The guys have a lot of heart and a lot of laughs while creating their podcasts. They sit around a large table, and the familiarity and fun have created a welcoming environment for their guests. They’ve had a city councilor, a school administrator, athletes, and executives as guests on the broadcast.

“After we did the first podcast, we thought it would be really cool to highlight some of the people from Bartlesville, instead of just complaining,” said Clark. “The other thing I like is the podcast is just us having a conversation,” added Jardot. “I enjoy the camaraderie,” chipped in Musslewhite. “We support and discuss what’s going on in our world.”

The podcast wouldn’t be possible without their sound engineer extraordinaire, Zack Hendrix. The guys can be heard on iTunes and Buzzsprout. To find out more about 3 Guys in the Ville, check them out on Facebook at facebook.com/3GuysintheVille.

We All Need Hope

God is Everyone's Source of Hope

by Jason Elmore

I was three years old and lived in Ft. Smith, AR, with my mother, father and my two big brothers, Jim and Steve, ages 6 and 5.

It was a Fall Sunday afternoon, and my parents had been arguing. I would sometimes stay in a closet when they argued – they argued a lot, due to the complexities of life.

The argument went on for quite a while. Then the silence was deafening.

My father said “Come on boys,” as he went to the front closet and took out a tan, suede leather Jacket. (I still remember the smell.) He pulled on the jacket, my mother sitting still in the corner of our modest living room – not saying a word.

He picked me up and my brothers followed us to the car.

It felt like he drove around town for hours – not uttering a sound. I was in the front seat, my brothers in back. Not a sound was made by any of us.

It was close to sunset when he slowly made a left turn into a parking lot, then turned the Hudson to the right, slipping into an empty space.

The four of us men – aged 3, 5, 6, and 29 – walked through this parking lot to what seemed like the back of a gray colored stone building. We went up a half-flight of stone stairs and opened a very large wooden door.

There were two more doors, with four small glass sections in each. I was looking through them and viewed the back of a couple hundred people who were sitting very still. There was a man standing, facing these people - giving a speech.

Dad, carrying me, turned to the left – brothers in tow. We went up two sections of stairs, opening in to an empty



“Because if I didn’t [believe], I wouldn’t have hope. And I can’t live without hope.”

— Jason Elmore

room that was horseshoe-shaped, containing seats for maybe another 100 people. The 200 people I had just seen the backs of were below me as we sat in the second row, near the aisle – me to dad’s left, Jim and Steve to his right.

As the man giving the speech continued, my dad, bent over at the waist, held his head in his hands.

It was then that it occurred to me - in my little three year old existence - that my dad thought he might find comfort in that place. That Something/Someone/Some Experience, would comfort him – would make him feel better.

THAT moment was my first God consciousness.

I’ve remembered that experience my entire life. It is seminal. It is profound.

We all need hope. I describe hope as a tiny ember in our consciousness that says “Things could get better.”

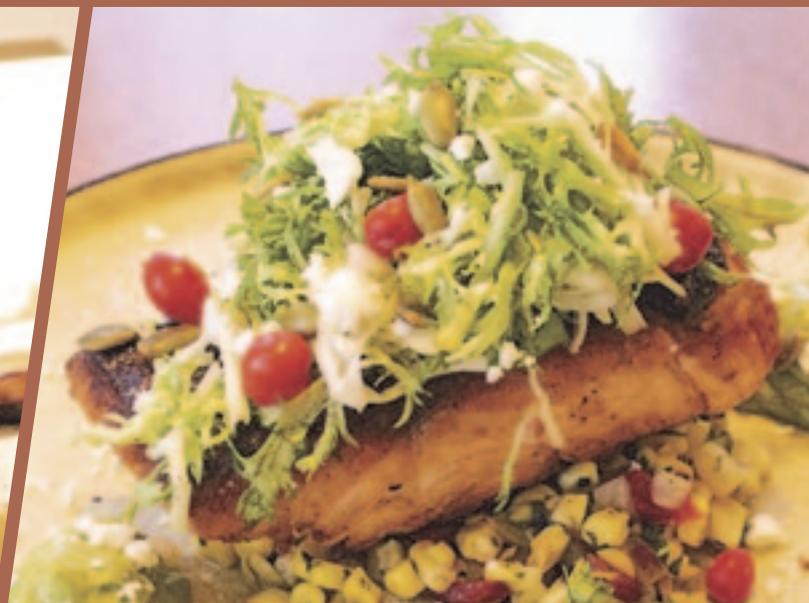
I spend most of my time with people outside of institutional church. When I’m asked “So, why do you believe?” I say with complete honesty “Because if I didn’t, I wouldn’t have hope. And I can’t live without hope.”

God is my Hope and the absolute center of my being. He’s my source. He’s everyone’s source of Hope. His Presence and constant love help me navigate the “complexities of life”.

I knew it as a three year old and I know it today.

~ Jason Elmore is the Pastor of Friday Night Church and President of the Bartlesville Ministerial Association ~

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Two Boys And A Tombstone

Local Teens Steal Lee Harvey Oswald Marker back in '67

by **Tim Hudson**

It's the story that keeps coming up in Bartlesville lore, and it's just as crazy sounding now as it was when it happened.

Yes, some guys stole Lee Harvey Oswald's tombstone.

Yes, they were from Bartlesville.

Yes, one of their dad's helped the cops before they disposed of the evidence.

So yeah, truth is stranger than fiction — or at least as strange.

Here's what happened:

Oswald nailed his name into infamy on November 22, 1963, when he assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas. This started a national tragedy and decades of controversy over who or whom may have colluded with Oswald in the incident. Oswald himself was shot and killed a few days later by nightclub owner Jack Ruby, on November 24, and was buried in a Fort Worth Cemetery the next day.

As in most details of Oswald's story, the burial itself was bizarre, with reporters covering the event also serving as pallbearers for Oswald's casket. The grave itself was marked with a flat stone that bore Oswald's full name, birth, and death date.

Flash forward four years to 1967, and that's where Bartlesville enters the picture, when two hometown boys decided to take a joyride to Texas and came back with a souvenir — in the form of Lee Harvey Oswald's tombstone.

"Well I think just did it on a lark. They were pretty much just goofing off," says former Bartlesville Police Department investigator Charlie Spencer of the theft.

"They were in a world of their own at the time and didn't think it would turn out like it did. There was no agenda."

The story continues that the pair was in Dallas and went to visit the plaza where the assassination took place. The emotional visit then gave way to a trip to the local library, which provided information on where Oswald was actually buried.

"They were a little different to begin with," he says

"At some point after they found the stone, they decided "what the heck, it's not that big" and they pried it out of the ground and brought it back home."



From there, Spencer says that the Bartlesville grapevine went to work. Within days of the stone making it into town, stories of the boy's deed began spreading.

"It started circulating around town and made it back to us" Spencer says of himself and his partner, Joe Glenn.

"We finally found one of the kids' father and he didn't know anything, and when we contacted the Forth Worth PD, they didn't know that it was gone."

One Fort Worth patrol officer's trip out to the cemetery later, and the department called back surprised that the stone was indeed missing. At that point, officers got back on the phone with one of the boy's dad, and assured him that the stone was, in fact, in Bartlesville. When the man confronted the boys, Spencer says it was just in time — as they were about to take action to get rid of the evidence.

"The were planning to sledge hammer it and dump it in the Caney River...this was a matter of three or four days after they took it," Spencer said, adding that since the incident, people have opined that the boys should have gotten into at least some trouble for taking the gravestone.

"The Oswald family just wanted to get it back, and they didn't want to prosecute. Since it was their case, they made the decision."

He says that as far as he knows, neither of the boys ever had any contact with the authorities in the years that followed, and he says that he's heard that both have since died.

"The story still circulates though, a few years ago one of the TV stations did a spot on it and people keep talking about it," he said.

"Do you know what happened with the headstone after that, it's pretty crazy?"

That, however, is another story.

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Why Wear Black when Mourning?

by Kay Little, Little History Adventures

The wearing of black clothes while mourning dates back to the Roman Empire, when family members would wear dark-colored togas. This carried over to England, and eventually to the United States. However, much of continental Europe wore white, because it stood for purity.

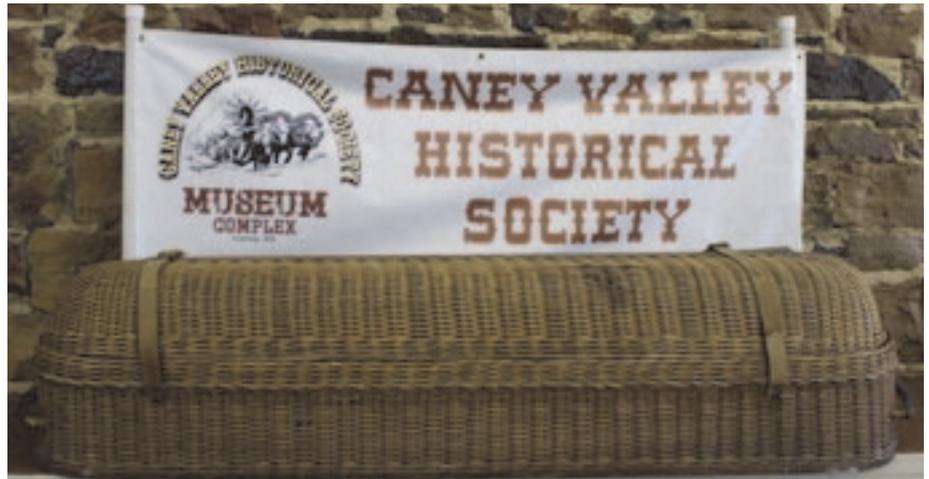
The Victorian era in England produced many of the severe mourning practices. Women were expected to dress in mourning clothing for at least 2½ years. The first year was heavy mourning, which meant the women wore all black, including a black crepe veil covering their face. Full mourning, which was still all black, followed this — but they could add white lace collars and cuffs, with lighter veils. The last part of mourning was called half-mourning, which could include gray and purple clothing. Men only had to mourn for 3 months, by wearing black crepe on their hat or arm.

All of this created a demand for ready-made clothes in all sizes at the general stores. These stores also carried black mourning accessories for mourners, including pins, stationery, calling cards, and jewelry. In fact, mourning jewelry is a sought after item at antique and estate sales.

Probably one of the most interesting mourning customs was that of hair



Hair jewelry and works of art using the hair of the deceased were once popular.



Cooling coffins like this were used to contain the deceased until a doctor could confirm death.

jewelry and works of art using the hair of the deceased, as seen in the photo from the Bartlesville Area History Museum. This wreath was made from the hair of several family members, and was a way to always remember the loved one.

After a family member died, all mirrors and glass would be covered, and crepe would be draped over fireplace mantels, windows, shelves, and other household items. Clocks would be stopped at the time of death and restarted after the burial. Window curtains were drawn and shutters closed during the mourning period.

During a recent visit to the Caney Valley Historical Museum in Caney, Kansas, I was able to see a wicker coffin with a plastic bed liner. The staff explained this type of basket was a cooling coffin, used by many people to keep their departed loved one contained and air treated until the doctor could arrive to confirm the death. These wicker coffins were also used to carry the body to the mortuary after “lying in state” at the home, in the front parlor for viewing.

Another interesting fact I learned was where the name “living room” originated. During the 1918 Great Influenza Epidemic, homes were used

as temporary hospitals. As people died, the many of the bodies were piled in the front parlors, which then became known as death rooms. After the epidemic ended, Ladies Home Journal suggested that since the rooms were no longer used for death, they should be called living rooms.



Black mourning ribbons were hung on the Winnie Mae when Wiley Post died.

In August 1935, Bartlesville had an interesting mourning experience, as seen in the photo of the plane. This is the Winnie Mae, which belonged to Wiley Post and was sitting at the Bartlesville Airport. After Wiley and Will Rogers died, the black ribbons were placed on the beloved plane.

Even though people still wear black at funerals, we are seeing more people wearing bright colors to honor the deceased

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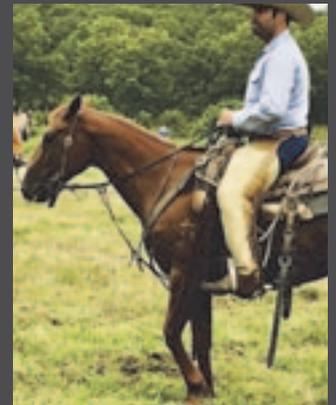
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Move Over Mario

There's a New Plumber in Town

by Lori Esser

Plumbing — it's an everyday amenity you rarely think twice about. But when it stops working, it instantly becomes a crisis. Knowing a reliable plumber is a great asset, especially one that can come when duty calls.

Shaun Schutkesting is now the new owner of SCR Plumbing, based out of Bartlesville. He was born and raised in Oklahoma and lived in various towns such as Enid, Hennessey, and Orlando. He landed in Dewey after fifth grade, and has stayed ever since. After the birth of his son, Tee-gan, at 23, he was ready to pursue a career.

"I worked on the road in the oil field for a bit, but decided the time away from my family wasn't worth it," he said. "I found a job back home for a local plumber so I applied."

At the time he started his apprenticeship, he jokingly shared he didn't know anything about plumbing.

"The first time I was interviewed, the owner of that plumbing company asked me, 'Do you know how to read a tape measure?'" Shaun said. "I laughed because I thought that was just common knowledge."

Years later with the company, he found out why he had been asked that question. When the company hired a helper, the first thing Shaun had to do was teach the young man how to read a tape measure. He didn't realize this basic skill was not known by many adults.

Shaun had a drive to learn everything possible when it came to plumbing. After ten years of working for that local company, he decided to



Shaun Schutkesting, with his family, is the new owner of SCR Plumbing.

"take the plunge" and open his own business.

"I wanted to see if I could thrive on my own," he said. "This way, I can better support my family. My previous employer allowed me to continue working for them until I could get my business off the ground to fully support myself, which I am thankful for. I have so much respect for them."

Right now, SCR Plumbing is a company of one, but he hopes to grow the business and eventually employ several people. He services commercial, residential, new construction, and remodels. Shaun also offers regular service repair and after-hour services.

"Being a plumber in Bartlesville is a little tough when it comes to start-

ing a business," he said. "There are several quality companies in town. I will just do my best to have excellent customer service and will not compromise the quality of work I provide."

With the birth of his daughter, Kin-zlee in August, he has added drive to succeed at providing for his growing family.

"Growing up in Dewey and having several local friends has really helped me become successful," he added. "I have some good friends that have spread the word of my business, about the quality of my work and care for my customers. Word of mouth goes a long ways in this community."

To contact Shaun at SCR Plumbing, call 918-977-0516 or find him on Facebook and Google.

OCTOBER CALENDAR SPONSORED BY



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CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY

1  **Madison Middle School Choir Concert**
6 pm; BHS Fine Arts Center

4  **Bruin Mile**
4:15 pm; Sooner Park
3rd and under Girls 4:15pm
3rd and under Boys 4:30pm
4th/5th Girls 4:45pm
4th/5th Boys 5:00pm

 **Bruin Volleyball vs Owasso**
6:15 pm; Bruin Fieldhouse

5 **OKWU JV Men's Soccer vs Murray State College**
3:30 pm; OKWU Soccer fields



Kane Trick or Trot
4:30 pm; Kane Elementary

9  **Cross Country Frontier Valley Conference**
3 pm; Sooner Park
 **OKWU Volleyball vs Avila Unniveristy**
7 pm; OKWU Gym

10  **OKWU Soccer vs Ottawa University**
5 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (W)
5 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (M)

13 **Wayside Fall Carnival**
5 pm; 3000 Wayside Drive
Run the Streets
7:30 am; Woolaroc
Join us Saturday, Oct. 13, as runners and walkers roam with the buffalo and deer as they compete in the most scenic race in the Southwest. Runners and their guests are treated to free admission to Woolaroc and are invited to visit the Woolaroc Museum and Lodge after the race.

14 **Fall Festival**
3:30 pm; Bartlesville First Church
We will be kicking the festival off with a Hymn Sing, where we will be singing hymns we all know and love. At 5 p.m. we will be serving chili and hot dogs while having fun at the Pumpkin Patch. There will be a bounce house, an inflatable obstacle course, petting farm, and yard games! This is a FREE come and go event, all ages are welcome.

15  **Central & Madison Fall Choir Concert**
7 pm; BHS Fine Arts Center

16  **OKWU Men Soccer vs University of St Mary**
8 pm; OKWU Soccer fields

17  **OKWU Soccer vs Missouri Valley College**
3 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (M)
8 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (W)



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OKWU Volleyball vs Southwestern
6 pm; OKWU Gym



18 Spook-A-Rama Starts
6 pm; Kiddie Park
Dress your child in their Halloween best for instant fun for all the family. Grown ups are encouraged to dress up as well. WARNING: Please use caution with the young one's, as this attraction is designed to scare. Spook-A-Rama runs through Oct. 20.

 **Bruins Football vs Ponca City**
7 pm; Custer Stadium
Fall Break
No School

19 OKWU Wrestling vs Red/Blue Dual
12 pm; OKWU Gym
BHS/WCS Fall Break
No School

20 Tour de Ville
10 am; Downtown Bartlesville
A family bike ride around downtown Bartlesville with various stops. Participants will receive a card to be punched at each stop. At the end of the ride, completed cards may be turned in for a drawing.

22  **OKWU Volleyball vs York**
6 pm; OKWU Gym

24  **OKWU Soccer vs Friends University**
5 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (W)
8 pm; OKWU Soccer fields (M)

26 Halloween at the Tower
5 pm; Price Tower
Join us for a Halloween community block party! Family activities, crafts, and trunk or treating followed by an outdoor screening of Casper. Don't forget chairs and blankets for the movie!

 **OKWU Basketball vs OKWU Classic**
6 pm; OKWU Gym

 **Bruins Football vs Muskogee - Sr Night**
7 pm; Custer Stadium

27 Kids Fall Festival
4 pm; Bartlesville First Nazarene

 **OKWU Basketball vs OKWU Classic**
5 pm; OKWU Gym (W)
7 pm; OKWU Gym (M)

28 Trunk or Treat
5 pm; Church of Christ

31 3rd Annual SWR Harvest Festival
3:30 pm; Stormwalker Ranch
Come and celebrate at the free Harvest Festival with even more games, hay rides, inflatables, chuck wagon food, entertainment, live music, kettle corn, contests, cakes, and so much more!

 **OKWU Volleyball vs Kan. Wesleyan Univ.**
6 pm; OKWU Gym
East Cross Trunk or Treat & Scavenger Hunt
6 pm; 820 South S Madison
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Mon, Oct 1

10 AM

Open House

Elder Care

1223 Swan Dr

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



12 PM

Movie Monday

Bartlesville Area History Museum

401 S. Johnstone Ave. - 5th Floor

Come 12-1:30 p.m. for the fifth installment of "Oklahoma Passage," a digitally re-mastered encore of a dramatic film series tracing 150 years of Oklahoma history from the Trail of Tears to space exploration, produced by the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority in 1989.

Tue, Oct 2

5 PM

Retirement Quest Hosted by Arvest Wealth Management

Arvest Bank Celebrity Room

4225 SE Adams Rd.

Join Alan Spector, co-author of Your Retirement Quest as he guides you through a holistic approach to retirement. Dinner provided. RSVP to Scott at 918-337-3518.

6:30 PM

Grand Opening Celebratory Event

Washington County Republican Headquarters

214 Frank Phillips Blvd.

The opening event includes coffee and desserts, will feature as many candidates or candidate representatives as possible to provide information to voters and answer questions. The headquarters will be open 11am - 2 pm Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday until election day. Yard signs, bumper stickers, posters and buttons as well as voter registration forms will be available.

Wed, Oct 3

7 PM

Movie Night - "Young Frankenstein"

Heritage Theatre Café & Pub

306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

Thu, Oct 4

7 PM

Stray Kats Movie Night

Heritage Theatre Café & Pub

306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

Fri, Oct 5

10 AM

Fall Traders Encampment

Mountain Man Camp, Woolaroc

1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd

Woolaroc will once again host the Fall Traders Encampment on Friday and Saturday at the Mountain Man Camp at Woolaroc. The camp will be historically accurate, recreating what a settlement of this type would have looked like in the 1840s. Many of the campers will set up their tents or tipis and have period crafts for the public to view and purchase.

7 PM

Bartlesville Film Society Movie Night

Heritage Theatre Café & Pub

306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey



Sat, Oct 6

8 AM

Cops & Rodders Car Show

Washington County Sheriff's Office

611 SW Adams Blvd

Fourth annual show taking place 8-2 p.m. to benefit WCSO's annual Thanksgiving and Christmas programs for families in need. Registration is \$20 and the first 100 pre-registered cars will receive an additional "blue" raffle ticket for prizes. Top 25 cars will be paid a \$50 cash award. Numerous door prizes and giveaways during the show. Grand prize will be a blueprinted crate 350 motor valued at \$5,000!

Plein Air Workshop

Price Tower Design Center

510 S. Dewey Ave

Kansas artist Cristine Sundquist will teach a one-day landscape oil/acrylic outdoor painting workshop at BAA. \$70. Register bartlesvilleartassociation@gmail.com.

10 AM

National Indian Taco Championship

Downtown Pawhuska

If you love fry bread and Indian tacos, then you'll love Pawhuska's annual National Indian Taco Championship. Come hungry and be prepared to taste the best traditional tacos around. Enjoy local bands, Native American dancing, craft vendor booths, inflatables and children's games.

4 PM

OKM presents Oktoberfest

Downtown Bartlesville

Dewey Ave between 4th & 5th Streets

Dress up in your favorite folk clothes and head to OKM's Oktoberfest, 4-11 p.m. with all the flair and flavors of the traditional German festival. Enjoy authentic German food, cocktails, wine and a beer garden and dance to live polka music with traditional folk dancers. Plus! Costume contest, magic shows, games, children's parade, face-painting and more.

4:30 PM

Kane Elementary Trick or Trot

Kane Elementary School

801 W 13th St

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7 PM

Live Music with Let it Ride
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

8 PM

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

Sun, Oct 7

1 PM

Pumpkin Patch Opening
Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd.

Oct. 7 - Oct. 31. MON-FRI, 4-7 p.m. SAT 9 a.m.-7 p.m., SUN 1-6 p.m. Entry and activities are free, pumpkin costs are based on size and style.

Tue, Oct 9

10 AM

Free Cherokee Avenue Walking Tour of Historic Homes
Frank Phillips Home (park and meet up)
1107 SE Cherokee Ave.

Sponsored by the Bartlesville Area History Museum. Reservations only! Call 918-338-4294. Frank Phillips Home tour at conclusion (\$6.50 per person).

Wed, Oct 10

7 PM

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

Thu, Oct 11

5 PM

Cookout & Open House
The Journey Home
900 NE Washington Blvd.

Arvest-sponsored cookout will also include touring our new home! Hamburger or hot dog, chips, water, and homemade cookies for a \$5 donation going to TJH.

6 PM

APDA Parkinson's Caregivers Support Group Meeting
Jane Phillips Medical Center Lower Level Classroom
3500 E. Frank Phillips Blvd.

This month's meeting will be a presentation on a Parkinson's-specific exercise program that target symptoms like stiffness, slow movements and incoordination. For more information, call Support Group Leader, Rudy Geissler at 918-766-2996.

7 PM

Live Music with Alan and Donna Beckworth
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

Fri, Oct 12

7 PM

Poetry Night with Morris McCorvey
Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey



Sat, Oct 13

8 AM

Woolaroc Run the Streets 8K
Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve
1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd

Run the Streets is excited to announce the 38th anniversary of road racing at Woolaroc with the Run the Streets Woolaroc 8k. Roam with the buffalo and deer as you compete in the most scenic race in the Southwest. All proceeds will benefit Run the Streets, a mentoring and running program for youth in Washington County.

9 AM

Women's Health Day
Hopestone Cancer Support Center
206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd

7:30 PM

Big Band Bonanza feat. Barron Ryan
Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams Blvd

The musical barriers come down as the BSO Big Band debuts playing right alongside the Symphony! Great jazz blends with orchestral pops favorites for a musical event like none other. Plus, astounding pianist and entertainer Barron Ryan joins the crew. An amazing opener for an amazing season!

8 PM

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

Sun, Oct 14

3:30 PM

Hymn Sing
Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd.

WWe will be kicking our Fall Festival off with a Hymn Sing where we will be singing hymns we all know and love. This is a free come-and-go event

5 PM

Fall Festival
Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd.

We will be kicking our Fall Festival off with a Hymn Sing where we will be singing hymns we all know and love. This is a free come-and-go event!

Mon, Oct 15

10 AM

Cake Decorating Class
Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.

An educational class led by Sugarica. This class will teach participants various techniques to decorate a cake for the upcoming holidays. Open to anyone 60 or older. \$32 per person. To sign up, call 918-336-8500.

Tue, Oct 16

TBD

Wright Chef Competition Reception with Finalists
Price Tower Copper Bar
510 S. Dewey Ave.

It's time to choose the next Wright Chef! Price Tower Arts Center's Culinary Artist-in-Residence program brings some of the best new chefs from around the country to compete for this one-year mentoring opportunity. Visit pricetower.org for tickets and more details.



4:30 PM

BIG Open House
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma Office
320 SE Delaware Ave. Ste. 7

Come and go to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters. Visit bbbsok.org for more info.

7:30 PM

The Illusionists - Live from Broadway
Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams Blvd

This mind-blowing spectacular show-cases the jaw-dropping talents of five of the most incredible illusionists on earth. The show has shattered box office records across the globe, dazzling audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of the most outrageous and astonishing acts ever to be seen on stage. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions.

Wed, Oct 17

7 PM

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

3 PM

Beer and Dogs
Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.

Enjoy a free hot dog and beer (or root beer) while meeting someone new. This event is sponsored by Grace Hospice and is open to anyone 60 or older. Call 918-336-8500 to reserve your spot.

5 PM

Parkinson's Support Group
Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.

Our Parkinson's Support Group meets monthly and is open to those with Parkinson's disease and their families. Guest speakers, break-out sessions and socialization. Please call 918-336-8500 for more information.



6 PM

Spook-A-Rama
Bartlesville Kiddie Park
200 Cherokee Ave.

The 12th Annual Spook-A-Rama will be as big and wonderful a Halloween extravaganza as ever. Dress your child in their Halloween best for instant fun for all the family. Grown-ups are encouraged to dress up as well. Open 6-10 p.m.



Fri, Oct 19**6 PM****Spook-A-Rama**Bartlesville Kiddie Park
200 Cherokee Ave.

See Oct. 18 event for more info.

7 PM**Green Country Jubilee**First Baptist Church
405 S. Cherokee Ave.

Join us for a mega two-day event that kicks off with a full-blown concert featuring the family musical group, the Issacs. Saturday features a hymn sing plus two sessions led by Dr. Tom Elliff of "Living in the Word" fame. Sandwiched between, the Jubilee Choir will provide a stirring musical break and a Chick-fil-A lunch will wrap up the event. Tickets are \$25 online at mybfc.org.

Bartlesville Film Society Presents "Poltergeist"Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey**Sat, Oct 20****8 AM****A21 Walk for Freedom**Bartlesville First Christian Church
520 S Osage

Join us as we walk for the millions of human trafficking victims across the globe. Visit a21.org/bartlesville for more information.

9 AM**Tour De B'Ville - Family Promise Bike Ride Fundraiser**

Phillips 66 Parking, West of railroad tracks on Frank Phillips Blvd

Supporting the non-profit organization helping homeless children and their families achieve independence. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Ride starts at 10 a.m. Family bike ride around downtown Bartlesville with various stops along the way. Participants will receive a card to be punched at each designated stop. Completed cards may be turned in for a drawing at the end of the ride.

6 PM**Spook-A-Rama**Bartlesville Kiddie Park
200 Cherokee Ave.

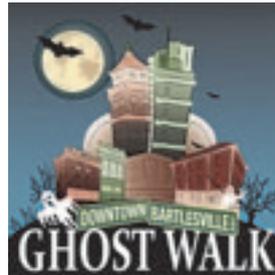
See Oct. 18 event for more info.

8 PM**Live Music with Infinity**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

Door prizes and more!

Live Music with Michael Colaw & FriendsPrice Tower Copper Bar
510 S. Dewey Ave.**Sun, Oct 21****1 PM****Free Family Funday**Price Tower
510 S. Dewey Ave.

Free exhibition admission along with an activity or craft in conjunction with the Women Artists of the West: Juried Show exhibition.

**Wed, Oct 24****6 PM****Downtown Bartlesville Ghost Walk**Hilton Garden Inn
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

The 9th annual award-winning downtown Ghost Walk will haunt the historic streets of Bartlesville beginning at the Hilton Garden Inn. This year's event will include new locations and new stories based on real-life incidents, retold by some of Bartlesville's best actors and actresses. Tickets are \$10 each and tours leave every 15 minutes. Recommended for ages 12 and up. For information, call 918-336-8709.

Thu, Oct 25**5:30 PM****Golden Hour**Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.

Free social evening with live entertainment, food and giveaways. No RSVP required. Open to anyone over the age of 60. This month's theme is Anniversary as Golden Opportunities will be celebrating Halloween. Entertainment provided by The Tulsa Jazz Group.

6 PM**Downtown Bartlesville Ghost Walk**Hilton Garden Inn
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

See Oct. 24 for event info

7 PM**The Story of World War I**Bartlesville Public Library Meeting Rm A
600 S Johnstone Ave

The library will host master storyteller John Hinkle as he presents The Story of World War I. He will take the audience step-by-step through the twists and turns of the events that led into the war. Program will appeal to all history buffs and military.

Jumanji JamHeritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey**Fri, Oct 26****Downtown Spooktacular**Price Tower
510 S Dewey Ave

Block party with free crafts, family activities, Trunk-or-Treat at 5:30 p.m. and an outdoor viewing of a classic Halloween movie at Price Tower at 8 p.m. Visit pricetower.org for more information.

7 PM**Family Movie Night - "Hocus Pocus"**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey**Sat, Oct 27****6 PM****My Refuge Trunk-or-Treat**West Oak Baptist Church
1536 N. Sunset Blvd.

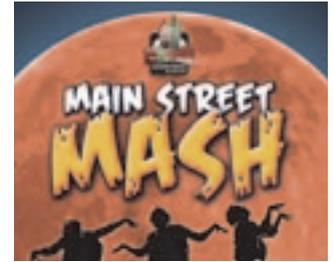
We'll have cars full of candy and games, cake walk, sweet shop, hot dogs and more.

6:30 PM**Music on the Grounds - Steelwind**Frank Phillips Home
1107 SE Cherokee Ave

Bring your family and friends, lawn chairs and picnic blankets for an evening of music.

7 PM**Witches Ball Dinner Theatre**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey

Tickets \$32.
Call 918-440-2393 for reservations.

**8 PM****3rd Annual Main Street Mash**Hilton Garden Inn Ball Room
205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

Eat, drink and be scary at Downtown Bartlesville's Main Street Mash dance party, a delightfully ghoulish night of dancing to the pop music of the band Zodiac. 21+ event with proceeds benefiting Downtown Bartlesville. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Call 918-214-8500 or email info@bartlesville-downtown.org.

Sun, Oct 28**2 PM****The Creation Presented by Bartlesville Choral Society**Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams Blvd

The Creation is an oratorio written between 1797 and 1798 by Austrian composer, Joseph Haydn and considered by many to be his masterpiece. The oratorio depicts and celebrates the creation of the world based on the Book of Genesis, Psalms and John Milton's Paradise Lost.

Tues, Oct 30**7:30 PM****"House of Thorn" Haunted Attraction**Washington County Fairgrounds
1109 N. Delaware St. in Dewey**Wed, Oct 31****6 PM****Trunk or Treat**Bartlesville First Church
4715 Price Rd.

Bring your friends and family and enjoy a fun, free event in a safe environment. There will be free hotdogs, popcorn and candy for all!

7 PM**Halloween Karaoke**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub
306 E. Don Tyler Ave. in Dewey**After Hours Clinic**Monday - Thursday
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Bartlesville Art Association
Price Tower Design Center
500 S. Dewey Ave.



Bartlesville Artisan Market
Washington Park Mall
2350 SE Washington Blvd.



Bartlesville Public Library
600 S. Johnstone Ave.



Bartlesville Weight Watchers
Bartlesville Community Center
300 SE Adams Blvd.



Bartlesville Yoga
MON/THURS: Bartlesville
Civic Ballet Studio, 110 W. 2nd
TUES: Hillcrest Country Club,
1901 Price Road



Bliss Studio
319 S. Dewey St., Ste. 100
Inside Curbside Closet



Country Bumpkin Pumpkin Patch
18500 N 4030 Rd



Elder Care
1223 Swan Dr.



House of Thorn
Washington County Fairgrounds
1109 N Delaware St., Dewey



OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US Hwy 75



Osage Casino
222 Allen Road



Painted Horse Bar & Grille
110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd.



Solo Club
408 E. 2nd St.



Tri County Tech
6101 SE Nowata Road

MONDAY

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

Zumba
Tri County Tech

10 AM
Citizenship Class
Bartlesville Public Library

5 PM
Vinyasa Yoga
2nd Street Flat

5:30 PM
Spanish Class
Bartlesville Public Library

6 PM
Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

7 PM
Darts
Solo Club

TUESDAY

8 AM
Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

10 AM
Fine Art Class
BAA Price Tower Design Center

Caregiver Support Group
Elder Care

4 PM
Throwback Dance Fitness
Tri County Tech

6 PM
Prana Vinyasa Flow Yoga
Hillcrest Country Club

Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

7 PM
Bartlesville Overeaters Anonymous
Our Savior Lutheran Church

Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

Tuesday Trivia
Painted Horse Bar & Grill

WEDNESDAY

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

Yoga & Meditation
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

Tai Chi
Bartlesville Public Library
11:30 AM

Wednesday Worship
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1 PM
Open Studio
Price Tower Design Center

6 PM
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Vinyasa Yoga
2nd Street Flat

Citizenship Class
Bartlesville Public Library

8 PM
Bartlesville Amateur Radio Club
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9 PM
Karaoke
Solo Club

THURSDAY

8 AM
Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

9 AM
Throwback Dance Fitness
Tri County Tech

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

10 AM
Babies & Toddlers Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library

ESL Conversion Class
Bartlesville Public Library

Bartlesville Weight Watchers Meeting
Bartlesville Community Center

11 AM
Preschooler Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library

1 PM
All-Ages Storytime
Bartlesville Public Library
Beginning Watercolor Art Class
Price Tower Design Center

4 PM
Throwback Dance Fitness
Tri County Tech

6 PM
Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

Bartlesville Weight Watchers Meeting
Bartlesville Community Center

7 PM
Nightshift Karaoke
Osage Casino

9 PM
Angelo's Karaoke (21+)
Angelo's Tavern

Live Music
Solo Club

FRIDAY

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

Yoga & Meditation
Bliss Studio

10 AM
Fine Art Class
Price Tower Design Center

12 PM
Men's Bible Study
Sterling's Grille

Eat Healthy, Be Active
Bartlesville Public Library

6 PM
Deaf Coffee Chat
Starbucks

7:30 PM
House of Thorn Haunted Attraction
County Fairgrounds

SATURDAY

9 AM
OK Heritage Farm Fall Festival
38512 US HWY 75

10 AM
Bartlesville Artisan Market
Washington Park Mall

WCSPCA Adoption Event
Petco

7 PM
Gentle Stretch Yoga
2nd Street Flat

7:30 PM
House of Thorn Haunted Attraction
County Fairgrounds

SUNDAY

7 PM
Gentle Stretch Yoga
2nd Street Flat

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Teacher of the Month: Alex Claussen

by Katy Holland

In addition to overseeing the sixth through 12th grade band program, Claussen is responsible for the Bartlesville High School Marching and Concert Bands and teaches beginner trombone and trumpet classes to sixth graders at Central and Madison Middle Schools.

Q: Tell us a little about yourself!

A: I grew up in the band room in Kansas, Okla. where my dad was the band director for 18 years. When I moved to Ardmore my senior year, I was given the opportunity to teach private lessons to a few middle school students and fell in love with teaching. I attended University of Central Oklahoma, where I met my future wife, Amitia in the marching band. We started dating and, thank goodness, she understood my love for music and has always been willing to share me! Being a band kid herself, having a father committed to his work and volunteering, and the fact she planned to go into education herself all helped. My wife and I both began our teaching careers in Duncan, where we taught for six years before moving to Sapulpa, where I took over the band program for the next six years. This is my 22nd year teaching and my 11th year in the Bartlesville Public School District. Amitia now teaches at Wayside but when our two daughters were little, she stayed home with them and would bring them to me as much as she could to ensure we had at least a little family time together. Our daughter, Abbie is an 11th-grader at BHS and Katie is a sixth-grader at Central. One of my highlights each day is getting to see my girls at school. Our family loves to travel and I frequently have responsibilities involving out-of-state conferences which we try to take advantage of - like visiting Niagra Falls! We have a seven-year-old Chocolate Lab/Border Collie mix named Fudge who loves to go in the car, so we enjoy loading her up and taking her for drives.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your job?

A: I am truly blessed to teach band! One of the things I love the most about my job here in Bartlesville is that I get to work with such a wide range of students. On an average day, I have the opportunity to help sixth-graders make their very first sounds on their instruments and also work with our top high school students on advanced musical concepts. Getting the opportunity to touch so many different lives each day is incredibly rewarding.

Q: What's the thing you look forward to most with each new school year?

A: Getting to see our students again! It's always a blast to see how the kids have grown over the summer and to reconnect with them.

Q: What keeps you passionate about your work?

A: My students and their well-being have to be my top priorities, but the music itself also keeps me passionate. I get to create beauty with beautiful young people each day. How can a person not be passionate about their students and music? What an awesome combination!

Q: What do you hope your students take away at the end of the day or at the end of the year?

A: I hope they can take away the importance of being a good human being. I've always tried to use music as a vehicle to teach my students the importance of being a good person who is compassionate toward others and strives for excellence in everything they do. I hope they also take with them a love and appreciation for music and the fine arts. Although we don't push our students to go on to be professional musicians or music teachers, we do sincerely hope they will have an interest in supporting the arts when they are adults.

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Stormwalker Ranch Harvest Festival

Stormwalker Ranch, a place known for “Helping Horses Help People,” is also becoming known as the ranch that has that great festival on Halloween. Our staff is working overtime! While the team keeps up on all the tasks associated with riding lessons, schooling shows, day camps, overnight camps, and group events, they are also planning our Third Annual Harvest Festival. This event is a four-hour Fall Festival on October 31, 2018, held at the ranch located on the northwest Corner of Highway 75 and Road 1100, just north of Dewey.

Stormwalker Ranch is focused on impacting the lives of families in Northeast Oklahoma and Southern Kansas. The ranch works to accomplish this goal through many different programs, for people of all ages. Three years ago, the ranch

team decided to give families a chance to dress up in costumes if they want, and enjoy an evening of great food, contests, games, general fun, and entertainment. As the team planned, they had no idea how many people would come out to their harvest festival. The first year the ranch welcomed anywhere from 400-500 people of all ages. The 2017 Festival welcomed between 600-700 people for a great evening of food, fun and fellowship.

The Stormwalker Ranch Harvest Festival is a great no cost activity for the family, and everyone is welcome. When attendees arrive, they are offered a traditional hay ride. The festival offers a wonderful petting zoo, a child-high straw maze through which the little ones can wander, festival booths to include, but not limited to, Face Painting, Frog Flipper (a Festival Favorite), Giant Inflatable Slides and Obstacle Course, Giant Jenga, Yard Yahtzee, Pumpkin Bowling, Pin the Tale on the Horse, Pumpkin Tosses, Pop Up Pony Relay Races, and so much more.

Attendees all receive a choice of three meal options for the evening that include Kettle Korn, Chuck Wagon Dinner or new this year Indian Tacos offered by the New Hope Indian United Methodist Church. There is just something great about Chuck Wagon Chili on a fall evening.

The Ranch welcomes the SPCA out each year for their Puppy Love booth. Much like Chili, there is no better cure for that which ails you than playing with Puppies. When possible, the SPCA even offers adoption opportunities.

No fall festival is complete without Prizes, Candy, Costume Contests and an old-fashioned Cake Walk.

Last year, the Ranch added the SWR Stage to the Festival, featuring local performers. This year’s master of ceremonies will be one of the ranch riding students — Kaylee Morris.



It takes a great team of staff and volunteers to put the evening together, and everyone finds it so rewarding. The evening provides a great opportunity not only for the SWR Community to come out, but it provides the larger community a chance to come out and spend a little time together. It is the Ranch’s opportunity to give a little back to the community and provide a rest from the day to day challenges.

For more information on the Stormwalker Ranch Harvest Festival Check out the event on their website <https://stormwalker.com/swr-harvest-festival-2018/>



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by Ann-Janette Webster

In this day of ever-present technology and corporate “streamlining,” it’s hard to find an organization that truly puts its customers first. Perhaps it’s BancFirst’s history — reaching all the way back to before the Oklahoma Land Run — that makes its commitment to the people of our great state so strong.

BancFirst Senior VP Diane Joy-Size-more says J.W. McNeal established the first bank in the territory that would become Oklahoma, on April 22, 1889. He served customers from a tent the day of the Land Run, at the corner of First & Oklahoma Streets in Guthrie.

“Today, 129 years later, that Oklahoma tradition of loyalty endures at BancFirst, at the same location. When acquiring a bank, the history of that bank follows the new owner — that’s why we say our heritage goes all the way back 18 years before statehood,” said Joy-Size-more. “BancFirst was founded by George Rainbolt when he purchased Federal National Bank in Shawnee, in 1966. Rainbolt acquired interest in many separate Oklahoma banks, beginning a confederation of small community banks. In 1989 they were brought under a single state charter, named BancFirst.”

Oklahoma-owned BancFirst continued growth by acquiring strong, community-driven banks across the state, including the purchase of First Bartlesville Bank in 2006. With 108 staffed offices in 59 communities, it is Oklahoma’s largest state-chartered bank.

“When BancFirst outgrew its original location in the historic Masonic Building

at 4th & Dewey, we wanted our location to remain in the heart of the community and add to its history,” said Joy-Size-more. “In 2006, BancFirst revitalized the old Examiner-Enterprise building at Frank Phillips & Osage, providing a new, spacious home.”

Since 2006, BancFirst’s commitment to the community of Bartlesville has been evident by its involvement with countless organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Bartlesville Public School Foundation, Sports Commission, Rotary, Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters...just to name a few. Angel Bradshaw, BancFirst VP, says it’s their relationships in the community that help BancFirst serve its customers, while making a difference in the city.

“It sounds cliché, but we want to get to know our customers on a personal level. We want to give them the best service and products tailored to their needs. In essence, we want a long-term relationship,” says Bradshaw.

BancFirst President Justin Krebs says what makes BancFirst different is that it maintains its decision making locally.

“Banks, over time, have centralized operations to offices outside of the local markets, causing the decision making to also be moved outside of local markets. We resist centralization, maintaining decision making in Bartlesville to better serve our local community needs.”

According to CSO Brenda Robertson, BancFirst’s highest goal is for its

Bartlesville customers to feel as if they are friends. They want to be accessible, and even go “so far” as to answer their own phones.

“As friends, you do whatever you can to make the relationship pleasant and inviting. We treat them like family — which means you care. We actually answer our phones, and in today’s world, this is a big deal,” said Robertson. “It’s painful to try to reach another human being for assistance, only to be placed on hold forever. We take great pride in answering our own phones.”

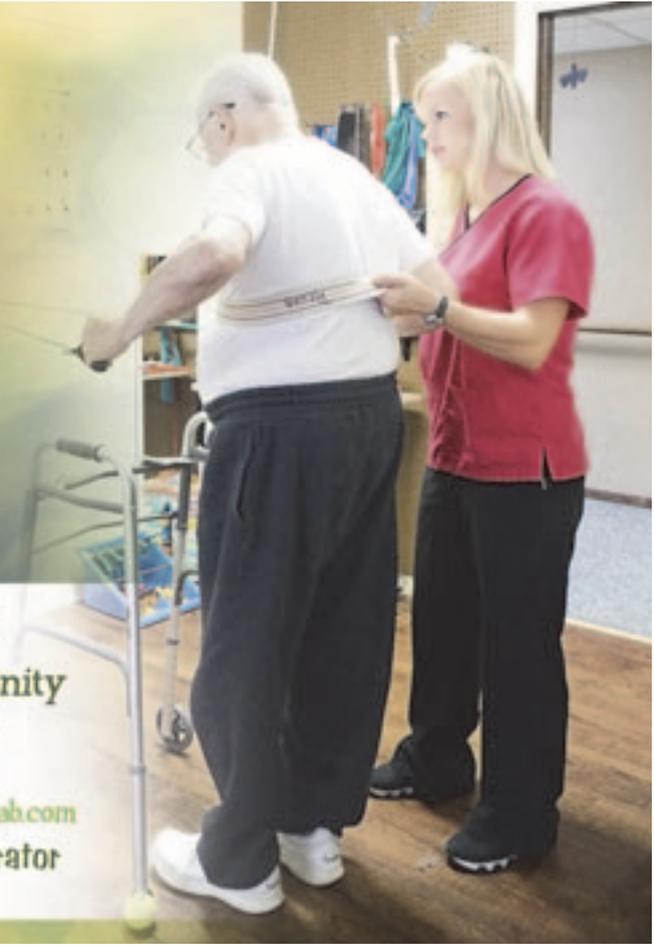
Robertson says in addition to the best customer service possible, BancFirst has free checking, and all the ‘bells and whistles’ of modern banking.

“Honestly, I don’t know why anyone wouldn’t want to bank here. We feel blessed our customers chose us for their financial institution,” said Robertson. “Every person that walks in our building should feel they are receiving the best service possible, and I simply want them to know we count them as friends.”



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Indulgence begins at Omega

Omega Chocolates makes Downtown that much Sweeter

by Kelsey Walker



If you need a treat for your sweet tooth or a decadent gift for your favorite chocoholic, then Omega Chocolate in downtown Bartlesville has the perfect indulgence for you.

Featuring a stunning assortment of luscious hand-made truffles and rich handcrafted gelato, Omega Chocolate is all about premium flavors, the finest ingredients, and the widest assortment available.

“We offer a unique assortment of truffles procured from all over the nation; this allows for not only amazing treats, but the best gifts available,” owner Nathan Bates says.

The shop carries a variety of artisanal chocolates from local favorites such as Glacier Confections (Tulsa), to Moonstruck Chocolate Company (Portland), and the highly awarded single-origin bar line from Askinosie Chocolate (Springfield).

For a spooky Halloween treat, look no further than Moonstruck’s special line of scary-good truffles. There’s the Frankenstein toffee truffle — a milk-chocolate caramelized hazelnut almond toffee ganache inside an ivory-chocolate shell, hand-decorated to look like a Frankenstein head. The sea salt toffee skull truffle features milk-chocolate hazelnut and almond toffee ganache. There’s also the peanut butter ghost truffle, popping praline mummy truffles, dark chocolate spider truffles, and many more.

Sample the fantastic flavors of fall — Pumpkin! Pecan! Maple! — both from Moonstruck; pumpkin and pecan pie, and Glacier confection, with their signature pumpkin spice latte and maple pecan bourbon truffles; the last being one of Nathan’s seasonal favorites. Very soon, Christmas pieces will start to show up, such as the peppermint chocolate chip and coconut snowball!



“We really like to play it up around the seasons, because that is gifting time,” Bates says. “It’s so unique and you can’t get it anywhere else.”

Omega Chocolate also carries a wide variety of chocolates from both Moonstruck and Glacier year round, so they always will have something delicious in stock. Shop favorites include over nine different caramels, European truffles with favorite cocktail flavors, and then the ever-popular dessert line — with flavors ranging from cookie dough and brownie batter, to an ever-decadent tiramisu.

In addition, Omega serves traditional gelato, made by STG Gelateria, in Broken Arrow. Flavors change frequently, so feel free to call for a current line-up. But always look for shop preferred flavors, like the rich super dark chocolate sorbetto, the sweet raspberry sorbetto, or the very tart limoncello; the latest flavors for fall will include pumpkin cheesecake, caramel apple, and there are hints of a spiced chocolate coming soon.

Omega Chocolate gelato is also available for catering purposes! Serving anything from pre-packed gelato cups ready to just hand out, to onsite catering with hand-scooped gelato, they make a great addition to any holiday party. All that’s required to arrange for a welcome dessert at any celebration is 24-48 hour notice.

Omega Chocolate is located at 100 SW Frank Phillips Blvd., Suite 170. Hours are 11am - 8pm, Monday - Thursday; 11am - 9pm on Friday & Saturday; and 11am - 2pm on Sundays. For more information, custom orders, or catering, call 918-977-0955 or find Omega Chocolate on Facebook.

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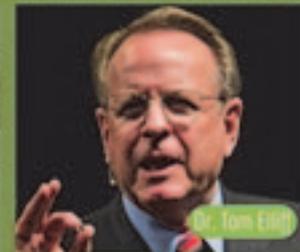
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Green Country Jubilee

Mega Event will be Held at First Baptist Church

by Linda Keller

Green Country Jubilee is a two-day mega event as exciting as its name implies. It will be a festive, yet inspiring affair — one designed to address and challenge the population segment referred to as the “Boomers.” That’s the age group that comprises the largest number of retirees in this country’s history. The Jubilee looks to challenge them to step up to the plate and make a difference in the future, for the generations that follow.



Dr. Tom Elliff is founder of Living In the Word Publications, the outgrowth of a radio broadcast he hosted for 25 years.

“This could be the key to the next great awakening,” predicts Pastor James Biesiadecki, at First Baptist Church, where it will all take place.

Set for Friday and Saturday, Oct 19-20, this inspiring event will take on the air of something akin to those old-time revivals, where people got revved up on lively music and stirring messages. Instead of a tent, this one will be in the comfort of an air-conditioned auditorium, with folks seated in cushioned pews, surrounded by state-of-the-art sound. Make no mistake; it will be an even more joyful celebration. And it’s open to the entire community.

The Jubilee begins with a full-blown concert at 7 p.m. Friday, by the nationally known, award-winning fam-

ily “The Isaacs.” Playing their own acoustic instruments and joined by other band members, The Isaacs boast a unique style that blends tight harmony with contemporary instrumentation, influenced by many genres including bluegrass, rhythm and blues, folk, country, and Southern gospel.

These are performers who appear frequently at the Grand Ole Opry, Gaither Concerts, and travel internationally to perform in South Africa, Norway, Holland, Scotland, Ireland, Israel, and Canada. They’ve performed at the Dove Awards, International Bluegrass Music Association, and the ICMA Awards.

Other notable Isaacs performances include the CMA Country Music Fan Fest, Carnegie Hall, and high-profile venues such as Nashville Predators Hockey games, a Cincinnati Bengal’s football game, and an Astros/Braves baseball game. They’ve also won seven Dove Awards and received several Grammy nominations.

Saturday offers another day chock-full of uplifting events. Beginning at 9 a.m., there will be a Hymn Sing, followed by two separate sermons featuring the renowned Dr. Tom Elliff, founder of Living in the Word Publications — named after a radio broadcast he hosted for 25 years. Dr. Elliff also pastored for 42 years, and served the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as vice president and president.

In between comes more hand-clapping and uplifting songs, thanks to a mini-concert led by the Jubilee Choir, which offers

“Boomers could very well influence an important new movement, one that has the potential to restore and reinvigorate America’s reliance on family, faith, and spirituality — both in the church, the classroom, and in the home.”

— Pastor James Biesiadecki



The Isaacs, an award-winning family group from Hendersonville, Tennessee, is comprised of mother Lily Isaacs and siblings Ben Isaacs, Sonya Isaacs Yeary and Rebecca Isaacs Bowman.

a stirring musical break between Dr. Elliff’s two sessions. Finally, there will be a Chick-fil-A lunch to wrap up the two-day event.

Living in the Word is a ministry that focuses on the urgency of taking the gospel around the world, along with the ongoing necessity for prayer and spiritual awakening. Dr. Elliff is noted for conveying that message at crusades around the nation — something particularly needed at this time of unrest and division among age groups, and ongoing demonstrations.

He is also a noted speaker addressing issues related to marriage and family. Following his wife Jeannie’s death, he married Diana Barber, widow of Wayne Barber, pastor of the Woodland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Barber was well-known as a men’s teacher for Precept Ministries. Together, they now have 33 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Reiterating that Boomers — as the largest segment of the nation’s population — will undoubtedly have a huge impact on the future, Pastor Biesiadecki adds, “they could very well influence an important new movement, one that has the potential to restore and reinvigorate America’s reliance on family, faith, and spirituality — in the church, the classroom, and in the home.”

Tickets for the Green Country Jubilee are \$25 per person and can be obtained at the First Baptist Church office or online at www.myfbc.org.



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A Special Halloween Treat

Born on Halloween

by Rita Thurman Barnes

It's Halloween, Baby! And truer words were never spoken than at this West Texas maternity ward, way back in 1946. The photos you see are of a startled-looking me on my first birthday, and the hospital where it all started. I don't know when she went into labor, or if it was easy or hard, because people didn't talk openly about such things back then. I was born on a long-ago Halloween night, and I still wonder if anyone ever asked Mama what she thought about her fourth child arriving on an All Hallow's Eve.

I only know this for sure because it came straight from Mama's mouth to my eager little ears. She told me that on that night over seven decades ago, there were two baby girls born in North Plains Hospital in Borger, Texas, and that she was gifted with the wrong one after she was wheeled to her room. She said, after taking a cursory look at the infant female, "Take her back! She's not a Thurman!" And, take her back, they did.

My very first Halloween seems to have made such an impression on Mama that she made up her mind to celebrate it bigtime, in perpetuity. Every year that I can recall, she had multiple cakes and bought pumpkin-shaped cookies. She and my older sister decorated with rolls of black and orange crepe ribbon. We were a family of six, with my three siblings being older teens when I was born, but they managed to show up when my birthday rolled around.

Someone always took me trick or treating, even when I was very small, because they enjoyed telling everyone who answered their door that Halloween was my birthday. It remained a big deal for Mama when I entered elementary school in Bartlesville, as each year she invited my classmates to enjoy the celebration. We played games



North Plains Hospital, where Rita was born on Halloween.



Rita Thurman Barnes on her first birthday, Halloween of 1947.

and ate birthday cakes she'd won at the cake walk at my grade school, and we literally raised the roof thanks to Mama's love of a good party.

I've often wondered over the years who the other little baby girl was, and if Mama knew and just never told me. I only attended first and part of second grade at Weatherly Elementary in Borger, but there's a good chance the other little girl might have been in one of my classes and neither of us ever knew it. I also wonder if the same mix-up happened to her mother, as well. I guess I'll never know who she was or where she lived her life, but each year when my birthday rolls around, I think of her and wonder who she was, and if she's still celebrating too.

Now that I'm the last one from my family of origin, it's with thankfulness that I recall those birthdays of long ago. Those memories of orange and black crepe ribbons and a paper pumpkin on the front door keep me warm on long, cool, and dreamy autumn nights.

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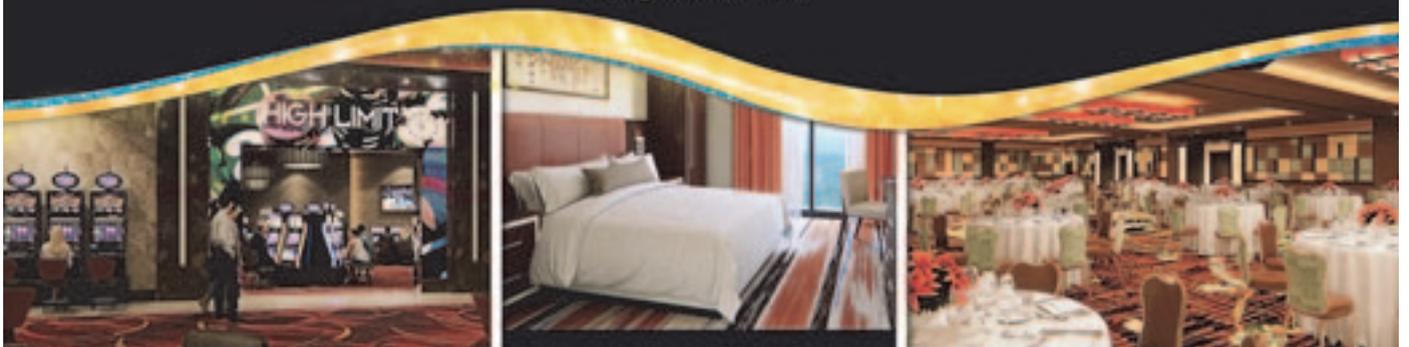
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The Gingerbread Mansion

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum

Thrill-seekers have an overwhelming draw towards adrenaline-pumping activities like skydiving, roller coasters, horror movies, and spooky storytelling.

When startled, the heart rate spikes, causing muscles to tense and breathing to accelerate. There is a flood of adrenaline, endorphins and dopamine hormones released into our systems, enacting the fight or flight reaction. Some people thrive on this thrill; while others, not so much.

Majestically standing on an Osage County hill, about 20 miles north of Bartlesville, and a short thorn-infested walk from a road

less traveled, towers the Gingerbread Mansion of the Labadie family, who endured more tragedy than most.

The 19th century Victorian mansion is now merely a silhouette, a shell of its former self. A derelict house depicting a carefully cookie-cutter-formed and golden-baked gingerbread house, standing with corners joined in anticipation of the stained glass windows and lovely roof with scalloped icing being applied.

For the Labadie Mansion, that fairy tale has been erased. The mansion has greeted many of the before-mentioned thrill-seekers

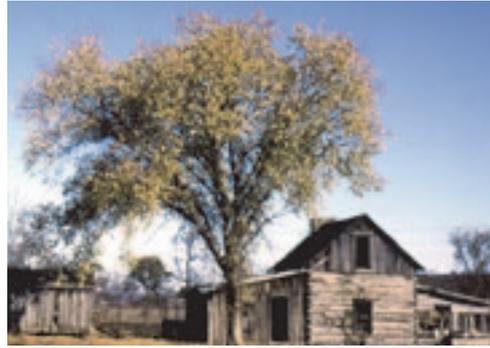
over the years, but all that remains is an amber shell of stone walls where once a future was planned.

Frank and Samantha Labadie married in 1884 at Clay Center, Illinois. The couple came to Indian Territory to live near Hulah, in the small log home his father had built in 1874. Frank continued the family farming and timber operations long after the death of his father, although the family moved to Caney, Kansas to educate their four children, John, George, Paul and Lola.

George Vance Labadie graduated from Caney High school, obtained a law degree from the



Photo by Blake Godwin



The Labadie Cabin on the left was built in 1874, and expanded as the family continued to grow.

University of Michigan and was a 9-term councilman for the Osage Tribe of Indians.

In 1934, he built his two-story summer home on an Osage County hill overlooking the land where he was born. That November, George presented his parents with a Golden Anniversary party at the stone home, entertaining a host of his parents' friends.

From 1919-1935, Frank and Samantha lived in Bartlesville before building their new home, at Red Eagle in Osage County. The couple moved into the Red Eagle home in March of 1935, and were visited by many friends and family as a house-warming gathering just before the devastating night of March 31, 1935.

Frank and Samantha had retired for the evening, sitting in their living room — she in her chair reading, and he, resting on the couch before heading to bed. The next morning, their nephew found them, forever stuck in time. The cause of death was determined to be

carbon monoxide asphyxiation due to an improperly vented gas heating stove.

A double funeral service was conducted in Pawhuska, and the couple rested temporarily in the Pawhuska Cemetery Mausoleum. They were then moved to the fully-prepared Labadie Cemetery, surrounded by an ornamental iron fence, a short distance from George Labadie's mansion.



FRANK LABADIE

The myth and legend surrounding the passing of the Labadies has brought the surviving family a range of emotions. The family has stated, "The

house in which the Labadies died is located some 25 miles west of the so-called haunted Labadie house, which was built by the Labadie's son, George Labadie. Frank and Samantha Labadie never lived in the big native stone home at the top of the hill; however, they DID live in the old log cabin at the base of the hill, where George Labadie was born. And, George DID present his parents with a Golden Wedding Anniversary party at the big stone home just prior to their deaths."

Reportedly, the Cross-Bell Ranch acquired the property in 1943, and ranch hands and their families often occupied the stone house.

Well into the 70's, the home still contained furniture and the staircase was pretty unstable, but the visitors continued to explore their conjured timeline of events that were far from the actual truth. One group told of their discovery, "Half-grown into a tree was the metal remains of a piano, the pegs that held the strings clearly visible."

From this piano, a story, a badge of courage, erupted. Are you a piano key-holder? Only key-holders understand.



Braving the elements, two fires, and years of vandalism, the golden structure of native stone has long since returned its floor to dust. Standing two-stories tall, the thick walls encapsulate the tangled webs of vines and undirected spindly sapling trees. Four fireplaces, built to guard from the winter cold, no longer warm a family as they slumber in the deep of winter. Large window openings that once allowed long distance views of the valley, no longer block the howling wind that sweeps across the Osage prairie. In addition, the roof, long gone, now allows the moonlight and stars to gaze upon the home's lost dreams.

There is no Cry Baby Bridge, no Catman, no wild men in the woods, no murder-suicide, no mysterious happening that took the lives of Frank and Samantha Labadie. The loving couple simply fell into a slumber from which they did not awaken.

~ Thank you Blake Godwin, Johnny Fletcher, and Chance Franks for your photographic contributions. ~

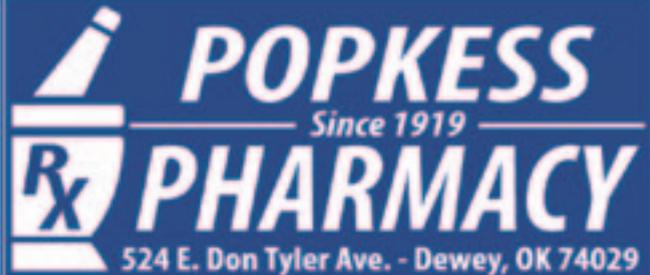


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Dewey Cemetery

by **Bill Woodard**

Before there was a Dewey, in 1896, the first body had been buried in what would eventually become the Dewey Cemetery. The body was a baby, and may have been the one-month-old daughter of Dave Ware, a former Texas Ranger. But no one knows for certain. Many years later a headstone was placed on the grave stating it to be the "Daughter of DW & M Ware." Not far from baby Ware, (I like to believe we know she is buried there) is the grave of James Thaxton. He was buried in 1898, a year before Jake Bartles moved his store north to build a new town. James was 24 when he died of appendicitis, not uncommon in those days. The Thaxtons were a pioneer Indian Territory family, and James has lots of relatives buried nearby.

Another pioneer Indian Territory family was the Foster Dickey family. Foster opened a butcher shop in the new little settlement of Dewey; and his wife, Mary, started a cafe and later a boarding house. The first baby born in Dewey was Foster and Mary's grandson, George Dewey Dickey. He was born the July 28, 1899, but died just a few days later, on August 3. George Dewey was buried two miles north, near the trail to Caney, in what would, from then on, be called the Dewey Cemetery.

In 1909 Jake Bartles, Joe Bartles father, had commissioned a private mausoleum to be built in the Dewey Cemetery, but died before it was completed. He was buried in a conventional grave, but once the mausoleum was completed, his body was disinterred. He was put in a new casket and placed in the mausoleum. In addition to Jake Bartles, the mausoleum contains the bodies of Jake's wife, Nanny; son Joe; and two of Joe's daughters, Nancy Jane and Mary Jean — both of whom died in infancy.



The first person buried at what is now the Dewey Cemetery is believed to be the one-month-old daughter of Dave Ware.

The land being used for the Dewey Cemetery was on a Cherokee allotment assigned to Charley Lowery. In 1910, at the suggestion of Joe Bartles, a Cemetery Association was formed. The land was obtained from the Lowery heirs and turned over to the Cemetery Association. Joe Bartles personally funded this transaction. One of his many, many contributions to the improvement and promotion of Dewey.

The Cemetery Association transferred the deed, along with the operation and maintenance of the cemetery, to Dewey Lodge No. 292 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, on October 29, 1920. In 1921, the IOOF undertook the platting of the cemetery for the first time. This was a big undertaking, after 20+ years of burials with no official plat of the property. The job was completed and filed November 5, 1921. In 1931, the IOOF turned over the administration of the cemetery to the City of Dewey, where it remains today.

A walk through a cemetery is like a walk through history. Perhaps in a future Discover Dewey we will take a walk through the Dewey Cemetery.

~ Many of the facts for this article were taken from "Talking Tombstones" by Ruby Cranor, 1983. ~



The Jake Bartles family mausoleum was commissioned to be built at the Dewey Cemetery in 1909.

City Beat: News from the City of Bartlesville

by Kelli Williams

The City of Bartlesville's next free leaf collection will be held the week of November 12-16.

Residents may place their bagged leaves at the curb on their normal trash collection day to be collected by Solid Waste crews. Residents should comply with all standard refuse regulations. The free collection will be offered again the week of December 17-21.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Department at 918.338.4130.

~ **Rx Drug Take Back Day set for October 27** ~

Bartlesville Police Department will participate in the next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, set for 10am - 2pm on October 27.

The event, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, allows citizens to safely and legally dispose of unwanted prescription drugs at specific collection sites located throughout the community.

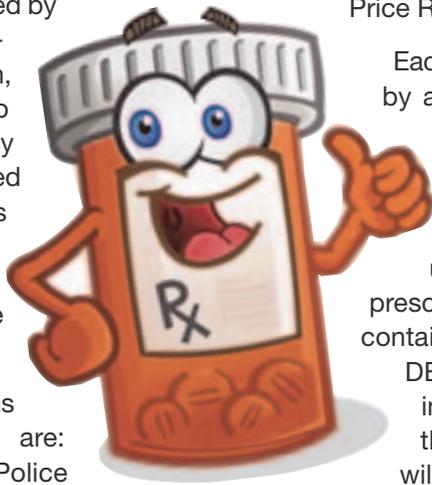
Drop-off locations for the event are: Bartlesville Police Department, 615 S. Johnstone Ave.; Bartlesville Fire



Bartians can take advantage of the city's free leaf collection week in November.

Department Station No. 3, 100 S.E. Madison Blvd; and Bartlesville Fire Department Station No. 4, 3501 S.E. Price Road.

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The event is for pill and patch forms of medication only. No liquids, needles or sharps will be accepted. The service is free and anonymous. For more information, call 918.338.4050.

~ **City to sell surplus equipment at public auction** ~

The City of Bartlesville will sell surplus equipment at an auction set for Saturday, October 13. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. at the City Operations Center, located at 1700 S.W. Adams Blvd.

Several vehicles are among the items to be auctioned, including cars, trucks, vans and trash trucks, as well as a GO-4 Interceptor vehicle, previously used to issue parking tickets. Other items include trailers, mowers, a sandblast machine and other tools, air conditioning units, and playground equipment.

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Carlisle Connections

by Debbie Neece, Bartlesville Area History Museum

The Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania was a military base established in 1757, to support military operations during the French and Indian War. Later, after weathering the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the base became the Carlisle Indian Industrial School from 1879-1918, founded as a federally funded boarding school to teach Native American children academics, vocational skills, and athletics.

Approximately 12,000 Native American children, age 14-18 and from 140 tribes, attended Carlisle for the mandatory five-year school term, meaning the students entered as Native American children and left the school as Americanized adults.

Although the school practices were somewhat controversial, Carlisle served a place in history, and connected three extremely notable men as athletes, coaches and mentors... Pop Warner, Albert Exendine and Jim Thorpe.

Carlisle held notoriety as a national football powerhouse, as they plowed past Ivy League teams with their head coach and athletic director, Glen 'Pop' Warner, one of the most influential coaches in American football history.

Eastern powerhouse teams like Harvard, Cornell, Princeton and West Point were no match for the Carlisle Indians, who executed Warner's trick plays with a cunning deception that brought the Carlisle Indians their triumphs and national attention.

His techniques are still applied at Pop Warner Little Scholars, the world's

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— Walter Camp, (1859-1925)

largest youth football, cheer and dance program for ages 5-16 years. The program that immortalizes Warner was founded in 1929 with the mission of practicing the "ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness as

reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scobie 'Pop' Warner."

Warner has 319 NCAA football wins to his name, and coached many of the world's greatest athletes, like Exendine and Thorpe.

Traveling west on Highway 60, as you pass the Phillips Petroleum Company Research and Development facility, on the north side of the road is a "mound" with a water tower perched atop. In 1868, Jasper Exendine operated an Indian trading post and stage coach stop at the base of this mound. His son, Albert Andrew Exendine, was born in 1884, in this area that later became Bartlesville.

During the 1890 Indian Allotments, Jasper relocated his family to Caddo County, where they were allotted 160 acres, and established another trading post and post office in the name of Exendine.

Albert attended a Presbyterian Mission School near Anadarko. There he learned to speak English, although his native tongue was his mother's Delaware language.

At the Mission, Albert befriended a Cheyenne



GLEN S. "POP" WARNER



ALBERT EXENDINE



JIM THORPE

native who enrolled in the Carlisle Indian School, 1,300 miles from Anadarko. At the encouragement of his friend and the disappointment of Jasper, Albert stepped upon the train for the journey of a life time.

His six-season football career began at Carlisle in 1902, and lead to a 27-year career as a football coach at colleges and universities, including Northeastern State in Tahlequah and Oklahoma State A&M.

By 1906, he was Carlisle's team captain and named to Walter Camp's prestigious All-America team. Two years later, he became Carlisle's Assistant Coach, at which time he was tasked with mentoring Oklahoma native, Jim Thorpe. The direction was short lived as Thorpe was a natural football and track athlete.

Exendine learned to debate during the summers at Carlisle, which paved the way to a law degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. His favorite 1903 debate was "*whether the United States should adopt more regulations on immigration.*" Seems the debate continues.

He retired from coaching in 1935 to accept a position as attorney for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and retired from that position in 1954. He also had a successful law career at Pawhuska, McAlester, and Anadarko.

James Francis 'Jim' Thorpe was an Oklahoma born Sac and Fox Indian, who became rebellious after the death of his twin brother and mother. He was sent to several boarding schools in Oklahoma and Kansas, but always returned home.

In 1904, at the age of 16, his frustrated father sent him to the Carlisle Indian School, a move that allowed his athletic gifts to surface and brought him the title of one of the greatest athletes in the world.

At Carlisle, Thorpe's running abilities were noticed by Pop Warner, and he became Warner's most talented track and field athlete. He discouraged Thorpe from playing football, fearing injuries; however, when Thorpe took the practice field, his speed and agility proved him to be unstoppable and Warner reversed that decision.

Thorpe received All-American honors in 1911 and 1912 when his tenacious drive propelled the Carlisle Indians to win National Collegiate Championships.



The Carlisle Indians football team, coached by Pop Warner and featuring All-Americans like Albert Exendine and Jim Thorpe, was a national powerhouse.

Warner brought his mentoring leadership to every game, but on the night of the 1912 clash between the Carlisle Indians and West Point Army Cadets, Warner's speech made it personal for Thorpe. Warner said, "*Your fathers and your grandfathers are the ones who fought their fathers. These men playing against you today are soldiers. You are Indians. Tonight, we will know if you are warriors.*"

Thorpe proved to be a warrior that evening, as the top two teams in the nation came face to face. He made two touchdowns and kicked three fieldgoals to help the Indians defeat Army, 27-6.

Two Army defenders joined forces in a gang style tackle maneuver that resulted in Thorpe side-stepping as the defenders collided. One of the defenders was Dwight David Eisenhower, who retold the tale of that play for many years that followed and was quoted as saying about Thorpe, "*There are some people who are supremely endowed. He never practiced in his life, and he could do anything better than any other football player I ever saw.*"

Thorpe also participated in lacrosse, professional baseball and football, once won a ballroom dancing contest in Boston, and even acted in a few movies. However, track and field were his strongest events.

During the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden, Thorpe brought home gold medals in the modern athletic Decathlon and Ancient Greek Pentathlon.

When the humble Jim Thorpe returned to America, he was placed in an open automobile and driven down Broadway under a ticker tape parade.

Tragically, the International Olympic Committee disqualified his wins, after information surfaced that Thorpe had broken rules by playing professional sports.

Sixty-nine years later, in 1982, the Committee was convinced to reinstate Thorpe's medals because the 1913 protest was after the 30-day protest rule.

Unfortunately Jim Thorpe died in 1953 and never had the opportunity to savor his medals.

Although their football careers have ended, their outstanding sports accomplishments were recognized when each was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame: Jim Thorpe (1951), Glenn Pop Warner (1957) and Albert Exendine (1970).

Did You Know?

In 1985, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places and today the 500-acre Carlisle campus is the home of the United States Army War College. Each spring since 1974, the Army, Navy and Air Force academies have held a ten-event competition in celebration of "Jim Thorpe Sports Day" at the famous Carlisle Barracks Indian Field. How is that for irony?

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Home on the Rustic Pony

by Lori Roll

Rustic Pony's official shop dog, Skooter the Poodle, cheerfully greets customers who visit the new Bartlesville retail store. The "home décor and more" store features rustic, farmhouse chic, and vintage inspired items. Owner Vicky Lott "always wanted to have a store like this," which she opened in June with her family's full support. Her husband Bill, who owns Bill Lott Construction, renovated the building, located at 600 NE Washington Boulevard. Her daughter, Jennifer, and daughter-in-law, Carissa, help keep shop. Jennifer is also in charge of social media efforts. Skooter heads up the greeting committee.

The attractive, one-story building is located on the east side of Highway 75 North, across from the new Locke Supply, attracting local clients and tourists exploring the area.

"I'm originally from Pawhuska and I like to promote our local communities," she said, noting that Pioneer Woman in Pawhuska has improved the retail outlook for the area. Lott's favorite aspect of owning the store is meeting the new people who come in the door, and supplying the shop with favorite items. "I wanted to highlight what I like, which is country style, farmhouse and the vintage western look," said Lott.

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Lott was involved in marketing and sales for 17 years, and operated the family lawn care business before biting the bullet to open her western- and vintage-inspired store. While she shops the Dallas and Atlanta markets, she supports local enterprise. "I try to carry items made in Oklahoma, like some of our candles and unique western jewelry using feathers and cowhide," she said. Rustic Pony carries a wide variety of items and gifts including home décor, jewelry, western theme clothing, full cowhides, decorated cow skulls and horns, crosses, painting and prints, rustic furniture, goat milk soap, candles, pillows and throws, hats, and purses. Some of the store's popular brands include Myra Bags, Calamity Jane clothing, Crazy Train clothing and jewelry, and unique OU & OSU tee shirts. Since her son, Dustin, is a Bartlesville fireman, she also carries fireman- and police-related items, as well as patriotic and Christian products.

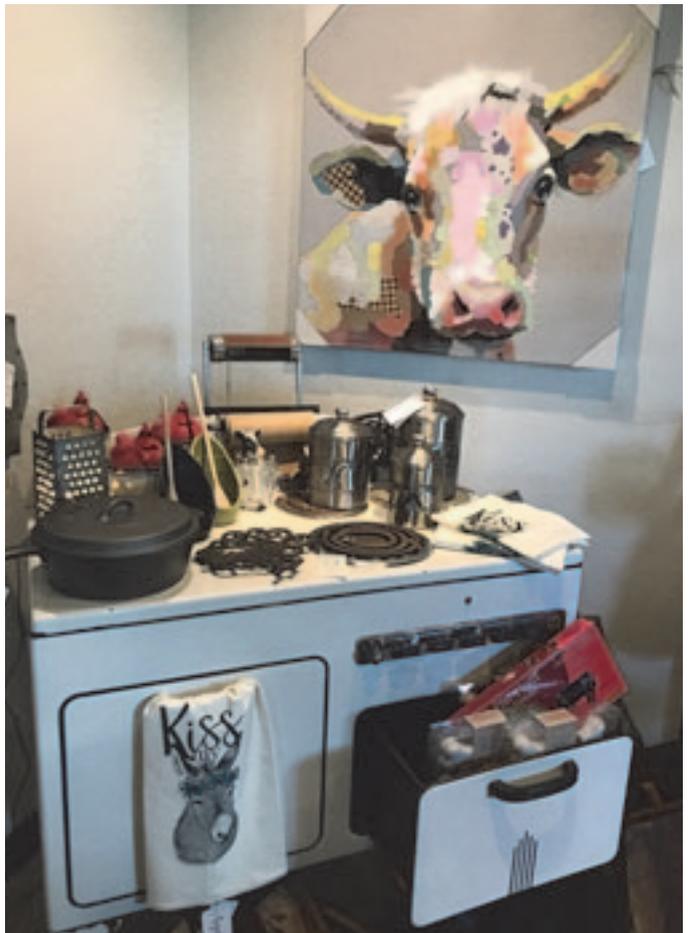
Lott differentiates her shop from others in the area by carrying items not found elsewhere. In addition to



Owner Vicky Lott and shop dog Skooter the Poodle have plenty of smiles for all their visitors and customers at the Rustic Pony.

western and vintage pieces, she carries socially conscious products such as Shine Life inspirational necklaces, which help fund specific national charities; Save the Girls touch screen purses, which promote breast cancer awareness; and Bops beauty products, a company which seeks to empower women entrepreneurs across the globe.

"My goal is to be able to make a living, and give something back to keep business in town. This is it," said Lott. With the holidays around the corner, Lott is planning special giveaway promotions and fun events to inspire her customers.





Outside the Most Magical Place on Earth

by Jay Webster

Well, in case you haven't been shopping — or out of the house for the last month...it's October. Let the commerce begin!

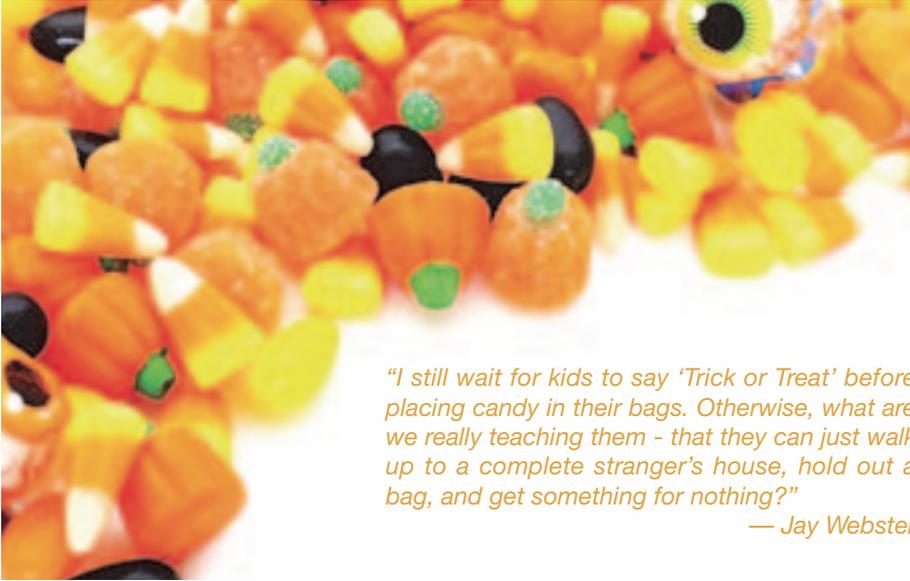
Of course, Halloween is just a gateway drug to the really hardcore holiday spending — Christmas. But you gotta start somewhere. The trick is in not buying treats too early. Costumes and

candies all come steadily down in price the closer we get to the big day.

I'm kind of a holiday purist when it comes to Halloween. We still say "Happy Halloween" in my house and not the ubiquitous "Seasons Treating." I believe in celebrating on October 31, not just when it's convenient (because that's when the Bible says to celebrate.) And I still wait for kids to say "Trick or

Treat" before placing candy in their bags. Otherwise, what are we really teaching them - that they can just walk up to a complete stranger's house, hold out a bag, and get something for nothing? What's a society good for if not for rules. Teach the children!

Being a purist, however I don't feel the need to dress up myself. I feel it sends a confusing message to the



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young sugar-fiends already hopped up on Smarties and fun-sized candy bars. No. I choose to dress for my role: middle-aged home owner. That typically entails a cardigan sweater and house shoes while smoking a pipe and holding a newspaper. In the last several years, I have also added an open carry hand gun, in case any of the little grabbers gets too greedy with the candy bowl. In the spirit of the holidays though, it is "fun-sized," so it's likely just enough to scare the skittles out of them.

Speaking of costumes, we just recently returned from Disney, Florida... I mean, Orlando. We were visiting family, and so we tacked on a few extra days in the Sunshine State. We had initially thought we might stop by Mickey's house and say "Hi," but that was before we learned that the "Most Magical Place on Earth," costs a bajillion dollars a day for a family of three. Suddenly, I felt a lot of things, but "magical" wasn't one of them. I was pretty sure we weren't going to have a bajillion dollar's worth of fun — no matter how much pixie dust they sprinkled.

Admittedly, Disney has also lost a little of its shine for me since we watched "The Florida Project." If you haven't seen the Oscar Nominated film, it's a modern feel-good movie in the spirit of "Whose Afraid of Virginia Wolf."

We opted for a hands-on Seaquarium experience instead. (It was a steal at only half a mortgage payment.) Our six-year-old daughter loved it. She talked to shark-feeding scuba divers, got to pet sea life, and collected various merit stamps on her way to becoming a

certified Jr. Sea Explorer. She left with an armful of museum maps and cartoon guides to sea life. She was enraptured the entire 45 minute trip back to our "Family Friendly Resort Destination"... aka Orlando Hotel.

She was so taken by the materials, she didn't even notice when our car got swept up into the channel of family-filled vehicles headed straight into the Disney gates. Suddenly, we were caught in a rush of passing billboards and waving characters, all welcoming us into the Princess Promise-land. I was in full-on-panic-mode. I had to act fast. If Evanjalyn took a breath and looked up from the sea of Clown Fish literature only to find us doing a drive by at the entrance to the Magic Kingdom — well, it would take a lot more than a *Wish Upon a Star* to save me. "*Hey, who wants to go to Disney World — and NOT go in?*"

We were closing in on the point of no return. I could feel the magnetic pull latching on to the chips in my credit cards! I did the only thing I could. I whipped a U-turn on the manicured median in our rented Toyota Yaris. I instantly saw a fast-approaching truck with Pixar Characters flagging us down. I pressed the gas down as far as it would go. The little engine squealed. Both my wife and I leaned forward to impress the Yaris of our need for speed. They were gaining on us.

The interstate ramp came up and I didn't even slow down. I just leaned through the turn. That was apparently enough to get us out of the Disney jurisdiction, because the truck of costumed

characters stopped there. Though I'm fairly certain one of them gave us an animated hand gesture. But to be honest, with only three fingers in a white glove, it's really hard to be certain.

And, I have to say, maybe it really is a "Magic Kingdom" after all, because during that entire goofy race, Evanjalyn never looked up. As far as she knows, we were *all* heavily engaged in the life cycle of sea horsies and the dangers of plastic straws in the Ocean. Hakuna matata!

We got back into the 'Ville just in time for the start of another school year. And somehow it's only October, but we're already approaching our first break. Fall Break is Oct 18 and 19. Not only that, we've already had our first run of school photos.

I know it happened, because I heard a 30-minute debate between my wife and first grader about what was appropriate for "picture day." Then Evanjalyn came downstairs and pressed me on what photo package we planned to buy. I responded that we just took her picture last year. And, until she stopped losing teeth, it didn't really make sense to get more photos. That was not well received.

We didn't have that pressure when I was growing up. There are literally no photos of me from about 1st grade until my senior year. My parents said I hit an awkward phase and it was better for it to be forgotten, so it wouldn't haunt me. It worked.

Last year, a couple of the students in my daughters class, actually showed up to picture day in their halloween costumes. Now that's brilliant. Talk about getting your money's worth.

We didn't have that kind of forethought on picture day this year. Now, of course, we're entering into the "What do you want to be for Halloween this year?" The ideas usually start big and get larger from there. There was some discussion of a whale and her baby calf...life-size, of course. I'm not sure what my role would be. I wonder if I could talk her into a Princess Ariel costume from *The Little Mermaid*. She'd wear it ironically of course.

Happy October, Friends. Pace yourselves this season. The holidays are upon you. You can't afford to burn out too quickly. Cheers.

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Electrolysis Can Be Life-Changing

Electrology led to Career Change for Local Woman

by **Kelsey Walker**

Yes, it's permanent. Specializing in facial hair removal, registered electrologist Nancy Casteel can eliminate those unattractive, unwanted hairs forever — in the comfort and convenience of her office at 5204 Jacquelyn Lane, Suite 4, in Bartlesville.

“Electrolysis is life-changing for some people,” Casteel says.

Electrolysis is the only method approved by the FDA for permanent removal of unwanted hair. The method was developed by an ophthalmologist, in 1875, to remove inverted eyelashes. It is perfect for eyebrow sculpting, removal of any unwanted facial hair, and even ear hair. It works on every hair type and color, and every skin type and color, unlike laser or light-based hair removal, which works best on those with dark hair and fair skin.

“Electrolysis is perfect for the follow-up to laser,” she says, “Because light-based hair removal will leave gray and blond hair behind.”

Three methods of electrolysis treatment can be utilized for hair removal. Casteel uses the quick and efficient thermolysis, or “flash” method. A very small metal filament is inserted into the hair follicle and a slight radio wave is emitted, causing heat and destroying the hair follicle. The hair then slides out easily with tweezers. The skin may have faint redness for about 20 minutes to an hour, then it looks normal — except the hair is gone!

Casteel knows first-hand the positive effects of electrology. She was so impressed and intrigued with her own treatment that she decided to switch



Nancy Casteel has operated her electrology practice in Bartlesville for 22 years.

careers after nearly two decades in banking.

“At the time, there was no electrolysis offered in Bartlesville,” she says.

Casteel was licensed in 1996, and is one of 18 registered electrologists across the state licensed with the Oklahoma Medical Board of Licensure and Supervision. She is continuously active in the Oklahoma State Electrologists Association, and also currently serves as the chairman

for the Registered Electrologists Advisory Committee at OKMBLS.

“I have found that all my clients are wonderful people,” she says. “I’ve said before, only the nicest people need electrolysis.”

A graduate of night classes at then-Bartlesville Wesleyan College, Casteel is a long-time resident of Bartlesville, where she has deep family ties and has operated her practice for 22 years. She is married to Donnie Casteel, and has one adult son, Coy. She enjoys lunching with family and friends at Bartlesville eateries, traveling (anywhere), art projects, research, reading, and learning.

For more information or to book an appointment, call 918-397-7072.

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Bartlesville set for Broadway

October kicks off 17th season of Broadway in Bartlesville!

The Bartlesville Community Center is excited to announce its 2018-2019 season of **Broadway in Bartlesville!** with five traveling New York productions.

The year begins with **“The Illusionists”** on Tuesday, Oct 16. This performance features the jaw dropping talents of five of the most incredible illusionists to take the stage, who dazzle audiences of all ages with a powerful mix of astonishing acts. This is a perfect show for the entire family to enjoy.

The fabulously-fun international award-winning musical **“Legally Blonde”** will be presented on Sunday, Feb 3, 2019. The story follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery, and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. The stage will explode with memorable songs and dynamic dances

On Tuesday, March 5, the new stage production of **“The Sound of Music”** makes its way to Bartlesville. This season celebrates the 50th anniversary of the acclaimed film, which was the most successful movie musical in history. Sing along with those wonderful melodies that everyone remembers, “My Favorite Things,” “Do-Re-Mi,” and “Climb Ev’ry Mountain.”



“Finding Neverland” hits the stage of the BCC on Saturday, April 20, and tells the incredible story behind one of the world’s most beloved characters: Peter Pan. This musical is based on the Academy Award-winning film of the same name.

The 2018-2019 season concludes with **“Something Rotten”** on Sunday, May 5. This hilarious smash hit, set in 1595, tells the story of Nick and Negel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write a hit play, and set out to write the world’s very first musical — thanks to advice from a



local soothsayer. It will be performed at an earlier time than the usual 7:30 pm shows, so be aware of the 6 pm curtain time.

Season tickets are still available, and can be purchased by calling the Community Center Box Office at 918-336-2787 from 9-5 on weekdays, or by going to the Community Center website at www.bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com and selecting tickets. Act quickly for great season seats, as single tickets went on sale last month, and there have been many calls already for specific tickets for most of these musicals.

Thanks to the Oklahoma Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and all of the local sponsors, without whom the BCC could not bring these fabulous traveling performances for its 17th season.

Upcoming Broadway shows at a glance

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 pm: The Illusionists
 Sunday, February 3, 2019, 7:30 pm: Legally Blonde
 Tuesday, March 05, 2019, 7:30 pm: The Sound of Music
 Saturday, April 20, 2019, 7:30 pm: Finding Neverland
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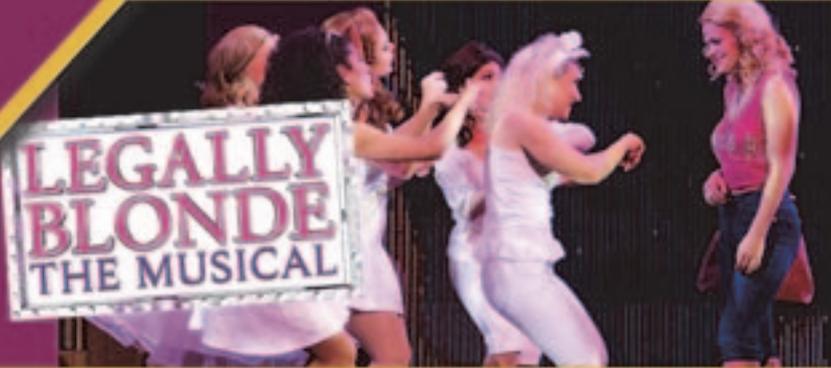
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