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Pictured is KWEY's "Val the Gal" with Brenda Bass, the winner of \$100 from Save A Lot!

Weatherford Branch Helping Host the American Association of University Women's Virtual State Convention

Weatherford branch members, which include Southwestern Oklahoma State University employees and Weatherford community members, are assisting the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Oklahoma to conduct a virtual, state-wide convention on July 6-11.

The convention features a variety of topics during hour-long, lunch break lectures from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on July 6-10. Convention registration is \$30 for members/friends and \$15 for students. This includes virtual access to the convention and silent auction; a t-shirt and convention survival kit; and opportunities to win door prizes during convention sessions.

The day-long 2020 Biennial celebration will occur on Saturday, July 11, featuring award-winning journalist and writer Elaine Weiss and an international panel of physicians sharing perspectives on women's issues across the globe. The convention ends with the closed AAUW Oklahoma business meeting and induction of state officers.

The convention was originally planned to be held in Weatherford. In accordance with AAUW national recommendations for state meetings, the virtual format will enable AAUW/OK members to (in the words of AAUW National Board Chair Julia Brown) "stay home, stay safe, and stay connected."

The Weatherford branch is still playing a large role in the convention, helping to host zoom sessions during the convention, as well as gathering donations and purchasing items for convention survival kits to be mailed to registrants. The group also contacted Weatherford businesses, who generously provided discounts to shop and play – in person or virtually.

SWOSU employees directly assisting with the convention include Dr. Lisa Appeddu and Dr. Sally Drinnon (College of Pharmacy), Lisa Friesen (Director of CETL and Canvas Administrator), Faye Henson (Adjunct), Dr. Lori Gwyn (Office of Sponsored Programs and Student Success Center), Dr. Elaine Davies (Communications and GSM Faculty Sponsor), Joshua Engle (Dean of Students), and Dr. Gina McGrane

(Biological Sciences).

Dr. Sunu Kodumthara (Social Sciences) and SWOSU students Jillian Drinnon and Jackson Shubert are convention presenters. SWOSU programs which contributed items to the survival kit include the Rural Health Center, College of Pharmacy, Kappa Epsilon (professional pharmacy sorority), Kappa Delta Pi (international honor organization for Education majors), Student Success Center, Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology, English Club / Sigma Tau Delta, and the Gender and Sexual Minorities (GSM) Project.

The American Association of University Women is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The AAUW Weatherford Branch meets monthly, September through April, to conduct educational, community, service and social activities

For additional conference information, please see <https://aauw-ok.aauw.net/>. For anyone interested in the AAUW Weatherford branch, contact Lisa Friesen (branch president) at 580-774-7126 or lisa.friesen@swosu.edu.



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Betty LaRue Unruh

Funeral services for Betty LaRue Unruh, 86-year-old Hydro resident, were Thursday, July 2, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Hydro with Taylor Anderson and David Karges officiating. Burial will follow in Hydro Masonic Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. Due to Covid-19, an online service will be posted live on the Hydro First United Methodist Church Facebook page for those unable to attend.



Betty was born July 11, 1933, in Elk City to Lural Andrew and Ruth (Brewster) Smith and passed away Monday, June 29, 2020, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro. Betty was raised in Elk City and later moved to Hinton where she graduated from Hinton High School in 1951. She went on and earned an Associate Degree from Draughn Business School in Oklahoma City. She worked at the Ford Garage in Hinton. On February 21, 1954, Betty married Nelson Unruh at Bethel Methodist Church and made their home south of Hydro. She worked alongside her husband on the family farm and raised their family. They went on several mission trips with their church. Betty enjoyed gardening and canning, cooking, winters spent in Yuma, AZ, her bowling league, church activities, and going to the grandkid's activities and stock shows. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Hydro.

Betty is survived by her two sons: Mike Unruh and wife Rachel of Elk City and Marlin Unruh and wife Lisa of Hydro; one sister Pat Payne of Hydro; ten grandchildren; and twenty-three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Junior Smith and twins in infancy; one daughter Michelle Dougherty; and son-in-law John Paul Daugherty.

Karen Richardson

Funeral Services for Karen Richardson, 63, Arapaho resident were 10:00 A.M., Friday, July 3, 2020 in the Clinton First Baptist Church, officiated by Jason Duckworth. Burial will conclude in the Butler Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Karen Lynn (Carpenter) Richardson was born in Clinton, Oklahoma, on June 29, 1957, to Don and Mona (Dunn) Carpenter and passed peacefully into Heaven Tuesday June 30, 2020, surrounded with family in Arapaho after a short battle with cancer.

Karen graduated from Arapaho High School in 1975 and began her family shortly after when she married Steve Richardson of Clinton. They moved back to the country in Arapaho and raised four children: Isaac Donald, Stephanie Lynn, Adam Steven, and Natalie Michelle.

In addition to her role as a wife and mother, Karen was involved in numerous professional roles throughout her life. In 2005, she moved to the Oklahoma Veteran's Center in Clinton where she served in Human Resources and enjoyed taking care of over 200 employees until her death.

4-H was a big focus for Karen during her own childhood and into adulthood. As a volunteer 4-H leader, she enjoyed having a hand in helping kids learn to work together and

to focus on the big picture instead of just them. 4-H also served an important role in her life as it connected her with her long-time boyfriend Ron Wright.

Of all of the roles she ever had, she always felt her most important job was raising her children and helping with her seven grandkids.

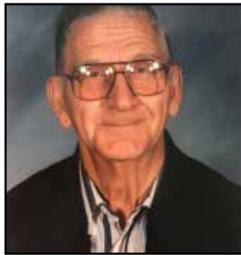
Karen was welcomed into Heaven by her father Donald Carpenter; paternal grandparents Howard & Jewell Carpenter; maternal grandparents Leon & Hazel Dunn; brother-in-law Dennis Findley, and cousin Pam Cabaniss.

She is survived by her four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren, including son Isaac Richardson wife Mandy, and children – Reece, Quade, and Emory – of Arapaho; daughter Stephanie Swanson, husband Ben, and children – Soren and Eva – currently of Gaborone, Botswana, with the U.S. State Department; son Adam Richardson, wife Heather, and sons – Carter and Silas – of Arapaho; and daughter Natalie Richardson of Arapaho – soon-to-be resident of Ada, Oklahoma. She is also survived by her long-time boyfriend Ronald Wright of Butler, his children - Mandy and Roger Fuller and Jeremy Wright – and their children: Morgandee, Merritt, and Kirsten; the father of her children, Steve Richardson of Yukon; mother Mona Carpenter of Arapaho, and her three siblings: sister Gwen Robinson and husband Mike, of Clinton; sister Kathy Wall and husband Dan, of Edmond; and, brother Terry Carpenter and wife Sha, of Arapaho, as well as many, many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made "In Memory of Karen Richardson" (please note under 'Additional Information') to the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation (<https://oklahoma4hfoundation.com/donate>) to support a future scholarship.

J.C. Smith

Funeral Services for J.C. Smith were scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at the Freewill Baptist Church in Clinton, with Charlie Murphy and Sandy Shepherd officiating. Burial will follow in the Parkersburg Cemetery, under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



J.C. was born October 4, 2020, in Custer City, to Kurt and Lena (Mangus) Smith, and passed away Saturday, June 27, 2020, at the Clinton Veterans Center.

J.C. was raised in the Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1946. He married Darlene Stockton on May 12, 1952. He was in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1953.

J.C. was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Clinton. He was a carpenter, managed Clinton Glass, worked at the Clinton Public Schools, and was a locksmith. He also enjoyed reading and studying his Bible, reading and watching westerns, and Clinton football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Darlene, and a sister Mary Smith.

He is survived by his daughter Diana Cariker of Norman, his sons James Cutis Smith and his wife Linda of Yukon, Philip Smith and his wife Norma of Burns Flat, and 5 grandchildren: Neil Glance and wife Kristi of Clinton, Carrie and her husband Billy Dawson of Weatherford, James (Bubba) Smith and his wife Jennifer of Oklahoma City, Julie and her husband Aaron Lewis of Oklahoma City, and Chris Pitts of New York.

Heather Lea (Litsch) DeHaven

Heather Lea (Litsch) DeHaven was born in Oklahoma City on October 2, 1972, on her parents' anniversary. She came to her Mommy, Daddy and three brothers: Sid, Shane and Slade. Heather was the most beautiful little girl we've every seen. We were so thrilled to welcome her to our family.



Heather graduated from Thomas Fay Custer School with the Class of 1991. She moved to Tulsa, OK to complete her cosmetology school. She then gave us our first grandchild Marcus Blake Litsch on March 10, 1994. She moved back to Thomas and later settled in Lawton, OK, where Heather met the love of her life Jeff DeHaven. She married Jeff on his birthday, June 23 and resided in Colorado until the time of her death.

Heather loved life and always had a smile on her face and a giggle. She loved animals and had two rescue dogs Penny and Oakley. Heather is survived by her husband, Jeff of the home in Colorado; one son Marcus Litsch and his wife of El Reno; her parents: Bill and Vicki Litsch of Thomas, OK; her in-laws, Dave and Betty DeHaven of Oregon; and three brothers, Sid, Shane and Slade Litsch. She was loved by family and many friends.

Elton Homer Hicks

Elton Homer Hicks, loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, was born on August 2, 1930, to Homer and Robbie (Bullard) Hicks and passed away on Friday, June 26, 2020, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at the age of 89 years, 10 months, and 24 days.



Elton married Ivon Ethyl Rogers on November 19, 1949, in Cooke County, Texas, and together they had the blessings of 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Elton is preceded in death by his parents; wife Ivon Ethyl Hicks; three brothers: Paul, Pete, and Butch; and two sisters Vivian and Patsy.

Elton is survived by two sons: Ronnie Hicks and his wife Miriam of Weatherford, Lonny Hicks and wife Dana of Tulsa; three brothers: Thomas Hicks, of Weatherford, Robert and Melvinna Hicks of Moore, and Phillip and Glenda Hicks of Moore; two sisters: Aileen Martin of Weatherford and Melba Atkinson of Byars; four grandchildren: Brady Hicks, Chelsey Pitts and husband Rowdy Jake, Jacoby Hicks and wife Amira, and Tyler Hicks; and two great-grandchildren: Jax Wayne Pitts and Jagger Jake Pitts.

Judy Sights

Funeral Services for Judy Sights, 70, Clinton resident were held 10:00 A.M., Thursday, July 2, 2020, in the First United Methodist Church officiated by Rick Robart and Doyle Kinney.



Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Judy Ann Sights was born on January 8, 1950, to Homer and Georgia (Crawford) Johnson in Harrison AR and died peacefully on Monday, June 29, 2020, in Oklahoma City.

Judy was raised and graduated from high school in Harrison, AR.

She married L.R. Sights on September 11, 1969, and

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The quarter in question is an 1823/2 which means an 1822 die was re-punched with the number "3" over the last digit of the date "1822". The total mintage for 1822 and 1823 quarters were lumped together as early records are sketchy.

The remaining mintage is 35 quarters. They all have over-dates which can be seen easily. The above pictured quarter belonged to George S. Seavey in 1873. It sold in 1890 to Lorin G. Parmelee. It appeared in 1935 in the collection of Louis R. Hemmer and stayed there.

It was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as Extremely Fine 45.

On June 18, 2020 it sold at auction for \$102,000.

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Obits

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they celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 2019.

She is survived by her husband L.R., of the home, daughter, Cindy Sights Wolters and husband Kevin and two precious grandsons: Bryce and Blake Wolters, all of Clinton; two brothers: Ronnie Johnson, Harrison, AR, Jerry Johnson and wife Debbie, Harrison, AR; sister-in-law Carolyn Buckenmaier and husband Chet, Fort Myers, FL and numerous nieces and nephews.

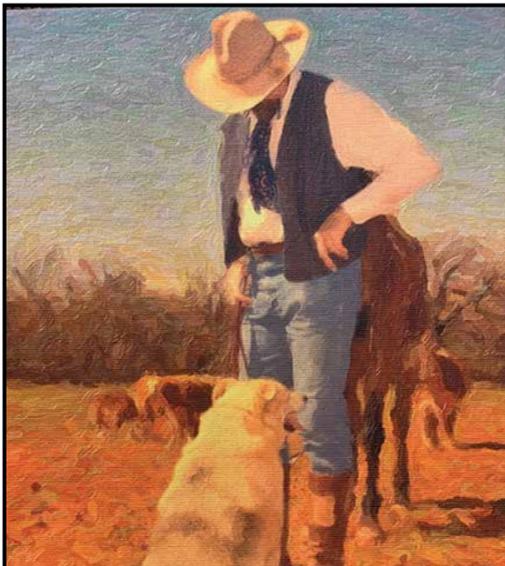
She was preceded in death by her parents Homer and

Georgia Johnson.

Those that knew Judy knew that she loved traveling with family and friends, shopping, and talking on the phone to her beloved friends. She will be missed by many. She was active in PEO, Junior Service League and the First United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Clinton or the Clinton Public School Foundation.

A Cowboy's Lament



*Long shadows stretch out behind me,
And the Sun sinks low in the West.
I tend the fire as Mother Night spreads out her vast
jeweled blanket like a veiled bride.
Staring into the glowing embers, I am lost in the
memory of the trail behind me.
The lush green valley, cradled between peaks,
Surrounded by timbered robes.
Fields of wild flowers, their colors the very palette of
the Creator above.
She has watched over me when the path was rocky
and steep,
Smiled upon me when I held new life close to my chest,
Laughed with me,
Caressed back my tears,
She bore me life & held me to her breast to nourish me.
She gave me all even after the day I could ride on
alone.*

Kelly R Kilhoffer, Christmas 2012

Kelly R. Kilhoffer
Oklahoma History Enthusiast



Krystal Blackwell/WW

Roof Drug recently celebrated their grand opening July 1st. The new, privately-owned pharmacy is located in the Bluth Medical Associates building at 1315 N. Washington. They also offer free deliveries and a 24/7 emergency line.

Foss Lake 5K Fun Run

On Saturday July 11th the Foss Lake 5K Fun Run will take off on a scenic run around the reservoir dam. Registration is \$30; to receive a registration link, please email fossfunrun@gmail.com. Information about the fun run/walk can be found through their Facebook page: 2020 5K Fun Run or through the number provided on the page.

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CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNOUNCE STARTING DATE- Clinton schools superintendent Tyler Bridges said as Covid 19 continues to be a threat, the district has updated the academic calendar for the upcoming school year. Bridges said they added virtual learning days, where district school sites will be closed, but will be school days in which students will still receive instructions. The district calendar shows the first day of classes for Clinton students scheduled for August 13th.

CLUSTER COUNTY OSU INTERIM DIRECTOR- Jordan Nel has been named the interim director for Custer county OSU extension. County clerk Melissa Graham said Nel takes over interim director with the retirement of long time director Ron Long.

CANUTE CANCELS GRADUATION CEREMONY- Canute school officials say after surveying the 2020 senior class, recent concerns from the statewide graduations, the continuous rise in Covid 19 cases, and current building construction, school officials have decided to not have an in-person graduation ceremony.

ELECTION RESULTS- There's a new Sheriff in Custer county. Challenger Dan Day will take office in January after picking up 65% of the vote over incumbent Kenneth Tidwell.

There will be a run-off in August for District 2 County Commissioner as Carl Bailey and Bruce Lane Walker were the top two candidates who captured votes in a three way race in the republican primary. Bailey got 39% of the vote to 37% for Walker. Chuck Frantz finished with 23%. All four propositions in the city of Weatherford passed at the ballot box for the continuation of a one-cent sales tax for capitol projects for the city of Weatherford, SWOSU, Weatherford regional hospital and Weatherford public schools.

The city of Thomas half-cent sales tax for street and alley repairs got 70% support.

In Beckham county, sheriff Derek Manning got 59% of the vote in re-election over Wes Henery.

Incumbent Beckham county district 2 commissioner Tate Finnell won re-election with nearly 64% support.

In Washita County for county court clerk, Lynda

Vermillion got 56% support defeating Cindy McGuire. A proposition in Dill city passed with 83% support.

WRH/COVID RESPONSE- Weatherford Regional Hospital chief executive officer Brian Denton said the hospital has some new safety and security in place in connection with the response to Covid 19. Denton said daily testing numbers have stabilized over the past month, running about 12 to 15 tests daily, most of the tests are geared toward pre-operative testing.

LYLE ROAD PROJECT- The Weatherford City Commission decided to reject the bids on the Lyle road sanitary sewer line improvements. Matt Coe of Myers Engineering made the recommendation to reject the bid, after he received concerning information, surrounding the apparent low bidder for the work. Coe said the right way acquisition process is nearly complete for the Lyle road project.

ELK CITY TO START FALL CLASSES- Elk City school officials say the district is planning to begin school as scheduled, but superintendent Rick Garrison said the district has put a distance learning plan in place. District officials met with their safe and healthy schools committee to lay out the plan on the return of students and staff in the fall.

SCHOOL GRANTS- Governor Kevin Stitt and state superintendent of public instruction Joy Hofmeister have awarded incentive grants totaling \$16 million to

Oklahoma school districts to help mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 on students learning and ensure students are able to access learning opportunities in the new school year. Locally, Weatherford Public Schools is getting a shade under \$200,000. Clinton public schools are receiving just under \$183,000. Elk City is getting a little more than \$136,000-\$100,000 for Cordell Public Schools and \$50,000 for Hydro Eakly.

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Erica Guevara, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for charges of possession of controlled dangerous substance and driving under suspension.

Humberto Gutierrez, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Lori Smith, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of

paraphernalia and a Custer County rule 8 bench warrant.

Mario Esparza, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for driving under suspension and no insurance.

Ramon Montano, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for two Custer county warrants, Domestic assault, battery, a motion to revoke on the first account for driving under suspension, and second account of driving under the influence.

Megan Grim, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for new Custer County

charge of obstruction.

Shelia Laduke, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for Driving under the influence.

Tyler Jackson Bryant, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for Petit Larceny.

Lisa Standingwater, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for grand larceny.

Allan Scott Buttrum, Arrested by OK CO for CT1 kesp and CT2 uucc.

Aaron gregory Lemay,

Arrested by OK CO for burglary in the second degree.

Angela Rose Oliveras, Arrested by OK CO for rule 8.

Dayeneirah Renee Sampson, Arrested by FTA for DUI.

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Higher Ground Let it Not Be In Vain



Jim Morrison

As the van wove its way through the impossible Manila traffic, most of our thoughts were thousands of miles away. It was Independence Day, 1986, and the first time any of us had been out of our native country on this special day. A group of twelve SWOSU students and I were on a month long mission trip to the Philippines. Fortunately, a well-to-do American businessman had invited us to his house for the evening.

We were treated to fried chicken and corn-on-cob, a traditional American meal. We even had some sparklers to play with in the back yard. It was a memorable time for each of us. Many of you who receive this will remember that experience.

I think back on that time and marvel at all that has happened since then. I came home to see Bill Buckner let a ground ball go through his legs costing the Red Sox the World Series. My three children have grown up, married and produced nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The world has changed so much. That was before the internet, before 9/11 and the wars that followed.

Now our country is embroiled in a health pandemic and a moral collapse, where good seems evil and evil good. The evening news offers little comfort. It is easy to point blame and hard to find truth. But maybe, just maybe this hasn't caught God by surprise. "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." Heb. 4:13

All is not lost. It sounds trite to say that "God is in control," but he really is. In his sovereignty he allows us to do some terrible things. In our selfishness and pride, we bring destruction on ourselves. This was true in Old Testament days and we haven't learned our lessons.

But lest we look only at the dark side, let us recognize that some sins needed to be recognized and rectified. If we are not careful we can be distracted by the destruction and violence and fail to give attention to the fact that we had and have a problem. I grew up in an area where there were few African-Americans. I had no idea how hard it would be to grow up where my life was in danger because of the color of my skin, or to be told where I could and could not live. I was not constantly subjected to the message that I was in every way inferior, that I really didn't matter.

As a campus minister I was able to take a bus load of Black student to national Black conferences in Memphis, Jackson, and Houston. I read books like Black Like Me and biographies of Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and Ben Carson and began to feel a little of their pain.

So my word to you today is, certainly be proud to be an American, but recognize that we have a ways to go to live out the truth found in the Declaration of Independence that All Men are Created Equal. We are in this together. Senator James Lankford has challenged us to find a way to get to know a person of another color. If that is not possible in your area, read, read, read: books like "Up from Slavery" the autobiography of Booker T. Washington. This should be required reading before any student graduates from High School. You may have to order it because it is not in our Weatherford library. This in itself says something about our lack of interest in Black History. Then last but surely not least: Pray that God will bring this divisive crisis to a good ending--that truly it will not have been in vain. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or phone 580-302-1142.

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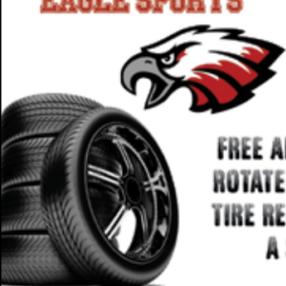
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Oklahoma History: First 4th of July OKC



Poster for the First Fourth of July Celebration in Oklahoma City

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Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Following the Land Run on April 22, 1889, this poster shows the vibrant celebrations Oklahoma has continued to have throughout its history. According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, “this poster was recovered from the Oklahoma Century Chest, a time capsule buried in the basement of the First Lutheran Church of OKC on April 22, 1913.” The poster is on display at an exhibit at the Oklahoma Historical Society and is believed to be the only one of its kind in existence.

The poster was contributed, at the time, by Judge B.N. Woodson and his wife Nelle Woodson. Copies of the poster were likely distributed at train stations through the country, promising western entertainment and authentic “wild Indian” and “cowboy” feats. The promoters boasted about the three-day celebration, with each day to conclude in fireworks shows and “Indian war dances.” The hand-lettered and lead-based painted poster was vivid, vibrant, and voracious about the upcoming celebration. The poster and promoters boasted about Oklahoma City’s government and named the city the “Queen City of Beautiful Oklahoma Country”.

At that time, OKC was bustling to become the state’s capital, a title which was held by the city of Guthrie who was well ahead of OKC at that time. Bob Blackburn, Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, explained the build-up to that fateful 4th of July celebration, “These are frontier days... where a fight is the idea of a good time [and]... a community living on the adrenaline of the Land Run.” Blackburn explained the fascination with Indians and the special promotions pertaining to them, “This is at the start of the old Wild West shows, the 101 Ranch, [and] Buffalo Bill. Geronimo surrendered just three years earlier... there is no more threat of Indian rebellion. There is a curiosity about the Indians.”

People from all over wanted to see the show on the prairie and made the trek to the Fourth of July celebration. There were speakers on a special stand, peanuts, popcorn, cold drinks, flags, bands, dancing, a rodeo, firecrackers, and more. However, Oklahoma City was still miles away from any other town and its land was void of vegetation – specifically, no trees.

So, the blistering summer heat sent attendees towards

the new bandstand for shelter. The cold drinks stands were also placed under the bandstand to stay clear of the boiling sun. With so many people seeking shelter under the stands a chaotic scene unfolded – the bandstand collapsed.

Varied accounts explain the scene as frenzied and deafening. There were no organized police, fire, or emergency response teams. Capt. D.F. Stiles, who was there with his troops to entertain guests, led his team in to rescue those trapped. Eventually, Stiles was forced to declare martial law on the grounds to de-escalate. In the aftermath, one child was confirmed to have died in the collapse with several more (potentially hundreds) injured.

This fateful day was just one of the many obstacles in the face of Oklahoma City and its quest to become the capital. It wasn’t until the rail lines entered the city that OKC finally boomed. They proved that their spirits would not be broken in the wake of tragedy and that they would rebuild. The city proved to the rest of the nation that they would pursue their dreams through it all.

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Group of Lawmakers Supports Law Enforcement



A group of Oklahoma lawmakers issued the following statements in support of law enforcement officers in this state:

"In the past few weeks, our law enforcement professionals have come under incessant attack. We want these law enforcement professionals to know that we have their backs. As Oklahoma's policy leaders, we are coming together as a team, collectively locking arms and standing in defense of those who defend the citizens of Oklahoma.

"All Oklahomans must know that we will never bend a knee to a mob, nor will we ever comply with demands to defund those who protect the rule of law and the citizens of Oklahoma."

The group of lawmakers united together after one of the nation's prominent police chiefs stated: "The police, we always have everybody's back and nobody has our back. Right now the officers feel like they can't win. And I would have to agree with them."

The lawmakers said they want all police officers to know that, "We are with you. Stay encouraged and know that just as you defend all of our citizens during their most difficult times, so also will we defend you."

The lawmakers hope that because Oklahoma policy

makers are standing with and defending law enforcement, the state will be able to avoid what they believe will be a sharp rise in violent crime that has been seen across the nation.

They point to the tragic death of one of Tulsa's finest and dedicated officers and ask for prayer for their family and the recovery of the other officer who was critically wounded performing their duty in protecting the citizens of Tulsa. Even though the incident may or may not have had anything to do with recent protests, they believe the degradation in attitude toward law enforcement by certain factions has created a very hostile environment towards the rule of law and increased the danger to an already dangerous job.

As a result of these recent attacks on police, the subsequent loss of support of police from public officials, and the outright lies and commentary allowed by some of the news media, they believe the spread of anarchy is quite likely.

"We are determined to stand beside and behind law enforcement who protect our communities and will do all we can to keep morale high and allow them to do their job."

The lawmakers hope this will be the first of a wide array of Oklahoma groups stepping forward to publicly support law enforcement.

"We are calling on all organizations to bravely step

forward and defend those who defend us. Without the service of the law enforcement professionals, our ability to make a living in peace and safety would not be possible.

"We must not remain silent and allow the insanity to continue. We owe it to the police and other law enforcement officers to come forward and defend them, and we must act now!"

In addition, the group is speaking out against the cancel culture.

"As America risks falling into the abyss of anarchy, the totalitarian mob, with implicit consent of too many government officials, takes down statues, denounces their support for America, demonstrates their so called 'wokeness' by canceling classic movies, television shows and products. They intimidate anyone from the silent majority who dares the slightest disagreement with their new ideology and seem to be attempting to erase history itself."

Finally; the group is calling on the immediate halt of the "woke" agenda items that have been pushed by legislative members in recent years. "Good policy isn't made in a hurry, in time of crises or when demanded by mob rule. We will not support the 'woke' legislative agenda that seeks to radically transform the state's jurisprudence. As lawmakers we are preparing to bring forward an aggressive legislative agenda in response to these Anti-American actions."

Gov. Stitt, Supt. Hofmeister award \$16 million in federal grants to 150 school districts to combat impact of COVID-19



OKLAHOMA
STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION
— JOY HOFMEISTER —
STATE SUPERINTENDENT of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Gov. Kevin Stitt and State Supt. of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister awarded Incentive Grants totaling \$16 million to 150 Oklahoma school districts to help mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on student learning and ensure students are able to access learning opportunities in the new school year.

The competitive grants consisted of \$8 million from the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) set-aside in the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and \$8 million from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER)

Fund. Both ESSER and GEER are components of the federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the CARES Act, the OSDE funds must meet "emergency needs" of districts in response to COVID-19, while GEER dollars expended to schools must be to those "most significantly impacted by coronavirus."

Districts will spend Incentive Grant funds in five priority areas in which students were impacted by COVID-19 – expanding connectivity for students, purchasing a content management system (CMS) or learning management system (LMS), providing mental health supports for students, compensatory services to at-risk students and training in the science of reading for teachers of pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

A total of 360 districts applied for the Incentive Grants. The number of districts that indicated each priority area are:

- Connectivity, 345
- LMS/CMS, 212
- Mental health supports for students, 84
- Science of reading for elementary-age students, 84
- Compensatory services for at-risk students, 74

"Our districts indicated an urgent need for funds dedicated to connectivity and digital learning materials, and for good reason," said Hofmeister. "The pandemic

has created a clarion call throughout the state and nation to bridge the digital divide. It is imperative that districts be equipped to take swift and decisive action to ensure all kids are learning amid a global pandemic, including in virtual or blended environments that best meet local context and the needs of families."

Gov. Stitt said the grants align with one of his priority initiatives.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the importance of digital transformation and the need for our students to have access to quality technology in order to enhance learning opportunities," said Gov. Stitt. "I appreciate the commitment of Supt. Hofmeister, OSDE and our local school districts as we continue to ensure these dollars are maximized to the benefit of our students and educators across the state."

Applications were reviewed and awarded within five categories based on student enrollment of up to 500; 501-1,000; 1,001-2,500; 2,501-7,500 and 7,501 and up. Awards ranged from \$13,596 to \$500,000 and are available for districts to draw down through June 30, 2021.

"We are grateful to our federal delegation and Gov. Stitt for this funding to mitigate the significant impact COVID-19 has had on student learning," said Hofmeister. "It is critical that we continue to explore additional avenues of support for our students and schools."



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