

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: September 23, 2016
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Police Department Monthly Calls for Service Report – August 2016
- Parks & Recreation Monthly Report – August 2016

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

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- Press Release – Fire Department Receives \$1.49 Million SAFER Grant
- Street & Stormwater Memo – Construction Memo
- Military History Center Monthly Newsletter

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- Broken Arrow Community Playhouse Monthly Newsletter & Upcoming Events

Respectfully submitted,



Michael L. Spurgeon

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Attachments

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION



To: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

From: David N. Boggs, Chief of Police *BCS 141*

Date: September 23, 2016

Re: **Calls for Service**

Attached please find:

- BAPD Calls for Service Report – August 2016

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Attachment

To: Kenneth Schwab, Assistant City Manager - Operations

From:  Scott Esmond, Director Parks and Recreation

CC: Jennifer Hooks, Gail Kirk

Date: September 26th, 2016

Re: August 2016 Monthly Report

Please find enclosed the August 2016 Monthly Report for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Please contact Scott Esmond if you have any questions.

Encl: August 2016 Monthly Report



Parks & Recreation Department

August 2016 Monthly Report

DIRECTOR-SCOTT ESMOND

- Attended City Council meeting.
- Attended the City Manager's staff meetings.
- Attended the Assistant City Manager's staff meetings.
- Held weekly staff meetings with direct reports.
- Met with the Assistant City Manager of Operations, Engineering and Construction Director, and Finance Director to discuss funding options for the Liberty Trail retaining wall and drainage repairs.
- Met with Engineering and Construction staff to discuss the progress and status of the History Museum repairs.
- Met with the Assistant City Manager of Operations, other department heads, and staff regarding the future use and maintenance of the Fairway Park regional detention area.
- Attended the Interactive Water Feature construction progress meeting.
- Met with Battle Creek staff to discuss future Monarch butterfly waystations.
- Director's annual performance review was conducted.
- Met with Greenway Golf's leadership team to discuss future plans for Battle Creek Golf Course.
- Attended the preconstruction meeting for Streetscapes IV project.
- Met with an event promoter, a Chamber representative, and City staff to discuss an outdoor ice skating rink and holiday shops during the holiday season at the Rose District Plaza.
- Met with an event promoter and City staff to discuss an international hot air balloon festival at the Events Park for June 2017.
- Met with Monarch butterfly committee for the purpose of discussing future plans and implementation schedules.



BATTLE CREEK GOLF CLUB

GENERAL

- August was a very hot and humid month, which effected play and revenues. Total revenues for the month \$153,574. Battle Creek Golf Club (BCGC) missed budgeted revenues by \$22,298 and \$12,351 less than last year for August.
- Two tournaments, totaling 85 tournament rounds, were cancelled due to a weekend storm at the beginning of August.

GOLF OPERATIONS

- Battle Creek Golf Club (BCGC) hosted three employee appreciation events for staff. Twice, BCGC hosted a Tulsa Drillers Suite Night. Employees were treated to free food, soft drinks, and suite access on fireworks night. These events were fun and a great way to give back to the staff, which makes Battle Creek Golf Club the fun and friendly place to play golf.
- Staff was also given the opportunity to experience the new Flying Tee Driving Range on the Jenks River Walk. Thanks to a relationship with the management team, our staff was invited to a two-hour session at the facility.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

- August was very hot. High temperatures were in the 100's and the low temperatures were in the 80's. BCGC received 2.7 inches of rainfall during the month.
- The maintenance team accomplished many tasks this month to improve or continue to provide excellent playing conditions of the golf course. These tasks included:
 - Many irrigation repairs which included several mainline repairs. The system is 20 years old and is needing more repairs as it ages.
 - Sprayed wetting agents to fairways, tee boxes, and green surrounds to extend watering intervals and extend the water availability to these areas.
 - Sprayed plant growth regulators to help minimize clippings.
 - Needle tined all greens to improve oxygen exchanges and water infiltration.
 - Fertilizer was applied to the entire course with organic fertilizer to help with food storage for winter protection.
 - Aerified all tee boxes to improve water penetration and oxygen exchanges.
 - Sliced all high traffic areas on the golf course to relieve compaction and improve water penetrations.
 - The fairway on hole 17 was top-dressed with sand to improve the firmness during wet periods in the spring.
- Next month, oversee the driving range for play in the fall and winter, apply pre-emergent herbicides where needed, finish mowing native areas for the season, and prepare the golf course for the cooler season coming.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

- August rounds were 675 less total rounds to budget and 521 less than last year.

August Rounds	Budgeted	Prior Year	Actual
PUBLIC ROUNDS	775	676	699
TOURNAMENT	350	341	222
MEMBER	1,750	1,759	1,614
BATTLE CARD	400	378	263
TWILIGHT	675	684	561
MISC.	200	195	169
MEMBER GUEST	300	263	247
TOTAL ROUNDS	4,450	4,296	3,775

MONTHLY GROSS REVENUE

- August total revenue was \$153,574 for the month, which was \$22,298 less than budgeted revenues.

	August Budget	August Prior Year	August Actual
DUES & FEES	27,000	26,920	28,649
GREEN FEES	67,616	64,568	52,524
CART FEES	21,803	20,214	17,185
MERCHANDISE	15,575	12,926	12,534
OTHER GOLF COURSE SERVICES	13,900	13,992	13,405
FOOD & BEVERAGES	29,978	27,305	29,277
TOTAL REVENUE	175,872	165,925	153,574

BANQUET FACILITY USAGE REPORT

August	Event	\$
3 rd	Party/Event	268.00
6 th	Wedding Reception	1,225.00
7 th	Wedding Reception	1,083.00
9 th	HOA Meeting	0.00
12 th	Rehearsal Dinner	2,118.00
13 th	Wedding Reception	3,293.00
26 th	Party/Event	995.00
	Total Banquet Revenue	\$ 8,892.00

BANQUET

- Attended Tulsa Wedding Society meetings.
- Donated the use of the banquet room to a neighborhood Homeowners Association event.

GRILL

- Received and set up new clubhouse furniture and outdoor patio furniture.
- Catered 9 golf tournaments.

SPECIAL EVENTS DIVISION

COMMUNITY EVENT MANAGER – VAUNDA OLIVERA

- Attended weekly Department staff meetings.
- Attended final meeting of the Wine, Eats & Easels event.
- Met with Night at the Museum event organizer to discuss the event site plan. Also, met with the committee chair to discuss the final details for the event to be held September 10th.
- Met with Chalk it Up co-event organizer to discuss the event site plan and details. This event required multiple follow up meetings to ensure details were completed for the event. This is a City sponsored event to be held on September 10th in the Rose District.
- Prepared, planned, and attended the Special Events Committee meeting on August 4th.
- Attended set up and the Wine, Eats & Easels event on August 5th.
- Met with Jolly Runner and Taste on Main event organizers to discuss their events. Also, attended the event on August 27th.
- Met with Red, White and Brew event organizer and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce to discuss site plan and event layout for September 24th.
- August 8th, Attended the Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting.
- August 13th, Attended Back to School Day at the Rose District Farmers Market and checked in on the set up of the Sand Dazzle event held at Nienhuis Park.
- Met with and attended meetings with event organizer, Events Assistant, Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, and City staff to discuss a holiday event and International Balloon Festival.
- Met with the Hmong New Year chairman to discuss the event and toured Northeastern State University's facility.
- Prepared, planned, and attended the Special Events Committee meeting on Aug 19th.

- August 20th, Attended the Okie Poke Party at Central Park.
- Attended the Rose District Farmers Market each Saturday.
- Met with Northeastern State University Music Department Director to tour the Central Park Community Center for Music in the Rough event to be held in October.
- Attended pre-work meeting for Phase IV Streetscapes project.
- August 30th, checked in on Tulsa Criterium held at the Events Park.
- Met with Events Assistant and Broken Arrow Police Department staff to discuss Night Out Against Crime event to be held on October 29th.

EVENTS ASSISTANT – CANDICE KILLAM

- Received and processed several applications for the Special Event Committee to review.
- Met with Cox Communications to discuss the free community concert event to be held at the Events Park.
- Prepared minutes and agenda for Special Events Committee meeting for August 4th.
- Met with Broken Arrow Comic Convention event organizer to discuss plans and facility options for event planned in 2017.
- Prepared minutes and agenda for Special Events Committee meeting for August 19th.
- Attended Special Events Committee meetings.
- Processed road closures for events scheduled.
- Prepared advertising for Rose District Farmers Market.

FARMERS MARKET COORDINATOR – JUDY PRIETO

- Established an Instagram account for the Rose District Farmers Market.
- Attended Back to School Day at the Farmers Market on August 13th.
- Followed up with market vendors to verify which vendors would be renewing their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) membership.

RECREATION DIVISION

RECREATION MANAGER – THOR ROOKS

- August 1st, Attended Assistant City Manager of Operations Department weekly meeting for Parks and Recreation Director.

- August 2nd, Attended City Council meeting as the Parks and Recreation representative. Met with City Videographer to discuss Lifeguard promotional video for 2017 season.
- August 3rd, Attended Leadership Team weekly meeting/Pre-Council meeting for the Parks and Recreation Director.
- August 4th and 18th, Attended Special Events Committee meeting for the Recreation Division.
- August 7th, Family Aquatic Center closed for the season.
- August 12th and 15th, Country Aire Pool closed for the season. Met with Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) regarding the closing of Country Aire pool.
- August 13th, Nienhuis Aquatic Facility closed for the season.
- August 14th, Pooch Plunge, a new event, took place at Nienhuis Aquatic Facility. The event was a hit with all involved. Big dogs took over the event with 30 tickets being sold. Little dogs sold 12 tickets. Notes to Council were submitted on August 25th.
- August 16th, Recreation Manager's annual performance review was conducted.
- August 17th, Attended progress meeting regarding new tennis courts and basketball court at Nienhuis Park.
- August 26th, Met individually with Center Supervisors to discuss: new staff schedule, upcoming events and facility schedules.

CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER – TANNER WILBURN

- Logged visitors for August were 3,403 which is an increase of 167 compared to July.
- August 2nd-4th, Basketball Skills Camp was held with 41 participants. Little Tykes Basketball Camp was held with 10 participants. All participants received a Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation bag. Participation exceeded expectations for each camp. Notes to Council were submitted on August 25th.
- August 10th, attended a meeting with Ray Harral Recreation Assistant to discuss the Bark in the Park event to be held on September 24th.
- August 19th, Beat the Heat Day, Walmart provided drinks and snacks for City employees.
- August 22nd, Summit Christian Academy began using the facility for their basketball practice. Practice will continue through February 2017.
- August 23rd, Power operated bleachers were installed in Gym 1.

NIENHUIS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER – JIM REED

- Logged visitors for August were 2,260 an increase of 240 compared to July.

- Several new programs began in August; Tumbling Gymnastics, Tykes Tumbling and Healthy Living Yoga. Enrollment for the new programs exceeded expectations.
- During August, prepared for the Sand Dazzle event on August 13th. Thirty-six tons of sand had to be dumped, raked, and hand watered to keep it moist until the day of the event. Tents were placed for shade, sea shells were buried in the sand, which were turned in for small miscellaneous toys. All children were given a Broken Arrow pail and shovel. Estimated attendance was 300. Notes to Council were submitted on August 25th.

RAY HARRAL NATURE CENTER – JOHNNY KOESTER

- The total visitors for August were 1,085. Ray Harral Nature Center had 575 visitors inside the Nature Center and an estimated 575 visitors on the trails in the Nature Park.
- August 4th, Broken Arrow Police Department had 10 volunteers covering graffiti in Ray Harral Nature Park.
- August 10th, met with Central Park Center Supervisor to go over details about the upcoming Bark in the Park event to be held at Ray Harral.
- August 31st, booked the facility for a class and a tour for the American Heritage Girls from Saint Benedict’s Catholic Church on September 13th.

PARKS MAINTENANCE DIVISION

PARKS MAINTENANCE MANAGER – PHIL HINK

- Attended Director’s weekly staff meeting.
- Conducted staff meetings with maintenance division staff.
- Monitored ongoing park projects:
 - Nienhuis Sports Courts: Fencing, court structures (net posts, nets, basketball goals), and lighting structures have been completed. Pickleball surface lines and setting of American Electric Power Company (AEP) transformer are yet to be completed.
 - Rose District Interactive Water Feature: Plaza pavers are being reinstalled, fountain features have been connected within granite tiles, chemical/mechanical packs have been installed, and fountain control system is being wired.
 - Streetscapes Phase IV: Attended preconstruction meeting. Work is scheduled to begin at site on Sept. 12th.
 - Nienhuis Football Sports Turf: Waiting on funding.
 - Indian Springs Sport Complex (ISSC) Renovation Project: Attended kickoff meeting with Engineering Department and Planning Design Group (PGA). Site survey has been completed, and site visit by PGA will be scheduled for September.
- Working with Purchasing Division to purchase new walk-behind sweeper for sidewalk and plaza cleaning within the Rose District.
- Provided purchasing specifications to solicited rose maintenance bids for rose plants within the Rose District and Centennial Park.

- Attended meetings during the month concerning the Monarch butterfly project plan. Discussion included site locations, school involvement in project, funding, etc.
- Met with Engineering and AEP personnel to determine location of new transformer that will be installed for the Nienhuis Sport Courts.
- Attended meeting with an event promoter that is interested in placing an ice rink under the Farmers Market pavilion during the holiday season. Also, had discussions concerning the potential use of the Events Park for a future hot air balloon event.
- Worked with Human Resources to post new Horticulture Crew Leader position. Applications have been reviewed by Horticulturist, and selected applicants cleared for interviews.
- Met with Broken Arrow Police Department personnel to review Day of Caring site in which park maintenance staff will assist with grounds maintenance cleanup.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SECTION

- Removed litter from parks and cleaned outdoor restrooms daily. Visually checked splash pads for proper operation during cleanup duties.
- Performed janitorial duties at the Camino Villa Park Building weekly.
- Conducted routine mowing of parks and trails. Completed 118 mowing cycles at 48 sites during the month.
- Inspected the Liberty Parkway trail. Blew debris from trail on a weekly basis. Applied herbicide to trail edges, and patched small areas of asphalt surface when needed.
- Conducted routine mowing of football, adult softball, soccer, and baseball athletic fields. Fields were mowed 2-3 times per week.
- Marked off field dimension lines for the Nienhuis football complex and ISSC soccer complex. Spent extensive time at the ISSC soccer complex due to a complete overhaul of soccer field layouts by Broken Arrow Soccer Club. Painted boundary lines on all fields prior to the start of games at each complex.
- Applied fertilizer to athletic fields at Arrowhead, Nienhuis and ISSC.
- Performed routine irrigation checks and repairs at all athletic complexes.
- Sprayed all Nienhuis football fields for goosegrass and pre-emergent weed control. Spot sprayed fields at ISSC for goosegrass control.
- Aerated ISSC soccer fields and Nienhuis football fields.
- ISSC ground supervisor working on Monarch Project proposal. Developing plan to establish several Monarch butterfly waystation sites within our park system and Battle Creek golf course. Sites will consist of natural wildflower plots and ornamental-type wildflower gardens.

- Cleaned the large pavilion and restroom at the Farmers Market in preparation for the Wine, Eats & Easel event.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SECTION

- Performed daily filtration and sanitation checks at Aquatic Facilities until close of each pools. Began close down and winterization process at each facility; drained pools, disconnected sanitation systems, removed shade canvases, removed diving boards/climbing walls, opening winterization drains, etc.
- Conducted monthly playground safety inspections. Corrected maintenance issues as needed.
 - Installed replacement slide on Wolfcreek playground.
 - Removed a second plastic slide from the Copper Creek playground due to surface crack. A replacement slide has been ordered.
 - Applied herbicide to control weeds growing inside playground surfacing.
 - Installed Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp which leads into the playground at Liberty School Park.
 - Replenished safety surfacing at Wedgewood, Liberty School Park, Wolfcreek, and Vandever playgrounds.
- Removed 6 player benches from ISSC soccer fields due to Broken Arrow Soccer Club's new field configurations.
- Power washed the ISSC west soccer concession building prior to Labor Day soccer tournament.
- Installed new battery in the Events Park lightning system.
- Replaced department flags as needed and lowered flags to half-staff when ordered.
- Assisted Special Events personnel with setup and teardown of the mobile stage for the Taste on Main/Jolly Runner event.

HORTICULTURE/FORESTRY SECTION

- Conducted routine daily maintenance in the Rose District; removed litter, blew debris from sidewalk, weeded beds, fertilized hanging baskets, checked irrigation, etc.
- Completed removal of moderate sized storm debris within the park system. All debris was hauled to City green waste site or chipped. Additional larger storm debris has been or will be removed by a contractor.
- Contractor removed large tree in Central Park that fell across a park bridge and AEP power line.
- Cleaned Veterans Park decorative fountain.
- Sprayed Nienhuis Rose Garden and deadheaded rose plants.

- Relocated several irrigation heads in Jackson Park to reduce water collecting on concrete surfaces.
- Located fault in irrigation cable on the Rose District irrigation system. Cable was dug up, repaired and system put back on line.
- Ground stumps remaining from trees that were removed in Indian Springs Sports Complex.

End of Report



Broken Arrow Police Department August 2016 Calls For Service

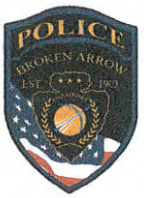


Calls for Service	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Animal Control
1st Shift (10pm - 8am)*						
Beat 1	19	11	178	61	97	0
Beat 2	10	7	209	54	322	0
Beat 3	15	3	69	33	64	28
Beat 4	17	12	145	19	106	1
Beat 5	8	3	50	14	33	0
Beat 6	4	3	43	17	53	1
Beat 7	22	12	100	44	57	1
Beat 8	6	2	37	14	40	0
Other	3	3	2	7	14	0
	104	56	833	263	786	31
1st Shift average response time per priority						
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Animal Control
Call Received to Dispatch	0:01:15	0:01:17	0:03:10	0:05:25	0:06:45	2:01:58
Dispatch to Arrival	0:04:32	0:03:49	0:05:51	0:08:38	0:08:42	0:27:45
Call Start to Arrival (8/2016)	0:05:47	0:05:08	0:09:14	0:14:07	0:15:22	2:29:43
Call Start to Arrival (8/2015)	0:05:52	0:05:55	0:09:05	0:12:38	0:12:37	0:43:36
1st Shift Aug. Total Calls		2095	(1051 were self-initiated calls)			
2nd Shift (7am - 5pm)*						
Beat 1	34	10	339	136	103	36
Beat 2	16	24	313	244	607	16
Beat 3	17	10	81	71	74	169
Beat 4	25	15	181	92	184	38
Beat 5	14	6	65	37	27	10
Beat 6	5	1	61	42	111	6
Beat 7	17	25	177	110	120	35
Beat 8	11	9	72	34	44	7
Other	2	2	12	10	45	3
	141	102	1301	776	1315	320
2nd Shift average response time per priority						
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Animal Control
Call Received to Dispatch	0:01:16	0:02:14	0:03:58	0:11:53	0:11:27	0:20:19
Dispatch to Arrival	0:05:40	0:05:20	0:08:12	0:11:02	0:10:17	0:18:07
Call Start to Arrival (8/2016)	0:06:55	0:07:35	0:12:37	0:23:06	0:22:24	0:39:33
Call Start to Arrival (8/2015)	0:06:11	0:07:21	0:11:13	0:16:46	0:14:37	0:41:25
2nd Shift Aug. Total Calls		4005	(1937 were self-initiated calls)			

* There is some overlap in response numbers because all three shifts overlap.

*Total call and self-initiated call amounts include priority 7 calls.

By: Aleisha Wickersham



Broken Arrow Police Department August 2016 Calls For Service



Calls for Service	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5	Animal Control
3rd Shift (3pm - 1am)*						
Beat 1	45	22	350	120	172	8
Beat 2	24	25	304	174	545	3
Beat 3	24	6	108	68	86	15
Beat 4	34	16	214	87	185	10
Beat 5	9	5	82	20	34	4
Beat 6	8	2	42	23	105	0
Beat 7	41	27	138	120	124	12
Beat 8	13	4	68	36	36	2
Other	3	5	9	9	38	1
	201	112	1315	657	1325	55
3rd Shift average response time per priority						
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Call Received to Dispatch	0:01:29	0:01:24	0:06:26	0:15:57	0:13:28	0:07:07
Dispatch to Arrival	0:05:25	0:05:04	0:08:33	0:06:47	0:14:58	0:01:05
Call Start to Arrival (8/2016)	0:06:54	0:06:27	0:14:21	0:24:54	0:19:56	0:22:34
Call Start to Arrival (8/2015)	0:06:26	0:06:18	0:12:06	0:19:10	0:16:22	0:27:21
3rd Shift Aug. Total Calls		3750	(1740 were self-initiated calls)			

Definitions

- Priority 1 =** Crimes in progress involving life threatening circumstances and situations that produce or are likely to produce serious bodily injury or death to any person.

- Priority 2 =** Crimes in progress or that have just occurred, incidents in progress that present the potential for injury or property damage/loss, situations where the suspect is still at the scene or in the area and will elude apprehension or create the potential for injury or property damage if the police do not arrive rapidly, incidents where an officer is needed to secure a scene or witnesses, and incidents where there is a need for crowd control or traffic control which, if not done immediately, would create the imminent potential for injury or property damage/loss.

- Priority 3 =** Crimes against people that are misdemeanors in progress or that have just occurred, reports of recent felony crimes, suspicious circumstances with no threat of injury, and incidents that do not require an officer immediately, but need investigation, mediation, or intervention.

- Priority 4 =** Property or service related calls for an officer to respond that cannot be handled by telephone, misdemeanor reports when caller demands officer or when an officer needs to investigate the scene or interview witnesses, and requests for officers that do not require a quick response.

- Priority 5 =** Primarily Officer initiated calls or ten codes used for in-house purposes.

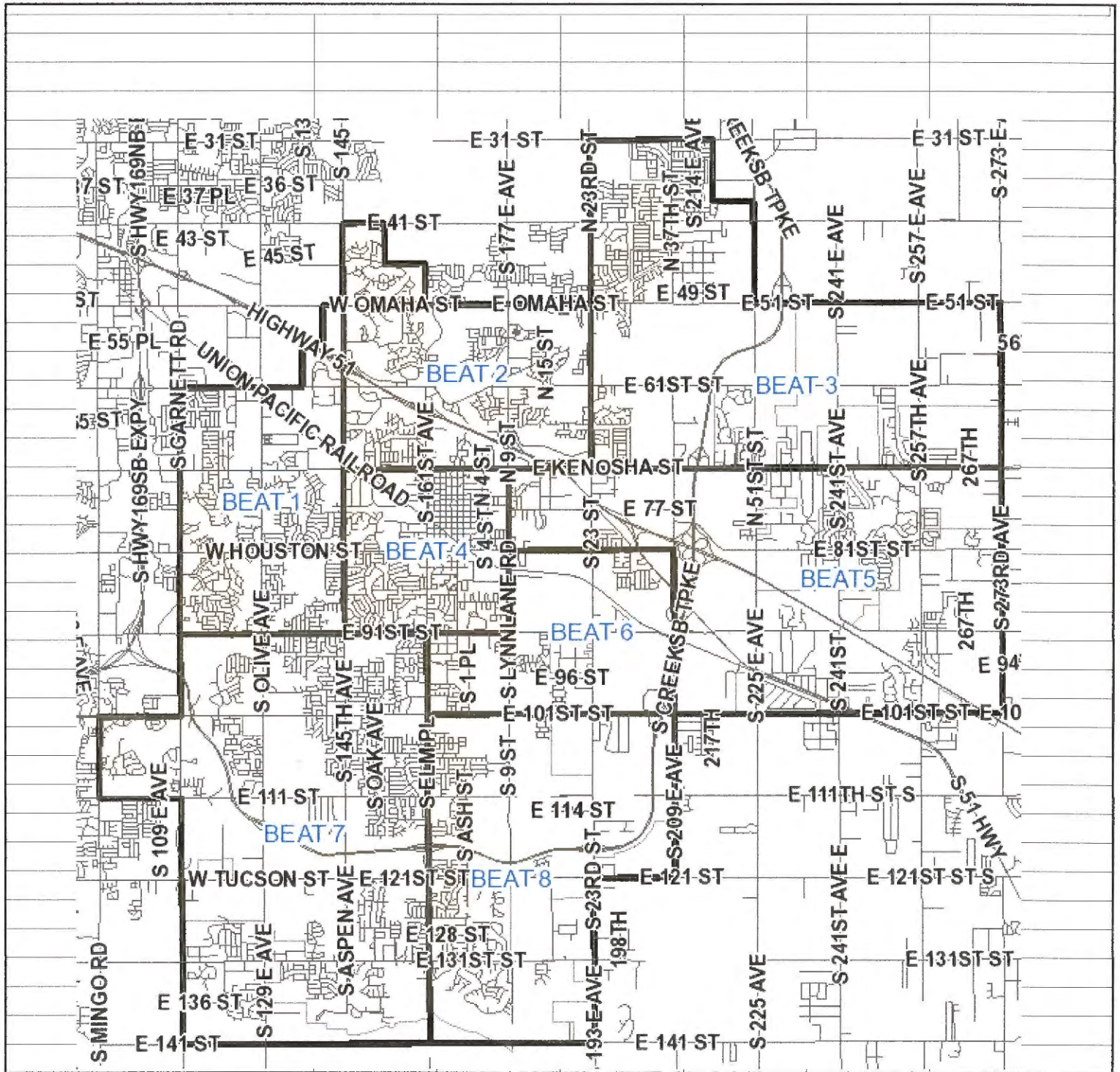
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2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Krista Flasch
Director of Communications
City of Broken Arrow
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Mobile: (918) 409-7771

Hazardous Waste Disposal Now Available Year-Round
New appointment system managed through the M.e.t.

Broken Arrow, Okla. (9/19/2016) – Broken Arrow residents will now be able to dispose of their hazardous household waste any time of the year at the City of Tulsa’s Household Pollutant Collection Facility.

In past years, the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (M.e.t.) has conducted semi-annual collection events at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. Those events will no longer be held, now that the City of Tulsa has built a permanent facility to collect hazardous waste.

Broken Arrow residents will need to contact the M.e.t. at **918-584-0584** to schedule an appointment and receive a confirmation number. The appointment and confirmation number will allow residents to dispose of their waste at the Tulsa facility free of charge.

The permanent facility is at 4502 S. Galveston Avenue in west Tulsa and is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A full list of what can and cannot be recycled at the permanent facility can be found [here](#).

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BAFD Receives \$1.49 Million Grant to Hire 11 Firefighters
Funding covers two years of salaries, benefits

Broken Arrow, Okla. (9/21/2016) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded the Broken Arrow Fire Department a \$1,486,320 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant to hire eleven (11) new firefighters.

“The Broken Arrow Fire Department made a promise to citizens, that if they passed the Vision 2025 sales tax renewal, we would increase our staffing level by 20 firefighters. Because of this SAFER grant and the one we received last year, we're able to deliver on that promise three years earlier than anticipated,” said Fire Chief Jeremy Moore.

The 2015 SAFER grant will provide 100 percent funding for salaries and benefits of eleven entry level firefighters for a period of two years. This performance period begins February 1, 2017, and will conclude on January 31, 2019.

During the two-year performance period, the Broken Arrow Fire Department will be required to maintain the staffing level that existed at the time of the award, in addition to the SAFER-funded positions. The current staffing level is 156, with an authorized strength of 162. A hiring process is currently underway, and the goal will be to hire 17 new cadets with an expected start date of February 1, 2017. Of the 17 cadets, eleven of the new firefighters will be funded by the SAFER grant, increasing the authorized strength to 173. With the renewal of the Vision 2025 sales tax, the City has the necessary funding available to retain these new firefighters when the SAFER grant expires.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Steve Arant, Director of Street and Stormwater
Date: September 23, 2016
Re: Construction Update

Street crews have completed the following work:

- Today, the crew will have completed the asphalt overlay of 1st Place from Washington Street(91st) to New Orleans(101st).
- Repair and overlay of 91st Street from Oneta Road to the bridge crossing just west of Midway.



Freedom's Voice

The Monthly Newsletter of the
Military History Center

112 N. Main ST
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
<http://www.okmhc.org/>



"Promoting Patriotism through the Preservation of Military History"

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United States Armed Services Days of Observance

There are several Days of Observance in the month of September. We believe the most significant are Victory over Japan (VJ) Day on September 2, POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 16, Air Force Birthday on September 18, and Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day on September 27.

POW/MIA Recognition Day

POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed in the United States on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. This day was established by an Act of Congress in 1998.

The Military History Center has dedicated a small portion of the Memorial Flag Plaza as a special section to honor Oklahoma's thirty-two Vietnam War MIAs with memorial bricks. Each of the thirty-two bricks will be engraved with the MIA's name, rank, branch of service, city and date listed as missing.

We invite you to join the MHC in remembering these heroes by sponsoring a brick to perpetually honor an Oklahoma MIA. The cost of each brick is only \$100. Please contact the MHC for information.

Oklahoma Viet Nam War MIAs

William O. Bare	OK City	USAF	27 Jul 67
Wayne L. Bolte	Claremore	USAF	02 Apr 72
Charles F. Bookout	OK City	Army	4 Jul 70
Robert W. Burnes	Edmond	USMC	5 Jan 70
Neil S. Bynum	Vian	USAF	26 Oct 69
Allen B. Cecil	Holdenville	Army	21 Sep 69
Dennis I. Day	Blackwell	Army	3 Nov 70
Jerry D. DewBerry	Ardmore	USMC	5 Jul 65
George J. Eisenberger	Pawhuska	Army	5 Dec 65
Charles W. Fryer	OK City	Navy	7 Aug 66
James P. Gauley	Ringwood	USAF	10 Jan 67
Tommy E. Gist	Durant	USAF	18 May 68
James A. Green	Boynton	Army	18 Jun 70
Donald J. Hall	Stroud	USAF	6 Feb 67
Jimmy D. Hyde	Caddo	Navy	5 Dec 65
Wayne C. Irsch	Tulsa	USAF	9 Jan 68
Steven B. Johnston	Muskogee	USAF	4 Jan 73
Larry C. Knight	Wilburton	Navy	9 Apr 70
Henry L. Mosberg	Putnam	Army	26 Sep 66
David P. Neislar	Norman	Navy	20 Feb 69
Stanley E. Olmstead	Marshall	Navy	17 Oct 65
Fred M. Owens	Picher	Army	10 Jun 65
Samuel J. Padgett	Tulsa	Army	10 Apr 68
Martin R. Scott	Tulsa	USAF	15 Mar 66
Howard H. Smith	OK City	USAF	30 Sep 68
Lilburn R. Stow	Vici	USAF	26 Apr 68
Aubrey E. Stowers, Jr.	Sentinel	USAF	21 Mar 68
James H. Tucker	Pawnee	USAF	26 Apr 66
Ronald J. Ward	Anadarko	USAF	18 Dec 72
Frank P. Watson	OK City	USAF	18 Jun 65
John E. Wilburn	Luther	Army	19 Apr 68
Samuel A. Woodworth	Minco	USAF	17 Apr 65



James P. Gauley
CPT – USAF
Ringwood
10 January 1967

America's POW/MIAs

World War II

During World War II, approximately 130,000 American soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen became prisoners of war. Germany held just under 94,000 and Japan held 27,465.

The largest group of Americans taken prisoner in a single event in the European theater was during the Battle of the Bulge, when almost 23,000 were taken, mostly infantrymen. The largest group of American prisoners taken by the Japanese came at the surrender of the Philippines – approximately 20,000. The highest ranking American prisoner of World War II was Lt. General Jonathan M. Wainwright, Commander of the American and Filipino forces. The Eighth Air Force, stationed in the United Kingdom, lost more men as prisoners than any other unit in any theater of the war – approximately 28,000.

More than twelve thousand prisoners died while in captivity. 1,121 prisoners, about one per cent of the total held by the Germans, died in captivity. Of those held by the Japanese, 11,107, more than forty per cent, died in captivity.

Some prisoners died of wounds received before or at capture, or were killed in escape attempts. Others died of the effects of malnutrition, disease and abuse. Others were worked to death, and still others were simply murdered.

Korea

Accounting for all of POWs and MIAs of the Korean War has been impossible because of lack of cooperation and honesty by the North Koreans. More than 7,000 Americans were captured by the North Koreans and Chinese during the Korean War, but only 3,800 returned alive. The North Koreans outright murdered an estimated 1,000. They wantonly murdered or massacred hundreds of American prisoners on and off the battlefield. At least another 1,700 died of sickness and malnutrition during imprisonment. When the Chinese took control of the POWs, the prisoners' physical conditions improved slightly, but they were subjected to indoctrination efforts. Under torture, a number of American airmen "confessed" to germ warfare and other atrocities. Twenty-one Americans and one British citizen renounced their citizenship and decided to remain in China following the armistice in 1953.

Major General William F. Dean, commander of the 24th Infantry Division, was the highest ranking American captured in Korea. During the withdrawal from Taejon, he became separated from his men and was captured on July 20, 1950.

Since 1954, more than 3,000 remains have been recovered in both North and South Korea, but more than 7,000 American soldiers are still unaccounted for. Documents obtained from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and other government depositories by a Congressional committee in 1996 showed that the Pentagon knew in December 1953 that more than 900 American troops were alive at the end of the war but were never released by the North Koreans. The Defense Department denies the accuracy of these reports. If any of part of the report is true, few, if any, of the POWs would be alive today. Americans are unlikely ever to know the truth.

Vietnam

Trying to account for American POWs from the Viet Nam War has been extremely difficult, because the Vietnamese and Laotian governments have been dishonest and uncooperative in accounting for their prisoners.

Prisoners held by the North Vietnamese – overwhelmingly airmen shot down over that country – were imprisoned in permanent facilities at several locations, mostly around Hanoi. The exact number of captured men will never be known as the North Vietnamese authorities have not fully accounted for all the prisoners they are known to have held. They returned 591 after the war, and the remains of over 900 have since been recovered. The Viet Cong returned 114 prisoners, but are believed to have held as many as 150 during the course of the war. Their prisoners were held in various locations in South Vietnam and sometimes Cambodia. The least is known about prisoners held by the communist Pathet Lao. Different reports claim from sixty to more than 500 prisoners were held in Laos; however, only nine were returned after the war, and they were under control of the North Vietnamese. The U. S. government disputes the Laotian reports, and they cannot be corroborated; nevertheless, many people believe them to be true.

Many missing airmen likely crashed in remote, inaccessible locations. Others were probably killed by civilians before authorities could intervene, and still others were killed attempting escape, from the effects of torture or were simply murdered. As of now, 1,624 MIAs, including thirty-two Oklahomans, remain unaccounted for. As with Korean War POW/MIAs, Americans are unlikely ever to know the truth.



Important Dates

**October 28-30 – Coweta Mission
Civil War Weekend**

See page eight for details.

November 13 – A Salute to Veterans

The MHC will host its annual Veterans Day Patriotic Concert, "A Salute to Veterans", on Sunday, November 13, at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center. The October newsletter will contain detailed information. In the meantime, please mark your calendars, and plan to attend this important patriotic event.

Combat Hero and POW



1st Lt. Lloyd Holdcroft – April 1943

Captain Lloyd Holdcroft, 360th Bombardment Squadron, 303rd Bombardment Group “Hell’s Angels”, Eighth Air Force, flew his B-17, *The Road Back*, from his base in England in the early morning of April 18, 1944. It was the Hell’s Angels’ 136th mission and Holdcroft’s twenty-ninth. The thirty-five B-17s were loaded with incendiary bombs for their target, the Heinkel Aircraft Component Factory at Oranienburg, just north of Berlin. After releasing his bomb load, Holdcroft turned *The Road Back* toward England. Two engines were hit by anti-aircraft fire, but Holdcroft flew his crippled bomber another four and a half hours before he had to set it down in a wheels-up belly landing in a field near Soltau, sixty-five km north of Hanover – a valiant effort that fell hundreds of miles short. Along the way, a German fighter pilot seeing that the damaged B-17 would soon crash or have to set down, saluted and flew away. Holdcroft’s was the only bomber lost on the mission.

The entire crew of ten survived the landing, set the plane afire and broke up into three groups in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid capture. The Germans took the crew to the large POW camp, Stalag Luft III, the camp from which “The Great Escape” was made, located near Sagan in eastern Germany (now Zagen in Poland). As the Red Army closed in on Germany in early 1945, the Germans loaded their prisoners on railroad cars and moved them west. Holdcroft and his fellow prisoners’ final stop was Stalag VIIA, located at Moosburg, northeast of Munich, on April 13, 1945. Sixteen days later, the 14th Armored Division of Third Army, entered the gates of Stalag VIIA. Captain Holdcroft was a free man after 377 days of captivity.

Lloyd L. Holdcroft was born on December 25, 1916, in Blackford County, Indiana. He enlisted in the Army Air Force on April 29, 1943, and flew his first bombing mission eight months later. After the war, he remained in the Air Force, retiring in 1961 as a highly-decorated major. At some time after retirement, he relocated to Broken Arrow. Major Holdcroft died on September 15, 1996, at age seventy-nine. He is buried next to his wife, Edna, in Veterans Field of Honor of Park Grove Cemetery in Broken Arrow. Major Holdcroft donated his major’s uniform and World War II artifacts to the MHC, which has created an exhibit in his memory.

The entire crew of *The Road Back* survived their captivity.

This Month’s Featured Artifact



This Vietnam Era POW copper bracelet was worn by Carol Hart during the Vietnam War in honor of Maj. David Duart, 13th Tactical Fighter Squadron. Major Duart was stationed at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. His F-105 fighter was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) over North Vietnam, on February 18, 1967. He safely ejected but was captured by local militia immediately upon landing. He was held captive for six years in various POW camps in and around the infamous Hanoi Hilton and the Zoo.

During the Vietnam War, many Americans wore POW bracelets to keep faith with the POWs. Carol Hart graciously donated her bracelet to the MHC.



David H. Duart was a highly decorated career Air Force officer. His many decorations include three Silver Stars. He was born on December 25, 1934, in Pennsylvania. He retired as a colonel on May 1, 1980. Colonel Duart died September 10, 2003, at age seventy. He is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at San Antonio, Texas.



Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

American Gold Star Mothers Inc. was formed in the United States shortly after World War I to provide support for mothers who lost sons or daughters in the war. The name came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a Service Flag in the window of their homes. The Service Flag had a star for each son or daughter in the United States Armed Forces. Living servicemen or women are represented by a blue star, and those who had lost their lives are represented by a gold star.

Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day is observed in the United States, in their honor, on the last Sunday of September.

Part II of Leo Haas's War Story

Editor: In last month's Newsletter, we published part of Mr. Leo Haas's personal war story given by his daughters at the End of World War II commemoration on August 14. His daughter, Ms. Suzanne Adair, was having problems with her computer, and was unable to get her portion to me on time for the August Newsletter. Here it is.

"Often I have thought about the mother waiting for a son, who would never return. I have thought about the newly married wife or sweetheart, who remembered the promise, "See you soon," but would never see their soldier return. And, strangely, I have been sad when my thoughts turned to problems caused by my involvement against the Japanese. I have forgiven, and hope for the same. Can you imagine the unspoken affection we had for each other? An affection that allowed men to offer their lives for each other without hesitation and, I suppose, without understanding. I will always remember them as my brothers."

One time in particular, on a mission from Okinawa, my plane, *The Blind Bomber*, and another, *Hogan's Goat*, were returning to our base after a hit on an ocean-going ship. We were crossing over Kyushu and crossed paths with at least twelve, and possible twenty Japanese fighters. I was sure I was going to die, so I decided to fight to the death. I braced myself for the fight.

Both of us stayed close, wing to wing, and dropped down, right over the water, so the fighters couldn't go under us. We endured phosphorous bombs dropped upon us, but used slow, slow turns to evade them. The fighters attacked us individually and then in twos, proceeding to unleash a hail of bullets against us. We managed to stay airborne and shoot down two of the enemy planes. The surviving Japanese planes were now way out over the open ocean, and turned towards their base. We were shot up, but no one was seriously injured. Our commander told us later that it was amazing we survived.

Today, one of the Japanese planes that got away is at the Pensacola Naval Air Station Museum in Florida, with some of our bullet holes in it!"



Bennie G. Adkins was a sergeant first-class serving as an Intelligence Sergeant with Detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces, at Camp A Chau, Republic of Vietnam, when the camp was attacked by a large North Vietnamese and Viet Cong force in the early morning hours of March 9, 1966. The battle lasted until March 12, during which Sgt. Adkins "distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty". Sergeant Major Adkins received his Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony on September 15, 2014.

Bennie G. Adkins was born February 1, 1934, at Waurika, Oklahoma. He was drafted into the Army at Waurika in 1956 and went on to a twenty-two-year career, retiring as a Command Sergeant Major, in 1978. Adkins deployed to Vietnam three times between 1963 and 1971. During those tours of duty, in addition to the Medal of Honor, he was awarded two Bronze Stars with Valor device and three Purple Hearts. Sergeant Major Adkins now lives in Alabama.



Donald Paul Sloat was deployed to Vietnam as a machine gunner in Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry "Americal" Division. On January 17, 1970, he "distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" by falling on a grenade, thereby saving the lives of his comrades. Bill Sloat accepted his brother's Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony on September 15, 2014.

Donald Paul Sloat was born February 6, 1949, at Coweta, Oklahoma. He entered the Army in 1969. He is buried in Vernon Cemetery at Coweta. He was one month short of his twenty-first birthday.

This Month's Featured Exhibit



Missing Man Table

Symbolism:

The listed items are considered traditional. Some commands and units may place headcovers or other items at the place setting as well.

- Tables, set for one, are small, symbolizing the frailty of one isolated prisoner. The table is usually set close to, or in sight of, the entrance to the dining room. For large events, the Missing Man Table is set for six places representing members of the five armed services – Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air force, Coast Guard – and a sixth place reminiscent of the civilians who died during service along side the armed forces or missing during armed conflict. The table is round to represent the everlasting concern on the part of the survivors for their missing loved one.
- The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.
- The single red rose in the vase signifies the blood that many have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedoms of our beloved United States of America. The rose also reminds us of family and friends of our missing comrades who keep the faith while awaiting their return.
- The yellow ribbon on the vase represents the yellow ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who with unyielding determination demand a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us.
- The slice of lemon on the bread plate represents the bitter fate of the missing.
- Salt, sprinkled on the bread plate, is symbolic of the countless fallen tears of families, as they wait.

- The inverted glass represents the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake.
- The lighted candle, reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home.
- The empty chair: The missing and fallen are not present.

Support the Military History Center

Do you want to join the many patriotic Oklahomans who are already supporting the Military History Center's mission of "Promoting Patriotism by Preserving Military History"? If so, contact the Military History Center at (918) 794-2712 to learn how you can be a supporter, or click on the link below to go to the MHC website, <http://www.okmhc.org/donate/>.

There's something to accommodate everyone's budget. Monetary donations, as well as gifts in kind, are tax deductible, subject to IRS regulations.

We invite you to be a part of this unique opportunity to support a first-class military museum and history center in Oklahoma.



Docents Harold Hayes and Dennis Hoch with Charley Pitner of Lubbock, Texas, who recently visited the MHC with his family. Harold and Dennis gave Charley a couple of the MHC's surplus flags. He was obviously thrilled. Charley wrote a nice thank-you card expressing his appreciation.

Museum Hours and Admission Fee

Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 – 4:00; Saturday: 10:00 – 2:00
Closed Sunday and Monday and major Federal holidays

Adults – \$5.00

Members and Children under 18 – Free

For more information, call (918) 794-2712

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Civil Air Patrol



Jonathan Colburn teaches Eighth Grade U.S. History at Broken Arrow's Oliver Middle School, and he takes his history seriously. These are photographs of his classroom. He is also an MHC docent and was on the championship team of the Military Trivia Event.



The Civil Air Patrol Exhibit at the MHC is the Eagle Scout Project of Kurt LeVan, Troop 80 of Owasso, "in honor of those who gave all".

During World War II, the CAP was seen as a way to use America's civilian aviation resources to aid the war effort instead of grounding them. One of their most important missions was coastal patrol. During World War II, the CAP's coastal patrol flew twenty-four million miles, found 173 German U-Boats, attacked fifty-seven, hit ten, and sank two. By the end of the war, sixty-four CAP members had lost their lives in the line of duty.

On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman signed legislation incorporating the CAP. On May 26, 1948, the CAP officially became the civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.



The Eagle and Fledglings Statue at the south end of the Air Gardens on the campus of the United States Air Force Academy is inscribed with the quote: "Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge." The Air Force Academy, youngest of the service schools, was established in 1954, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, north of Colorado Springs, Colorado.



United States Air Force



Just four years after Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first flight ever in a heavier than air machine, the Army recognized the potential of the new "aeroplane". On August 1, 1907, the Army created the Aeronautical Division, Signal Corps. The new air service was to be an aerial reconnaissance arm of the Army. That mission lasted until 1918. With America's entry into World War I, the Air Service's mission was expanded to include a combat role, and its name was changed to U.S. Army Air Service. The potential of air combat was recognized during the war, as pilots not only engaged in one-on-one aerial combat, but also engaged in a primitive form of bombing, mostly by hand-dropping small shells on enemy infantry positions. Airmen also provided aerial reconnaissance and combat support for Army ground troops.

During the interwar years, the Air Service was hard pressed to convince senior War Department officials of the value of air warfare beyond its World War I role. Even after General Billy Mitchell, in 1921, demonstrated that aircraft could sink a warship, it was not until the late 1930s, after seeing what the Germans were doing in the Spanish Civil War, that senior Army commanders began to recognize the potential of massed aerial attacks and bombing. The Air Service, renamed the Army Air Corps in 1926, had a long-time champion in the person of General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold. General Arnold, more than any other person, was responsible for the modern Air Force. He received his flying lessons directly from the Wright brothers and became one of the first three of the Air Service's rated pilots. During World War I, he was tutored in air combat and ground support tactics by British air officers in France. He later became a protégé of General Billy Mitchell. Arnold was appointed commander of the Army Air Corps, in 1938. Three years later, the Army once again renamed the air service, this time to U.S. Army Air Force (USAAF), which Arnold continued to command. Administratively, the most important thing that Arnold and the other senior Air Force officers wanted was separation from Army control, if not separation, autonomy. The latter they got by presidential executive order in early 1941.

When the United States began devising plans for the prosecution of World War II, Arnold and his most senior officers, with their newly granted autonomy, were determined to carve out a strategic role for the Air Force. In Europe, the USAAF executed the bombing campaign over Germany and German occupied territory. With American industry turning out thousands of airplanes every month and with technological improvements and more powerful engines that enabled the planes to carry heavier bomb loads and fly further, and with the development of the Norden bombsight that greatly improved accuracy, the Air Force had all the tools available to play their strategic role. By 1944, bomber streams of a thousand and more planes were regularly flying from British and Italian air bases to pulverize Germany. In the Pacific Theater and the Far East, the Air Force, in the beginning, served primarily in a support role. In the Southwest Pacific, it supported MacArthur's drive to the Philippines. In India, it transported thousands of tons of supplies over the Himalayas to China. With the capture of Saipan and Tinian, the Air Force acquired forward bases that put Japan in range of the newly developed long-range B-29 heavy bomber. After General Curtis LeMay arrived at Tinian in late 1944, he soon realized that high-level bombing over Japan was having little effect. After studying the problem, he realized that most low-tech Japanese industrial production was a cottage industry, done in people's homes, which were constructed of wood and paper. LeMay decided to change his tactics to low-level incendiary bombing to destroy that industry and to render factory workers homeless. On March 9, 1945, LeMay stripped his B-29s of all their armament to reduce weight and packed the bombers with hundreds of small phosphorous and napalm bombs and sent them over Tokyo. The success of the attack exceeded even LeMay's expectations. From that date, incendiary raids became the norm for all but a handful of Japanese cities. The Japanese bombing campaign effectively culminated with the dropping of the newly developed atomic bomb on Hiroshima on August 6 and three days later on Nagasaki.

Less than five years after the end of World War II, the Air Force was in combat again. It was now in Korea, and many of its fighter pilots were flying recently developed jet aircraft. Korea was followed over the next six decades with combat in Southeast Asia, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Serbia, Iraq and Afghanistan. With the development of in-flight refueling in the 1950s, the Air Force no longer needed bases within several hundred miles of the target. Planes could fly directly from the United States to targets thousands of miles away, if need be.

Part of the modern Air Force's mission includes responsibility for the U.S. missile defense system with its nuclear retaliatory capabilities. It's also in charge of the military's space program, routinely launching communications satellites. On September 18, 1947, the long-held dream of the Air Force was realized when President Truman signed the National Security Act, which, in part, created an independent U.S. Air Force. The Air Force Chief of Staff now sat with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as an equal.



The Ninth Annual Wagoner County

coweta Mission Civil War Weekend

When: October 28, 29 and 30, 2016

Where: Arthur Street's Farm
32721 East 161st Street South, Coweta, OK

From Tulsa, Broken Arrow & Coweta - Travel east on Highway 51 to the intersection of 305th Street (also known as Ben Lumpkin Road). This is the intersection at the high school. Travel south on 305th Street to 161st Street. Turn left, and travel east on 161st Street until you see the signs for the event.

Friday, October 28 Events begin at 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 29 Events begin at 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 30 Events begin at 10:00 AM

Featuring:

A Candlelight Tour, Infantry Camp, Artillery Battery, Medical Hospital, Signal Corps, Engineering, Officers Meeting, Period Music, Coweta Mission Trading Post, Civil War Battle, Civil War Period Dance and a Civil War Church Service.

Admission: Daily admission is \$5 per adult, \$2 per child under 12 and \$1 for Children under 6

For the weekend schedule of events, **map** and any other information, go to

www.cowetamission.com or call 918-625-4900 or 918-357-2590.

We are on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/CowetaMission>

All proceeds from the Civil War Weekend will benefit the Military History Center.



“Lest We Forget”



General Douglas MacArthur addresses the dignitaries at the Japanese surrender ceremony aboard USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay – September 2, 1945.

The Emperor of Japan finally realized the futility of further resistance only after the U.S. Air Force had dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the Soviet Union had entered the war. He broadcast an Imperial Rescript to his subjects at noon on August 15, Japan Standard time, (August 14 in the U.S.) informing them that they would have to “endure the unendurable” by accepting surrender. When news of the Japanese surrender was announced to the world, it sparked nation-wide, spontaneous celebrations over the final end of World War II. On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was held in Tokyo Bay aboard USS *Missouri*. President Truman declared September 2 to be Victory over Japan, or VJ, Day. The Emperor ordered Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu (standing in the front row with the cane) to sign the Instrument of Surrender on the Emperor’s behalf and on that of the Japanese Government. The Emperor also ordered General Yoshijiro Umezu (standing next to Shigemitsu) to sign the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters. General MacArthur signed as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers. Admiral Chester Nimitz signed on behalf of the United States. Representatives of each country at war with Japan signed in turn.

During the war with Japan, the United States lost 111,606 killed and missing, 253,142 wounded and 27,465 as prisoners of war, of which 11,107 died in captivity.

Freedom is not free.



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3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES






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For NTC.

Scott

From: Broken Arrow Community Playhouse [mailto:bacptheatre@tulsacoxmail.com]
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<p> BROKEN ARROW COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE Presents Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein The Musical"</p> <p>Book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan Music and Lyrics by Mel Brooks</p> <p>The Broken Arrow Community Playhouse is excited to present "Young Frankenstein The Musical"</p> <p>Book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, Music and Lyrics by Mel Brooks</p> <p>October, 7-16, 2016. Friday and Saturday at <u>7:30 PM</u> Sunday at <u>2 PM</u> here at the playhouse located at 1800 S. Main Street in Broken Arrow. Tickets are on sale now at www.bacptheatre.com or call our Box Office 918-258-0077 to reserve your seats today! Recommended for Mature Audiences.</p> <p><i>Young Frankenstein The Musical</i></p>	<p> BROKEN ARROW COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE 1800 S. Main St. Broken Arrow, OK 74012 (918)258-0077</p> <p>bacptheatre@aol.com</p> <p>Hours:Tues.-Fri 10:00 AM-2:00 PM</p> <p>BACKSTAGE BRIEFING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016</p> <p>Visit our Website and Join Us on Facebook!</p> <p>http://bacptheatre7471.wix.com/bacp https://www.facebook.com/bacptheatre</p> <p> <u>In This Issue</u> * Mel Brooks "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN THE MUSICAL"</p>
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is based on the 1974 Mel Brooks comedy film, a wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend. Book by Mel Brooks and three time Tony Award winner Thomas Meehan, with music and lyrics by Mel Brooks. The story revolves around the grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein;

Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen") is surprised to find he has inherited his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga, Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's.

Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds. With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz," Young Frankenstein succeeds in creating a monster, but not without scary and quite often hilarious complications. Campy and bawdy, lively and off-color, mature audiences will pick up on the genius of Mel Brooks' script and score.

BACP Veteran Jimmy Pike directs this rambunctious romp with Music Direction by Connie Morrison. Kate Pike is Costumer with Choreography by Tee Brown.

They have assembled a stellar cast to bring these classic characters to life; Davis Simpson

*** AUDITIONS**

**"THE LION, THE WITCH,
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BAREFOOT IN THE PARK**



THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB



**STEVE MARTIN'S
PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE**

as Frederick Frankenstein, Matt Griffiths as Igor, Ally Cook as his lab assistant Inga, Rebekah Daily as his fiancé Elizabeth, Tricia Pruitt as Frau Blucher, Terry Michael as the famed Victor Frankenstein, and Nick Bushta as Inspector Klemp. They are joined by a marvelous ensemble cast that includes. Alan Buynak, Lora Hooper, Hege Solbakken, Chloe Haroldson, , Kennedy Blankenship, Noelle Trahan and Stephen Crist.

More information for this production can be obtained by calling the BACP at 918-258-0077. The BACP is located in The Main Place at 1800 S. Main in downtown Broken Arrow.

“Young Frankenstein the Musical” is produced by arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com This production is made possible in part by grants from the Oklahoma Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. The BACP would like to thank **Landmark Business Systems** for their generous sponsorship of the 2016-2017 Season. The Broken Arrow Community Playhouse is a member of the Oklahoma Community Theatre Association and the American Association of Community Theatre.



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The New Mel Brooks Musical - Young Frankenstein



Friday October 7, 2016 to Sunday October 16, 2016 Grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen") inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga (pronounced normally), Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds. With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz."



**OPEN AUDITIONS! OCTOBER 9, 2016 6:00
PM**

"The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe" Dramatized by Joseph Robinette

The Broken Arrow Community Playhouse will be auditioning for our "***The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe***" on **Sunday October 9, 2016 at 6 PM** at the Playhouse located at 1800 S. Main Street in Broken Arrow.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will be directed by Tee Brown. Auditions are open and will consist of cold readings from the script. We are looking for 12 Males and 4 Females ages 10 to Adult. Resumes and Photos not necessary but welcome. Performance dates will be December 9-18, 2016, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30, Sundays at 2:00.

Plot Summary: This new dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic, set in the land of Narnia, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia. The intense action features chases, duels and escapes as the witch is determined to keep Narnia in her possession and to end the reign of Aslan. All the memorable episodes from the story are represented in this exciting dramatization: the temptation of Edmund by the witch, the slaying of the evil wolf by Peter, the witnessing of Aslan's resurrection by Susan and Lucy, the crowning of the four new rulers of Narnia, and more. The supporting characters are also here: the unicorn, the centaur and other forest animals, along with Father Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and Tumnus the Faun. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.

The Characters:

Aslan- (Adult Male) A noble Lion, the king and god of Narnia.

The White Witch- (Adult Female) The evil queen of Narnia

Peter- (Teen Male) The oldest of the Pevensie children, noble and courageous.

Susan- (Teen Female) The second oldest of the Pevensie

children, a sweet and kind beauty.

Edmund-(Child Male) The third oldest child, a brat for most of the play, spiteful and mean

Lucy-(Child Female) The youngest child, cheerful, kind, optimistic and brave.

Tumnus- (Male) A Faun, Kind Sensitive and caring.

Mr. Beaver-(Male) Tumnus' friend, forest animal.

Mrs. Beaver-(Female) Kindly, good-natured and motherly, forest animal.

Fenris Ulf-(Male) Wolf, Evil Chief of Police for the White Witch.

Father Christmas-(Male) Santa Claus, a bringer of gifts.

Elf-(Male or Female) Father Christmas' helper.

Unicorn-(Male) Forest Animal

Centaur- (Male)Forest Animal

White Stag-(Male) an elusive omen of good fortune


EXTRAS

Aslan's Followers- Forest animals

Witch's Army- Evil Villains

Wood Nymphs-Stage helpers

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Playhouse will be offering up
five productions this coming
season:**

Young Frankenstein 7-16, 2016	October
The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe 9-18, 2016	December
Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park 17-26, 2017	February
The Dixie Swim Club 30, 2017	April 21-
Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile 25, 2017	June 16-

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Young Frankenstein October 7 -16, 2016

Grandson of the infamous Victor Frankenstein, Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced "Fronk-en-steen") inherits his family's estate in Transylvania. With the help of a hunchbacked side-kick, Igor (pronounced "Eye-gore"), and a leggy lab assistant, Inga (pronounced normally), Frederick finds himself in the mad scientist shoes of his ancestors. "It's alive!" he exclaims as he brings to life a creature to rival his grandfather's. Eventually, of course, the monster escapes and hilarity continuously abounds. With such memorable tunes as "The Transylvania Mania," "He Vas My Boyfriend" and "Puttin' On The Ritz," Young Frankenstein is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment.



The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe December 9
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Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park February 17 – 26, 2017

Paul and Corie Bratter are newlyweds in every sense of the word. He's a straight-as-an-arrow lawyer and she's a free spirit always looking for the latest kick. Their new apartment is her most recent find-too expensive with bad plumbing and in need of a paint job. After a six day honeymoon, they get a surprise visit from Corie's loopy mother and decide to play matchmaker during a dinner with their neighbor-in-the-attic Velasco, where everything that can go wrong, does. Paul just doesn't understand Corie, as she sees it. He's too staid, too boring and she just wants him to be a little more spontaneous, running "barefoot in the park" would be a start...



The Dixie Swim Club April 21 – 30, 2017

Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. Free from husbands, kids and jobs, they meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer Banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. The story focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of thirty-three years. This gripping tale is the story of these five unforgettable women—a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever...



Steve Martin's Picasso at the Lapin Agile June 16–25, 2017

This long running Off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism. In

his first comedy for the stage, the popular actor and screenwriter plays fast and loose with fact, fame and fortune as these two geniuses muse on the century's achievements and prospects as well as other fanciful topics with infectious dizziness. Bystanders, including Picasso' agent, the bartender and his mistress, Picasso's date, an elderly philosopher, Charles Dabernow Schmendimen and an idiot inventor introduce additional flourishes of humor. The final surprise patron to join the merriment at the Lapin Agile is a charismatic dark haired singer time warped in from a later era



Blow the Roof Off

The Broken Arrow Community Playhouse has kicked off a fundraising campaign to improve our Performance sound quality here at the Playhouse and bring it up to the current standards. All Money raised will go toward new technology including but not limited to new speakers, monitor Equipment and microphones as well as any new wiring and installation needed.

We hope you can help us meet the goal of \$15,000 needed to raise the roof with sound!



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