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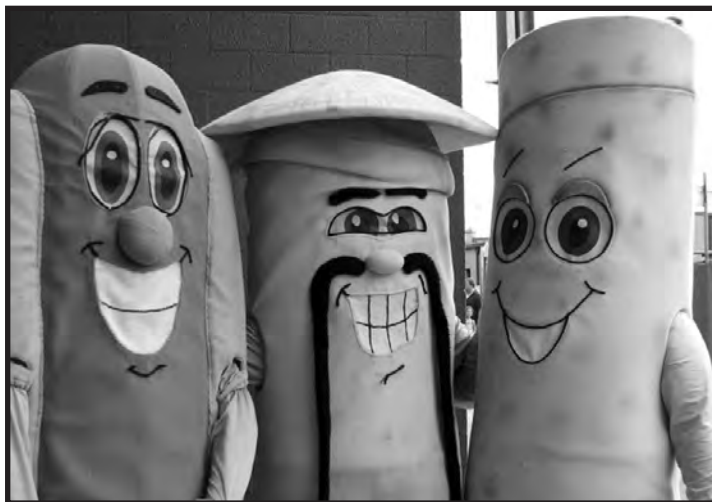
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## Deputies Race To Say Farewell To Drillers Stadium!



Left to Right: Charles Masek (hot dog), Deputy Joe Masek (egg roll) and Deputy Justin Tesson (taquito)



Justin

Charles

Joe

The Tulsa Drillers played their last game in the 15th Street stadium on September 7, 2009 and a couple of our deputies were on hand to participate in the 'closing game' festivities. Deputy Joe Masek, along with his son Charles, and Deputy Justin Tesson donned some pretty interesting costumes to run the Roller Grill Race, sponsored by QuikTrip. Each of them

represented items available in QT stores; hot dogs, egg rolls and taquitos. The stadium was sectioned off into three areas, each area represented by one of the racers and the winner's entire section of attendees received a free QT coupon. After some comical tackles and fancy footwork, Deputy Justin Tesson overtook the Egg Roll and Hot Dog, taking his Taquito section to

victory! The Drillers' win in this final game marked the end of twenty-nine seasons for Driller Stadium. The team will move into the new ONEOK Field in downtown Tulsa. At the end of the evening, the bases were removed for the final time and will be used in the first game at ONEOK Field on April 8, 2010.

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## Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Stanley Glanz

Congratulations are in order for Megan Brown, who was recently promoted to Detention Corporal during a promotional ceremony held at the jail. I have confidence that she will do a fine job in her new duty assignment.

I had the fortunate opportunity to meet Timmy Kelly, an amazing young man who was visiting our county to communicate the Shriner's mission statement, which is to find children with needs and help them. Timmy Kelly was born 26 weeks premature and after enduring emergency heart surgery and eight operations that could not save his sight, his family turned to the Shriners for help. Timmy has faced many challenges in his life, but he was also given an extraordinary gift - his voice. Timmy is a remarkable singer who started his solo career at the age of four. He has had the opportunity to sing during the Philadelphia Eagles games and, most notably, perform at the White House. In between his distinguished singing engagements, Timmy visits many cities

and speaks of hope, determination and happiness. He helps raise awareness that the Shriners are there to help children in need of medical attention for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate conditions. It was an honor to have met with such a fine young man and to hear his extraordinary story. As you interact with the community, remember the Shriners and recommend their services to those families you may have contact with and may be in need of their services.

I also want to remind everyone that the United Way Annual Fundraiser is in full swing and will end on October 31, 2009. There are so many ways to become involved in this worthwhile endeavor; you need not look far to find a simple way to help out. The many offices that make up Tulsa County have scheduled special events to help raise funds. These events include car washes, spaghetti dinners, and a variety of give-a-ways. I hope you will attend and participate in as many events that you can to show our

support for all the offices of Tulsa County. The United Way pledge cards were recently distributed and I encourage everyone to return their card back to their supervisor as quickly as possible. I hope each of you will be able to afford a monetary gift and help our office reach its goal of \$33,000.00. Volunteers for the committee are still needed and if you are interested in joining, please call Sheryl Stedham at 596-4680.

It is time for those, who are willing to dust off their dancing shoes, to sign up for the annual HallowZOOeen festivities. I hear this year will be a ghostly good time, with a few new twists and some old favorites. The program is an excellent way for TCSO to interact with the children in our community and support our local Zoo. We are once again teaming up with some of the Dispatch employees in order to make this year's 'goblin stop' a hit! Call Carrie at 596-5641 if you would like to participate, but, you had better hurry - I understand rehearsals have already begun!

## Public Acclaim

Reserve Deputy Reuben Davis, V-President of the Committee of One Hundred, would like to commend Sgt. Bob Darby, Cpl. Tom Helm, Deputy Lance Ramsey and Officer Jared Lowe, Bixby P.D., for their Drug Task Force presentation at the Committee of One Hundred banquet. They demonstrated the preparation ingredients and dangers of methamphetamine and its manufacturing process. Reuben stated, "This presentation was one of the finest programs ever presented to The Committee of One Hundred. These individuals went above and beyond the call of duty."



Sheriff Glanz received special thanks from Scout Executive/CEO, Bill Haines, of the Indian Nations Council for his work with the Service Award Steering Committee and for assisting the Council in raising monies to support their youth outreach programs.



Sheriff Glanz and Deputy 'Bear' Wilson, with Timmy Kelly, his parents and Shriners

◆ ◆ ◆ Bedlam Blood Drive! ◆ ◆ ◆

We held our most successful Blood Drive to date on Friday, September 18, 2009 at the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center. The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) sponsored a Bedlam Blood Drive and the donors were able to choose from OU or OSU T-shirts for donating or attempting. We had 29 people attempt to donate with 26 units collected. We were well over our goal and kept the employees of OBI busy throughout the entire drive. I am very proud of the turnout and hope our future drives can be as successful. Thank you to all who donated and to those who were deferred, thank you very much for trying.

*Cyndi Johnston*



**FOR THE RECORD**



***A Special Thank You!***

Reserve Deputy Tom Lester lost his son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters in a small plane crash in September. He wanted to express his appreciation to everyone with these words:

**Thank you for those who honored our family by their support and presence at the funeral of Steve, Dana, Laura and Christina.**

**I was never so proud of an organization that I was a part of.**

**A special thanks to Willie Lewis and the Honor Guard.**

**May God look over you and your families!**

*Our Deepest Respect,*

***Tom and Ruth Lester***

***TCSO  
T-Shirts***

We are considering have t-shirts made for our office. I would like to know if this would be of interest to you and what kind of design you would like to see reflect our law enforcement agency. Depending on the detail of the design, the shirts, small to extra large, would range from \$12 to no more than \$15 dollars. The 2X and larger may be a couple of dollars more, depending on the manufacturer. Please let me know what your opinion is on this idea and if you have a design in mind, submit it for review.

*Thanks,*  
LeAnna Cook

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## ••• Our History •••

### TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole  
TCSO Historian

## ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF GUNNED DOWN

### Part II

Minton testified that on that fateful Saturday night, he had driven to Tulsa to deliver a gallon of whiskey. He said during his drive, he had seen the three Russell brothers walking down the railroad tracks near the mill. Minton claimed that after the delivery, he stayed to drink for a while with his customer, then drove back and inspected his mill around midnight. After arriving home, Minton said he received a call at his house a short time later about a shooting downtown. Minton drove to downtown Sand Springs and stopped at the 1st National Bank where he asked a bystander where the shooting had taken place. The person told Minton that the shooting had occurred at his mill. Minton stated he drove to his mill and when he arrived, authorities were removing Huskey's body from the crime scene.

During prosecuting testimony, Andrew Moore, City Criminologist, and Deputy Sheriff John Evans, both identified bullets and cartridges found at the murder scene as .45-caliber cartridges, which had been reloaded by hand, probably with .44-caliber bullets, and bullets which had been fired from such cartridges. Moore testified that when he test-fired one of these cartridges, "the pistol cylinder had exploded." A similar bullet had been found in the body of Chief Huskey.

Another witness for the prosecution, 66-year-old Joe Rucker, who lived near the mill elevator and had worked with Sam Russell for 10 years, testified that on the night of the murder, he had awoke shortly before midnight on the night of the slaying and heard footsteps running past his home. He testified that he had heard someone say, "Hurry up, hurry up." When asked if he recognized the voice, Rucker identified the voice as Sam Russell.

Defense witness Booker Helm testified he saw three men running from the mill that night, but they were not the Russell brothers. Helm's sister and wife would testify for the prosecution that Booker had gone to a 'chittlin strut' on the night of the murder, and could not have witnessed three men running from the mill. When confronted with this conflicting testimony, Booker Helm

claimed he had seen the three men running from the mill while he was driving to the chittlin strut. When asked if he could identify any of them, Helm licked his lips, swallowed and said, "I wouldn't like to say." The prosecutor told him to answer anyway and Helm stated, "It was Mr. Minton."

Booker Helm's wife had also testified that her husband had met several times with Bill Russell, the two defendants' brother, before testifying in court for the defense. Joe Krause, the former mayor of Sand Springs, added to this story by testifying that Booker Helm had come to him asking for his advice. He testified that Booker had stated to him that 'he expected to get a bunch of money for testifying at the Russell trial and he wanted to know what to do'.

During his testimony, Sam Russell claimed he was with a woman named Rose Dover the night Chief Huskey was murdered. Rose collaborated Sam's testimony, stating that Sam Russell had been so drunk on that Saturday night that the two had decided to spend the night at a hotel in Sand Springs. Both Sam and Rose claimed they had been together from 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, until 7:30 a.m. the following Sunday morning. Sam testified he had been arrested the following Monday morning for questioning by authorities, and then released. He also admitted that on the same morning after his release from the county jail, he had sold a pistol to a Tom Pope. Sam also admitted to signing a petition to oust Assistant Chief Jesse Huskey from office, but he denied being anywhere near the mill on the night Huskey was killed.

When Joe Russell testified, he admitted to buying whisky from T. P. Minton, but he denied ownership of the shells found at the mill, denied ever showing any similar type shells to T.P. Minton, and like his brother Sam, denied being near the mill the night Chief Huskey was killed. Two collaborating witnesses claimed Joe Russell was drinking with them that fatal night, and a woman named Minnie Chapman testified that she had taken Joe Russell home drunk, at around 11:00 p.m., staying there with him until 2:00 a.m. Minnie's mother would testify that her daughter had been gone from home for

only about an hour.

Before he stepped down from the witness chair, prosecutors asked Joe Russell if he had gone to the home of a T. N. Cavin on Sunday morning, the morning after the murder, and attempted to sell his son, Ralph Cavin, a .38-caliber pistol. Joe replied, "Not that I remember of." The prosecution immediately called Ralph Cavin to the stand. Ralph told the court that Joe Russell had come by his house between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, December 10th, and had tried to trade, or sell, him a pistol. Ralph Cavin's father also testified to this fact.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 16, 1936, the jury retired for deliberations at 5:00 p.m. The courtroom was so packed that Judge Mills could not get a path cleared for their adjournment. Exasperated, the judge stated, "You people get back. Stay away from the jury. Stay away from 'em as if they had something you didn't want to catch." The jury would return their verdict just two hours later - not guilty.

Merchant Policeman George Burkett, Chief Huskey's partner on that fatal night, was never able to identify any of the shooter(s). Officer Burkett was also unable to testify in Chief Huskey's murder trial - he had passed away before it began.

During the trial, both Sam and Joe Russell admitted to serving time in prison for robbery between 1927 and 1930. Prosecutors could only prove that the Russell brothers owned a .38-caliber pistol, not a .44-caliber, the believed weapon that killed Chief Huskey. With all the conflicting testimony and circumstantial evidence, no one was ever convicted for the murder of Assistant Chief Jesse Huskey. But, his story does not end here.

In May of 2003, another Assistant Police Chief for the Sand Springs Police Department would become involved in Jesse Huskey's case. For almost 70 years, Jesse Huskey had been laying in rest at Memorial Park Cemetery. The only marker of his grave was a round piece of concrete with '168' on it. Chief Huskey had been killed during the years of depression, and at that time, other things

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were more important than grave markers. Assistant Police Chief Carl Wortham, in an attempt to get Jesse Huskey's name spelled properly on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. (It had been spelled "Haskey") learned that Jesse Huskey had no grave marker.

With the help of numerous businesses and citizens of Sand Springs, The Sand Springs Police F.O.P. collected the funds necessary for a grave marker and its placement on Jesse Huskey's grave. Assistant Police Chief Jesse C. Huskey is the only Sand Springs police officer that has been killed in the line of duty.

Although there was no justice in Jesse Huskey's homicide case, there was justice for his sacrifice. I believe retired Sand Springs Assistant Police Chief Carl Wortham stated it best when he wrote, "The research into your life has been very enlightening. I spoke with your grandson who is very proud and a great assistance on updating our file. Your case has been closed; all the known suspects are dead now, but your sacrifice will never be forgotten. We will honor your courage and dedication forever. Rest in peace, brother."

## HEALTH WARNING!

Microwaved water and other liquids do not always bubble when they reach the boiling point. They can actually get superheated and not bubble at all. There have been cases of the liquid 'exploding' in a person's face when the container is removed from the oven. This is caused by a phenomenon known as super heating. It can occur anytime water is heated and will particularly occur if the vessel that the water is heated in is new, or when heating a small amount of water (less than half a cup). The superheated liquid will bubble up out of the container when it is moved or when something like a spoon or tea bag is put into it. To prevent this from

## Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)

### READY OKLAHOMA!

The Tulsa Zoo Enrichment Day event was held on September 19th to promote National Preparedness Month. Members of our VIPS group assisted the Citizen Corps division of Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) with their efforts to educate citizens of the nationwide need to increase personal preparedness, in the event of a disaster. We distributed preparedness information, free promotional items and assisted Radio Disney, who partnered with OKOHS, with their events and games for the record crowds at the Tulsa Zoo. TCSO VIPS

Jim Peebles and Dick Hackbarth commented that 'it was like being at our Tulsa Fair booth, when it gets crazy on a Saturday!' Information distributed encourage everyone to GET PREPARED: get a kit of emergency supplies (3 days worth per person), have a plan of how you will communicate with your family during a disaster, and be informed about the emergencies that can occur where you live. OKOHS also encourages you to receive training in First Aid and CPR. More information on getting PREPARED can be found at [www.ready.ok.gov](http://www.ready.ok.gov) and more on Citizen Corps at [www.citizencorps.ok.gov](http://www.citizencorps.ok.gov).



**VIPS Members Jim Peebles and Dick Hackbarth, with the Tulsa Citizen Corps and Broken Arrow Fire Corps members.**

happening and causing injury, do not heat any liquid for more than two minutes per cup. After heating, let the cup stand in the microwave for thirty seconds before moving it or adding anything into it. What happens is that the water heats faster than the vapor bubbles can form. If the cup is very new, then it is unlikely to have small surface scratches inside it that provide a place for the bubbles to form. As the bubbles cannot form and release some

of the heat that has built up, the liquid does not boil and the liquid continues to heat up well past its boiling point. What then usually happens is that the liquid is bumped or jarred, which is just enough of a shock to cause the bubbles to rapidly form and expel the hot liquid. The rapid formation of bubbles is also why a carbonated beverage spews when opened after having been shaken.