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“BIGGEST LOSER” CONTEST HAS A WINNER!

Congratulations to Detention Officer Laura Norris for winning the Detention Division’s ‘Biggest Loser’ contest! Laura lost close to 59 pounds during her participation in this program, developed by the David L. Moss CJC Training Unit, and says she “plans to continue losing pounds”. D.O. Norris said she lost the weight through exercise routines twice a day and by keeping her daily calorie intake to 1,500 or less. The purpose is to encourage our employees to; lose weight where applicable, exercise regularly and appropriately, maintain a consistent, effective program of physical fitness, maintain a diet program that is regularly assessed, depending on desire or needs of the individual, and improve self-esteem. The program is primarily directed at training the participating individual employees to change their lifestyle. Participants are assessed prior to their active

participation to determine their specific needs. Once the assessment is completed, the participant is given

exercise issues. Although the program focuses on those individuals with extreme weight control issues,



no employee is excluded from participation. Those individuals who are not ‘competing’ in the weight loss program are able to participate in the program and receive assistance. Various training materials are provided to each of the participants, including documentation concerning the periodic personal assessment, handout materials concerning weight loss, exercise and information about appropriate supplements and internet information availability. Currently, the Training Unit is working on another “Biggest Loser” contest and plans to expand this fitness program to include the other two divisions.

a custom fitness and diet program which allows them to constantly reinforce appropriate diet and

Deputy Billy McKelvey
Detention Investigations/Training Units

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Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Stanley Glanz

I am always thrilled to hear about the outstanding achievements of the employees of our office. There have been many recent successes that I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize.

On April 6th, Reserve Deputy Frank Daggs was honored as the TCSO 2009 Reserve Deputy of the Year. Thank you, Frank, for the many hours you dedicate to this office and your help with the various events of which you have so graciously volunteered your time.

Deputy Chris Yerton was named House District 77 Public Servant of the Month of March 2010. He was recognized by the Oklahoma House of Representatives for putting his community above self and dedicating his life to protecting and serving the people of Tulsa County. Congratulations on your citation.

The Oklahoma Women in Law Enforcement have recognized and honored three of our own with the Outstanding Servant's Award. Congratulations to Reserve Deputy Jo Taylor, Volunteer Pasty Nye and LaDonna Penny for your accomplishments and for your commitment to our office.

The Sheriff's Office Detention Division held its first "Biggest Loser" program. The winner was Detention Officer Laura Norris, who lost almost 59 pounds. Not only did she receive a monetary prize, she has also realized her ambition to become physically fit; congratulations on your great success. Plans are in the works to hold another "Biggest Loser" program and expand to include the other two divisions. Watch for further details and get involved.

Congratulations to Detention Corporal Arthur Jackson, who was promoted on April 12th. I am sure

he will continue to develop his leadership skills in his new role as a supervisor.

Sadly, our TCSO family saw the loss of Detention Officer Cynthia Candice Sam this past month. D.O. Sam worked the front desk at the DLM Facility. She was known to be good spirited and represented this office professionally. We also lost Retired Reserve Deputy Danny Hite, father of Deputy Paula Hite, during the month of March. They both will be greatly missed.

The Chaplain's Office is making preparations for the annual Memorial Service. I encourage as many of you who can to attend the service and pay respects to those who dedicated their lives to the law enforcement profession.

CALEA

Standard 1.2.4.

A written directive governs search and seizure without a warrant by agency personnel, to include the following situations:

- a. search by consent;
- b. stop and frisk of an individual under circumstances where the officer has articulable reasons to fear for his/her safety;
- c. search of vehicle under a movable vehicle exception;
- d. at the scene of a crime;
- e. exigent circumstances, as where the public safety is endangered;
- f. inventory searches of seized vehicles or other property;
- g. other situations authorized by state and federal constitutional provisions.

ACA CROWDING

Standard 4-ALDF-1A-05

The number of inmates does not exceed the facilities rated bed capacity.

Merit Recognition

1st QUARTER RECIPIENTS -
JANUARY THROUGH
MARCH

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

- Sgt. Craig Bivins
- Deputy Matt Johnson
- D.O. Aubrey Lindley
- D.O. Freeman Upton
- D.O. Bobby Rodgers

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

- Sgt. Shane Rhames
- Deputy Ryan Ayers
- Deputy Dean Reed
- Investigator Marlon Stuart
- Investigator Greg Brown
- Reserve Deputy David Stone
- D.O. Corey Colbert
- D.O. Daniela Medrano

• **REMEMBER!**

LAW ENFORCEMENT

TORCH RUN

FOR

SPECIAL

OLYMPICS

MAY 12TH

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

••• Our History •••

TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole
TCSO Historian

"Bixby Axe Murder"

Part III

Brown's attorney, Luther Lane, filed an appeal and was able to get a bond set of \$50,000 for Brown. The individuals who co-signed Legus Brown's \$50,000 appearance bond were; Minnie Bond, Mounds; Louise Bosen, Sapulpa; Ruth M. Brown, Bixby; Jessie and Lizzie Tiger, Mounds; and W.L. Childers of Bixby. Minnie Bond would later want to be removed from the bond. This would prove to be a fatal mistake for her husband, Henry Bond.

Legus Brown had been out on bond about six months, awaiting his appeal in the Alva Shanks case, when he learned that Minnie Bond wanted to be removed from his bond. At around 4:00 a.m. early one Sunday morning in April of 1931, an angry and intoxicated Legus Brown entered the Bond home on their ranch near Mounds. Brown entered the Bond's bedroom and woke up the sleeping couple. He told Henry Bond to get out of bed and that he was going to kill him. Minnie Bond was afraid of Legus and believed he meant what he said so she refused to let her husband get out of bed. Apparently not knowing what to do, Legus sat down in a chair beside the Bond's bed. Legus eventually fell asleep, allowing the frightened husband and wife to escape.

On a Sunday evening, April 26, 1931, 40-year-old Henry Bond, accompanied by 28-year-old Vern Tichenor of Bixby, drove to the home of Legus Brown near Bixby. A short time later, Henry Bond would be dead, Vern Tichenor would be wounded several times and Legus Brown would be critically wounded, a bullet striking him just below the heart.

Apparently, Henry Bond was determined to have his wife Minnie removed from Legus Brown's appearance bond, but this of course meant that Legus Brown would be placed in the Tulsa County Jail while his appeal for Alva Shanks proceeded. When Bond and Tichenor arrived at Legus's home, they were unaware that there were other individuals at the Brown home, and they

were armed.

Deputy Sheriffs Han Carter, Phil Stone, Glenn Larkin and John Evans arrived to investigate the shooting. From his hospital bed, Vern Tichenor told the deputies, "Bond was driving. As we reached Brown's house, he came out. Brown had a gun and apparently Bond saw it. Drawing rapidly, Bond fired at Brown, who fired in return. Then, shooting broke out from both sides of the Brown house. I saw flashes coming from the east and west ends. Brown stood near the car firing his revolver. Bond said, 'Get out of here, Tichenor, they've got me.' I ran down the road, and was struck from behind. I lay there, afraid to get up for fear I would be shot again. Finally, I saw a car drive away, and managed to get to a filling station. Then I was brought here." (Tulsa Tribune, April 28, 1931)

Deputies brought Henry Bond's car to the courthouse where they observed that the windshield had been shattered and numerous rifle bullets and shotgun slugs riddled the car's exterior. When County Attorney W. L. Coffey learned of the shooting, his reaction was reported in the Tulsa Tribune, "Coffey today scored the 'chicken-hearted juries' which make it possible for such men as Legus Brown to stay out of the penitentiaries."

"This case is an example of just such action. If Brown had been found guilty of murder, as the evidence in my opinion warranted, he would have been behind the bars, and Bond would be alive today." (Tulsa Tribune, April 28, 1931)

The county attorney's office would eventually charge four people with the murder of Henry Bond. Tulsa County Deputies arrested Legus Brown, Waxie Tiger, and a neighbor, Ben Barnett. The fourth suspect, Legus's son George Brown, surrendered later to Sheriff Price with his attorney, Luther Lane. All four men claimed that Bond fired first. Legus Brown had been shot through his left lung and was in critical condition in a hospital at Sapulpa. Yet again, Legus Brown would claim self-defense.

During the Henry Bond murder trial, the prosecutor introduced evidence

showing Legus Brown had gone to Henry Bond's home several times, threatening to kill him. Vern Tichenor, who had accompanied Bond that fateful day, testified that he drove Bond to the Brown home and when they arrived, Brown walked out to the car. Tichenor continued, "The next thing that happened, Bond fired at Brown. I knew Bond was armed. I saw him put a revolver in his pocket before we left his house. I did not see anything in Brown's hand at first. After Bond fired, Brown ran to the house and then more shooting followed. I saw two other men near the house. After bond was shot he told me to get away, that he was dying. I ran down the road and was wounded several times. I could see the shooting as I ran." (Tulsa Tribune, June 26, 1931)

The court would determine that Brown had fired in self-defense. All four of the suspects were acquitted of Henry Bond's murder. Legus was released again on a \$50,000 bond for the Alva Shank's murder.

Brown's conviction for the murder of Alva Shanks was later upheld and his original sentence of 99 years was re-affirmed. Legus failed to surrender himself, so a warrant was issued for his arrest. Deputies searched for three days, but Legus Brown was able to avoid being apprehended. After the third day of the search, Chief Deputy John Evans received a telephone call from the state penitentiary in McAlester; Legus Brown had turned himself in at the prison on a Tuesday evening, November 10, 1931.

Legus was granted a parole in August of 1944, but it was held up due to protests from the victim's family and friends. During his prison term, he was granted temporary paroles three times. He was released from prison, without a guard, to spend 15 days time with his foster mother who was having a serious health condition. He was granted seven days to spend with his son, who had been wounded in the Pacific during WWII, and he was granted three days to attend

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the funeral of his granddaughter. He returned every time.

After serving over 13 years for killing Alva Shanks, Oklahoma Governor Robert Kerr signed a parole for Legus Brown on Wednesday, November 28, 1945. The governor acted on a

recommendation by the state's pardon and parole board. U.S. Marshal Dave Hilles played a large part in Brown's clemency. In the files of the parole board, a letter from Brown to Hilles stated, "You can assure them that I will conduct myself in such a manner as to never cause them to regret giving me this opportunity, and also assure them that I

have no malice toward anyone and never did at any time." Legus said he planned to live on a farm near Sapulpa. He stated he wanted to take care of his wife and children and "will not go around the people of Bixby--stay out of there altogether from now on'."

(Tulsa Tribune, November 28, 1945)

TULSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COPS AFTER HOURS



Deputy James Asberry with the Lady Warriors Basketball Team



Sergeant Craig Bivins at awards ceremony

Sergeant Craig Bivins, Deputy James Asberry and Tonya Williams and are carrying on the Sheriff's Office tradition of service to their community. Sergeant Bivins is shown with trophies from the District Championship, Regional Championship and State Championship Runner-up in 3A football. Coach Bivins volunteers as a coach with the Berryhill High School Football Team. He is also a volunteer coach with the Berryhill Power Lifting Team, which won numerous trophies including the 3A State Power Lifting Championship. Deputy Asberry is shown here with the Lady Warriors Basketball Team, which won their 5A district championship. Coach Asberry is assisted with the promotion of the team by booster club president, Tonya Williams, CIU administrative assistant. Sergeant Bivins, Deputy Asberry and Tonya Williams realize that their investment, in our high school students, is one that will pay dividends for years to come!

FOR THE RECORD

Passings

*Retired
Reserve Deputy
Danny Hite*



Reserve Deputy Danny Hite passed away during March, 2010. He had been a part of the original Mounted Posse under Sheriff Dave Faulkner in the 1960s and re-joined our office in 1995 as a Reserve Deputy. Danny was active in the Mounted Patrol Unit, which his daughter, Deputy Paula Hite, helped supervise. He always looked forward to the annual Tulsa State Fair and the excitement of the midway and the crowds. He retired from the Reserve Program in 2009.



*Detention Officer
Cynthia Sam*



Cynthia Sam passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the age of 49. Cynthia, known to us as Cyndi, began her career with us on October 1, 2005, working as a front lobby officer at the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center. Cyndi touched the lives of many visitors to the jail. She befriended attorneys, clergy and bondsmen, but most importantly, Cyndi mentored to the inmates and their families. Cyndi's sunny disposition and professionalism will be missed.

Chaplains' Corner

Please join us for the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Memorial Service on Thursday, May 13, 2010. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 am at Chandler Park. This is a time for us to remember the Fallen Officers of Tulsa County. We will also remember TCSO employees and their family members, who passed away during 2009. I hope to see you there.

Chaplain Nelda Bloom



Tulsa Area United Way

The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office United Way Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in our Parking Lot Fundraiser at the Faulkner Building Public Parking Lot. Whenever there is a major event at the BOK Center, we need volunteers to help. It only takes approximately one hour to fill our lot. If anyone is interested in assisting, please contact Sheryl Stedham, 596-4680.

Our Committee is always interested in new ideas and fundraisers that we could possibly use to benefit this year's campaign. While the annual United Way Campaign has not officially been kicked off, we know that our goal will probably exceed the amount that we raised last year, which was \$33,000.00. So you see, we could use fresh new ideas that may actually generate a considerable amount so that it will not be so hard to reach our goal after kick-off. We recently received proposals from employees of the Detention Division for events that we have never attempted. One proposal submitted by D.O. John Werts is a Golf Tournament, Amigo Salsa Sales proposal by D.O. Jennifer Johnston, Car Show submitted by Barbara Garrison and a customized throw with the TCSO logo submitted by Carrie Knauf of Headquarters. We will do our best to make this year's campaign a successful one. Keep those ideas coming! You may submit proposals to stedham@tcsso.org.