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Photo by Emily Priddy

Officials from ODOT, the Oklahoma Route 66 Association, the city of Chandler and other entities cut a ribbon Jan. 14 to dedicate Route 66 as an Oklahoma Scenic Byway.

# State Scenic Byway designation celebrated

Ribbon-cutting paired with groundbreaking for Old Armory restoration

Oklahoma Route 66 Association members, officers, and state and local dignitaries participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 14 in Chandler to mark the designation of Route 66 as a state Scenic Byway.

The event was held in conjunction with the "Arms Around the Armory" groundbreaking ceremony to kick off renovations to the old National Guard Armory in Chandler.

Howard Dickman of Old Armory Restorers, Route 66 Association President Mike Hickey, former Oklahoma Adjutant General Don Ferrell, Chandler Mayor Carl Reherman and others spoke about the history and

significance of Route 66 and the Armory.

As part of the ceremony, participants surrounded the Armory in a "group hug," holding streamers to form a human chain around the building.

According to Dickman, construction on the Armory — a Works Progress Administration project — began in 1936 and was completed in 1937. The Armory has hand-chiseled walls that are 20 inches thick and can withstand tornadic winds.

The walls also have withstood the ravages of time.

The building served the Oklahoma National Guard until a new Armory was built just north

of Chandler in 1971.

After the Guard left the Armory, it fell into disrepair. It housed a van conversion company and later served as a maintenance building for the Chandler Fire Department, but time and weather took their toll, and the roof and walls began to suffer damage. After a failed attempt to save the building in 1993, local residents rallied around the structure in 1998, raising funds for its restoration.

When restoration is complete, the Armory will house the Oklahoma Route 66 Interpretive Center, and the Oklahoma Route 66 Association will have its headquarters there.

# IN BRIEF

Oklahoma Route 66 Association 80th Anniversary logo contest. Artists of all ages are invited to create a logo for the 80th anniversary of Route 66. The logo must include a Route 66 shield and a picture of Will Rogers. A \$250 cash prize will be awarded to the winning logo. Send entries to Oklahoma Route 66 Association, P.O. Box 446, Chandler, OK 74834. Deadline for submissions is April 10.

Oklahoma Route 66 Association meeting and poker run. April 22. Poker run will begin at 9 a.m. in Tulsa and end at StableRidge Winery in Stroud. Meeting at 2 p.m. in Stroud. (405) 258-0008.

Will Rogers Wild West International Expo. April 20-22. Claremore Expo Center. Trick roping, trick riding, whip cracking, gun spinning, fast draw, knife and tomahawk throwing and more.

**Burger Day Festival.** May 6. El Reno. Festival that centers on the creation — and consumption — of the world's largest onion-fried hamburger, which weighs in at 750 pounds. (405) 262-8888.

Wildflower 5K Run and Tabouleh Fest. May 13. Bristow. For more about the Tabouleh Fest, call (918) 367-3324. For more about the run, call (918) 367-5531.

**Small Town Weekend.** June 2-4. El Reno. Evening concert on Friday; legal burnout, hot wheel races and cruise Saturday; open car show Sunday. (405) 324-2081.

**Route 66 statewide garage sale.** June 3. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce for details or call Nancy at (580) 928-3386 or Linda at (405) 258-0673.

**Route 66 Days.** June 15-17. Kansas. Beauty pageant, 5K run, car show, parade, crafts, wedding at the Rainbow Curve Bridge, and more. (620) 856-3086.

Classic Car Show. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17. Barstow, Calif. The Barstow Route 66 Mother Road Museum will hold a classic car show to celebrate its sixth anniversary. Registration is \$15 by June 11 or \$20 the day of the show. Visit www.route66museum.org or call (760) 255-1691 for more.



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# Board member offers 'Great Experiences'

Children enjoy few things more than digging in the dirt, making mud pies... and eating pizza. Board member Jerald Ashby and his family turned these activities into fun and educational experiences for kids at their farm in Yukon.

Since 2002, thousands of children have enjoyed school field trips to the Pizza Farm in Yukon and for the past two summers more have learned to appreciate gardening through a unique camp.

The Pizza Farm, originally created by Darren Schmall of Madera, California, was created to educate and entertain "city folk" of all ages about how their food is grown. The Pizza Farm is a "living" demonstration farm that conducts guided tours for schools and families and teaches them about agriculture and organic gardening methods. The Pizza Farm is a ½ acre circular garden that is divided into 8 slices like a pizza. Five slices are filled with tomatoes, peppers, corn, garlic, onions, herbs (such as basil and oregano), and wheat (to make the crust); while the remaining three are home to cows, representing beef and milk for cheese, and hogs for the pepperoni.

The Connection Summer Camp, held on the Ashbys' farm, involves kids in daily chores in the Pizza Farm garden and feeding the animals. The Connection campers, ages 6 to 13, are involved in planting, weeding, harvesting, irrigating, and getting rid of pests.

Jerald and Marilyn Ashby and daughter Julie McKenzie own and manage Great Experiences Oklahoma, a company dedicated to providing a "great experience" to all who visit the Pizza Farm, their three other school field trips, annual fall pumpkin patch, laser tag arena and event facility.

Please visit www.greatexperiencesoklahoma.com for more information.

# Membership dues increase

At the Oklahoma Route 66 Association annual meeting, it was decided that it was time to raise the price of Association membership dues. The current dues have been the same prices for many years. The recent postage increase was one of the factors contributing to the increase.

New prices are:

Individual yearly membership: \$20 Family yearly membership: \$30 Business yearly membership: \$45

The new membership dues rates take effect with receipt of this newsletter.

# Blue Whale co-owner Belt dies

Dee Dee Belt, 60, of Catoosa, co-owner of the Blue Whale, died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Belt was born Jan. 29, 1945, in Tulsa to Hugh and Zelta Davis.

She attended Catoosa Public Schools from second through 12th grades.

She graduated in 1963 and attended the University of Tulsa until 1969.

She taught at Catoosa Public Schools for 23 years before retiring in 2003.

She married Dick Belt on June 19, 1971. He survives.

Dee Dee Belt was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband; a son and daughter-inlaw, Lee and Brenda Belt; a daughter and son-in-law, Keri and Jimmy Hampton; her brother, Blaine Davis of Catoosa; six grandchildren; numerous family members and friends.

Funeral services were held



DEE DEE BELT

at 2 p.m. Jan. 12 at First Baptist Church of Catoosa.

The Blue Whale is one of the most recognized icons on Route 66 in Oklahoma.

Belt's brother, Blaine Davis, maintains the Blue Whale and currently serves as Rogers County representative for the Oklahoma Route 66 Association.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Catoosa Historical Society, P.O. Box 738, Catoosa, OK 74015.

# TO SOCIATION

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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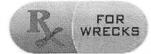
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# Council to advise National Park Service on Route 66

A federal advisory council for the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program has been established to advise the Secretary of Interior on matters relating to the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program. The council will make recommendations on ways to best preserve the most representative and significant properties along Route 66, grant and cost-share awards, and types of technical assistance the National Park Service should provide partners along

the route. Fifteen members have been appointed by the Secretary of Interior for four-year terms to represent various agencies and organizations that have an established interest in Route 66. Nominations were solicited from State Historic Preservation offices, Departments of Transportation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Federal Highway Administration, Route 66 organizations, and tribal governments. The council's first meeting was

in February.

Appointed members are: David P. Bricker, California Department of Transportation; James M. Conkle, California Route 66 Preservation Foundation; David King Dunaway, University of New Mexico; Melvena Heisch, Oklahoma Historical Society; Michael Jackson, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency; David Knudson, National Historic Route 66 Federation; John W. Murphey, New Mexico Historic Preserva-

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# Tourism director: Erick to get new travel information center

OKLAHOMA CITY — In January, Interim Tourism and Recreation Department Director George Nigh announced plans to construct a new Travel Information Center building in Erick.

The former Oklahoma Governor said the project was made possible through a partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Nigh commended ODOT Director Gary Ridley and his staff for their commitment to the project.

According to officials with ODOT, the project will exceed

\$6 million and should be completed by the state's centennial in 2007.

Nigh announced construction plans while speaking at the Elk City Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet.

The new building is slated for construction on the site of the current information center. Initial building plans will be developed using the Thackerville Travel Information Center as a model. In addition, the Erick center will include a dog park, a jogging trail and a handicapped accessible playground.

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# OK Route 66 Association board holds special meeting

The Oklahoma Route 66 Association board of directors met at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Chandler Public Library.

In attendance were Mike Hickey, Mike Stokes, Emily Priddy, Ron Burden, Joe Smith, Jerald Ashby, Kim Evans, Howard Dickman and Marilyn Emde.

Emily Priddy made a motion to appoint Kim Evans as acting secretary for purposes of taking minutes. Ron Burden seconded. Unanimously approved.

Agenda Items:

Item 1—Discussion on donation to the Old Armory Restorers (OAR) — After discussion, Mike Stokes made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Old Armory Restorers toward the renovation of the old Armory in Chandler. Emily made the sec-

ond. Motion carries.

Item 2—Membership Drive-Much discussion was held on possible membership drive ideas.

Item 3—Membership Packets-Discussion was held on items for the membership packets. Emily Priddy made a motion to have 11" X 17" card stock posters with the Route 66 shield on one side and the Association logo and contact information on the other side be printed for memberships. These are not to exceed \$200. Jerald Ashby made the second. Motion carries.

Item 4—Discussion on taking the Traveling Booth to the Spring OKC Street Rod Show-After discussion, it was decided to not participate in the Spring Event.

Item 5—Discussion on Annual Meeting and Route 66 Scenic Byway Designation Event-The Route 66 Scenic Byways Designation event will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, in conjunction with the groundbreaking event held by the Old Armory Restorers.

Item 6—Discussion on helping to pay for a lobbyist. After discussion, Emily Priddy made a motion to go in with other OLCA members and contribute \$100 toward a lobbyist. Mike Stokes made the second. Motion carries.

Item 7—Discussion on a logo for Route 66's 80th Anniversary-After discussion on a logo for Route 66's 80th anniversary, Mike Hickey made a suggestion that we use college art department students to come

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up with one. The logo must include the Route 66 Shield and Will Rogers. Mike Stokes made a motion that a \$250.00 scholarship be awarded to the winner of the contest. Jerald Ashby made the second. Motion carried.

Item 8—Any other business-Marilyn Emde announced that Shannon Dumolt and Dennis Adams from Scenic Byways would be putting on a training workshop for the Association on January 4, 2006. She will make the arrangements for time and place, and will get back to everyone.

Item 9—Public Comments
Item 10—Announcements

Item 11—Adjournment-Mike Stokes made a motion to adjourn. Emily Priddy made the second. Motion carries.

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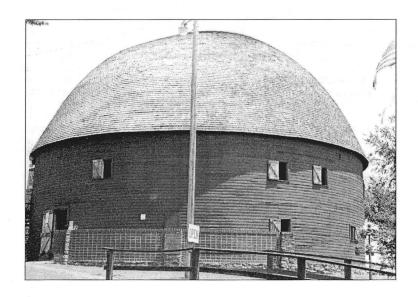
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