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Inola Casting Works has gone from George Freeman's hobby, to one of the largest makers of lapel pins in the world. George went to a couple of shows with some tin Civil War soldiers and discovered people really wanted to buy them. A few years later, he decided to turn the hobby into a profession. The company makes lapel pins, key chains, bracelets, necklaces, figurines and other memorabilia for musical bands, toy companies, jewelry firms and charity groups.

Famous customers include Guns 'N Roses, Elton John, Meatloaf, Aerosmith, Ringo Starr, Tammy Wynette, the Moody Blues, John Mellencamp, Pink Floyd, the Beach Boys and many other bands.

Freeman is a chemical engineer by education. He worked primarily in the aerospace and drug-manufacturing fields until he decided to start Inola Casting in 1990. He and his wife, Nanci, were staying in Claremore at the time and stumbled upon an empty building on the outskirts of Inola. After drafting a marketing and business plan and arranging financial help from a partner, Freeman started the company.

At first Nanci Freeman was skeptical about her husband's plan to start his own company. Within a matter of months she quit her lucrative job and joined him in the business.

When Operation Desert Shield began in 1991, Freeman got national publicity by making specialized bracelets for family and friends of service members in the Persian Gulf. That project was started by a call from a Broken Arrow father who had a son serving in the 145th Medical Company.

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Inola Casting Works

Before long, Freeman had made bracelets for nearly every branch of the armed services. "I purposely priced them not to make a profit," he said. "Once the molds were paid for, we contributed \$1.50 to the support groups for every bracelet we sold. I think we netted \$28 after expenses."

While the notoriety was great, at the end of the Gulf War Freeman found he had 20 employees and only enough steady business to employ 12. The firm shrank, but once again he got busy on the telephone trying to increase orders for pewter products.

Freeman soon found himself making a lapel pin for country singer Hank Williams Jr. Before long, record companies were ringing Freeman's phones off the wall. As word got out, they also started receiving calls from jewelry and figuring companies. They have even made a few special parts for antique automobiles.

Within two years, Inola Casting was profitable and Freeman bought out his financial backer's shares of the company. "I'm basically just a tinkerer who can't sit still, and love to work with my hands," Freeman said.

The Freeman's have continued to show their patriotism and civic minded generosity over the years. A "Healing in the Heartland" pin raised \$150,000 after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. In 2001, a "United We Stand Pin" raised more than \$400,000 for the September 11th Fund in New York City and the Oklahoma Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters group.

Showing support for our troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; in May of 2003, the U.S.O. was presented a check for \$110,000 from Inola Casting Works for the sale of their "Support Our Troops" lapel pins.



This building, known as the St. James Hotel was built in the early 1900s.

Inola History

The History of Inola dates back hundreds of years when there was a settlement of Indians known as the Missippians. These people were hunters, farmers, and fishermen. They built a mound southwest of Inola, near the Verdigris River. The mound has provided many artifacts, some of which can be found in the Inola Historical Society Museum. Many of the plains Indians migrated to the area to hunt and fish.

The French, Spanish and other trappers visited the area over the centuries, until the area was purchased as part of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Shortly after survey expeditions of the purchase were finished, the Five Civilized Tribes were forced to this area on the Trail of Tears.

Shortly afterward, the Creek Indians were owners of this land, starting with settlements in 1828. The land was left as grassland until around 1890, when the Kansas and Arkansas Valley Railroad passed through this area and Inola, as we know it today was started. The first railroad depot in Inola was approved February 6, 1893.

The town on Inola established the first post office in 1890, the same year the railroad was completed from Ft. Smith, Arkansas to Coffeyville, Kansas. The first Postmaster was George E. Black. The office was located in Hubbard's General Store. Rural carriers were hired in 1912.

The name Inola came from the Cherokee word "E-no-lah" which means Black Fox. A Cherokee named Black Fox (E-no-lah) wandered from his home on Spring Creek and established a camp near a spring about half way to the top of a commanding prairie hill in the Creek Nation. The hill was thereafter characterized as E-no-lah's Hill.

In surveying local cemeteries, the Sweeten Cemetery has a Wilma Sweeten buried there in 1894. This is the oldest grave found at either Sweeten or Highland Cemetery.



Inola school building was constructed in 1918. Today it houses the Administrative offices and the Inola Historical Society Museum.

Inola was basically an agrarian area until oil was discovered shortly before World War I. The town boomed with banks, meat markets, car dealerships, bulk plants, restaurants, etc., and was a very prosperous town until the Great Depression hit-and oil and the farm prices hit bottom.

The first telephone company at Inola was located in J. W. Alexander's store in the early 1900s. Several owners tried their hand at it and moved to different locations all over town. Eventually it became the Inola Telephone Company, and for many years was located on the second floor of the St. James Hotel.

In 1909 the town council passed an ordinance to allow the company to erect and maintain its lines and poles in Inola. Phones were in operation from 7am to 9pm. Residential phone service cost \$1.25 and business phones cost \$2.00.

M.J. Phillippe was the publisher and editor of the Inola Register from 1906 to 1918. The next newspaper in town was the Inola News. It was sporadically printed from 1918 until early Depression years.

Georgia M. Jeffers was Inola's "pistol packing Postmaster" from 1934 to 1948. At that time Inola had no effective law enforcement. There was a town constable who lived on the other end of town, but the only way he had of getting around was walking. There was a constant rash of hoodlums darting into small towns located along a busy highway, robbing banks and stores. Usually their only risk was encountering someone with a gun who did not want to be robbed.

Georgia's husband, Oscar thought she needed some protection in the post office. He bought her a 32 caliber revolver to keep with her while she was at work. She kept the gun on a shelf under the customer window, and then every evening at closing time she would lock it in the safe.

Around 1932 was the first time a movie was shown in Inola. Rows of wooden benches were set up in a vacant lot and they projected the silent movie on the north side of Ezra Lawson's Barber Shop. There was no screen; they just projected it on the side of the building!

Then in 1935-36 the terrible drought took its toll and many families picked up and moved west to California, Washington and Oregon. The town remained in a very steady decline through the 1940's and into the late 1950's. The population dropped to under 300 in the late 1950's. In the early 1960's new housing started; and, for the last forty years Inola has experienced very slow growth.

The Inola Volunteer Fire Department was founded in 1959. Their first truck was purchased from the powder plant in Pryor, Oklahoma Ordinance Works. The department has evolved into one of the best volunteer fire departments in the nation.

The area surrounding Inola was primarily cattle country. The Fuller Ranch, established during the Civil War was the first ranch in the Area. The second one was owned by J.K. Crutchfield and established in 1890.

Over-looking Inola is Belle Star Mountain., named after the infamous outlaw. She roamed the country in 1884, using the mountain as a hideout, until her capture.

The first school in Inola was a log structure built by the citizens in 1895. The second school building, a frame structure burned the same year it was built.

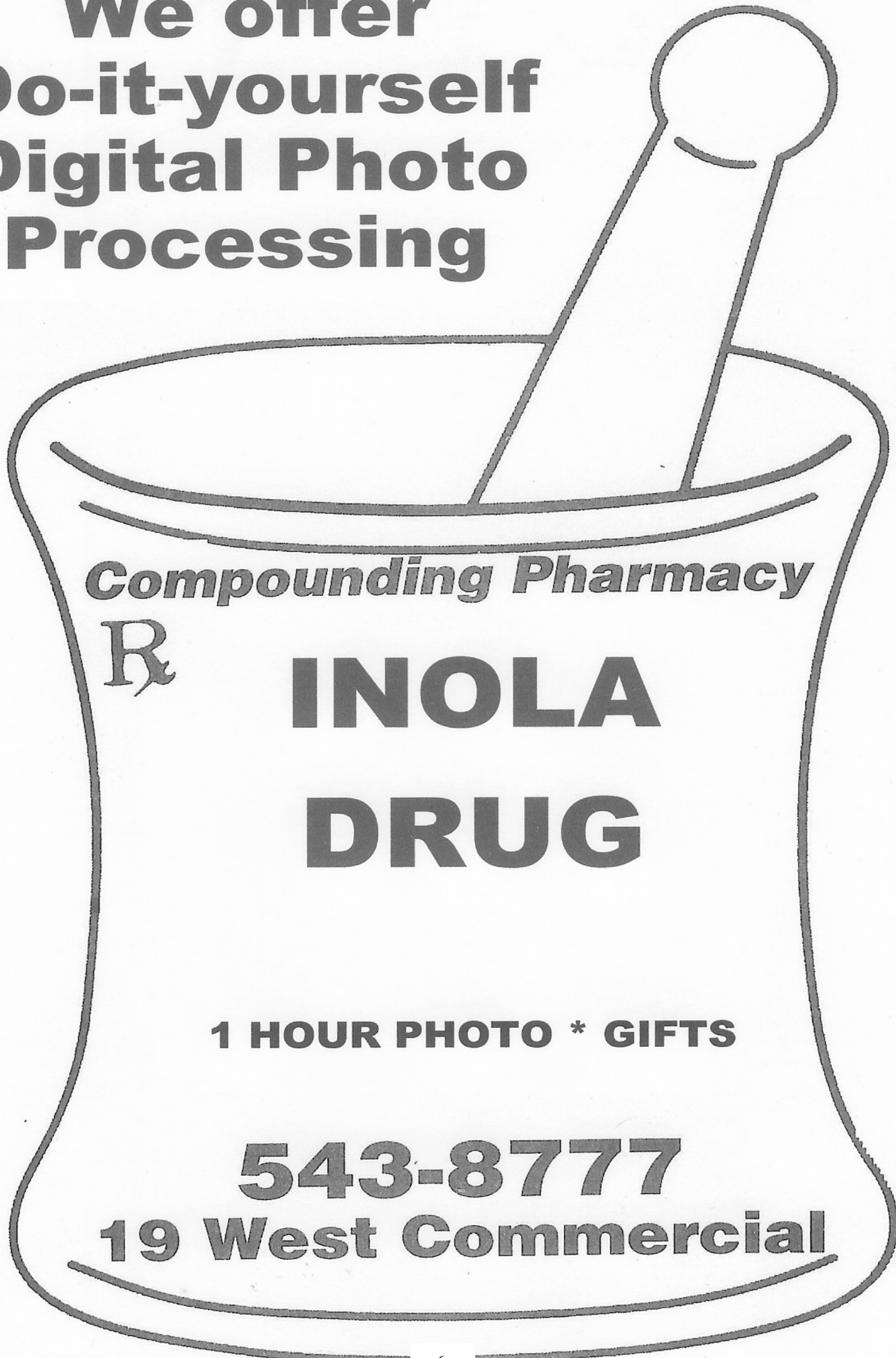


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Inola Now

Inola, Oklahoma is a quiet town of some 1,500 residents located just 20 minutes east of Tulsa and displays a caring and nurturing atmosphere.

Inola's small town cafes are known for their home-style cooking and have a reputation for being some of the best in Oklahoma. The weekly newspaper still comes out on Wednesday, farmers still grow their famous hay, but some things would be different without the volunteerism that has been exhibited over the years.

Inola's public school system is one reason people move there from Tulsa. The school system has 1321 students enrolled and employs 147 people. School Superintendent Jake Crutchfield is a 1968 graduate of Inola.

The Mayor of Inola is Duane Helling. Vice Mayor is Cheryl Charles. Other Council members are Larry Grigg, Glenn Spurlock, and Jeff Coleman. City Clerk is Wilma Cargill, and Amy Smith is City Treasurer. Inola's Chief of Police is Les WilMott. They have 4 fulltime officers and 5 reserve officers.

The Inola Volunteer Fire Department, starting from scratch with no equipment and training, are now probably one of the premier volunteer fire departments in Oklahoma. Most of the volunteers are available 24 hours a day to extinguish fires, give medical assistance, or assist with other disasters that might present themselves.

Old Walt's Haunted Hayride, held each October, has become a major fund raiser for its sponsors, the Inola Lions Club, along with the Inola Fire Department, Sigma Chi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and the FFA and is held on land owned by a local rancher.

The 8K Inola Run for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital sponsored by the Sigma Chi Chapter of ESA, just celebrated their 20th run. The Run is sanctioned by the U.S. Track and Field Association and brings in runners from across the state. Proceeds raised go to St. Jude's Hospital located in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Gamma Pi chapter of ESA sponsors a Fashion Show in the spring and an Octoberfest for the kids in the fall of each year. Proceeds from these fund-raisers go back into the community, usually supporting the schools.

Inola Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade is an annual event that EVERYONE looks forward to enjoying. Many churches, clubs and organizations enter floats, antique cars, bands, clowns and even the kids have a great time showing off their decorated bicycles. This year the parade is scheduled for December 5

th at 2pm.

The youth, as well as the senior citizens, take time out of their busy schedules to help when needed. There are activities such as Youth Soccer, Little League Baseball, Football, Basketball, Softball, Cheerleading, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, church activities, the Senior Citizens Center and civic clubs such as the Lion's Club and Epsilon Sigma Alpha, an international service organization.

Black Fox Nuclear Power Plant

In the 1970s 2,443 acres of land in Inola generated a lot of interest. The city of Inola annexed the land into the city limits in the 1970s so the city could stand to gain if sales tax-generating businesses emerge there. The site was purchased by P.S.O. to build a nuclear power plant called Black Fox. The plant would have housed two nuclear reactors. But, while construction plans began, so did the protests.

The money and jobs generated by the construction and operation of the plant would have been a big boost to the Inola area. Once building was complete, the plant would employ 200 to 300 people. Sales tax revenue would have netted Inola one of the richest school systems in the nation.

On May 8, 1973, Carrie Dickerson, a registered nurse and the proprietress of Aunt Carrie's Nursing Home in Claremore, read a newspaper article entitled "\$450 M N-Plant Planned for Inola." Although not an activist, Dickerson had a habit of clipping and collecting articles on environmental issues. Inola was a nearby town, and Dickerson was concerned enough by what she read to take action.

First, she did some research on the hazards of atomic reactors, and then she made a point of attending the first public hearing on the proposed plant. A person who had always assumed that her government would protect her safety, Dickerson was outraged to find that the government would allow construction of a nuclear reactor even though it knew a meltdown could render an area the size of Pennsylvania uninhabitable.

When federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials told Dickerson in 1973 that she didn't have "the time, the energy or the money" to stop the Black Fox nuclear plant, it rallied the giant-killer in her.

Dickerson founded a group, Citizens' Action for Safe Energy (CASE), and attracted many dedicated allies to her cause. They reached a turning point in 1981 when the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, which regulates utilities in the state, held hearings on the high electric rates that consumers would have to pay if the expensive nuclear plant were built. After hearing testimony from Dickerson and many others, the Commission declared that Black Fox was no longer economically

viable and that ratepayers would not have to swallow its construction costs.

On Feb. 16, 1982, Public Service Company of Oklahoma officially canceled the Black Fox project. The nine year battle not only cost PSO the plant and Inola jobs and growth, but it cost Dickerson her livelihood -- Aunt Carrie's nursing home and 55 acres of the family's farm.

Little has been done with the site since that time. Most of the land is leased to area cattle ranchers. The land is not on the market for sale, but AEP-PSO entertains offers from time to time. Some of the only remnants of the nuclear plant include the training building, a concrete pad in the field and a barge slip on the Verdigris River.

Though it may be many years away, officials with the Tulsa Port of Catoosa have made inquiries into the Black Fox property as a possible port expansion site. Jerry Goodwin, chairman of the City of Tulsa-Rogers County Port Authority, has said the area would make an ideal location for another port once the Tulsa Port of Catoosa reaches capacity. Goodwin envisions a partnership between the Port of Muskogee and the Tulsa Port of Catoosa.

In December of 2003, John Kerr purchased eleven acres of the land at a cost of \$250,000. The area is called the Black Fox Business Park. His business, Combotronics Inc., operates out of a building designed to be the training center for employees who would have worked at the nuclear plant. Combotronics specializes in repairing and rebuilding components in the electronic and electromechanical industries.

Railway Café

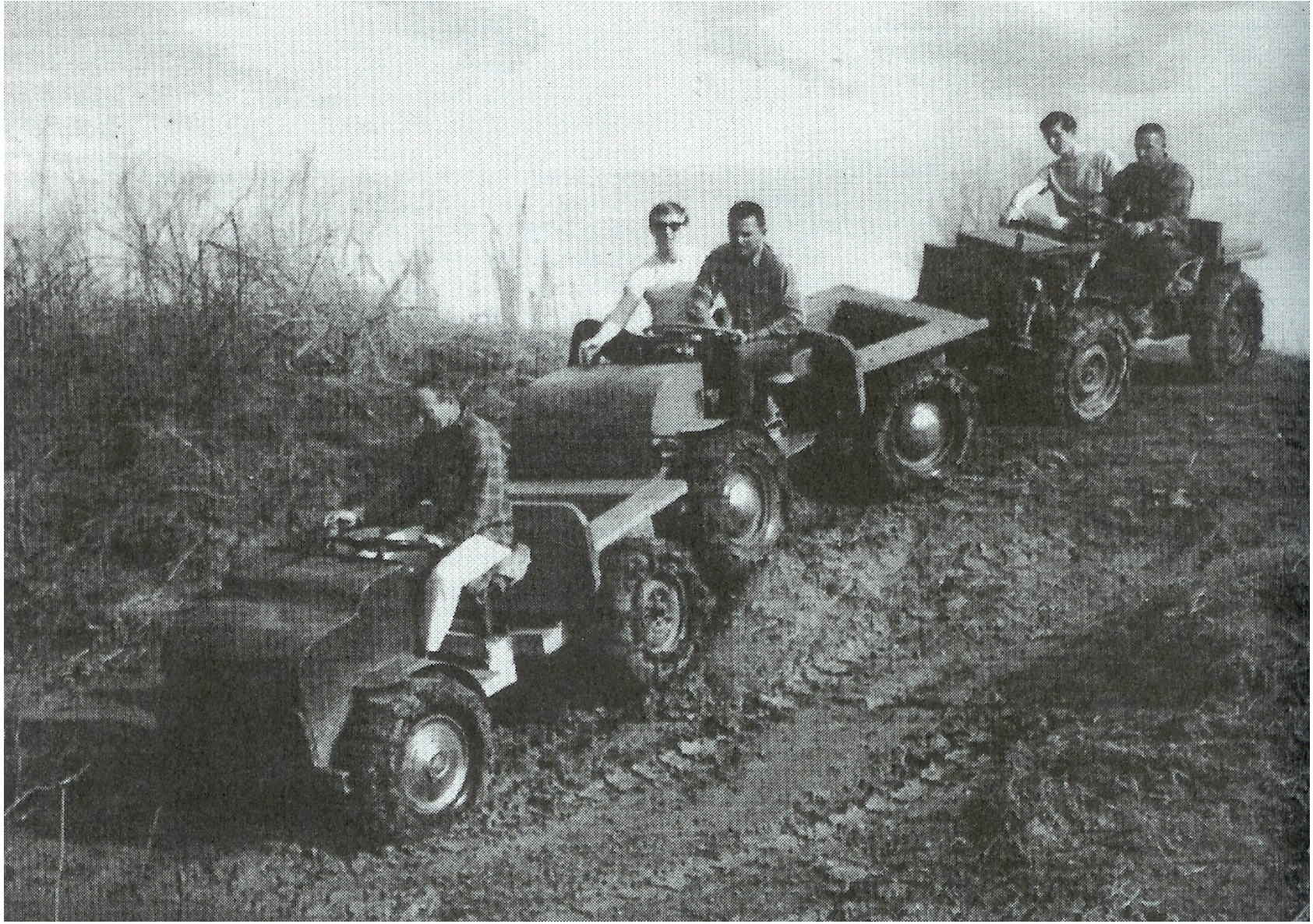
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The goat was a forerunner of the 4-Wheeler that is so popular today, and was invented in Inola. The Goat had a 10-horse engine with 10 speeds forward and 3 in reverse. The homemade machine was designed for hunting and other outdoor sports. It was also a utility vehicle. Lloyd Adams was the main "Goat Herder" in 1968.

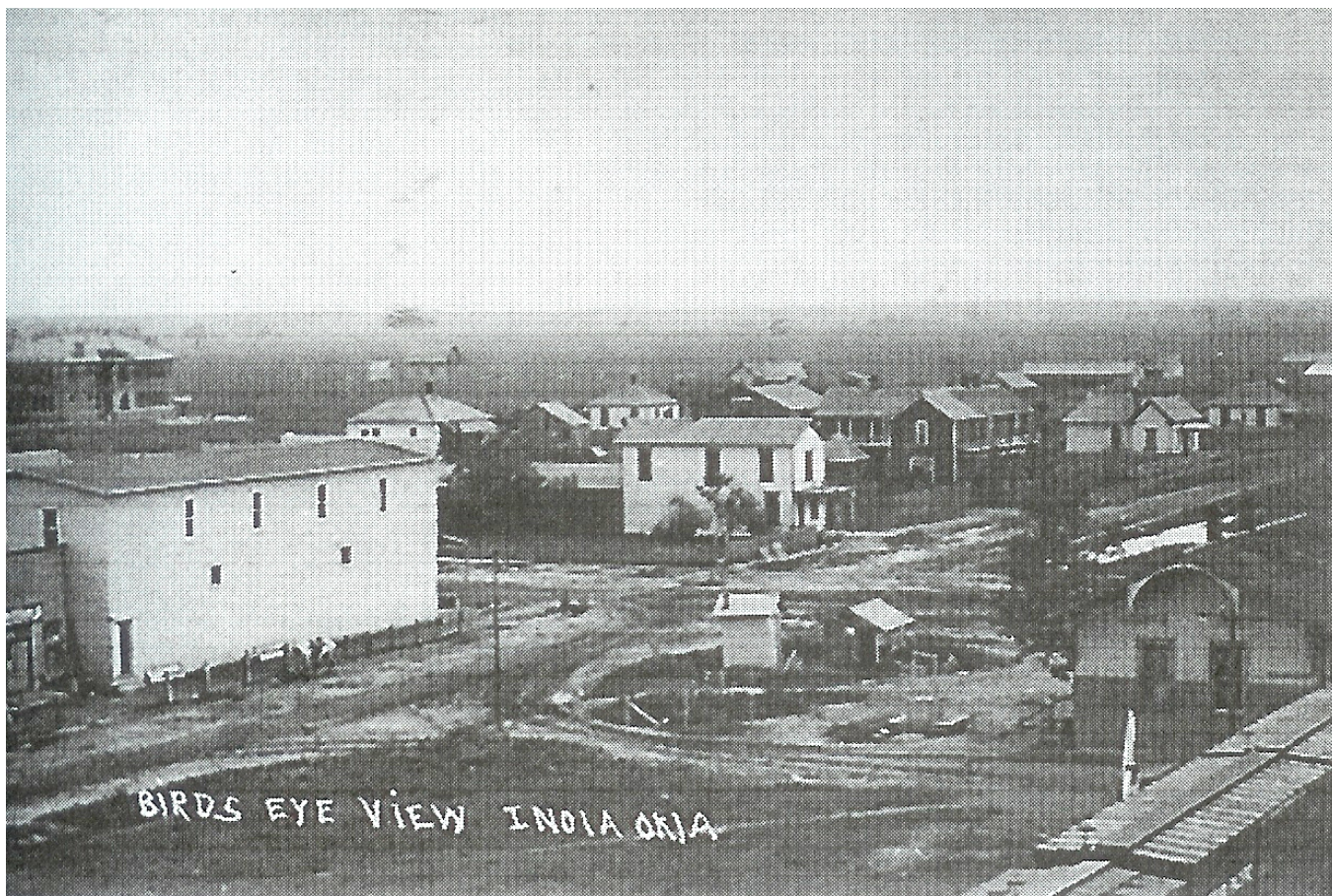


Photo of Inola's early years



Inola Couple Restoring a Piece of Town History

Dale and Vanessa Danker bought this building about a year ago. Once renovations are made, the building will house Pocket Full Of Posies, Vanessa's flower and gift shop.

It is believed the building was constructed in the 1920s. Over the years it has been home to many different businesses and changed ownership several times.

An article in the Inola Independent listed some of the businesses and owners the building had.

Babe and Stella Butler had a garage, and there were some nice apartments on the second floor, which was where they lived.

Turk and Ella Green had a garage and filling station. They also lived on the second floor.

Milt and Henry Powers turned the whole building into living quarters.

Sometime later the place was used as a rooming house. While work was being done on the river, creating the navigation channel, the many workers on the project needed places to stay.

Bob and Carol Jenkins owned it for several years. Bob's transmission shop was next door.

It is estimated the job may take a year to complete. We applaud Dale and Vanessa's decision to restore rather than destroy and rebuild! The Dankers are Inola graduates.

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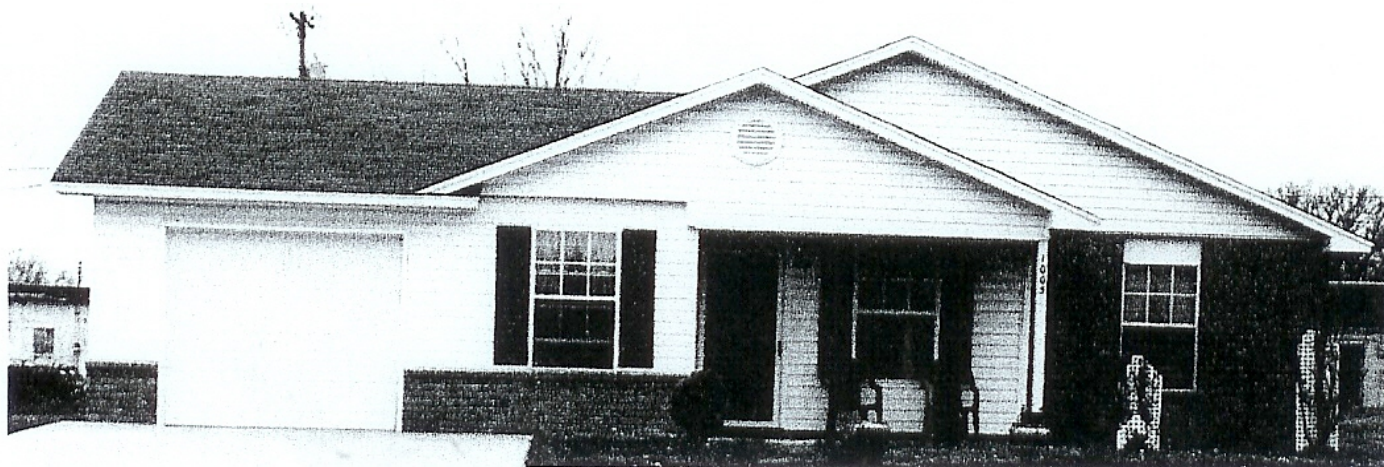
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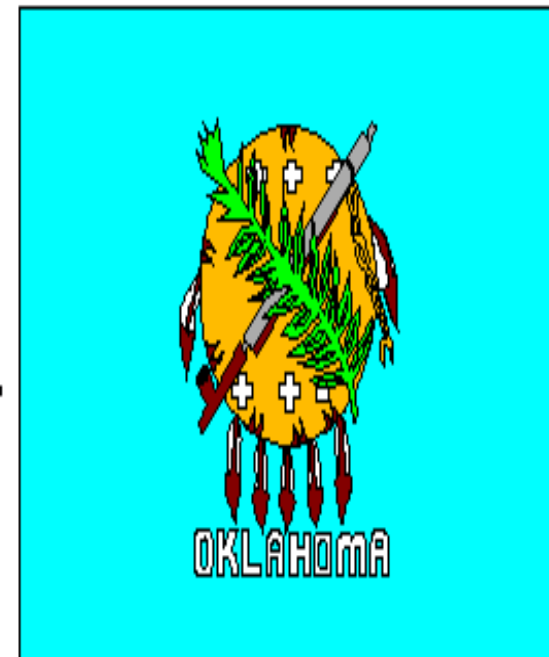


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We dedicate this issue of Hometown Oklahoma to those from the Inola area who have proudly served our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with those currently serving. To the families of those who served and didn't return home, we extend our heartfelt sympathy. To those more fortunate, to have served and made it home safely, we say "THANK YOU!"



Honoring
The Inola
Volunteer
Fire Department



Honoring Inola Veterans
And Those Currently Serving



Honoring
The Inola
Police Department



The following people from the Inola area are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, or have served in the past year.

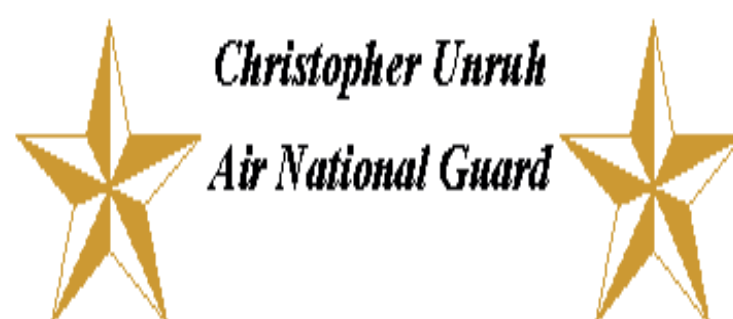


Inola native and 1983 Inola graduate, Major Jackie Sanders received the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan.

Major Sanders received the award for "exceptionally meritorious service while serving as support battalion S3 and executive officer for coalition joint task force Phoenix."

He was also cited for exceptional leadership, superb technical and tactical skills, selfless service and commitment to mission accomplishment under the most extreme circumstances.

The tour of duty Sanders was recognized for was from November 17, 2003 to August 1, 2004.



Christopher is a 2002 Inola graduate and has finished Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, with the rank of Airman First Class.



Adam is a 2003 Inola graduate. He and Christopher took their basic training at the same time, also graduating with the rank of Airman First Class.

During the six weeks of training the airmen studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies. They performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and rifle marksmanship training. They participated in field training exercises and received special training in human relations.



Sarah is a 2002 Inola graduate. She is currently a crew chief at Shephard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

After graduation, Sarah attended Tulsa Community College for three semesters, where she was active in working with the speech and hearing impaired.

From TCC Sarah went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, where she graduated with the rank of Airman First Class.



Jerry is the grandson of Inolans Jerry and Kay Gibbons. He recently went back to Iraq for a third time. Before leaving he got married. His wife is also a Marine.

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Oklahoma Music Hall of Famer Was Born In Inola

The “Backdoor Blues Man,” Verbie ‘Flash’ Terry was born in Inola on June 17, 1934. By the time he was seven years old; Flash had lost both parents, Walter and Allie Terry. He, his three sisters: Leverta, Doreen, and Tommie Dean, and two brothers: Johnny and Wiley Joe were raised by their maternal grandmother, Helen Cotton. She vowed her grandchildren would not be separated.

Flash’s years in Inola were full of lean times and hard work, but never lacking in love! The family worked long hard hours picking cotton, but still had time for school, music, and lots of fun. Flash used to ride to Tulsa in a wagon to attend boxing matches.

Flash’s sister, Tommie Dean spoke fondly of their early years in Inola. She told of trips to town to watch movies shown outdoors. Some of her most enjoyable memories are of the fun they had attending “Hay Day.” She talked about some of the business owners and how kind and generous they were to the family. She told us their father worked with the WPA and had worked on an overpass in the area.

In his later years, the time spent in Inola lead to sympathy for the farmers. He said, “They have to work so hard, and wait even longer to reap the rewards.”

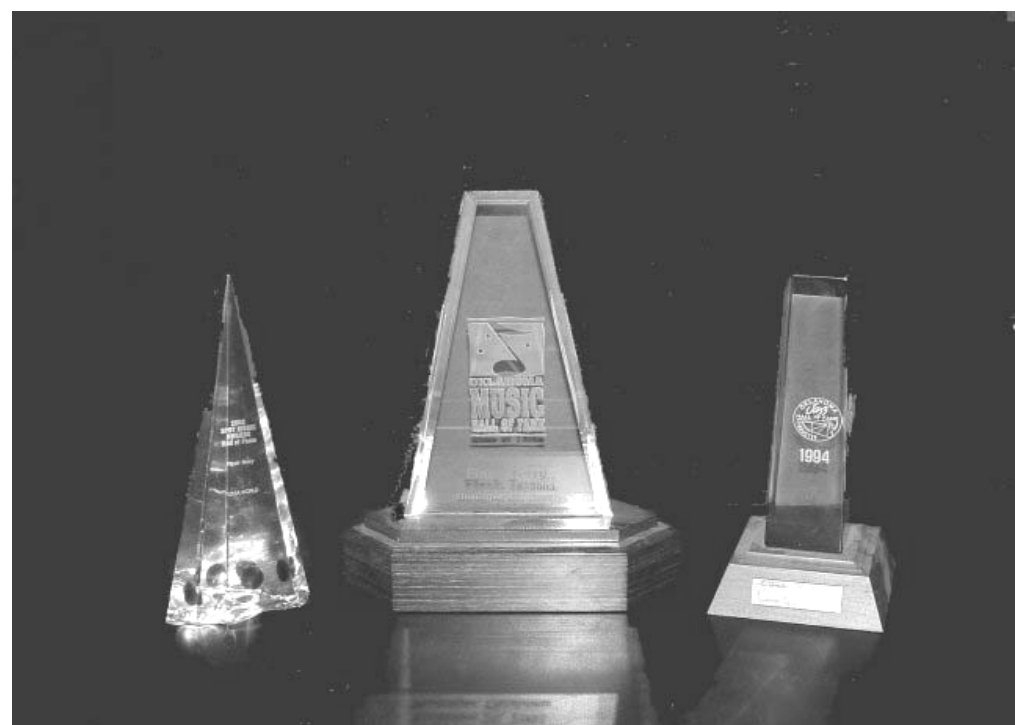
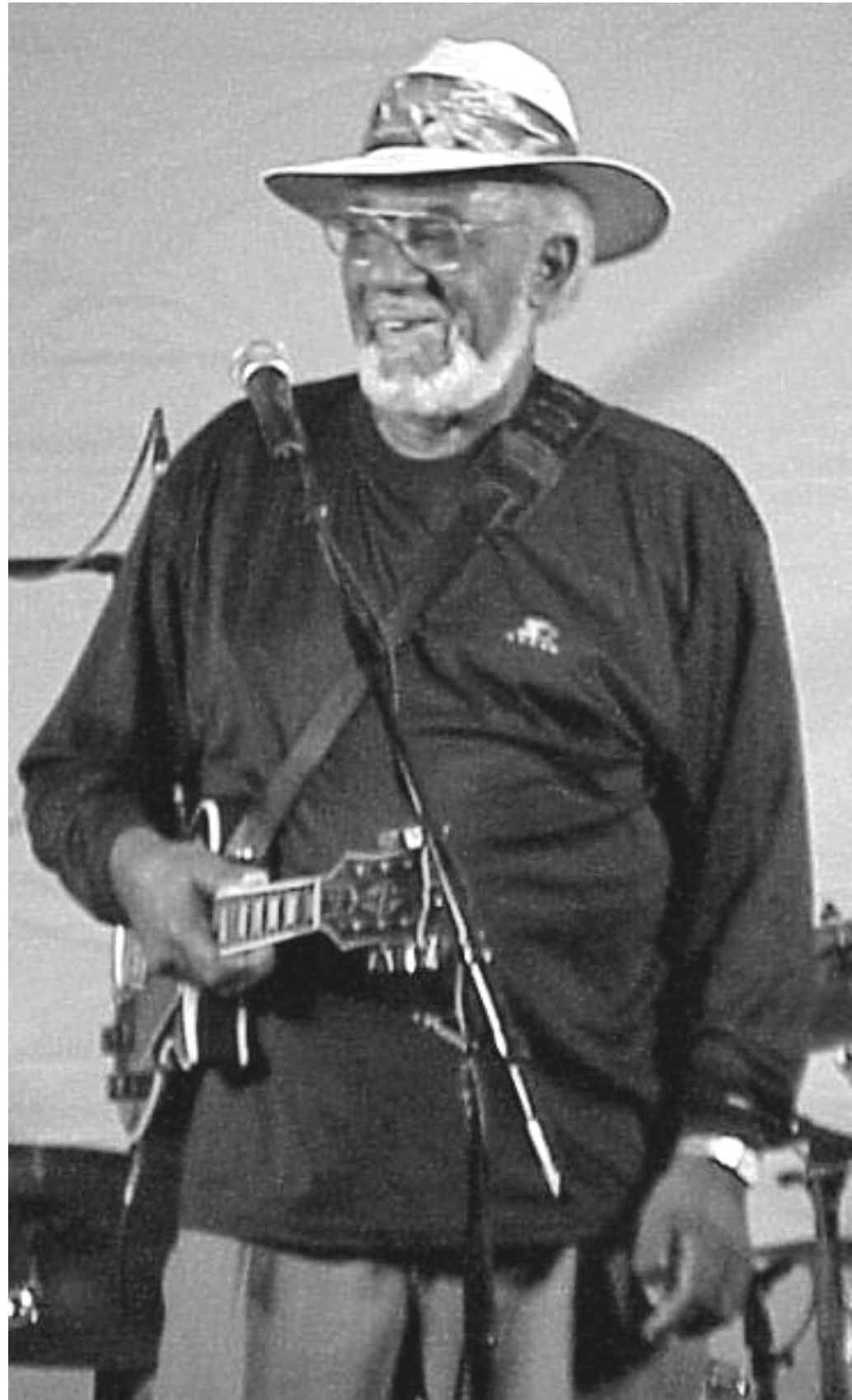
Flash left Inola in the early 1950s. He moved to Tulsa to find work by day and play his music by night. He began his music career with Cry Cry Hawkins and Teardrops. In the 50s and 60s, Flash toured with such names as Floyd Dixon, Little Johnny Taylor and The Impressions.

Flash took a seven year hiatus from touring, but returned in 1972 to play on Bobby Blue Bland’s national tour.

His recording career began in the late 50s at Perspective Sound Studios in Tulsa. He recorded the hits “Big Betty” and “Her Name Is Lou” at Perspective Sound.

Along with touring and recording, Terry also drove a metro bus for Tulsa Transit for thirty years, getting the name “Bus Driver Bluesman”. He retired in 1996 after driving more than a million miles without an accident

Flash Terry photos courtesy of Joan Terry



He never retired from playing his music. He played at festivals like Juneteenth, Jazz on Greenwood and Deep Duce Blues Festival just to name a few. And, he also had his own record label, JFT Records, Inc .

In 1988, Flash and the Uptown Blues Band received a "State of Excellence" award from then-Oklahoma Governor Henry Bellmon. The band also received a "Citation of Appreciation" as Oklahoma's Favorite Blues Band .

In 1994, Flash was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. Last year, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. On September 3 this year he was honored and inducted into the newly formed Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame located in Rentiesville, Oklahoma and founded by D.C. and Selby Minner. Flash's earlier recordings are now on permanent display at the Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa.

Flash's younger brother, Wiley Joe was also a hit in his time. He had several records that hit the charts in the sixties. His biggest hit was "Follow the Leader." Both Flash and Wiley's old tunes are still played on the radio stations out on the N.E. coast.

In the years after he left Inola, his lack of enthusiasm for country living didn't stop him from falling in love with and marrying a country girl. Flash and Joan were married for over twenty years. They owned a small acreage where Flash would help with the animals and plant his potato patch, making sure it was ready by Good Friday every year!

Flash died March 18, of this year, following a stroke. He was laid to rest alongside other family members in the Inola Cemetery. The music world not only lost an outstanding entertainer, but we lost a truly amazing man. Flash Terry came from humble beginnings and became an honest, caring, and charitable man. He was a loving brother, husband, father, and loyal friend. His countless acts of kindness touched the lives of numerous people.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Terry; five sons, Walter Terry and Larry Terry, both of Dallas, Jeffrey Terry of Kansas City, Mo., and Anthony Gafney and Dustin Morris, both of Tulsa; five daughters, Sheila Terry and LaRhonda Terry, both of Tulsa, Brenda Terry of Dallas, Patricia Porche of Kansas City, Mo., and Melissa Withers of Coweta; a brother, Wiley Terry of Chicago; two sisters, Tommie Dean Terry of Las Vegas and Laverta Marcellus of Detroit; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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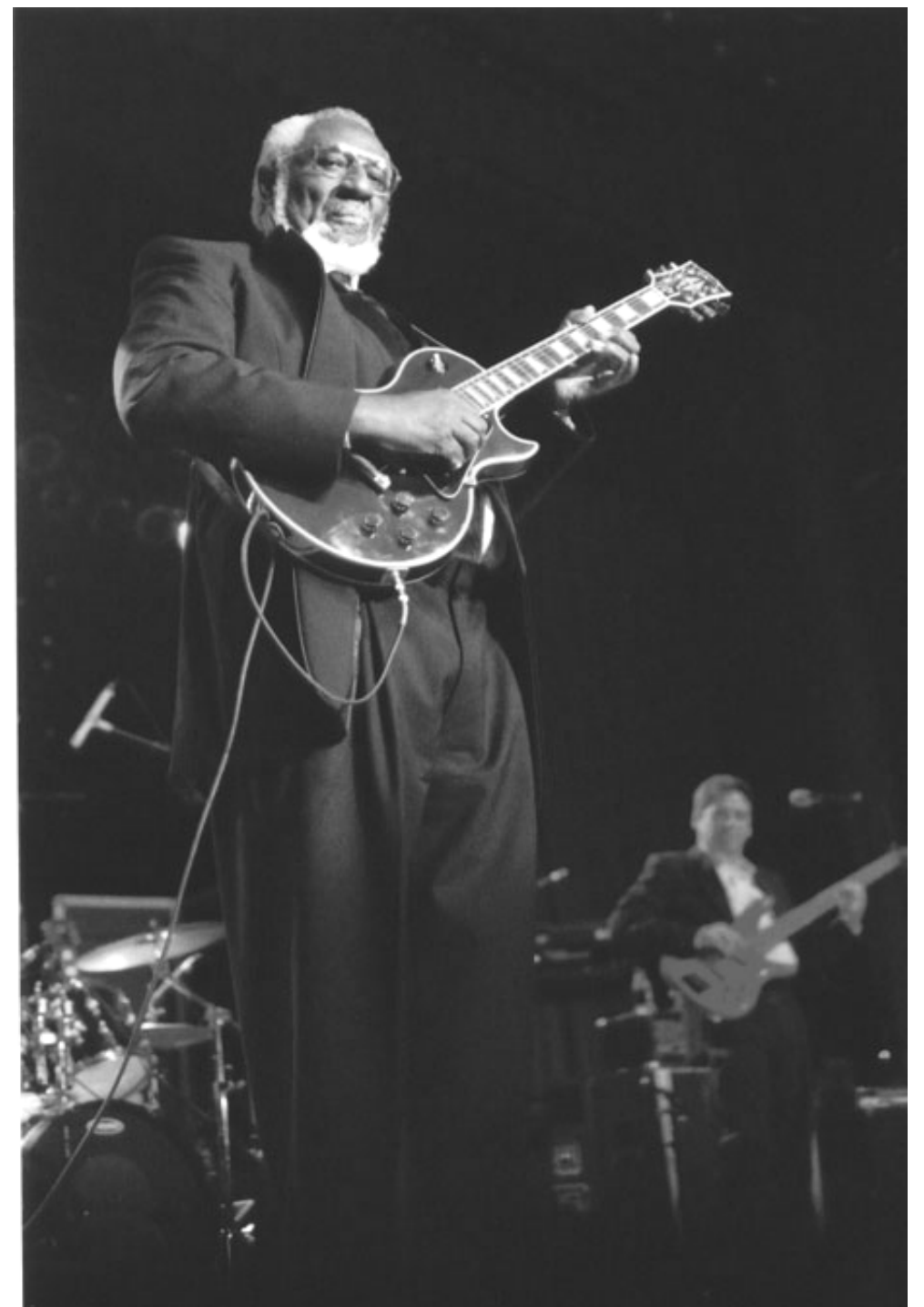


Flash contributed to the Tulsa Community and others in recent years by promoting or actively participating in multiple benefits to raise donations for charities and other causes. Flash helped raise funds for The Special Olympics of Tulsa, Junior Leagues of Tulsa, Johnny Clyde Copeland Benefit in conjunction with the Helena Blues Society in Helena, Arkansas, Women's Business League to promote educational scholarships for students in need, and many other charitable events such as aid to fire, accident, and trauma victims in need of assistance, over the span of his 40 plus year musical career. Even in death, he keeps giving. There have been scholarship funds set up, in honor of his memory.

Joan told us that Flash had been working on a new CD, and they hope to have it released in the not too distant future. She said there is also a limited number of Flash's CD "Mr. Bluesman" available. It was released in 1998.

To learn more about Flash, hear some of his music, or order a CD, please visit the Flash Terry web site at www.flashterry.com. They will post the release date of the new CD when it becomes available.

We would like to say a special "Thank you" to Joan and Tommie Dean for their help with this article. We share in your sorrow at the loss of, and pride in this awesome man!



Inola Incubator to Hatch Successful Businesses

Northeast Technology Center (NTC) in association with Rogers County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) is nearing completion of a state of the art incubator, which is located in the Inola Industrial Park. Its goal is to take fledgling or expanding businesses and nurture them into stable companies.

The approach has gained popularity over the last few years, and has proven successful. There is a huge risk, as 80% of all new small business ventures fail. The percentage is greatly reduced when the business graduates from an incubator program. 87% of those businesses succeed.

Better known to some as Northeast Vo-Tech, NTC has taught trades to thousands of students since 1970. It's only natural for the school to become involved in economic development in the communities it serves. The program will assist in developing new jobs for those students.

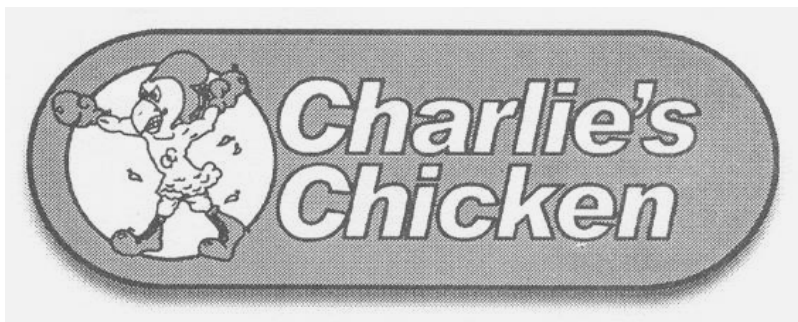
NTC is responsible for leadership of tenants, including assistance in development of a business plan, financial advice, and technical training. NTC also obtains certification of sites as certified incubator projects.

RCIDA is responsible for providing the land, building, and all facilities. Both organizations will participate in the promotion and development of the project.

The 12,000 sq. ft. complex will house four businesses. They will be monitored by the business experts, who will be on hand for advice with such matters as marketing, manufacturing, taxes, and law. The objective of the project is to support and advise the new enterprises, until they become stable enough to proceed on their own.

Manufacturing, wholesale and distributing, and service type businesses are eligible for the program. Retail and multi-marketing firms will not qualify. There are already applications being considered, but interested parties may contact Don Cochran at (918)343-8959

Information for this story was found in the Inola Independent.



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November 8	Foyil Tournament	6 th	Foyil
November 15, 16, 18	Inola Tournament	7 th -8 th	Inola
November 22	Verdigris	6 th -7 th -8 th -9 th	Inola
November 29	Dewey	6 th -7 th -8 th -9 th	Dewey
December 13	Chelsea	7 th -8 th -9 th	Chelsea
December 16	Berryhill	7 th -8 th -9 th	Berryhill
January 3-8	Adair Tournament	9 th	Adair
January 10	Sequoyah	7 th -8 th -9 th	Sequoyah**
January 13	Chouteau	6 th -7 th -8 th -9 th	Chouteau
January 17	Chelsea	7 th -8 th -9 th	Inola
January 24-29	Adair Tournament	7 th -8 th	Adair
January 31	Berryhill	7 th -8 th -9 th	Inola
February 3	Nowata	7 th -8 th -9 th	Nowata
February 7	Sperry	7 th -8 th -9 th	Sperry
February 10	Sequoyah	7 th -8 th -9 th	Inola**

- Note:**
- Games including 6th – 9th grade will begin @ 4:30
 - Games including 7th - 9th grade will begin @ 5:30
 - ** Both games with Sequoyah will be played during the afternoon beginning @ 12:30



The inola Indians

The Inola Indians baseball team is a 14 & under AA team. The head coach is Dennis Lehew of Inola. Dennis grew up in Oklahoma City. He and his family moved to Tulsa because of work. After being in Tulsa for a short time, they decided they wanted to get out of the city. They chose Inola as their new home. The main reason they chose Inola was because of their coach, Mark Ryal. They wanted their son Ben to play ball for one of the best and Mark Ryal was their man. Dennis and his family have called Inola home for 7 years. He started coaching with his son's coach-pitch team a year before moving to Inola.

This year's team started off as a 14-year-old team with 13 players. 1/3 of the way through the season they lost more than half the team for one reason or another. At that point they picked up Timmy Moore from Claremore and Bo McElroy from Chelsea and a couple of guys from Claremore. In doing this, it turned their 14-year-old team into a team of half 13 year olds and half 14 year olds. However, they played all year as a 14-year-old team.

They won 11 games and lost 3. They tied for 1st place in Claremore and ranked 15th in the State of Oklahoma. They are ranked 22nd nationally in the Super Series. The Inola Indians had a rough road, losing a lot of players after the USSSA Nationals in Arkansas. Some of their key players had to leave to go on a mission trip with their church. They hung in there and picked up some players from Sapulpa. They went on to play in the Super Series in Peoria, Arizona, where they placed 22nd nationally.

Dennis said the most rewarding part of coaching the boys is seeing them become friends and work together, learning sportsmanship, because that's what it's all about. Helping Dennis coach this year was the pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Inola, Mike Butler. Also helping them was Bill Bergston who is the education director of the church. They try to instill some Christian values in their player's lives and try to motivate them that way. The coaches take pride in seeing the boys doing well learning to work as a team.

Playing for the Inola Indians this year were Bret "Boomer" Butler, Eric Feemster, Adam Hamill, Ben Lehew, Richard "Drake" Long, Joseph Massey, Bo McIlroy, Timmy Moore, David McIlroy, James Padgett, Matthew Sanders, Cody Satoe, Logan Snodderly, and Alec Wickliff.



The Inola Jr. High Girls Softball Team won the Will Rogers Conference tournament held in Inola.

The Lady Longhorns had a 5-0 record for the tournament.



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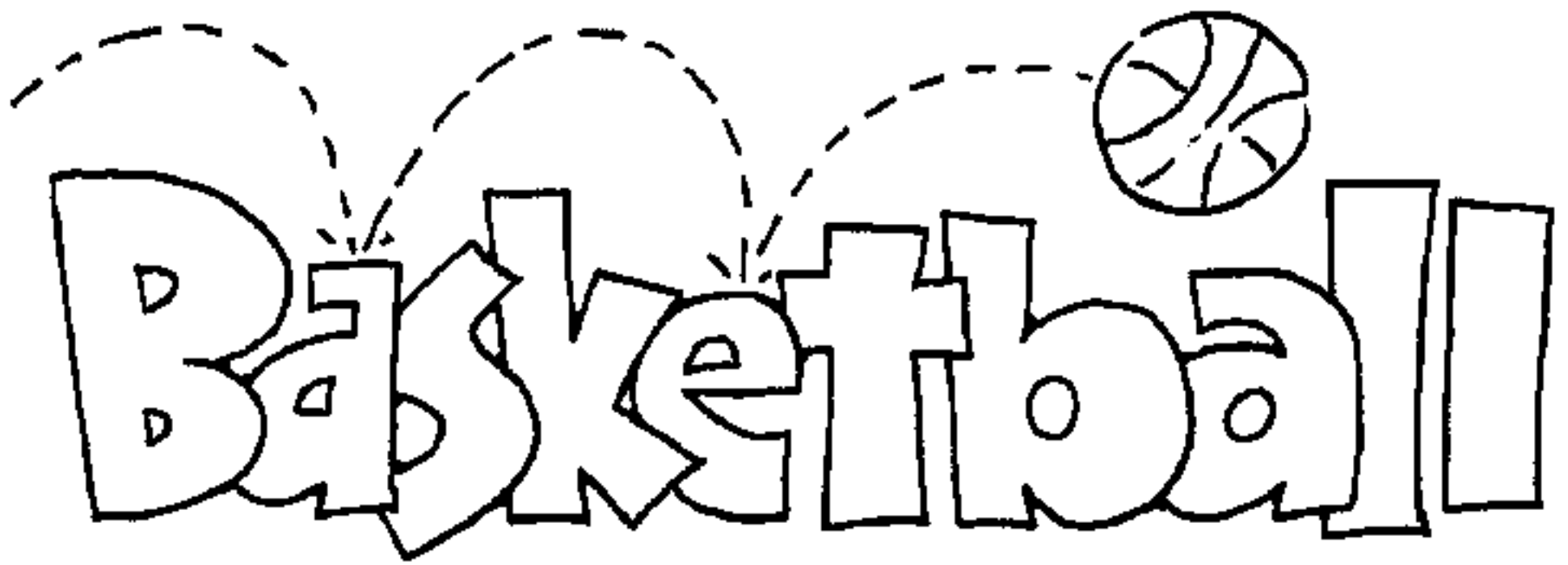
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2004-2005 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

INOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Clyde Barkley, Head Boys Coach

Rick Ott, Head Girls Coach

Date	Opponent	Location
Nov. 30	Nowata	Home
Dec. 3	Berryhill	Home
Dec. 6-11	Jerry Oquin Memorial Tournament	Home
Dec. 14	Sperry	Away
Dec. 17	Dewey	Away
Jan. 4	Verdigris	Home
Jan. 6	Oologah	Away
Jan. 7	Sequoyah	Away
Jan. 11	Chelsea	Home
Jan. 14	Open	
Jan. 17-22	Ft. Gibson Tournament	Away
Jan. 25	Nowata	Away
Jan. 28	Berryhill	Away
Feb. 1	Sperry	Home
Feb. 4	Dewey	Home
Feb. 5	Vinita	Home
Feb. 8	Verdigris	Away
Feb. 11	Sequoyah	Home
Feb. 15	Chelsea	Away
Feb. 18-19	District Tournament	TBA
Feb. 24-26	Regional Tournament	TBA
Mar. 3-5	Area Tournament	TBA
Mar. 10-12	State Tournament	TBA

All girls games start at 6:30 pm, with boys games to follow.

Inola Inventor

Inola inventor Dan Parris sits at his workbench everyday, creating or fixing electronic gizmos. His company is called CEFCO, short for Custom Electronic Fabrication Company.

Parris takes credit for a number of inventions. The Mud Monitor calculates the weight and viscosity of drilling mud. The Diamond Polygraph is an instrument used to determine if a gem is real or fake by analyzing its thermal conduction properties.

His patented LACER (Light Activated Cellular Energy Resonance) instrument is used in the treatment of animals during veterinary acupuncture procedures.

Parris started his inventing business in a rented garage located at 6 N. Broadway in downtown Inola. He also sold and repaired Curtis-Mathis televisions, as well as CB radios.

He honed his electronic skills by taking classes at Claremore Junior College and Northeastern University in Tahlequah. "I'm five hours short of a degree," he explained.

Parris heard about lasers being used in Europe to stimulate acupuncture points without using needles. He started to work and soon came up with a prototype instrument selling for \$2,000.

A chiropractor in Kansas City heard about the instrument and ordered 10 of them. With that order a business was born.

Parris later gave a talk at Columbus School of Chiropractic on cold laser therapy and afterward two veterinarians called to order his unit to treat equine injuries.

Parris explains that his instruments use pulsating light at certain frequencies to stimulate acupuncture points with millions of photons. One famous user of his therapy invention was the racehorse Seattle Slew.

Parris explained that infra-red, then microprocessors and smaller probes reduce treatment times from 20 minutes to 3 or 4 minutes.

Today Parris devotes his time to sales and marketing of the instruments. In 1990, Inola graduate David Malone started doing the actual manufacturing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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