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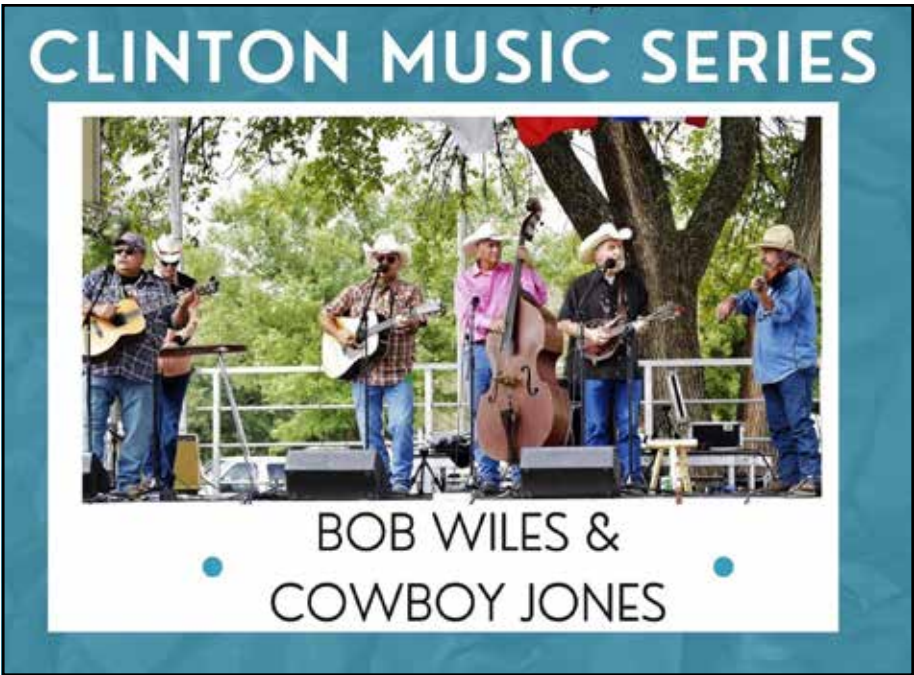
## Clinton Sees High Turnout for Latest Free Concert at McLain Rogers Park




The Latin Fusion band “Incendio” was the main attraction at the most recent Levitt AMP Clinton Music Series. The full band can be seen in both photos. Pictured (from left): Guitarists Jim Stubblefield and Jean-Pierre Durand, Drummer Timothy Curle, and Bassist/Vocalist Liza Carbé. *Provided*



Big Band Orchestra “Talk of the Town” were also invited to play at the Levitt AMP Concert. Boris Connally stands and wails on his Baritone Saxophone while his bandmates accompany his performance. *Provided*






Blues Band “Zydeco Trouble” will headline for June 21, and Americana Band “Cowboy Jones” (pictured at last year’s series) will return on June 28. The Music Series will then go on hiatus until August 2. *Courtesy Levitt AMP Clinton Music Series / Facebook*



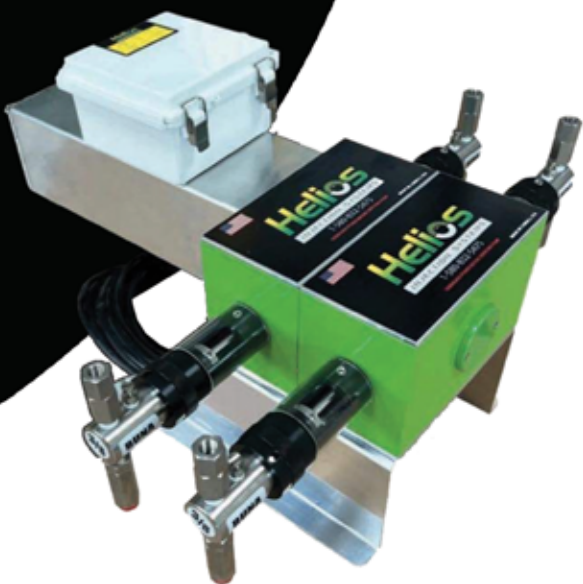
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## Oklahoma History: Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre



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Flames spread across “Little Africa” (an alternate name for “Black Wall Street” in the Greenwood section of Tulsa, OK). This photo was taken on June 1, 1921. The wispy smoke cloud on the left (Cincinnati Ave. and the Frisco Tracks) was identified by the Tulsa Tribune as being where the fire started.



Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society

A Black man with a camera looks at the burned ruins in Tulsa's Greenwood District after the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, one of the worst incidents of racial violence in U.S. history. The area depicted was a housing block, indicated by the prevalence of iron bed frame buried within the piles of ashes.

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

May 31st marks the 103rd Anniversary of “the single worst incident of racial violence in American History” (Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture). The Tulsa Race Massacre, also known as the Greenwood Massacre, took place over May 31st and June 1st, 1921, in the Greenwood District – a vibrant neighborhood with local newspapers, library, churches, and many small businesses. For the time, Tulsa was a full population city with over one hundred thousand people, but like many cities around the nation, most of their African American residents were living in a specified location, almost all of the ten thousand segregated residents were in Greenwood. The nightmarish eighteen hours began as the nationwide racial tensions began to culminate due to the rising growth of the second Ku Klux Klan and the increased resistance of African Americans to attacks on their communities.

At first glance, Tulsa was like any modern city - growing, ambitious – however, underneath it was a deeply troubled town. Its crime rate was frighteningly high, and vandalism was coating the city.

Additionally, racial violence was at an all-time high with incidents like the lynching of a black teenager accused of murder by a white mob in August of 1920. Reports exposed that the Tulsa police had allowed the lynching victim to be taken from his jail cell at the county courthouse.

Tensions were strained over the next eight months until the breaking point on May 30th, 1921 involving a shoe shiner and an elevator operator. The common story is that Dick Rowland, an African American shoe shiner, entered an elevator in the Drexel Building with a white elevator operator named Sarah Page and stepped on her foot, causing her to scream; he was picked up by police. The following day, The Tulsa Tribune reported that Rowland had attempted to rape Page.

Additionally, the Tribune released a front-page article instructing readers to “Nab Negro for Attacking Girl in an Elevator,” which was published on Tuesday, May 31, 1921. That evening, talks of lynching had filled the streets.

At 7:30 PM that night, hundreds of white locals gathered outside the courthouse and demanded they hand over Rowland; the sheriff refused. By 9:00 PM, reports of the unrest reached Greenwood where a group of armed African American men, many with experience in World War I, went to the courthouse to offer the authorities aid in protecting Rowland. They were sent home.

Upon seeing the armed men, many members of the white mob attempted to break into the National Guard armory but were turned back by the local guardsmen. At 10 PM, a rumor circulated in Greenwood that members of the white mob were storming the courthouse. So, a second group of African American men, around seventy-five, went back to the courthouse but were sent away again. While leaving, a white man dashed at one of the black veterans to disarm him and a shot was fired. The eighteen-hour riot had begun.

The first six hours were filled with chaos as angry white citizens began targeting African Americans in general. An unarmed African American man was murdered in a downtown movie theater, carloads of armed white mob members began performing “drive-by” shootings in African American residential neighborhoods, and a hate-filled fight broke out along the railroad tracks. The African American commercial district was in flames by midnight and there were talks of a dawn invasion into Greenwood.

Local authorities did nothing to stop the crisis, with many eyewitnesses from both sides reporting that many police officers began deputizing members of the lynch mob with instructions to “get a gun and get a..”. The National Guard was mobilized but was stationed in white neighborhoods for the night to protect them from a nonexistent “black counterattack.”

When light began to break on June 1st, thousands of armed whites were gathered outside Greenwood and poured into the district. They began looting homes and businesses and setting them on fire. They were responsible for the murder of A. C. Jackson, a renowned surgeon, who surrendered to but was shot. Reports list many personal weapons used by the lynch mob, including a machine gun. Several eyewitnesses reported airplanes with white assailants who fired rifles and dropped firebombs on buildings and families.

While there were several confirmed planes present, there has been no concrete evidence shown to back this claim. Archives picked up by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture describe the planes dipping low and the “sounds of hail” on rooftops. By the time the National Guard arrived at 9:15 AM, most of Greenwood was on fire.

Martial law was called, and when the fighting stopped, more than 800 people were in the hospital and 6,000 African American residents were interned at large facilities for day. 10,000 of the Greenwood District were left homeless and were forced to spend the next winters in tents. Greenwood began the process of rebuilding, but the city tried to keep silent about the tragedy. It was omitted from local, state, and national histories until a commission formed in 1996 to study the event.

Their final report published in 2001 was only able to confirm “39 dead, 26 Black and 13 white...[but an] estimated range of 75 to 300 dead”. The report also stated that “the city had conspired with the mob of White citizens against Black citizens”. Oklahoma passed legislation to establish scholarships for descendants of the survivors and encourage the continued development of Greenwood. In 2010, a park was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the massacre, and in 2020 it was officially added to the Oklahoma school curriculum.

## HIGHER GROUND

### Happy Father's Day



Jim Morrison

Many of you will read this shortly before Father's Day and others shortly after. Either way I hope it will be both a reminder to some of you of the important role that your father had in your life and also for those younger, a challenge to those still learning the ropes of being a good Father.

In this age of the diminishing role of the father figure, we are reaping the consequences of the upspring of absentee fathers. Much of the violence and crime in today's society stems from the absence of a father figure. Kids grow up without ever seeing Dad faithfully go to work every morning and coming home to a loving family, teaching responsibility and character.

My Dad had only a sixth-grade education. But he realized his responsibility as a provider, as a protector,

and as a person of integrity. His Dad and Mom traveled from Moore, Oklahoma in 1904 to homestead a farm in some of the poorest land in Roger Mills County; southwest of Cheyenne. They built a half-dugout where my dad was born. It still stands. I have made sure my children have visited that historical landmark. They traveled by covered wagon with four children, a cow or two and a team and colt. This was before statehood. I have often wondered how they made it. But they instilled some values in my dad that have been carried on to my generation.

I would like to say that Dad did the best he could, but that is not really true. We are all flawed creatures and could do a better job. The thing I would challenge you with is each day and each year, be about the job of learning ways of imparting God's truth and practical wisdom into your children. Don't let pride keep you from admitting that you need help. Above all keep your love of your heavenly Father fresh in your home and learn how to pass that love along to those you love.

Although my dad was poorly educated, he had way with words. A few years before he died, he wrote a poem that I will share. Not that it is great poetry but because of the principle it leaves. It is about his dad and the positive memories he left in his life:

#### My Dad

Years ago, when but a lad,  
How well I can recall,  
Back upon the old homeplace,  
And dusk began to fall,

My dad and I would oft times sit  
Out on the old back step,  
And he would tell of years gone by  
When he too was small.

He would tell how times had changed  
And fast the time had passed;  
The good advice he gave to me  
To keep me from a fall.

Many years have passed and gone,  
From tears I can't refrain.  
When I look back, I never heard  
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**BLAINE CO / UNDISCLOSED CASH** - Blaine County Sheriff's officials say a County Deputy and Undersheriff managed to stop an undisclosed load of cash traveling through Blaine County that is suspected of being used in the cultivation of illegal marijuana by the Republic of China. Sheriff's officials in Blaine County say they are proactively dedicated to stopping that activity and plan to continue to shut these operations down with the help of the State Attorney General's office.

**CLINTON / OHP & DPS** - The Clinton Economic Development Authority (CEDA) received an update from State Representative Anthony Moore regarding the status of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP)/ Department of Public Safety (DPS) facility at the former Glancy Motel site. Moore says the project will be finished by the summer or fall of 2025.

**WEATHERFORD SB / BROWEN** - Richard Browen attended his last meeting as Weatherford Schools' Interim Superintendent. Board President Chris Gregston thanked Browen for his service over the past year. Hobart Superintendent Mark Harmon will assume permanent Superintendent duties in Weatherford on July 1.

**CLOUD CHIEF / FIRE** - It took crews from four counties to stop a wheat field fire last week near Cowden that burned some 200-300 acres with about 150 acres of that being uncut wheat. Cloud Chief Fire Chief Nocona Cook says fire crews were fortunate that the blaze did not spread further. Chief Cook says both Cloud Chief and Colony Fire Departments had trucks that caught fire and were damaged after debris built up under those trucks.

**BUTLER / FIRE** - A Western Oklahoma business recently sustained heavy fire damage. Butler Fire Chief Jay Baker says an explosion started a large fire at Lee's Truck and Auto Sales. Seven fire departments, Custer County District 3, and 47 other personnel were needed to extinguish the fire.

**CUSTER CO / DEVON DONATION** - Custer County Commissioners recently approved a \$500 donation from Devon Energy to Custer County's Emergency Management Responder grant. County Emergency Management Director Mike Galloway has details. Devon will sponsor a full-scale community exercise in Weatherford on August 20th. With this donation, Devon can practice life safety evacuation plans and the transition to a community-led incident command.

**WEATHERFORD / FIRE** - A couple of mobile homes were damaged by fire recently in the Sand Piper Trailer Park north of the SWOSU campus, says Fire Chief Mike Karlin. Karlin says one occupant of one of the trailers escaped out the back door. He says the original fire spread to the second trailer and a vehicle. No injuries were reported.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes for June 19** - John Arriaga, Brandon Ashcraft, Carol Sue Bentley, Alyssa Dowty, Rodney Hines, Amber Hudson, Abby Janning, Jessica Kasper, Nicole Nelson, Roger Oehler, Denton Payne; **June 20** - Nikki Bates, Nelson Dougherty, Brad Jones, Kaden FlyingOut, Kindon Kaiser, Charlene Killgore, Sharil McCoy, Darby Morgan, Jennifer Neely, Lyndon Perry, Camille Sharry, Lisa Shirey; **June 21** - Jared Broadbent, C.L. Goodwin, Debby Green, Barbara Holt, Gladys Jones, Beverly Kissler, Charm Reeves; **June 22** - Mark Becton, Brownie Browne, Tyler FlyingOut, Sage Fox, Robert Ingram Jr., Monty Proffitt, Keenan Taylor, Shawny Twins; **June 23** - Debbie Blakeslee, Ruby Dillon, Madison Dudgeon, Stetson Flaming, Gary Friesen, Meg Hook, Rayna Lax, Ruby Polly, Lisa Rockett, Steve Sauer; **June 24** - Bruce Belanger, Heather Hall, Chelsea Lantz, Genny Lathrom, Naveenah Matrix, Dorothy Sloan, Dalton Sloan, Cecil Smith, Betty Snider; **June 25** - Jordan Estes, James Fielder, Casandra Fraser, Greg Gainers, Mary Page, Jo Dawn Parrish, Dwayne Roark, Jana Rucks, Justin Savage, Larry Sharp, Michael Wright.



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State Senator and Former Budget Chairman Roger Thompson Resigns



# GREG TREAT

Oklahoma Senate President Pro Tempore

Senate Pro Tem Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, has released the following statement after Senator Roger Thompson, R-Okemah, submitted his resignation letter, effective November 1.

“Senator Roger Thompson has been a wonderful friend and great partner in the Senate over the last 10 years,” Pro Tem Treat said. “His faithful stewardship of the budget the past several years has led to record savings and record investments in education, behavioral health and infrastructure. Sen. Thompson has also helped navigate the Legislature through many difficult times, especially through the ARPA process.

“His work on developing the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency as co-chair has been instrumental in the successful outcomes we have seen come out of this office. Senator Thompson has a servant’s heart through and through. Even before coming to the Senate, he served in numerous roles in his community, including as a pastor for his local ministry and as a missionary in overseas outreach.

“Senator Thompson has served his state well and while I look forward to continuing our friendship moving forward, the Senate is losing a valued member of our family. I wish him and his wife, Pamela, well on whatever is in store next for them.”



Courtesy Western Plains Library System (WPLS)  
Award-Winning Ventriloquist Meghan Casey recently visited various Western Plains Libraries for their Summer Reading Program, including in Clinton (pictured) and Weatherford. Her critically acclaimed routine with Aiden the Dinosaur was a hit with kids and parents alike.



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**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) alumni and friends were welcomed to Prairie West Golf Club in Weatherford on June 8, where 25 teams played in the 2024 SWOSU Football Legacy Golf Tournament.

This annual fundraising and friendraising event, which benefits the SWOSU Football program, was established in 2015 by Dustin Wall, '05, and Michael Hart, '06, in partnership with the SWOSU Athletic Association.

In addition to Wall and Hart, the Legacy Fund is guided by a Steering Committee comprised of leading SWOSU Football alumni and boosters including: Brian Busey, '05; Matt Brown, '08; Mike Brown, '78; Jimmy Jenkins, '04; Rick Koch; Pat Lewis; Vance Nye, '90; and Steve Price, '83.

"We are immensely grateful to the numerous businesses and individuals whose contributions led to the success of the 2024 SWOSU Football Legacy Golf Tournament," remarked SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton. "The generous support from our community empowers our SWOSU athletic programs, enabling all our student-athletes to excel both on and off the field."

The SWOSU Football Legacy Golf Tournament is hosted by the SWOSU Foundation. To contribute to SWOSU Football or for more information, visit [GivetoSWOSUFootball.com](http://GivetoSWOSUFootball.com) or call 580-774-3267.

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