



July 2020

On behalf of the Court Services Department here at the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau (OCJB) I would like to send a huge thank you to the Arnall Family Foundation (AFF). In April 2020, the AFF provided the OCJB with funds to supply care packages to our youth and their families. We were able to provide one-hundred and forty-four (144) care packages that contained hygiene products, individual packaged food, stress relief sensory items, arts and craft supplies and personalized notes. Intake and Probation Officers went out and personally delivered each of the care packages to the youth's home (contact free). This was a great opportunity to show the youth and their families of Oklahoma County that they were being thought of during this traumatic time for our country and state.

Hajr Hamin, Chief of Court Services





Congratulations to Vicki Cargill, Intake Officer II, on 40 years of dedicated service with Oklahoma County.



- Please remember to wear your mask any time you are in a common area, or someone else enters your office/work area. Masks and temperature checks are still mandatory within our offices.
- If you feel unwell, **PLEASE STAY AT HOME!** If you believe you could be at risk for COVID-19 due to being symptomatic or an exposure to someone who is positive, please contact your supervisor immediately via telephone, or call Hannah Dix, HRM at 405-713-6403.
- **If you participate in County Health Insurance,** you can walk in (no appointment) and get Covid testing free of charge at the Oklahoma ER and Hospital, located at 15103 N. Pennsylvania Ave, Edmond, OK 73013 through our Evolution Program.
- Please take care of yourselves and each other! Thank you for your continued sacrifice to provide our services to the residents of Oklahoma County.

Submitted by the Human Resources Manager Hannah Whipp

New Co-Workers & Promotions



New Detention Officers

Jaquisha Johnson
Nicandro Merlos Palomino
Alana Sasso

New Probation Officer

Adriana Rayas

Promotions

Antonio Windham- YGS
Cameron Friar- Facility Volunteer/Activity Coordinator
Rhonda Jackson- Facility Volunteer/Activity Coordinator
Jaelyn Bercier—Intake Officer
Elizabeth Vega-Probation Officer II



Kudos To You

I would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to **Dorinda Berry, Virginia Cloud, Donna Hampton and Mary Prince** for stepping in and assisting in the Business Department in my absence. Ladies, you ALL are **AWESOME!!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!**

Valerie Lee, Business Manager



I would like to thank everyone involved in the planning and handling of the PPPS week. It was a great time!

Matthew Hankins

Kudos to **Facility Administrator Tommy Brown** for dealing with ALL detention/ and all the other things he has to deal with and still be a pleasant compassionate person. We all love him.

Janet Clinicy

Kudos To You

Kudos to all the people responsible for Probation week. They did a great job and it was a nice time.

Michelle Boivin

Congratulations to Ms. Elizabeth Vega on her promotion to PO II.

Thank you for being such a great asset to the team. Excited to see you move forward and grow as an officer.

Crystal Pierce

Kudos to everyone that played a part in PPPS Week. You all made the week awesome and the food was great. Thank you!

Kudos to both **Probation and Intake** for coming together and working as a team to get daily tasks completed in accordance to our youth. I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU!

Shawn Clewis

PREVENTION OF COVID-19



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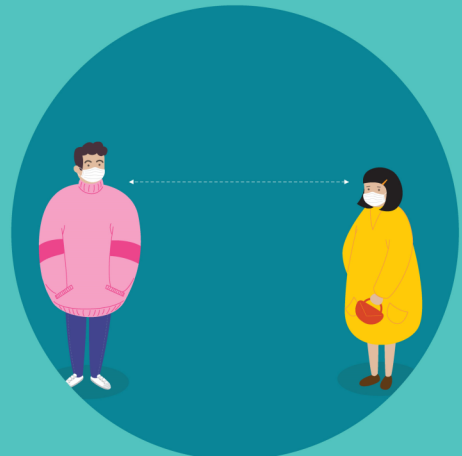


WASHING HANDS

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SOCIAL DISTANCING

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Darick Whitehorn, Janitorial

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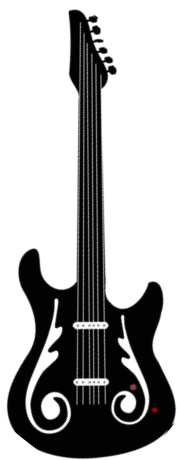


Richard Lewis Jr., Janitorial

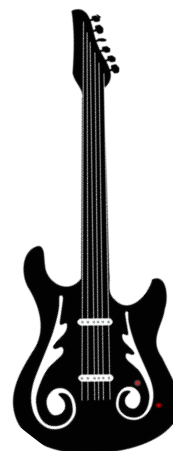
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IDSU Officer Meeker's Little Rockstar Cameron's 1st Birthday



July 19



2020

DETENTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH MARCH 2020



DETENTION OFFICER II, YECENIA CABRERA

Yecenia Cabrera was born in Riverside, California and lived there until the age of eight. Yecenia and her family moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to have a better place to live. Ms. Cabrera began working for OCJDC in the year 2018 and has enjoyed every day. Yecenia is currently attending UCO and is studying sociology, which she is working to receive her bachelor's degree. DOII Cabrera is married with two daughters who are full of energy. Yecenia likes go fishing and loves to travel. One of her interests is to one day go Jet Skiing as well as swim with dolphins. Yecenia takes every day as a new day and a new opportunity to do better than the day before.

Detention Officer Cabrera is always willing to go beyond her call of duty assisting her co-workers and supervisors. Ms. Cabrera has assisted her supervisors with running shift and training new officers. She has established a great working rapport with all of our residents and all detention staff. DOII Cabrera never complains about her assignments or duties. DOII Cabrera has also assisted with audit preparation, ensuring our paperwork is submitted on time. Thank you for all you do Ms. Cabrera!

Congratulations to Yecenia Cabrera for being Detention Officer of the Month for March 2020!!

DETENTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH APRIL 2020



DETENTION OFFICER I, JANAЕ' MCJUNKINS

Janae' McJunkins likes to play basketball, sing, dance and eat food. Janae's passion is to assist people find solutions to problems and be a positive influence for juveniles. Which is why she chose to come work for OCJDC. Janae' always believes that there is light at the end of the tunnel if our residents are willing to change their attitude as well as their actions.

Detention Officer McJunkins is always willing to go beyond the call of duty. She assists residents, her Co-workers, and Supervisors. McJunkins helps wherever needed and accepts all duties without complaint. In her short time of being here, she has built a great rapport with staff and residents. Officer McJunkins maintains a positive attitude even through highly stressful situations. Janae' McJunkins has always been optimistic, reliable and an efficient worker. She is a valuable asset to detention. All of which makes Janae' McJunkins our Detention Officer of the Month.

Congratulations to Janae' McJunkins for being Detention Officer of the Month for April 2020!

DETENTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH MAY 2020



DETENTION OFFICER I, ABDUL MALIK SHEHU

Abdul Malik Shehu was born January 31, 1990 in Kaduna, Nigeria. Mr. Shehu is one of five siblings of two very proud parents. His father was a police officer in Nigeria and his mother worked as an administrator. Abdul Malik attended Premier Secondary School located in Kaduna, Nigeria. Abdul Malik came to the United States in 2014, where he enrolled at UCO, and received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Mr. Shehu is a proud detention officer and loves working with juveniles. His goal is to inspire our residents and shape the minds of our kids so they make better choices in life. Abdul Malik still believes that our children are our future; through them, we can make this world a better place.

Detention Officer Shehu has been employed with the OCJB since October 21, 2019. During his time in detention, he has exuded hard work and determination. His relentless spirit, contagious smile and never-ending push to be better has spread infectiously through our shift. If good energy were a person, Detention Officer Shehu would be just that. He is beyond a pleasure to work with.

Congratulations to Abdul Malik Shehu for being Detention Officer of the Month for May 2020!

DETENTION OFFICER OF THE MONTH JUNE 2020



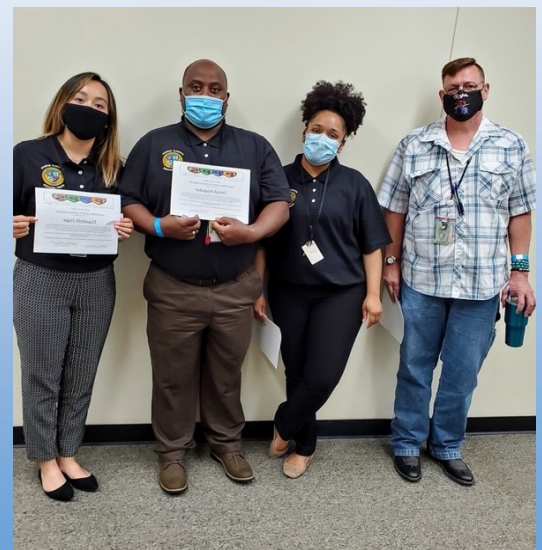
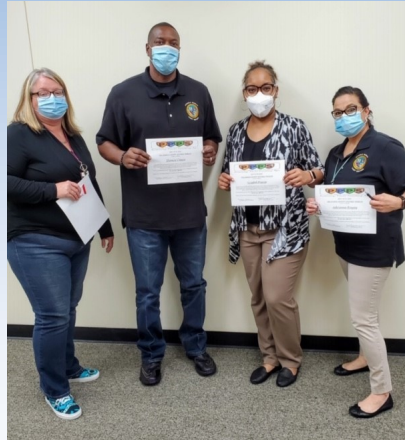
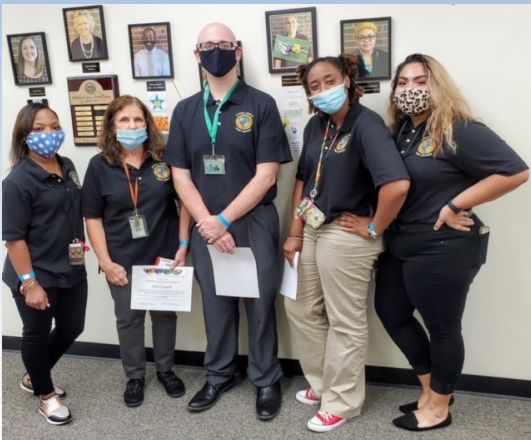
DETENTION OFFICER I, TATYANA SHAW

Tatyana Shaw just graduated from Langston with her Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice during the spring of 2020. Ms. Shaw will be attending graduate school, and plans to obtain her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Ms. Shaw strives to embody the importance of education for our youth. She devotes herself to ensure she is well educated in her field and hopes to make a change in her community.

Detention Officer Tatyana Shaw is a dedicated and hard worker. Ms. Shaw has maintained superior job performance since she has been with OCJDC. DO Shaw is committed to helping others and brings a peacefulness to our shift. She has such tremendous energy, and it spreads to other staff and to the residents. The residents know her, respect her and request her to be in their dayroom. Tatyana has a carefree, bubbly, contagious and friendly nature that they are drawn to. She is truly one of our secret treasures on this shift. She has learned so much in less than six months and has become one of our most valuable staff. We most definitely enjoy having DO Shaw on our team, and the joy that she brings to our shift!

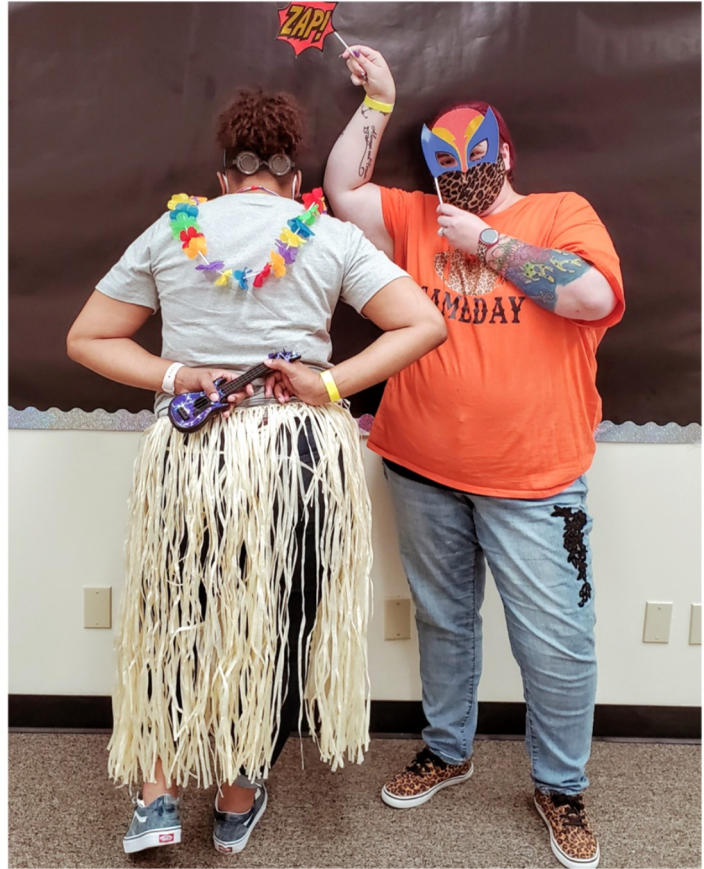
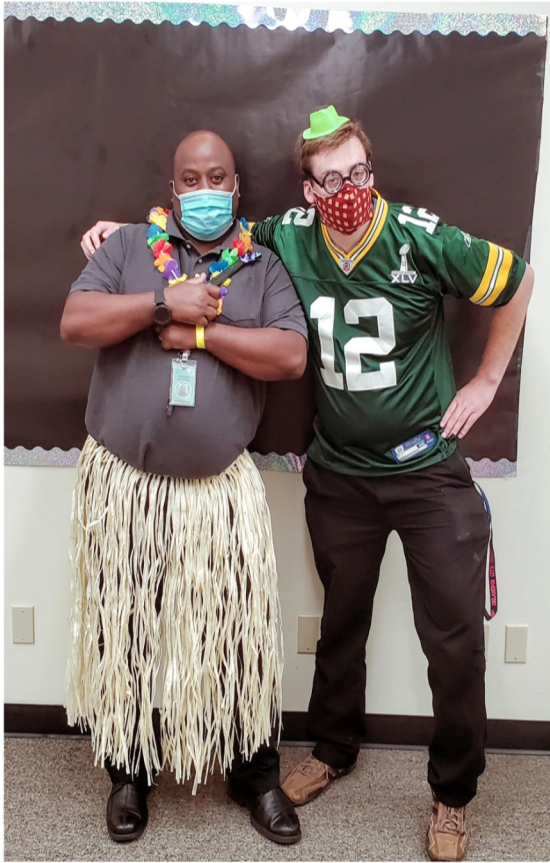
Congratulations to Tatyana Shaw for being Detention Officer of the Month for June 2020!

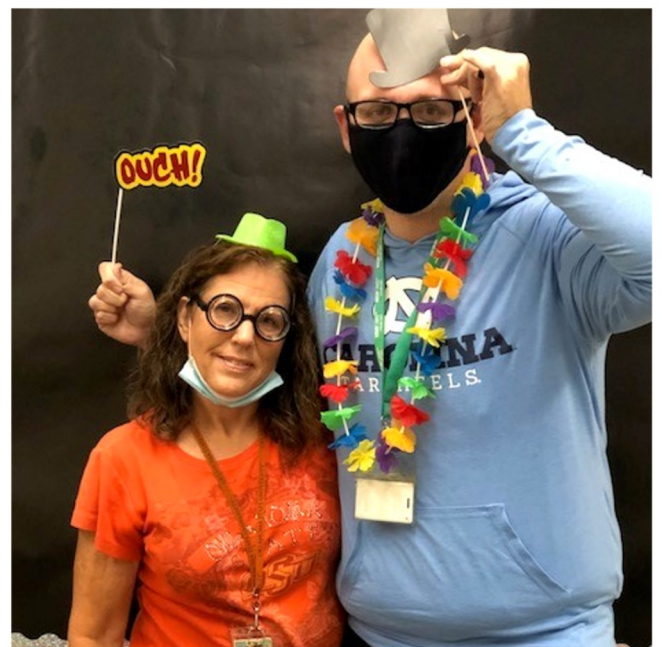
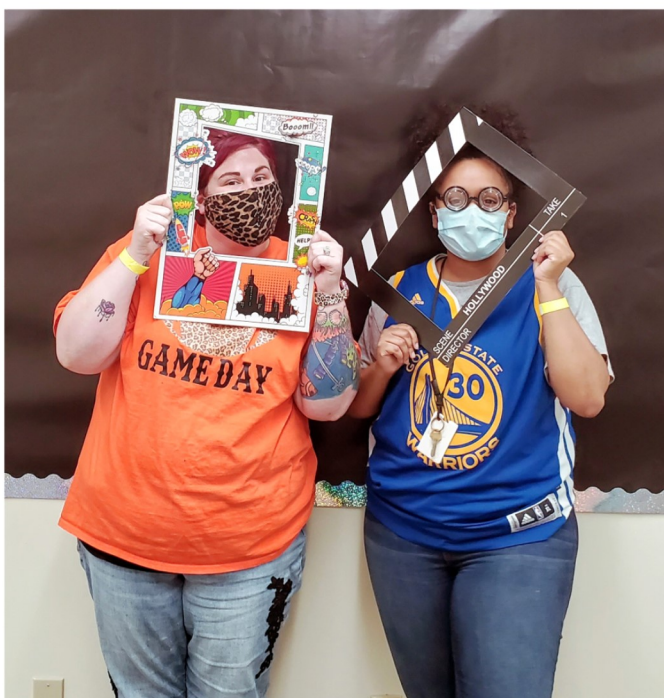
Pretrial Probation Parole Supervision Week
(July 19th —July 25th) provides the opportunity to
celebrate great work done by our team of Intake and Probation Officers.
Thank you for all that you do!



Pre-trial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week (PPPS)

Funny Photo Booth





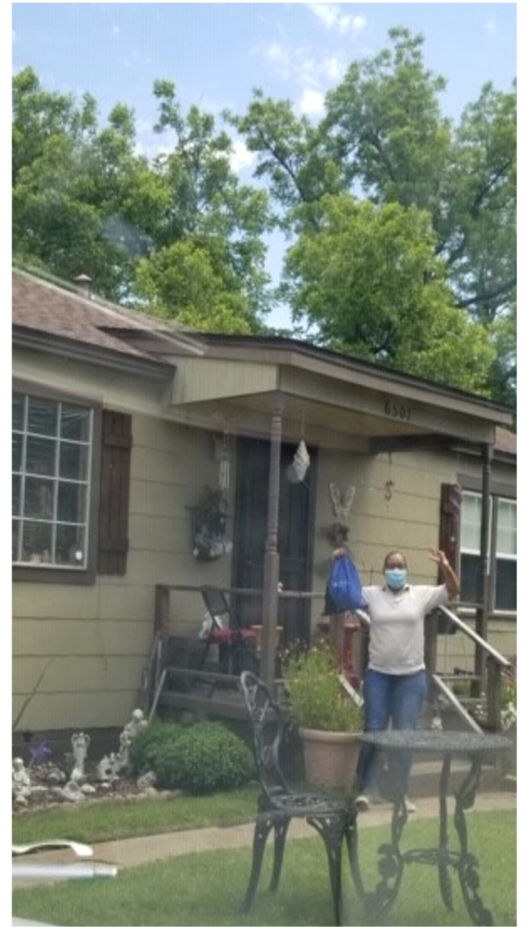
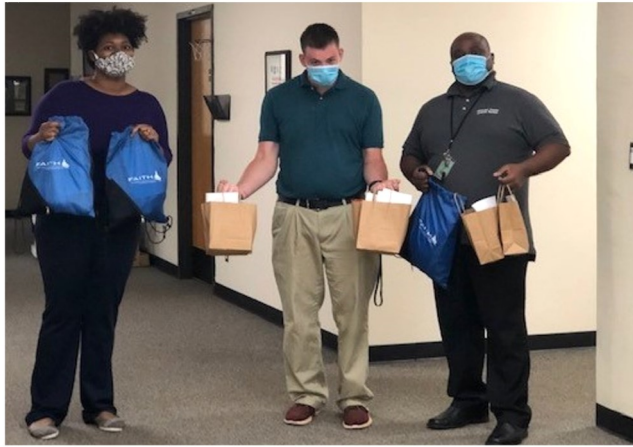
Games for the Officers & Staff



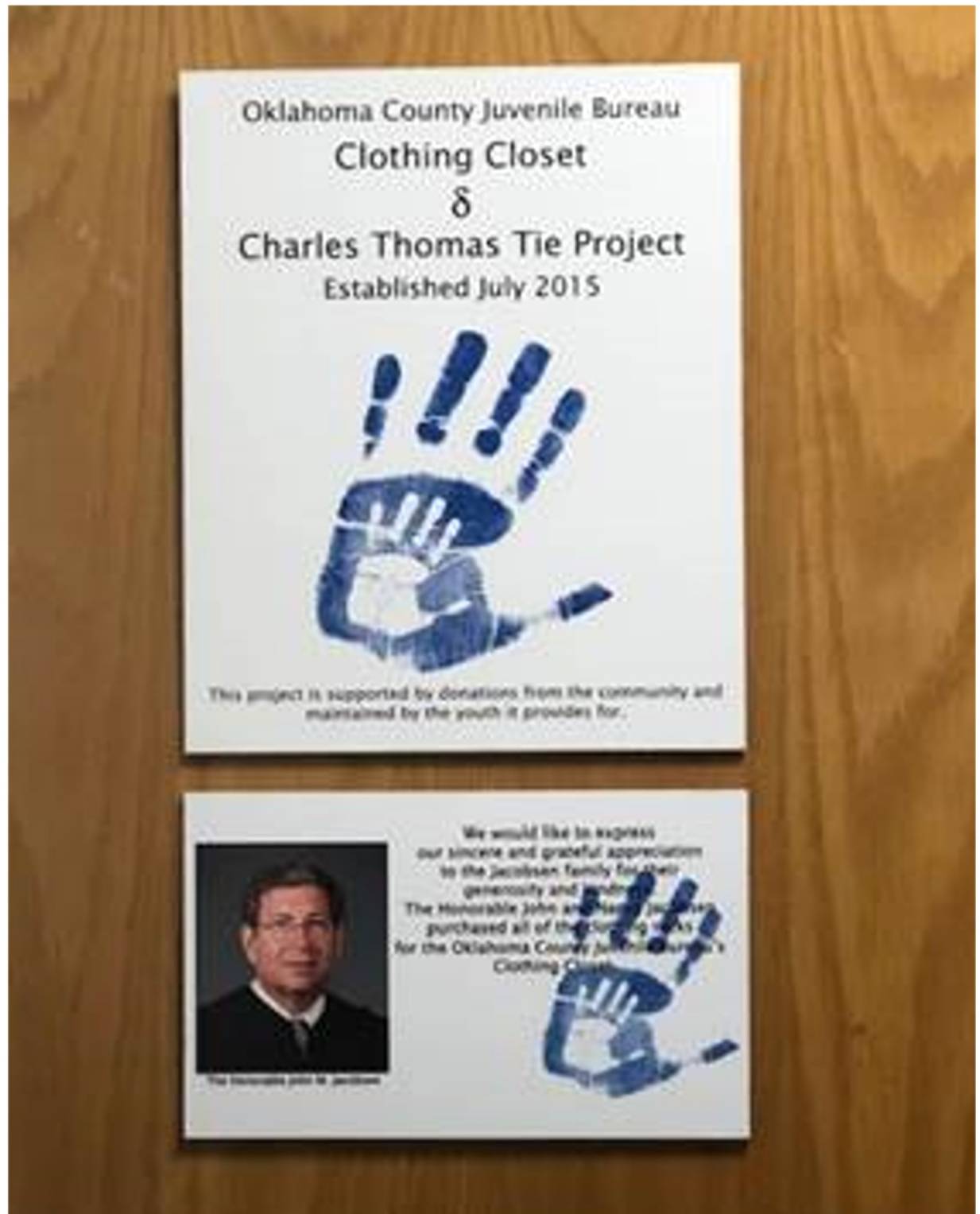
Favorites Team



Bringing Youth Items They Can Use



The Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau (OCJB) Clothing Closet has been relocated to the second floor probation officer hallway in room 2070 within the Court Services Department.



Quarantine 5 - Ingredient Beef Enchiladas

Servings: 8

Cook time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 pound lean ground beef (or ground turkey)
- 1 cup chunky salsa
- 1 (10-ounce) can red enchilada sauce
- 8 (8-inch) tortillas (flour or corn)
- 1 (8-ounce) package Borden Cheese Thick Cut Shredded Four Cheese Mexican (about 2 cups)
- Or use the cheese you have



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 F and lightly spray 9 x 13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray, or whatever you have

In large skillet, brown the meat over medium-high heat, drain excess fat away. Return meat to skillet and reduce heat to medium-low. Stir in salsa and cook until heated through.

Warm the tortillas according to package directions. Add about 1/4 cup of the meat mixture to each tortilla and top with 1 heaping tablespoon of cheese. Tightly roll each tortilla up and place them in the dish, seam side down. Pour the remaining enchilada sauce over them and sprinkle cheese on top.

Tightly wrap the dish with aluminum foil and bake for 30-35 minutes.

Quarantine Cinnamon Toast—Pretend it's a Sopapilla!

Toast your slice of bread. Spread butter or margarine onto the bread. In a small bowl, mix 1/2 teaspoon of ground cinnamon and 1 tablespoon of sugar. Sprinkle generously over hot buttered toast.



Submitted by J'me Overstreet

How to Work the Vents and Lid of Your Grill:

A Need-to-Know Guide



Ventilation is one of summer's great conversation topics. But we're not talking about screened porches or linen pants. We're talking about the most important warm weather ventilation there is: grilling ventilation. That's right, the air flow around that [toasty charcoal](#) lining the bottom of your grill. In order to control how your food cooks (hot and fast, low and slow), you need to control the heat and circulation of your grill. And you do that by manipulating its lid and vents.

The first question you need to answer is: Should I have my grill lid on or off? All you have to remember is that a lid essentially turns your grill into an oven. It traps heat so that your food cooks from every side instead of exclusively from below. As a general rule, you should **leave the lid off when you're looking to quickly char vegetables or cook thin pieces of protein**, like pancake-skinny [smash burgers](#) or [boneless chicken thighs](#), but **put the lid on when you're cooking larger items that require more time to cook through**, like [bone-in chicken](#) or [whole sweet potatoes](#).

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The next question that needs answering is: Where the hell are the vents? See that weird little portal on the top of your grill lid? And that slide-y thing at the bottom of the grill basin, under your charcoal? Those are the vents! Both control the flow of air inside of the grill, which changes the heat level and direction

The vent on the bottom of the basin controls how much oxygen gets inside the grill, while the vent on the top determines how much heat exits the grill. Even when you're grilling with the lid off, you need to think about the bottom vent. The more open it is, the more oxygen is supplied to the charcoal, which makes it burn hotter. When the lid is on, you also need to consider the top vent. When that top vent is open, heat escapes through it, meaning that whatever food is placed underneath will be subjected to more heat. If you want to give your food a break from a high temp, lift the lid and spin it so that the vent is on the opposite side as the food.

Regardless of which vent you're messing with, remember that **open vents mean hotter and faster-burning charcoal**. Closed vents mean less oxygen, which in turn means less heat and slower-burning charcoal.

Now that you know about vents, the world—or at least your grill and the small area surrounding it—is yours.

World War I 369th Infantry Regiment “Harlem Hellfighters”



The Harlem Hellfighters were an all-black combat unit whose heroic [World War I](#) service is once again earning recognition more than a century after the end of the war. About 200,000 African Americans served in Europe during [WWI](#) and, of those, about 42,000 were involved in combat. Those servicemen included the Harlem Hellfighters, whose bravery led the 369th Infantry Regiment, originally known as the 15th Regiment of the New York National Guard. The Harlem Hellfighters became one of the most decorated regiments in the war. In addition, they saw more combat and suffered more losses than other American units.

Origins of the Harlem Hellfighters

When World War I broke out in Europe, racial segregation was omnipresent in the United States. African Americans faced a series of statutes known as [Jim Crow laws](#) that prevented them from voting and codified discrimination in schools, housing, employment, and other sectors. In Southern states, more than one lynching of an African American took place per week. On April 6, 1917, the United States declared war against Germany and formally entered [World War I](#). The first American troops arrived in Europe two months later.

The U.S. military did not offer blacks respite from the racism and inhumane treatment they faced elsewhere in society. African Americans servicemen were segregated from whites, who balked at the idea of fighting alongside them. For this reason, the 369th Infantry Regiment was comprised solely of African Americans. Because of the persistent discrimination faced by black Americans, black newspapers and some black leaders thought it hypocritical for the U.S. government to ask blacks to enlist in the war. For example, President Woodrow Wilson had refused to sign an anti-lynching bill to protect African Americans.

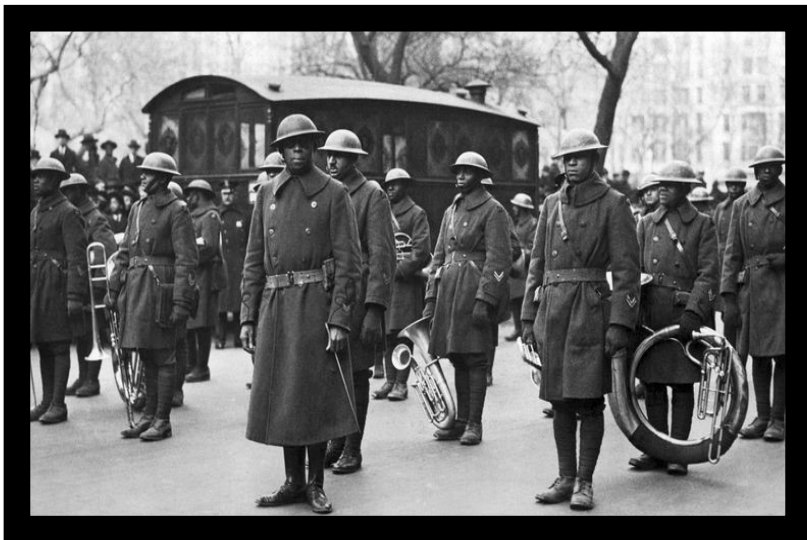
Other black leaders, such as [W.E.B. Du Bois](#), argued for black participation in the conflict. “Let us, while this war lasts, forget our special grievances and close our ranks shoulder to shoulder with our white fellow citizens and the allied nations that are fighting for democracy,” Du Bois wrote in the NAACP’s Crisis magazine. (When it was revealed that Du Bois hoped to be named a military captain, readers questioned if his sentiments were really valid.) The mistreatment of African Americans during this time was highlighted by the fact that not all military branches even wanted to include them. The Marines would not accept black servicemen, and the Navy enlisted a small number in menial roles. The Army stood out for accepting the bulk of African American servicemen during World War I. But when the troops departed for Europe in 1918, the Harlem Hellfighters weren’t allowed to take part in a farewell parade because of their skin color.

Harlem Hellfighters in Combat

In Europe, where they served for six months, the Hellfighters fought under the French Army’s 16th Division. While racism was a global problem in the early 1900s (and remains so today), Jim Crow was not the law of the land in European countries such as France. For the Hellfighters, this meant the chance to show the world what skilled fighters they were. The nickname of the regiment is a direct reflection of how their combat abilities were perceived by their foes.

Indeed, the Harlem Hellfighters proved masterful foes of the Germans. During one encounter with enemy forces, Private Henry Johnson and Private Needham Roberts, wounded and lacking ammunition, managed to thwart a German patrol. When Roberts could no longer fight, Johnson fought the Germans off with a knife. The Germans began to refer to members of the Harlem unit as “the hellfighters” because they were such fierce fighters. The French, on the other hand, had called the regiment “Men of Bronze.”

The 369th Infantry Regiment was also described as the “Black Rattlers” because of the rattlesnake insignia on their uniforms. The Hellfighters stood out not only for their skin color and fighting prowess but also because of the sheer amount of time they spent fighting. They took part in more continuous combat, or combat without a break, than other U.S. unit of the same size. They saw 191 days on the front lines of battle. Seeing more continuous combat meant that the Harlem Hellfighters also experienced more casualties than other units. The 369th Infantry Regiment had more than 1,400 total casualties. These men sacrificed their lives for an America that had not given them the full benefits of citizenship.



Lt. James Reese Europe and members of his 369th Infantry Regiment (Harlem Hellfighters) jazz band upon their return to the United States from Europe.