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## National Little Britches Rodeo TV Series to air this fall

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Colorado-based Hodge Productions began filming the new season of the "Little Britches Rodeo" in Guthrie on July 2. The series has aired on RFD-TV for a decade and is produced by Hodge Productions in Pueblo, Colorado. RFD-TV is the premier, rural lifestyle network and currently airs in over 50 million homes. The new season will air this fall.

This is the third year Dustin Hodge, owner of

Hodge Productions, has filmed the National Finals Rodeo in Guthrie and looks forward to their time spent here.

"I grew up in Dublin, Texas. I always like coming back to Guthrie because everyone is so polite," Hodge said. "It [Guthrie] has that same hometown feeling as my hometown. I love the hospitality and history."

The Little Britches Rodeo series features footage and stories from the National Little Britches Rodeo Association (NLBRA) the oldest youth

rodeo organization in the world. The show will highlight events that happen during the National Finals Rodeo in Guthrie, July 2 through July 7.

Hodge and his team will interview roughly three to five people per episode with 26 total episodes in each season. Due to the volume of people they come in contact with, it's not difficult for Hodge to recall some of the incredible people he has met along the way.

"The father of a family got cancer and one of the

teenagers competing asked if she could donate her winnings to them. Another kid heard about it and every single kid who won money that week, gave their money back to the family," Hodge said.

Over 1,500 kids will compete from all over the United States and Canada through Sunday. Hodge reported that they end up with 30,000 video clips of the event.

"My crew looks forward to the NLBRA Finals

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## Bridge Replacement Still on Schedule

By **Mike Monahan**  
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The bridge replacement project on US-77 over the Cimarron River is still on schedule to be completed by this fall, according to Oklahoma Department of Transportation Public Information Officer Lisa Shearer-Salim.

The \$5.5 million contract was awarded to Frontier Bridge Inc./Bridgeco Contracting of Okarche in June 2018 and work started in September 2018. The new bridge is built, and the contractor is currently working on reconstructing and realigning the highway between SH-74C and East County Road 76 north of Guthrie.

Motorists are being asked to show patience as there are temporary stoplights on the old bridge and the traffic must clear before the light will change. The new bridge will be a two lane bridge but unlike its predecessor it will be wid-

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## FAMILY FESTIVAL FUN



The Community Church of Guthrie sponsored a Family Festival last weekend with food, fireworks, music, bounce toys and vendors present for the families to take in. There were also pony rides; face painting and a bucking bronco ride for the kids to take on.

Photos by Mike Monahan



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## Guthrie Nursing Home Receives Silver Quality Award

Story Submitted

A Guthrie nursing home has received a national award that recognizes quality improvements. Golden Age Nursing Home was awarded a 2019 Silver – Commitment to Quality Award from the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) for its commitment to improving the lives of residents through quality care.

Care Providers Oklahoma President and CEO Nico Gomez said he was glad Golden Age Nursing Home is being recog-

nized for their hard work and dedication to resident care.

"The staff at Golden Age Nursing home is delivering excellent care and raising the bar for quality services," said Gomez. "Their residents are benefiting from the staff's hard work and receiving a better quality of life."

The award, presented by the leading association in long term and post-acute care, honors association members across the country that have demonstrated their dedication to improving quality of care

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## Support Guthrie Public Schools and Stuff the Bus

By **Hollye Carroll**  
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Stuff the Bus has officially begun and donation boxes will be located all around town by July 12. From preschool through 12th grade, all funds will go directly to Guthrie

Public School teachers for school supplies and other classroom necessities.

"We always want to support our schools as much as we possibly can and this is a really simple way," Tracy Zserdin, President and CEO of Guthrie Chamber of Commerce,

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 SUNDAY - 93°  
 MONDAY - 96°  
 TUESDAY - 96°



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# JULY 2019

# EVENT SCHEDULE

### 6 SAT GUTHRIE MAKER DAY

Guthrie Maker Days: creating art, crafts and community one day at a time. Join us for a day of make-and-take opportunities in Historic Guthrie, Oklahoma held on the first Saturday of every month from May to September. Arts and crafts shops in Guthrie invite you to visit them for a variety of make-and-take opportunities. For a nominal fee, make your very own work of art. From blown glass ornaments to scrapbook pages, yarn creations to felted flowers, jewelry to painted ceramics, the options are many and perfect for any age. Stick around through the evening to enjoy Red Brick Nights, Guthrie's family-friendly event which features great music, food and fun.  
All Day Saturday

### 6 SAT RED BRICK NIGHTS

Live music, merchant Vendors, food trucks, kids area, and this month Fireworks from Fire Workz a Poppin. Grab your couch and join us! Music starts at 7. For vendor information email vendor.rbn@gmail.com.  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

### 6 SAT ISLAND FARM PARTY

Easy & Fun Painting Experience with the Tippy Artist! We teach you how to paint! Beginners are encouraged and welcomed! Relax and Succeed! Tracing Templates Provided! Easy & Fun! Customize with Your Favorite Colors or Inspirational Phrase! To purchase tickets, visit eventbrite.com  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

### 8 MON CAMP JOY

Camp Joy is a Bible camp in Oklahoma for children ages 7 - 18. We are situated on 10 acres in the rural outskirts of historic Guthrie, Oklahoma. 2019 Summer Camp dates are: Teen Camp (ages 13-18): July 8th - 13th Junior Camp (ages 7-9): July 17th - 20th Intermediate Camp (ages 10-12): July 23rd - 27th If you would like to register your child for summer Bible camp, please visit CampJoyBibleCamp.com  
July 8 - July 27

### 10 WED CHAMBER COFFEE

The Chamber Coffee is a great way to network and meet new people. Join us every Wednesday morning. This Wednesday head over to Oklahoma State Bank to network with others.  
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM



Front row, from the Left: Sydney Johnson, Kaylee Shenold, Karlie Thomason, Paige Day, KayLea Taylor, Briley Harmon, Charley Johnson, Baylee Brown. Back row: Kevin Middleton and Tonya Middleton

## Mulhall-Orlando FFA Members Welcome New Advisor

By Baylee Brown  
M-O FFA Reporter

June 22, 2019 M-O FFA members and their families gathered for a cookout to meet their new FFA Advisor and Ag. Ed. Instructor, Tonya Middleton. Members played games and spent time

catching up on how their summers have been going. Mrs. Middleton is from Tecumseh, Oklahoma and will be starting her thirteenth year teaching agricultural education.

Mrs. Middleton said, "I am looking forward to the challenge of this new school year, and I am ex-

cited to work with the students because I see a lot of potential in you all." She enjoys meeting new people through her work with the FFA. The Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter is eager to start the year with Mrs. Middleton and can't wait to see what this year will bring for their chapter.

## Commissioners close out June business

By Michael Monahan  
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The Board of Commissioners of Logan County held two meetings in the last week to close out their June business and to open the new fiscal year that started July 1. The meetings were held on June 28 and July 1.

The commissioners opened their June 28 meeting with resident Benny Douglas addressing the board on road conditions and suggesting a \$150 annual fee for road maintenance for residents that live out in the county. Douglas also requested something to be done with all the fences on properties too close to the road. The board told Douglas that they could not implement a fee for road maintenance and to work with his commissioner on the fence issue.

The commissioners then heard from Logan County Emergency Management Director David Ball who gave his bi-monthly report and told the board he hoped to hear before the holiday on the request to FEMA for disaster assistance for the county issues. FEMA has already declared private property eligible, but not the public property damage.

The board then went to work on bids that were tabled two weeks ago so that they could be looked at by the commissioners more in depth and by the fair board. The fair board scrapped a plan to build a new three-sided building instead opting in for the bid to spray foam insulate the show are-

na at the fairgrounds. Cedar Ridge was awarded the bid for \$56,643.89 which was the lowest and best bid. The other bid exceeded \$70,000.

The commissioners must bid out for cold patch asphalt, loose rock, rock hauling, crushed asphalt and asphalt laid in place every six months for their road maintenance. Krafcio, Logan County Asphalt, Brown Transportation, Stewart Stone, TJ Campbell and Haskell Lemon were all chosen for the various bids. The prices differ by district, so the commissioners selected the appropriate bid for their area by vendor. Midwest Printing was approved for ballot printing for the next year.

The commissioners are also working through the attorney on a plan for the county to receive in-kind donations from the public for work on county roads. There was no action taken as the logistics are still being worked on and will come back to the commissioners later for approval. The board unanimously approved an agreement with Oklahoma County to repair a portion of Waterloo at Opossum Creek. The commissioners then approved a series of lease agreements for the new fiscal year for equipment in district two, three and the Coyle Fire Department.

The sheriff's department was next for the commissioners as they approved a detention transportation contract with the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the monthly transportation claim, juvenile deten-

tion rates with two out-of-county facilities, the school resource officer agreement with Coyle Public Schools, a maintenance agreement with Smaitnet Maintenance, and a contract with Smart Control for internet related services. The board also approved a software services agreement with Kellpro for the new fiscal year for the commissioners, the sheriff and the county clerk.

The commissioners then approved road crossing permits for Logan County RWD #1 and Navigator SMS Pipeline, LLC for water lines and gas lines in the county.

The Friday meeting wrapped up with the consent agenda that approves payroll, purchase orders, salary expenses of the Election Board Secretary, the allocation of alcoholic beverage tax, claims, and purchase card payments.

The Monday meeting featured a meeting with the county officers on their estimate of needs for the new fiscal year. The board also dealt with financial statement of resale property fund, approving monetary compensation for over-time hours in the Election Board, establishing Logan County Investment Policy for FY 2019-2020, and a resolution designating depository banks for FY 2019-2020. The board also acted on approving an application for temporary appropriations for the General Fund and Health Department for FY 2019-2020. This must be done until the budget is finalized. The meeting wrapped up with a small consent agenda.

## AWARD

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for seniors and persons with disabilities.

"We are proud of our Golden Age team," said Golden Age Nursing Home administrator Linda Smith. "They have shown the dedication and motivation it takes to achieve such a prestigious distinction. Our team will continue to provide compassionate care and services to our residents, families and the community we are blessed to serve."

The National Quality Award Program, established by AHCA/NCAL in

1996, is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, which also serves as the foundation for the metric-based AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative. The Baldrige framework helps organizations among different business sectors improve organizational effectiveness and achieve strategy-driven performance.

Based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, the AHCA/NCAL's National Quality Award Program challenges member providers to achieve performance excellence

through three progressive levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold. At the Silver level, members develop and demonstrate effective approaches that help improve organizational performance and health care outcomes. 2019 recipients of the Silver award may now apply for the Gold - Excellence in Quality Award by further developing comprehensive strategies that meet the demands of the full Health Care Criteria for Performance Excellence.

The awards will be presented during AHCA/NCAL's 70th Convention & Expo in Orlando, Florida, October 13-16, 2019.

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all year long," said Hodge. "There's something magical about watching a 5-year-old learn to rope or following a con-

testant as she moves from Little Britches into professional rodeoing. It's different than anything else we do in the year."

In addition to "Little Britches Rodeo," Hodge Productions also has a spin-off entitled "Little Britches

on the Road," which is a travel series that highlights rural communities across America. It has been on the air since 2013.

For more information to learn more about the show in your viewing area go to FIND RFD TV.