

# Olive Hill Cemetery Association Inc.

## Newsletter

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### **From The Chairman:**

**ANNUAL MEETING - Monday, May 29, 2006, 10am**

The annual meeting is coming up and even if you aren't a member of the OHCA, we look forward to meeting with you at the cemetery on Memorial Day. This is an opportunity for you to offer input regarding the future management of Olive Hill and all suggestions are welcome.

It's been a good year for Olive Hill and in spite of the drought we expect the flowers to be beautiful. We are planning to install holders for artificial flowers at gravesites to facilitate mowing and trimming. We have noticed and appreciate how many families have cleaned the old stones at Olive Hill. The William Gaunt stone looked particularly nice.

Thanks again to our many OHCA members who continue to support the care and preservation of Olive Hill Cemetery. We hope to see you all under the big tree on Memorial Day.

**-Nina Lay, OHCA Chairman**



The lot to the north of the cemetery is now occupied by the Access Medical Center. Insert is the winter view from the cemetery.



### **News and Notes:**

OHCA continues the effort to insure that all graves are properly marked. This year a stone was donated by the Ford family to mark the grave of Robert Brown (1827-1912) the brother of Lizana Brown Ford. To date, six memorials have been placed where no proper marker previously existed.

There has been a huge change in the Olive Hill area since the August Bulletin. Our new neighbors have moved in. Access Medical center is a walk in, urgent care center that will be open 365 days a year. Their office manager, Linda, has given permission for OHC visitors to park in their lot. A strip of land between our two properties will be maintained by the Eagle Lake Homeowners' Association. They are shopping for a gate and hope to match the ironwork on our fence. You can see how it looks with all the summer foliage when you come to the Memorial Day meeting.

Sadly, Jan Whitley passed away on February 17th and was laid to rest at Olive Hill next to her father Mike. Jan was Oklahoma City's New Year baby in 1978, arriving just after midnight on January 1 of that year. When she was just 8 days old she underwent surgery to repair a heart defect. Her parents were prepared for Jan's life to be brief. You may recall that years ago the Whitleys decided that they wanted Olive Hill to be the final resting place for their family, and asked to join the association. All of us at OHCA send our heartfelt condolences to the Whitley family.

**-Brooke Stabler, OHCA Secretary/Treasurer**

## **From the Historian:**

Yukon was without a movie theatre when Cecil Davis opened the Ritz movie theatre in 1934. Cecil, Velma and daughter, Cecilia, lived above the theatre. In 1935 another daughter, Sue Ann, was born. Cecil's mother, Essie Davis, moved from Chickasha to join the family. Patrons will remember Mrs. Davis sitting in the box office selling tickets. At the back of the theatre a playground was made for the girls and their cousins, Deanie and Patsy Cook. Cecil Davis was a real showman even promoting "Old Time Fiddler's" and "Shirley Temple Look- alike" Contests. He gave free theatre passes to the class of Yukon students having the best grade average. The Davis family was active in community and civic affairs. Cecil belonged to the Lion's Club and Civil Air Patrol. Velma helped in the children's department at the Baptist Church. Cecilia was on the dedication program of the new Federal Post Office Building in 1940; she also sang at the CCC Camp Thanksgiving dinner. Sue Ann stole the show when at age 3 she rushed to the front of the church and said Cecilia's Christmas reading. In 1939, Cecil, Velma and Essie Davis opened the Coronado Theatre, 39th and MacArthur. Velma remained in Canadian County after Cecil's death in 1970 and married Ruel Marrs. Cecilia married John Yager and also remained in Canadian County. Sue Davis Kennedy [Salladay] lived in Warr Acres and taught at Wilson Elementary School in Oklahoma City. (from: Family histories of Canadian County, Oklahoma - 1987)

**[Cecil and Velma are memorialized at Olive Hill along with his parents and their daughter Sue Ann.]**

### **Contribute your suggestions for improvements to Olive Hill!**

Just pass them along to Nina, Brooke or Donna and we'll try to oblige.

To give us on-line feedback, visit [www.olivehill.org](http://www.olivehill.org)

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There have been over 9100 visitors to the Olive Hill website. All family genealogies were recently updated. Send changes, additions or pictures to the historian.

