



**NEXT MEETING:**

**Hominy Library  
July 5, 2016  
1:30 PM**

## HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

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### DONATIONS FOR CABOOSE REPAIRS

Recently, the Heritage undertook the task of collecting donations which to aid in the costs of repairs of the red caboose, a local landmark, which sits near the old MKT Depot in Hominy.

With the help of donations made from supporters; which included several donations made online, the primary goal for funds has been reached! More than \$1500 in donations from private individual and business donations have been collected so far! In order for us to begin the much needed repairs, we are finishing up paperwork to reinstate our tax exempt status. We have a roofer who is willing to do the primary repairs, at a discounted rate, if the Heritage is a non-profit organization. The Heritage lost its non-profit status nearly five years ago, due to inactive filing. Our members are working now to gather all of the information needed and we hope to have everything in place for repairs to be made before the end of the summer. Information regarding the status will be discussed at our next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, July 5, at 1:30 PM. We hope to have the all of the proper documentation and forms ready to submit to the IRS for the consideration of reinstating our non-profit status following the meeting.

In the meantime, we are still accepting donations of any size that will be utilized for current and future repairs of the caboose. Online donations can still be made through the Go Fund Me account by going online to:

[gofundme.com/hominyheritage](http://gofundme.com/hominyheritage)  
Donations can also be taken



*Above: Window in the cupola of the caboose that was broken by vandals, who also scattered trash in the train car.*

directly to the First National Bank in Hominy; just specify it is for caboose repair, and it will be placed in the proper account. Finally, if you would like to mail a check, please make it payable to Hominy Heritage Association, and specify it is for caboose repairs in the memo, then mail it to: Hominy Heritage Association, c/o: Hominy Public Library, 121 West Main, Hominy OK 74035. If donations exceed the repair costs, those funds will be set aside to be used for future repairs and upkeep on the caboose.

We appreciate all of the great support we have received from individuals and businesses so far! Be sure look for a list of donors and other updates concerning the caboose repair in the coming editions of this newsletter and in future editions of the News-Progress newspaper.



*Above: The roof of the caboose is in great disrepair.*

### ARTHUR SHOEMAKER HONORED BY OCHS

Long-time Heritage member and past president, Arthur Shoemaker was honored by the Osage County Historical Society on May 20, 2016.



The Heroes & Legends of Osage County ceremony, which is the first of what the museum hopes to be a yearly event, honored individuals from each community in Osage County who have worked over the years to promote the preserve the history and culture of their town. Other honorees included: Harvey Payne, Strat Tolson, George Wayman and the late Janet Holcombe.

### A RIDE TO SCHOOL

It was the sometime in the early 1930s when a young William Rex Mantooth was walking to school.

Three miles every day he would walk, although on occasion, he might ride a horse or someone would come by and pick him up in a car. Today he was walking.

When he finally reached the main road that would take him to the Sunset School that was outside of Hominy, a car pulled up. A young man offered him a ride and Rex didn't refuse the twenty-something year old driver's offer.

He got in the car and as they drove toward the school, the driver asked if Rex knew of a way to get from where they were to Pawhuska, without actually going through the town of Hominy.

Rex, by this time, was in his early teens and had explored on

horseback the outside of Hominy and he knew just the way to go.

As Rex told him how to get there, he glanced around the car. In the backseat there were several guns, including a Tommy gun. At the driver's side was a pistol.

The man seemed very nice and who knew what these guns would be for?

When they finally arrived at the school, Rex got out of the car and the man went on his way.

Several days later Rex's father, J.C. Mantooth, came home with a newspaper. A story in the paper told of a man, who had gone to Barnsdall, Oklahoma, committed robberies and tied the local law to a tree with barbed wire before escaping. Apparently, there had been some thwarted attempts to catch this man before. A roadblock was set up in Hominy but he never went through the town.

A picture accompanied the article about the man. It was the same man who had offered Rex a ride to school just days before.

Decades later, when Rex told his story, he noted, "I guess I'm the only guy in Hominy who ever rode with Pretty Boy Floyd!"

The above story was a first hand account as told by the late William Rex Mantooth, and is featured as this issue's "YOUR VOICE, OUR HISTORY" selection.

If you have a story or memory to share about Hominy, we would love to feature it in our newsletter. E-mail it to us at [hominyheritage@gmail.com](mailto:hominyheritage@gmail.com) and we may share it with our subscribers and add it to our ever-growing Heritage archive!