



'Super Kids Day'

The race is on! First grade boys Logan Waldrop and Blaize Noyes participate in the fire roll event during Super Kids Day at Central Elementary. Other events were beach ball, cage ball and spinner spray.

Memo outlines Frisco-I40 plan

■ Agreement details retail project scope

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Editor

A "memorandum of understanding" between the City of Yukon and the Yukon Economic Development Authority outlines a plan to develop a commercial center near Interstate 40 and Frisco Road.

The Yukon City Council has reviewed the memorandum of understanding between the City and YEDA (a public trust) to "define the relationship and responsibilities of the parties with respect to implementation" of the Frisco Road Economic Development Project Plan.

The project scope includes "construction of major public improvements and the creation of an attrac-

tive mixed-use commercial center south of Interstate 40 and east of Frisco Road that is to be anchored by a conference center-hotel and multiple retail establishments," according to the memorandum.

Plan implementation "will generate substantial investment and contribute to the quality of life in the community."

The Frisco Road-I-40 development project "will require close coordination between the City and YEDA to facilitate the planning, financing and implementation of the project and to maximize its potential public benefit," according to the memorandum.

YEDA members reviewed and discussed the memorandum of understanding at its April 24th meeting. The document details responsibilities of both parties during plan implementation and project development.

YEDA members are: Chairman **Ray Wright**, Vice-Chairman **John Nail Jr.**, **John Alberts** (a City Council member), **Mike Geers**, **Rena Holland**, **Ken Smith** (the mayor), and **Tara Peters**.

The City of Yukon is the beneficiary of YEDA.

City leaders plan to use tax increment financing in a newly established TIF district to help fund major infrastructure improvements - most notably a new Frisco Road-I-40 interchange - to serve the new development.

Ex-Minco officer arrested for burglary, conspiracy

■ Sheriff's office investigates theft ring

A former Minco police officer has been arrested by Canadian County sheriff's deputies on larceny and conspiracy charges as part of an investigation into a farm vehicle and equipment theft ring.

Minco's **Robby A. Smith**, 33, a self-proclaimed candidate for Minco's police chief position, was taken into custody May 21 and booked into the Canadian County Jail for larceny of implements of husbandry and conspiracy to commit a felony. Bond was set at \$6,000.

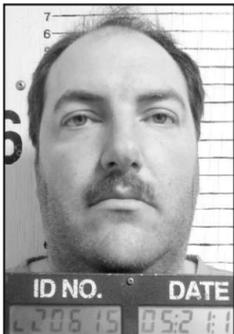
An investigation began after the Canadian County

Sheriff's Office received complaints of property thefts by citizens in rural southwest Canadian County.

Sheriff's investigators questioned victims and nearby residents uncovering evidence that led them to believe at least some of the recently stolen items had been taken to a property near the reported thefts.

Investigators met with the owner of property at 16803 Reno Road West, where they believed the stolen items were concealed or taken.

Investigators obtained written consent to search the property for stolen farm



Robby A. Smith

machinery, equipment and vehicles. Shortly after receiving permission to search the property, sheriff's investigators found numerous pieces of stolen farm equipment and a stolen 2003 Dodge pick-up truck.

"My investigators quickly learned that some of the items found ... was a part of a larger theft ring where multiple tractors and pieces of machinery and equipment had been taken, involving tens of thousands of dollars," Canadian County Sheriff **Randall Edwards** said.

Canadian County sheriff's investigators - working with The National Insurance Crime Bureau and special agents with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Investigations - received information from the property owner

that led them to Smith's Grady County residence.

After Canadian County sheriff's and state investigators questioned Mr. Smith and his father, they received a full confession.

That led to Smith's arrest and the recovery of many tractors and pieces of equipment across at least three counties.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Edwards said.

"We fully expect there to be multiple arrests and additional stolen property recovered as a result of Robby's confession and involvement."



Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Yukon High School's Scott Hudson received this year's "Landon Burger Memorial Scholarship" of \$2,500 from his mother Susan Burger, left, and stepmother Stephanie Burger. Landon was killed in February 2013 as the result of a car accident in Edmond. He attended Yukon schools and was active in sports and other activities. (Photo by Jim Powell)

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