

Museums and Historical Checotah

Jefferson Hwy - Was a 2290-mile transcontinental Hwy (from Winnipeg Canada to New Orleans, Louisiana) Jefferson Hwy was built though Checotah, OK, in the early 1920's. (JH went through town from North Broadway to Gentry Avenue then on SW 2nd Street and back to South Broadway) It was one of the first federal "National Trails" completed and follows the ancient path of the Texas Road which later became US 69. This important international transportation artery was named in honor of THOMAS JEFFERSON who was president in 1803 when the U.S. acquired the Louisiana Purchase. The road was located along its eastern boundary and because of the varied terrain and to encourage tourism, promoters called it "PALMS to PINE"

Katy Depot -100 Paul Carr Drive, Checotah, 918-473-6377 or 918-473-2070

Hours: Thurs – Sat. 11-4; Sun. 2-4; Mid-April to Mid-Dec - Admission - Free - Restored 1890 MKT Depot; a tourist's information center housing historic Memorabilia of the early 1900's, World War II Naval Hero Paul Henry Carr.

Heartland Heritage Museum & Gallery - 116 N Broadway, 918-473-2070 Frankie Blagg 918-916-9015 - Admission - Free - Hours: Thurs – Fri, 10-4 and also open by appointment. Cowboy-Native American-Pioneer-Artifacts-Historical pictures, Artwork from local artists and well known artists.

Honey Springs Civil War Battlefield Visitor Center & Museum - 6 miles NE of Checotah; in Rentiesville. Hours Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Closed State Holidays Pavilion and monuments marking the largest Civil War Battle in Indian Territory, July 17, 1863; trails with historical markers. The New Visitor Center is now open with gift shop, Library and Civil War exhibits and a beautiful scenic view of the Battlefield.

Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame - 103020 DC Minner St. Rentiesville, Oklahoma - The Down Home Blues club (1988). . Dusk Til dawn Festival (1991). . Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame (2004). . . D.C. Minner Rentiesville Museum (2015) & the FOR Blues Society.

Indian Territory Cemetery - S.W. 4th & W. Lafayette Ave. Oklahoma was known as "Indian Territory" before gaining statehood in 1907.

1903 Former I.O.O.F. Home - North Broadway; served both children and adults until 2002; original buildings; Romanesque architecture - Now the home of Freedom House Adult/Teen Challenge for Women.

United Methodist Church - 419 W. Gentry Ave, 918-473-5714; listed on the National Register of Historic Places, 1982.

Jim Lucas Library - 626 W. Gentry, 918-473-6715; building named to honor Checotah's Pulitzer Prize Winner, 954; displays artifacts from local world travelers

Senior Citizens / Community Center - 611 N. Broadway, 918-473-6741; facility opened in 1991. The Community Center serves our seniors citizens and is also available to rent for parties, reunions, benefits, ect.

Historic Business District - 4 blocks at Gentry & Broadway; one of only 15 in Oklahoma. There are plenty of places to shop and dine.