

Commissioner donates buffalo

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There will soon be a buffalo grazing outside the Comanche County Courthouse.

The Comanche County commissioners approved a donation to the courthouse of a buffalo statue by Central District Commissioner Johnny Owens during Monday morning's regular weekly meeting.

Owens purchased the bronze buffalo statue with his own money. It was created by Cache artist Larry Logue, who has made many of the other bronze buffalo across the city. It will be similar in design to the buffalo outside of City National Bank, Owens said.

The buffalo statue will probably be placed on either the north or south side of the courthouse within about a month, said Owens.

He said there are two bare spots — one on the north and another on the south — where storms have killed trees that were later removed. He wants to put the buffalo in one of those places.

Owens also encouraged anyone else in the community who has an appropriate idea for something to put in the other open space to consider making a donation to the county.

Owens said he is donating the buffalo in honor of his parents, R.B. and Doris Owens.

R.B. Owens, originally from Stroud, spent 22 years in the Army and was a veteran of World War II. Doris Owens was a native Lawtonian, who graduated from Lawton High School and attended Cameron College for two years. She was a longtime personnel manager for Sears.