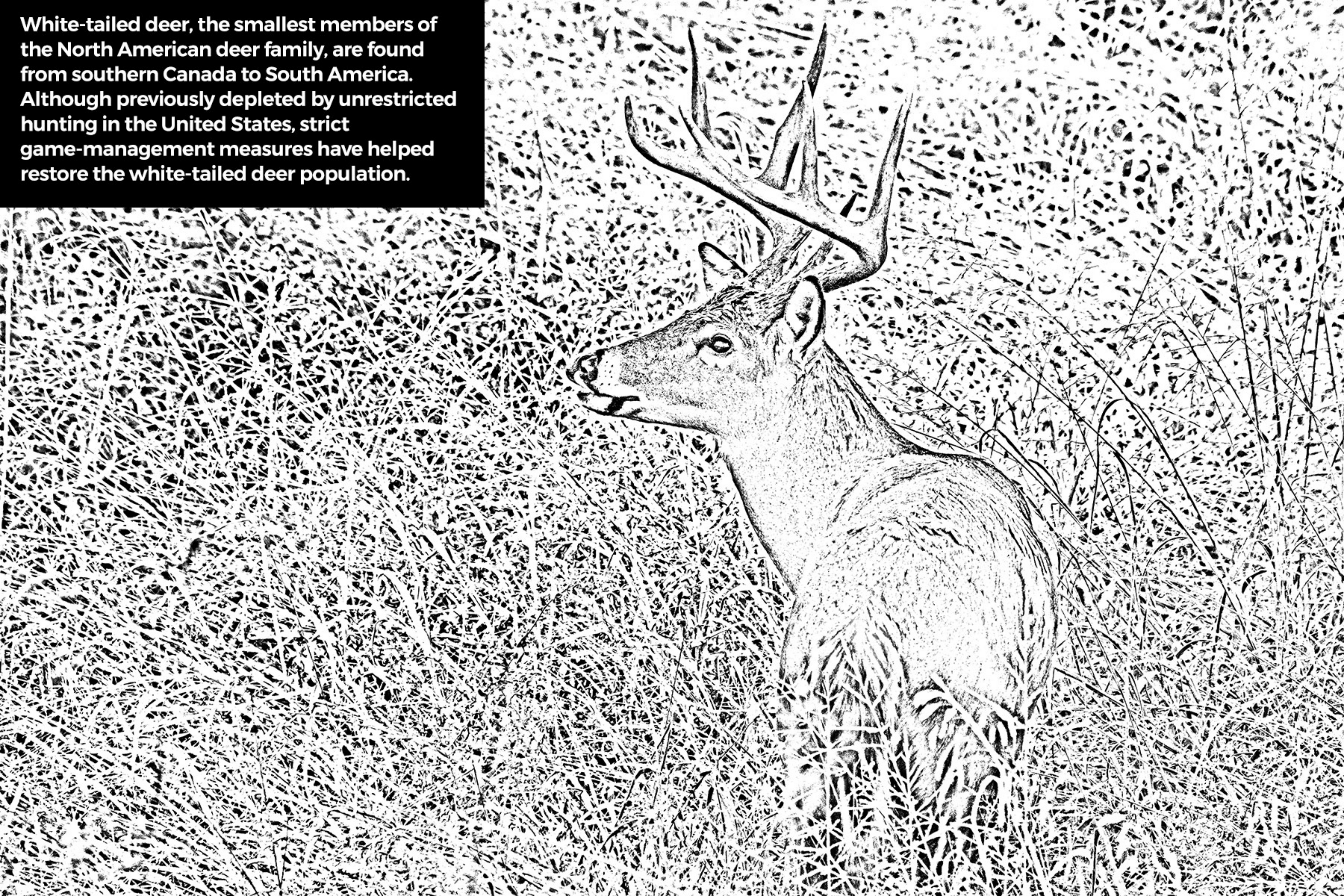


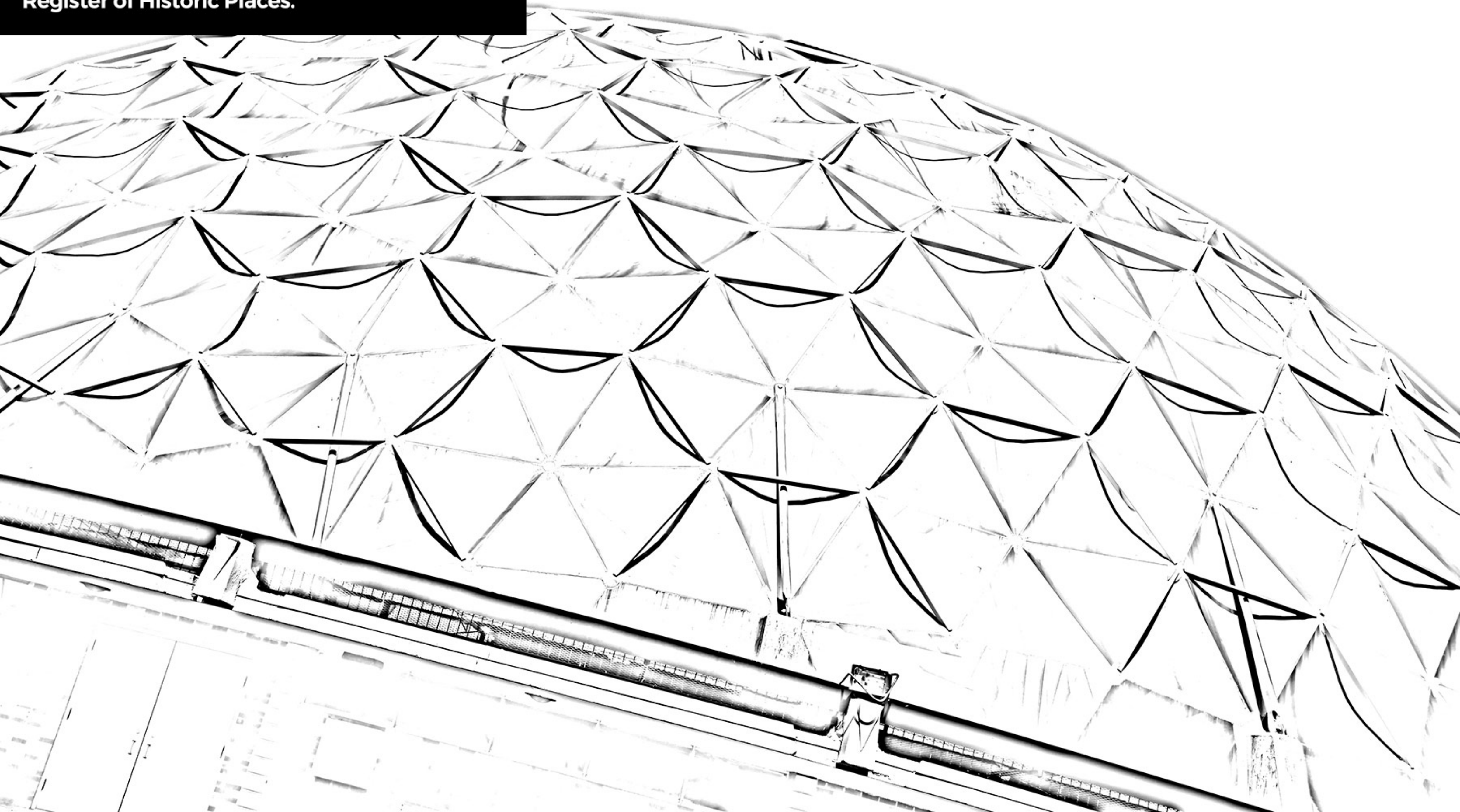
Brilliant blue-and-rust, Western Bluebirds sit on low perches and swoop lightly to the ground to catch insects. Deep blue, rusty, and white, males are considerably brighter than the gray-brown, blue-tinged females.



White-tailed deer, the smallest members of the North American deer family, are found from southern Canada to South America. Although previously depleted by unrestricted hunting in the United States, strict game-management measures have helped restore the white-tailed deer population.



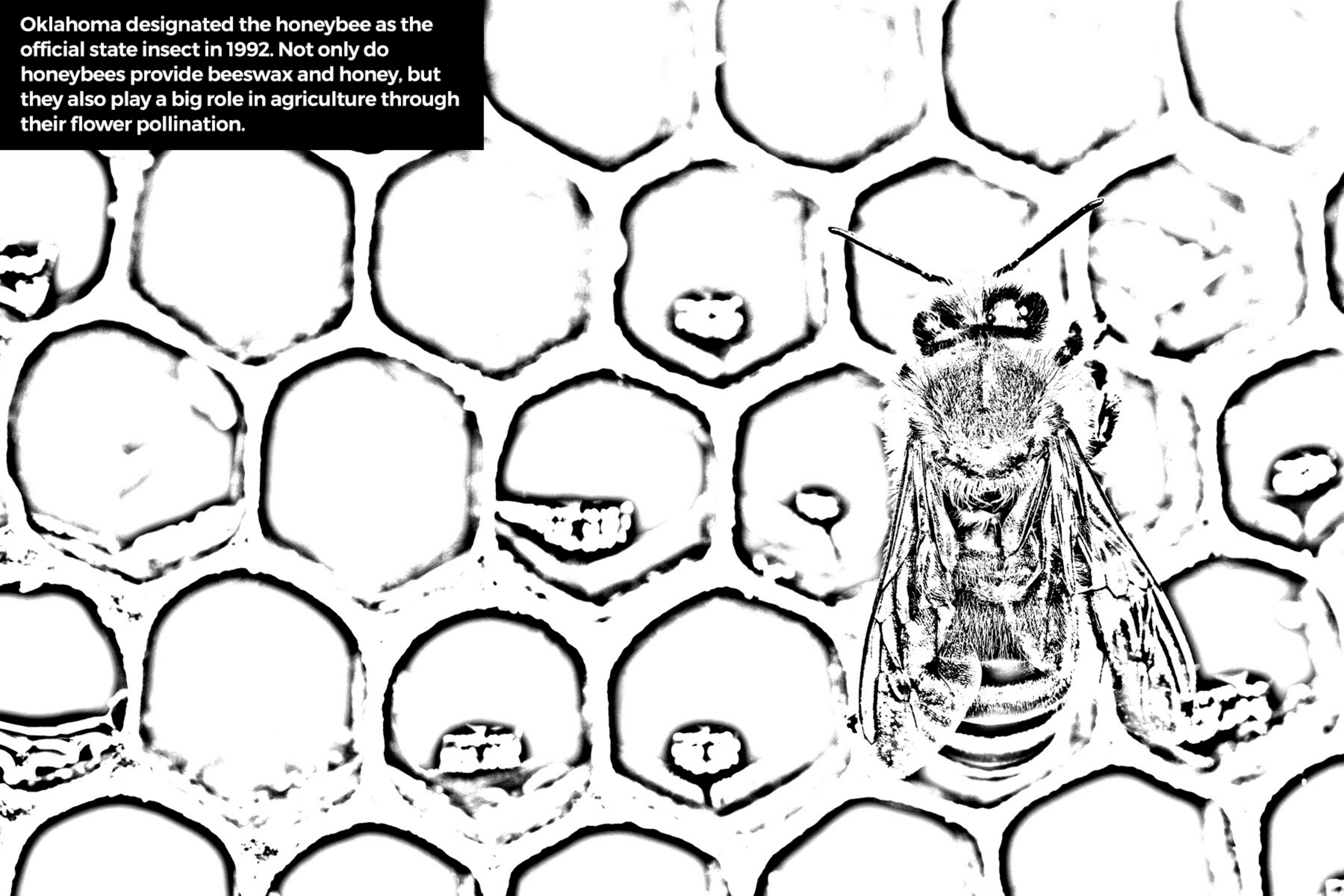
The Gold Dome Building was originally constructed in 1958 for the Citizens State Bank and was described as “one of the nation’s most revolutionary bank designs.” In 2003, this Route 66 staple was added to the National Register of Historic Places.



Red-Tailed Hawks are the most common hawk in North America. They will soar above open fields, slowly turning circles on their broad, rounded wings. Other times you'll see them atop telephone poles, eyes fixed on the ground to catch the movements of a vole or a rabbit, or simply waiting out cold weather before climbing a thermal updraft into the sky.

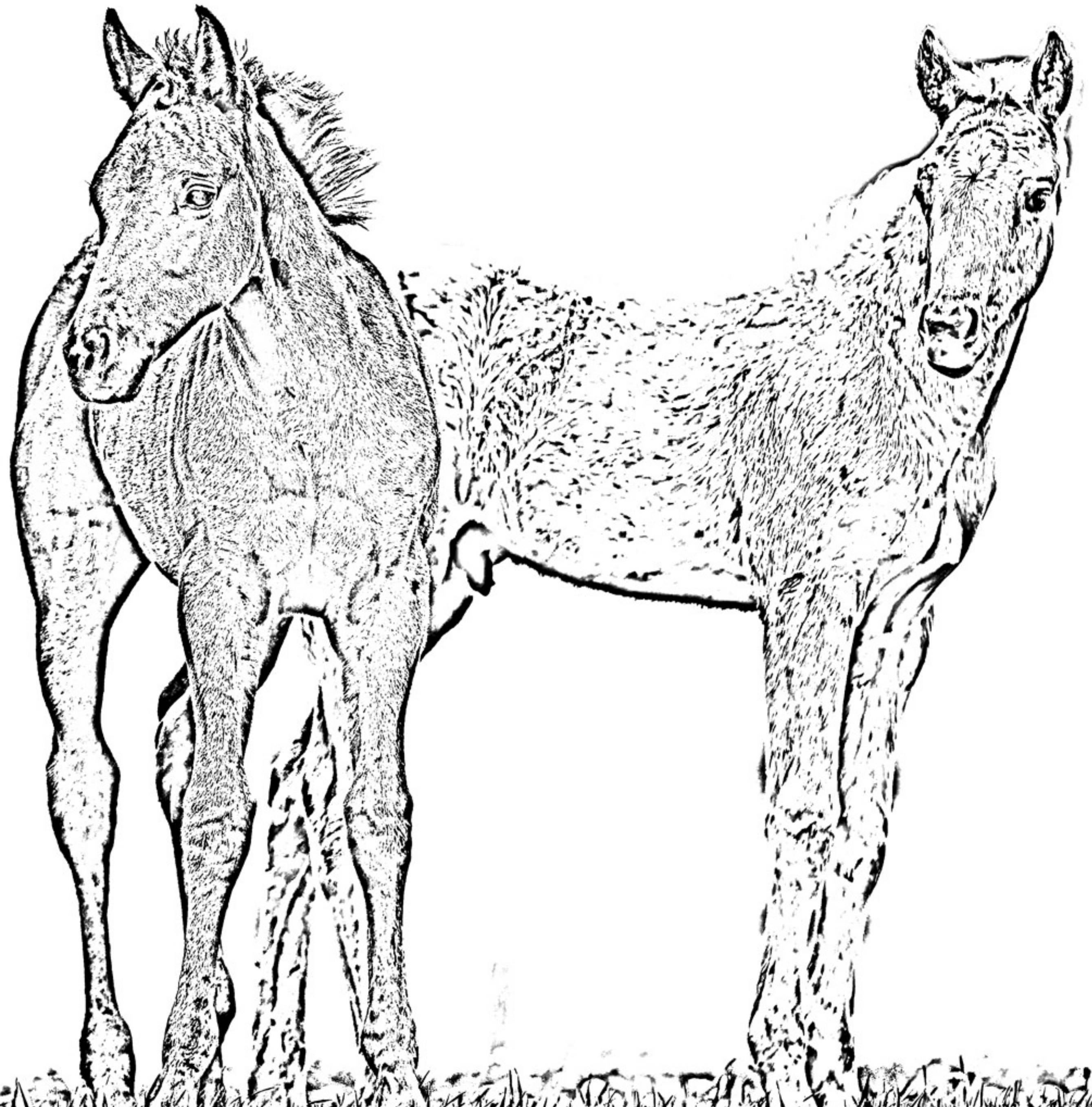


Oklahoma designated the honeybee as the official state insect in 1992. Not only do honeybees provide beeswax and honey, but they also play a big role in agriculture through their flower pollination.





Oklahoma has a reputation as being the national center for the horse industry. Commercial activities for Oklahoma horse owners involve breeding, trail ride operations, as well as racing and horse shows.



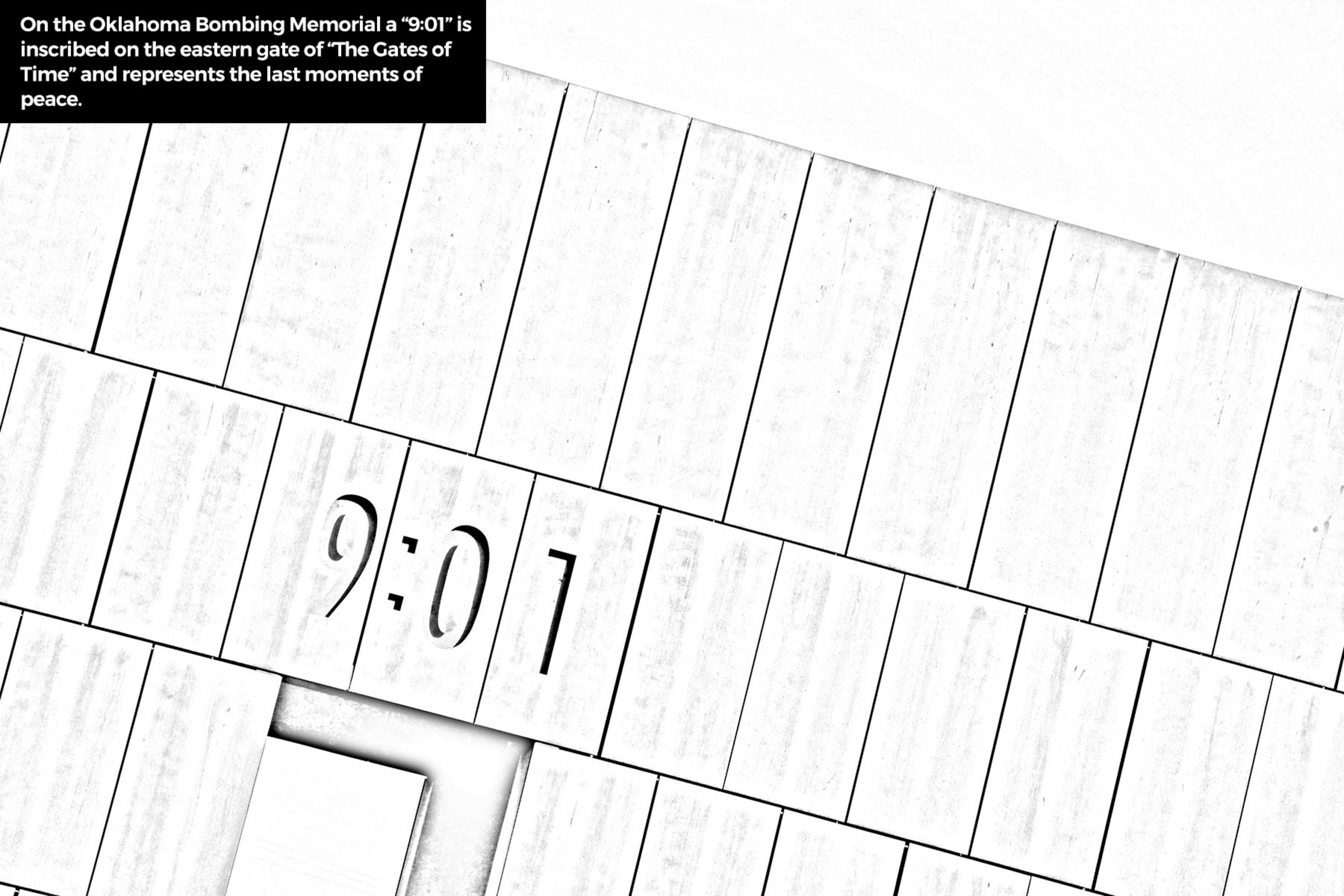
The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society Ceremonial is held every year in Anadarko. The ceremony is held to honor warriors and veterans, focusing on Native Americans in the military and their sacrifices, both for their tribe and country.



The "Love" sculpture outside of the University of Central Oklahoma's Visitor Center, was a gift given to President Boren in 2015. Created and sculpted by Robert Indiana, this sculpture is not unique to OU but is one of 30 others spread across the U.S.



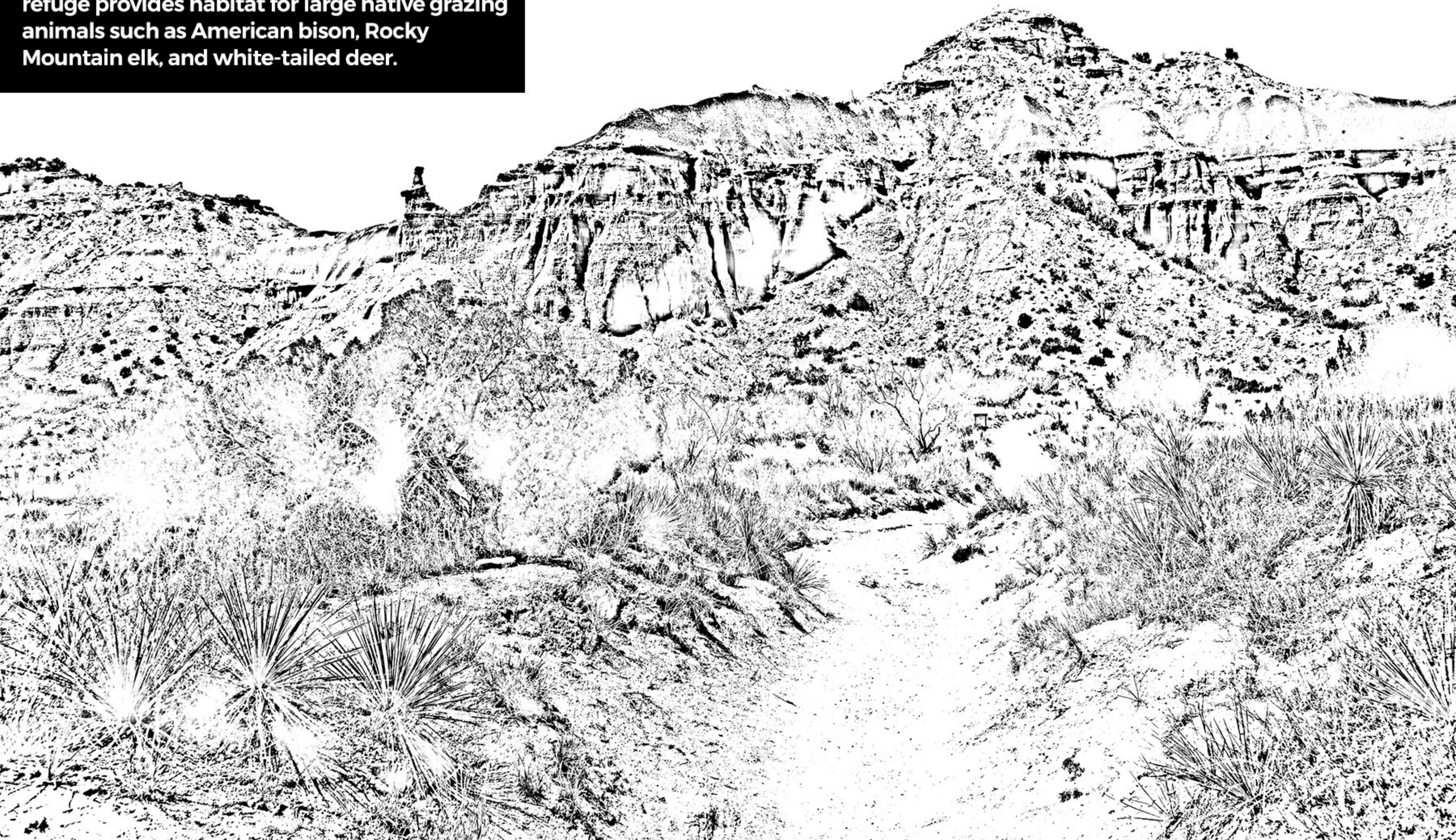
On the Oklahoma Bombing Memorial a “9:01” is inscribed on the eastern gate of “The Gates of Time” and represents the last moments of peace.



Black Mesa is located in Oklahoma's panhandle along the tristate border with Colorado and New Mexico. Visitors can hike, enjoy rare plants and rare animal species and hoodoo rock formations. Hoodoo rocks are formed over many centuries through a combination of physical and chemical weathering forces. This includes erosion through wind and acid rain, but the most powerful process that helps sculpt these formations is frost wedging.



Established in 1901, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is one of more than 556 refuges throughout the United States managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The 59,020-acre refuge provides habitat for large native grazing animals such as American bison, Rocky Mountain elk, and white-tailed deer.



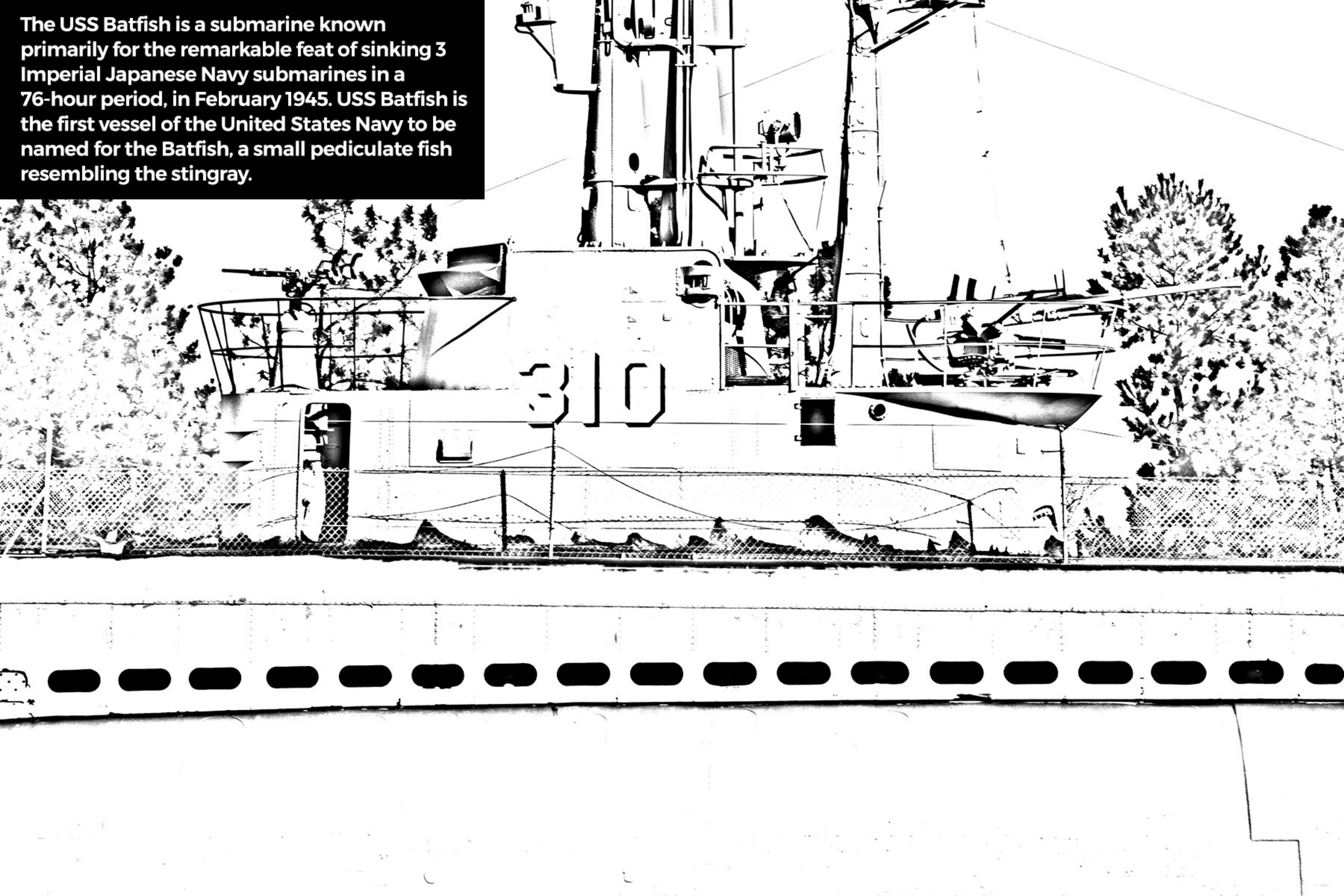
In 1989, Oklahoma designated the raccoon as the official state fur-bearing animal. In earlier times, raccoons were hunted aggressively, mostly for their water-repellent fur. So many raccoons were killed that a tax was imposed to prevent their extinction in the 1800's. It was estimated that more than a million raccoons were killed each year for their fur. The raccoon population suffered greatly, but this intelligent, resourceful animal has made a remarkable comeback.



Oklahoma's state tree is the Redbud Tree. The Redbud is one of the first trees to flower in the early spring, blooming petite purple-red flowers in large clusters and used as an ornamental tree in many Oklahomans' yards.



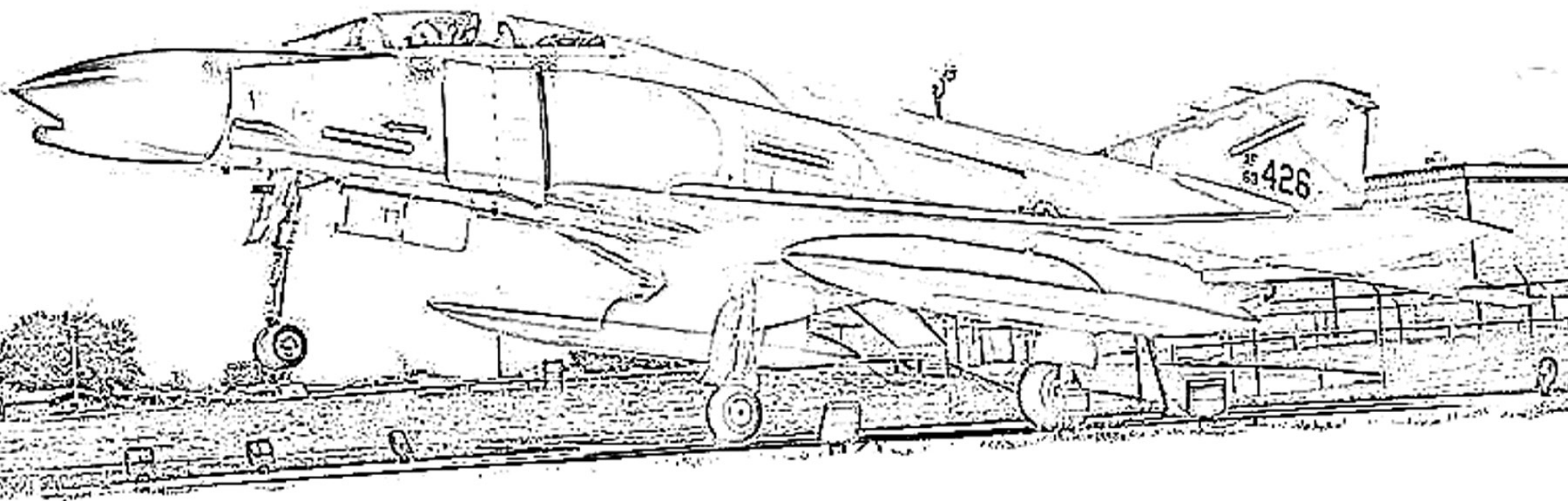
The USS Batfish is a submarine known primarily for the remarkable feat of sinking 3 Imperial Japanese Navy submarines in a 76-hour period, in February 1945. USS Batfish is the first vessel of the United States Navy to be named for the Batfish, a small pediculate fish resembling the stingray.



The black swallowtail butterfly was named Oklahoma's official butterfly in 1996. The black swallowtail is a migratory butterfly species indigenous to Oklahoma from May to October.



**Tinker Air Force Base is named in honor of
Oklahoma Native Major General Clarence L.
Tinker, the first Native American Major General.**



The Historic Western Motel, located along iconic Route 66, was originally built in 1953.

